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USAG Stuttgart inducts leaders into inaugural Sergeant Morales Club ceremony

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Command Sgt. Maj. Lynice Thorpe, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Amador Aguillen Jr. of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Gloria R. Jones of U.S. European Command Headquarters, and Master Sgt. Christopher A. Green of Special Operations Command Europe received the Sergeant Morales Club medallion during a prestigious ceremony held Dec. 8, 2015 at the Panzer Community Club in Boeblingen, Germany. — *Photo by USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office*

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart welcomed four enlisted leaders into the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club during an inaugural ceremony for the Stuttgart Chapter, Dec. 8 at the Panzer Community Club.

Inductees Command Sgt. Maj. Lynice Thorpe, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Amador Aguillen Jr. of USAG Stuttgart, Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Gloria R. Jones of U.S. European Command Headquarters, and Master Sgt. Christopher A. Green of Special Operations Command Europe received the Sergeant Morales Club medallion during the ceremony.

Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez of U.S. Army Installation Management Command Europe added powerful remarks on the importance of Army Values and leadership, demonstrated by those inducted in ceremony.

“When you think about leadership, the art of influencing and directing men and women in such a way as to obtain their willing obedience, confidential respect and loyal cooperation, there is nothing greater than the principals of leadership and none higher than leading by example.” Montez said during his remarks.

The inductees demonstrated knowledge of a wide range of Soldier skills, Army programs, activities and community service. Each member acted as a steward to the Army profession by helping to better the military life for service members and families of all services in Stuttgart. They rejuvenated Army programs, and created mentorship programs for lower enlisted, as well as High School students.

The inductees are considered to represent the top 1% of the Army, sacrificing their personal time to teach train and mentor anyone regardless of their unit or branch of service. They lead from the front and remain committed and dedicated to the enhancement of Esprit De Corps.

About the Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club was established in 1973 by Lt. Gen. George S. Blanchard to promote the highest ideals of integrity, professionalism and leadership for the enlisted force serving in Europe.

The organization embraces the same attributes as the U.S. Army’s Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Membership is exclusive and gained through a rigorous and competitive selection process.

SMC membership recognizes



Lynice D. Thorpe
CSM USAG-STUTTART



Gloria R. Jones
CSM HQ CMDT EUCCOM CSM



Amador Aguillen JR
ISG USAG-STUTTART



Christopher A. Green
MSG SOCEUR J35 NCOIC

and rewards distinguished non-commissioned officers whose leadership achievements merit special recognition and who have contributed significantly to developing a professional NCO Corps and a combat effective Army.

SMC members exemplify a special kind of leadership characterized by a personal concern for the needs, training, development, and welfare of Soldiers.

For more information about the Sergeant Morales Club, visit www.mihalko-family.com/Sergeant-Morales-Club.htm.

Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoy this last edition of The Citizen for 2015.

AdvantiPro, the publisher of your The Citizen, will close its offices from Monday, December 21 through January 1. The first 2016 edition of The Citizen will be distributed on Thursday, January 14. AdvantiPro would like to thank all of our readers & advertisers for the great support we have enjoyed in 2015!

We are very proud to serve USAG Stuttgart and the military community!

This year, we have decided to donate €500 to the orphanage Kinderheim St. Nikolaus in Landstuhl, rather than sending Christmas cards to our valued advertisers. We hope you and your family have a safe holiday season and of course we will see you in the new year.

Your AdvantiPro Team

*We wish everyone a
super Holiday Season!*



Going Green: Ring in 2016 with free reusable cleaning supplies, home improvement materials



Have a New Year's resolution to get your space spic-and-span

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members can help each other by recycling and reusing cleaning supplies and other materials found at the Hazardous Material Reuse Center on Panzer Kaserne.

The reuse center is part of USAG Stuttgart Logistics Readiness Center, under the 405th Army Field Support Brigade which provides installation logistics services to sustain unit readiness, and improve quality of life in our communities.

The center is a warehouse full of cleaning supplies, paint, toner for printers, oil and other similar products — all free of charge to all ID cardholders.

“People about to go back to the States have extra cleaning products — [they] could be used by other people,” said Mike Lansdale, Reuse Center manager.

Materials include cleaning spray, ink cartridges, oil and even plant food. The center prevents environmental hazards; it has a sealed floor, absorbent material for spills, an eye wash station, safety equipment and fire extinguishers. It also provides a place where units and community members can drop off or pick up excess toner, lubricants, batteries, adhesives, fuel, paint or acid.

“This is an ideal place for this sort of stuff to be...it's safe here...it saves money [and] reduces waste,” Lansdale said.

Single items dropped off — such as a bottle of glass cleaner — are not tracked, and can be picked up by individuals.

However, excess supplies ordered by tenant units, can only be reused by other units. Those items are tracked in the worldwide Hazardous Material Management System.

Based on their prices when they were first issued, items given to other units to be reused (free of charge) saved the garrison about \$5,000 per month, according to Lansdale.

Lansdale encourages units that have not already done so to check out the reuse center and add to the savings.

“Before [units] start to order things, they should really come here ... and save the government a lot of money,” Lansdale said. The reuse center is not only friendly to the economy; it is good for the environment, as well.

When community members

leave their supplies at the reuse center, those that are expired or contaminated will be disposed of properly, Lansdale said. He personally takes unusable materials to the Hazardous Waste Collection Point, across the street. Normally, individuals would need to make an appointment with the installation coordinator to dispose of hazardous waste.

The Reuse Center is located in Building 2958 on Panzer Kaserne, opposite the Panzer Commissary. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact DSN: 431-2071/civ. 07031-15-2071.



Ask a JAG: Truth about pension advances for veterans

By SGT Matthew Stevens
Stuttgart Law Center

Editor's Note: This article is for informational purposes only and it is not intended as legal advice. If you have specific question you should seek the advice of a legal professional.

For some Veterans it has been a struggle to pay bills and support their families after their service. They get out of service and find jobs that pay them half of what they were making before, and find themselves falling behind on their bills. They end up looking

around to find a way to get caught up. One thing some people have turned to are companies that will buy off pensions in exchange for a lump sum.

Beware of these companies, as the grass is not always greener. Pension advances can be an attractive option for veterans who are short on cash and feel that they won't qualify for traditional lending because of bad credit or other setbacks. However, the payouts can be more expensive in the long run than other alternatives, such as personal loans or credit cards.

One veteran received a \$5000 for selling off part of their pension. In exchange, they would lose their pension of \$510 a month for 5 years. Had this been a regular loan, it would have had an interest rate of 512 percent with 25,600 of interest paid.

Another thing that happens to these veterans is after they have used the payout to catch up on bills, they

now have lost money earned each month and end up missing more payments and over drafting their bank accounts. This, in the long run, puts more financial strain on the veteran than before they sold their pension.

There are many pension advance companies on the internet, often with patriotic sounding names and logos. They also visit senior centers and veterans nursing home, hoping to target vulnerable, older veterans. They will pitch their deal and even help a veteran fill out the paperwork.

It is difficult to tell how many veterans have used these services as these advances are typically issued by small, private companies that are not required to report sales numbers. The Government Accountability Office has identified 38 companies that had recently offered pension advances and at least 30 were affiliated with one another in some way.

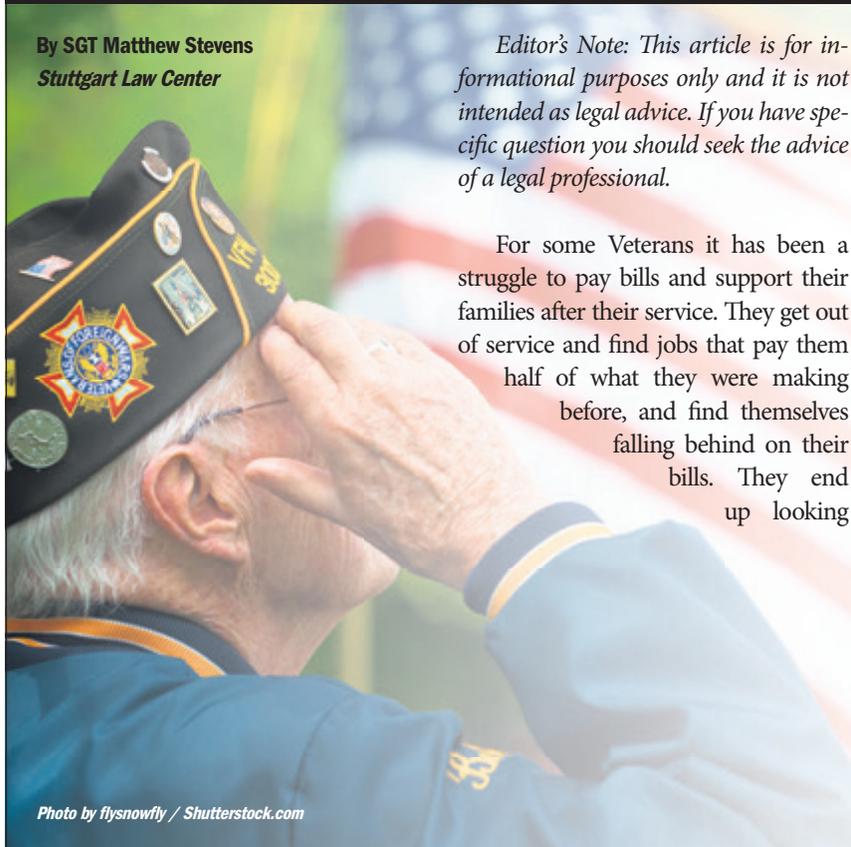


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Take a spa day in the Black Forest

By Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Visitors to the Black Forest town of Bad Wildbad have the chance to experience a royal spa treatment where German blue bloods once bathed — without the high price tag, at the “Palais Thermal” spa.

The Palais Thermal was built between 1840 and 1847 by Nikolaus Friedrich of Thouret, a Stuttgart architect, under the reign of King Wilhelm I of Württemberg. For centuries, members of royal families from throughout Europe visited Bad Wildbad to bathe in thermal water for its healing properties.

Today, the nostalgic character of the former bathing house is preserved through its original design, mixing floral and colorful “Art Nouveau” ornaments with golden Moorish architecture. Statues of Roman and Greek gods and goddesses also can be seen in pools throughout the bathing area.

The historical bathing temple offers 12 pools, including various whirlpools and massage pools filled with bubbling thermal water. The water temperatures vary between 32 and 38 degrees Celsius (89 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit). Some of the pools are divided into private bathing alcoves, or “Chambre Séparées,” designed to fit two to five people. In 1847, these pools were called “Prince Baths” and only those of royal blood were allowed to use them. Today, everyone is welcome to enter these bathing rooms.

Bad Cannstatt District Mayor, Thomas Jakob, who visits the Palais Thermal frequently, said the spa’s peaceful atmosphere puts him at ease. “It’s relaxation for body and soul and feels like a vacation,” he said.

“The warm thermal water feels really comfortable,” he added. “The

bathing halls reflect the high-class culture of days gone by and invite visitors to enjoy pure relaxation.”

In the 19th century, men and women were not allowed to bathe in the same pool, so their bathing areas were separate. Today, while the Palais Thermal’s main swimming pools are co-ed, they are still referred to as the “Gentlemen’s Bath” (Herrenbad) and “Ladies’ Bath” (Frauenbad).

Beside the historic swimming pools, the Palais Thermal features a modern sauna and wellness area. A Roman steam bath and four types of saunas were designed to provide visitors with a chance to unwind.

Massages, peels and wellness packages ranging from hot-stone and oil massages to a white chocolate cream bath or a mocha coffee peel are also available. All wellness packages must be booked in advance. Patrons can also book a soap-brush massage: a 10-minute, full body treatment designed to increase circulation.

For a snack break, visitors can stop by the cafeteria and break room, located at the “Maurische Halle” (Moorish Hall). The room is framed by marble columns and arabesque arches and features colorful ornaments on the walls, and a mosaic floor. Here, visitors can relax in comfortable sun beds or enjoy a menu offering items such as fresh salads with feta cheese and grilled Black Forest trout.

Another highlight outside of the pools is the Bathing Museum, located next to the Herrenbad. The museum displays an overview of Bad Wildbad’s history and bathing traditions, as well as photos of aristocratic visitors.

With its historical charm and relaxing atmosphere, the Palais Thermal is one way for visitors to Bad Wildbad to escape from the cold and gray of winter. Bathing suits are optional, but not required.

The Palais Thermal is open Monday through Friday from noon to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For admissions and pricing information, visit www.palais-thermal.de.

Find relaxation at these other nearby spas, indoor pools

“Fildorado” adventure pools in Fildertstadt-Bonlanden offer indoor and outdoor areas, a wave pool, slides as well as a wellness and spa area. Fildorado is located at Mahlestrasse 50, 70794 Fildertstadt-Bonlanden. S-Bahn train S2 takes visitors to the “Fildertstadt-Bernhausen” stop. From there, take Bus 35 to the “Bonladen Fildorado” stop. For more information, visit www.fildorado.de.

“Badezentrum Sindelfingen” offers three indoor and five outdoor pools as well as a wellness area with saunas and whirlpools. The Badezentrum is located at Hohenzollernstrasse 23, 71067 Sindelfingen. S-Bahn train S1 takes visitors to the “Goldberg” stop. From there, take Bus 708 to “Sindelfingen Sommerhofenstrasse” stop. For more information, visit www.badezentrum.de.

“Mineraltherme,” or mineral spa in Böblingen provides indoor and outdoor mineral pools, saunas and massages. The Mineraltherme is located at Am Hexenbuckel 1, 71032 Böblingen (5-minute drive from Panzer Kaserne). S-Bahn train S1 takes visitors to the “Goldberg” stop. From there, take Bus 721 or 708 to the “Mineraltherme” stop.

“Hallenbad Sonnenberg” offers various pools with depths ranging from 0.70m to 2m (2ft - 6.5ft) Diving boards: 1m, 3m and 5m high (3ft, 10ft, and 16ft) Water slide, steam bath, tanning booth, sunbathing area, table tennis, baby and child swimming areas, health/fitness classes, swimming lessons, cafeteria. The Hallenbad Sonnenberg is located

Kremmlerstrasse 170597 Stuttgart-Möhringen. U-Bahn train U5 or U6 to the “Sonnenberg” stop.

“Leo-Vetter-Bad” offers various pools with depths ranging from 0.70m to 2m (2ft - 6.5ft) Diving boards: 1m, 3m and 5m high (3ft, 10ft, and 16ft) Water slide, steam bath, tanning booth, sunbathing area, table tennis, baby and child swimming areas, health/fitness classes, swimming lessons, cafeteria. The Leo-Vetter-Bad is located at Landhausstrasse 192, 70188 Stuttgart - Ost.

U-Bahn train U4 takes visitors to the “Tal-/Landhausstrasse” stop. From there, take Bus 40 to “Wagenburg-/Ostendstr,” or Bus 56 to “Tal-/Landhausstrasse,” or Bus 42 to “Ostendplatz.”

“Hallenbad Heslach” offers various pools with depths ranging from 0.70m to 2m (2ft - 6.5ft) Diving boards: 1m, 3m and 5m high (3ft, 10ft, and 16ft) Steam bath with sauna, health/fitness classes, swimming lessons, sunbathing area, tanning booth, kiosk, restaurant. The Hallenbad Heslach is located at Mörikestrasse 62, 70199 Stuttgart -Süd.

“Alfred-Kercher Bad,” near Robinson Barracks, offers indoor and outdoor pool, mermaid course, and children’s swim lessons. The Alfred-Kercher Bad is located at Theodor-Heuss-Strasse 4, 70806 Kornwestheim.

“Waldfreibad Holzgerlin” is an open air heated swimming pool, 72 degrees. It is located at Böblinger Strasse 5-7, 71088 Holzgerlingen.

NATIONAL GUARD ANNIVERSARY EVENT

In honor of the 379th anniversary of the founding of the National Guard, the United States European Command Special Operations Command is hosting an event Jan. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks to celebrate the past and future of the Guard.

Join the cake cutting and become more familiar with the National Guard's contributions to the United States Army Garrison Stuttgart's major commands, United States European Command and United States Africa Command, and build camaraderie among the National Guard personnel assigned to the Stuttgart area along with those across Germany.

Open to all ID Cardholders. No RSVP required. For information, contact DSN: 430-22759.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Visit www.stuttgartcitizen.com for announcements on closures and limited services through the holiday season.

Most German schools will break for the holidays from Dec. 23 through Jan. 9. Dec. 24 and 31, most stores will close between 2-4 p.m.

All stores and businesses will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26, the first and second Christmas days. Banks will also be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Deutsche Post Offices will close Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 between noon and 4 p.m. Patrons are advised to check the websites of the respective post offices before visiting a facility. All stores, banks and post offices will be closed Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) and Jan. 6 (Epiphany).

SOCOM POTFF SURVEY

Every U.S. Special Operations Command service member and spouse are encouraged to give their input in the Preservation of the Force and Families program Needs Assessment Survey. The information collected in this survey not only helps to determine where the need is for efforts and resources, but it is also a means of communicating directly with the SOCOM commander and CSM. The survey is open until Jan. 20. Visit stuttgartcitizen.com, search POTFF for the survey announcement and link.

WINTER ADVISORY RESOURCES

Facebook: By 5:30 a.m., and when conditions warrant a change, notifications are posted to the garrison

Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart>.

AFN Radio: Announcements air on American Forces Network Stuttgart (102.3 FM). Or listen online using AFN 360: http://afn360.afneurope.net/AudioPlayer.html#afne_stu

Telephone Hotline: Call the Weather and Road Condition Hotline at 431-3744 or civ. 07031-15-3744.

The decision to cancel or close operations is made by the garrison commander after he has been informed of the current road conditions by the director of Emergency Services, based on Military Police patrols.

Military Police patrols access only installation roads. Roads in the surrounding local communities outside of the installations, including bus routes, are not assessed or reported on by the MPs.

Announcements regarding service member and employee work-reporting instructions during times of delayed or closed operations only apply to the garrison organizations and its workforce, the Logistics Readiness Center and Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

For those who work for U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, Special Operations Command Europe or other organizations, work delays and early releases are only authorized by their leadership.

Individual drivers should access the safety of their travel routes and should contact their chain of command if they feel travel would be unsafe.

Use Facebook, AFN, or the weather hotline as the first source for road condition information, instead of calling the MP desk to keep emergency lines open.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Travel restrictions have been lifted for personnel/dependents to certain areas in Europe. Personnel should continue to check in with their individual commands for specific travel restrictions and continue to stay mindful of surroundings. If you see something, say something.

iReport is a theater-wide reporting system for Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members in Europe can use to report suspicious behavior to the appropriate authorities. iReport is available online and as a mobile app. To report an imminent threat or crime in progress, immediately contact the military police office by dialing DSN 114, or reach host-nation law enforcement by dialing commercial in Germany: 112. Otherwise, to make an online report of an incident to your local authorities, visit www.eur.army.mil/iReport.

MANAGING EMOTIONS: NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Jan. 13 and Jan. 20: Managing Emotions: New Year, New You, at Army Community Service Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us for this two part workshop to help identify strategies to better manage anger, stress and conflict in your personal and professional life. Please call ACS to register. Call ACS to register. DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518. Open to all DoD Civilian ID cardholders.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DeCA:

Through Feb. 12, 2016 the Commissary's Scholarships for Military Children Program is now accepting applications from eligible students. A total of 700 scholarship grants, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded for the 2016-17 school year. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those commissaries with larger numbers of applicants. To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications are available at commissaries worldwide or at www.militaryscholar.org.

SCSC:

Applications for Stuttgart Community Spouses Club Scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year are being accepted for eligible applicants including all high school graduating seniors, continuing education students (college students not older than age 23), and spouses.

SCSC Scholarships are merit based awards. The selection process for scholarship winners is based on a combination of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community leadership, community service, work experience and a personal essay.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, SCSC awarded 47 scholarships totaling \$107,000. SCSC hopes to receive enough quality applications to surpass that this year.

Applicants must be ID card holders sponsored by an active duty member, government civilian, or

contractor within the Stuttgart military community. See application for complete eligibility requirements on the SCSC website, www.stuttgart-spousesclub.org. Applications may also be picked up at the Stuttgart High School counselor's office, Army Community Services, Patch Thrift store, Education Center and on-post library.

Submission deadline: March 4, 2016. For more information email: scsc.scholarship@gmail.com.

BABY BUMPS

Jan. 6: Baby Bumps group meets at Army Community Service, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This group is for pregnant women at any stage. It focuses on education and support related to pregnancy and encourages socializing and bonding. Guest speakers and topics vary month to month. Registration is not required. DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518. Open to all DoD Civilian ID cardholders.

BRINGING HOME A BABY

Jan. 8: Join Army Community Service, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne from 12 – 4 p.m. The joy and excitement of bringing home your new baby can quickly be replaced with fear or anxiety. Let ACS help you make a smooth transition into parenthood. This five hour course combines education and hands on practice. Register with ACS. DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518. Open to all DoD Civilian ID cardholders.

BREASTFEEDING BASICS

Jan. 14: Army Community Service Buildign 2915 on Panzer Kaserne, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Discover the importance of breastfeeding for you and your baby. Gain tips on how to get started as well as how to overcome challenges, such as returning to work while breastfeeding. Register with ACS. DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518. Open to all DoD Civilian ID cardholders.

CHICKEN WINGS COOKING CLASS

Jan. 8: Chicken Wings Cooking Class with BOSS at the Warrior Zone on Patch Barracks, 6 p.m. Learn how to make perfectly crisp and juicy chicken wings and "BA" (BOSS Awesome) sauces to go with them. Cost: \$10. Register by January 6. All ID cardholders are invited to come out and enjoy the delicious results of freshly cooked chicken wings following the class, starting at 7 p.m. It's finger licking good free chicken wings, need we say more? DSN: 430-7135/civ. 0711-680-7135.

AFN SUPERSTAR OF THE MONTH

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members are invited to submit nominations for the next AFN Stuttgart Superstar of the Month. Help recognize an exceptional member of your unit, organization, or overall within the Stuttgart military community.

To nominate a community member, email: AFNStuttgartonline@gmail.com.

Details to include: Name, unit or organization (if applicable) and why you think this person is a Superstar. Winners are announced on AFN Radio live. For information on AFN Stuttgart, AFN 360 internet radio, visit: www.afneurope.net/Stations/Stuttgart.aspx.

PASSPORT APPOINTMENTS NOW ONLINE

The Stuttgart Passport and SOFA office online appointment system and updated office hours now available. In order to provide predictable 'world class' customer service, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Passport/SOFA office will service customers during the following hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wed. from 1-3 p.m. A new online appointment system *CAC access only, can be found on the garrison website, www.stuttgart.army.mil on the passport services page: <http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-passports.html>. Passport and SOFA office is located on Panzer Kaserne Bldg. 2915, Room 314.

ID CARD APPOINTMENTS NOW ONLINE

Military community members with Common Access Cards (CAC) may now make identification card services in advance online. Find the link at www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-ID.html. As with most CAC enabled appointment sites, members should select the 'email' certificate to access the site. Once logged on, select your country location, select your specific city/installation, select a date appointments are available, shown in green. Customers should receive a confirmation of their chosen appointment time and bring a copy with them to the appointment, arriving at least 10 minutes early. The ID Card Office is located on Panzer Kaserne, building 2915. For more information, contact DSN: 431-2333/civ. 07031 152333.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

A monthly USAG Stuttgart

Community Update is published online and posted to Facebook including events and activities happening across the installations throughout the entire month. To add information to this monthly newsletter, contact the Public Affairs Office.

Listen to AFN weekly command update – Wednesday mornings from 7-8 a.m.

Follow garrison Facebook page. Subscribe online to Stuttgart Citizen daily emails at www.stuttgartcitizen.com for news and announcements.

STORAGE UNIT RENTAL SPECIAL

Through Jan. 31: This holiday season save big on storage space with the Storage Unit Rental Holiday and New Year Special at the Stuttgart Golf Course. Rent any size storage container, small, medium or large for 12 months and receive two months free. Rent any size container for six months and receive one month free. Rental must be paid in advance for the full term. For more information, contact civ. 07141-879-150.

SNOW DAY TRIPS EXPRESS

Jan. 16: Lech-Zurs, Austria - Register by Jan. 8

Jan. 24: Fellhorn, Germany - Register by Jan. 15

Jan. 30: Montafon, Austria - Register by Jan. 22

Join a Snow Day Trip Express with Outdoor Recreation, Panzer Kaserne. You don't need a lot of time for a whole lot of adventure. Travel with ODR on an express trip. Price only includes transportation. Lift ticket, meals and other recreational expenses are the responsibility of the patron. ODR Equipment rental: \$20 per adult and \$15 per youth. (Get fitted for your gear a week prior to trip.) For more information, cost and trip departure schedules, contact DSN: 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

MOLDING MACHINE SAFETY CLASS

Jan. 9: The Kelley Woodshop is offering free Molding Machine Safety Classes 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., perfect for rounding corners and adding carvings to your next wood project. Call the Kelley Woodshop, sign up and learn how to use the machine to perfect your one of a kind project. Classes are every 2nd Saturday of the month. Class size is 4 people. You must take the safety class prior to attending the Molding Machine Safety Class (Safety classes are every Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., \$50

one time fee for unlimited equipment use and maintenance). Classes are available until April 9. DSN: 421-2519/civ. 0711-729-2519.

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Jan. 8: Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Celebrate Elvis's birthday with us. Bowlers that earn a score ending with the number eight (8) can enter to win a new Elvis bowling ball. (Example 118, 168, 198, etc.) The game will be verified by a bowling center employee. Patrons can enter as many times as long as their score ends with the number 8. After verification of the customer's score they will fill out an entry form that will be put into a box for the drawing. The drawing will be held at 6 p.m. While bowlers listen to Elvis hits! The customer does not have to be present to win. The prize is a new bowling ball with the design of Elvis Presley. DSN: 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

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Managing risk is key to cybersecurity says DHS cybersecurity expert Touhill

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN — The captain of the United States neighborhood cybersecurity watch team shared his thoughts on cyber security to an international group of military and civilian cyber professionals at the George C. Marshall European Center's Program for Cyber Security Studies today.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Gregory Touhill stressed the importance of managing risk in today's cyber world.

"At the end of the day cybersecurity is not about technology, it's about managing risk. One of the things I've learned in my professional career and my academic career is that you have to look at a strategy. You can buy down your risk by 80 percent by implementing best practices," Touhill said.

According to Touhill, reducing risk by implementing best practices in creating a strong cyber network is called "cyber hygiene," and it's something you do every day like brushing your teeth, as part of a daily routine.

Despite recent headlines of cyber intruders getting access to personal security information of millions of federal workers, there is another cyber issue that keeps him awake at night.

"What keeps me awake at night is the protection of our industrial control systems. We find that a lot

of those industrial control systems, the computers, the human interfaces that control critical infrastructure, are not adequately controlled. They are connected to the internet without adequate protections in some cases. When they were invented and installed, cybersecurity wasn't a concern. They are old. They were bolted on. And we need a better job protecting them," said Touhill.

Managing risk is not only possible through the use of best practices, but also by sharing information and having a plan in place to prepare and respond to cyber-attacks and intrusions. Touhill added that you will never get to a zero risk solution.

"In the international stage is to better share information about threats and vulnerabilities. By better understanding the threats that are out there as well as the vulnerabilities inherent in the systems, software, personnel practices, we are in a better position to discuss and manage risk," he said.

Touhill spoke to PCSS participants during the final days of their two-week resident program here. Following his presentation, he had the opportunity to sit down and observe several seminars where cyber security issues and strategies are discussed in great detail. Seminars are an integral part of the curriculum in order reach a common understanding of cyber terminology and begin to understand

the importance relationships formed in the course which will lead to future information sharing.

"I continue to find on a daily basis that relationships matter and when you get into a situation where cyber risk is introduced ultimately you are going to have to ask other people for help. A cyber risk to one is a cyber risk to all. The best part of this course is building those relationships on an international scale and what is unique about this course at the Marshall Center is the breadth and scale of the international relationships nurtured and developed here," Touhill said.

The final day of class for PCSS students is two days away. They will no doubt be taking a great deal of insight back with them. Touhill hopes they take something back from his remarks.

"I'd like to see the students go back to their countries and have that conversation about risk management and putting it on the appropriate agenda so that risk is managed at the appropriate level using the appropriate processes and procedures," he said. "I hope they also take home the student rosters and stay in touch. Relationships don't end when you graduate. They are just beginning."

There was one other cyber security thought Touhill hoped the international students would keep in mind.

"We are all part of a greater cyber neighborhood watch. We have to

take care of our own enterprise but we have to take care of our neighbors and sharing info about best practices, threats, vulnerabilities, and how to deal with them are critically important. We need to be a good cyber neighborhood watch," he said.



U.S. Department of Homeland Security Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Gregory Touhill spoke to an international group of cybersecurity experts attending the Program for Cyber Security Studies course at the George C. Marshall European Center today. PCSS is a unique, two-week program on cyber security studies offered once a year. The course brings together international government and military leaders to reach a shared understanding of international and country specific approaches to a more secure, global cyber network and build partnerships to resolve shared challenges. — Photo by Karlheinz Wedhorn

DoD extends technological, operational edge into the future

By Cheryl Pellerin

DoD News Features, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, December 14, 2015 — The Defense Department's civilian and military leadership is pursuing a significant and enduring effort to extend its military, technological and operational edge well into the future, Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work said today.

In a speech at the Center for a New American Security's National Security Forum, Work noted that this push into the future is driven by a pressing need to modify the defense program to meet evolving threats in the national security environment.

The effort includes new approaches to evaluating and offsetting the conventional strengths of potential adversaries, a commitment to U.S. allies and friends, and a drive to innovate.

The Only Great Power

During the period between 1999 and 2014, Work said, the United States

was the world's only great power and the sole military superpower.

"This gave us enormous freedom of action, but the circumstance is changing" he said, "The unipolar world is starting to fade and we have a more multipolar world in which U.S. global leadership is likely to be increasingly challenged."

For the United States, Work added, "the most stressing [challenge] is the reemergence of great power competition."

For the purposes of building a defense program focused on the capabilities of potential adversaries, the deputy secretary said he uses international relations theorist John Mearsheimer's definition of a great power — a state having sufficient military assets to put up a serious fight in an all-out conventional war against the dominant power, and possessing a nuclear deterrent that could survive a first strike against it.

On Their Way

By that narrow definition, Work



Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work speaks at the Center for a New American Security in Washington, D.C., Dec. 14, 2015. — Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Tim D. Godbee

said, "[and] from a defense program perspective, if Russia and China are not yet great powers, they're well on their way.

"We've been trying for 25 years to include Russia within the European community and we want to partner

with it on a wide variety of global issues," Work said, adding that the United States still seeks both outcomes.

But Russia, he explained, is modernizing its nuclear and conventional

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Botswana Defence Force, US Army leaders meet in Europe

By Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds
U.S. Army Africa

VICENZA, Italy — U.S. Army Africa senior leaders coordinated a command sponsored visit for delegates from the Botswanan Defence Force, here Nov. 30–Dec. 5.

The BDF and elements within U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. European Command to discuss challenges and opportunities to assist the BDF in their continued professionalization and development of their military capabilities.

Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Moore, USARAF deputy commander and host of the visit, took Botswana Land Forces commander, Maj. Gen. Molefi Seikano, and his party on a tour of USARAF facilities.

Along the tour, USARAF staff provided the Botswanan delegates with multiple briefings to discuss BDF and USARAF capabilities and how those capabilities could be synchronized.

Topics discussed included a recent USARAF engineer mission to assist the BDF with refinement of their training center, current and emerging threats to regional stability, and USARAF programmed exercises, such as the Accord series and the Regional Africa Leaders Seminar.

During the visit, Moore accompanied Seikano to the 10th anniversary of the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units, held at General A. Chinotto Barracks, here, Dec. 1. The CoESPU is an international organization that works closely with USARAF while training military and civilian police forces for pre- and post-conflict resolution as well as United Nations peacekeeping missions.

The ceremony offered Seikano an opportunity to meet other African partner nation delegates taking part in programs offered here.

After three days of touring USARAF headquarters, Seikano traveled to Germany to visit the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command and Joint Multinational Readiness Center.

Headquartered in Grafenwoehr, Germany, JMTC is the Army's largest overseas training command. The command offers dynamic training, which prepares forces to execute unified land operations and contingencies in support of combatant commands, NATO, and other national requirements.

Located in Hohenfels, Germany, JMRC is the only Army Combat Training Center outside the U.S. The center provides opposing forces to



(From Right) Carl Giles, director of Instrumentation Training Analysis Computer Simulations and Support team, speaks with Maj. Gen. Molefi Seikano, Ground Forces Commander, Botswana Defense Force, and his party, to provide an understanding of how ITACSS benefits unit training during a U.S. Army Africa command sponsored visit to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, Germany, Dec. 3, 2015. The visit offered Botswanan leadership an opportunity to observe JMRC facilities and capabilities, as well as explore opportunities for future training and partnership. — Photo by Sgt. Gemma Iglesias

train participants in expeditionary warfighting tactics.

During the Seikano's visit to both JMTC and JMRC, he received briefings and tours pertaining to the development and usage of training centers, the observer trainer program and mentorship methodology, the value of a dedicated opposing force and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Command sponsored visits bring together senior land force commanders from nations around the world to discuss ways to increase interoperability and mutual security concerns.

"These visits help build partnerships over time and across echelons, the key concept behind USARAF's African Horizons strategy," said Moore.

Edge into the future

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forces, sharpening its warfighting doctrine aimed at NATO, rattling its nuclear saber, seeking to undermine NATO and intimidate the Baltic States, and trying to rewrite the international rule book.

As a result, the department is adapting its operational posture, contingency plans and programs to deter further aggression, the deputy secretary said.

The Bottom Line

"China, a rising power with impressive latent military technological capabilities, probably embodies a more enduring strategic challenge as its ambitions and objectives expand in Asia, [the] Western Pacific, littoral Africa, Latin America and elsewhere," Work said.

China's words have been about peaceful rise and about defense, he added, but its actions will be the true test of its commitment to peace and stability in the current international order.

The department continues to pursue military-to-military cooperation

and a wide range of confidence-building measures with China "to make sure we never come to blows, but ... we can't overlook the competitive aspects of our relationship, especially in the realm of military capabilities. And that's the bottom line," Work said.

A Focus on Capabilities

DoD focuses on the capabilities of potential challengers, and Russia and China present the United States and its allies and partners with unique and increasingly stressing military capabilities and operational challenges, the deputy secretary said.

The department understands the importance of engaging with potential competitors but it does so cognizant of its central purpose "to reassure our allies and partners ... and to protect U.S. forces and our allies from direct attack," he added, "and, should deterrence fail, make sure that we are able to roll back any aggression that occurs."

The best way to prevent great-power competition from becoming great-power conflict, the deputy

secretary said, is for the United States to maintain a safe, reliable and secure nuclear arsenal for so long as those weapons exist, coupled with strong conventional deterrent capabilities.

Offset Strategies

The United States has historically strengthened its conventional deterrence by pursuing a combination of superior technological capabilities and innovative operational and organizational constructs that offset the strengths of its potential adversaries, Work noted.

In the 1950s, the first offset strategy sought to blunt Soviet numerical and geographical advantage along the inner German border by introducing, demonstrating and developing the operational and organizational constructs to use battlefield nuclear weapons, he said.

After the Soviets achieved strategic nuclear parity in the 1970s, the second offset strategy included precision-guided munitions with near-zero miss.

Today, the department is pursuing a third offset strategy that includes the

following five kinds of technological advances:

1. Learning Systems
2. Human-machine collaboration
3. Human-machine combat teaming
4. Assisted human operations
5. Network-enabled, cyber-hardened weapons

Deterrent Posture

Work said the first priority in trying to build a strong deterrent posture is "to try to achieve a technological overmatch against potential adversaries."

The department needs new technological capabilities to try to achieve the technological overmatch important to an offset strategy, the deputy secretary said, but "you need new organizational and operational constructs to make them real and to gain operational advantage."

Such capabilities also must be demonstrated, Work added, so an adversary can see that any attempt to achieve operational success in the warfighting campaign is likely to fail, even if they were to achieve an initial advantage in time and space.

Safety Corner: New Year's firework safety in Germany

By Nicole Karsch-Meibom
Kaiserslautern American

Enjoying New Year's Eve with fireworks is easy if you stick to some simple rules and keep a few things in mind: According to German law, shops are only allowed to sell fireworks, rockets, wheels or bangers in the time period from Dec. 29 to 31. Except for children's firecrackers, which are labelled "Klasse I" and may be used all through the year, regular fireworks, "Klasse II" fireworks, can only be purchased by adults.

Legally, fireworks may only be fired from midnight Dec. 31 until Jan. 1. If you don't want to ruin your neighborhood relationships, don't start shooting off fireworks in the wee hours of the morning. Fire them off in the evening on Dec. 31.

In order to protect their medieval town centers, some cities have banned fireworks

completely. Always check with your local authorities first before setting off fireworks.

Note that bringing firecrackers into Germany as well as possessing or using them as a private person is considered a criminal offense. There are illegal vendors who sell unsafe fireworks from Eastern countries. These fireworks have highly explosive contents that can cause severe injury or death. To be on the safe side, always check the item displays a sign saying "Klasse II" and "BAM" with a number following it.

Also, it is forbidden to carry a gas or starter pistol, "as they could be mistaken for real guns. That's the reason behind it," Astrid Christmann of the Kaiserslautern City Law and Order department said. "However, it's allowed to use them in your own garden."

As for the proper handling of fireworks, the expert calls for common sense. "Never light them in your hand and never throw them at people, houses or windows," Christmann said. "Also, do not put them into letter boxes or trash cans. These are criminal offenses and, apart from that, they surely aren't fun for those hit

by them!"

Every year, numerous people get hurt and lose fingers, hands, hearing or eyesight, or even die from accidents associated with fireworks. For safety purposes, only allow children 12 years old and up to set off children's firecrackers. Class II fireworks should only be used by adults.

"People have the weirdest ideas. Once in Kaiserslautern, the heavy metal cover of a manhole flew up because somebody had the stupid idea to put a cracker inside," Christmann said. "That's really a shame, because New Year's should be a great time for everybody and you don't want to start it in hospital or prison."

There is more to consider: Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.

"In fact, the law requires you even to stay 100 meters away from forests all year through," Christmann said.

Also, always have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby. Don't wear loose clothing while using fireworks and stand several feet away from lit fireworks.

If a device does not go off, never stand over it to investigate. Put it out carefully with water and dispose of it.

For more information on how to use fireworks safely, read the instructions by the National Safety Council at http://downloads.nsc.org/pdf/factsheets/Using_Fireworks_Safely.pdf.



Fireworks safety

Fireworks are incredibly popular in Germany on New Year's Eve.

However, it's important to keep in mind Army in Europe Regulation 600-1, which states private fireworks are not permitted on any Army installation in Europe.

But if you live off post, there are a few safety tips you should follow.

- Light fireworks in a field away from homes or power lines.
- Always have a fire extinguisher nearby, if something goes wrong.
- Never relight a firework that didn't go off the first time.
- Make sure kids and pets are a safe distance away from the fireworks.
- Always have an adult present when lighting fireworks.
- Pay extra attention to pets that may be present.
- Be careful and have a safe start to the New Year!

Health Beat: How to be healthy through the holidays

Don't let the go-go-go-grinch steal your holiday health. It's time to reclaim your health through the holiday season by putting your health before the go-go-go of preparing for, hosting and attending all of the events through work, church, sports, arts, families and friends. Here are four steps to take you through a healthier and happier holiday season.

Be committed.

· There is nothing more important than your health. Without it you can't do all you need to for your loved ones. This is your body, your health. The only person who can make a difference is you.

· Commit to exercising at least 30 minutes a day, every day.

· Commit to eating a healthier diet.

· Choose to make these commitments a priority over the extra events you plan to attend this holiday season.

Be choosy.

· Instead of thinking of how to cram in the exercise around your schedule, work your schedule around the exercise. You can

choose to add in tons of extra activities and run around stressing about getting it all done, or you can choose to do fewer activities well and stress less.

· Say no to events and requests for help that will make your life too busy for healthy living.

· Say yes to the foods that are best for you and eat those first before selecting the less healthy dishes from the buffet table.

· Say yes to smaller portions of the foods with higher fat content.

Be flexible.

· The holiday season tends to be busier and all the extra events alter your schedule from the norm. If your exercise class is at a specific time and you will miss it because of holiday parties or kid's recitals, then plan ahead for another time and different activity.

· Rework your exercise options. Prepare for the busy times and bad weather with exercise DVDs (borrow them from your local library) that you can do from home.

· Reshape your workout from your regular 30-minute chunk to two 15-minute

exercise sessions.

· Relearn to eat by grazing when presented with a buffet of rich and delicious holiday food. Take small portions of the various dishes so you have a little taste of everything.

Be creative.

· Find ways to combine your exercise and time with your friends and family. Get support for creative exercising and dining through your local Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The MWR program has a wide range of programs and services from fitness, equipment rental, adventure trips and outdoor recreation, to event tickets, leisure tours, libraries and bowling centers.

· Catch some air! Gather your friends, siblings, parents or kids for a game of basketball, touch football, catch or kickball.

· Take a hike! If the kids or your significant other have a sports practice or music lesson, take that time to walk around the area instead of reading or gaming from your smartphone.

· Use what you've got! If it snows, forgo your regular exercise and get out in the

snow and play. You don't need kids to play in the snow!

Fuel up before you go! Drink plenty of water and eat some fruits or vegetables before you leave for the party. You won't need to eat as much once you're at the party.

· Trick your stomach! Use smaller plates when eating at a buffet. Bring sugar-free mints to pop as soon as you are finished with your meal. The mint helps curb the urge to munch.

· Remember that even though you have to choose to live a healthier life, you don't have to make the changes alone. Contact a Military OneSource health and wellness coach for help developing a plan for exercise and healthy eating during the holidays. You can make an appointment for a phone or online session by calling Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or check out the Health and Wellness Coaching Frequently Asked Questions article for more information.

· Take the hustle and bustle out of your holiday by choosing to participate only in the activities that enrich your healthy living lifestyle.

What's happening in FMWR

COSMIC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Dec. 31: Cosmic New Year's Eve Party at Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne from 8 p.m. – 2 a.m.

\$35 per adult, \$20 per child, \$20 general admission.

Bring in the New Year with family and friends, and tons of bowling fun at the "Cosmic New Year's Eve Party" at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center. Enjoy your favorite music over the lanes on our screens. Adult and children tickets include buffet, drinks, party favors, champagne (sparkling juice for children) and bowling. General admission ticket does not include bowling.

For information, contact DSN: 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Jan. 6: Baby Bumps, ACS, Panzer Kaserne, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This group is for pregnant women at any stage. It focuses on education and support related to pregnancy and encourages socializing and bonding. Guest speakers and topics vary month to month. Registration is not required. DSN 431-3518/CIV 07031-15-3518.

"THE SOUND OF MUSIC" KELLEY THEATRE

Jan. 8, Jan. 9, Jan. 10, Jan. 15, Jan. 16, and Jan. 17: The Sound of Music Performance, Stuttgart Theatre Center, Kelley Barracks, 7:30 p.m. Get your tickets for the Stuttgart production of "The Sound of Music". Tickets \$17 for adults, \$15 for children. Minimum age to attend any performance is 5 years. You can reserve your tickets by visiting Stuttgart.armymwr.com or call DSN 421-3055/CIV 0711-729-3055.

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

COMING TO PATCH THEATER

Wednesday December 23

Sisters (R) 1800

Thursday December 24

Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG) 1200
Star Wars: The Force Awakens in 3D (PG-13) 1500

Friday December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Saturday December 26

Daddy's Home (PG-13) 1500
Joy (PG-13) 1800
Concussion (PG-13) 2100

Sunday December 27

Alvin & The Chipmunks (PG) 1600
Star Wars: The Force Awakens in 3D (PG-13) 1900

Wednesday December 30

Point Break in 3D (PG-13) 1800

Thursday December 31

Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13) 1500
Point Break (PG-13) 1800

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 online for the most up-to-date schedule:

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JOY is the wild story of a family across four generations centered on the girl who becomes the woman who founds a business dynasty and becomes a matriarch in her own right. Betrayal, treachery, the loss of innocence and the scars of love, pave the road in this intense emotional and human comedy about becoming a true boss of family and enterprise facing a world of unforgiving commerce. Allies become adversaries and adversaries become allies, both inside and outside the family, as Joy's inner life and fierce imagination carry her through the storm she faces. Jennifer Lawrence stars, with Robert De Niro, Bradley Cooper, Edgar Ramirez, Isabella Rossellini, Diane Ladd, and Virginia Madsen. Like David O. Russell's previous films, Joy defies genre to tell a story of family, loyalty, and love.

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WOODWORKING

MOLDING MACHINE CLASS
Jan. 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kelley Arts & Crafts Center Wood Shop
Kelley Barracks

The Kelley Wood Shop is offering a free Molding Machine Class, perfect for rounding corners and adding carvings to your next wood project. Sign up and learn how to perfect your one of a kind project. Must complete the safety class in order to participate.

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SKIING

SNOW DAY TRIP EXPRESS
Jan. 16, departs 5 a.m.
Outdoor Recreation, Panzer Kaserne

Travel with ODR to Lech-Zurs, Austria on a day trip. Cost is \$89 per adult, \$79 per youth (17 and younger) \$45 for SWPC. Price includes transportation only. Lift ticket, meals and other recreational expenses (including equipment rental) are the responsibility of the patron. Register by Jan. 8.

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Enjoy Stuttgart New Year

By Megan Brown
Special to the Citizen

New Year's Eve in Germany is a time to celebrate the start of a new year with fireworks, music, and family. Whether you want to party into the early hours of the morning or have a relaxed New Year's with your family, events in Stuttgart have everything needed to ring in the New Year just like the Germans do.

In Germany, New Year's Eve is called Silves-ter. During the day, the movie "Dinner for One," will be broadcasted as it has every year since 1963. The 18-minute black-and-white comedy follows the life of Miss Sophie as she celebrates her 90th birthday. Due to her age, however, she has outlived all of her friends and tries to recreate her birthday dinner each year with her only remaining companion - her manservant James.

Also, people may participate in a tradition known as "Bleigiessen," where lead is poured onto a spoon above a candle, and then tipped into a bowl filled with cold water. The lead solidifies and transforms into a random shape. Explanations of the various potential shapes come with the package and provide predictions of what's ahead and coming in the New Year.

The utensils for Bleigiessen all come in one package and can be purchased from most local department stores and supermarkets.



Bleigiessen, or lead pouring tradition at New Year's in Germany to predict the coming year. — Photo by fifoprod / Shutterstock.com

Another German New Year's tradition that might be unknown to Americans is "Feuerzangenbowle," a favorite also seen at Christmas markets. Feuerzangenbowle is a hot drink in which a rum-soaked sugarloaf is set on fire and drips into mulled wine. The name translates to "fire-tongs-punch."

People come from all over the world to take part in the festivities held in



Traditional holiday beverage in Germany, Feuerzangenbowle — Photo by Magnago / Shutterstock.com

downtown Stuttgart. In Germany, this time of year is the only time that fireworks can be purchased. Celebrators light up the sky in every neighborhood at the stroke of midnight, a truly unique experience to witness.

Editor's Note: Megan Brown is a Stuttgart High School career practicum intern with USAG Stuttgart's Public Affairs Office.

Stuttgart's popping New Year's Eve

Here are a few activities to ring in 2016:

COSMIC BOWLING

On Panzer Kaserne, a cosmic bowling event will be held Dec. 31 starting at 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center. Admission includes bowling, a buffet, champagne (sparkling juice for kids), drinks, and party favors. Tickets can be purchased at the bowling center. For more information, contact the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Building 2998, Panzer Kaserne, DSN: 413-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

SENSAPOLIS

"Sensapolis" is an indoor play area with amenities such as a ropes course and rock wall located in Sindelfingen. Sensapolis will host a New Year's Eve event for families Dec. 31. Their New Year's Eve party starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Admission includes champagne, buffets, and programs for kids and adults including fireworks and face painting. For more information, call civ. 07031-20-48530, or www.sensapolis.de.

Downtown Stuttgart

For those who want more of a party atmosphere, Schlossplatz in downtown Stuttgart is a great place to go for loads of fireworks Dec. 31. Visitors can also find wooden huts with chocolate and beverages available for sale. The outdoor ice-skating rink located at Schlossplatz is entirely lit up at midnight.

The tower at Hauptbahnhof, or Stuttgart's main train station, also makes for a great place to watch fireworks.

As the Germans say: "Prosit Neujahr," or cheers to the New Year!

German Seasonal Traditions

By Teri Weiss
Special to The Citizen

The holidays passed, New Year celebrations are over – now is transition time from the old to the all New Year 2016 and its first month, January.

Here in Baden-Württemberg, some local and regional New Year's customs range from charming to strange. One old Swabian belief claims that if the first person you meet on New Year's Day is a small boy, he'll bring you good luck. One might consider hiring a little fellow to insure this timely blessing!

People in rural Southwest Germany long took delight in forecasting the weather for the coming year with a "Zwiebelkalender," or onion calendar:

Cut an onion into 12 slices and lay them in a row, each slice representing one of the 12 months. Sprinkle the slices with salt and then watch which slice "weeps" the most juice: That will be the rainiest month of the coming year.

There is, in fact, a whole string of traditions associated with the 12 Days of Christmas, also known as "Rauhnächte," or rough nights, Dec. 25 to Jan. 6. Always a time span when, as the bards used to say, "the air was heavy with magic."

In olden days, people in some areas of Southern Germany used to avoid baking, roasting or spinning wool, and even washing clothes was not advisable. It was said that spirits and ghouls of all kinds, many times led by the "wild hunter," a lost soul, could swoop through the air disturbing everyday chores. Until quite recently, rural people used to dress up in devils' costumes to

dance away whatever fiends might be lurking around after New Year's Day.

Masked dancers, known as "Perchten," or wild spirits, in Bavaria and Austria, still leap about in barren, snowy fields to make them fertile, or they visit farmhouses led by a rider on a white horse. It's said, they dance until a witch comes with a broom to sweep them away. Perchten appear alone or in groups between Dec. 25 to Jan. 6. The Perchten carry bells and various loud instruments to dispel the winter.



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Since the above traditions are rather grim, here is a more pleasant one: Young women can tell their own fortune during the first weeks of the New Year by throwing a shoe twelve times into a pear tree. If the shoe gets stuck in the tree, it's almost guaranteed that "Mr. Right" will come along. However, neither the shoe nor tree reveal when.

The last of the 12 Christmas Days is Jan. 6, Epiphany, or Three King's Day. Jan. 6 is a federal holiday in Baden-Württemberg. The day commemorates the journey of the three wise men, or kings, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus after his birth in Bethlehem.

During the ninth century, they were named Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Traditionally, on this day houses are smoked out with

consecrated twigs, and the initials of the three kings are written on door beams with blessed chalk. Those letters refer to the Latin phrase: "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "Christ blesses this house." For this year, it will read: "20 C+M+B 16."



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On Three Kings Day, the Sternsinger, or star singers, children dressed like the three kings, parade carrying star-shaped lanterns, and go from house to house singing carols to collect money and raise funds for poor children around the world.

These activities are meant to assure a lucky, prosperous, happy year ahead. We wish you the same!

Old Swabian New Year's recipe:

Take 12 months, cleanse them of all bitterness, envy and fear.

Divide each month into 30 or 31 parts for the supply to last exactly one year.

Prepare each day from one part work, two parts joy and humor.

Add three heaped tablespoons of optimism, one teaspoon of tolerance, a grain of irony and a dash of tactfulness.

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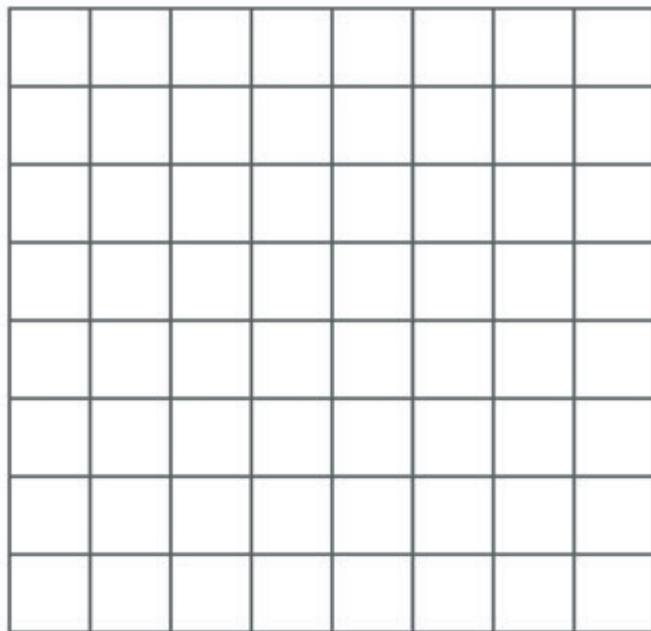
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1. Mitten 2. Present 3. Bell 4. Star
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events

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Piano battle

Thu, Dec 31

Stuttgart, Liederhalle

Andreas Kern and Paul Cibis think they're friends but when it comes to the best tone, the two know no mercy. Classical pieces by Chopin and Mozart, modern melodies and self-created tunes await you in several rounds on December 31. And what's a battle without a jury? No battle at all, that's what. So you get to decide, who's got the fastest fingers and most clever hands as the audience votes for the best pianist of the evening. Don't miss this extraordinary concert experience at the Kultur-und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle in Stuttgart on December 31 from 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at €28. For more information go to www.stuttgart.de

EVENTS

Waldweihnacht

Now – Mon, Dec 29

Göppingen, Marktplatz

During the Waldweihnacht (Forest Christmas) from now until December 29, Göppingen's town square will turn into a winter wonderland. Hundreds of fir trees and thousands of lights will let you forget the Christmas stress, while you're enjoying this romantic Christmas market. Enjoy typical Christmas delicacies and find unique handmade decorations and small presents. A program for children is available as well. For more info see www.goepfing-er-city.de

The Nutcracker

Mon, Dec 28 – Wed, Dec 30

Stuttgart, Liederhalle

Peter Tschaiakowsky's masterpiece lies somewhere between a dream and reality; between day and night. From December 28 to 30, the St. Petersburg Festival Ballet will present one of the most beloved Christmas tales with an extravagant light and color show including artistic excellence that will leave the audience of the Kultur-und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle speechless. Performances start at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at €6. For more information go to www.stuttgart.de

New Year's Party

Thu, Dec 31

Stuttgart, Sky Beach Parkdeck

Looking for a cool place to celebrate New Year's Eve? Come to Stuttgart's Sky Beach. Glühwein, long drinks, and more will be served and a DJ will provide hot beats to keep the evening going. Minimum age is 18 and tickets cost €26.50. The party starts at 10 p.m. For more information go to www.skybeach.de

New Year's party

Thu, Dec 31

Böblingen, Kongresshalle

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Long spa night

Fri, Jan 1

Böblingen, Mineraltherme

Why not enjoy a long spa night in Böblingen's Mineraltherme on January 1 where you can relax and take in the sound of live music. This once in a lifetime experience is one you will never forget. Enjoy the various types of food in the Saunabistro "Vitalia." For more information about the spa visit www.mineraltherme-boeblingen.de

New Year's concert

Fri, Jan 1

Ludwigsburg, Forum Schloßpark-Theatersaal

Ludwigsburg's symphony orchestra is organizing their traditional new year's concert on January 1 from 4 p.m., encouraging and comforting as usual. Sarah Wegener will sing this year's solo under Siegfried Bauer's conduct guaranteeing a melodic start of the new year along with more strong voices and skilled fingertips at the Forum am Schlosspark. Admission costs between €15 and €39, including a glass of sparkling wine. For more information and tickets go to www.ludwigsburg.de

Festival of illusions

Fri, Jan 8 – Sun, Jan 10

Sindelfingen, Stadthalle

The festival of illusions will take place at the Stadthalle Sindelfingen from January 8 to 10. National and international magicians will enchant the audience with exclusive shows by mentalists and illusionists. The shows start at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets from €18 can be purchased at Easyticket. For more information go to www.festival-der-illusionen.de

Pool party for kids

Sun, Jan 10

Filderstadt, Fildorado

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Steiff museum exhibition

Now – Sun, Jan 11

Giengen an der Brenz, Steiff Museum

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Sat, Dec 12

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New Year's run

Wed, Dec 31

Backnang, Marktstrasse

What better way to stay fit than joining the new year's run on December 31 in Backnang. The registration deadline is December 22. Should you miss the deadline why not just come as a spectator. The main run is 10 km long and the mini marathon is 2.5 km. The run starts at 11 a.m. For more information visit www.backnanger-silvesterlauf.de

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