



Photos by Kevin Abel

Pfc. Mackenzie Russell from the 554th MP Co., 709th MP Battalion, advances down a hallway at Stuttgart High School with his training weapon at the ready during an active shooter scenario, Jan. 27.

## MPs respond to SHS active shooter scenario

By Kevin Abel and Larry Reilly  
U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart  
Public Affairs

STUTT GART — An active shooter simulation at Stuttgart High School tested the skills and reactions of the 554th Military Police Company

during morning classes, Jan. 27.

Just seconds after a role-player active shooter stormed into the SHS main entrance, the facility went into a complete lockdown. At the same time, nearby Stuttgart Elementary School also went into a complete lockdown and accountability of all of its students.

Within minutes after the breach into the high school, the MPs had subdued the active shooter and defused the incident.

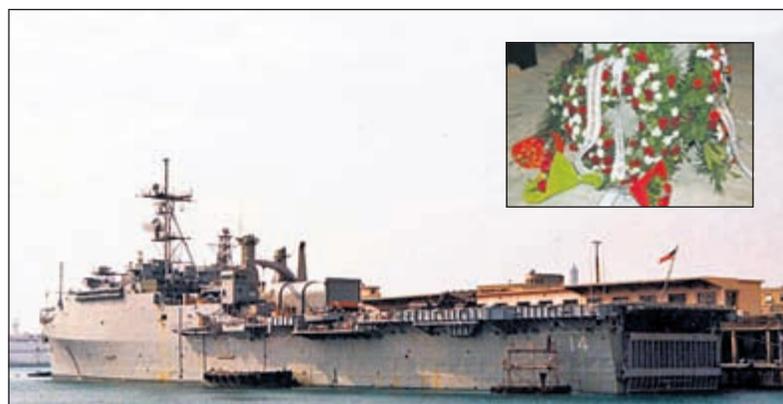
The exercise was one of many training scenarios performed at various locations on Panzer Kaserne by various the U.S. Army Garrison

Stuttgart's Directorate of Emergency Services. In cooperation with Department of Defense Education Activity, the scenario also involved members of the SHS administration and 18 students from the drama class

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# CID advises vigilance against 'romance scams,' scammers impersonating Soldiers

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News Release

WASHINGTON — In today's digital age, when most individuals communicate regularly with family and friends over social media platforms, one should always be aware that online predators and scammers are lurking on those same platforms, actively stalking their next unsuspecting victims.

Now that the holidays are over and Valentine's Day is fast approaching, Special Agents with the Army Criminal Investigation Command, (CID) are anticipating a different type of holiday frenzy – an increase in romance scam reports.

The scam involves an online scammer tricking a victim into believing he or she is "in a relationship" with an American Soldier and then hustling the victim out of his or her money.

"These perpetrators are definitely not American Soldiers, but they are quite familiar with American culture," said Chris Grey, Army CID spokesperson. "The criminals, often from other countries, most notably from West African countries, are pretending to be U.S. Soldiers serving in a combat zone or other overseas locations."

According to Grey, perpetrators take on the online persona of a U.S. Soldier, marry the persona with photographs of a Soldier off the Internet, and then begin prowling the web for victims. The Soldier's rank and other details are often included in an effort to lend credence to the scammer's story.

The Army reports that several senior officers and enlisted Soldiers throughout the Army have had their identities stolen and used in these scams.

To date, Army CID has received no reports indicating a Soldier has been criminally involved or suffered financial loss as a result of these attacks. But victims of these scams have reported losing thousands of dollars. One victim went so far as to refinance her house to help out her new online beau. In the end, she lost more than \$70,000.

According to romancescam.org, the scammers set up fake social media accounts and dating site profiles with pictures suggesting that they are from the U.S. The scammers then portray themselves as caring and loving individuals looking for a soul mate.

Once the victim is on the hook, the scammer attempts to persuade the victim to provide financial support to deal with a crisis or send money on some other pretext.

Scammers will communicate carefully worded romantic requests for money to purchase computers, international telephones, or pay transportation fees -- always to be used by the fictitious "deployed Soldier" so the relationship can continue.

They ask the victim to send money, often thousands of dollars at a time, to a third party address. Grey said he gets calls every week from victims of these kinds of scams.

"It is very troubling to hear these stories over and over again of people who have sent thousands of dollars to someone they have never met," Grey said. "We cannot stress enough that people need to stop sending money to persons they meet on the Internet [who] claim to be in the U.S. military."



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In addition to the romance scams, CID has received complaints from citizens worldwide who have been the victims of other types of scams in which cyber-crooks impersonated U.S. service members.

In one version, the scammer poses as a service member who is moving overseas and must quickly sell his or her vehicle. After providing bogus information about the vehicle, the scammer requests the buyer make a wire transfer to a third party to complete the purchase. Once the wire transfer is done, the scammer leaves the buyer high and dry, with no vehicle.

"Another critical issue," Grey said, "is we don't want victims walking away and thinking that a U.S. Soldier has ripped them off, when in fact that Soldier is honorably serving his or her country and often not even aware that his pictures or identity have been stolen."

## Tips for identifying, dealing with online scammers

- Don't ever send money! Be extremely suspicious if you are asked for money for transportation costs, communication fees or marriage processing and medical fees.
- If you do start an online relationship with someone claiming to be a service member, check the person out. Research the details of the person's story with someone who would

know, such as a current or former service member.

- Be suspicious if the person claims he cannot speak to you on the phone or communicate with you through letters in the mail. Service members serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO mailing address. Whether or not they have access to the internet, service members always appreciate a letter in the mail.
- A member of the military member will have an email address ending in ".mil." If the person you are speaking with cannot send you at least one email from a ".mil" email address, then there is a high probability the person is not in the military.

The U.S. has already established numerous task force organizations to deal with these kinds of scams and other issues. Unfortunately, law enforcement's ability to identify these perpetrators is limited.

The criminals who perpetrate these scams use untraceable email addresses on Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc., routing accounts through numerous locations around the world, and using pay-per-hour Internet cyber cafes, which often times maintain no accountability of use. So, it is up to individuals to stay on the alert and exercise caution to protect themselves.

## Where to go for help

If you suspect that you may be a victim, contact the authorities as soon as possible and immediately cease all correspondence with the suspected scammer. There are several ways to report thefts by scams:

- Call 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-426;
  - By mail to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580;
  - The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) (FBI-NW3C Partnership) at [www.ic3.gov/default.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx);
  - The Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). Your report will assist law enforcement officials across the U.S. in their investigations; and
- The Federal Trade Commission on Nigerian Scams.  
Email: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov).

# The 30-day vehicle registration grace period is a myth

Directorate of Emergency Services  
U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart

STUTTGART — The fabled grace period allowing a vehicle registration to lapse for any period of time while a vehicle is still operational is false.

Personally owned vehicles within U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart must maintain a current registration at all times in order to legally be owned and operated. Temporary, permanent, and non-operational registrations that expire automatically become unregistered and the vehicle may not be driven. ESSO fuel cards are also cancelled when a registration expires.

Customers can still renew a permanent registration within 30 calendar days after the expiration date by completing all the renewal requirements with the late payment fee at the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) on Panzer Kaserne. However, by allowing a vehicle registration to expire, community members run the risk of having Military Police patrols confiscate the registration. There is no exception for law enforcement. In order to continue to operate a vehicle after the permanent registration expires, the owner must turn in the permanent registration and obtain temporary registration.

The registration renewal process can be initiated 75 days prior to the



Photo by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart  
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registration expiration.

After the renewal period lapses, the permanent registration is cancelled from the U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles, and customers must then begin the process for a new registration.

Temporary registration cannot be extended or renewed. Temporary registration is only valid for 30 calendar days. After the expiration date the temporary registration must be turned in and new temporary registration must be requested. Temporary registration will not be issued more than twice for the same vehicle during a 90-day period. A POV owner's chain of command must give the applicant written approval authorizing a third set of temporary registration.



Courtesy photo

## Punitive Regulation

Per Army in Europe Regulation 190-1, a mandatory 90-day suspension of the USAREUR driver's license for three or more offenses of owning or operating an unregistered or uninsured POV within a 5-year period is enforced.

## No shows no good

In January, more than 80 scheduled VRO appointments were no-shows, taking away time from other customers. Personnel must contact or stop into the VRO if they are unable to make it to their appointment time for any reason. Personnel can also cancel their appointment online by going to the online appointment site. Once on the site, select the appointment category; you will then be directed to the view schedules page. In the upper right hand corner of the page, select "My Schedule". You will then be provided with a listing of all scheduled appointments - click delete to cancel the appointment. Call civ. 07031-15-2833/2883/2171/2495/3672.

For more information or to make an appointment online for vehicle registration services, visit [www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-vehiclereg.html](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-vehiclereg.html).



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# Garrison's MYOY to advance on to Europe-wide competition

Holly DeCarlo-White  
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STUTTGART - Tatiana Alvarez has been named the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth, and School Services, Patch Youth Center Stuttgart's 2017 Military Youth of the Year (MYOY).

Alvarez will move on to represent the garrison at the region level for the 2016-17 Europe-wide competition, to be held, here, at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks, March 24.

"The local Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the Youth Center and as a representative to the community," said Barbara Carroll, facility director of Patch Youth Center, "The Hub." "The application packet for MYOY is not easy. We started this year with seven youths and eventually only

two completed the packet — Tatiana Alvarez and Kiara Ali."

Carroll explained the stringent process of the MYOY application which includes essays on "My Vision for America's Youth," "My Personal Brand," "Military Youth Experience," and "My Club Experience." Teens must answer a questionnaire that delves into volunteer work, leadership, academic excellence, and what they would do as the national winner and representative of Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) and youth centers worldwide.

After completing all aspects of the application stage by the required submission deadline, teens competed in an in-person board interview where they were judged on public speaking, interview skills, and overall application quality.

"Of the two fantastic candidates, Tatiana was selected to be Stuttgart's Military Youth of the Year," Carroll said.



Alvarez

Alvarez is a part of multiple organizations within the local Stuttgart military community at the The Hub and in school. At The Hub, Alvarez is a member of the community service-focused Keystone Club that builds on leader development. At Stuttgart High School, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and takes part in committees such as prom and homecoming. She also participates in Friends Helping Friends, a program that matches students with special needs students for assistance. At the last place her family was stationed, Alvarez volunteered with Club Beyond and other community service projects.

Alvarez aspires to be an occupational therapist and would like to attend Texas A&M after graduation. She recently completed a Certified Nursing Assistant internship in a nursing home, also working with special needs children.

In her essay, her personal "brand" was described as being centered on service to others, "It is not about how much you give to others, but how much love and effort was put into it," Alvarez wrote.

Military Youth of the Year is a program delivered in partnership with BGCA and military youth centers worldwide. This year, BGCA partnered with Disney and Toyota to provide scholarships for the winners of the State, Regional, and National levels of competition. A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner in March at the regional level competition.

# SHARP class graduates as policy changes for DACs restricted reporting option

**U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart**  
Public Affairs

STUTTGART — A class of 16 local service members graduated from a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Foundation Course, here, Jan. 27. The foundation course had a total of 31 students from across U.S. Army Europe and was a mixture of officers and enlisted personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (VAs) receive training certified by the National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP) and are credentialed through the DOD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program. SARCs and VAs assist service members with sexual assault reports, providing a 24/7 response capability, while simultaneously supporting commanders with prevention, training and awareness efforts.

SHARP is a commander's program and is managed by the SARC. The program's mission is to reduce, with an aim toward eliminating, sexual offenses within the Army through cultural change, prevention, intervention, investigation,

accountability, advocacy/response, assessment, and training. This is to sustain the all-volunteer force.

"Stuttgart runs one class per year, and the candidates are top notch," Bispo said.

On Jan. 5, the Secretary of the Army, Eric K. Fanning, sent Army Directive 2017-02, "Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Foundation Services for Department of the Army Civilians." The directive begins a one-year trial period where appropriated and non-appropriated DACs have the option to make restricted or unrestricted reporting available to them.

"They are entitled to report their sexual assault case under the restricted reporting option. Before that, civilians were only entitled to the unrestricted reporting option," said Luis F. Bispo, SARC-Level II, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart. "The one-year trial period is stepping-stone to the SHARP program and higher quality victim support services, and enhances leaders continuous support for victims of sexual assault and effective program management."

Restricted Reporting option enables our community to reduce and prevent burnout/build resilience, and

enhance healthy dynamics of work, social and family life while eligible for appropriate and immediate referral to professional services by the SARC and SAPR VA.

Under DoD Instruction 6495.02, SAPR Procedures, unrestricted and restricted reporting options are available to service members and their adult military dependents. The instruction does not apply to victims of sexual assault perpetrated by a spouse or intimate partner, or military dependents under the age of 18 who are sexually assaulted. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP), as described in DoD 6400.1-M-1 regulation, provides the full range of services to those individuals.

Unrestricted reporting is also available to DoD civilians, contractors and respective dependents age 18 and above who are sexually assaulted.

"This is the important part," Bispo said. "To provide the civilian workforce with both the options available to service members.

Once more, the instruction doesn't apply to victims of sexual assault perpetrated by a spouse or intimate partner, or military dependents under the



*Photo by Luis Bispo, SARC Level II, USAG Stuttgart*

A SHARP foundation course class of 31 officers and enlisted Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen complete their certification, Jan. 27, to begin serving their communities as SARCs and VAs, here and across USAREUR. Half the class was from the Stuttgart area.

age of 18 who are sexually assaulted. Again, the FAP provides the full range of services.

Army Directive 2017-02 and the 16 new SARCs and VAs will serve the Stuttgart community well.

These are the best people that units and commands have to offer," Bispo said. "They're people who care for people."

# Stuttgart Tax Center now open for business

**U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Law Center**

STUTTGART — The Stuttgart Tax Center officially kicked-off the tax season at its grand opening, Feb. 3.

The Tax Center offers professional tax services from IRS-trained and certified tax preparers, with oversight by a tax attorney. Trying to meet the needs of all service members and families who will use its services, the center has a large waiting room with a TV, DVD, and toys. This is also where everyone will go to sign in and fill out the necessary paperwork before meeting your tax preparer. To maximize time and efficiency, tax preparers will review the forms with customers to ensure all of



*Photo by Mary "Tweedy" Knef, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR*

The Stuttgart Tax Center team stands ready to assist garrison community members with their 2016 tax returns, Feb. 3.

their personal information is correct, and then generate a draft tax return. The tax preparer will review the initial draft tax return, checking personal information and explaining the system and calculations.

At this point the customer is done, and the rest is up to the center to finalize a return. Every tax return will be thoroughly reviewed multiple times by more than just the tax preparer before its ready to be e-filed, providing customers with peace of mind knowing their tax returns received careful attention.

Single service members, couples with simple 1099 returns and emergency-type returns will have the option to wait the whole day for their completed return. Although this allows for tax returns to be done quickly, the center cannot guarantee the length of the waiting.

Customers with appointments will receive a reminder email of their

appointment day, time and required forms.

Last tax season, the Stuttgart Tax Center served 1,114 clients and obtained \$3,229,961 in refunds, saving the community a grand total of \$520,842 in tax preparation fees.

Located on Kelley Barracks in the Law Center (Bldg. 3312, Rm. 231), The center has walk-in service, 9 a.m.-noon, and individual appointments from 12:30-7 p.m. Best of all, the tax center offers this professional service to all ID card holders – free of charge.

*Editor's note: Until further notice, tax appointments are being made for E-6 and below only. Visit the garrison Facebook page or [www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com) for updates.*

## What to bring

Customers should bring all of the listed documents below. If you have missing documents, you won't be able to see the tax preparer.

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for you, your spouse and your dependents if you do not have a

Social Security number

- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-Misc) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- All Forms 1095, Health Insurance Statements
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- A copy of last year's federal and

state returns, if available

- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms (your spouse only needs to come to the second signing appointment.)
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their

Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number

- Forms 1095-A, B or C, Affordable Health Care Statements
- Copies of income transcripts from IRS and state, if applicable

*For additional information, contact the Stuttgart Tax Center at DSN 421-4588 civ. 0711 729 4588. The Stuttgart tax team looks forward to serving you!*

# SHS students visit the CERN Hadron Collider

George Murphy  
Junior, Stuttgart High School  
Special to the Citizen

GENEVA — The Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN, or European Organization for Nuclear Research) opened its doors for Stuttgart High School advanced placement physics II and chemistry students to see the Hadron Collider, Jan. 25.

CERN designed a high school field trip for the sole purpose of furthering the reach and motivation of students, to invigorate them to strive for further advancements in their future fields. SHS students were given a tour of the facility and told about the various moving parts that kept this experiment moving like a well-oiled machine.

The Hadron Collider is “the most important science experiment on the planet during this very moment,” said Brad Rehwaldt, SHS physics instructor.

It gives students a chance to look at advanced physics and science at work, and inspires them to better themselves to better their knowledge of their world, Rehwaldt said.

The SHS students studied the experiment of recreating the sciences involved with the Big Bang, or something akin to it, at the least. Through

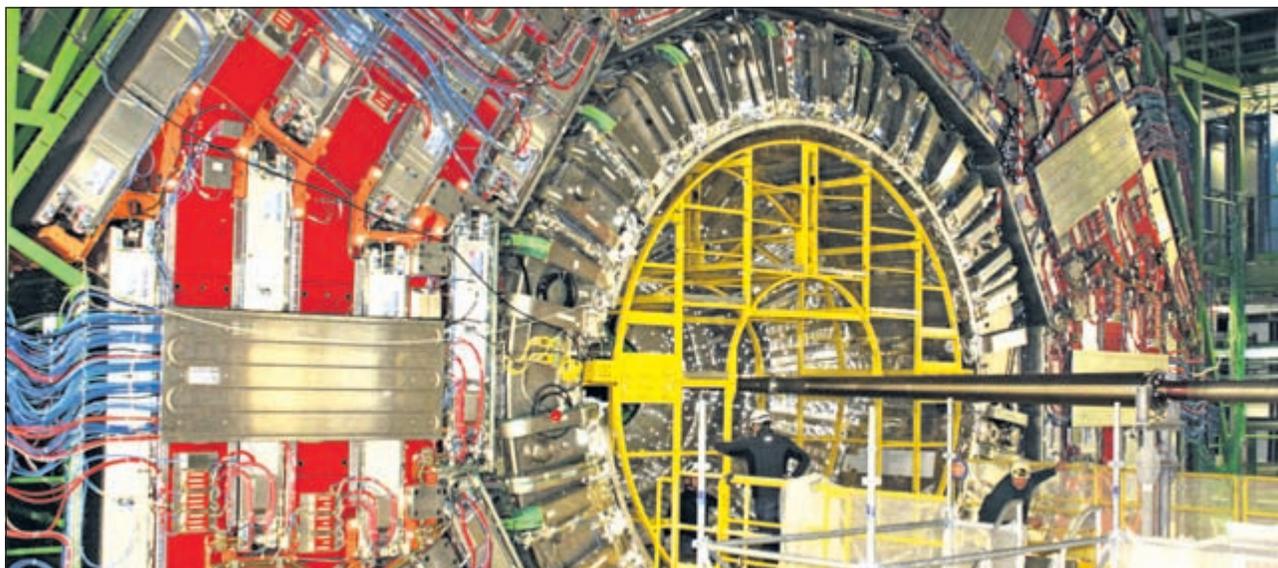


Photo by Christopher Cheadle, Stuttgart High School

The Compact Muon Solenoid at CERN is used for investigating the Higgs Boson, extra dimensions and particles that could be dark matter. Advance placement students from Stuttgart High School visited the facility in Switzerland, Jan. 25.

this, new knowledge is gained from the observation of the particles, figuring out their functions and what they are to science, and exploring the fundamental ideas caused by these scientific anomalies to their finest point.

In the double-level complex near Geneva, Switzerland, the above-ground level consists of a quiet office building where matters relating to the collider are discussed and expanded upon. The underground portion of the project is where the particle collider is located, whirring in a

cavernous tunnel beneath the main building.

The easiest way to describe it is the collider bunches hundreds of billions of particles together and smashes them together with the force of two eighteen-wheel semi-trucks colliding at more than 99 percent of the speed of light. Scientists observe the results and, hopefully, advance our understanding of the universe and billions of particles within our complex world.

There was one obstacle that scared the students who were looking

forward to seeing the famed Hadron Collider – the elevator. It was broken when SHS students arrived after an early morning, six-hour commute. The problem was resolved, but not without a bit of angst in response to the irony of a broken elevator in one of the most prestigious scientific and technological sites in the world.

*Note: Student George Murphy is in three advanced placement classes – language, physics, and U.S. history. He plans to be an aerospace/civil engineer.*

## Innovative ideas receive \$Smart Money in DoDEA Europe's East District

KAISERSLAUTERN — The Department of Defense Education Activity Europe East District superintendent's office awarded nearly \$30,000 to support innovative teaching and learning models. \$Smart Money was conceived as a motivational agent to allow inspired educators to further develop innovative methods and practices for teaching and learning in their classrooms.

Dr. Liz Dunham, superintendent, DoDEA Europe East District, earmarked

funds to support the innovative goals of forward-thinking practitioners. The \$Smart Money initiative received applications from educators throughout the district to fund innovative learning projects that will positively impact the learning of students. The projects and resources embrace the very best in creative approaches to meeting the interests and learning needs of students through a blend of innovative pedagogical approaches and 21st century resources. Ten educators received the awards:

- Sarah Loomis, Kaiserslautern Elementary School – Strengthening Standards of Mathematical Practice through inquiry and investigation.
- Michael Smith & Michael Herrick, Sembach Elementary School – Maker Space robotics.
- Diane Johnston, Aukamm Elementary School - Developing conceptual knowledge in mathematics.
- Kelli Keedwell, Ramstein Elementary School - SMART Centers.
- Gerri Scholdei, Patch Middle School - STEM renewable energy kits.
- Susan Holt, Vilseck High School - Doctoring DNA.
- Trisha McGonigle, Patch Middle School - Digital vs. compound microscopes.
- Nancy Greer, Ramstein Elementary School - Flexible seating for kindergarten students.
- Deb Young, Garmisch Elementary/Middle School - Green learning spaces.
- Ken Robinson, Kaiserslautern High School - Integrated biofuel extraction system.



Photo courtesy of Army.mil.

As a result of the funding, students across the Europe East District will benefit directly from the initiatives and Dr. Dunham is excited about the potential for both student and teacher engagement.

“The \$Smart Money initiative provides our educators the opportunity to innovate in a risk-free environment and engage students in a way that is new, exciting and increases the potential for student achievement,” said Dunham.

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education programs for school-age children of Department of Defense personnel who would otherwise not have access to high-quality public education. DoDEA schools are located in Europe, the Pacific, Western Asia, the Middle East, Cuba, the United States, Guam, and Puerto Rico. DoDEA also provides support and resources to local educational agencies throughout the United States that serve children of military families.

### Parents take note

- DoDEA advises of the following event dates:
- Feb. 10 – Robinson Elementary School masquerade dance, 3-5 p.m., open to
- Robinson 3-5 graders and families
- Feb. 16 – Patch Middle School drama production, 6 p.m., Student Forum, open to community
- Feb. 17 – Early release, all schools

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# Don't idle your car — Keep Stuttgart's air clean!

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STUTT GART — It's a common habit, especially in winter, that people keep their car engine running to warm up the engine and the interior of the car. While this may be convenient, it's not environmental friendly ... and illegal.

This poses a problem for those who cannot garage their cars; now collects and ice forms on the windshield overnight, requiring a good scraping and defrosting before visibility is safe again for driving. Leaving for work at 0-dark-thirty means a few extra minutes in the cold to remove most of the ice.

German traffic law prohibits avoidable exhaust emissions. That means if drivers are not moving other than idling at a stop light, they must shut off their engines.

Besides the traffic law, there are health issues associated with car idling due to particulate matter (PM10). These particles cause respiratory problems and cardiovascular diseases. Reducing exhaust emissions reduces the emission of toxic air pollutants, thus reducing health risks. It also saves fuel.

The garrison Environmental Office suggests the smart thing to do is to turn off your car's engine when you aren't driving. You can help keeping Stuttgart's air clean, keeping the air

breathable and reduce health risks. It's the right thing to do.

*Editor's note: The USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.*



Within the Federal Air Emission Ordinance there are threshold values established for air emissions. The daily average value of 50 µg/m3 of PM10 shall not be exceeded on more than 35 days within a year. In 2016, Stuttgart exceeded that limit in the city center on 62 days. A 'Feinstaubalarm' (particle matter alarm) was called for 37 days between October and December of 2016. Read more about the Feinstaubalarm online in the Dec. 15, 2016 issue of The Citizen or visit [www.feinstaubalarm.stuttgart.de](http://www.feinstaubalarm.stuttgart.de).

# Good health practices lead to better safety

**U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart**  
Installation Safety Office  
News Release

STUTT GART — Making time for wellness can add more years to your life. Good health practices can boost your energy so you get more enjoyment out of life. Taking good care of yourself can help you avoid or delay chronic illnesses such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

There's also the added benefit improving the ability to work safely. Wellness means having the health, strength, endurance and flexibility to deal with the things we encounter in everyday life. It involves keeping eating the right foods, avoiding bad habits like smoking and excessive drinking, and exercising minds and bodies. Maintaining fitness can help prevent injuries, and increase energy and endurance to allow us to remain alert to possible dangers on the job.

### The basics

These are some basics of a healthy lifestyle:

- Exercise briskly for at least 20 minutes, three or more times a week.
- Walk or bicycle to or from work. You could also walk or bike to the place where you
- catch your bus, commuter train or carpool.
- Make a habit of taking the stairs as often as possible; make a habit of walking instead of driving when running errands.

- Do stretching exercises and warm-up exercises right at your work station before your shift and during short breaks. Many workplaces have exercise programs which encourage this type of activity.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Eat lightly. Build your diet around a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Limit your consumption of fats, sugar, salt and chemical additives.
- Have your blood pressure checked regularly, and learn to manage any blood pressure problems.
- Get enough sleep.
- Don't use tobacco products.
- Do not take drugs except those prescribed by your doctor, and ask your pharmacist about precautions with the drugs you do take..
- If you choose to drink, do so moderately.

### Low winter humidity

Optimal humidity is between 45 to 55% relative humidity. However, relative humidity in the average home during the winter months can drop to below 20 percent.

Lack of humidity in the air can become unpleasant and even unhealthy. Low humidity levels lead to increased levels of static electricity, dry skin, cracked lips and nose bleeds. It can lead to a variety of conditions that lead to ill health. Dust particles, bacteria and viruses that are normally trapped by the moist nasal membrane lining in the nose can more easily get into

the lungs when the air is dryer and thus reduce the body's natural defense mechanism.

### A meaningful life

Learn to handle stress so it does not cause physical illnesses. Spend some time thinking about what makes life meaningful for you. Are you doing the things you want to be doing? If not, what's holding you back? Choose to take responsibility for your own lifestyle and be willing to accept the consequences, both negative and positive. Practice keeping things in

perspective and try to look at the big picture when you get bogged down with small details.

Good health is important and contributes to better safety. Practice wellness for a fuller, richer and safer life.

*Editor's note: The USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.*



Photo by Sgt. Alexander Burnett, Army.mil

Service members and civilians have healthier food choices at dining facilities, but it will still be up to the individual.

# Where to go for Fasching, Fasnet and Karneval events

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U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart

Public Affairs

*It's Fasching time!*

Carnival celebrations in South-West Germany start as early as Nov. 11 and last until the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday.

Throughout this "fifth season," masked dances, parades, street parties, and all kinds of crazy skits take place in towns and villages in the footprint of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart. Local associations work for months to revive time and again costumes and events rooted in traditions that go back at least to medieval times. In the coldest weeks of the year, they animate grey landscapes with specks of bright colors, and break the winter silence with clashing sounds, calling nature back to life.

The peak of all these revelries is the final week of Fasching (this year Feb. 23-28) when even city dwellers don costumes and take to the streets, or join a "town hall assault." Posters advertising local events can be found everywhere these days, even in the smallest communities, so it would be nearly impossible to draw up a full calendar.

The following is a list of the largest and most famous appointments in and around Stuttgart.

## Fasching parades

- Wernau: Feb. 25, 2 p.m.
- Murrhardt: Night parade Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
- Neuhausen: Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m.
- Weil der Stadt: Feb. 26, 2 p.m. "Grosser Fasnetsumzug" (big parade) is one of the largest and oldest in southern Germany. It features 3,000 masked participants, 70 floats, and more than 25 marching bands.
- Böblingen: Feb. 27, 1 p.m., followed by a brewery party at Brauhaus Schönbuch at 6 p.m.
- Rottenburg am Neckar: Feb. 27, 1:30 to 11 p.m.

- Rottweil: "Narrensprung" (fool's jump) Feb. 27 at 8 a.m. as well as Feb. 28 at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (at Rottweil's historic downtown area, Schwarzes Tor, 78628 Rottweil).
- Hechingen: Feb. 28, 2 p.m. Large parade followed by the "Verbrennung des Pestmännles" (burning of the plague bringer) at 8 p.m.
- Stuttgart downtown: Feb. 28, 2 p.m. Big parade and street party through the city center followed by a "Fest" at the Dinkelacker brewery at 4 p.m.
- Hofen: Feb. 28, 1 p.m.
- Bad Cannstatt: Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m., children's parade, Marktstrasse (historic downtown area)

"Närrischer Wochenmarkt" (weekly market with Fasching entertainment and music) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the traditional "Town Hall assault" at 6 p.m., "Hemdglonkerumzug" (Nightgown parade) 7 p.m., and "Kübelesrennen" (Fasching marathon with "fools" of the "Kübelesmarkt" Fasching guild) 7:30-9 p.m. On Fat Thursday, many restaurants and bars in downtown Bad Cannstatt host music and Fasching parties until 2 a.m.

Eiswelt Stuttgart (Degerloch): "Fasching on Ice," Feb. 26, 2-4 p.m. Two hours of free ice skating for children up to 12 years of age dressed in costumes.

## Fasching events

- Rottenburg am Neckar: "Strassenfasnet" (Street Carnival) Feb. 23, 2 p.m. followed by the traditional "Hexentanz" (witches' dance) at 7 p.m.
  - Neuhausen: Witches' Dance at Schlossplatz Feb. 23, 7 p.m. followed by "Schmotziger Donnerstag" Fat Thursday party with "DJ Told" at Saalbau Restaurant, 8 p.m.
- Bad Cannstatt: Feb. 23, largest Fasching celebration in Stuttgart at the district's market square, or Marktplatz. It includes a

- Neuhausen: Restaurant Saalbau, Rose Monday party "Fasnet X" Feb. 27, 7 p.m. Tickets for the events cost between €5 and €12 and can be purchased by calling civ. 07158-948194. Restaurant Saalbau is located at Kirchstrasse 4, 73765 Neuhausen auf den Fildern.
- Stuttgart: Rose Monday on Feb. 27 will also be happily celebrated all over town. Popular indoor parties require reservation, e.g. the ones of the Calwer Eck Brewery (Calwer Str. 31, 70173 Stuttgart) at 3 p.m. and the "Mash" club at Bosch Areal (Forststrasse 7, 70174 Stuttgart) at 7 p.m. A reservation-free "Monster-Guggen-Konzert" (monster Carnival concert) will be staged in front of the City Hall on Marktplatz at 6 p.m.



**Key Dates**

- Weiberfastnacht (Fat Thursday): Feb. 23
- Rosenmontag (Rose Monday): Feb. 27
- Fastnacht/Karneval (Shrove Tuesday): Feb. 28
- Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday): Mar. 1



# Hit the Slopes: ODR offers winter sport trips

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STUTTGART — Take a little time to enjoy a day trip to the slopes. The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation center has planned a variety of ski and snowboard day trips, and other outdoor adventures this winter season.

All of the trips visit different destinations in Europe. Upcoming ski and snowboard day trips are open to skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels.

Special sponsored trip cost may also be available by signing up for the Stuttgart Warrior Pride Challenge, a part of the Army Substance Abuse Program (SWPC/ASAP). The challenge provides alcohol-free options to promote healthy habits, foster wellness and reduce risky behaviors while having a fun, adventurous time.

### ODR 2017 trips

#### Feb. 11: Malbun, Liechtenstein

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP. Passport is required for this trip.

#### Feb 17-20: Garmisch, Germany

Enjoy the ideal Bavarian village for a winter getaway. Trip includes transportation, lodging (based on double occupancy) at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, breakfast buffet (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday), and daily shuttle to and from ski area, and equipment rental from ODR. Better Opportunities for Single Servicemember (BOSS) participants will also have a two hour ski/snowboard lesson. Lift tickets are not included and are the responsibility of the participant. \$449 per adult, \$299 per youth (17 and under youth rate based on sharing with two adults – if only one adult in room then youth must pay adult rate), \$255 SWPC/ASAP, limited spaces, \$100 Deposit (returned week following trip) for BOSS.



Arabba, Italy

Photos by John Gerhart, Patch Ski Club

#### Feb. 25: Feldberg, Germany

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP.

#### Mar. 4: Montafon, Austria

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP. Passport required.

#### Mar. 11: Engelberg, Switzerland

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP. Passport required.

#### Mar. 18: Zugspitze in Garmisch, Germany

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP.

#### Mar. 25: Lech-Zuers am Arlberg,

#### Austria

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP. Passport required.

#### Apr. 8: Soelden, Austria (End of season trip)

Trip includes roundtrip transportation and ski/snowboard equipment package rental from ODR. \$119 per adult, \$99 per youth 17 and under, and \$60 SWPC/ASAP. Passport required.



Zell am See, Austria



Zermatt, Switzerland

### Sign up for trips

USAG Stuttgart's FMWR Outdoor Recreation offers day and weekend trips to ski areas in Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Winter sports enthusiasts can experience a variety of locations, runs, trails and apres-ski activities. Most all trips are available for all ability levels, and also offer a variety of activities for people who don't ski, such as sledding, ice skating, hiking or spas.

Outdoor Recreation also offers day, weekend and weekly ski and snowboard rentals (with discounted prices for those on its trips), as well as ski and board tune-ups and repairs, and lessons on select trips. Call DSN 431-2774 or civ. 07031-15-2774.

*Editor's note: ODR trips can be very popular and may be sold out. Call ODR as early as possible for availability and to sign up. For more about the Patch Ski Club, see the Announcements section.*



SHS Panther Robert Baumbach works to pin a Vilseck wrestler using a head and arm throw during the tournament, Jan. 28.

## SHS Panthers wrestling host tournament

Story and photo by Kevin S. Abel  
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STUTTGART — The Stuttgart High School Panther wrestling team hosted a four-team tournament, here, Jan. 28, with wrestlers from Vilseck, Hohenfels and Munich International School in attendance.

The Panthers won the tournament with a score of 205 points. Vilseck finishing second with 139.5 points. At the end of the tournament, SHS placed first in nine of 16 brackets, and had 10 wrestlers place second with four wrestlers placing third.

The tournament was a short format, meaning that the top two wrestlers from each team competed in matches throughout the day.

“It was a small tournament, not the large turnout that we like,” said Norman Matzke, Panther coach.

Matzke said that he’d have preferred to see Ramstein’s wrestling team at the tournament, giving the Stuttgart team a few more matches against them before going into post-season to see how the teams matched up.

“We are defending champions and will have to face Ramstein at sectionals. They are the team that can take our title from us,” Matzke said. “They have a lot of depth in their roster, so we will have to work hard and make sure we peak at the right time filling our roster.

The Panthers began the season with only three seasoned wrestlers. Having such an inexperienced team was a different approach to how Matzke and fellow coach Ben Fielding ran their practices.

“We have been doing a lot of drilling and working on their favorite takedowns to try to prepare them, and get everyone healthy and eligible for sectionals and European championships,” Matzke said.

The wrestling team will attend the sectional qualifiers Feb 11, followed by the European Wrestling Championships Feb. 17-18.

### Panther placings

SHS’s first place winners were: Ruben Ramos, Benjamin Fielding, Matthew Bolduc, Isaiah Phillips, Kevin Wentland, Christopher Cheadle, Tripp Carroll, Rachel Dickenson and Harrison Aiton. Finishing in second place were Joseph Wicker, Ryan Morrow, Alex Sprague, Connor Fortier, Max Tortorelli, Christopher Hernandez, Robert Baumbach, Omar Barbee, Trevor Dunbar and Christopher Frye. Third place finishers were Ivan Centeno, William Russell, Timothy Nerad and Zachary Coffey.



Stuttgart’s Amiah Knight, jersey number 11, takes a two-point shot during the Stuttgart Junior Girls’ recent game against Grafenwoehr.

## Youth Sports Program helps teach basics and teamwork

Story and photo by Larry Reilly  
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With six different age groups that can have as many as four teams in each group, the USAG-Stuttgart Youth Sports program is one of the largest youth sports programs in the Army.

Basketball season is in full swing with an emphasis is on building a basic understanding of the sport and instilling the concept of teamwork.

“It really is all about teaching the youth the rules of the different sports programs that we offer from basketball to baseball to soccer, and helping them understand it is important to play as a member of a team,” said Nick Mosley, a youth

sports programmer with Child and Youth Services.

Youth sports programs are offered to children as young as three years old and as old as 15 years. Throughout the various age groups, there is one aspect of the game that could determine whether or not the youth will continue playing the sport.

“As a coach of girls’ basketball for a number of years, my goal is to instill the love of the game in each of the girls that I coach,” said Beth Stiens, head coach of one of the two Junior Girls’ teams. “I can and will teach them the rules of the game and playing as a team, but if I can instill the love of the game, and that is done

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## Super Bowl LI viewing party



Photo by Carola Meusel  
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STUTTGART — Garrison community members wearing the jerseys of their favorite players enjoy a Super Bowl LI viewing party at the Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne, with free pizza, raffles and

sports fun, early Monday morning, locally (Feb. 5 in Houston, Texas). They were joined by German football enthusiasts from the German-American Center/James-F.-Byrnes Institute Stuttgart. Dozens of football fans stayed up late to watch the New England Patriots defeat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-28, in an overtime comeback.

## DOD to open online exchange shopping to veterans

DoD News  
Defense Media Activity

The Defense Department announced that veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges.

The policy change will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military, DOD officials said in a news release. The shopping benefit will go into effect on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017.

While shopping privileges will exclude the purchase of uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products, privileges will include shopping on the Exchange Services' dynamic online retail environment, the release said. The change follows careful analysis, coordination and strong public support, according to officials.

"We are excited to provide these benefits to honorably discharged veterans to recognize their service and welcome them home to their military family," said Peter Levine, performing

the duties for the Under Secretary of Defense For Personnel And Readiness.

"In addition, this initiative represents a low-risk, low-cost opportunity to help fund morale, welfare and recreation programs in support of service members' and their families' quality of life. And it's just the right thing to do," Levine added.

The online benefit will also strengthen the capacity of the exchanges' online businesses to serve current patrons. The inclusion of honorably discharged veterans could double the



exchanges' online presence, according to DOD officials, thereby improving the experience for all patrons through improved vendor terms, more competitive merchandise assortments and improved

efficiencies.

"As a nation, we are grateful for the contributions of our service members," Levine said. "Offering this lifetime online benefit is one small, tangible way the nation can say 'thank you' to those who served with honor."

# Commissary store brand names unveiled

By DeCA Corporate Communications

Patrons will see 'Freedom's Choice™', 'HomeBase™' products

FORT LEE, Va. — The Defense Commissary Agency has chosen the names "Freedom's Choice™" and "HomeBase™" for its private label product assortment. That announcement came from DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu.

Private label, also known as store brands, will be appearing on commissary shelves in May.

"Commissary patrons have been telling us for quite some time that they want to take advantage of the value offered by store brands, but commissaries have not had their own brand until now," Jeu said. "We are proud of our new brands, and I believe our customers are going to be very pleased with the quality and low prices that Freedom's Choice and HomeBase bring to our shelves."

Freedom's Choice will be the commissary brand name for food items and HomeBase for nonfood items

such as paper products and other household items. With the initial rollout targeted for May, patrons in commissaries worldwide can expect to see a number of DeCA's Freedom's Choice and HomeBase products.

It takes time to develop and allow for a store brand to reach maturity, so the number of Freedom's Choice and HomeBase products will continue to grow much larger over the next four to five years.

"Freedom's Choice and HomeBase will give our patrons another chance to save money without sacrificing quality on brands priced significantly lower than national brands," Jeu said. "Our private label products will also be equal or lower in price to commercial grocery store brands."

These products will give our patrons the quality they expect and the savings they deserve."

Private label products are offered by retailers under their own, in-house brand or under a brand developed by their suppliers. DeCA conducted

extensive research into developing the commissary brands, surveying hundreds of military members and their families to obtain their input for names and logos.

"We talked to our customers about a number of package titles and showed them potential artwork for our commissary brands," said Chris Burns, DeCA's executive director for business transformation. "The Freedom's Choice and HomeBase names and logos proved to be overwhelmingly popular."

Plans to start promoting Freedom's Choice and HomeBase have already begun and commissary customers will be noticing these names and logos very soon.

In December, DeCA announced its partnership with SpartanNash to begin developing the commissary brands. SpartanNash, through its military division MDV, is the leading distributor of grocery products to military commissaries in the United States.



### Stay connected to your commissary benefit

Learn more about the DeCA. Check out the latest news, see what's on sale at the Kelley, Patch and Panzer commissaries, create a shopping list, learn of food and product recalls, scan employment opportunities, read frequently asked questions, submit a customer comment form online through DeCA's Your Action Line and more. Visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### Commissary connection

Stay connected with the latest news about your most valued benefit, Hot Links to additional savings, shopping sprees, contests, commissary promotions, events and more, subscribe to the Commissary Connection newsletter. Visit [www.commissaries.com/subscribe.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/subscribe.cfm)



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by helping them to gain confidence in their ability to play the game, then I have succeeded as a coach.”

Stien’s teaching techniques were recently put to the test when the team hosted a junior’s team from Grafenwhoer. Although the girls on

both teams were between the ages of 11-14, it was evident that for some of them, this was the first time they had played organized team basketball as both teams had challenges passing the ball and playing team defense.

Tied 11-11 points at half time, Stiens brought the team together for a little pep talk.

“I went over the basic rules of the game that they were having challenges with and emphasized the need for them to play better team defense and to choose their shots wisely,” Stiens said.

The pep talk seemed to work, as the girls only allowed the Graf team to score two points in the second half

and, choosing their offensive shots wisely, they won 17-13.

As far as Stiens’ goal as a coach goes, player Amiah Knight expressed a sentiment that is music to the her ears.

“We really like playing basketball and learning how to play as a team helped us to win today,” said Knight.

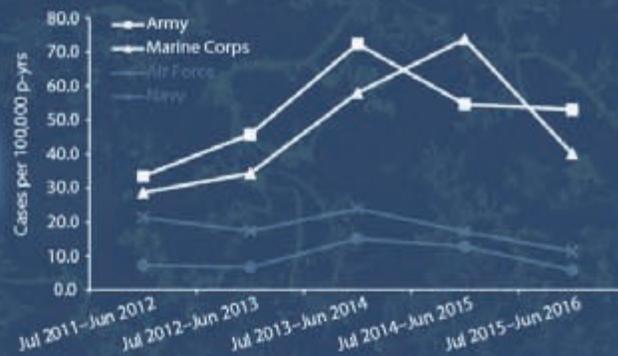
# FACTS ON COLD INJURIES U.S. Armed Forces, July 2011–June 2016

During a July 2011–2016 five-year surveillance period, overall incidence rates of cold injuries among U.S. service members declined for the two most recent winters after having peaked in winter 2013–2014. That year much of the eastern U.S. experienced colder-than-average-weather attributed to a weakening of the polar vortex.

MORE FACTS TO KNOW

For the NAVY and AIR FORCE, the rates of all cold injuries in 2015–2016 were the **LOWEST** of any year of the surveillance period.

The 2015–2016 rates for the ARMY and MARINE CORPS were **LOWER** than the rates for the **PREVIOUS 2 YEARS** but still **HIGHER** than the rates for the **FIRST 2 YEARS** of the surveillance period.



AT WAR

The numbers of cold injuries associated with service in IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN have **FALLEN** precipitously in the past four cold seasons. The 11 cases in the most recent year are the **FEWEST** in the surveillance period.



**11 CASES**  
in the most recent year

For more information on cold injuries among U.S. Armed Forces, read the *Medical Surveillance Monthly Report* at [www.Health.mil/AFHSB](http://www.Health.mil/AFHSB).





Photos by Kevin Abel, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

The Stuttgart High School JROTC rifle team displays winning trophies from the 2017 European Marksman championship in the JROTC classroom on Panzer Kaserne.

# SHS JROTC rifle team shoots for nationals

**Sgt. Eric Johnson**  
AFN Stuttgart  
Special to the Citizen

Walking down the halls of Stuttgart High School, visitors see many different trophies displayed in cases. There are a variety of them all throughout the school, but in room H00.61.1 on the second floor you'll find the home of Stuttgart's JROTC, and what lurks behind the door is their outstanding rifle team – a team so rich with tradition that they have taken the last four European marksmanship championships, and this year was no exception.

Stuttgart leaves no doubt why they are the top marksmanship program in Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe. With the 2017 championship in hand, they are now on their way to National JROTC Marksmanship Competition, in Camp Perry, Ohio, Feb. 16-18. Stuttgart junior Fallon Dickinson took top individual honors with a score of 674, which was seven points ahead of her closest competitor out of Vilseck.

“To go to nationals as a team means that we’ve been able to all work really hard collectively,” Dickinson said. “We’ve all been able to focus on the same things and learn amongst each other.”

The road for the Panthers wasn't an easy one. This year, they moved from the West division to the East division, competing against new foes and ones that weren't familiar with. With nationals coming up, they will compete against other Army JROTC teams and as luck has it, sometimes you're not lined up next to your teammate, but rather someone you don't know. Stuttgart junior Callum Funk, the team's highest scorer for the season, finished tied for third at the European championships.

“You get use being at your own range and shooting next to your teammates,” Funk said. “As with all of it you can not let anything throw you off.”

One does not think of the popularity of marksmanship at the high school level in the states, but for those who have military ties it can



SHS junior Fallon Dickinson checks her target during a recent practice for the JROTC rifle team, Jan. 31, on Panzer Kaserne.

take on a whole new meaning. The European championship is now behind them, and for some it marks the end of the season and the end of their high school career. However, for the

Stuttgart Panthers JROTC rifle team, it's just another step closer to bringing home another championship trophy that will be proudly displayed in the halls of SHS for years to come.

## See something, say something

To report suspicious activity in the Stuttgart military community, do the following:

- Call the MPs at DSN 430-5262 or civ. 0711-680-5262.
- Download the iReport app. Visit [www.eur.army.mil/iReport](http://www.eur.army.mil/iReport).
- Go to the iWatch/iReport link located on the bottom of the USAG-Stuttgart homepage to file an online report. Visit [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil).



SHS drama students play the role of their high school careers acting as terrified teens fleeing an active shooter during a training scenario, Jan. 27. The drama class enhanced the simulation for Soldiers of the 554th MP Co.

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as role players.

“Involving the drama class students really helped put realism into the exercise and our lockdown procedures, because during most normal lockdown drills, the students are aware of the drill are already in their classrooms,” said Joe Holder, school liaison officer, USAG Stuttgart. “During this exercise and drill, the drama students were not in their classrooms when the lock-down was conducted and we had them react to the active shooter scenario.”

Screaming and shouting as they fled, the drama students added realism for the MPs to react to, with some of them running out the front door just as the Soldiers were coming in the entrance.

“The intent of the exercise was to test the MPs’ capability to respond in conjunction with the exercise and the Stuttgart High School lockdown plan,” said Maj. Jay Guerrero, USAG Stuttgart Provost Marshal. “The exercise benefits the community tremendously when you have service members well-versed in reacting to an emergency situation such as an active shooter, especially when you have students running out of the school screaming and yelling.”

Although the scenario lasted only five minutes, the students’ dramatic performance in an offstage performance added realism to the situation that didn’t go unnoticed by the drama students.

“We had to act as realistic as we could when the police came in to do

their job and make it as if we were involved in a real school shooting,” said drama student Tito Mercado Jr. “It was well worth doing, because I felt like it really helped me understand what I should do if a real shooting situation ever happened.”

In addition to the scenario at SHS, numerous other incidents tested the readiness of the installation’s emergency response team and the community-at-large, including a perimeter breach, a suspicious person taking photos of the access control point and a suspicious abandoned package scenario.

Supporting this effort required the oversight of several garrison directorates and organizations. The directorates of Emergency Services; Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; Resource Management; Public Works; and the 405th Army Field Support Brigade Logistics Readiness Center Stuttgart participated in the exercise. Service members from U.S. European Command acted as “bad guys” role players for the multiple scenarios throughout the day.

“Every day the international community is faced with new tactics from our adversaries such as active shooters, homegrown violent extremism, radicalization, and cyber threats,” Robert Daul, antiterrorism officer, USAG Stuttgart, said. “As a community, we need to be observant of evolving threats as well as potential suspicious activity, and most of all, know how to report the threat.”



Spc. Caleb Braxton, 554th MP Co., uses a training weapon to cover the role player active shooter.



Contact the USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office for assistance. For all announcements in this issue, please call ahead for any late schedule changes due to the holidays.

**10 / Friday**  
**Save a life**



Red Cross classes for the first of 2017 are posted. Sign up for adult

and pediatric first aid/CPR/AED simulation learning on Feb. 10. Another first aid class takes place Feb. 21. Classes are 9 a.m. to noon. Call DSN 431-2812 or civ. 07031-15-2812.

**11 / Saturday**  
**Community flea market**

PCSing and need to lighten your load? Maybe it's time to do some decluttering. Sign up for the community flea market, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and make some extra cash by getting rid of your unwanted items. For only \$10, you can sell your hidden treasures. Limited space, so sign up today. Pay for your space at any of the Stuttgart community fitness centers. Call DSN 430-2287 or civ. 0711-680-2287 to reserve your space.

**13 / Monday**  
**SAAF electrical interruption**



Electrical service is scheduled to be temporarily interrupted at the Stuttgart Army Airfield in Bldg. B3227, Feb. 13, for 30 minutes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**14 / Tuesday**  
**CNO/CAO training**

The next training date to become a Casualty Notification Officer and Casualty Assistance Officer is Feb. 14-16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., on Panzer Kaserne in Bldg. 2913 in the Central Processing Facility classroom. Participants must attend all three days to be certified. You must be a captain or above, a chief warrant officer 2 or above, or a sergeant first class or above. Active duty military have priority. The class size is limited to 28. For more information, call DSN 431-2010.

**16 / Thursday**  
**New Dads workshop**

Freaking out about becoming a father? Join the New Parent Support Program for a 90 minute workshop for dads, by dads, to learn everything you need to know to be prepared to support mom, your baby and yourself. Feb. 16, 6:30-8 p.m., at ACS on Panzer Kaserne, Bldg. 2915, Rm. 222.

Call Call DSN 431-3518/3362 or civ. 07031-15-3518/3362.

**16 / Thursday**  
**Clinic closures**

The Stuttgart Health Clinic will be closed in the morning, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 16, and all day, Feb. 20, in observance of Presidents' Day federal holiday. For the latest information and updates, visit [www.facebook.com/stuttgartarhealthclinic/](http://www.facebook.com/stuttgartarhealthclinic/); for appointments, call DSN 590-2900 or civ. 0637-19464-2900.

**17 / Friday**  
**It's the principal**

The Department of Defense Education Activity is seeking nominations for Principal of the Year to nationally recognize principals and promote the successes of military children. Please take a few minutes to visit [www.dodea.edu/PrincipaloftheYear.cfm](http://www.dodea.edu/PrincipaloftheYear.cfm) to learn more about this program and access the nomination forms. After you fill out the form, send it back to the respective region point of contact identified on the form. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 17.

**22 / Wednesday**  
**Rodeo**

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will conduct a Total Army Sponsorship Program Rodeo, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 22, at the Panzer Kaserne Exchange.

**23 / Thursday**  
**UMUC Spring session**

Take part in a no-cost new student webinar, 6-7 p.m. local time, to attend a virtual open house. Sign up now for Spring 2017 on-site classes. Thousands of online course options are also available. For more information or to enroll, call DSN 431-2303/2305 or civ. 07031-15-2303/2305, email [Stuttgart-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:Stuttgart-europe@umuc.edu), or visit [www.europe.umuc.edu](http://www.europe.umuc.edu).

**March**  
**3 / Friday**



Become an American Red Cross-trained lifeguard. A pre-assessment takes place March 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m., at the Sindelfingen pool. The ARC course is designed to teach lifeguarding responsibilities and rescue skills, including CPR/AED for the professional rescuer certification. On the pre-assessment day, participants must be able to swim



**Leading Lady**  
Submit either a two-minute video

or 500-word essay on why you feel the special lady in your life deserves a special gift. Eight winners will receive a beautiful heart necklace to give to your loved one, courtesy of a generous donor. Submissions are due Feb. 10 at [programs.stuttgart@uso.org](http://programs.stuttgart@uso.org).

**Be my USO Valentine**

For some of us, Valentine's Day is a sweet day with a sweet treat. Come decorate Valentine's cookies, 10 a.m., Feb. 14, to give to your sweetheart. Not a Valentine's Day fan? Come to the "anti-Valentine's" side of the center and rename the holiday – tell us how you'd rather celebrate!

**Movie Night**

It's the 50th anniversary edition of the classic animated film "Sleeping Beauty," 6:30 p.m., Feb. 18. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and some lucky viewers will go home with a copy of the DVD. Guests should bring pillows, blankets and any other comfy-cozies to make the night great.

**Soup's on!**

Lunches bring us together, and varying themes keep us traveling. Quarterly lunches are a crowd favorite, and this year the USO has volunteers excited to cook up awesome meals. To kick things off, guests will enjoy soup du jour, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 22 including Hungarian goulash and baked potato soup with all of the fixin's and fresh brotchen.

**National Banana Bread Day**

Who doesn't love Banana Bread? All day long, the USO will celebrate National Banana Bread Day by having several banana bread varieties for guests to our center.

**Jamii Room story time and craft**

Just like story time on Panzer, the USO is bringing the fun to the families on Kelley Barracks. A story will be read and kids up to kindergarten age will do an accompanying craft in the Jamii Room, 10 a.m.

To sign up for these free events, call civ. 07031 201 9012, email [info.stuttgart@uso.org](mailto:info.stuttgart@uso.org) or stop by the USO Center in Bldg. 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

**Today**

**Kelley Barracks Main Gate**

The new main gate entrance at Kelley Barracks opened Feb. 2. The old main gate and the back gate were closed.

**Cookies!**

America's favorite cookies are on sale again. Cookie lovers can buy their favorite treats from any of the more than 20 troops affiliated with the Stuttgart Girl Scouts.

The Stuttgart Girl Scout troops will sell the cookies at various locations throughout the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community, including at the main Exchange on Panzer, the commissaries on Kelley, Patch, and Robinson Barracks, and the Kelley and Patch shoppettes. The cookies will be on sale until March 3, unless they sell out sooner.

Proceeds from the popular program remain with the Girl Scouts and help cover the cost of programs and to fund the Girl Scout leadership program locally. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the Girl Scout troop making the sale and funds activities such as trips, donations to a troop's favorite cause, or supplies for weekly troop activities.

Visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

**RSO moves**

The garrison's Religious Support Office is consolidating some service locations this month which may temporarily effect front door service in some cases. As of Jan. 27, the office of the Director of Religious Education in Bldg. 2948 has moved from Rm. 408 to Rm. 415. The phone number remains the same. Also, the Patch Barracks community chaplain will move from Bldg. 2305 on Patch to Bldg. 2940 on Panzer at the Panzer Chapel, Feb. 10. A new contact number is to be determined.

**Tax Center now open**

The Tax Center on Kelley Barracks is now open weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., to assist the community with free 2016 tax filing services to all military personnel, DoD civilians and family member ID cardholders in the Stuttgart military community. For more information, call the Stuttgart Law Center DSN 421-2817 or civ. 711-729-421-2817.

300 yards using freestyle and breast-stroke; swim 20 yards, dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound object and swim 20 yards back to the starting point (head out of water), and climb out of the pool without using the steps or ladder within one minute 40 seconds; and tread water for two minutes without using arms or hands. Participants must be 15 or older by completion of the class (proof required). For more information, call the ARC Stuttgart station at DSN 431-3054/2812 or civ. 0703-15-2812.

**Volksmarch Rothenburg**

Join the Stuttgart German-American Wandering Club for a volksmarch at Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a charming town always worth a visit. The three trails in the morning are outside the walls, and in the afternoon, folks may also do the 11k Altstadtwanderung (old town walk) which winds through the town's cobbled streets past museums and open shops. Price for members/non-members: 25/30 Euros, which covers the bus and the start card for the morning walk (the old town walk is an additional 2 Euros. To sign up, email [tours@sgawc.org](mailto:tours@sgawc.org).

**15 / Wednesday**



**Kelley Hotel**

The Kelley Hotel is now tentatively scheduled to re-open March 15. The refurbishing project continues. For lodging needs before then, please contact the Panzer Hotel front desk at DSN 431-3490 or civ. 07031-15-3090.

**Ongoing**

**Patch Ski Club**

The Patch Ski Club offers many organized trips to get outdoors throughout the year for skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking, golfing, music festivals, wine tasting, river rafting, and more. The Patch Ski Club is a private, non-profit organization open to all U.S. ID cardholders regardless of ability level. For more information about the club and upcoming trips, visit [www.patchskiclub.com](http://www.patchskiclub.com).

**Court maintenance**

All fitness centers are undergoing maintenance in one form or another. In some facilities, basketball and racquetball courts will not be accessible for use. Some fitness classes will not be available or will be relocated. Kelley Fitness Center basketball court construction is scheduled through all of February. During the scheduled work, the court will not be

accessible and some fitness classes will not be available. Contact DSN 421-2543 or civ. 0711-729-2543.

**SCSC Patch Thrift Shop**

The Patch Thrift Shop on Patch Barracks is looking for many volunteers to help with its Spring Bazaar. This year, volunteers will be eligible for red carpet shopping, 9-10 a.m., March 17, before the bazaar opens to the community. Volunteers will also be entered into a raffle for "bazaar bucks." All others who work a shift will be entered into a volunteer-only raffle. There's a lot of work to be done.

The bazaar is a major source of funding for SCSC scholarships and welfare grants, so volunteers will be giving back to the community while participating in an awesome shopping experience. (For information about the scholarships, see p. 8.) For questions about the Spring Bazaar, email [scsc.bazaarvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:scsc.bazaarvolunteer@gmail.com).

**Vote!**

Overseas voters must submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) every calendar year. Submitting an FPCA to their state local election official will register eligible voters to vote, update their mailing address with their state local election office, and request an absentee ballot for all state and federal

elections to include primary elections for the calendar year. The FPCA can be obtained from Unit Voting Assistance Officers and the Installation Voting Assistance Office in Building 2913, Room 114 on Panzer Kaserne, or online at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Installation Voting Assistance Office, at DSN 431-2865 or email: [usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.list.vote-stuttgart@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.list.vote-stuttgart@mail.mil).

**Youth of the Chapel**

The Stuttgart Religious Support Office is excited to announce Youth of the Chapel, a weekly group event that provides fellowship opportunities and education for youth in grades 7-12. Gatherings take place Wednesdays, 5-6:45 p.m., at the Panzer Chapel Fellowship Hall, Panzer Kaserne.

For information, contact the RSO, visit [www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-rso.html](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-rso.html).

**Panzer Back Gate**

The back gate afternoon hours are: inbound (right turn only), Monday – Friday: 6:30-9:30 a.m. (regular school days, only busses are allowed to turn left at back gate from the Schönaich direction) and outbound traffic (again, right

turn only), weekdays, 2:45 - 5 p.m.

**Kelley Barracks Pine Strasse**

Traffic detours continue through the end of February for the closure of Pine Straße, from Spruce Straße to the parking lot entrance at the end of the dog run. Traffic flow detours onto Maple Straße near buildings 3309 and 3308.

**Patch Barracks sidewalks**

Ongoing repair of sidewalks and stairs connecting to Florida Straße on Patch Barracks, near Buildings 2406, 2411, and 2447, continues through July.

**Army Family Housing BBQ's**

Work on the Kelley and Robinson Barracks barbecue areas in buildings 300-313 on Robinson Barracks, and in buildings 3400-3408 on Kelley Barracks, continues until April.

**POV inspection online appointments – email required**

Email confirmation is required for POV inspection appointments. If you have not received an email confirmation, call DSN 475-5045 or civ. 09641-83-5054 DSN 475-5045 or civ. 09641-83-5054/. The link is updated on the garrison homepage at [stuttgart.army.mil](http://stuttgart.army.mil). You'll need a CAC card to use the link.

**The Citizen**

**Sign up for USAG Stuttgart email**

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's community online and print news publication, "The Citizen," is updated daily with announcements on services, programs, events and information for the Stuttgart military community living both on and off-post. People are encouraged to use a non-.mil email to ensure delivery of information on garrison activities. Those who have previously subscribed with an email that ends in mail.mil may no longer receive updates due to recent computer and operating system restrictions. Visit [www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com) on the homepage right panel to sign up to stay informed.



**Visit the garrison Facebook page**

Find out what's going on in your community and "like" what you see on the USAG Stuttgart Facebook page. To join the conversation, visit [www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart](http://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart).



**COMING TO PATCH THEATER**

**Thursday, February 9**

Rings (PG-13) 1800

**Friday, February 10**

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) 1800  
Fifty Shades Darker (R) 2100

**Saturday, February 11**

The Lego Batman Movie in 3D (PG) 1500  
John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) 1800  
Fifty Shades Darker (R) 2100

**Sunday, February 12**

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) 1500  
John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) 1800

**Tuesday, February 14**

Happy Valentine's Day!  
Fifty Shades Darker (R) 1800

**Wednesday, February 15**

John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) 1800

**Thursday, February 16**

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) 1800

**Friday, February 17**

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) 1600  
The Great Wall (PG-13) 1800  
A Cure for Wellness (R) 2100

**Saturday, February 18**

The Great Wall in 3D (PG-13) 1500  
Fist Fight (R) 1800  
Patriot's Day (R) 2100

**Sunday, February 19**

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) 1500  
Fifty Shades Darker (R) 1800

**Wednesday, February 22**

The Great Wall (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: <http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-Patch-Barracks.htm>*



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**John Wick: Chapter 2** – Keanu Reeves returns in the sequel to the 2014 hit as legendary hitman John Wick who is forced to back out of retirement by a former associate plotting to seize control of a shadowy international assassins' guild. Bound by a blood oath to help him, John travels to Rome where he squares off against some of the world's deadliest killers.

# Remembrance held for 40 years after Barcelona



Photo by Fabio Peña

The USS Trenton (LPD-14), an Austin-class amphibious transport dock, is shown moored at Barcelona, Jan. 23, 1977. The Trenton continues to serve with the Indian navy as the INS Jalashwa.

**John Reese**  
U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

STUTTGART — On a chilly winter night, the future lives of two young Sailors, separated half a world away and then unknown to each other became intertwined when tragedy struck in a Spanish port, Jan. 17, 1977. Forty years later, the shipmates journeyed from their civilian duty stations at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Panzer Kaserne to remember 49 Sailors and Marines who lost their lives when a freighter collided with an amphibious assault landing craft returning them from a liberty call.

Kerry Dauphinee, coordinator, Exceptional Family Member Program, and Joe Holder, School Liaison Officer, both

of USAG Stuttgart and both Navy veterans, joined survivors, rescuers, Gold Star family members, and Spanish and American officials in Barcelona, Spain, in remembrance of those lost that winter night four decades ago.

Ships Serviceman, 2nd Class Dauphinee, 24, was on a long voyage. His ship, the USS Guam, had visited Mombasa, Kenya, spent Christmas in Egypt at the Pyramids, transited the Suez Canal, participated in an exercise off coast of Greece and made a port call at Naples, Italy, before arriving at Barcelona. He, his bunkmate, 19 year old named Michael Sims, and his petty officer went ashore to enjoy the hospitality of the Spanish port.

When his supervisor suffered a heart

attack ashore, Dauphinee escorted the petty officer to the fleet landing to board the next-to-last run of the LCM, taking him to the sickbay aboard the Guam.

Around 2 a.m., a low-profile LCM-6 "Mike" boat (landing craft-medium), in service as a liberty boat, was carrying 124 Sailors and Marines in its open cargo bay back to their home ships, the USS Guam and USS Trenton, after an evening in Barcelona. The ships were anchored more than a mile offshore, outside of the harbor. It was the last ride home of the night; to miss it would've been to miss roll-call the next morning.

The boat rounded a high commercial pier straight into the path of the Spanish freighter Urlea. There was no time to react — the much larger freighter rammed the crowded Mike boat, striking it twice and causing it to capsize. The impact threw many of the passengers into the cold water of the harbor or trapped those not killed outright in air pockets in the overturned ship. Some of the Sailors and Marines swam to shore 80 feet away; others climbed atop the hull.

"Shortly after the accident, at 2 a.m., the Guam sounded collision alarm," Dauphinee said. "Normally, a collision alarm included an announcement of the frame number to minimize casualties."

But there was no announcement and both ships had to account for all personnel.

"The word just got around quick that the Mike boat got hit," Dauphinee explained. "In the Navy we call it muster, and we had to keep on mustering because they hadn't recovered everybody."

Rescue efforts began immediately. The Guam and Trenton mustered rescue and assistance details. Spanish and American divers went into the 40 degree water to search for survivors.

Communication wasn't good due to language differences, Holder said, but the divers from both countries saw there were survivors trapped below, holding on to a bar in an air pocket, and that they were running out of air.

"They were in the water for several hours, trapped underneath there, so the divers released air into the space," Holder said. "Whatever light there was came from the divers, otherwise, it was pitch black."

After rescuing the living, it soon became apparent that it had become a recovery operation, as so many personnel had been killed. Twenty-five personnel from the Guam and 24 from Trenton had perished, the breakdown being 25 Sailors and 24 Marines.

Dauphinee's bunkmate, Sims, was one of the casualties.

"There was a strong likelihood that my supervisor and I would've been on the boat that got hit," Dauphinee said.



Photo by Navy League, Barcelona

Joe Holder, chaplain, VFW Post 10810, offers a prayer in the Royal Nautical Club during the memorial ceremony, Jan. 17 as Kerry Dauphinee, right, bows his head in remembrance.



Gold Star family members and survivors gather at the harbor in Barcelona. The path in the center is following a path similar to the Mike

# Shipmates a tragedy

“They became lifelong brothers; they had a shared experience,” Dauphinee said. “We were on the boat just an hour prior.”

Another of the shipmates who attended passed away a week to the day after the ceremony, Dauphinee said.

“Another shipmate who went into the water helping with the rescue got hypothermia, suffered a heart attack and died 52 hours after the accident,” he said.

Dauphinee spoke at the event and Holder, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, European Chapter, Post 10810, acted as chaplain. Holder and past VFW Europe department chief of staff, master of ceremonies Tony Millett from Nurnberg, went down early to coordinate at the event.

“We did a two-bell ceremony for the remembrance of fallen. It’s a Navy tradition,” Holder said. “The colonel would say the name of the Marine, and Kerry would say the name of the sailor, and after they said whatever ship they were on, I gave two rings on the bell.”

“And if their loved one was there, they’d stand up in silence for recognition,” Dauphinee said.

Emotions ran high, and even the lieutenant colonel hesitated after a name was called, Holder said.

Following the ceremony, the Marines lead a procession to lay wreaths at a monument to the fallen. Catherine Gurney, who lost her brother, Lance Cpl. Michael T. Gurney, brought 49 red and 75 white roses. Spanish authorities closed off a bridge leading from the Royal Nautical Club to the memorial site in support of the remembrance.

A 40th anniversary ceremony took place at the site of the accident, Jan. 17, 2017. Shipmate Lamar Thomas and his wife, Lisa, coordinated the event with Holder from their home in Amarillo, Texas, and were among the attendees. Six of the divers, including the Spanish divers who helped with the rescue and recovery, the crane operator who helped raise the LCM, and a number of Gold Star family members attended the memorial at the port’s Royal Nautical Club.

One shipmate still has jacket he wearing that night.

“That night taught us something different — that we weren’t indestructible.”

Walked into room and shipmate said “Kerry, I remember you.” Blew me away. 40 years, and this guy said “you haven’t changed a bit.” Had been ashore when first responders.

Lt. Col. David F. Lawrence, Marine attaché, Spain, came from his station in Madrid along with six Marines (two from the embassy and four from Quantico, Va., in country for a regular consulate security assessment). The Marines voluntarily brought their dress uniforms to form a color guard for the ceremony. Typically, they wouldn’t bring their dress uniforms for a security assessment, Holder said.

Two of Dauphinee’s shipmates, who didn’t know each other until the ceremony, attended.



Photo by Royal Nautical Club

A volunteer honor guard of six Marines carry wreaths as they lead a procession from the Royal Nautical Club to memorial site. The wreath at the front is made of 49 red roses and 75 white flowers. Barcelonean authorities closed the bridge over the harbor for the remembrance attendees to pass over and secured the area around the memorial.



Photo by Fabio Peña

The USS Guam (LPH-9), an Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship, is shown dockside in Barcelona harbor following the accident, Jan. 30, 1977. The Guam was decommissioned in 1998 and served as a target in a SINKEX, Oct. 16, 2001.

Holder said it was the first time that many of the Gold Star family members witnessed force protection measures taken before the memorial.

“It gave them a better sense of what the men and women stationed overseas go through on a daily basis for operational security and force protection,” he said.

Although he was stationed on Okinawa at the time of the accident and didn’t meet Dauphinee until years later, Holder and his shipmates in the Pacific were using the same class of Mike boats. Holder was to land Marines in amphibious training with the LCM-6.

“Specific safety rules and regulations, the number of personnel aboard ... the Navy changed operations,” Holder said. “These Sailors and Marines didn’t die and nothing changed from it —that’s not true. Things did change.”

Dauphinee still has powerful memories from the accident.

“One of the things I’ve thought of over the years was ‘what were the people on the pier doing?’ And what I found was the people there tried to help out with the rescue as much as possible,”

he said. “It hasn’t been until recently that I’ve been able to come to terms.”

At the remembrance, one of the Spanish divers spoke through an interpreter.

“He said, ‘Never before or since has anything ever impacted him as much as this one rescue. I want to thank you for making me young again,’” Dauphinee said.

A 45th year remembrance is already in the planning.



Photo from Wikipedia

This is an LCM-6 “Mike” boat, the same kind of landing craft that was being used on Jan. 17, 1977, as a liberty boat. The boat, which had a very low profile in the water, came under increased safety measures following the collision that affected similar craft throughout the Navy.



Photo by Joe Holder, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart

the fleet landing, Jan. 17, the point in the harbor where Sailors and Marines boarded the LCM-6. The boat that fateful night. The freighter would have come from the right, visually hidden by the pier.

# Have fun with the locals

## ADVENTURES IN NATURE

Sat, Feb 11

### Stuttgart, Jugendfarm Freiberg

Experience nature and life on the farm at the Jugendfarm (youth farm) Freiberg/Rot, which is perfect for young children. Children of all ages can get to know the animals by helping to feed them and learning about their natural habitats. Fridays are workshop days where you can dance, play and do various sports. There is a different program every day. Opening hours vary during school days. For more information go to [www.jugendfarmfreiberg.de](http://www.jugendfarmfreiberg.de)

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events

### EVENTS

#### Chocolate Museum workshop

Fri, Feb 10

#### Waldenbuch, Rittersport Chocolate Museum

Another great chocolate to try is Ritter Sport. The "quadratisch, praktisch, gut" (square, practical, good) chocolate is a well-known and popular brand in Germany. Come to the museum and explore how the perfect square is made and why not sign your children up for a Chocolate Workshop. It costs €7 and is 75 minutes long. To sign up, call 07157-97-704 or go to [www.schokowerkstatt.ritter-sport.de](http://www.schokowerkstatt.ritter-sport.de)

#### Traditional horse market

Fri, Feb 10 – Tue, Feb 14

#### Leonberg, city center

Participate in the tradition-steeped Leonberger Pferdemarkt (horse market) from February 10 to 14. Since 1684 the market combines traditional trading, equestrian sports, seminars, parties and shows. A special highlight is the annual "Festumzug," a parade with marching bands, decorated floats pulled by horses and much more entertainment, taking place on February 14 starting at 2 p.m. For more info go to [www.leonberg.de](http://www.leonberg.de)

#### Sunday shopping

Sun, Feb 12

#### Leonberg, city center

Need to get out of the house, maybe just a bit of window shopping? We have the place for you. Come to Leonberg where the shops will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on February 12. Find bargains and whilst in town stroll through the horse market. For more information go to [www.leonberg.de](http://www.leonberg.de)

### Book week

Now - Sun, Feb 19

#### Stuttgart, Treffpunkt Rotbühlplatz

Stuttgart invites you to their annual book week for children and adolescents at Treffpunkt Rotbühlplatz between February 8 and 19. More than 70 books will be on display, famous authors will read from their masterpieces and an enthusiastic staff can't wait to inform you on newcomers and their favorite reads of the year. Books are in German, but that shouldn't stop you from trying out your skills. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information go to [www.kinder-jugendbuchwochen.de](http://www.kinder-jugendbuchwochen.de)

### Culinary walks

Sun, Feb 12

#### Stuttgart, city center

If you are looking to enjoy a bit of culture then join the culinary walk in Stuttgart. It is offered from January 1 until December 31, 2017. This tour will take you through the streets of Stuttgart and to top it off also includes a full 3-course meal. The tour is approximately 4 hours long. You will be hearing some interesting facts about Stuttgart's specialties, its past and present. For more information see [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de) or call 0711 222 81 00 to reserve. A maximum of 10 participants is needed. Price is €38. For more information about the tour go to [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de)

### Finissimo

Fri, Feb 17

#### Stuttgart, Weingärtner Uhlbach

Wine is a great topic to become familiar with. Finissimo is just that kind of event opening doors to wines you have never sampled. On February 17, at Weingärtner Uhlbach you can try up to 4 different wines and listen in on presentations about wine for a whole 2

hours. The event starts at 7 p.m. and costs €15 per person. For more information visit [www.collegium-wirtemberg.de](http://www.collegium-wirtemberg.de)

### Saturday night sauna

Sat, Feb 18

#### Filderstadt, Fildorado

Enjoy a special Saturday sauna night on February 18 where you can listen to the live band Soultrip, drink tasty cocktails and indulge in culinary delights. You can have massages and so much more. Come from 7 p.m. to get the full effect. For more information visit [www.fildorado.de](http://www.fildorado.de)

### Underground tour

Sun, Feb 19

#### Esslingen, city center

Experience Esslingen's underground during the tour "Keller, Krypta, Katakomben" (cellars, crypts, catacombs). The tour will start at 6 p.m. from the "Dicker Turm" (big tower) at the castle and will lead to Esslingen's osuary under the city archive, some excavations and many more secret locations. The tour is normally in German but if you inform the Tourist Information at your registration, they will do a bilingual tour. Admission is €11. For more info call 0711-39693969 or see [www.esslingen-marketing.de](http://www.esslingen-marketing.de)

### City tour – hop on, hop off

Thu, Feb 23

#### Stuttgart, city center

Join us and discover the most important sights Stuttgart has to offer on Feb 23! It goes without saying that you will enjoy first class sound and experience quality! This 24-hour hop-on, hop-off ticket gives you plenty of opportunities to discover the city in your own way. At nine important stops in the Stuttgart urban area – the TopStops – you can get on and off when

you like. If you would rather stay aboard and enjoy the city's flair from the comfort of your seat, the round trip lasts approximately 100 minutes. Cost is €15. To find out more go to [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de)

### SPORTS

#### Basketball

Sat, Feb 11

#### Ludwigsburg, Arena

Neckar Riesen are playing against GiesSEN 46ers on February 11 from 8:30 p.m. For more information and tickets go to [www.mhp-riesen-ludwigsburg.de](http://www.mhp-riesen-ludwigsburg.de)

#### Soccer

Sun, Feb 12

#### Stuttgart, Mercedes Benz Arena

VfB Stuttgart Bundesliga team is playing against SV Sandhausen on February 12. The game starts at 1:30 p.m. For tickets go to [www.vfb.de](http://www.vfb.de)

### CONCERTS

#### Milow

Sun, May 7

#### Frankfurt, Batschkapp

Milow will be live in concert on May 7 in Frankfurt. Show starts at 8 p.m. Ticket price is €43.20. For more info go to [www.milow.com](http://www.milow.com)

#### Deep Purple

Wed, Jun 14

#### Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Halle

Deep Purple are going on tour promoting their new album called "Infinite." See them live on June 14 at Stuttgart's Schleyer-Halle. Ticket price starts at €70.90. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information and further show dates go to [www.deeppurple.com](http://www.deeppurple.com)

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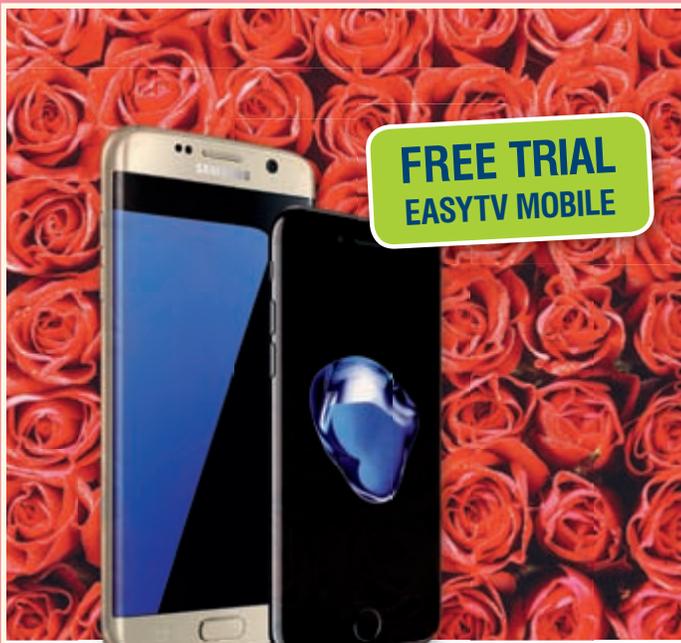
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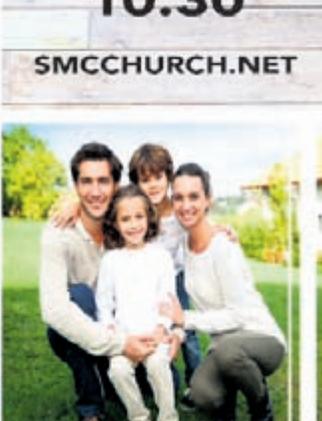
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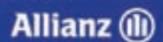


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