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Remember the legacy of Dr. King while having a safe weekend

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U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart

Next Monday, Jan. 16, we remember and celebrate the life of one of America's most respected leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is an opportunity to honor the values he exemplified in his life as well as his teachings. King's values are similar to the Army's: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

The MLK federal holiday became a national day of community service – a day on, not off. As King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

The long holiday weekend also affords us an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, participate in the various 'MLK' celebration events, enjoy a short winter get-away, or simply to rest. Hazardous winter road conditions due to ice, snow, rain and/or fog, coupled with extended hours of

darkness, increases the risk of vehicle accidents. If you plan to travel, remember that the decisions you make before and during travel can save your life and the



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lives of others. Make sure your vehicle is winterized and is in safe operating condition, check weather forecasts, take along an emergency kit, and drive defensively, yet appropriately, for the weather conditions.

Home fire risk also increases with cold weather. Make certain to be particularly careful when using wood stoves, fireplaces, space heaters, and candles. When using heat generating products and equipment, remember to also invest in a carbon monoxide detection device to safeguard yourself and family from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Please don't drive if you consume

an alcoholic beverage — it's not worth the risk to your career or someone's life. There are many ways to take public transportation or get a ride from a friend. If you plan to drink, have a plan for how you will get home.

I ask that each of you remain aware of the safety risks that life presents to us every day. Safety awareness is critical to preventing accidents and maintaining our readiness.

Remember to plan your holiday weekend activities with an eye toward minimizing hazards and returning to work rested ready to support the USAG Stuttgart community and Army missions.

As you enjoy this holiday weekend, take a moment to reflect and celebrate not only Dr. King, but also on all who have fought so hard for freedom, equality, and dignity for all.

Remember that you are your family's most valuable asset.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Happy New Year!

Be weather wise with garrison road conditions and closures

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

When winter weather strikes on an early weekday morning, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members can check the status of roads on-post and information about any cancellations, closures or delays.

The garrison uses Facebook to keep the community informed when decisions are made that impact operations due to the weather.

The garrison's Installation Operations Center uses Facebook for these weather announcements because it is the fastest and most reliable way to reach the widest number of people throughout the Stuttgart U.S. military community.

Facebook users are encouraged to visit the USAG Stuttgart page directly and not wait for announcements to appear in their personal feed, as the feed could be significantly delayed.

Additionally, traffic updates air daily during the morning show on American Forces Network Stuttgart (102.3 FM or via the mobile app AFN360) and community members can also call the Weather and Road Condition Hotline for a recorded update.

How on-post road conditions are assessed

Military Police patrols start assessing routes at midnight and continue every hour during periods of inclement weather, according to the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Based on these reports, the garrison commander decides if road conditions warrant additional precautions to minimize risk to community members, including delaying or cancelling schools, reducing garrison support to only essential services, cancelling events and trips, and/or limiting government vehicle movement to critical or emergency missions only. This decision is made by 5:30 a.m. The same process is used if road conditions change during the day to determine if early release is warranted. Emergency and essential services will continue regardless of weather or road conditions.

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

Road conditions are only assessed on-post and only apply to roads on USAG Stuttgart installations. Road conditions off-post are not assessed by the MPs. Individual drivers are strongly encouraged to perform a self-assessment regarding their individual off-post commuting routes.

Contact leadership

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

IOC and Weather Hotline

Community members may call the Weather and Road Condition Hotline at DSN 431-3744 or civ. 07031-15-3744. On business days during the winter months, notifications are posted by the Installation Operations Center to the official USAG Stuttgart Facebook page by no later than 5:30 a.m.

Visit www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart.

Correction



In the Dec. 15 issue of "The Citizen," a photo of U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Tim Ray, deputy commander, U.S. European Command, speaking at the Patch Barracks tree lighting ceremony, Dec. 9, was incorrectly identified as the EUCOM commander.



Photo by U.S. Army Recruiting Command Public Affairs

Sgt. 1st Class Matt Vinson, Kansas City Battalion, USAREC, learns the proper form for the deadlift at the OPAT train the trainer course on Fort Knox, Kentucky, Feb. 22, 2016.



Photo by Army News Service

Soldiers administer the "strength deadlift" portion of the OPAT to potential recruits during an OPAT pilot program.

New Army fitness standards for recruits, MOS transfers

David Vergun

Army News Service

On Jan. 3, the Army began administering the Occupational Physical Assessment Test, or OPAT, to all recruits to assess their fitness for military occupational specialties. The OPAT also will be used to assess some Soldiers who are reclassifying into a different MOS.

Army Recruiting Command estimates that the OPAT will be administered to about 80,000 recruits and thousands of cadets annually. Soldiers moving into more physically demanding MOSs also will have to meet the OPAT standard, said Jim Bragg, retention and reclassification branch chief for Army Human Resources Command.

Under the OPAT, there are four physical demand categories, Bragg explained.

- *Heavy (black).*
- *Significant (gray).*
- *Moderate (gold).*
- *Unqualified (white).*

When a Soldier wishes to reclassify to a new MOS from the significant category to the heavy category, for example, he or she will need to take the OPAT. However, a Soldier whose new MOS falls within the same or a lower level physical demand category will not need to take the OPAT.

The Soldier's commander will be responsible for ensuring the OPAT is administered prior to approval of a reclassification, Bragg said. As with any reclassification action, the battalion-level or brigade-level career counselor

will administer the OPAT.

When it comes to recruiting, Brian Sutton, a spokesman for Army Recruiting Command, said the OPAT is not meant to turn away or weed people out.

"It is designed to put the right people in the right jobs and to ensure we keep our recruits safe while doing so," he said.

OPAT scoring is gender neutral, he added. All Soldiers, male and female, must pass the same physical standards for their desired career field.

The test will be administered to everyone coming into the Army: officer, enlisted, active, Reserve and Guard, he said. It will be administered by any command responsible for Soldier assessments — including Recruiting Command and Army Cadet Command — after the Soldier swears in but before he or she begins training.

Four tests of OPAT

OPAT measures muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, explosive power and speed. It consists of four individual tests:

- The "standing long jump," is designed to assess lower-body power. Participants stand behind a take-off line with their feet parallel and shoulder-width apart. They jump as far as possible.
- The "seated power throw," is designed to assess upper-body power. Participants sit on the floor with their lower back against a yoga block and upper back against a wall. They hold a 4.4 pound (2 kilogram) medicine ball with both hands, bring the medicine ball to

their chest and then push or throw the medicine ball upwards and outwards at an approximate 45 degree angle. The throw is scored from the wall to the nearest 10 centimeters from where the ball first contacts the ground.

- The "strength deadlift," is designed to assess lower-body strength. Participants stand inside a hex-bar and perform practice lifts to ensure good technique. They then begin a sequence of lifts starting with 120 pounds, working up to 220 pounds.
- The "interval aerobic run," always performed last, is designed to assess aerobic capacity. The evaluation involves running "shuttles" or laps between two designated points that are spaced 20 meters apart. The running pace is synchronized with "beeps" produced by a loudspeaker at specific intervals. As the test progresses, the time between beeps gets shorter, requiring recruits to run faster in order to complete the shuttle. Participants are scored by the level they reach and the number of shuttles they complete.

Four physical demand categories

Here is a quick breakdown of the four physical demand categories incorporated into the OPAT:

- "Black" is for MOSs with heavy physical demands, like those of the combat arms branches, that require lifting or moving 99 pounds or more.

To attain black on the OPAT, the recruit or Soldier would need to achieve a minimum of 5 feet, 3 inches in the standing long jump; 14 feet, 9 inches for

the seated power throw; 160 pounds for the strength deadlift; and a 10:14 minute mile over the course of 43 shuttles.

- "Gray" is for MOSs with significant physical demands that require frequent or constant lifting of 41 to 99 pounds and occasional tasks involving moving up to 100 pounds.

To attain gray on the OPAT, the recruit or Soldier would need to achieve a minimum of 4 feet, 7 inches in the standing long jump; 13 feet, 1 inch for the seated power throw; 140 pounds for the strength deadlift; and a 10:20 minute mile over the course of 40 shuttles.

- "Gold" is for MOSs with moderate physical demands, such as cyber, that require frequent or constant lifting of weights up to 40 pounds or when all physical demands are occasional.

To attain gold on the OPAT, the recruit or Soldier would need to achieve a minimum of 3 feet, 11 inches in the standing long jump; 11 feet, 6 inches for the seated power throw; 120 pounds for the strength deadlift; and a 10:27 minute mile over the course of 36 shuttles.

- "White" is unqualified.

A recruit or Soldier who attains white has failed to meet OPAT's minimum standards.

Sutton noted that if a recruit fails the OPAT, he or she can request to re-take the test. If the recruit cannot eventually pass the OPAT color designator for his or her MOS, it could be possible to renegotiate the contract that would allow the recruit to go into an MOS with a lower physical demand OPAT category, the minimum being Gold.

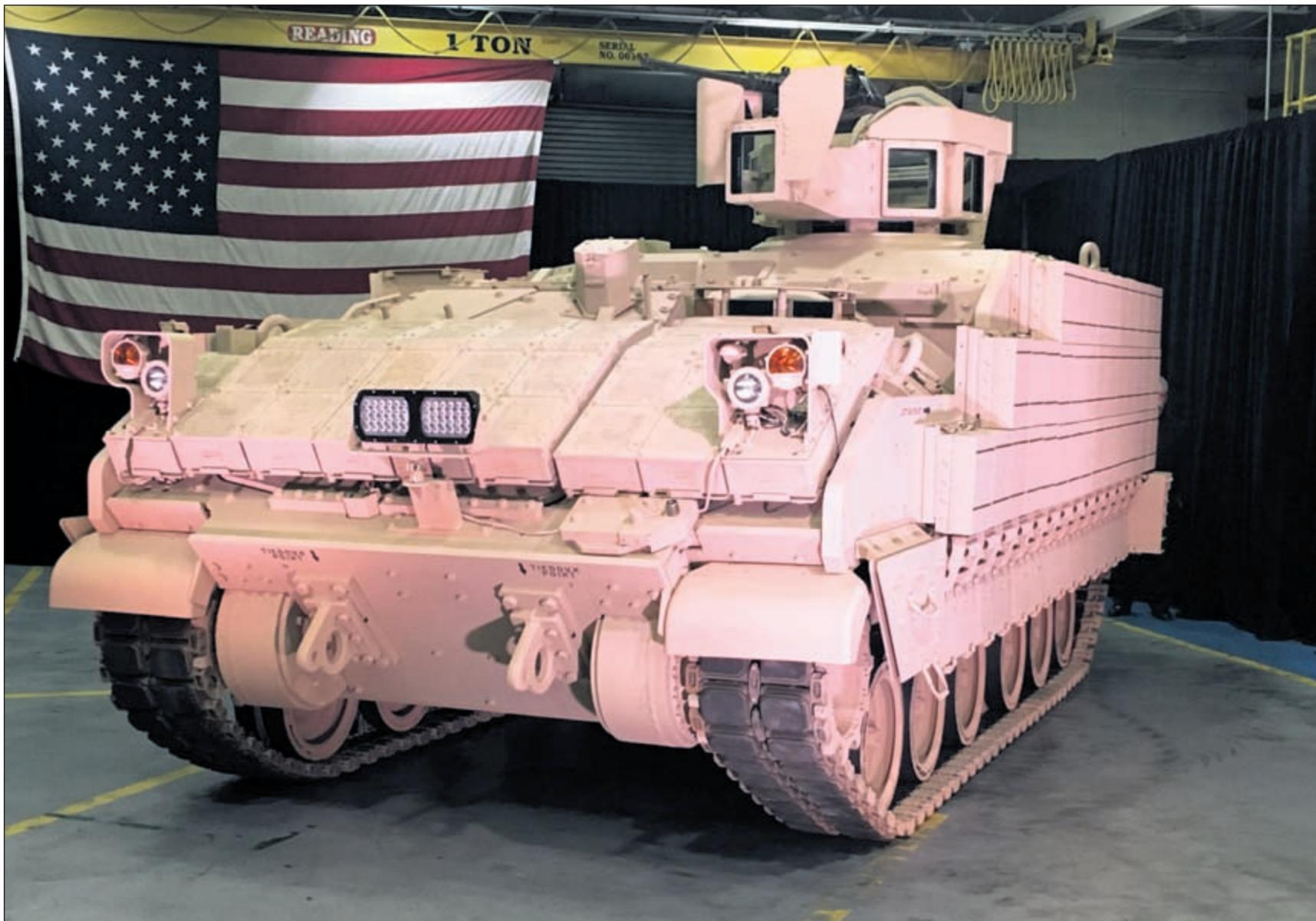


Photo courtesy of PEO Ground Combat Systems

The first Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle rolled off the production line in York, Pennsylvania, Dec. 15, 2016. It is shown here during a demonstration shortly after roll-out.

Army's first armored multi-purpose vehicle rolls off production line

David Vergun
Army News Service

The AMPV will replace the Army's aging M113 family of vehicles that today make up 32 percent of the armored brigade combat team vehicle fleet, said Col. Mike Milner, project manager, AMPV, during the rollout ceremony. The M113 was first produced in 1960.

Capabilities

Milner said AMPV will provide significantly more size, power, cooling and mobility than the M113 to the ABCT.

"[The AMPV] will enable mission command on the move, restore indirect fires for the combined arms battalions, provide protection and survivability to the company's logistical forces and provide significantly greater care to wounded Soldiers than was previously available," Milner said.

"All of this while providing protection and survivability levels well above the capabilities in the field today."

While pointing out the AMPV on display behind him, Erwin Beiber, president, Platforms and Services, BAE Systems, Inc. — the company that was awarded the contract — said the AMPV will include five variants. The variant on display was the general purpose variant.

Other AMPV variants currently in various phases of build include:

- Mission command.
- Medical treatment.
- Medical evacuation.
- Mortar carrier.

The AMPV will create a tremendous amount of commonality in the fleet, Beiber added. "When this gets out there with Bradleys, that high degree of commonality will hold down costs in production and full-life-cycle costs, supply, training and troop support to these vehicles and that will be absolutely fantastic," he said.

On time, on budget

That the first prototype of AMPV was rolled out just shy of 24 months

after the contract was awarded is significant, Milner said, a short time in Army acquisition programs. The AMPV was rolled out, he noted, on cost and on schedule, fewer than six months after its critical design review.

"There are so few programs today that have delivered prototypes this quickly," he said. "[Now] we can get it into test and eventually into production."

Beiber attributed the quick turnaround, in part, to the fact that the AMPV is built on prior programs like the Bradley and Paladin Integrated Management program. Bringing a lot of that mature technology to this program, he said, "significantly de-risked the timeline to execute this program."

Maj. Gen. David G. Bassett, program executive officer for Ground Combat Systems, credited Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley with keeping the program moving forward.

"His personal involvement has prevented this program from falling into the trap that's caught other

programs and caused them not to succeed," he said. "[Milley has] ensured we've stayed aligned with his priorities to deliver the appropriate combination of protection, mobility, reliability ... on budget and on schedule."

Bassett added, "This is not the finish line. The last thing we want to do is celebrate too soon, like Navy did" near the end of the Army-Navy game in Baltimore last week, in which Army was triumphant.

"We're not going to rest," he said. "We're going to be relentless until we deliver AMPVs across every ABCT in the Army. Our Soldiers deserve nothing less."

He concluded: "The [ABCT] is not the kind of formation you send out when you want to put up a school, hand out bags of rice or build a road. It's for dominating our nation's adversaries. It is our most lethal formation. There are no more lethal formations on the ground today in the world than a U.S. Army ABCT. This vehicle ... will make this ABCT even stronger."

School schedules determined by weather and garrison commander

Sonja Rodriguez
Principal, Stuttgart Elementary School

School does not normally close solely because of snow and road conditions. However, such closings or delays may be necessary in the event of unusually severe weather.

Winter cannot decide whether to visit short or long term in the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community. If school is closed, students enjoy a pajama day at home; if school is delayed, it will usually begin at 10 a.m. and the bus routes will run two hours later than usual.

Military Police patrols start assessing routes at midnight and continue every hour during periods of inclement weather. The decision to close or delay school is made by the garrison commander after careful evaluation of predicted road and weather conditions. On business days during the



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winter months, weather notifications are posted by the Installation Operations center to the official USAG Facebook page by 5:30 a.m. The page is accessible to all Internet users, even to those without a Facebook account.

School closures and delays are announced throughout the day on AFN radio frequencies AM 1143 and FM 102.3.

As always, parents are encouraged to check the garrison's webpage and Facebook link.

Editor's note: The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs Office contributed to this story.



What's the weather going to be?

For more information, call the Stuttgart Weather and Road

Condition Hotline at DSN 431-3744, or civ. 07031-15-3744, or log onto www.stuttgart.army.mil

and follow the link "Weather and Road Conditions." You can also subscribe to email updates at

www.stuttgartcitizen.com or, at 5:30 a.m., visit www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart.

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Garrison observes legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

The life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was commemorated yesterday at the Kelley Theater Center, here.

The event was hosted by the

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and U.S. Africa Command. The theme of the observance was "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!"

The guest speaker was Juandalynn R. Abernathy, whose father, Rev. (Dr.)

Ralph D. Abernathy, was a co-founder of the Civil Rights Movement. He was a close friend to King, and after King was assassinated, Abernathy was King's successor.

The federal holiday honoring King is Monday, Jan. 16. The day celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America, said Sgt. 1st Class Mark C. Quintanilla, advisor, USAG Stuttgart Equal Opportunity.

"On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love,

forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit," Quintanilla said.

King taught us timeless values through his example, Quintanilla said, noting those values were "courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership."

For more information or to participate in future observances, call the garrison EO at DSN 430-7945.



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

Guest speaker Juandalynn R. Abernathy, shown in this Jan. 12, 2016 photo at the Swabian Special Events Center, Patch Barracks, spoke of her experience during the civil rights movement during the at the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Her father, Ralph David Abernathy, Sr. was a leader of the African-American Civil Rights Movement, a minister, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s closest friend.

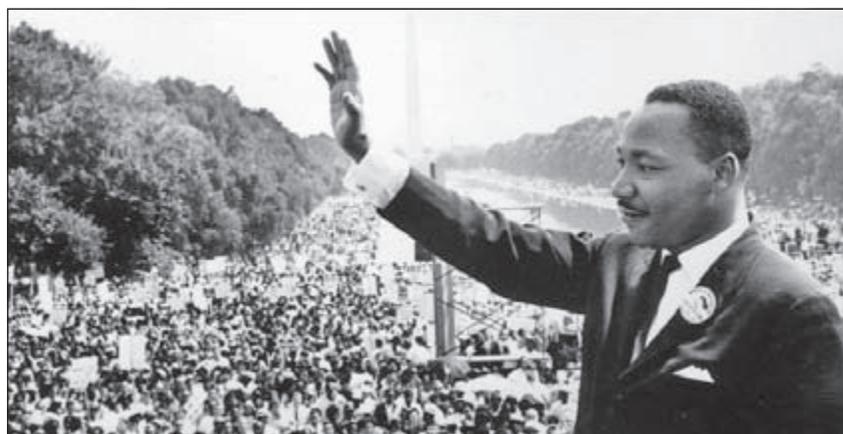


Photo from the National Archives and Records Administration

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addresses a crowd of more than 250,000 on the Capitol Mall during his "I have a dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963.

Garrison civilian first local national to receive Stalwart Award

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
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The Installation Management Command's Stalwart Award was presented to Dr. Bala Fischer, director, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program, for distinguishing himself among his peers and other leaders and exceeding the call of duty to achieve the Army and

IMCOM objectives. Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, commander, IMCOM, and Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa A. Judkins, senior enlisted leader for IMCOM, presented the command's most prestigious award to 14 employees during a ceremony in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 30. The program honored recipients for their work from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Each recipient received the Stalwart

medal, certificate and a shadowbox. Bala was again recognized for his outstanding service, Dec. 14, with words of praise and a coin from Michael D. Formica, director, IMCOM-Europe, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gene E. Canada, senior enlisted leader for IMCOM-Europe, at a luncheon gathering for USAG-Stuttgart local national employees held at the Kelley Barracks German Kantine. He is the

first local national employee to receive the Stalwart Award.

Ms. Cecilia J. Kandler, Child, Youth and School Services coordinator, USAG Wiesbaden, Germany, was also an IMCOM-Europe recipient of the Stalwart Award.



Photo by U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa A. Judkins, senior enlisted advisor, IMCOM; Dr. Bala Fischer, director, USAG Stuttgart ASAP; Michael Formica, director, and Command Sergeant Major Gene E. Canada, IMCOM Europe.



Photo by Larry Reilly, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

Michael D. Formica, director, IMCOM-Europe, presents a coin to Dr. Bala Fischer, director, USAG Stuttgart ASAP, Dec. 14, during a luncheon at the German Kantine on Kelley Barracks, for being the first local national to receive the IMCOM Stalwart Award.

14 Stalwart employees

See more photos of Bala and the 13 other Stalwart Award recipients from the San Antonio presentation at www.flickr.com/photos/imcomhq/30972517160/in/album-72157673276120854/.

So many boxes, so little space

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
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It may be mid-January 2017, but your local U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Community Mail Room is crowded with many parcels not yet picked up, with more arriving daily after the holiday season rush.

The CMRs were bursting with packages before Christmas, prompting Postmaster Robert Rauschenplat to take to the garrison Facebook page to remind community members to come collect their items ranging from just too large to fit in the mailbox to new car tires.

"Check your mailbox regularly," Rauschenplat said. "We need the space, so please come in."

The CMR employees will work with customers if they discover their items are too big or too many to carry and they plan to return later with a way to transport them.



Photo courtesy of the Stuttgart Community Mail Rooms

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday: A Day on, Not a Day Off!

By Kevin S. Abel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

On January 16, Americans will honor and celebrate the life of one of our most respected leaders and vital figures of the modern era civil rights movements, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During this day of celebration, we should be honoring the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to our Nation and honor the values he exemplified in his life.

We must not forget his teachings of courage, truth, respect, integrity, humility, and service. These same values are what make the United States Military and our country strong.

The Martin Luther King - Day of Service is part of President Barack Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. A key focus has been to connect the holiday observance to long term efforts having a lasting impact on six critical national issues: education; veterans and military families; environmental stewardship; disaster preparedness; economic opportunity and healthy futures.

King is best known for his central role in the American Civil Rights Movement as the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism. He devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all Americans.

While serving as a Pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, King was an instrumental leader in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, made famous by the nonviolent resistance and arrest of Rosa Parks.

In 1959 King resigned from Dexter Avenue Baptist Church to move back to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



Photo from the National Archives and Records Administration

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a crowd prior to giving his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Allegedly, the most famous portion of King's speech was improvised when Mahalia Jackson yelled from the wings, "Tell them about the dream, Martin."

From 1960 until his death in 1968, he also served as co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church where he had gotten his start in ministry. King was arrested 30 times for his participation in civil rights activities.

King was shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee and died on April 4, 1968. He had gone to Memphis to help lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions.

After King's death, Senator Edward Brooke and Representative John Conyers introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches

in Washington but after a long struggle, legislation was signed into law in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan.

In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service — a "day on, not a day off."

His lectures and speeches stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation. His charismatic style of leadership inspired people, young and old, not just in the United States but around the world.

In his iconic speech delivered August, 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C. for Jobs and Freedom, King urged America to "make real the promises of democracy" and the

necessity for change and potential for hope in American society.

Listen to his speech at <http://bit.ly/Audio-MLK-Dream>.

Each year, Americans answer one of King's famous questions: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" by coming together to serve their neighbors and communities.

The observance of MLK Day provides the Stuttgart Community with not only an opportunity to celebrate King's contributions to our country, but to reflect on the strength in our commitment to service and each other. People of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can get involved with local volunteer opportunities in the community or plan your own project.

The Federal Martin Luther King holiday is first celebrated.	★	1986
Coretta King and three of her children are arrested protesting apartheid outside the South African embassy in Washington, D.C.	★	1985
King is assassinated in Memphis, during visit to support striking black garbage collectors; violent riots erupt in over 100 U.S. cities.	★	1968
King and SCLC join voting-rights march from Selma to Montgomery; police beat and tear gas marchers.	★	1965
King is arrested and jailed during anti-segregation protests in Birmingham.	★	1963
King helps found Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).	★	1957
U.S. Supreme Court ruling prompts Montgomery to desegregate buses. King's house is bombed.	★	1956
The 26-year-old King leads boycott of segregated Montgomery buses, gains national reputation.	★	1955
Becomes minister of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.	★	1954
Marries New England Conservatory music student Coretta Scott; they eventually have four children.	★	1953
Receives degree from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., enrolls in Boston University Ph.D program.	★	1951
Martin Luther King, Jr. Graduates high school at age 15, enters Morehouse College shortly thereafter.	★	1944
Martin Luther King, Jr., is born in Atlanta to teacher Alberta King and Baptist minister Michael Luther King.	★	1929



Photo from the National Archives and Records Administration

The massive crowds gathering at the National Mall in Washington D.C. to hear speeches, addresses, and performances from a variety of civil rights figures, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and Mahalia Jackson.

Learn more

Stuttgart Community Members should visit the following websites to find out more about MLK Day and visit the American Red Cross and the USO, on Panzer Kaserne, to find out how they can serve others.

Corporation for National and Community Service - www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday

Red Cross - www.redcross.org/volunteer/USOStuttgart

USO Stuttgart - stuttgart.uso.org/

Learn more about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - www.thekingcenter.org/

IMCOM digital photography contest calls for submissions

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex. — There's still time to enter the Army Installation Management Command's annual Army Digital Photography Contest to showcase the creative and artistic talents of the military community.

The contest, which is run by IMCOM's G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate, is open to active-duty military members and MWR-authorized patrons, including Families, retirees and Department of the Army civilians. Contest entries are being accepted through Jan. 31.

The contest is meant to encourage novice and accomplished photographers to capture their favorite views, moments and adventures from all across the world. Participants can submit photos to compete in the following categories: animals, design elements, digital darkroom, military life, nature and landscapes, people and still life.

Participants may enter up to three photos per category at the garrison level. All categories include monochrome and color photographs, according to the contest rules. Prizes are \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

In 2015, more than 2,500 entries were submitted to the Army Digital Photography Contest. The entries represented 58 installations and were submitted by contestants from the Army National Guard, Army Reserve and non-Army installations.



Photo above by Kimberly Kendall
Military family member Kimberly Kendall, representing U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, took first place in the people category, other eligible patrons division, of the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest with "Uyghur Shepherds."



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Juan Jusino
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Juan Jusino of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., wins first place in the still life category, active-duty military division, of the 2015 Army Digital Photography Contest with "Game over, man - game over!"



How to enter the Army Digital Photography Contest

For more information about the digital photography contest and rules, visit www.armymwr.com/digital-photo.aspx.

DoD announces new outreach efforts to veteran re: discharges, military records

Defense Media Activity
DoD News

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced in a news release a renewed effort to ensure veterans are aware of the opportunity to have their discharges and military records reviewed.

The department encourages all veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice to request relief from their service's Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records or Discharge Review Board, the Dec. 30, 2016 release said. The DoD is using enhanced public outreach, engagement with veterans' service organizations, military service

organizations and other outside groups, as well as direct outreach to individual veterans, to reach out to veterans.

Review, potential upgrade of discharge status

With the announcement, the department is reaffirming its intention to review and potentially upgrade the discharge status of all individuals who are eligible and who apply, the release said.

Additionally, all veterans, VSOs, MSOs, and other interested organizations are invited to offer feedback on their experiences with the BCM/NR or DRB processes, including how the policies and processes can be

improved, the release said.

In the past few years, the department has issued guidance for consideration of post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as the repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and its predecessor policies, the release said. Additionally, supplemental guidance for separations involving victims of sexual assault is currently being considered.

The department is reviewing and consolidating all of the related policies to reinforce the department's commitment to ensuring fair and equitable

review of separations for all veterans, the release said.

Whether the discharge or other correction is the result of PTSD, sexual orientation, sexual assault, or some other consideration, the department is committed to rectifying errors or injustices and treating all veterans with dignity and respect.

Veterans are encouraged to apply for review if they desire a correction to their service record or believe their discharge was unjust, erroneous, or warrants an upgrade.



Panther hoopsters tame Hohenfels Tigers

Story and photos by Larry Reilly
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Stuttgart basketball teams showed no signs of holiday rust as they took care of the visiting Hohenfels' Panthers with relative ease, Jan. 7, as the girl's team won 46-7 and the boys' team won 87-48.

The girls' team came out shooting and took a commanding 29-4 lead into the half time. After the break, the Lady Panther's continued their aerial assault on the offensive board, running up the score to 46-7 midway through the third quarter.

However, it was probably the Lady Panther's suffocating defense that caused the Tigers to turn the ball over possession after possession and ultimately forced the Tiger's coach to call a halt to the game before the third quarter had ended.

"This Stuttgart girls' team is a well-rounded team. They know how to put the pressure on when they are playing defense, which can frustrate

the opposing team," said Robin Hess, Lady Panther's head coach. "But their offensive play has really improved. They play very unselfish team ball and always look to see who is open before shooting the ball themselves."

Although the girls team played a dominate game from start to finish, the boys' team started out a little cold before getting hot in the second half and winning by nearly 40 points.

"There is no doubt; the guys started a bit slow, but that was to be expected after three of our starters transferred out over the holidays," said head coach Mitch Hiser. "We were going to need other players to step in in a big way."

After getting a coach's pep talk midway through the second half and only leading the Tigers by single-digit numbers, the team responded with vengeance and went into the half time break with a 40-22 lead.

In the second half, the Panthers' took control of the game and with a half dozen slam dunks by Armad Johnson, which brought the

standing-room-only audience to its feet, the team went on an offensive push that saw a number of the players' score in double figures.

"The second half was a real improvement in how they played together as a team. With a little work in a couple of areas, this team will be fine,"

said Hiser.

The Panther basketball teams are starting to peak at the right time as they will now face one of the Division 1 powerhouses as Ramstein comes to town this weekend with games at the Stuttgart High School on Jan 13 and 14.



Panther's Armad Johnson, 22, finishes off one of a half dozen slam dunks he did during Stuttgart's home game against the Hohenfels Tigers on Saturday. Stuttgart beat Hohenfels 87-48.



Members of the Stuttgart and Hohenfels girls' basketball teams watch to see whether or not the basketball goes off the rim into the net during their game on Saturday, Jan. 7. Stuttgart won the game 46-7.



Members of the Stuttgart Girls Basketball team are all smiles after beating the Hohenfels' Girls team 46-7 during their home game on Saturday, Jan. 7.



The Stuttgart boys' basketball team get a pep talk from their coaches prior to the end of the second period. The team went on to beat the Hohenfels Tigers 87-48 during their home game on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Glücksbringer: Good luck symbols in Germany

Teri Weiss
Special to The Citizen

The German word “Glück” means luck and happiness, as well as fortune, blessing and success. A long-standing custom in the German southwest is exchanging good luck charms and mascots among friends and relatives during January.

Often rooted in ancient pagan or early Christian legends, many traditional German lucky charms go back centuries. Swabians have long relied on “a little help from so-called “good luck bringers” – like pink marzipan piglets, chocolate or cookie chimney-sweeps, horse-shoes, clover and toadstools, as well as lucky pennies or even ladybugs!



Photo by John Reese, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

Glücksschwein (good luck piglet) –

For centuries, pigs have been symbols representing wealth or prosperity. In old Nordic mythology, the wild boar was considered sacred, a pet of the gods and symbol of fertility. For ancient Greek, Roman and later cultures, owning pigs meant privilege and affluence. “Lucky piglets” come in different forms in Germany, made from marzipan, glass, porcelain or as “piggy” banks. We all know the importance of learning thrift from childhood on!

Glücksklee (four leaf clover) –

Because they are so rare in

Two of the more common good luck symbols in southwestern Germany are the marzipan piglet and a shiny new penny.

nature, it is simply assumed that they bring good luck. A four-leaf clover is said to make secret wishes come true, but only if personally found, not bought. According to old Christian legends, Eve took a four-leaf clover from the Garden of Eden, for nostalgic memories of paradise.

Hufeisen (horseshoe) –

In earlier times, horses were valuable working animals and horseshoes protected them. Hanging a horseshoe above the

door with the open end pointing towards the sky so good luck is contained and doesn’t run out is a very old custom among local rural people.

Fliegenpilze (fly mushrooms) –

Small, poisonous toadstools with white-dotted, bright red caps sprout and proliferate in fir forests and beech woods. In old German fairy tales, toads sitting on mushrooms are pictured catching flies drawn to the toadstool, hence the name. A fortunate person is a “Glückspilz” (lucky mushroom).

Kaminkehrer (chimneysweep) –

Cleaning chimneys of ashes and grime, the sooty craftsmen in black have for centuries reduced the risk of fires in households. In olden days, fees for their services were collected at the start of each new year. Sometimes chimneysweeps would bring a dated calendar page with their greetings and get little gifts or tips as their due reward. In fact, they were often the first well-wishers and thus, good luck bringers. To meet a chimneysweep is a lucky sign; it’s even luckier is to touch one of the silver buttons on his black uniform!

Marienkäfer/Glückskäfer ladybug –

In German the lady bug is called “Marian Beetle” and symbolizes a gift from Holy Mother Mary, especially for farmers, since ladybugs consume pests. They also protect young and old and heal the sick and ailing. They have up to seven black spots on their red wings (in German-speaking countries the number 7 is considered lucky). To this day many Germans believe you’re especially in luck if a ladybug lands on you!

Glücks Cent (lucky penny) –

Finding a lucky penny is in itself lucky! It used to be said that either an old or a very shiny new lucky copper coin would chase away dark magic and “strengthen the power of love.” People used to nail a pfennig to their doors to ward off witches and sorcerers. Carrying a lucky penny around also protected from lies and trickery in every-day life.

Nowadays many people consider charms, tokens and such trinkets to be mere old-fashioned superstitions, but at least they don’t cause any harm.

Best of luck to you, all year long, with all – or none – of these traditional “Glücksbringer.”



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Last chance to see “Oliver!” this weekend



Photo by Martin C. Jelonek, Stuttgart Theater Center

The street urchin chorus sings about food, glorious food, in the Stuttgart Theater Center’s production of “Oliver!” Community members have one final opportunity to see “Oliver!” this weekend with evening performances Friday and Saturday and a matinee on Sunday.

Reservations are highly recommended, as there are only a few tickets remaining.

For tickets, visit the garrison’s FMWR website or call DSN 421-3055 or civ. 0711 729-3055.

Lip syncing ‘bands’ battle it out at Patch



Photos by James Lloyd
Patch Middle School

Shortly before the holiday school break, the Patch Middle School Drama Class entertained the student body and parents with a fine “Battle of the Bands” lip sync performance.

The concert was performed by a number of young rising talents — and a few adults. For many of the drama students, this was their first time on stage in any type of a performance role. Students incorporated pantomime, gesture, body language, line memorization for their lip syncing, characterization and performance skills as they battled it out on stage. The class had a great time and gained a boost in their confidence.

From left, students Kiersten Koning, Brianna Moore, Cassidy Carey, Mira Gasa and Mia McBride rock out to “Allstar” by the group Smashmouth in the Battle of the Bands, Dec. 8.



From left, information specialist James Snyder and teachers Bayani Topacio and Allen Archie lip sync and dance to Taylor Swift’s “Shake it Off”

Do you have something to announce?

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.

Sign up for Stuttgart Citizen emails



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 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. Visit www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart to join the conversation.

Prevent cervical cancer

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Stuttgart Health Clinic wants you to know that there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer. HPV (human papillomavirus) is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity. It's also a major cause of cervical cancer. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV, but many people with HPV don't know they are infected.

The good news? The HPV vaccine (shot) can prevent HPV. Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening tests (called Pap tests) and follow-up care. In recognition of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, Stuttgart Health Clinic encourages women to start getting regular Pap tests at age 21, and parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12. Teens and young adults also need to get the HPV vaccine if they didn't get

it as pre-teens. Women up to age 26 and men up to age 21 can still get the vaccine.

Taking small steps can help keep you safe and healthy. For more information, visit your primary care provider.

ID cards and passports

The passports office will be closed, Jan. 13, for maintenance. The community is asked to use the online appointment system for ID cards and passports. The office is closed during lunch, noon to 1 p.m. The link to make an appointment is available on the garrison SharePoint accessible using a Common Access Card (CAC) as well as on the MPD services page at www.stuttgart.army.mil. Call DSN 431-2333/3806 or civ. 07031-15-2333/3806.

Get trained, save a life

Sign up now for Red Cross adult and pediatric first aid/CPR/AED simulation learning. Classes for the first half of 2017 are posted. The next classes are Jan. 13 and 27, 9 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$55. Babysitter training takes place Jan. 20 and costs \$51.50 (\$29 online, \$22.50 in-classroom). Call DSN 431-2812 or civ. 07031-15-2812.

Vote local elections overseas

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.

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.

Tax Center Volunteers Needed

The Stuttgart Law Center on Kelley Barracks is seeking volunteer tax preparers to train and assist the community with 2016 returns. The center's tax season runs Jan. 17-June 1, weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Tax Center provides free tax filing services to all ID cardholders in the Stuttgart military community. Volunteers must be able to work a minimum of two days per week and are

required to attend the Internal Revenue Service certification course from Jan. 17-20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previous tax experience not required. Minimum age to volunteer is 18. DSN 421-2817/civ. 711-729-421-2817.

FMWR is hiring



Child and Youth Program Assistants: Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) positions are open to all qualified candidates eligible for appointment under U.S. employment conditions. Visit USAJOBS.gov to view online vacancies.

SKIES Unlimited Instructors: Seeking qualified instructors to teach piano, voice, dance (pop/hip hop), art, swimming, martial arts, speech therapy, foreign languages or other child/youth specialized programs. Must be 18 years old or older. Call DSN 430-6281 or civ. 0711-680-6281 or email stuttgartcys@googlemail.com.

CYS Sports Registration

Child Youth Services spring sports registration is open Jan. 23 - Feb. 24 at Parent Central Services. Choose between baseball, soccer, softball, track, tennis or intramural volleyball. For children 3-4, sign up for developmental baseball or soccer. Age and price vary depending on sport. Register online via Webtrac or contact DSN 431-2597/2616 or civ. 07031-15-2597/2616.

BOSS Meeting

Join Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers, Jan. 18 at the Swabian Special Events Center, Building 2505 Lower Level, Patch Barracks, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Meet with to discuss quality of life issues, volunteer opportunities, and future recreational and leisure programs. All unit representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. Call DSN 430-7135 or civ. 0711-680-7135.

Stuttgart Tax Center seeks volunteers

The Stuttgart Law Center is gearing up for tax time and seeks volunteer tax preparers to train and assist the community with 2016 returns.

Tax Center season begins Jan. 17 and runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, until June 1. The Tax Center is located at the Law Center on Kelley Barracks, Building 3312 on the second floor.

In order for the Stuttgart Tax Center to provide assistance to the Stuttgart community, volunteers are needed.

Volunteers must be able to work a minimum of two days per week and are required to attend the Internal Revenue Service certification course from Jan. 17-20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Previous tax experience not required. Minimum age to volunteer is 18.

For more information and to volunteer, call DSN 421-2817 or civ. 711-729-421-2817.

USO news



The USO Center on Panzer Kaserne in Bldg. 2915 extended its regular weekday hours in January. It is now open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monthly Free Movie Night

The USO Center offers hosting a free feature film, "Big Hero 6", Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and some lucky viewers will go home with a DVD of the movie. Guests should bring pillows, blankets and any other comfy-cozies that would make the night great. Sign up by calling civ. 07031-201-9012 or email stuttgart@uso.org.

National Popcorn Day

Enjoy top popcorn with a variety of sweet and savory seasonings and toppings at the USO's popcorn bar, Jan. 19, from 11 a.m. until supplies run out.

USO story time and crafts

Parents and children (up to kindergarten age) are welcome to join in story time. Volunteers read at least one children's book and create an accompanying craft at the USO Center, Jan. 24 beginning at 10 a.m. on Panzer Kaserne.

USO trips and tours discontinued

The USO discontinued trips and tours as of Dec. 31. However, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is scheduled to open a new Information, Travel and Tours Office in addition to currently scheduled trips provided by Outdoor Recreation. For upcoming trips, call DSN 431-2774 or civ. 07031-15-2774.

SCSC Patch Thrift Shop

The Patch Thrift Shop on Patch Barracks reopened Jan. 6 after its holiday break. For information and hours, visit <http://stuttgartspousesclub.org>.

Stuttgart Health Clinic

The clinic will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The clinic is closed on all federal holidays and is also closed until 1 p.m. on Jan. 19. The regular clinic weekday hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Physical Therapy, 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) For appointments, call DSN 590-2900 or civ. 06371-9464-2900.

Kelley Hotel renovations continue

To improve the quality of service, the Kelley Hotel is closed for renovation until Feb. 2. Upon re-opening, the Stuttgart community will have a refurbished facility with stylish new carpeting, wallpaper, drapes and curtains, as well as modern and secure guest room doors with durable metal frames. Future projects will include the addition of a fitness room and the relocation of the continental breakfast area. For lodging needs, please contact the Panzer Hotel front desk at DSN 431-3490 or civ. 07031-15-3090.

Kelley Barracks Main Gate

The new main gate entrance at Kelley Barracks is scheduled to open in February. The current gate will be closed. Back gate hours will remain the same.

Kelley Barracks sewer repair project

Traffic detours begin Jan. 16 and 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.

Off-post tree trimming

The City of Stuttgart will conduct scheduled tree cutting and forest clearing along

Plieninger Straße, directly across from Kelley Barracks, Jan. 16-20.

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.

What's up with my DPW service order?

The garrison's Directorate of Public Works has created a new and easy way to stay informed on maintenance requests. Customers can now email their service order number to DPW directly to receive a status update within one business day. To get the status of your maintenance order, email: stuttgart.imcom-europe.mbx.dpw@mail.mil. To make a new maintenance request contact the Service Order Help Desk at DSN 421-6200 or civ. 0711-729-6200.

Army Family Housing BBQs

Work on the Kelley and Robinson Barracks barbecue areas in Buildings 300-313 on Robinson Barracks, and in buildings 3400-3408 on Kelley Barracks, begins this month and will go through 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/civ. 09641-83-5045. The link is updated on the garrison homepage at stuttgart.army.mil. You'll need a CAC card to use the link.

No credit accepted at Driver Testing

Drivers' Training on Panzer Kaserne is experiencing technical issues with its credit/debit card machines. Only checks or money orders are accepted at this time. Call DSN 431-2007 or civ. 07031-15-2007.

Vehicle registration, license fees increase

The U.S. Army Europe

Registry of Motor Vehicles increased the vehicle registration fee in Germany by \$5 to \$35 dollars, and driver license fees are now \$20.

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. Feb. 6-21: Kelley Fitness Center basketball court construction is scheduled for Feb 6-28. 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.

Patch Husky Field maintenance

Husky Field on Patch Barracks is closed for maintenance until the end of February. However, the outdoor running track will remain open.

Subway construction

The new Subway facility construction project on Kelley Barracks that began in September continues until April. Nearby parking areas will be blocked until the completion of the construction. The Directorate of Emergency Services suggests motorists use the parking lot across from the commissary as an alternative.

Patch Barracks heating project

Parking areas and portions of roads are blocked in support of the heating repair project through the end of January. Traffic may be reduced to one lane with road signs in place to allow traffic flow in certain areas as the construction progresses.

Childcare provider info sessions

Interested in becoming a Family Child Care provider? Stop by the Panzer Main Exchange, Jan. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., to learn more about open positions offering free training, job mobility, continuing education credits and

professional resources. Call DSN 430-4047/4100 or civ. 0711-680-4047/4100.

Tiny Tots Lunch and Play

On Jan. 19, join the New Parent Support Program at Army Community Service, Panzer Kaserne, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., to discuss toddler related topics and the opportunity for your child to learn through play. For toddlers and young children ages 1 to 4. Lunch is not provided but feel free to bring your own. Registration is not required. Call DSN 431-3518 or civ. 07031-15-3518.

Beer Tasting & Buffet

Enjoy a beer tasting, Jan. 20, 5-9 p.m., at the Kelley Club, Kelley Barracks, featuring four regional beers from Eastern Europe: Budweiser Original from Prague, Pilsner Urquell from Pilsen, Tyskie Pils from Poland, and Baltika #6 Porter from Russia. Participants are limited to .25 liters of each beer. A German buffet includes finger foods, sausage, potato salad, fries, bread rolls, salad bar and assorted desserts and fruits. The cost is \$22 for beer tasting and buffet, \$18 for 13 and older, \$10 for 6 - 12, and 5 and under eat free. Call DSN 421-4660 or civ. 0711-729-4660.



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COMING TO PATCH THEATER

Thursday, January 12 Sing (PG) 1800	<i>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</i>
Friday, January 13 Monster Trucks in 3D (PG) 1800 Sleepless (R) 2100	
Saturday, January 14 Monster Trucks (PG) 1500 Sleepless (R) 1800 Live By Night (R) 2100	
Sunday, January 15 Monster Trucks (PG) 1600 Live By Night (R) 1900	
Monday, January 16 Closed	
Tuesday, January 17 Closed	
Wednesday, January 18 Closed	
Thursday, January 19 Sleepless (R) 1800	
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Saturday, January 21 The Founder (PG-13) 1500 Sing (PG) 1800 xx: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13) 2100	
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Tuesday, January 24 Closed	
Wednesday, January 25 Closed	



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Live by Night is set in the roaring '20s when Prohibition hasn't stopped the flow of booze in an underground network of gangster-run speakeasies. The opportunity to gain power and money is there for any man with enough ambition and nerve and Joe Coughlin, the son of the Boston Police Superintendent, long ago turned his back on his strict upbringing for the spoils of being an outlaw. But even among criminals there are rules and Joe breaks a big one: crossing a powerful mob boss by stealing his money and his moll. The fiery affair ends in tragedy, setting Joe on a path of revenge, ambition, romance and betrayal that propels him out of Boston and up the ladder of Tampa's steamy rum-running underworld.

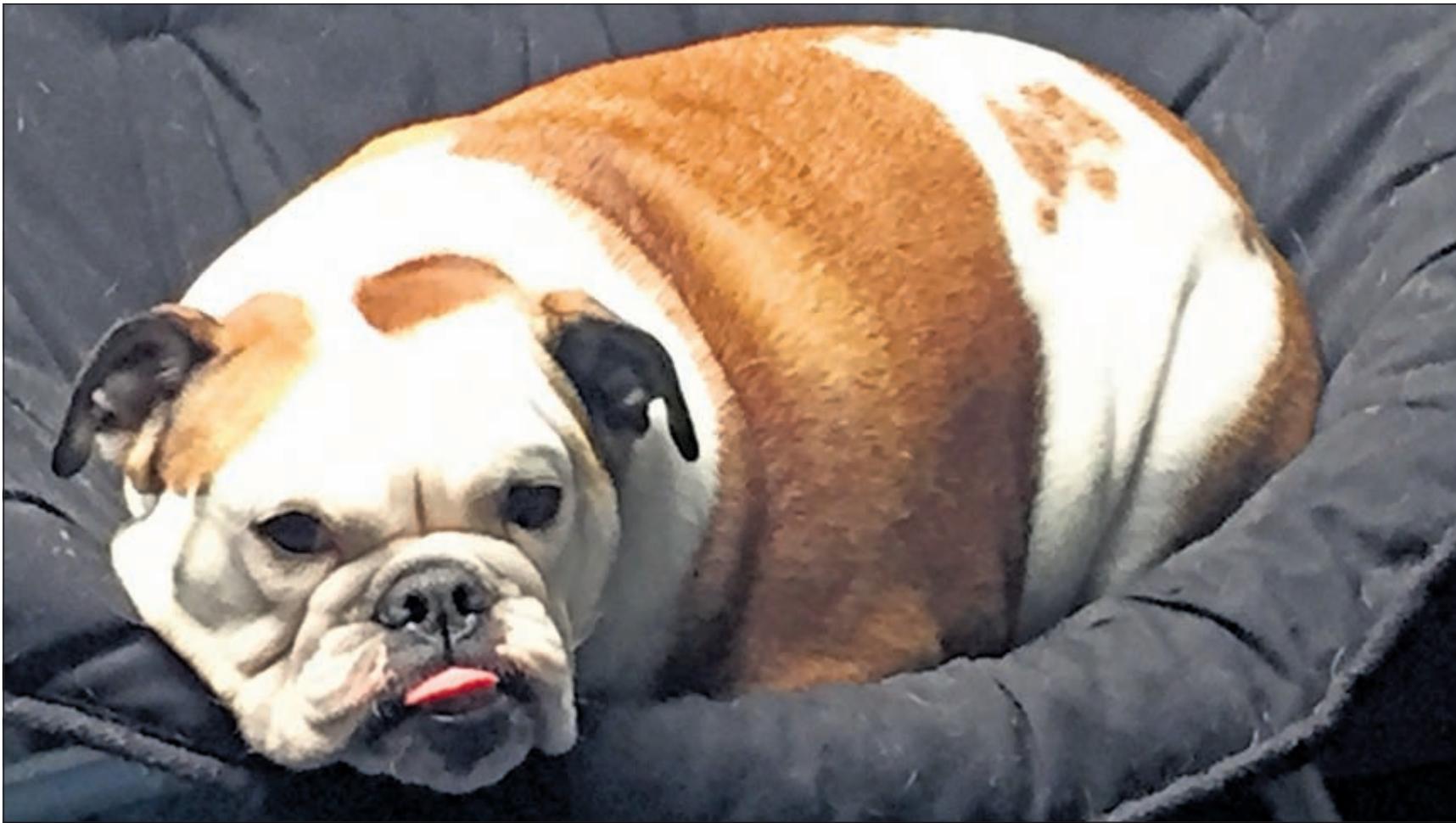


Photo by John Reese, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

Pets like Tempest are family members and their humans have responsibility for their health. To care for your pet, visit the Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Center.

Pet ownership comes with responsibilities

Kevin S. Abel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

If you are considering taking a dog, cat or any other pet into your life, think seriously about the responsibility and commitment that owning a pet entails, it's not just a privilege to be enjoyed for a short period of time.

Recognize and be prepared to commit to a lifelong relationship with your pet. "Choose a pet that fits your life style appropriately," said Jessie Bryant, veterinarian, Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility. "Think about your future, they could be with you after your kids leave for college."

Bringing pets to Germany and the installation requires pets be current on their vaccinations, and be microchipped with a German ISO compatible 15-digit chip. Upon arrival you are required to get your pets registered at the Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility.

The microchip allows your pet to be identified if it becomes lost. This chip can also be registered through a website called Tasso. Tasso is a central registration hub for all pets in Germany and is completely free to register your pet. The Tasso foundation is run by donations so be kind when it comes to donating, because they will help find your lost pet. Their website to sign up in English is www.tasso.net/online-registrierung?lang=en-US.

Owners have the responsibility for

their pet's health. Bryant recommends that you have a checkup once a year to maintain your animal's health and provide the necessary preventative care including vaccinations, parasite control and dental care. Some vaccinations needed are given annually, while some are given every three years.

Restrictions and responsibilities

In addition to the vaccination and microchip requirements, residents on the installations may own no more than two dogs or cats, in any combination, per household. Other domestic pets, including birds, goldfish, and hamsters, may be kept in family housing, however exotic pets, like snakes, are prohibited. Breeds that are not allowed to be imported into Germany may not be kept in Army Family Housing (AFH).

Building Coordinators may designate pet-walk areas that building residents who are pet owners will be responsible for maintaining. Dogs and cats must not be allowed to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within 50 feet of family housing buildings. Pet owners are required to immediately clean up excrement from their pets and dispose of it properly. Repeat offenders may face harsh disciplinary action that could include loss of pet privileges, removal from Army Family Housing at the occupants expense or UCMJ action(s) deemed appropriate

by the Garrison Commander.

A health and welfare inspection may be conducted on any AFH unit alleged by complaint to be substandard in cleanliness, smell, or where a pet has apparently been abandoned.

Pets must not be left unattended in quarters for more than 12 hours. During these times arrangements must be made for the care of pets to ensure they have adequate food, water and walks so it can relieve itself.

At no time are pets allowed to be on balconies unattended, housed or locked in basements or storerooms, kept in fenced playgrounds, or tied to stair railings, radiators, pipes, shrubbery, or trees.

Breeding pets and the construction and maintenance of kennel-type operations are prohibited in Government controlled housing.

Pet owners residing in AFH are subject to host nation (HN) laws governing the treatment of pets. HN law and Army in Europe policy prohibit inhumane and abusive treatment of animals. Inhumane and abusive treatment is defined as any act or omission whereby an animal's physical or psychological wellbeing is compromised unnecessarily.

Sponsors and their spouses are responsible to ensure that pets are controlled so they do not become a public nuisance or menace.

"Pets must be kept under control at all

times and kept on a leash when outside," said Ricky Hernandez, USAG Stuttgart Military Housing. "They are not permitted in playgrounds or sports fields at any time."

Hernandez said that these regulations were put in place to protect both animals and residents on the installation.

Consequence

If a pet bites, scratches or becomes aggressive to a human, it should be reported to the military police. Complaints of improper control of pets and incidents where pets bite, scratch or become aggressive will be investigated and when appropriate, reported to the garrison commander for action.

The offending animal is subject to a physical examination, quarantine and possible removal from AFH, regardless of the absence of prior incidents.

Owners who abandon their pets are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or HN law and are responsible for all costs incurred by the Government on the transfer, care, custody, and final disposition of the animal.

Pet ownership is not something to be entered into lightly. Owning a pet is a long-term emotional, financial and time commitment. Decide if it is right for you by making an honest assessment as to whether your home and family are ready.

New test, ear buds and Army football among top stories of 2016

Army News Service
News Release

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — Uniform changes, new directives and football were some of the things that dominated headlines for the Army in 2016. Below is a list of last year's most-read articles written by the Army News Service.

1-2 – Sleeves can now be rolled up

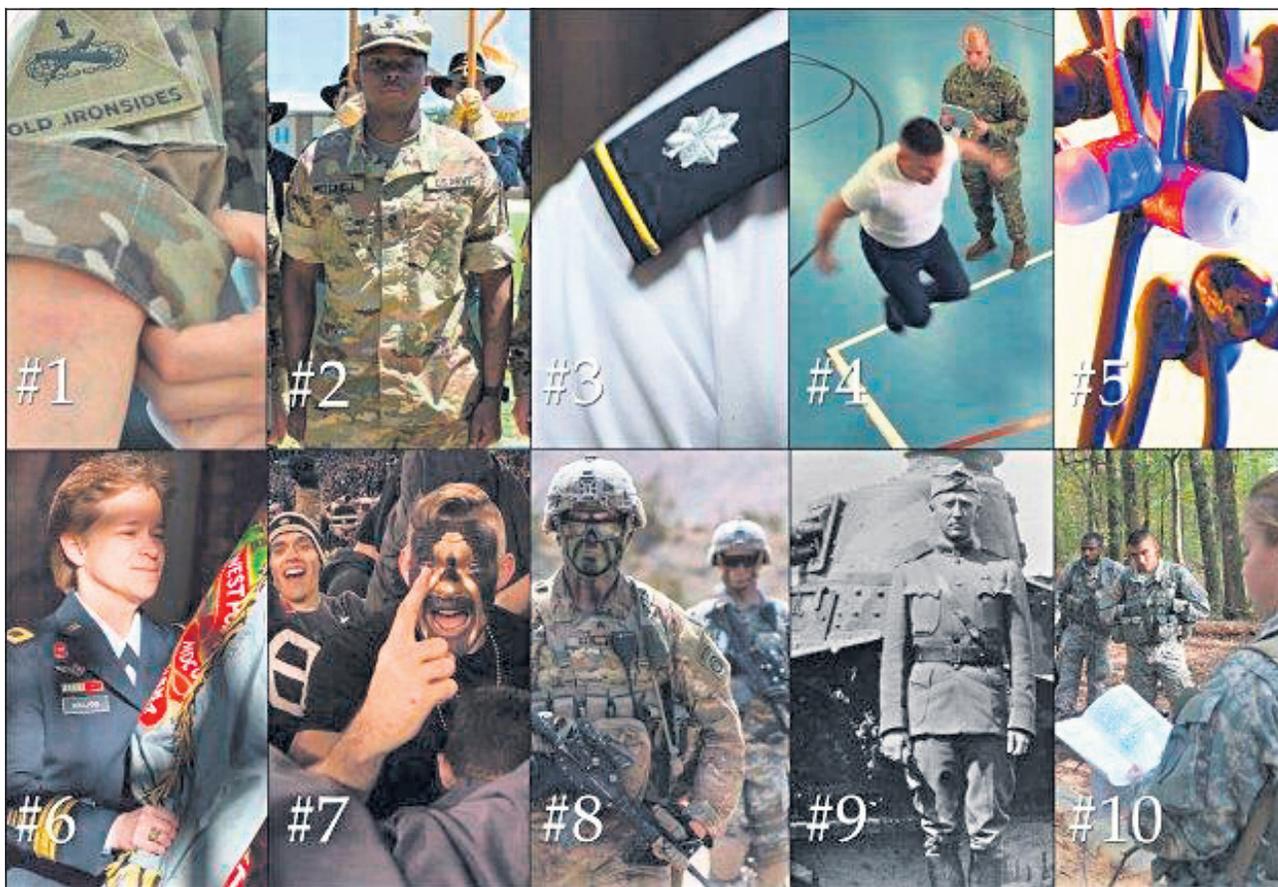
The Army's decision to let Soldiers roll up the sleeves on their combat uniforms so they can keep cool turned into the hottest topic among readers, with a pair of articles in the top two slots. Army officials announced the policy change in late June, following a 10-day trial at Fort Hood, Texas, which was initiated after a specialist asked Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley during a re-enlistment ceremony if he and his fellow Soldiers could roll up their sleeves due to the hot weather. Milley and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey agreed and an official memorandum was rolled out Army-wide a few weeks later.

3 – New directive: Officers must be vetted before promotions

A new Army directive over the summer caught the eyes of many readers, especially those of officers looking to be promoted. Updated regulations now require officers selected for promotion to be vetted for mental, physical, moral, and professional fitness and meet the standards for exemplary conduct before their names are forwarded to the Army secretary for certification. While there's always been a vetting process, it took place as officers were being considered by senior Army, Defense and congressional leadership. The new directive helps an officer and the service save face if, for some reason, the officer is removed from a promotion list.

4 – Army to administer four-part OPAT to recruits

A physical fitness test used to place recruits into a best-fit military occupational specialty was launched in an effort to reduce attrition and injury rates. The Occupational Physical Assessment Test was first administered at select recruiting stations this past summer, assessing recruits on four tests: standing long jump, seated power throw, strength deadlift, and interval aerobic run. Along with the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB, which ensures a future Soldier can meet academic requirements, both tests look to determine which particular job a recruit



would do well in. The OPAT test was expected to be administered Army-wide as of Jan. 3.

5 – Army allows soldiers to wear headphones in gym

To let Soldiers jam out to their Justin Bieber playlist while exercising in uniform, the Army announced in May that small headphones or ear buds could be used at gyms on post. The move also permits Soldiers to wear black-colored electronic devices, like music players or cell phones, on their waistband or a black armband to hold the device, in accordance to Army Regulation 670-1. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said at the time that the new policy was the result of Soldiers asking about it during a town hall meeting.

6 – First female west point commandant of cadets

Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland shattered the glass ceiling when she became the first female commandant of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy in early January. Holland, a West Point graduate herself, became the school's 76th commandant and assumed the responsibility for the military, physical, character and social development of more than 4,400 cadets. Army Secretary Eric K. Fanning said she was the right person for the job, adding the general's operational and command experiences would bring a new and diverse perspective to West Point's leadership team. Her previous role

was deputy commanding general of support for 10th Mountain Division (Light) at Fort Drum, New York.

7 – Army beats Navy

A cold December night in Baltimore was the scene of a heated gridiron battle, as Army squeaked by Navy for its first football win over its sister service in 14 years. Cadets emptied the bleachers and rushed onto the field to celebrate the win with players. At the 117th annual event, known as "America's game," there was also the pageantry of marching cadets and midshipmen who joined a sellout crowd of loyal fans as they all fervidly cheered on their teams. Next year, the Black Knights will look to stay on the winning side as both academies bring the rivalry back to Philadelphia.

8 – Milley: Army on cusp of profound, fundamental change

The Army is set to change rapidly in the next 20 to 30 years, as organizations, doctrine and weapons will seek to adjust to a multi-domain battle concept. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley painted a picture of a future battlefield that could have technology far different than what's currently used to fight. In order to compete with an ongoing surge of information operations, unmanned aerial vehicles and other cutting-edge technology, he said that land-based forces may have to adapt to fight against formidable foes in the air, sea or other domains.

9 – Four myths about combat vehicles

The need for new ground combat vehicles was stressed at a November discussion, when the deputy director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center outlined myths surrounding the Army's current fleet. Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster Jr. told an audience the Army must make clear and compelling arguments for capabilities that advanced ground combat vehicles will bring to the fight with their effective mobile protective firepower.

10 – After 75 years, more opportunities for enlisted to become officers

Many enlisted Soldiers hoping to be an officer received good news after Army officials decided to rework eligibility requirements in attaining a butter bar. Now, enlisted personnel up to age 33 can apply to become officers, and there's also no longer a requirement to serve in the Army for six years before going to Officer Candidate School.

Editor's note: Press releases and announcements -- such as deployment and casualty announcements -- were not considered in the roll-up of major news stories for 2016. For instance, a news release from the Corps of Engineers on not approving easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe in North Dakota actually garnered the most views on Army.mil last year with more than 288,000 page views.

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Monthly recap of USAG Stuttgart's most read articles

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From start to finish, it was a memorable... photos and stories are selected from the issue... again in the online archives at www.Stuttgart... receive The Citizen daily email.

JANUARY



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Best Female Shooter

Staff Sgt. Heather Buchwalder, a special duty noncommissioned officer with Special Operations Command Africa, displays the trophy she won for the "Best Female Shooter" during a shooting competition, Nov. 28, 2015. Buchwalder was part of a four-person team that competed against more than

400 civilian and military men and women at the 32nd International Shooting Competition in Cologne, Germany. She competed against 50 other women to win the award.

FEBRUARY



Photo by Carola Meusel, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

Ostern in Deutschland

The Citizen took a look at how the host nation celebrates Easter, or as Germans say, Ostern. It is celebrated for four days: Good Friday and Easter Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, a German federal holiday.

MARCH



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

Best Warrior Competition

A competitor reacts during the chemical or biological hazard attack event, part of the situational training exercise portion of Stuttgart's Best Warrior Competition, Feb. 22. Ten Stuttgart Soldiers competed for the first time, Feb. 21-24, to test their physical and mental readiness.

JULY



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Summer fun in Germany

There are 16 national parks in Germany, each one with its own distinctive identity and each one uniquely beautiful. Whether hiking trails, discovering a new lake or following the path of a historical figure, Germany's national parks offer a fun place to spend your summer weekends.

AUGUST



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

Paintball on Panzer

Stuttgart community members took up paintball on Panzer Kaserne. Unlike many paintball groups that conduct the game in an open field with a few man-made barriers, the USAG Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation uses wooded terrain of a training area for greater complexity and challenge.

SEPTEMBER



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

Allgäu Cowboys

Having spent summer in the mountains of the Allgäu region of southern Germany grazing in the Alpine meadows, cattle are brought back down into the valleys in September before winter sets in. This is known as the Viehscheid or Almbetrieb. Bells can be heard throughout the valleys as herders and cattle make their way down. Around 30,000 head of cattle leave the lush mountain pastures and are herded into the valley to the Scheidplatz and sorted before being returned to their owners.

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APRIL



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Month of the Military Child

To highlight the year-round contributions, courage and patriotism of the military community's youngest members, the Defense Department observes April as the Month of the Military Child.

Established in 1986, the month recognizes some 1.9 million U.S. military children ranging in age from infants to 18 years old with one or both parents serving in the armed forces.

MAY



Photo By Martin Greeson, Defense Media Activity

EUCOM Change of Command

Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Joint Chiefs Chairman Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford preside over the change-of-command ceremony for U.S. European Command. Army Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti assumed command from Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, May 3.

JUNE



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

SHS First graduating class

A 2016 senior class of 177 Stuttgart High School students throw their mortarboard hats skyward, the final act as the first graduates of the new school. With the exception of Principal Danny Robinson presenting diplomas, the students conducted the ceremony.

OCTOBER



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Summers, Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa

ADSN Satellite Training

A Djiboutian Armed Forces (FAD) soldier secures the legs to an Africa Data Sharing network satellite during training with U.S. Soldiers at FAD headquarters in Djibouti. While conducting the training, Soldiers assigned to Combined Joint Task-Horn of Africa also held an ADSN validation with the FAD soldiers to prepare them to deploy to Somalia.

NOVEMBER



Photo by Holly DeCarlo-White, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Public Affairs

Veterans Honored

Students of garrison community schools participated in ceremonies and in-classroom activities throughout the day, Nov. 10, to honor veterans for their service. On Panzer Kaserne, students rallied in front of the Alexander M. Patch Elementary School, and Col. Glenn K. Dickenson, garrison commander, opened the ceremony.

DECEMBER

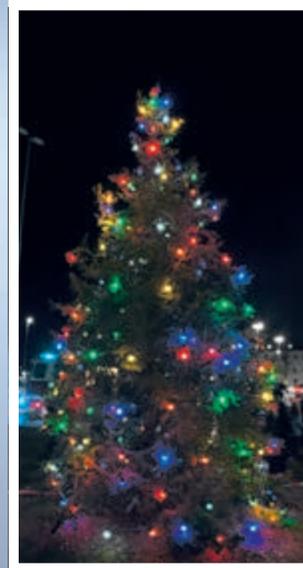


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Tree Lighting Ceremonies

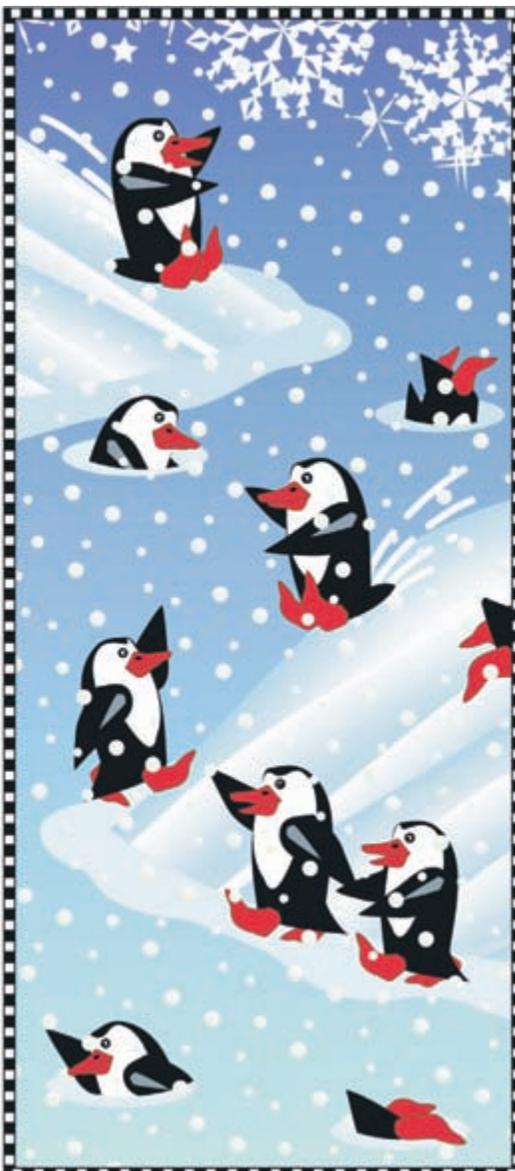
Santa was busy this season as the four locations that make up the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community each held tree lighting ceremonies. Three of the ceremonies featured German choirs, and all featured

American choirs, dancers, warm cider, hot chocolate and happy children. Some of the ceremonies were attended by local mayors and other officials. The weather held up for all four ceremonies and skies remained clear.

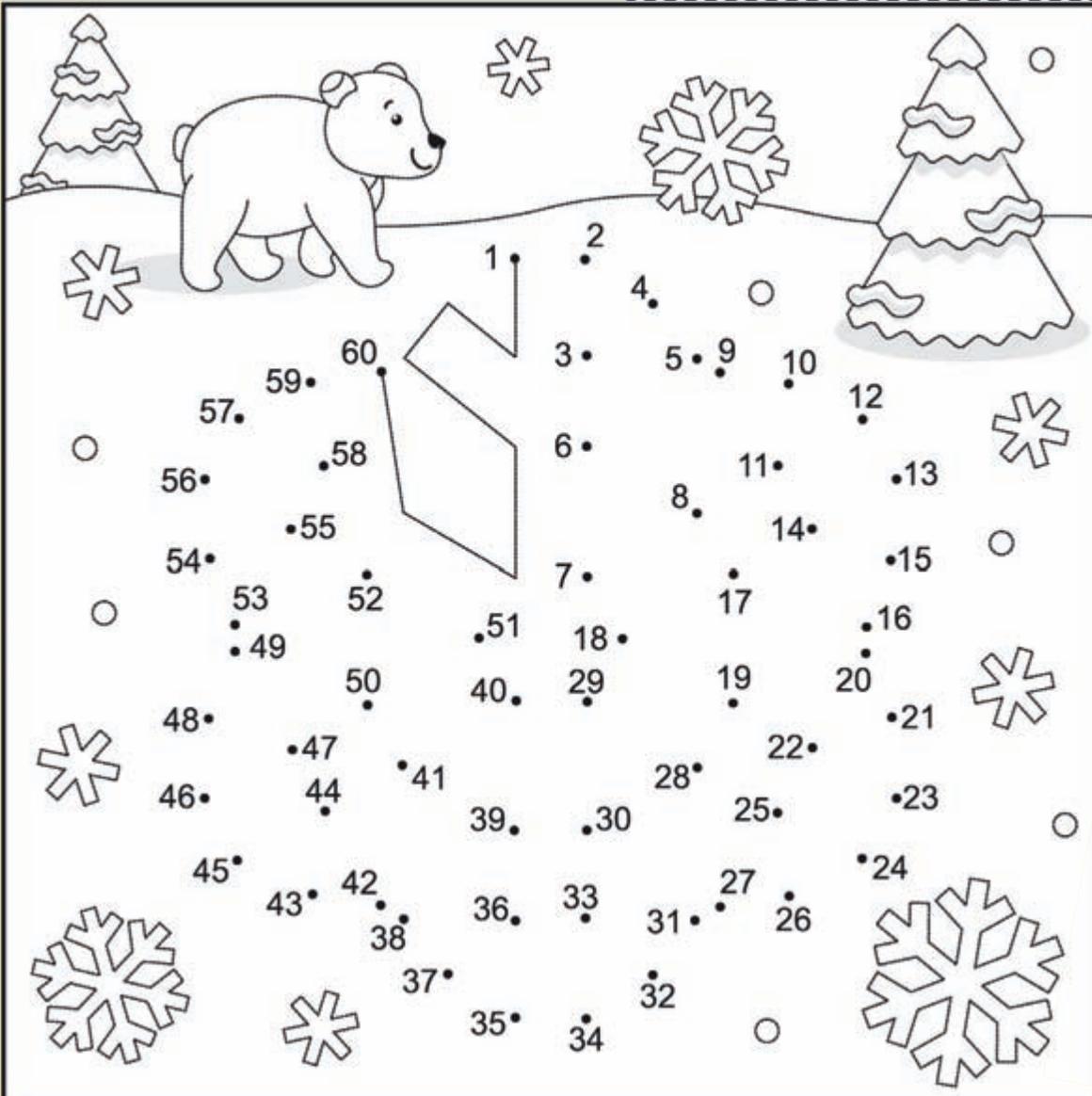
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Ingredients (for 4 people)

- 1 teaspoon ginger, or less to taste
- 8 shallots, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, diced
- 1 red chili, chopped
- 1 ½ pounds potatoes
- 2 cups red bell peppers, chopped into 1 inch squares
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt, pepper, ground white pepper and sugar to taste
- 2 cups coconut milk
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- ¾ pounds prawns
- 4 stalks of coriander
- ¼ cup lemon grass, if you want to add it



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Preparation

Peel ginger and finely dice it. Peel potatoes and cut into ½ inch pieces. Heat olive oil to medium in a pot. Add garlic, shallots, ginger and chili and let simmer on medium heat for 3 minutes. Add potatoes. If you have lemon grass, and like the taste, you can add ¼ cup diced at this time. Let it simmer for 2-3 minutes. Add salt, pepper, ground white

pepper and sugar. Now add coconut milk and vegetable broth. Bring it to boil. Put a lid on pot and let it simmer for 15-29 minutes. Add prawns that are cleaned. Add red bell pepper. Bring to boil and let it simmer for 5 more minutes. Season again to match your taste.

Garnish with coriander leaves. If you like Indian style foods, you can also add curry when adding spices.



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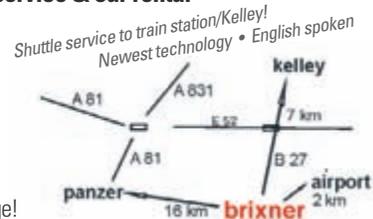


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EVENTS

Antique and Art Exhibition

Thu, Jan 12 – Sun, Jan 15
Sindelfingen, Messe Sindelfingen

One who loves antiques and art can only really embrace and see its true beauty. The antique and art exhibition in Sindelfingen from January 12 to 15 shows just that. See exquisite furniture, porcelain, glass, pottery. Figure out what time period they came from and what their value truly is. Day pass is €10. Opening hours are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Friday to Saturday. For more information about the exhibition go to www.Messe-Sindelfingen.de

Art exhibition

Thu, Jan 12 – Sun, Jan 15
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ARTE is an art exhibition that has contemporary art presented in a new creative way from January 12 to 15. There will be over 3000 sqm of modern art (sculptures, paintings and drawings). The museum is open 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Friday to Sunday. Entry price is €10 for the day. For more information and to get a preview of the exhibition's masterpieces, go to www.Messe-Sindelfingen.de

Sekt (Sparkling Wine) Tour

Sat, Jan 14
Esslingen, Kessler Sekt

The Kessler Sekt wine cellars are one of the oldest cellars in Germany, so why not call and make a reservation for you and friends to go on a tour on January 14. The tour is approximately 90 minutes. You will be able to taste their different kinds of sekt. Tours are also held

in English, French and Italian. These tours are booked out fast, so be sure to get your ticket soon for your group. Prices vary depending on the group size. The times for the tours are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.Kessler-Sekt.de

CMT Vacation Exhibition

Sat, Jan 14 – Sun, Jan 22
Stuttgart, Messe Stuttgart

Visit the "CMT Urlaubs-Messe" (Holiday Fair), the world's biggest fair for tourism and leisure at the Landesmesse Stuttgart from January 14 to 22. More than 2,000 exhibitors from 100 countries will present new trends, hotels and foreign cultures. Discover new travel destinations from city and adventure trips to luxury beach holidays, and experience the culture of this year's partner country, Albania. For more information go to www.Messe-Stuttgart.de

North American Film Festival

Wed, Jan 18 – Sat, Jan 21
Stuttgart, City Center

The North American Film Festival will once again take place in Stuttgart from January 18 to 21. At this year's festival a variety of Native American movie projects will be presented under the motto "In tomorrow we believe." All movies will be shown in their native language, and you will have the chance to speak to some of the producers. For more information and a detailed program with times and locations, go to www.NordAmerika-FilmFestival.com

Schweine Museum (Pig Museum)

Sat, Jan 21
Stuttgart, Schweine Museum

Pigs are on the agenda for today! Come to the Schweine Museum in Stuttgart where everything is about pigs. The pig museum will exhibit everything from stuffed pigs, piggy banks, pig stamps, pig decorations and so much more. You will learn about the history of the Schlachthof (slaughterhouse) from when it started in 1909 to 2010 when they reopened. The museum is open almost every day of the year, usually Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. For more info, go to www.SchweineMuseum.de

Antique Book Fair

Thu, Jan 26 – Sat, Jan 28
Ludwigsburg, Musikhalle

The 31th Antiquaria (Antique Book Fair) will be hosted at the Musikhalle Ludwigsburg from January 26 to 28. This year's fair focus is on the motto "peregrina." Ticket price is €3. For more info, visit www.Antiquaria-Ludwigsburg.de

Harlem Globetrotters

Tue, Mar 28
Stuttgart, Porsche Arena

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CONCERTS

UB40

Tue, Jan 24
Stuttgart, Im Wizemann

UB40 is a reggae and pop band from the UK. They are promoting their album "Signing Off," so get your tickets soon. Ticket price is €47.90. Show starts at 8 p.m. For more information go to [UB40.Global](http://www.UB40.Global)

Korn

Fri, Mar 24
Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyerhalle

Korn is back and promoting their new album "The Serenity of Suffering." See them live in Stuttgart, Hanns-Martin-Schleyerhalle. The show starts at 8 p.m. Ticket price is €58.50. For more information go to www.Eventim.de

SPORTS

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Sat, Jan 21
Vaihingen, Sporthalle Fanny

Handball can be an aggressive sport even though there should not be any body contact and requires the players to be quick on their feet. See SV Vaihingen play against TV N'hausen/E. 2 on January 21 in Vaihingen. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. For more info, go to www.SVV-Handball.de

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Mon, Feb 6
Stuttgart, Mercedes-Benz Arena

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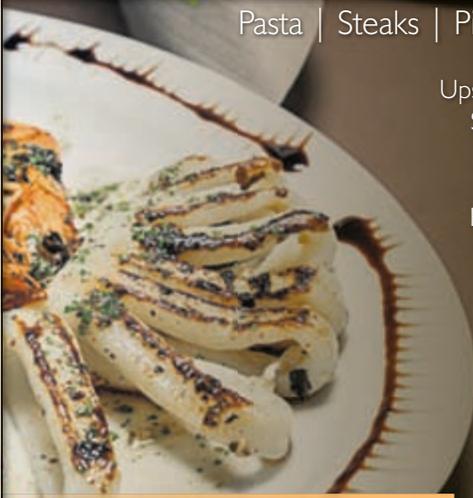
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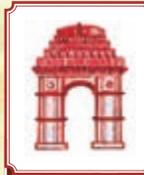


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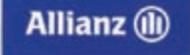
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