



Martin Greeson

Adm. Eric Olson (center), U.S. Special Operations Command commander, shakes hands with Master Sgt. William "Joe" Dickinson (left), 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), after presenting Dickinson with the Silver Star Medal as Lt. Col. Michael Peltier, 1/10th SFG (A), commander looks on during a valor ceremony held June 13 on Patch Barracks.

## Valor within our ranks

### Task Force 10 operators garner awards

By Master Sgt. Donald Sparks  
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Special Operations Forces personnel from the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 321st Special Tactics Squadron, and Special Operations Command Europe, gathered on Patch Barracks to witness the presentation of two Silver Star Medals, 11 Bronze Star Medals with Valor, and one Army Commendation Medal with Valor during a ceremony conducted on June 13.

Master Sgt. William "Joe" Dickinson and Staff Sgt. Adam Dorner, both of 1/10 SFG (A), were formally presented their Silver Star Metals by Adm. Eric Olson, U.S. Special Operations Com-

mand commander, in the Patch Community Club.

Olson praised the families of the SOF community for their roles in supporting their operators.

"This has to be a family affair," Olson said. "The Soldiers and Airmen are not who they are without the family support behind them, so it's great for them to be here. I recognize that every time we ask something of the service member, we are asking just as much of the unit infrastructure — the families. It is their sacrifices that make these missions possible, and I thank you all."

As part of the ceremony, a personal video from International Security Assistance Force Commander Gen.

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## Another school year over



Brittany Carlson

Harry Stine, a second-grade teacher at Patch Elementary School, emerges from the dunk tank, to the applause of students.



Brittany Carlson

Patch Elementary School students cheer as their teachers submit to the dunk tank on the second-to-last day of school, June 15. The students who completed the most math problems per grade were allowed to try and soak their teachers by tossing balls at the dunk tank's release mechanism.



Brittany Carlson

[Above] Gregory Kunz (center), Patch High School sophomore, hugs his friends on the last day of school June 16.

Members of the Böblingen Elementary/Middle School Sign Language Club perform June 15.



Birgit Thompson

Robynson Barracks Elementary/Middle School student Kaitlyn Smith (left) hugs a fellow student as Victoria Perches and Gabrielle Garcia exchange a hug June 16.



Susan Huseman

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## Dog wash spells end for dirty dogs

USAG Stuttgart Family and MWR opens a do-it-yourself dog wash, the first of its kind on a military installation in Europe, on Panzer Kaserne to the pleasure of local pet fanciers.



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## AF loadmaster wins golf championship

Golfers from across Europe and the services converged on the Stuttgart Golf Course to compete in the 2011 U.S. Forces Europe Golf Championships June 18-19.



# Celebrate Independence Day safely

Commentary by

**Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling**  
U.S. Army Europe commander

The 4th of July is one of my favorite holidays. On this day, we celebrate the birth of our nation by spending time with friends at cookouts, going to parades and watching fireworks. But it's also important to reflect on the significance of this day, when we declared independence and stood up for the dignity and freedom of man.



**Lt. Gen. Hertling**

This is a day for us to relax, but it's also a day to reflect on those brave Americans who helped shape our nation ... it's a day for us to reflect on how we can best uphold the same ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that drove our founding fathers to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Benjamin Franklin, one of our most respected founding fathers, jokingly reminded his fellow patriots during

the signing of the Declaration of Independence, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." He was reminding them that they needed to stick together as a team and fight for what was right, and he wanted them to stay safe in the pursuit of their cause.

I'd ask all Soldiers, civilians, and family members to do the same ... stick together as members of a team every day, fight for what is right when you have the opportunity, and always stay safe ... especially on holidays.

It's your duty to keep an eye on one another and take care of those within our Army family, and it requires personal courage to stand up and be loyal to one another.

Remind each other to buckle up in the car or take a cab. Plan ahead so you don't find yourself in an unwelcome situation, and don't let your ego get the best of you. Patriots gave their lives in securing the freedoms we enjoy today — don't waste yours unnecessarily.

Sue and I thank you and your families for all you do in defense of our great nation. You represent the very best the U.S. has to offer.



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## Prevent needless accidents

Commentary by **Col. Carl D. Bird**  
USAG Stuttgart commander

Independence Day honors the birthday of our nation and commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.

Unfortunately, it's also when the uniformed services typically see a spike in preventable off-duty accidents.

Since October, the Army alone has lost 93 Soldiers through needless accidents. Seventy-seven (82 percent) of these were off-duty incidents, two-thirds of which involved privately owned vehicles.

As service members, we view ourselves as professionals, and professionals manage risk.

Even when planning something as innocuous as a long weekend off, ensure you identify and assess all risks, and take the necessary steps to eliminate or mitigate them.

I've said it over and over, but I have to say it again. Drinking and driving is a deadly combination. Even one drink can reduce your ability to concentrate and react to things that happen suddenly when you are driving. If you drink and get behind the wheel, you are putting your life and career at risk. Don't do it.

You also need to be aware of the dangers associated with recreational summer activities such

*Enjoy this holiday and summer without taking unnecessary and unacceptable risks ... adopting a careless attitude can be lethal.*

as kayaking, canoeing, swimming and white water rafting. These activities can also turn disastrous when combined with alcohol.

Lastly, since the beginning of fiscal year 2011, the Army has experienced a significant increase in fatal motorcycle accidents.

If you are a motorcyclist, drive defensively and always wear proper protective gear.

But don't take it from me ... listen to a couple of our community members who race motorcycles. Go to the garrison's website at [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil), click on the Youtube link, then the "Disciples of Speed" video.

Of course, if you are a motorist, keep your eyes open for motorcycle riders.

Enjoy this holiday and the summer without taking unnecessary and unacceptable risks. Use your risk management training for even the most routine activity or task; adopting a careless attitude can be lethal.

I wish you all a well deserved holiday weekend. Make it a safe one.



**Col. Bird**



File photo

*A student takes a spin in a driving simulator during a driver education class. Installation Management Command Europe Child, Youth and School Services rolled out a driver training program for teens in Germany earlier this year. The program, taught by local German driving school instructors, includes 50 classroom instruction hours and 10 instructional hours of simulator practice. Teens also have the option of enrolling in six instructional hours of on-post behind-the-wheel driving instruction.*

## Driver's Ed: For students, Patch's not-so-mean streets great place to learn

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

For some, circling the streets of Patch Barracks at a top speed of 30 km per hour for a solid 45 minutes might be the epitome of an infernal nightmare.

For others, it puts them one step closer to a lifelong dream: getting a driver's license.

John-Michael Thomas, 17, is almost there.

Since April, Thomas has been enrolled in a series of driver education classes offered through the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child Youth and School Services.

He sat through 60 hours of theory and simulator training classes, and earlier this month, spent six hours cruising Patch Barracks for a behind-the-wheel experience. "We finally get to put what we learned to the test," he said.

Thomas and his fellow students negotiate intersections, crosswalks and parallel parking while piloting a manual transmission Volkswagen Golf or observing from the back seat, all the while never leaving the confines of the installation. "We know Patch well," he said.

It's an ideal location to practice the demanding mechanics of driving — how hard to depress the accelerator, when and how to apply the brake, when to shift gears, how far to turn the steering wheel to execute a turn — while keeping the students' anxiety at a minimum, according to Heinrich Sander, a driver instructor with a local German driving school.

After all, learning to drive can be a stressful experience. "You have to watch what other people are doing ... pay attention to the traffic signs ... learn to use the mirrors ... look over your shoulder. And in the beginning, changing gears is difficult, especially at the friction point when the car starts to roll," Sander said.

"Driving a car is a thinking task," he added.

And on this particular day, soon-to-be Patch High School senior Thomas was thinking — thinking that riding the school bus would soon be a distant memory

once he returns from a summer trip home with a Florida driver's license in hand.

"I'll get the Florida license, then, I'll come back here to take the USAREUR test. Once I get my license, I'll be driving to school," he said.

Driver's education for teens in Europe has been an Army Family Action Plan issue for several years, according to CYS Services officials.

The program was rolled out through most of Germany in April as a collaborative effort between CYS Services and the German National Federation of Driving Instructors Association, according to Kristy Lutz, the USAG Stuttgart CYS Services instructional program specialist.

"It's very difficult, sometimes, for high schoolers here," she said. "On the one hand, they have the tremendous opportunity of living in Europe. But they lose out on other opportunities, like getting a driver's license. We're trying to fill that gap."

Here in USAG Stuttgart, two theory and simulator courses for youths 15 years old and older are scheduled for this summer.

The course encompasses 50 classroom instruction hours and 10 instructional hours of simulator practice. Upon successful completion, students will receive 0.5 high school semester credits.

The course will be offered July 11-28 or Aug. 1-18, with classes meeting Monday through Thursday.

"With each of these courses, the students have the option of [practicing] behind the wheel," she said.

In fact, there are four options: theory and simulator; theory, simulator and behind the wheel; behind the wheel; and a program that results in a German driver's license — students are then eligible to exchange their German license for a stateside license in 34 states.

*All participants must be registered members of CYS Services. For more information or to register, contact Parent Central Services at 430-7480/7488, civ. 0711-680-7480/7488.*

## News & Notes

### Exercise planned for Panzer

On July 9, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will conduct an emergency management exercise on Panzer Kaserne. The exercise, called Stallion Shake 2011, will involve USAG Stuttgart and Böblingen emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services personnel.

During the exercise, the community will experience gate closures, traffic delays and road closures.

For more information, contact the USAG Stuttgart Emergency Manager at 431-2035/civ. 07031-15-2035.

### DISA change of command

The Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe will host a change of command ceremony Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. on Washington Square, Patch Barracks.

Col. Elizabeth A. Bierden will relinquish command of DISA-Europe to Col. Richard B. Price. The presiding officer will be Lt. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett, USA Director, Defense Information Systems Agency. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Gary Edwards at 434-5626.

### E-mail changes to start in July

Those using @eur.army.mil will be migrating to the global e-mail system called Enterprise Email, changing to @mail.mil starting in July.

5th Signal Command (Theater), headquartered on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, will oversee the Enterprise Email transition in U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Africa, European Command and Africa Command.

Users can prepare personally for this e-mail service change by reading the information provided on the 5th Signal Command website at [www.5sigcmd.army.mil](http://www.5sigcmd.army.mil).

Users are also advised to reduce the size of their e-mail mail box to less than 50 megabytes before the migration and make a note of their recurring calendar events and the names of those they invite to events, which will need to be reset after the migration.

*(Note: Information was provided by 5th Signal Command Public Affairs Office.)*

### VA encouraging electronic payment of benefits

To provide federal beneficiaries with a safe and convenient alternative to receiving payments via paper checks, the Department of Treasury is encouraging all Department of Veterans Affairs and Social Security Administration beneficiaries to elect electronic payment for recurring benefits. Beneficiaries receiving benefit payments by check or those who have just become eligible to begin receiving benefit payments have two choices for electronic payments: receive payments by direct deposit through the financial institution of the beneficiary's choice or receive compensation and pension payments via Direct Express Debit MasterCard program, a prepaid card program established as an alternative to direct deposit.

For more information, visit [www.vba.gov](http://www.vba.gov).

## Ask a JAG

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By Capt. Steve Bishop (U.S. Army)  
Stuttgart Law Center

### Q: Is "Family & Medical" Leave available only to pregnant women?

A: No. The Family and Medical Leave Act entitles most public sector employees (and some private) up to 12 workweeks of *unpaid* leave during any 12 month period for a variety of reasons. While the law works to ensure equal employment opportunities for new and expecting mothers, its ultimate purpose is to help both male and female employees balance their work and family responsibilities. The reasons for which an employee may take FMLA leave are as follows: birth and care of a newborn (including time off due to pregnancy complications); placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care; care of a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition; or when the employee is unable to work due to his or her own medical condition.

Additionally, there are two military-specific leaves available. The first is "Qualifying Exigency Leave," which may be taken to meet urgent demands arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, child, or parent is on active duty or is a National Guardsman or reservist called to active duty in support of a contingency operation. It is designed to permit family members to take leave to address the most common issues that arise due to a deployment, such as coordinating alternative child care and making financial and legal arrangements. The second type is "Military Caregiver Leave." Under this provision, an employee may take up to 26 workweeks of leave to care for a next-of-kin service member with a serious injury or illness.

In order to be eligible for FMLA leave, an employee must (1) have worked for the covered employer for at least 12 months, (2) have worked 1,250 hours during the 12 months prior to the start of leave, and (3) work at a location where 50 or more employees work at that location or within 75 miles of it. An employee who takes FMLA leave is entitled to maintain health care coverage and may elect to pay the premiums either on a current basis or upon their return to work. Once the leave ends, the employee must be restored to the same position previously held, or another with equivalent pay, benefits, status and conditions. For more information on eligibility and benefits, check out the Department of Labor's FAQ sheets online.

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## Valor . . . . .

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David Petraeus was presented to the audience that highlighted the overall courage of the Soldiers and Airmen, and recognized the success of Task Force 10 through its continuous rotation of Special Operations Forces to support the ISAF mission.

Maj. Gen. Michael Repass, SOCEUR commander, also praised the men for their actions on the battlefield. "They are men who are humble in their daily life, yet extraordinary in every aspect of combat," he said. "These are men of deeds and not words."

Addressing the packed audience of nearly 300 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, family members and civilians, Repass said he was reminded of a famous quote in the book "The Bridges at Toko-Ri," by James Michener, in which the hero questions aloud, "Where do we get such men?"

In answering, Repass said, "I don't know, but our services are certainly turning them out and they're in our ranks."

### Right place, right time

One of the Silver Star recipients, Dickinson, an operations sergeant to U.S. Special Operations Task Unit 0112, Special Operations Task Force 10, distinguished himself by exceptional heroism while engaged in direct combat against invading insurgent forces at Bagram Airfield on May 19, 2010.

Realizing the base was under attack, Dickinson and his five-man team gathered their weapons and body armor, and maneuvered — while exposed to enemy rocket-propelled grenade and tracer fire — toward the inner perimeter wall 120 meters away.

"We gathered our weapons and equipment; it took us a little while to get there," Dickinson said. "The AH-64s were on sight pretty fast, and there was some dangerous[ly] close 30mm fire going on. I knocked a few [insurgents] down."

Dickinson then led two other team members to the outer perimeter wall, evading grenades being thrown by enemy forces on the other side.

Countering with their own grenades, Dickinson and his team observed that the three insurgents from their first engagement were dressed in U.S. uniforms and equipped with suicide vests, hand grenades, RPGs and AK-47 assault rifles.

"Once we got a handle on the situation and saw that they were in ACUs, I knew that was going to be a problem — a really bad problem, as they were not quickly identifiable to friendly forces on Bagram," Dickinson said. "So I made the decision to go outside the outer wall, because the guard towers didn't cover all the dead space."

Though exposed to enemy observation, Dickinson led four other team members over the wall, where they noticed an insurgent attempting to detonate a suicide vest; the insurgent was killed by Dickinson's team before detonating. The team was then informed that 20 insurgents were reportedly massing 800 meters southwest of their position. Realizing the imminent threat, the SOTU 0112 team leader organized a voluntary patrol of 13 Soldiers to counter the enemy's attack.

Dickinson took point in the front, skirting the BAF perimeter to close with and engage the assaulting enemy. During the patrol, one of the patrol members stepped on an anti-personnel mine and was severely injured. Without hesitation, Dickinson ran 20 meters from the front of the patrol to give first aid and saved the life of the Soldier.

After helping to extract the Soldier over the wall, he then grabbed a mine detector from an engineer on the perimeter, scaled the wall a final time, and cleared a path for the four patrol members still in harm's way.

When asked for his definition of valor, Dickinson simply said, "Valor is just doing something hard when you have to."

### Dangerous sprinter

The other Silver Star Medal recipient, Dorner, a weapons sergeant for SOTU 0116, SOTF 10, distinguished himself by valorous actions against the enemy while deployed to Logar Province, Afghanistan. On Aug. 17, 2010, SOTU 0116 was enabling 20 Afghan Nation Security Forces members to perform route reconnaissance along Route New York.

While moving, the unit discovered a pressure-plate Improvised Explosive Device ahead of the convoy. While clearing the IED, the patrol found itself in a complex ambush, engaged by 10-12 insurgents occupying two fighting positions 300 meters to the east. The enemy opened fire with 82mm mortars, RPGs, PKM light machine guns and AK-47 assault rifles against the team.

"Me and two other teammates were on a flanking element pulling outside security when my gun went down," said Dorner, who was out in the open during the attack when his weapon malfunctioned.

Dorner realized the SOTU's 60mm mortar was essential to continue the fight and repel the enemy, so with disregard for his own life, he ran over 150 meters south through flat, open terrain paralleling enemy fighting positions to reach the SOTU's RG-33 vehicle and mortar system.

Despite the RPG rounds detonating within 30 meters of his location, Dorner emplaced the mortar tube and delivered 10 accurate, high-explosive rounds on the insurgent positions. As a direct result, the team was able to reorganize and direct maneuver elements into position, and request emergency close air support.

Informed that the AH-64 Air Weapons Team overhead was unable to effectively target the enemy positions, the team assessed the only way to eliminate the insurgents was by direct assault.

"We just started assaulting through the objective," said Dorner, who fearlessly took point of his element and led an assault across 300 meters of open terrain. "The enemy actually reinitiated two or three times with machine gun fire. But once we started taking the fight to them, they began to quit. We won the day that day."

Reflecting on the actions which led to his recognition, Dorner said, "Running through 300 meters of open ground and enemy machine gun fire is not something that a lot of guys jump at the opportunity to do. When you have 100 percent confidence in the guys you have to give you the fire and cover you need, that's the way it's supposed to work.

"We're supposed to be a well-oiled machine, and on that day we proved [we are]."

Other valor award recipients were:

- Capt. Craig Bighouse, Bronze Star with Valor
- Sgt. 1st Class Michael Murray, Bronze Star with Valor
- Sgt. 1st Class McKenna Miller, Bronze Star with Valor
- Sgt. 1st Class Rod Reschel, Bronze Star with Valor
- Staff Sgt. Sabriel Ashley, Bronze Star with Valor
- Staff Sgt. Robert "AI" Murray, Bronze Star with Valor
- Staff Sgt. Patrick Roberts, Bronze Star with Valor
- Staff Sgt. Richard Telck, Bronze Star with Valor
- Air Force Staff Sgt. David Ibsen, Bronze Star with Valor
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Theodore Hofknecht, Bronze Star with Valor
- Pfc. William Langley, Bronze Star with Valor
- Staff Sgt. Ricky Streeter, Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

# After 36 years, USO still brings community together

By **Brittany Carlson**  
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This year, the Stuttgart United Service Organizations office celebrated its 36th birthday (June 12) by giving out free hot dogs, cake and donated prizes on June 8.

It was a symbolic moment, since the USO Stuttgart has spent the past 36 years giving back to the military community here.

When it first opened its doors in 1975 on Robinson Barracks, the USO was little more than a two-room office providing information on the local community to service members and families.

“Any dependent who needed advice or help or entertainment could go there,” said Hildegard Göhrum, a local national who was on the original USO Council in 1975. “They were guaranteed to find a home away from home.”

Today, although the USO has moved several times and now has an larger office on Panzer Kaserne, its mission has remained the same: to lift the spirits of American troops and their families, and build partnerships with other organizations to deliver on the mission.

But the amount of programs has exploded.

“There are a lot more tours; there are a lot more events at the Panzer USO,” said Ulli Wagner, Göhrum’s daughter and president of the local USO Council. “I see more interactions between Germans and

*‘If they need a quiet place to read, study, or just to come and get away, we’re here.’*

**Stephanie Norby**  
USO programs and volunteer coordinator



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*Pfc. Mike Martinez dances with Chelsie Hightower, one of the stars of the ABC reality show, “Dancing with the Stars,” during a special “Dancing with the Stars” meet and greet sponsored by the United Service Organizations June 19 in the Panzer Exchange. The Stuttgart USO has been providing programs and services to lift the morale of service members and their families in the community since 1975. The Stuttgart USO also has a full schedule planned this summer.*

Americans.”

One example of these ongoing partnerships is the USO’s 20th Annual Golf Tournament, set for July 23, which will bring Germans and Americans together for a friendly game.

Winners will take home prizes from German and American sponsors, such as airline tickets to the U.S.

“We have a lot of support from the surrounding community,” said Stephanie Norby, USO Stuttgart programs and volunteer coordinator. “It will definitely be a good day.”

The USO also continues to offer weekly tours to various German and European destinations. A free “Steppin’ Out” tour is available every month for single or unaccompanied service members.

The USO German language classes will continue throughout the summer as well. The next term will run from

July 11 to Aug. 11.

## Free USO programs

In addition to paid services, the USO also offers many free programs.

The USO’s free salsa class runs every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. and is now back at the USO. “Beginners, advanced — anyone can participate,” Norby said.

Community members can also stop by the USO for a free lunch on the last Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some programs were developed specifically for families of deployed or deploying service members.

Family members can send a care package to their deployed loved one through the USO. They can also pick up deployment kits for military children, which include a toy bear, imprinted dog tags, a DVD dealing with deployment, and postcards to send to



*Marcia DuCharme (center) and Angie Hawkins hand out free hotdogs and birthday cake to Stuttgart community members June 8 to celebrate the USO Stuttgart’s 36th birthday.*

Brittany Carlson

the loved one.

“It’s just another way to help them cope,” Norby said.

Before deployment, service members can record a DVD of themselves reading a story through the USO’s “United Through Reading” program, to give to their children to watch while they are away.

Whether or not community members want to use the USO programs, they can always stop by the USO for free beverages and snacks, computer access, free DVD rental or to watch TV.

“If they need a quiet place to read, study, or just to come and get away, we’re here,” Norby said.

It’s also a great place to learn about travel opportunities, Norby added. “We have a plethora of information about Germany as well as other countries in Europe,” she said.

While some programs — such as cooking in the USO kitchen and taking tours —

haven’t changed in 36 years, others are constantly being introduced.

The best way to find out about the latest USO programs is to sign up for the weekly e-mail newsletter at the USO office, she said.

Or, to make a suggestion for a future program or tour, “come by or write an ICE comment. We are always happy to receive feedback and incorporate it into our planning,” she added.

*To sign up for the golf tournament or see a schedule of tours, visit [www.uso.org/stuttgart](http://www.uso.org/stuttgart). The Kiosk, USO Stuttgart’s bimonthly magazine, is available online and at the USO, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.*

*The USO Stuttgart is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

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# SOF medics train to save lives in combat

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With more and more European partner nation Special Operation Forces participating in International Security Assistance Force operations, having medical personnel available to save lives in austere and often dangerous environments is of critical importance.

Medical personnel, regardless of nation, must be trained to perform to the same standards.

As a result, U.S. Special Operations Command Europe developed and conducted a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Train-the-Trainer course to enhance the SOF capability and interoperability of the participating nations, and incorporate one recognized standard for managing trauma on the battlefield.

Over a two-week period in May at Zemunik Air Base at Zadar, Croatia, 17 medics from Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Ukraine received expanded medical and trauma care training from U.S. medical personnel from 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and 352nd Special Operations Group.

SOCEUR's goal in organizing the course was to provide its partner nation SOF medics with the knowledge and skills required to instruct others in providing medical care in a combat environment, following the guidelines and protocols of TCCC.

Although TCCC started as an initiative by U.S. Special Operations Command, it is now used by all the U.S. military services. It is also used by most allied countries and has been credited as a major factor in U.S. forces having the highest casualty survival rate in our history, according to the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research.

On the battlefield, wounded personnel may be treated by medical personnel from a different nation, so having one international standard for tactical field medical care is of vital importance, said Lt. Col. Mark



*A team of multinational Special Operations Forces medics from Hungary, Croatia and Ukraine practice administering medical care in situations of extreme stress during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course taught by U.S. medical personnel from 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and 352nd Special Operations Group, in Udbina, Croatia.*

Ervin, SOCEUR surgeon.

"With the diverse coalition contributing to ISAF, it is possible that a casualty will be seen by a combat first responder, medic, CASEVAC crew and physician who all come from different countries," Ervin said. "A standardized protocol of field trauma care, such as TCCC, ensures the injured combatant that despite the differences in language, everyone caring for him will be able to perform the most appropriate procedures and communicate using the 'language' of TCCC."

Training objectives included tourniquet application/hemorrhage control, needle decompression, splinting, nasopharyngeal airway insertion, MEDEVAC request/9-Line and rotary wing/loading procedures. Also, the participants had to be able to evaluate each other, design their own scenarios and perform other instructor skills so that they would be able to teach them in their own units.

The participants were exposed to enemy fire (the number one factor that determines when and how much care can be provided), darkness, terrain, environmental factors, limited medical equipment, evacuation times and platforms (aerial). They were evaluated for their ability to make timely life care decisions under duress.

"Exposing students to a stressful environment while making them follow the guidelines and theories

of TCCC is the only real way to see if they can follow those guidelines while dealing with what could be a very difficult tactical situation," said Master Sgt. Will A. Ward, a lead instructor of TCCC and noncommissioned officer in charge of Medical Operations, 352nd SOG.

"I really wanted to focus on giving the partner nations the same quality and level of training that we get for our initial training," Ward added. "This includes the same intensity. I remember the first time that I had to perform TCCC guidelines in the dark, in a room simulating aircraft sound, temperature controlled at 105 degrees, and with an instructor who was more than happy to 'hurry me along' if I was going too slow. Those lessons helped when I had to perform in theater, so I want to [impart] that [to] them."

As the host of the TCCC course, Maj. Mladen Gavrich, Chief of Medical Department, Croatian Special Operations Forces Battalion, said the TCCC brought a new dimension to casualty care training that the Croatians had never experienced.

"We've never trained like this before, especially placing our medics in stressful conditions," Gavrich said. "The training gave our medics a realistic picture of what could go right or wrong when treating a casualty on the battlefield — especially when taking fire with someone's life is depending on them."

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# Young male service members at risk for testicular cancer

By Patricia Deal

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center

Medical professionals at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center warn that male service members are part of the most at-risk group for testicular cancer. The form of cancer may be rare, but it does occur most often in men ages 20 to 39.

"[Service members] need to be aware of the risk. While the survival rate is more than 90 percent, testicular cancer can still be lethal if it is too advanced once it is discovered," said Maj. Eric Whitman, a urologist in the Department of Surgery at CRDAMC.

As part of National Men's Health month in June, Whitman is promoting education and awareness of the disease. He encourages service members to take an active role in managing their testicular health by performing regular, monthly self-exams.

"[Service members] should always be on the offensive, not just for one month out of the year or at their annual physical exam. Ignoring a testis mass for a month, or several months, can be fatal," he said. "Testicular cancer is now one of the most curable cancers, but the more advanced it is, the less options a man has for treatment ..."

Most men with testicular cancer can

be cured with surgery, radiation therapy and/or chemotherapy. Side effects vary.

The testicular cancer rate has more than doubled among white men in the past 40 years, but has only recently begun to increase among black men, according to the National Cancer Institute. There is no known cause, but men who have had an undescended testicle or a brother or father with the disease may be more at risk for developing testicular cancer.

More cases of testis cancer are identified in the military population in part due to service members' improved access to care, as well as required annual exams and early screening efforts.

Whitman emphasized the importance of performing monthly self exams.

"Being shy about one's anatomy is the most likely reason why men present so late with tumors or torsion," he said. "But most men will be less shy if they know that they could lose a testicle (in the case of torsion) or should lose it (in the case of tumors) before it spreads."

After a self-exam, men should see their primary care provider if they notice any symptoms such as a painless lump or swelling in a testicle, any enlargement of a testicle or change in the way it feels. Seek immediate medical attention for any pain and swelling lasting more than an hour.



## Learn about diabetes

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will host a Friends of Diabetes informational meeting Aug. 19 from 1-3 p.m. in the Patch Clinic conference room.

A nurse practitioner, pharmacist, dietician and social worker will present information on topics including medications, long-term complications, nutrition and managing stress.

Advance registration is recommended. For more information, or to register, call Frances Barlock, registered nurse, at 430-7069/civ. 0711-680-7069.

## Self-Help Appointing Center now open

The U.S. Army Health Clinic now has a Self-Help Medical Appointing Center, which provides direct phone access to the Europe Regional Medical Command Care Call Center, Nurse Advice Line, and International-SOS Service Center.

A computer kiosk is also available for access to Tricare Online.

The center will reduce front desk wait times and provide expedited medical booking for the community.

## E-mail reminders reduce no-shows at clinic

Every three months, the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart experiences over 1,300 medical appointment no-shows. These no-shows hinder beneficiaries in the Stuttgart community from accessing health care. In order to reduce the no-shows, the USAHC Stuttgart has developed an e-mail reminder program that will provide beneficiaries with the time and date of their medical appointments 24 hours ahead of time.

All e-mails sent from USAHC Stuttgart will be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rules. Each e-mail will contain the name, date, and time of the medical appointment and contact information needed to cancel an appointment, if needed.

Take the time to update your e-mail with USAHC Stuttgart. To cancel an appointment, call civ. 06221-17-2622. Doing so will help give back 5,200 medical appointments annually to the community.

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# Don't become a victim while traveling in Europe

By Shay Edwards

USAG Stuttgart Antiterrorism Office

Living in Europe means having the advantage of being near numerous popular tourist destinations and the opportunity to travel during the summer months.

However, tourist attractions and peak travel seasons can create ideal conditions for a potential terrorist attack.

Community members can help protect themselves and their families by arming themselves with knowledge and preparing before they set out on their next European vacation.

- Research travel destinations on the U.S. Department of State website, [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Read any travel warnings or travel alerts for that country, and then read about common criminal and terrorist activity in the area.

- Register the passport numbers of family members. This will help the U.S. Department of State evacuate U.S. personnel in the event of a natural disaster or social unrest. Additionally, this will expedite the process of replacing a lost passport.

- Write down the emergency numbers for medical, fire, and police departments at the travel destination. For many countries within the European Union, 112 is the designated number for all of these services.

- Write down the address for the nearest emergency room or hospital. In some places, the fastest

## Tourist attractions and peak travel seasons can create ideal conditions for a potential terrorist attack.

way to get help may be driving to the hospital.

- When waiting in an airport or train station, stay on the edges of large crowds of people, near an emergency exit. Many active shooters focus on firing shots into the main body of a group because they are most likely to hit someone.

- Avoid people who appear to be talking or praying to themselves, or in a trance — many active shooters and suicide bombers exhibit these traits. Alert security personnel if these people are detected.

- After arriving at the airport, go to the departure gate as soon as possible. The areas of the airport closer to the departure gates are more secure than the ticket counters and baggage check areas.

- While traveling and at a travel destination, maintain situational awareness. Avoid boxes, bags, or backpacks that are left unattended, as these could easily conceal explosives.

- In parking lots, avoid cars that are parked

especially close to buildings, cars parked illegally, cars sagging low to the ground, and cars that have containers of gasoline, propane, or bags of fertilizer in them, as they could contain explosives.

- If traveling by car, be aware that police in Germany sometimes pull people over in unmarked police cars and plain clothes to catch drug runners. When this occurs, the police vehicle should have an LED marquis screen in the back, telling the driver to pull over or follow. Drivers who have any doubts regarding the legitimacy of an event should pull over at the next well-populated rest stop and find a police officer to report what has happened, or dial 112.

- Book a hotel room on the third, fourth or fifth floor near an emergency exit, to avoid shootings at street level and be able to evacuate quickly in the event of a fire.

- Avoid eating meals in hotel restaurants, as they could become a terrorist target.

- Don't discuss classified topics, even if speaking in a low voice. Intelligence services around the world have the capability to listen in on almost any conversation, regardless of whether or not the participants are whispering.

- Avoid visiting night clubs or bars where Americans or tourists are known to congregate.

For more information on how to make a vacation more safe, visit the Department of Defense Antiterrorism Awareness website at [www.at-awareness.org](http://www.at-awareness.org).

Sign up for news flashes and briefs: send an e-mail to [stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil](mailto:stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil), with the subject: "add me to your mailing list."

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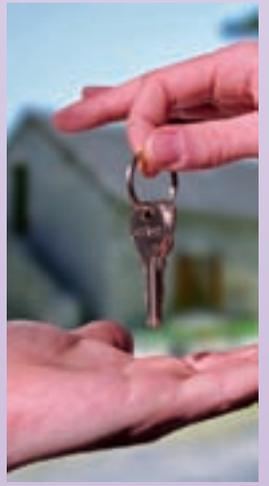
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**Register now for RCO to close early  
USO golf tourney July 8**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart United Service Organizations will host its 20th Annual Golf Tournament on July 23 at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim.

To register, contact the USO at 431-3505/civ. 07031-15-3505.

**Thrift shops seek  
volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to work at the Patch and Robinson Barracks Thrift Shops. To volunteer, register online with the Volunteer Management Information System at www.myarmyonesource.com (click on VMIS), then apply at one of the thrift shops in person.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Volunteer Coordinator at 431-3362/07031-15-3362.

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For more information contact your local Exchange customer service desk.

The Regional Contracting Office Stuttgart will close July 8 at 11:30 a.m. to allow staff members to attend an off-site function. If you require contracting assistance during this time, please plan accordingly.

**Independence Day  
closures**

Some facilities will be closed July 2-5 in observance of the federal and training holidays. Community members are advised to call ahead before visiting. The Patch Dining Facility will close July 3-4 and reopen July 5. The USO will be closed July 2 and 4.

**Budget for Baby**

Receive \$120 worth of baby items for free by attending the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society-sponsored Budget For Baby class July 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. All active duty service members who are prospective or new parents are eligible to attend.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call civ. 0174-6592399 or 07031-15-2085.

**RB Community  
Bank reduced hours**

The Community Bank at Robinson Barracks will temporarily operate with reduced hours. The RB bank will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Contracted workers spread asphalt on the Panzer Housing Area's Casablanca Platz June 16. Panzer Housing received new pavement as part of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works' efforts to improve garrison infrastructure and improve the quality of life for community members here.

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**Women's career development**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office will host a career development workshop, "Career Women and Finances," July 13 from 9-11 a.m. in Room 222, Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

Registration is required. E-mail your registration to USAGStuttgartEEO@eur.army.mil. For more information, call 430-5312/civ. 0711-680-5312.

**Spanish religious service offered**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office offers a non-denominational religious service in Spanish twice a week at the Panzer Chapel. Pastors Fernando and Nilvia Diaz lead a Bible study and worship service Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m.. For more information, e-mail StuttgartRSO@googlemail.com.

**ARC classes**

The Stuttgart American Red Cross will offer a standard first aid with CPR/AED-adult and child, plus infant CPR class July 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ARC Office.

To register, stop by the ARC office in Room 314, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne, or register online at www.redcross.org (choose "take a class" and enter the zip code 09107, then select a

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For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812, or e-mail redcross.stuttgart@eur.army.mil.

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# Thrills on wheels: check out Germany's theme parks

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

School is out and summer has arrived. So, what now?

Before the boredom settles in with those dog days of summer, check out Germany's take on amusement parks. From an afternoon spent with Shrek to a Lego lover's paradise, these fantasy worlds will satisfy thrill-seekers of all ages and tastes.

## Movie Park Germany

Explore Bikini Bottom, take a wild water ride with Dora the Explorer and meet Sponge Bob for an afternoon of fishing at Movie Park Germany. This park, in Bottrop-Kirchhellen, features characters from Nickland, Ice Age and Shrek, as well as other movies and television shows.

In the Wild West section of the park, saloons and barber shops create replica of a Hollywood movie set.

The park also includes several shows, such as the X-Men Revenge action show, and the Character Show, in which the Nickelodeon stars perform on the Hollywood street set and pose for pictures.

The park is open in July from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 25 to Sept. 4. Entrance prices run from €28 for children ages 4-11 and €33 for adults.

For more information, including extended opening times and prices, visit [www.movieparkgermany.de](http://www.movieparkgermany.de).

## Europa-Park

Europa-Park, located in Rust, about 175 kilometers southwest of Stuttgart, is divided into 15 different areas, mostly modeled after European countries. Each has appropriate architecture, vegetation, food, shopping and attractions; visitors can ride a London bus ride in England, or face Poseidon on a water ride in Greece.

The park is home to 10 roller coasters, including its latest attraction, the Blue Fire Megacoaster. It also has musical, laser and ice shows, and a 4D cinema.

The park's newest addition is the "FoodLoop" restaurant, where guests can watch their food and drinks loop around from the kitchen to individual tables on a winding steel track.

There are also carousels, bumper cars, a beach



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Visitors to Germany's largest theme park, Europa-Park in Rust, ride the Alpine coaster "Enzian" in the Austrian-themed part of the park. Europa-Park is divided into 15 different areas, mostly designed to represent European countries.

playground and a water world for youngsters.

The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Nov. 6, with extended hours during the peak season.

Entrance prices range from €32 for children ages 4 through 11 to €36 for adults.

For more information, visit [www.europapark.de](http://www.europapark.de).

## Tripsdrill

Tripsdrill is the oldest amusement park in Baden-Württemberg. The park is located in Cleeborn, just 30 kilometers from Ludwigsburg.

In the past 80 years of operation, the park has developed into a major tourist destination with 100 different attractions. Tripsdrill contains water slides, carousels, dancing tea cups and more.

The "Vinarium," or wine cellar, and wine museum, where visitors can taste local wines, symbolize the park's main theme: wine production. After tasting the wines, visitors can also take a spin in the "Lustige Weinberg," a vineyard keg ride.

The main attractions, however, are the Mammoth

roller coaster, the largest wooden roller coaster in Germany, and a wild water rafting tour.

For those who want to take a break from the crowds, a 47-acre wildlife park is located next to the amusement park.

Prices start at €19 for children age 4 to 11 and €23 for adults. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.tripsdrill.de](http://www.tripsdrill.de).

## Legoland Germany

More than 50 million individual Lego blocks were used to build Legoland Germany. Rides and attractions, as well as one of the largest Lego stores in Germany, await the visitors.

This year's latest attraction is the Star Wars Miniland area, which displays scenes from the Star Wars films and animated series using 1.5 million Lego bricks.

The park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. in July, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in August. Entrance prices cost €33 for children ages 3-11 and €37 for adults, but visitors can save money by booking online.

For more, visit [www.legoland.de](http://www.legoland.de).

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**RB Youth Center summer hours**

The Robinson Barracks Youth Center summer will be open run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Aug. 28. Beginning Aug. 29, the center will be open Monday through Friday from 2:30-6 p.m.

For more information, call 420-7017/civ. 0711-819-7017.

**Sports physicals**

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will offer children's school and sports physicals July 23 and Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring the child's immunization records and eye glasses to the physical.

To schedule an appointment, register with the Care Call Center at 371-2622/civ. 0622-117-2622 or schedule an appointment at the US-AHC Stuttgart front desk.

**ACAP events**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Career and Alumni Program office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACAP will host the following seminars:

- Veterans Affairs Benefits Briefing, July 6, 8 a.m. to noon (Panzer Chapel)
- Transition Assistance Program for retiring ACAP clients, July 12-14
- Advanced Resume Seminar, July 15, 9 a.m. to noon
- Interview Preparation workshop, July 25, 1-4 p.m.

Unless otherwise indicated, all classes will be held at the ACAP Office, Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

Registration is required. To register, call 431-2191/civ. 07031-15-2191, or visit

www.acapexpress.army.mil.

**FMWR is hiring**

The Nonappropriated Fund Human Resources Office at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is accepting applications for positions in Child, Youth and School Services and at the Galaxy Bowling Center. All eligible U.S. qualified candidates may apply.

Visit <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/cpac/stuttgart/index.htm> for vacancy announcements.

For more information, visit the NAF Human Resources Office in Building 2948, Panzer Kaserne, or call 431-3119/civ. 07031-15-3119.

**Free paintball**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program will host a Warrior Pride paintball challenge July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Panzer Logistics Training Area. The event is free for service members in ranks E5 and below, but open to the entire community (at cost). Register by July 6.

For more information, call 431-3233/civ. 07031-15-3233 e-mail [marianne.1.campano@eur.army.mil](mailto:marianne.1.campano@eur.army.mil).

**Good Girl Hank band visits RB**

Armed Forces Entertainment presents Good Girl Hank, a Los Angeles-based band that specializes in electronic dance, Afro-beat and rhythm and blues, on the Robinson Barracks Club patio July 9 at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 430-2110/civ. 0711-680-2110.

*Send community-wide announcements to [stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil](mailto:stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil).*

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**Garrison hosts safety day**

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold a safety day on July 14 on Panzer Kaserne. The event will include safety presentations at the Panzer Chapel from 9-11:30 a.m. and outdoor activities and information stations at the Panzer Exchange side entrance from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include a driving simulator, seat belt convincer, eye and reaction test, rescue demonstration by the garrison fire department, fire extinguisher demonstration, static displays and presentations by the Stuttgart Child Car Seat Committee.

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# 'Splish, splash, I was taking a bath'

Story & photos by **Brittany Carlson**  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Keeping a dog in a bathtub is tough — unless you're using U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's new dog wash machine at the Panzer Auto Craft Shop, that is.

The dog wash, located in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Auto Crafts Center on Panzer Kaserne, held its grand opening June 17, complete with free dog washes, dog treat giveaways and a cook-out for owners, in honor of the Auto Craft Shop Customer Appreciation Day.

"This is a great step forward for all of our community's dogs," said Col. Carl D. Bird, USAG Stuttgart commander, as he cut the ribbon opening the dog wash room.

But it was one giant leap for dog owners.

The dog wash is the first of its kind on a military installation in Europe, according to Samantha Helm, who works for the Family and MWR Community Recreation Division.

The wash is a self-service, money-operated machine with an enclosed metal bath area and a detachable shower head for dispensing products from shampoo to hot air.

"It's the same as a car wash," Helm said. "You have a rinse feature, you have a shampoo feature, you have a conditioning feature, and it also ... has blow dry."

Waiting guests can sit on couches in a dog-themed waiting room and watch television.

The wash was a huge help to dog owners like Devlin McCauley and her family, who brought their border collie and chow chow mix, Sugarbear, to get a bath June 17.

"It's hard to wash her at our house," McCauley said about her pooch, who had the appearance of a small grizzly bear. "I have to sit with my blow dryer and try to get her dry."

In addition, the dog wash saves families like the McCauleys money. It costs \$5 for 10 minutes, compared to the €70-80 it can cost at a German grooming facility, McCauley said.

The wash's high walls also prevent pets from escaping, which was appreciated by another community member at the grand opening, Cindy Anderson.

"Just having all the mess contained, having her contained ... this is much better than wrestling our dog in the shower or doing it under a hose outside," said Anderson, while bathing her dog, Whisky. "We'll be here often."

More than 30 dogs visited the wash June 17, indicating that the facility is a much-needed acquisition.

In fact, Family and MWR purchased the wash because so many community members were already involved in the garrison's other pet-friendly events, such as the dog show. "We asked them what they'd like to see [and] we talked about a washing station," said Ron Paoletti, Family and MWR Recreation Division Chief. "As they say, the rest is history."

*The Dog Wash is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cats are welcome.*

*For more information, call Panzer Auto Crafts Shop at 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.*



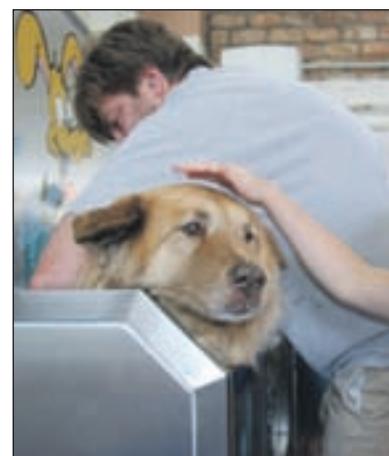
*[Above] Byron Vaughn (left), a Stuttgart military community volunteer, and Cory Hoffman, Family and MWR employee, grill hamburgers and hotdogs for the FMWR dog wash grand opening June 17. The wash is part of the FMWR Auto Crafts Center on Panzer Kaserne, and costs \$5 for 10 minutes.*

*[Right] Col. Carl D. Bird, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart commander, soaps up his dog, Casey, at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation dog wash June 17. The dog wash, a self-service machine that allows pet owners to bathe their pets on a pay-as-you-go basis — similar to a car wash, is located at the Family and MWR Auto Crafts Center on Panzer Kaserne.*



*Pooches and their owners line up to try out U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's dog wash June 17. The wash is a part of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Auto Crafts Center on Panzer Kaserne and is the first of its kind on a military installation in Europe. During its grand opening June 17, more than 30 dogs and their owners visited the wash.*

*For more photos, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart).*



*[Above] Morgan McCauley, 6, comforts her dog, Sugarbear, while the pooch takes her first bath (helped by Morgan's father, Ryan) at the USAG Stuttgart FMWR Dog Wash June 17.*

*[Right] Sydney Merrick, 10 months, relaxes with her dog, Chuck, a boxer mix, before his bath at the FMWR Dog Wash June 17.*



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Brittany Carlson

Children enrolled in last year's Child, Youth and School Services School Age Services summer camps perform a group song and dance for other SAS campers during a camp blitz-off. This summer, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's CYS Services is offering field trips and activities focused on exploring, adventure, space, nature, animals and health.

## Explore nature, space, sports with CYS Services camps

By Tanya Fogg Young  
Special to The Citizen

Child, Youth and School Services is offering a smorgasbord of activities for youth ages 3-18 in the Stuttgart military community.

This summer, newcomers can sign up for the Stuttgart Youth Newcomer's Orientation and learn to navigate downtown Stuttgart. Other activities include scuba diving, rock climbing, trips to a rope course, and an art summer camp, which teaches children how to tie dye their own T-shirts.

Children entering kindergarten in the fall can sign up for Kindergarten Boot Camp.

CYS Services also provides "Rockin' Summer" camps at the School Age and Youth Centers.

School Age Center camps are available by the week for children who have finished first through sixth grade (in June 2011). The summer camps have weekly themes such as exploring, adventure and space, nature, animals, humans and health, which align with the field trips. For example, during the Drama Week, children will visit the Opera House. During Nature/Animal week, they'll check out Stuttgart's zoo. In Adventure/Exploring week, campers will take a trip to Sensopolis, a hands-on exploration experience for kids.

"The themes were created based on what youth clubs are popular and what interests the youth have," said Genevieve Nystrom, USAG Stuttgart CYS Services outreach services director. "We'd like the youth to come away with learning new life

skills, educational skills, and of course have fun while discovering what Germany has to offer.

"It is also a great way to socialize with their peers in a safe environment."

With the School Age Center camp, families may register for the entire week of activities or they can call to reserve up to two days of hourly care per week, Nystrom said. For example, if someone wanted their child to attend the July 5 School Age Center camp field trip to Legoland, that person would call the school-age center directly to see if there is hourly care space available for that particular day. If space is available, children would pay a \$30 fee for the day and the entrance fees for the field trip.

The Youth Centers camps also offer field trips including a visit to the theme park Trips-drill, canoeing, and a "rat race" in downtown Stuttgart. Families may choose to register for a full week, or choose a maximum of up to two days of daily use for a cost of \$16, plus the cost of entrance fees to the destination.

The amount of a full week of summer camp is dependent on the household's income category, based on the family's leave and earnings statements.

For children entering kindergarten in the 2011-12 school year, Kindergarten Boot Camp — led by CYS Services — is an option.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools teachers and CYS Services thought the offering was a good way to introduce children into a new environment, focusing on some of the differences between being a student in a prekindergarten classroom and starting kindergarten in an elementary school, Nystrom said.

A number of clinics are also available for budding athletes, as well as those who are

### CYS Services summer youth programs

#### Kindergarten Boot Camp

A readiness program for children entering kindergarten in the fall. The boot camp will be held at each Child Development Center 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from Aug. 24 through Sept. 2. The program costs \$25.

#### 4-H Babysitters Training

July 12-14 Kelley Barracks  
Aug. 9-11 Patch Barracks

#### Hospitality Boot Camp 101

A free camp for children ages 15-18 at the Panzer Hotel on Panzer Kaserne. Camps are Monday, Wednesday and Friday: July 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The registration deadline is June 30.

#### Basketball Clinic

July 12-15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Patch Fitness Center for ages 10-16. Cost is \$30. Bring a lunch/snack.

#### Golf Clinic

July 26-29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim for ages 8-16. Cost is \$40.

#### Cheerleading Clinic

July 6-8 in the Kelley Fitness Center from 10-11 a.m. for ages 4-6; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 7-9; 2-4 p.m. for ages 10-15. Cost is \$30

#### Bowling Clinic

Aug. 17-19 from 3-4:45 p.m. at Galaxy Entertainment Bowling Center on Panzer Kaserne for ages 7-18. Cost is \$15.

For more information, visit [www.stuttgartmwr.com](http://www.stuttgartmwr.com).

looking to hone their skills. Sports clinics available during the summer include bowling, tennis, golf, and basketball.

"The sports clinics give kids something active to do and to keep them from sitting in front of the TV," said Caitlin Smith, sports and fitness director for Stuttgart CYS Services. "They have the opportunity to try a new sport or continue playing the sport they love in the off season."

The basketball clinic draws on the talent and many years of combined experience in the sport by parents, coaches and officials who serve as volunteers, Smith said.

"We definitely tap into that talent," she said.

## What's happening in FMWR

### FMWR hosts World Cup raffle, viewing parties

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR is giving away tickets to the Women's World Cup semi-finals and finals. Enter to win by purchasing raffle tickets at any Family and MWR retail facility through July 2. Tickets cost \$2 each. Or, watch the games with Family and MWR July 2 and 6 at the Patch Community Club on Patch Barracks.

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

### What's your opinion?

The Patch Arts and Crafts Center is considering extending hours of operation to better serve you. Have your say by taking a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T5NKJ7X>.

For more information, call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

### Country music concert, muscle car meet set

Armed Forces Entertainment, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR, and Stuttgart's Army and Air Force Exchange Service

team up to bring live country music and muscle cars to the Panzer Exchange parking lot July 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Nicole Frechette Band plays at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 430-2110/civ. 0711-680-2110.

### Kelley Club new hours

The Kelley Club is now closed on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 421-4660/civ. 0711-720-70694.

### Fit for Life program starts July 1

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR Sports and Fitness Program will host Fit For Life, a free fitness tracking program, from July 1 to Dec. 31.

Participants track their exercise hours and will receive incentive awards when they reach certain milestones in the program. Participants must be 16 years old or older.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-5386/civ. 0711-680-5386.

For Family and MWR updates, e-mail [mwrmarketing@eur.army.mil](mailto:mwrmarketing@eur.army.mil). photos.com



## Coming to Patch Theater

**June 30** — Source Code (PG-13) 6 p.m.

**July 1** — Cars 2 (G) 6 p.m., Bad Teacher (R) 9 p.m.

**July 2** — Cars 2 (G) 4 p.m., Ma-dea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) 7 p.m., Soul Surfer (PG) 9 p.m.

**July 3** — Cars 2 (G) 2 p.m., Cars 2 (G) 4 p.m., Bad Teacher (R) 7 p.m.

**July 4** — Cars 2 (G) 3 p.m., Cars 2 (G) 6 p.m.

**July 5** — Rio (G) 3 p.m., Ma-dea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) 6 p.m.

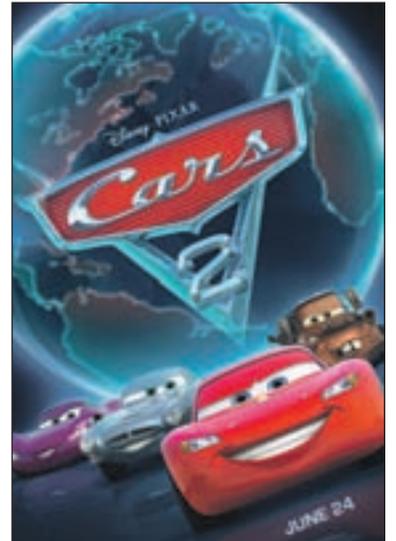
**July 6** — Soul Surfer (PG) 6 p.m.

**July 7** — African Cats (G) 6 p.m.

**July 8** — Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 3 p.m., Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 6 p.m., Fast Five (PG-13) 9 p.m.

**July 9** — Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 4 p.m., Hood-winked Too! Hood vs. Evil (PG) 7 p.m., Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 9 p.m.

**July 10** — Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2 p.m., Hood-



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winked Too! Hood vs. Evil (PG) 4 p.m., Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**July 11** — Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 6 p.m.

**July 12** — African Cats (G) 6 p.m.

**July 13** — Fast Five (PG-13) 6 p.m.

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July 9 - 10 Patch Fitness Center

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#### RUN TO REMEMBER

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July 16 8 a.m. 5K Run, 9 a.m. Half Marathon. Sign up by July 8.

Panzer Fitness Center

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### WATCH & SUPPORT

#### WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER PARTY AND RAFFLE

Watch the U.S. Team

July 2 6 p.m. Patch Community Club

July 6 8<sup>45</sup> p.m. Patch Community Club

Win tickets to semi finals or finals

Purchase raffle tickets at FMWR retail facilities. Winners announced July 4th.

#### FREE MOVIES AT RB

July 1 & 2 6:30 p.m. RB Club

"The Adjustment Bureau" PG13

More movies coming up on July 6 - 9

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July 4 4 p.m. Patch Husky Field

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*John-Paul Hansen of Ramstein displays the form that led him to a win at the 2011 U.S. Forces Europe Golf Championship held at the Stuttgart Golf Course June 18-19.*



*Stuttgart's Richard Gilbert ended the two-day tourney with a score of 162, earning him fourth place.*



*Stuttgart's Ryan Stamp eyes his target before his eighth-hole putt June 19. Stamp's score of 166 was good enough for a sixth-place finish.*

# Ramstein golfer takes U.S. Forces Europe golf championship

Story & photos by Susan Huseman  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

After 28 years of playing golf, John-Paul Hansen, 32, has a good idea of what he is and is not.

"I'm not very flashy. I'm a pretty steady player. My game is fairways and greens ... I may make a putt or two," Hansen said.

So no one was more surprised than Hansen when he sunk a 35 foot putt on the 17th hole during the second round of the U.S. Forces Golf Championships June 19 at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

"Going into the last two holes, I told myself I wanted to finish par birdie. I made that putt, and it was the turning point. I knew I was back in the game — it was awesome," he said.

Hansen, with a renewed sense of confidence, made par on the 18th hole and closed the round with a 77, giving him a tournament total of 157 and more importantly, a one-stroke advantage over his nearest rival.

It was a come from behind win for the Air Force C-130J loadmaster assigned to Ramstein.

Hansen's first day total of 80 put him two off the pace of Ramstein's Joseph Ferrall and Stuttgart's Richard Gilbert, both tied at 78.

On Sunday, before he ever hit the course, Hansen said his plan was to shoot even par.

And for the first six holes, he stuck to it, even exceeded it, with a score that was, up to that point, one under par.

But the wind conditions turned brutal and Hansen had to reevaluate his game plan. "After the wind started howling, I told myself two or three over would be good enough," he said.

Turns out, even four over was "good enough" for the championship flight trophy.

Hansen, who finished fifth in the 2010 U.S. Forces Europe championship, credits his success this year to having played in enough tournaments to get comfortable in a tournament setting.

"I overcame my nervousness," he said.

It allowed him to play his own game without over thinking his shots or forcing them.

"When you try to make scores, bad things happen," he said. "When you let it come to you, good things happen."

## 2011 U.S. Forces Europe results

**Women — (Net)** 1. Hollie Salvo, 157, Wiesbaden; 2. Simone Hamilton, 204, Stuttgart. **(Gross)** 1. Katalina Liliu, 167, Stuttgart.

**Seniors flight — (Net)** 1. Pat McKenzie, 142, Wiesbaden; 2. David Terrell, 151, Stuttgart; 3. Keith Westbay, 159, Stuttgart; 4. Mike Esters, 171, Stuttgart. **(Gross)** 1. Michael Wojciehowski, 170, Ramstein; 2. Fred Perez, 176, Heidelberg; 3. Larry Steinman, 182, Garmisch; 4. John Cavanaugh, 196, Habsberg Golf Club.

**A flight — (Net)** 1. Steve Bennet, 151, Stuttgart; 2. John Cryer, 154, Stuttgart; 3. Oscar Diano, 155, Stuttgart; 4. Gregory Hale, 155, Bamberg; 5. Taatu Liliu, 158, Stuttgart; 6. Robert Lamp, 158, Stuttgart. **(Gross)** 1. John Weissenborn, 165, Heidelberg; 2. Sy Daranouvong, 177, Heidelberg; 3. Lee Chandler, 178, Wiesbaden; 4. Kelly Hart, 179, Stuttgart; 5. Fred Hudson, 184, Stuttgart; 6. Kurtis Julian, 191, Stuttgart.

**Championship flight (Gross)** — 1. John Hansen, 157, Ramstein; 2. Joseph Ferrall, 158, Ramstein; 3. Joshua Woodfox, 161, Heidelberg; 4. Richard Gilbert, 162, Stuttgart; 5. Ryan Stamp, 166, Stuttgart; 6. Randy McGinnis, 166, Ramstein.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Run to Remember

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR and the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, will host the annual Run to Remember five-kilometer fun run and half marathon July 16 on Panzer Kaserne. The event honors service members and civilians killed in action since 9/11.

Register at any garrison fitness center by July 8; registration fee is \$15 for individuals and \$40 for each family. Runners can also register July 9-13, however a late registration fee of \$20 for individuals and \$50 for each family will be incurred. Commemorative T-shirts are included in the fees.

T-shirts and race numbers can be picked up July 15 at the Patch Fitness Center, or on race day from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Panzer Fitness Center.

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136 or visit [www.stuttgartmwr.com](http://www.stuttgartmwr.com).

### Fun with Outdoor Rec

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Outdoor Recreation will host a white water rafting trip to Augsburg July 9.

Paintball play dates are scheduled for July 9 and 23, for community members 18 years old or older.

For more information, or to sign up, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

### Army 10 Miler qualifier July 9

USAG Grafenwöhr will host the annual Army 10 Miler qualifier on July 9. The top six U.S. Army men's and women's Soldiers who meet qualifying times will be nominated to represent U.S. Army Europe at the Army 10 Miler in Washington, D.C., Oct. 9.

Free troop billets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information contact the USAG Grafenwöhr Recreation Division at DSN 475-9024. Camping at Outdoor Recreation Vilseck is available by calling DSN 475-8402.

### CYS Services fall sports registration open through July

Registration for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services fall sports (soccer, flag football, cheerleading, and tackle football) runs through July 29.

Register your child at Parent Central Services in Building 2347 on Patch Barracks.

For more information, call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

### Join Stuttgart Piranhas

The Stuttgart Piranhas, for swimmers 6-19 years old, is one of the premiere swim teams in the European Forces Swim League.

The swim season begins in August. A meeting for new families will be held Aug. 24 in the Panzer Fitness Center at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:45 p.m. meeting for all families. Swimmers will have the opportunity to meet coaches.

For more information, visit [www.stuttgartpiranhas.org](http://www.stuttgartpiranhas.org).

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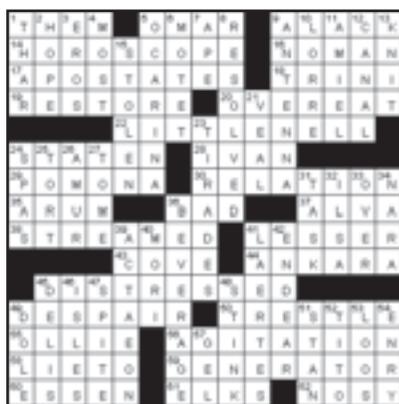
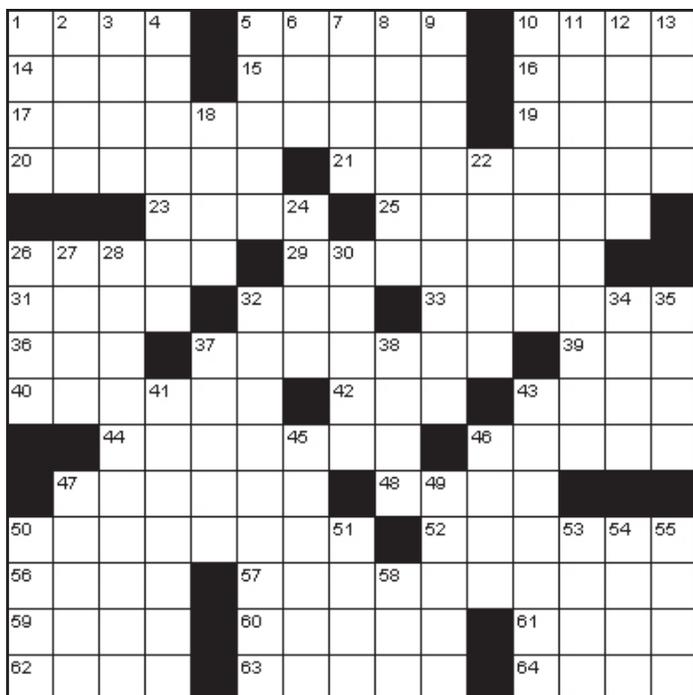


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This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from June 16!

### DOWN

1. Mirthful sound
2. Ice skater's leap
3. Excess flesh
4. Tiresome
5. Cast member
6. Hide \_\_\_ hair
7. Too much in Toulouse
8. Set aflame
9. Registered one's departure
10. Practiced pugilism
11. "The Godfather" actress
12. Choose
13. Amount of corn
18. Be abrupt
22. Becomes wearisome
24. Insignificant one
26. Lose traction
27. Allude to
28. Mixture
30. "Ash Wednesday" poet
32. "Burr" author
34. Ardent
35. Printing error
37. Quibble
38. Drying oven
41. Daniel \_\_\_ (George Eliot novel)
43. Turncoat
45. Do a cobbling job
46. Formally surrender
47. Brown tone
49. "Roots" author
50. Remove
51. Fit of resentment
53. Actor Andrews
54. Confederate
55. Hebridean isle
58. Morsel

### ACROSS

1. Weapon handle
5. Those opposed
10. Pace
14. Wheels connector
15. Welsh dog
16. Wan
17. Wayward
19. Actor Guinness
20. "\_\_\_ Alligator" (Matt Dillon movie)
21. Minor annoyance
23. Boat propellers
25. Claw
26. Diving duck
29. Embroidery items
31. What X may represent
32. Jazzman Evans
33. Outmoded
36. "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"
37. Abundant
39. Climbing plant
40. Cedar of the Himalayas
42. \_\_\_ grass
43. Excursion
44. Falls back
46. Belief
47. Make an effort
48. "Take \_\_\_ Train"
50. Destroy
52. Reebok rival
56. Tournament type
57. Evasive language
59. Discover
60. 1966 Michel Caine role
61. Just
62. \_\_\_ morgana (mirage)
63. Southpaw
64. "Big Mouth" Martha

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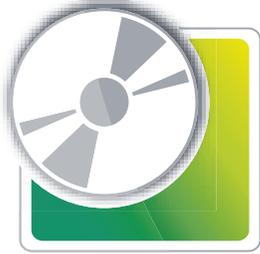
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# Youth Activities

Take a look at whats going on in Stuttgart's schools.



## Tug of War

Patch Elementary School students from Team Portugal compete in the Tug of War on June 2. Field Day was sponsored by PE teacher Barbara Maynard. From front to back: Ashley Payne (5th), Andres Hart (4th), Makyah Fernandes (4th), Zoe Brinegar (5th), Kaila Jones (5th), George Cusack (5th), Anna Altweis (4th) and Mack King (5th).

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## President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

Lauren Znamenacek was among 37 students at Patch Elementary School who received the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. These awards are presented to students in the exiting grade (5th at PES) who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in 4th and 5th grades and score at the 85th percentile or higher in Reading or Math on a standardized nationally-normed achievement test. Each student received a certificate and a letter of congratulations from President Barack Obama. Due to an unfortunate error, Lauren did not receive the award during the ceremony, but rather, afterward, when her parents let the school know that she had met the criteria. Patch ES deeply regrets the error and offers sincere apologies and congratulations to Lauren Znamenacek and her family.



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## Science Fair

Patch Elementary School fourth-graders Brandon Alvarado, Max Kochanski and Robert Yates in Mrs. Gradeck's class ask the scientific question, "Slime...what is it?" at the Science Fair.



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## Excellent teamwork and sportsmanship

Members from Team Italy (from left), Brianna Fuentes, Jana Rafi, Janisse Rivera and Toriana Knight show off their ribbons for excellent teamwork and sportsmanship during the June 2 Patch Elementary's Field Day Awards Ceremony.

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## Gunny Sack race

Kindergartener Reese Laurienti participates in the Gunny Sack race for Team Japan during Patch Elementary School's Field Day on June 2.



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## Field Day

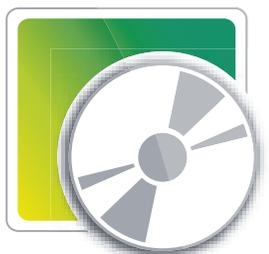
Italy's team captain 5th grader Jana Rafi holds the bottle while second grade teammate Grace Robbins tries to put water into it by squeezing a sponge in the "Filling Station" event during Patch Elementary School's Field Day.



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## Goal

Patch Elementary School 5th grader Rachel Garland makes her field goal attempt in the Soccer Kick event during Field Day, June 2.



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## 50 yard dash

Second-graders Rebekah Hepner (South Korea), Ivan Torres (Canada) and Brianna Hatfield (Portugal) compete in the 50 yard dash during Patch Elementary School's Field Day on June 2.



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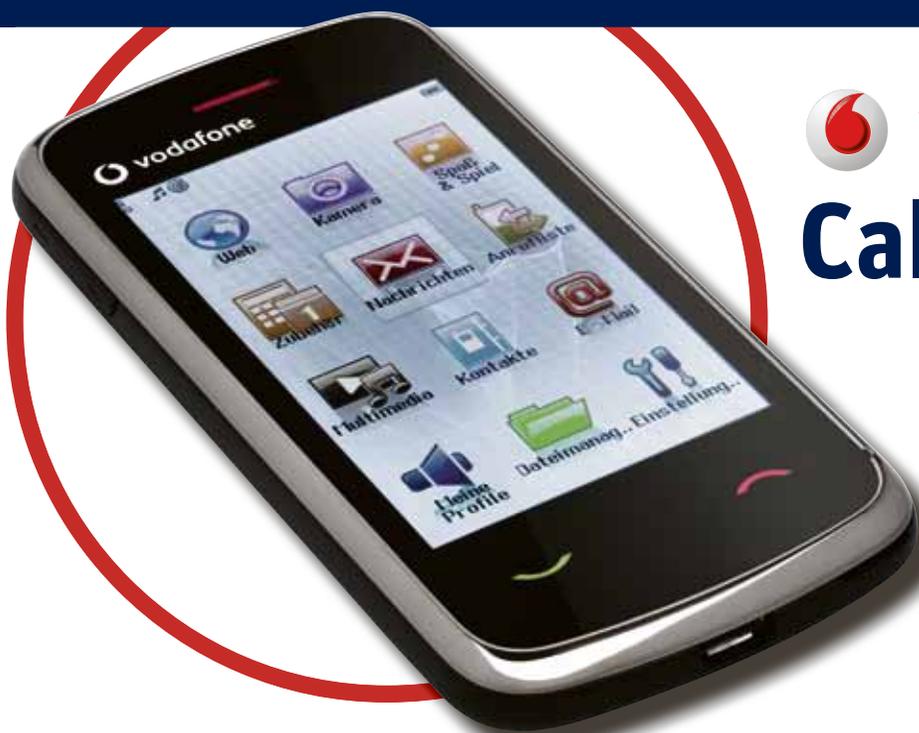
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