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Gen. Carter F. Ham (right), U.S. Africa Command's newest leader, passes the guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka, AFRICOM's senior enlisted leader, during a change of command ceremony March 9 at the Sindelfingen Stadthalle.

Ham takes control of U.S. Africa Command

By Danielle Skinner
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U.S. Army Gen. Carter F. Ham assumed command of U.S. Africa Command from Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward during a ceremony March 9 at the Stadthalle in Sindelfingen.

Ham is the second commander of U.S. Africa Command, which was established in October 2007. In October 2008, AFRICOM became the U.S. military's sixth and newest unified combatant command, coordinating U.S. military relations with more than 50 nations in Africa.

"Those of us who are privileged to serve today often say that we have the great honor [of] walking in the footsteps of giants. Today, as Christi and I follow Kip and Joyce Ward, that phrase has never been more meaningful to me," Ham said.

"I know we'll face many chal-

lenges — some of those we can see very clearly today, while others will emerge in unexpected ways and in unexpected places. I remain wholly confident that the Africa Command team will meet each and every one of those challenges with agility, imaginative thought and unselfish dedication. My fundamental belief is that we can and will accomplish more when we work together with our African partners," he added.

Ham brings diverse experience to the command from his former positions, including serving as the director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, conducting peacekeeping operations in Macedonia and commanding troops in northern Iraq. In his most recent position, he served as the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, headquartered in Heidelberg.

The change of command ceremony was attended by approximately 700 people, including staff members and

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Shopping for a good cause

The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club hosted its Spring Bazaar March 18-20. Thousands of people converged upon Patch Barracks to shop, eat and socialize during the club's annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the bazaar are returned to the Stuttgart military community in the form of scholarships and financial support to clubs, schools and other worthy causes.



Volunteer cook Brian Gershkoff serves up a bratwurst for Tamara Cobb March 19.



Photos by Susan Huseman

Jennifer Smith (from left), Christy Christesen and Gamze Eser shop for jewelry at vendor Krystyna Drozdowska's (far right) booth on March 19.

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Get ready for Month of the Military Child

From baby-sitting classes and parent education to an egg hunt and kiddie boot camp, April is loaded with Child, Youth and School Services-sponsored events.



Daylight saving time begins

Most of Europe will move its clocks forward by one hour when daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 27. In Germany, daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. (set clocks to 3 a.m.)



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Survivor Outreach Services supports Soldiers' families

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Installation Management Command
commander

I commanded the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart as part of the surge in Iraq in 2007-'08. During that time, 153 Soldiers died in combat. I pray for their families every day. Their loss is something I, as a leader, have to live with.

For any leader, the loss of a Soldier hits hard. But the loss that survivors experience is magnitudes deeper and wider because they have lost not just a Soldier, but

a friend, a son or daughter, a husband or wife, a father or mother.

When I visit installations, I meet with those who have lost loved ones on active duty because they need to know that the Army recognizes and honors their Soldiers' service and sacrifice. I also speak with them because, as the commander of Installation Management Command, I need to know how



Lt. Gen. Lynch

The important thing for survivors to know is that they are a part of the Army family for as long as they want to be.

we are doing with one of our newest programs: Survivor Outreach Services.

Survivor Outreach Services was established in April 2008 to support and care for those left behind. Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. propelled the effort to support survivors beyond casualty assistance. Casualty assistance officers work with families during a heartrending time when they are notified of their Soldier's death and have to make funeral arrangements and decisions about entitlements and benefits.

But grief cannot be resolved in a set time period. With the help of a panel of survivors selected by Casey, SOS was developed to provide longer term, expanded support and care, taking up where casualty assistance ends.

SOS, an Army OneSource program, offers support through benefits coordinators who help survivors understand and apply for local, state and federal

benefits; financial counselors who assist through investment and estate planning education; and support coordinators who facilitate support groups, provide life skills education and connect survivors with counseling resources.

More than 200 SOS personnel are now working on installations throughout the U.S. and overseas, including National Guard and reserve locations.

There is no time limit on SOS services. SOS coordinators extend a hand to survivors in the first few months after a Soldier's death, but survivors do not have to accept assistance right then or ever. They can decide to return months or years later. The important thing is for survivors to know that they are part of the Army family for as long as they want to be.

There are also no exclusions in the definition of a survivor. For the SOS program, a survivor is anyone — immediate family, extended family, a

friend, a fellow warrior — who feels the loss of a Soldier. Every survivor is not entitled to the same benefits under law or regulations, but SOS coordinators will work with any survivor to access counseling and other resources.

SOS staff has made tremendous progress in a short time, receiving more than 24,000 cases from Casualty and Mortuary Affairs and continually reaching out to survivors, both those who have suffered a loss recently and those whose loss pre-dates the program. This past year, when it became clear that survivors who do not have ID cards were having difficulty getting onto post, SOS developed a survivor vehicle decal program.

The loss of a Soldier is not a topic people want to talk about, but it is a reality of military life. We do what we can to prevent losses. In the end, though, despite our best efforts, we cannot prevent every loss. That is why SOS is so crucial. We can do one last thing to honor the fallen Soldier's service and sacrifice for our nation — offer support for the loved ones the Soldier left behind.

For more information on SOS, visit www.myarmyonesource.com and click on the "Family Programs and Services" link.

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ON THE STREET

What is your nutritious go-to snack?



Maj. Charece Martin
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"I do natural juice. I like apple, pear and blood-red orange."



Staff Sgt. James Dortch
(U.S. Army)

"I grab a banana or an apple."



Maj. Eric Hilliard
(U.S. Air Force)

"Cranberry juice, nuts, Craisins."



Nicole Walend
(Spouse)

"Boiled chicken."



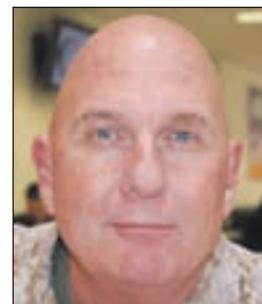
Chloe Palladino
(Family Member)

"I usually eat yogurt or granola."



Staff Sgt. Daniel Chavez
(U.S. Army)

"I usually eat trail mix."



Master Gunnery Sgt. James Fawcett
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"A small bag of fresh baby carrots."



Staff Sgt. Floyd Dugan
(U.S. Army)

"Applesauce ... for the taste."



U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart's Spc. Godson Onyeije, a supply sergeant, (left) and Maj. Mary Whitney, chief nurse, test an ophthalmoscope for the new health clinic annex opening March 28 on Kelley Barracks.

Health clinic annex to open on Kelley Barracks March 28

Story & photo by Tanya Fogg Young
Special to The Citizen

Those living on Kelley Barracks or working in U.S. Africa Command will soon be able to receive primary care health care and limited laboratory and pharmacy services on site.

Starting March 28, a new U.S. Army Health Clinic, Stuttgart Annex, located in Building 3312 on Kelley, will begin providing by-appointment services between 8 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday.

The annex, located next to the Kelley Community Mail Room, will serve only those patients ages 17 years and older.

"The intent is to provide health care services in close proximity to eligible beneficiaries who reside and work on Kelley Barracks in order to reduce associated travel times to and from the health clinic located at Patch Barracks," said Col. Larry Connell, commander of U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart.

The Kelley health clinic annex will not provide emergency health care services and will initially provide primary care acute services. The annex on Kelley, which has five examination rooms, will be staffed with a physician, two nurses, a medic, a pharmacy technician and patient liaisons.

Appointments for care at Kelley are to be made through central appointments by calling 371-2622 or civilian 06221-17-2622 and specifying that the patient wants to be seen at the annex on Kelley Barracks.

There will be limited acute care adult-only medications provided at the health clinic annex on Kelley. No pediatric patient medication will be offered.

Prescriptions cannot be refilled on site, but can be picked up at Kelley by calling 48 hours in advance through the automated system, 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610 for pick-up on Kelley. Exclusions are controlled substances and refrigerated items.

Some over-the-counter products and cold packs also will be available at the clinic on Kelley.

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart Annex

Building 3312, Kelley Barracks

Patients will be seen by appointment only

8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday

Call 371-2622/civ. 06221-17-2622 and specify service at Kelley

Available services include:

Primary Care

- Seasonal allergies, allergic rhinitis, bronchitis, colds, coughs, sinus infections, sore throats and strep throat (empirical treatment), earaches, ear infections, pink eye, styes, acne, minor skin infections and rashes, sunburn, headaches and common issues with skin, hair and nails.

- Also, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, constipation and urinary tract infection (empirical treatment), and non-traumatic musculoskeletal pain in the back, knee and shoulder (recognizing no

X-ray capability) and ankle sprain (Ottawa Criteria negative).

Medication (Pharmacy) Services

- Limited acute care medications for adults only
- No pediatric patient medications
- Prescriptions cannot be refilled on site, but can be picked up at Kelley by calling 48 hours in advance through the automated system (430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610).

Exclusions are controlled substances and refrigerated items.

News & Notes

FICO scores free to active duty service members

Active duty service members and their spouses now have free access to FICO scores and other credit management tools, thanks to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Foundation.

Eligible personnel interested in obtaining their FICO scores should contact the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Office at 431-2085/civ. 07031-15-2085.

(This information was provided by Army Community Service)

Local photographers win in Army-level contest

Three USAG Stuttgart artists were winners in the 2010 Army Digital Photography Contest sponsored by the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

Lt. Col. David Tygart and Col. Joseph Mancy competed against 1,348 other active duty military personnel. Tygart took third in Design Elements and second for People. Mancy took third place in the People category. Stephen Cullum, competing against 2,343 other eligible civilians, took second place in the digital darkroom category.

After winning at the garrison level, the three photographers' work moved on to Department of the Army judging, where Army Knowledge Online account-holders voted for their favorite photo in each division.

(This information was provided by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation)

MEB/PEB assistance

Service members new to the Medical Evaluation Board and Physical Evaluation Board process can request help through the MEB Outreach Counsel in the Wiesbaden Legal Center. Licensed attorneys are available to advise and represent Soldiers throughout the MEB/PEB process.

For more information, call 337-4738/civ. 0611-705-4738.

(This information was provided by the Office of Soldiers Counsel)

Vehicle inspection, registration offices to open late

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart POV Inspection and Registration Offices will open and close one hour later than usual on the first Thursday of each month beginning April 7.

On these days, the POV Inspection Office will open at 8:45 a.m., accept the last POV at 4:30 p.m. and close at 4:45 p.m. Vehicle/Weapons Registration Office will open at 9 a.m., accept customer sign-ins through 4:30 p.m. and have all customer transactions complete by 5 p.m.

In the event the first Thursday is a German holiday, the POV Inspection Point will be closed, while the Vehicle Registration Office will open. If the first Thursday falls on a U.S. holiday, the facilities will be closed, and there will not be a "late day" for that month.

(This information was provided by the USAG Directorate of Emergency Services)

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dignitaries from the U.S., Germany, and other European nations.

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright provided opening remarks.

“When we first announced the creation of AFRICOM, with its regional focus and institutional inclusion of [the Department of] State and USAID personnel, there was, to put it mildly, a certain amount of skepticism,” Gates said.

“Some feared the command represented the first steps to a major U.S. military presence in Africa; others, that it would lead to an unacceptable militarization of U.S. foreign and development policy. But, as I said then, and still believe, when crime, terrorism, natural disasters, economic turmoil, ethnic fissures and disease can be just as destabilizing as traditional military threats, we need to fuse old understandings of security with new concepts of how security, stability and development go hand in hand.

“From the moment he took command, Kip Ward demonstrated the worth of this concept by keeping his eye on the mission — promoting African security by building the capacity of partner nations and organizations,” Gates continued.

Cartwright talked about how Ward and his wife, Joyce, always recognized people as the priority — both in Africa and at the command.

“Africa: It’s a vast continent with tremendous natural resources, but its treasure is its people. And that is something that Gen. Ward has brought to this command since its stand up in October of 2007. This continent has



Petty Officer 1st Class Daniel Lapiere
Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates addresses attendees during the AFRICOM change of command ceremony March 9.

over 50 countries, over a billion people. But its people are where he focused this command, and where this command has led from the front,” Cartwright said.

In his last address as U.S. AFRICOM commander, Ward thanked the many people who supported and contributed to the creation of the command, giving special mention to those who were there from the beginning in the command’s early establishment phases.

He also emphasized that U.S. military engagement and relationship-building have shown significant results through people-to-people contacts.

AFRICOM has undertaken “a series of military engagements where Soldier by Soldier, Sailor by Sailor, Airman by Airman, Marine Corpsman by Marine Corpsman, Coast Guardsman by Coast Guardsman, we make a difference,” Ward said.

The difference is “not because we teach someone how to shoot straight or how to drop a bomb accurately or how



Richard Herman

Outgoing AFRICOM Commander Gen. William E. “Kip” Ward (left) fills a water glass for incoming commander Gen. Carter F. Ham during the change of command ceremony March 9.

to drive a ship in the right direction, but because by partnering with our friends and teammates, they see the best of America — an American service man or woman. They get to know us, and they say ‘Hmm, that is OK.’ And there is no greater evidence of that today than what is going on in the northern tier of this continent,” he added, referring to recent upheavals in several northern African nations.

During the change of command ceremony, Gates quoted Ward in noting that “African leaders are no longer asking, ‘Why is AFRICOM there?’ but ‘What can AFRICOM do to help?’”

Gates presented Ward with a Defense Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and accomplishments as

the AFRICOM commander.

Ward’s wife, Joyce, an active volunteer in the Department of Defense and local Stuttgart community, also received a Distinguished Public Service award.

Joyce Ward championed quality-of-life initiatives for military service members and their families to include an annual forum called the U.S. Africa Command Families on the African Continent that gives command staff and U.S. military family members living in Africa a venue to express quality-of-life challenges and provides them with updates on the command’s activities.

She also frequently traveled to Africa with her husband in support of a variety of humanitarian efforts.



Chief Master Sgt. Jack Johnson Jr. shares his commitment to listen and build relationships at a change of responsibility ceremony held in the Kelley Theatre March 11.

AFRICOM welcomes new senior enlisted leader

Story & photo by Staff Sgt. Amanda McCarty
U.S. Africa Command Public Affairs Office

U.S. Africa Command welcomed its newest senior enlisted leader during a ceremony March 11 on Kelley Barracks.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jack Johnson Jr. assumed responsibilities from Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka during a ceremony officiated by U.S. AFRICOM Commander Gen. Carter Ham, who took command March 9.

“There’s no greater honor for me than to follow in your footsteps,” Johnson said to Ripka.

As the command’s highest-ranking enlisted leader, Johnson will serve as the principal enlisted advisor to the commander and be responsible for informing and educating enlisted service members within AFRICOM on the importance of assisting African partners with operational, institutional and human capacity development of their warrant officer and noncommissioned officer leader development programs.

Johnson comes to AFRICOM from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., where he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air Force Global Strike

Command. He has had a wide range of assignments at various agencies, centers, joint and combatant commands and headquarters.

He has also previously worked in Germany with 3rd Air Force on Ramstein Air Base.

“... Focusing on the continent of Africa with our African partners means a lot to me, and I’m very, very excited,” Johnson said

Ham said welcoming Johnson was a positive part of his first ceremony as U.S. AFRICOM commander, but it was bittersweet because he also had to say goodbye.

Ripka will retire after 36 years of service.

Ripka expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve at the command.

“You know, there’s no other place I would have rather been than serving with this team ... ,” said Ripka. “And truly, it’s been an honor and a privilege ... to serve my final three and a half years of 36 years on active duty as a member of this great team.

“I give thanks every day for the opportunity to contribute and [for] what a tremendous team I’ve been a part of.”

Some like it hot: USAG Stuttgart chili cook-off entries made grown men cry

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

What does it take to make the perfect pot of chili?

There were many different answers at the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Chili Cook-off held March 13 by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Recreation Division.

Nine teams competed for best traditional red chili, best chili verde (made with green peppers), best salsa and “people’s choice” chili in a tent outside the Patch Hub on Patch Barracks. Winners received plaques and chili pots filled with chili-themed items.

The competitors used a variety of ingredients, from the typical meat and peppers to seafood, cocoa powder and beer.

“Chili is definitely an art form,” said Kelly Sarles, event coordinator and USAG Stuttgart Arts and Crafts director. “It’s all about being creative with food.”

Teams began cooking at noon and were judged at 3 p.m. Meanwhile, they handed out samples to community members.

The Stuttgart Theatre Center’s “Rumors” team, named for the upcoming show at the Kelley Theatre, dished out a red chili invented by team member Samantha Helm.

“I was kind of bored one night. I didn’t know what to make for dinner, and I had all this stuff in my pantry,” Helm said. “I threw it together. It’s been a hit ever since.”

U.S. Africa Command team chef Jun Diaz created “Dragon Fire” chili using Asian hot chili sauce.

When Maj. Irv Cross stopped by for a taste, he had a strong first impression.

“I just started sweating,” Cross said.

Another AFRICOM team chef, Col. Cheryl Harris, took the “people’s choice” award for her red chili, based on votes from community members.

However, the coveted first prize for traditional red chili went to Brad Moore, a former Marine Corps cook.

Moore, working solo, not only grilled his meat outside on an open flame, but managed to make three types of chili in the allotted time: a seafood chili with shrimp, crab meat and grilled flounder; red chili with sweet and hot Italian sausage and ground buffalo, and a “people’s choice” chili with beans.

His secret ingredient was listening to rhythm and blues music while working. “The blues music is going straight into the chili and it heats it up,” he said.

Moore won the “Mr. Hot Sauce” award for his effort. The “Miss Chili Pepper” award was given to the Patch Arts and Crafts “Artsy Fartsy” chili team chef Morgan Pastore, who served chili while wearing a wig, chili pepper face paint and cowgirl hat.

The “Rumors” team earned the “Best Booth Decoration,” award for their Texas theme.

In the salsa category, the “Chili Today, Hot Tamale” team won first place for their entry made with chopped apples, peaches and mangos. They also took first for their chili verde.

Traditional chili and salsa entries were judged according to International Chili Society standards. Judges Col. Carl D. Bird, garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, garrison command sergeant major, and Lt. Col. Rich Weaver, U.S. Africa Command commandant, considered chili flavor, meat texture, consistency, blend of spices, aroma and color.

“It needs to have a kick. It needs to have some kind of meat in it and just needs to smell like chili,” Bird said.



Brad Moore spoons a ladleful of his prize-winning red chili into a cup for judges to sample during the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Chili Cook-off March 13. Moore, who worked as a cook in the Marine Corps for eight years, made his red chili with ground buffalo meat and Italian sausage. He also made a seafood chili and a “people’s choice” chili — all in under three hours. The cook-off was sponsored by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Recreation Division. Next year’s event will be an International Chili Society-sanctioned



Heather Pache, who plays “Cookie” in the Stuttgart Theatre Center’s upcoming production of “Rumors,” cheers for the “Rumors” team during the chili cook-off March 13.



Chili cook-off judges Col Carl. D. Bird, garrison commander (from left), Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, garrison command sergeant major, and Lt. Col. Rich Weaver, U.S. Africa Command commandant, deliberate over the many chili entries at the USAG Stuttgart Chili Cook-off March 13. To select the winners, judges used International Chili Society guidelines based on flavor, meat texture, consistency, blend of spices, aroma and color.

The salsa, however, was a little more challenging to judge: One entry was so spicy that he needed to drink milk afterward.

“It was the salsa that almost took me out,” Bird said during the awards ceremony. “But Sergeant Major was doing a lot of crying next to me.”

Next year’s chili cook-off will be sanctioned by the International Chili Society, Sarles said, and the winner will be eligible to compete at the ICS world chili cook-off.

“It was the salsa that almost took me out.”

Col. Carl D. Bird
USAG Stuttgart commander
Chili Cook-off judge

Get to know your SAC

Editor's Note: 'Get to know your SAC' is a new column in The Citizen designed to explain School Advisory Committees and their roles in Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Stuttgart. In future editions, this column will highlight some of the issues that local SACs are addressing.

Compiled by USAG Stuttgart School Liaison Office

Within Department of Defense Dependents Schools, the mission of a School Advisory Committee is to advise the principal on educational matters, such as school policies affecting students and parents, instructional programs and educational resources within the school, pupil services and student standards of conduct and discipline.

SACs are comprised of parents of students enrolled in the school, full-time educators at the school and high school students.

SACs address school issues brought up by parents, teachers and students.

Most issues are solved at the local level. Issues unresolved at the school level may be elevated to the district superintendent.

All SAC meetings are open to the local school community.

- The Böblingen Elementary/Middle School SAC meets monthly. The next meeting will be April 18 at 3 p.m. in the principal's office. Meetings provide a forum in which parents, school and military representatives discuss issues pertinent to the BEMS community in a relaxed, positive and professional manner. The common goal is improving the quality of education at BEMS.

- The Patch Elementary School SAC meets on the first Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. in the PES Information Center. The next SAC meeting is April 7. The SAC strives to ensure the safety and well-being of students, parents and teachers. All minutes are posted on the PES website at www.patch-es.eu.dodea.edu. For more information, e-mail sac.patches@eu.dodea.edu.

- The Patch High School SAC is composed of four locally elected parents, four full-time professional school employees and two high school students. The PHS SAC meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the school Information Center at 3 p.m. Comments for the SAC can be dropped in the SAC box at the front of the school, or e-mailed to kellet-forsyth@t-online.de.

- The Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School SAC meets every six weeks to communicate recommendations, concerns, or advice on educational matters to the principal. The next meeting will be held March 31 at 3 p.m. in the school conference room.

To send an issue to the RBEMS SAC, e-mail sacrb@yahoo.com. SAC goals and meeting minutes can be found on the RBEMS website at www.rbar-es.eu.dodea.edu.

For more information, call the School Liaison Office at 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.



Klaus Wagner, 9, acting as Neil Armstrong, describes life as an American astronaut during the Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School Living History Museum March 11.



Parent Beata Hixson asks questions of Robert E. Lee, portrayed by Saniah Harris, 9, during the RBEMS Living History Museum March 11.



Kevin Thompson, 9, brings "Buffalo Bill" to life for third-graders Hunter Clarke (from left) and Alexander Tygart during the RBEMS Living History Museum March 11. More than 60 students gave presentations.

History comes to life at RBEMS

Story & photos by Brittany Carlson
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

On March 11, the Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School cafeteria bore a striking resemblance to the movie "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian."

More than 60 fourth-graders, dressed as famous Americans, "came alive" as part of an annual Living History Museum presentation.

They described what it was like to be Babe Ruth, Janet Jackson, Neil Armstrong and others to parents, teachers, and fellow students.

Ten-year-old Julia Hixson, as Pocahontas, described an Indian girl who was very different from the one in the Disney movie. "Not many people know her [true story]," she said. "In the movie, she was 19. In real life, John Smith came when she was 11. He was a lot older."

Kevin Thompson, 9, dressed as Buffalo Bill, showed off his rifle and pistol and talked about life on the American frontier.

"When I was 11, I left behind my mom and my dad," he told visitors to his station. "When I was a young man, I was a buffalo hunter."

This year, all three fourth-grade classes presented together. Fourth-grade teachers Eloise Bohlman, Greg Basgall and Lori Lerner (who teaches a combined fourth- and fifth-grade class) decided to join forces instead of having individual classroom presentations, as they had done in the past.

The students began preparing their living history projects in February. They received a topic, such as "explorers" or "athletes," and each then chose a famous American in that category to match their social studies curriculum.

"We wanted to get a good range so they could teach each other and each could be the expert [on a certain person]," Bohlman said.

Through the project, students not only learned how to conduct research and find credible sources, but had the chance to write a speech on their chosen person's life, she added.

"It's an opportunity for public speaking," Bohlman said. "We also wanted an opportunity for them to show off their hard work."

While some students acted as more recognizable people, such as Martha Washington and Walt Disney, others had the difficult task of bringing the less well-known to life.

Bailey Edwards, 11, chose to portray Gov. Edmund Andros from colonial New England, who was unpopular with the New Englanders for enforcing England's laws.

"I later tried to escape town by wearing a dress, but someone saw my boots and sent me to jail," he told his audience.

Edwards later admitted that he wouldn't be caught in a dress, jail or not.

The Living History Museum also provided a learning experience for younger students, including Lucy Roach's kindergarten class.

"Everything's coming to life for them," she said of her 22 kindergartners as they listened intently to presentations. "It's interesting because they've got a real person to talk to."

Events like this also spark their desire to learn, she added.

"It really stimulates their curiosity," she said. "They want to know more about the characters they saw."

BEMS language arts class lets students ‘speak’ their minds

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

If you're like many people, you're petrified of public speaking. Stephanie Nelson's sixth-grade language arts students at Böblingen Elementary/Middle School are not.

The students recently completed a unit on public speaking, and thanks to Nelson's extensive preparation, are now armed with the power to persuade, motivate and inspire.

Over the course of five weeks, students listened to several famous speeches, from Franklin Roosevelt's Pearl Harbor address in 1941 to Ronald Reagan's 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger address, read two of President Barack Obama's speeches, and studied the art of persuasion.

Next, Nelson allowed the students to choose a speech type that best fit their own style and purpose. Students chose persuasive, informational, motivational, funny, tribute, special occasion, and farewell speeches.

"Giving students choices helps them take ownership of their learning," Nelson said. "They invest more because they

have some control over the final product."

Then, students wrote their own speeches and delivered them to the class throughout the month of February.

Persuasive speeches were the most popular, Nelson said. Topics included the adverse side effects of smoking, preserving the environment, the benefits of a "no homework" policy and democratic values.

In her speech, "Why All People Deserve a Democracy," Taylor Dominique, 11, appealed to patriotism. "Thanks to democracy, we have a voice in our country," she said.

Finn Hunsaker, 12, crafted an informative speech called "The American Civil Rights Movement and The Current Egyptian Political Crisis — A Comparison" to show how knowledge of the past can help people understand the present.

Other speeches were motivational, such as that of Lance Peltier, 11, a wrestling speech that urged others to "never quit."

Humorous speeches were designed to amuse.

Savannah Songy, 12, made class-

mates laugh with her speech on "Ten Ways to Annoy Your Brother," while Ceara Hunsaker, 12, followed with "Why I Don't Want To Give This Speech."

Several other students recognized loved ones in a tribute speech.

In "What I'm Proud of," Ashley Rivette, 12, heralded her brother, Bradley, who will go to college in the fall of 2012. "It will be quiet without his music blasting through his bedroom door," she said. "Without him, the house will be a boring and dull place; it just won't be the same without him."

In a special occasion speech, Mackenzie Sellers, 13, gave birthday wishes to his long-distance best friend. "Even though we are separated by thousands of miles, I want you to know that we you are still with me, close at heart," Sellers concluded.

Finally, students presented farewell speeches. Janey Greenberg, 12, wrote a goodbye speech called "I'm Really Going to Miss You," to all her friends at BEMS whose families will be changing duty stations this summer.

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Stephanie Nelson
BEMS language arts teacher

Nelson is enthusiastic about her students' abilities and efforts.

"I am happy to be working with such a talented group of students," she said. "These sixth-graders are great writers and they have even better ideas."

Editors' Note: Stephanie Nelson, BEMS Language Arts teacher, contributed to this article.

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In-service training focuses on community resilience

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

Adapting to change and recovering from adversity are vital skills that service members and their families can learn.

To help foster resilience in the Stuttgart military community, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office hosted an in-service training day for professionals working with military populations March 4.

The training, titled “Strengthening Resilience in Soldiers and Families,” was funded through combined chapel tithes and offerings.

The class was taught by Dr. Becky Powell, director of religious education for the USAG Baden-Württemberg Chaplain’s Office, and guest speaker Dr. Paulette Martinez Bethel, founder of Land On Your Feet, LLC, a consultancy dedicated to helping military and expatriate families successfully adjust to new cultures and environments. Powell has also provided resiliency training to USAG Kaiserslautern for three years.

The training provided professionals with resources and skills “to reach out and provide support, information and knowledge; to rebuild [resiliency] if it’s been lost; strengthen it, if it’s already there, and overcome adversity,” Bethel said.

Thirty-four people attended, including school psychologists and counselors, parents, Military Family Life Consultants and leaders in religious education.

“Most of the people at the workshop work with adolescents,” said Jim Sciegel, USAG Stuttgart religious education director. “That became the focus — how [to] help kids work with



Dr. Becky Powell, director of religious education for the USAG Baden-Württemberg Chaplain’s Office, explains the importance of community support for military children during an in-service training for professionals working with military populations March 4 on Patch Barracks. The training was sponsored by the USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office.

resiliency. It’s a critical topic for us.”

During the class, Bethel and Powell discussed practical ways for participants to help children become more resilient.

One method is to build “social scaffolding,” also known as a support network, Powell said.

Trusted adults can impact a young person’s “scaffold” by investing in their lives and introducing them to positive role models and friends, she added.

The practical application was important for training participants Corrie Butz and Cody Salomon, who work with Child, Youth and School Services.

Butz, the director of the Panzer

School Age Services and Youth Services, said she learned the importance of reaching out to other organizations for help.

“If I see a youth who is struggling, I can connect [him or her] with a Military Family Life Consultant or school counselor ... instead of just keeping it within our own organization,” Butz said.

Salomon, a CYS Services child and youth program assistant, is already planning to adjust the way newcomers are greeted. “We get a lot of teens just coming to the center; they walk in to look at what we have to offer,” he said. “One quick thing [I can do] is take them

‘What we do has a bigger impact on a student than just spiritual impact.’

Nick Laurenzana
USAG Stuttgart chapel youth leader

and introduce them to beneficial friends ... people that can help them hold up.”

On March 5, trainers Bethel and Powell also gave a presentation to 15 youth ministry workers from throughout Europe.

Nick Laurenzana, one of three USAG Stuttgart chapel youth leaders in attendance, said the training gave him a new perspective on the emotional and psychological stress military adolescents go through during a move or a parent’s deployment. “It’s just a lot of weight,” he said.

He also said he realized how youth ministry helps teens become more resilient by providing a setting in which to talk to trusted adults, peers and God.

“What we do has a bigger impact on a student than just spiritual impact,” he said. “We’re giving them tools for post-traumatic growth during some of the most difficult times in life.”

Due to the positive feedback from the event, Sciegel said the RSO will provide the training annually, and plans to add more content for parents.

“At this point, we’ve made a commitment to Dr. Powell that next year will be Season 2,” he said.

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Stuttgart EEO seeks collateral duty counselors

By **Brittany Carlson**

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

When employees in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart feel they've been discriminated against, they can call the garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office. EEO specialists are trained to answer questions, help them resolve problems or lodge a formal complaint.

But, for the service to work most effectively, the EEO needs counselors.

The USAG Stuttgart EEO is currently seeking garrison employees to join the collateral duty EEO counselor team. Those interested in applying must be able to dedicate at least 20 percent of their duty time to the team, and plan to be in the Stuttgart area for the next two years.



Eshe Faulcon

Most importantly, they must believe and uphold the principles of equal opportunity for all, according to Eshe Faulcon, USAG Stuttgart EEO specialist.

"What we're really looking for are people who are passionate about EEO and what it stands for, which is fairness and equality in the workplace," Faulcon said.

Counselors conduct inquiries into informal complaints from Department of the Army employees who feel they've been discriminated against in the areas of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age (40 and over), genetic information, physical or mental disability or in retaliation for participating in an EEO activity.

"In a nutshell, the main thing we're charged to do is to assist civilians when they believe they were discriminated against in one of the nine protected classes and if they feel it has impacted their job," Faulcon said.

"The purpose of the EEO Counseling Program is to resolve allegations of

workplace discrimination at the lowest level possible and to also reduce processing time, cost and the number of formal EEO complaints filed," she added.

Counselors serve as a communications bridge between aggrieved employees and supervisors.

In order to successfully do this, EEO counselors must be sensitive to the needs of both parties.

"It's not as easy as it sounds," said Danielle Denis, who has been a collateral duty EEO counselor in Stuttgart since June 2009. "You cannot be partial. You are an objective person ... listening and trying to help them come to an agreeable conclusion ... as early as possible."

If an informal complaint cannot be resolved, counselors advise employees of their right to file a formal complaint.

Denis, who also serves as the Information, Referral and Follow-up Program Manager at USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service, has received several training opportunities

as part of the EEO Counselor Program. In addition to quarterly EEO refresher training, she was able to shadow a veteran EEO counselor and attended a 40-hour alternative dispute resolution course at USAG Schinnen to become a certified mediator.

However, she said the greatest benefit she has received through EEO counseling has been helping others.

"It was an opportunity for me to hopefully make a difference because I believe in equality [in the workplace] ... I think everybody deserves a chance to participate freely and fairly," Denis said.

Whenever there is human interaction, there is a need to solve disputes, and it is necessary to solve them promptly, she added. This makes the EEO counselor's role crucial to USAG Stuttgart.

"I believe there's always a mutually agreeable solution," she said.

For more information, contact the EEO Office at USAGStuttgartEEO@eur.army.mil.

Interns make impact on local Family and MWR programs

By **Tanya Fogg Young**

Special to *The Citizen*

John Hamilton, working as a fitness coordinator at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., was on a quest to further develop his career in sports and fitness. A homework lab technician for youth at Fort Stewart, Ga., Mary Kane was searching for a way to move into management.

Both Hamilton and Kane, working as management trainees in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, are on the fast track to their respective career goals, thanks to their participation in the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command Management Trainee Program. The two are among nine Army MWR management trainees in Germany.

The management trainee program recruits, hires, and develops college students and graduates, wounded warriors and current or former NAF employees in MWR functional areas. Family and MWR also has a NAF Developmental Chef Program, with a training location at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch.

In USAG Stuttgart, there are management trainees in Child, Youth and School Services and Community Recreation. But the Army MWR program hires management trainees in other areas including sports and fitness management, outdoor recreation, NAF contracting, marketing, financial management, NAF human resources, professional golf management, golf superintendent and food and beverage.

Kane, a management trainee with CYS Services, is nearing the end of her two-year on-the-job training under the supervision of Suzanne King, USAG Stuttgart CYS Services Coordinator, who also completed the MWR management trainee program.

Come July, Kane will embark upon a career in a location in which there is a vacancy in her specialty.

"I've worked in all of the MWR facilities and have done everything from financial management and inspections to special events," Kane said. "I've had lots of hands-on opportunities in CYS Services



Brittany Carlson

John Hamilton, an MWR management trainee, participates in a sports and fitness demonstration earlier this year. Hamilton is one of two Family and MWR interns working in the garrison.

and throughout MWR."

Hamilton, with aspirations of being an installation sports and fitness director, will complete his first year of training in July. "Sports and fitness is my heart — my bread and butter — and I see these two years as a chance to shadow, learn and progress to be successful," said Hamilton, a Community Recreation management trainee. "I'm acting like a sponge — getting as much training as possible."

USAG Stuttgart MWR Community Recreation Chief Ron Paoletti, Hamilton's trainer, lauded the management trainee program for its thorough preparation of future MWR leaders. "It's a great training program that covers all of the bases needed," said Paoletti, whose daughter is a management trainee in Ansbach. "It's a great staffing resource and a way to get fresh energy. John is highly motivated, a great success story and a stellar example of the kind of creative, energetic people we love to have in MWR."

About 2,000 applicants each year vie for 20 management trainee positions and eight developmental chef slots. Job announcements are posted once a year between July and September. The first round of selections is made around October and November for the January class and February and March for the July class.

"The application and selection process is getting more and more competitive," said Christine Charles, USAG Stuttgart NAF Human Resources Officer. "What's great about the program is that they learn about a specific track, but also many other areas. Completing the program is a guaranteed promotion to a management position."

But there is no guarantee that the location of the management trainee's internship will also be the place in which the trainee lands a position upon completion of the program, Charles said. Management trainees must sign mobility agreements.

Kane, who is currently performing the duties of assistant director of the Kelley Child Development Center Annex, said she is ready for the next step in her management trek as she nears the end of her training. "I believe I will have walked away with a great deal of knowledge, training and access to resources. I've literally had two years to grow and develop into being a good manager."

For more information on the Army MWR Management Trainee Program, go to www.fmwrcrtraineeprogram.com.

Fifteen Stuttgart NCOs inducted at ceremony

Story & photo by Gloria Colon-Buzatu
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Recognizing newly promoted Army non-commissioned officers has been a ceremonial tradition since the NCO creed became official in 1986.

That tradition was continued in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart March 4, when 15 Soldiers were officially inducted into the NCO corps during a ceremony in the Patch Community Club.

The Army NCO induction ceremony is a type of initiation and reminder of NCO responsibilities to junior Soldiers.

“Moving into the NCO ranks means you’re embarking on another journey,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart command sergeant major, during the event. “It’s a great part of history.”

The 52nd Signal Command has hosted Army NCO inductions in Stuttgart for the past three years.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark A. George, command sergeant major for the 52nd Signal Battalion, addressed the new NCOs during the event.

With the advent of the new Army leader development model, “there are upcoming new challenges for NCOs,” George said. “NCOs need to focus and maintain mental control.”

He also encouraged enlisted leaders to continue to recognize NCOs in the future.

“This is my last induction,” George said. “I retire on Oct. 1 this year and have confidence that the NCOs of the unit will continue the tradition.”

In typical military fashion, the ceremony began when the official party marched onto the stage at the Patch Community Club in single file. George then ordered all doors locked, and the crowd grew silent as the German and U.S. national anthems were sung.

Newly promoted NCOs came together from various units to publicly recite and affirm commitment to upholding the NCO creed. Inductees represented the 554th Military Police Company, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. European Command, the Defense Intelligence Agency, 52nd Aviation Regiment and



Sgt. Genevieve M. Carey (from left), Defense Intelligence Agency; Sgt. Larissa E. Condacure, 554th Military Police Company; Sgt. Taryn M. Cox, 52nd Aviation Regiment; and Sgt. David L. Hunt, 52nd Signal Battalion, march through the NCO arch before they were received into the NCO Corps at the annual NCO induction ceremony held March 4 in the Patch Community Club.

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“I’ve been an NCO for five years,” said Sgt. Darnel Carey, an NCO assigned to the 52nd Signal Battalion. “I [had] never heard of an NCO induction until I came here to Stuttgart.”

The induction puts NCOs in the spotlight so that other Soldiers know what they can expect from them, he added.

During the ceremony, three NCOs recited parts of the NCO creed as they walked toward the front of the stage, where a table displayed a carved wooden candelabrum with the letters “NCO.”

Each inductee was announced by a fellow unit NCO before entering the hall to receive two copies of the NCO creed: one signed by George, and one etched onto a wooden plaque.

Guest speaker Fleet Master Chief Roy M. Maddocks Jr., U.S. European Command senior enlisted advisor, explained the significance of being an NCO.

The NCO corps is the lifeblood in all branches of military service, he said, and NCOs exemplify professionalism and the drive to get things done.

They “lead, train, and take care of the next generation,” he added.

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Jobs are available in labor, clerical and child care fields. The program will run from June 20 to July 29.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 431-3152/civ. 07031-15-3152.

Take OHA survey

Eligible service members are encouraged to take the 2011 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Recurring Maintenance Survey. The deadline to take the survey has been extended to April 15. All service members who have lived off-post under the OHA program for at least six months are eligible. Data from the survey is used to determine utility allowances.

Service members in Germany can take the survey at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4a.

Join Asymmetric Warfare Group

The Asymmetric Warfare Group Recruiting Team will hold recruiting briefings in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart April 5 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the

Aerobathoners feel the burn



Michael Wait works up a sweat in a spinning class during the USAG Stuttgart Aerobathon March 12.



Photos by Brittany Carlson

Maria Moline (far right) teaches a Zumba class — aerobics based on Latin dance moves — during the “Lose to Win 2011 Aerobathon” hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Sports and Fitness Program March 12. The event offered community members free back-to-back fitness classes, including cardio kickboxing, yoga, belly dancing and TRX training, at the Patch Fitness Center. Approximately 140 people attended the event. The annual aerobathon promotes community health and well-being in conjunction with the Lose to Win competition where community members compete to lose the most weight and body fat percentages.

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Sea Gals, Bryan Ricci to visit

Armed Forces Entertainment will present a variety show in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart featuring the Seattle Sea Gals cheerleaders, followed by an adult comedy show featuring Bryan Ricci March 27 in the Patch Community Club.

The variety show starts at 7 p.m., and the adult comedy show starts at 9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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

Observe Denim Day: Wear jeans

Denim Day, April 27, commemorates a decision by an Italian Supreme Court in 1998 to overturn a rape

conviction because the victim wore tight jeans.

In the Stuttgart military community, people are encouraged to wear jeans on April 27 as part of April’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities. Army Community Service will also host a Denim Day reception from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Building 2915.

For more information, call ACS at 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518.

Register for comptroller conference

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will host the 2011 European Professional Development Institute for military comptrollers April 5-7 at the Dolce Hotel in Bad Nauheim.

Register online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/725TR2C by March 31.

For more information, visit the ASMC RPC website

at <http://chapters.asmconline.org/rheinlandpfalz/category/european-pdi>.

Take Capital City tour of Stuttgart

The next Capital City Visitation Program is scheduled for April 18 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program includes a tour of downtown Stuttgart, a visit to the State Parliament Office, Stuttgart Opera House, City Hall and the Neu Schloss.

The event is open to all ID cardholders.

To sign up, e-mail your name, rank, and phone number by April 4 to liz.moore1@eur.army.mil.

RSO hosts women’s retreat April 1-2

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office and Stuttgart Gospel Service ministries will host a women’s encounter retreat April 1-2 in the Patch Chapel Annex. Registration is due by March 27.

The guest speaker will be Mary Greer, a licensed ordained elder.

For more information, call the RSO at 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079.

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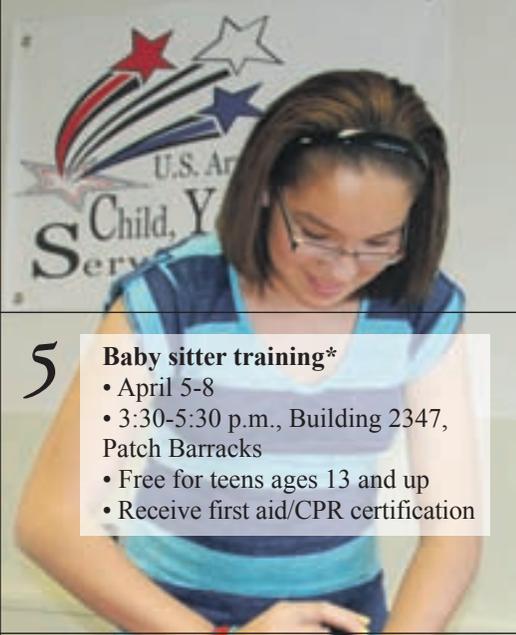
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17	<p>18 Summer Camp/activities info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Panzer PX <p>"Hero" Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 p.m., Kelley CDC • Deputy to the Commander Kathleen Cole will read to preschoolers <p>EDGE! Screen Writers Challenge*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 p.m., Patch Library 	<p>19 Robinson Barracks Carnival Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-7 p.m. • RB Youth Center, Building 151 • Free bouncy castle, face painting, games, Wii tournament and more • Open to all families 	<p>20 Free Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Ask the T • 10:30-11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., B Barracks • Ask trainer about child's devel <p>German-American</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m., Husky Field
24	<p>25 Missoula Children's Theater Auditions for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-6 p.m., Böblingen Elementary/Middle School • Free. All children will be given a part in the production <p>EDGE! Screen Writers Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patch Library, 3:30 p.m. 	<p>26 Missoula Children's Theater practice</p> <p>Department of Defense Dependents Schools Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Panzer Shopping Mall • Kindergarten teachers will assess students on this day 	<p>27 Free Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teens: The • 10:30-11:30 a.m. Building <p>Department of Defe</p> <p>Schools Registratio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panzer Shopping M <p>Missoula Children's</p>

German-American Children's Peace Project

The 5th Annual German-American Children's Peace Project offers students in grades one through 12 the chance to display their creativity during the Month of the Military Child and earn prizes for their efforts.

- Deadline is April 1.
- Rules and registration forms can be picked up at Army Community Service or any Child, Youth and School Services facility.
- Submit an art, poetry or creative writing piece on the theme "What does peace mean

to you?"

- Winners will be announced at Spring Fest on April 23.

For more information, call ACS at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362, or e-mail 2011peaceproject@googlemail.com.

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<p>Education Class* Fitness" m., Building 2347, * ley Fitness Center sday the Night SAC</p>	 <p>7 Robinson Barracks Play Group* • 10-11:30 a.m., RB Chapel Annex • Free, every first and third Thursday</p>	<p>1 Parent's Night Out* • Patch and RB CDC/SAC, 6:30-11:30 p.m. for ages six weeks to fifth grade • Cost is \$20/first child, \$18/siblings</p> <p>School Age Lock-in* • 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m., Patch and RB SAC, grades one to five. \$30/child, \$27/siblings • Sign up for today's events by March 30</p>	<p>2 Spring Fling 5K Family Run • 10:30 a.m. • Husky Field, Patch Barracks • Sign up at Patch Fitness Center</p> <p>CYS Sports Registration "How To" • 1-2 p.m., Patch Community Club • Free</p>
<p>Education Class* Fitness" m., Building 2347, * ley Fitness Center sday the Night SAC</p>	<p>7 Robinson Barracks Play Group* • 10-11:30 a.m., RB Chapel Annex • Free, every first and third Thursday</p>	<p>8 ACS: Fitting the Pieces Together: • Games, prizes for grades six and up • Patch Hub, 5-7 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Job Fair: • Patch Hub, 3-5 p.m., grades six and up</p> <p>Middle School Lock-in • Patch Hub, 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., grades six to eight, cost is \$25. Sign up by March 30.</p>	<p>9 Outdoor Recreation Paris Family Bike Tour • April 8-10 • Departs April 8 at 7 a.m. • For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774</p>
<p>Education Class* Fitness" m., Building 2347, * ley Fitness Center sday the Night SAC</p>	<p>14 "Hero" Reading • 3 p.m., Panzer CDC • Col. Carl Bird reads to preschoolers</p> <p>Panzer Playgroup* • 10:30 a.m. to noon, Panzer Fitness Center • Free, every second and fourth Thursday</p> <p>Movie Day: How to Train Your Dragon • Patch Theater, 3 p.m., \$1.50/children ages 11 and under, \$3/adults</p>	<p>15 "Super Hero" Family Bowling • 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Dress up as a super hero • Cost is \$1/game, \$1 shoe rental • \$1 off a large pizza. • Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne</p>	 <p>16</p>
<p>Education Class* Fitness" m., Building 2347, * ley Fitness Center sday the Night SAC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Rob Lake Magic Show • 6-7:30 p.m., Patch High School Forum • Free, open to all families</p>	<p>22 Earth Day Project • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Panzer PX • Pot your own flower seeds • Free, open to all families</p>	<p>23 Egg Hunt and Spring Fest: • Free egg hunt 10 a.m. on Husky Field followed by activities at Hub • Includes free pony rides, SKIES demonstrations • Peace Project winners announced</p> <p>"The Amazing Race" teen edition* • 9:30 a.m., Patch Hub • \$5 for youths grades six and up</p>
<p>Education Class Power of Peer Pressure 0 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 g 2347, Patch Barracks ense Dependents n all, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. s Theater practice</p>	<p>28 Missoula Children's Theater practice</p> <p>Department of Defense Dependents Schools Registration • Panzer Shopping Mall, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Missoula Children's Theater practice</p> <p>For more information about any of the events, contact Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.</p>	<p>30 Missoula Children's Theater performance of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" • 3 p.m., BEMS Gym • Free</p> <p>* Must sign up through CYS Services.</p>

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• 430-4047/civ. 0711-680-4047

1/10th DFAC training closures

The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Dining Facility on Panzer Kaserne will close through April 4 due to training requirements.

Learn first aid

The Stuttgart American Red Cross will offer a standard first aid/CPR/AED course (includes infant, child, and adult CPR) March 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 314, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. The cost is \$40, which includes all materials.

To register, stop by ARC. For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

File taxes by April 18

The deadline to file state and federal taxes this year is April 18. The blue mail boxes in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be emptied at midnight on April 18.

All garrison APOs will remain open until 4 p.m. on April 18. The Community Mail Rooms will accept tax returns until 6 p.m.

PCS/pre-separation briefing scheduled

The next permanent change of station/pre-separation briefing will be held March 30 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne. All service members and civilians departing within the next four to five months should attend. The briefings will cover topics such as transportation, customs, medical, vehicle registration and housing. All separating Army personnel must attend a briefing to receive pre-separation information. Advance registration is required.

For more information and to sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

Free salsa lessons

The United Services Organization offers free salsa dancing classes every other Friday. The next class date is March 25. Several classes will be offered every half hour beginning at 7 p.m.

Singles are welcome. No registration is required.

For more information, call civ. 07031-15-3345 or e-mail snorby@uso.org.

Visit youth job fair

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Youth Job Fair will take place April 8 from 3-5

p.m. in the Hub, Building 2337, Patch Barracks.

For more information, call 430-6289/civ. 0711-680-6289.

National Defense U classes available

National Defense University offers these classes:

- April 11-5: Web-Enabled Government: Facilitating Collaboration and Transparency;

- May 16-20: Multi-Agency Information-Enabled Collaboration.

Both classes will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the fourth floor of Building 2307, Patch Barracks.

For more information, call 430-5992/civ. 0711-680-5992 or 430-2315/civ. 0711-680-2315, or visit www.ndu.edu/icollege.

Space A immunizations available

Effective April 1, the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will allow "Space A" qualifying personnel ages 18 and under to make appointments at the immunization clinic. The intent of this initiative is to allow children enrolled in Department of Defense Dependents Schools to receive immunizations at the same access level as TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

To be eligible, children must be enrolled in DODDS. Children 7 years old and under must provide medical documentation stating that they are medically cleared to receive immunizations, dated within 10 business days of the immunization appointment.

Appointments will not

be honored for anything unrelated to DODDS or Child, Youth and School Services sports.

Appointments can be made beginning April 1 by calling the Europe Regional Medical Command Care Call Center at 00800-3762-2273 or 06221-17-2622.

RSO hosts youth trip to Italy

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office is sponsoring "Shorebreak '11," a spring break trip to Cesenatico, Italy, for high school students April 8-15.

For more information, call 430-7237/civ. 0711-680-7237, or e-mail stuttgartchapelyouth@googlemail.com.

Scholarship fundraiser March 26

The Theta Rho Inter-

national Chapter will host a Mardi Gras scholarship fundraiser March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Kelley Club on Kelley Barracks.

Donations of \$20 are suggested.

For tickets, contact MardiGras@thetarhoques.com.

AER scholarships available

AER applications for 2011-2012 scholarships are now available for the dependent children of active duty, retired and deceased Soldiers.

The deadline to apply is April 1.

To apply, or for more information, visit www.aerhq.org.

Learn to choose right sitter for kids

The Army Community

Service New Parent Support Program will host a class on how to choose a child care provider April 18 from 10-11 a.m. in Room 222, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call ACS at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

Stuttgart Tax Center offers free filing

If the thought of doing your own taxes overwhelms you, the Stuttgart Tax Center offers free tax assistance to ID cardholders.

Walk-in assistance is available Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 421-4588/civ. 0711-4588.

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

Motorcycle safety: Be ready to ride

The motorcycle season is approaching, and it is time for riders to prepare themselves and their motorcycles.

- Do preventive maintenance to ensure the bike is in top mechanical condition. A full tune-up and service is a good place to start.
- Get riding skills up to par after the winter lay-off.
- Be visible to other drivers by wearing high-visibility garments.
- Wear proper protective clothing, such as an approved helmet with eye protection, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full-length trousers, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear, preferably made of leather with an oil-resistant sole to reduce slipping hazards.
- Drive defensively and adjust speed to road and traffic conditions.
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What's happening in FMWR

Audition for 'Working'

The Stuttgart Entertainment Branch will host auditions for the musical "Working" April 4-6 at 7 p.m. in the Kelley Theatre.

Men ages 15-25 and women ages 18 and up are needed to play the "common" men and women in this show who express the hopes, dreams, joys and concerns of the average working American.

A pre-audition solo-song and monologue workshop will be held April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

See 'Rumors' on stage

The Stuttgart Entertainment Branch will perform "Rumors," a comedy by Neil Simon, on April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m., and April 3, 10 and 17 at 3 p.m. in the Kelley Theatre.

The show is a farcical romp that begins when the deputy mayor of New York shoots himself at his own wedding anniversary. It is only a flesh wound, but his lawyer and wife must get the story straight while guests arrive at the party, and he lies bleeding in the next room.

For more information, or to

make reservations, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055, or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com and click on "Theatre."

Theatre Group presents children's show

The Stuttgart Theatre Center will present "Gary Grinkle's Battles with Wrinkles and Other Troubles in Mudgeville" April 29 at 7:30 p.m. and April 30 at 1 p.m. A special Exceptional Family Member Program invitational showing will be held April 30 at 11 a.m.

For more information, call the theater box office at 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

Golf course to host membership drive

The Stuttgart Golf Course will host its annual greens fees membership drive March 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The course is located on Aldingerstrasse in Kornwestheim.

For more information, call civ 0714-187-9151.

For MWR updates, e-mail mwr-marketing@eur.army.mil.

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Coming to Patch Theater

March 24 — The Fighter (R) 6 p.m.

March 25 — True Grit (PG-13) 6 p.m., Country Strong (PG-13) 9 p.m.

March 26 — Tangled (PG) 4 p.m., Paul (R) 7 p.m., True Grit (PG-13) 9 p.m.

March 27 — Tangled (PG) 2 p.m., Country Strong (PG-13) 4 p.m., True Grit (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 28 — Paul (R) 6 p.m.

March 29 — True Grit (PG-13) 6 p.m.

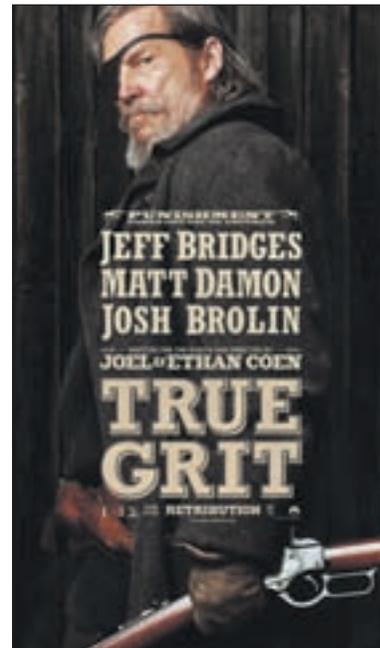
March 30 — Country Strong (PG-13) 6 p.m.

March 31 — True Grit (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 1 — The Rite (PG-13) 7 p.m., Sucker Punch (PG-13) 10 p.m.

April 2 — How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 4 p.m., The Green Hornet (PG-13) 7 p.m., Sucker Punch (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 3 — The Princess and the Frog (G) 2 p.m., The Green Hornet (PG-13) 4 p.m., Sucker Punch (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Paramount Pictures

April 4 — Sucker Punch (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 5 — The Rite (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 6 — The Green Hornet (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Family & MWR Featured Events

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April is the Month of The Military Child. Family and MWR & CYS Services prepared multiple special events: Lock-Ins, Family Game Night, "Hero" Readings, Kiddie Boot Camp, theEDGE! Screen Writers Challenge, German-American Baseball Game, Paris Family Bike Tour, Egg Hunt & Spring Fest, Missoula Children's Theater, Carnival Day and more...

To see the full list of activities go to www.stuttgartmwr.com and download the Calendar of Events.

DSN 430 7480, CIV 0711 680 7480



THEATRE

RUMORS PERFORMANCES

Enjoy Neil Simon's high society, mystery comedy at the Kelley Theatre.
April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 7:30 p.m.
April 3, 10 & 17 3 p.m.

AUDITIONS FOR WORKING

STC is looking for a strong Multi-Racial cast of Actors and Singers, with an emphasis on the actor!
April 4, 5, & 7 p.m.
Stuttgart Theatre Center on Kelley
Pre-Audition Workshop, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

To book your tickets or for more info go to www.stuttgartmwr.com
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April 2 10:00 a.m. Patch Husky Field
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6 p.m. Patch Community Club
DSN 430 5433, CIV 0711 680 5433



Peek into Mozart's past in Salzburg, Austria

Story & photos by Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is known throughout the world for his music: He produced 22 operas, in addition to instrumental compositions, symphonies, serenades, marches, string quartets and songs.

However, not everyone knows details about his childhood.

In Salzburg, visitors can walk in places where Mozart grew up and began composing. They can also see historic landmarks that pay tribute to him throughout the city.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, or "Wolferl," was born on Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg as the seventh child to parents Leopold Mozart, a chamber musician, and Anna Maria Pertl.

Wolfgang Amadeus was only 4 years old when he learned to play the piano and the violin. His father also gave him lessons in music composition.

In 1762, Mozart's first musical performances in Salzburg were followed by several concert tours throughout Europe, where the "Wunderkind" (child prodigy) was introduced to nobility.

In 1781, Mozart moved to Vienna. Most of his world famous operas, including "The Marriage of Figaro," "Don Giovanni," and the "Magic Flute" were produced there.

Mozart died shortly after the premiere of the "Magic Flute" in Vienna on Dec. 5, 1791, from "Frieseleieber" (fever with rash). He was only 35.

Ever since Mozart's early death, many myths have circulated concerning his life. In Salzburg, visitors can discover the "real story" by visiting Mozart's birth house (Getreidegasse 9), and the Mozart family residence, called "Tanzmeisterhaus" (Makartplatz 8), where they can see Mozart's first piano and violin, paintings, letters and family memorabilia.

Another highlight is the "Mozartplatz" (Mozart Square) in Salzburg's historic downtown area, which features a bronze statue of Mozart from 1842. The



Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg offers visitors a glimpse into the famous composer's early life.

town center is part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The coffee house "Tomaselli" (Alter Markt 9), one of Austria's oldest coffee houses, is just a few steps away. According to locals, Mozart frequently took coffee breaks here.

For something sweeter, visitors can try the "Salzburger Nockerl," a typical Austrian dessert made from eggs, sugar, vanilla and butter. Austrian composer Fred Raymond described it "as sweet as love and as delicate as a kiss." This treat is served fresh with raspberry sauce at Cafe Mozart (Getreidegasse 22).



Sandra Rouagha, a visitor to Salzburg, looks at a display of Mozartkugeln in a shop window in Salzburg. Mozartkugeln is made out of chocolate, pistachio marzipan and nougat — one of many tributes to Mozart here.

Salzburg also has several chocolate and souvenir shops dedicated to selling "Mozartkugeln," chocolate balls filled with pistachio marzipan and nougat.

Besides Mozart-related activities, Salzburg also offers a picturesque stroll along the Getreidegasse (Grain Alley), with its artfully decorated store signs and historic building facades, quaint courtyards and side alleys.

For a bird's-eye view of Salzburg, visitors can walk up to the Festung Hohensalzburg, a fortress that dates back to the 11th century. One of Europe's largest and most well-preserved fortresses, it also houses a gallery, torture chamber, observation tower, prince's rooms and a museum.

For another view of Salzburg and the Hohensalzburg, visit the roof terrace of Hotel Stein at Giselakai 3-5.

"Salzburg combines culture and tradition with a charming lifestyle," said Sandra Rouagha, a visitor to Salzburg. "I was able to experience the city's rich history and simply enjoyed the 'Austrian way of life' accompanied by Mozart, music and many sweet delights."

For more information on Salzburg (in English), visit www.salzburg.info/en/.

Call for witnesses

Witnesses are needed for recent BMW POV break-ins. Presumably during the night of Feb. 25, unknown persons broke into numerous used cars parked in the parking lot of the BMW dealership located between Bondorfer Weg and Hauptstrasse in Vaihingen. The perpetrators were after the cars' airbags. Damage totaled more than €35,000.

Witnesses are asked to call the Liaison Officer of the German Police at Patch Barracks at civ. 0711-8990-4466, or the Military Police Station at civ. 0711-680-5262/5261.



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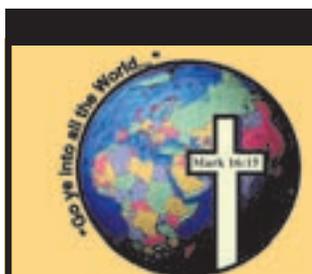


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Kingston Davis (from left) leads a fast break with teammates Jeffrey Kaczmarek, Chaz Young and Dominic Adams during the IMCOM-E Western Regional semifinal game against Mannheim March 13.



Photos by Brian Hill

The Cupcakes and their assistant coach, Leroy Davis, enjoy the sweet taste of success after winning the IMCOM-Europe Western Regional Junior Boys Basketball Championship in Wiesbaden March 13.



Jeffrey Kaczmarek (center) and Bryce Hill defend against Mannheim in the semifinal Western Regional game on March 13.

Junior boys' championship a piece of cake

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Stuttgart "Cupcakes" turned out to be anything but as they solidly won the Installation Management Command Europe Western Regional Junior Boys Basketball Championship.

The Child, Youth and School Services-sponsored double elimination tournament for 13- to 15-year-olds was a cakewalk for the Cupcakes, as they went undefeated March 12-13 in Wiesbaden.

The team's road to victory began with a strategic name selection meant to deceive opponents.

"We knew they were going to say 'they're cupcakes ... they're not that good' — until they looked up at the scoreboard," said Kingston Davis, 13.

We knew they were going to say 'they're cupcakes ... they're not that good' — until they looked up at the scoreboard.

Kingston Davis, 13
player for the Cupcakes

Though armed with confidence and a sense of humor, the team struggled to get to the regional tournament, according to head coach Gary Kaczmarek.

"There's a lot of talent here," he said, adding that the Cupcakes' toughest adversaries came from their own community.

At the IMCOM-E regional tournament, the Cupcakes swept Wiesbaden 28-20, Kaiserslautern 41-33 and Mannheim 34-31, and in the championship game, once again faced Wiesbaden, who had fought their way back into the finals.

"After playing them the first time, we weren't surprised to see them again in the championship," said Kaczmarek.

"They had a very long road coming back through the losers' bracket, and we knew they didn't fight that hard to make it all the way back into the championship to just give it away," he said.

The Cupcakes, however, stood their ground and crumbled any hopes that Wiesbaden had, winning the championship game 45-40.

"I couldn't be prouder of our young men for withstanding all Wiesbaden had and not only playing with a lot of heart and effort, but also playing smart," Kaczmarek said.

Kingston Davis led the charge, scoring 72 points and nabbing 34 rebounds in the tournament.

"I give credit to my team for helping me out. I couldn't have done it without them," Davis said.

The team went into the tournament with some specific strategies, according to Davis: "... not to turn over the ball,

play good defense, step out on the shooters and make free throws."

What the Cupcakes lacked in size, they made up in team play. "Our team is really small, but everybody stepped up and played their role, which helped us win," Davis said.

Davis was not alone in racking up impressive stats.

Jeffrey Kaczmarek, 14, scored 37 points, had 21 rebounds and five assists. Galvin McCall, 13, pulled down 41 rebounds. Chaz Young, 13, hit several three-pointers.

Teamwork and preparation paved the team's way to victory, according to assistant coach Leroy Davis,

"We played as a team. The kids are very unselfish — they gave the ball to whoever could score," said Coach Davis.

"They each brought skills to the table that we were able to use in order to win," he said.

And they honed those skills during weekly practices.

"Coach Kaz taught the kids the fundamentals ... shooting, dribbling, passing," said Coach Davis. "We tried to teach all the facets of the game. We worked on crashing the boards, boxing out, free throws and left-handed lay-ups."

For the coaches, that's why they got involved in the first place — to share their experience and knowledge of the game.

The payoff is simple. "I get to see the kids enjoy the game and watch them mature," said Coach Kaczmarek.

A championship trophy, in this case, is icing on the cupcake.

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Join post-natal fitness group

Army Community Service offers a post-natal fitness group every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Patch Fitness Center.

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Learn about CYS sports registration

Learn about the registration process for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's CYS Services sports and fitness programs April 2 from 1-2 p.m. in the Patch Community Club.

The meeting will be followed by a brief question and answer session.

For more information, call 431-2597/civ. 07031-15-2597 or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

Spring Fling 5K set

The 2011 Spring Fling 5K run, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Sports and Fitness, will be held April 2 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks. The race will start at 10:30 a.m.

Register by March 27.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Bike ride in Paris

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Outdoor Recreation will host a Paris Bike Ride Weekend April 8-11 in Paris, France. Departure is at 7 a.m. from ODR on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Peaceful Warriors yoga class open

The Peaceful Warriors yoga class meets Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Panzer Chapel (upstairs). The class focuses on relaxation techniques for Soldiers and their families. Bring a blanket or yoga mat. Child care is provided.

For more information, e-mail centeryourselfyoga@yahoo.com.

Watch U.S. Forces Basketball champs

Come watch the U.S. Forces Basketball Championship March 24-27 at the Patch, Panzer and Kelley Fitness Centers.

For more information, call 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512.



Youth Activities

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



Photo by Monika Juergens

Annual International Student Leadership Institute

Patch High School students Ross Wilson, Drew Nixon, Eli Welton, Elizabeth Nantz, Danielle Dean and Nicole Zuccola attended the annual International Student Leadership Institute from Feb. 28 to March 4 in Oberwesel, Germany. Drew, who was chosen as a regent this year, will be returning to ISLI next year as a student leader.



Photo by Jan Kuenning

A solid or liquid?

Patch Elementary School fifth-grader Jake Worsham (left) and first-grader Liam Williams experiment with Oobleck on Dr. Seuss' birthday in Mrs. Gershkoff's first-grade class and Penilla-Williams' fifth-grade class.



Photo by Michela Winter

Dr. Seuss cupcakes

Patch Elementary School PTA president Erin Schroeder (behind left) and parent member Jennifer Huggins (right) deliver Dr. Seuss cupcakes March 2 to fourth-grader Lydia Benitez and other students.



Photo by by Jan Kuenning

Yoga Kids Club

Patch Elementary School second-grader Jade Runkle demonstrates the downward-facing dog pose March 1 during the school's Yoga Kids Club.



Photo by Adriana Capocelli Shelley

USAFE Clarinet Quartet

Patch Elementary School first and second grade students, including the multi-age classes of Ms. Beckham, Ms. Suhr and Mr. Zappey, enjoy a special presentation by the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Clarinet Quartet March 10 from Ramstein, Germany. The group introduced their instruments, answered questions and played several selections from famous composers. The children especially enjoyed their presentation of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff," set in music with each character having a different sound.

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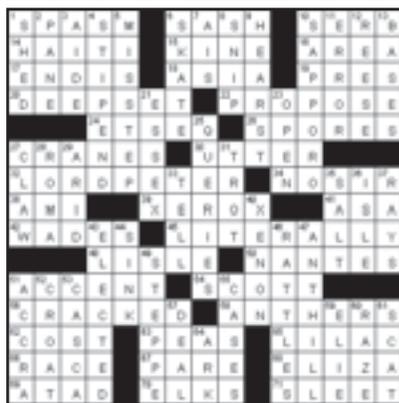
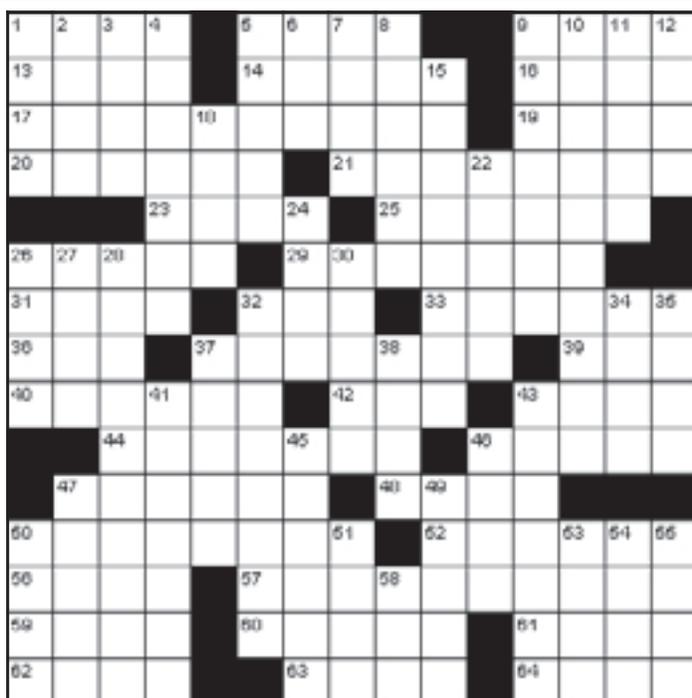
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This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from March 10!

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2. Aborigine of Japan
3. Neighbor of Ark.
4. Furies, in Greek myth
5. Mountain dew producer
6. Hole puncher
7. Edict
8. Snare
9. Regatta crew
10. Adept
11. Fork prongs
12. German coal region
15. Pirate
18. Pick up, in a way
22. Brazilian seaport
24. Israeli guns
26. Not fully closed
27. Buddhist monk
28. St. Paul and Minneapolis
30. Suitably
32. American larch
34. "Peter Pan" pirate
35. Shades
37. "Bonfire of the Vanities" author
38. Foolhardy
41. Liberal ones
43. Family
45. Bay of Bengal city
46. Wield a mop
47. Executed Soviet secret-police chief
49. Syrian president
50. Account execs
51. Living-room item
53. Novelist Seton
54. Bank
55. "Ah!"
58. Hit the slopes

ACROSS

1. Satisfy fully
5. Free from risk
9. Makes a selection
13. Seating section
14. Matched pair
16. Met highlight
17. Destroy utterly
19. Author Jaffe
20. Small stream
21. Convey
23. Korean border river
25. A Musketeer
26. Change
29. Mexican Indian
31. 1975 Spielberg movie
32. Gratuity
33. Leave no trace
36. Friend of Nancy?
37. Spendthrift
39. Winged walker
40. Payment for release
42. Ancient Roman spirit
43. Dummy's perch
44. Doric dress
46. Locations
47. Locale of a 1967 civil war
48. "Private Benjamin" star
50. Good-as-new tires
52. African adventure
56. Great Lakes port
57. Insignia with a skull
59. Berth place
60. "Amerika" author
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63. Uttered
64. Stubby or Danny?



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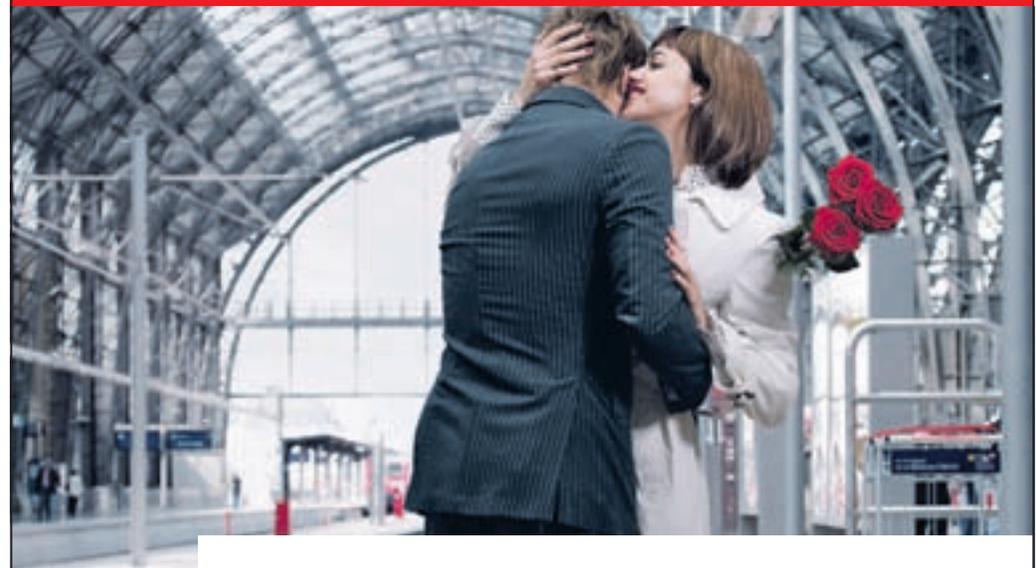
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