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## USAG Stuttgart changes command



Col. Glenn K. Dickenson, USAG Stuttgart garrison commander, returns the unit's colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Lynyce D. Thorpe, USAG Stuttgart, during the USAG Stuttgart Change of Command ceremony Feb. 27 at Patch Fitness Center. — *Photo by Greg Jones, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs.*



Col. Glenn K. Dickenson, incoming USAG Stuttgart garrison commander, receives the colors from Michael D. Formica, Installation Management Command-Europe region director, during the USAG Stuttgart Change of Command ceremony Feb. 27 at Patch Fitness Center. — *Photo by Greg Jones, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs.*

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# Excited to serve garrison Stuttgart

by **Col. Glenn K. Dickenson**  
USAG Stuttgart commander

First, I'd like to say that I am thrilled to have been selected to serve the outstanding joint U.S. military community here in Stuttgart. I look forward to continuing to lead the garrison team in delivering services that exceed the expectations of every community member serving, living and working here.

I want to thank this community for the warm welcome that I received at the garrison change of command ceremony last week. I also want to offer my sincere thanks to all those who had a role in the planning and execution of the event.

I was honored that so many key leaders from the Stuttgart area, both U.S. and German, took the time out of their busy schedules to attend.

I'm learning that the garrison has deep and meaningful relationships with our German neighbors and partners, and I look forward to building even stronger relationships as we work together to seize our mutual opportunities and face our mutual challenges.

Although I have only been here in Stuttgart for a short time, and my family will be joining me in the coming months, we feel extremely privileged to have this opportunity. My first duty assignment as a young Lieutenant was here in Germany and I'm happy to have this chance to experience life here in Germany again. My wife and I have been looking forward to sharing the rich culture of Germany with our children.

Like most service men and women in today's military, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the world and I have learned just how small this planet has become as a result of modern transportation and communication technologies. Because the world is so interconnected these days, the importance of our collective mission here can't be understated.



**Col. Glenn K. Dickenson**  
Commander, USAG Stuttgart

Both the U.S. Africa and European Commands work tirelessly to maintain our critical alliances and forge close relations with nations throughout Europe and Africa. All of the commands, units and organizations here at Garrison Stuttgart serve roles vital to our national interests. Our collective mission helps to ensure the stability of Europe, Africa and beyond.

As you look throughout the pages of this week's publication you'll see articles representing the activities of AFRICOM, EUCOM and many other units and organizations that make up this diverse community. As the only U.S. installation outside of the continental United States serving two Department of Defense Combatant Commands, with an area of responsibility covering two continents, we are not serving the typical Army Garrison community.

We support service members, families and civilian employees representing every component of the DoD and many other U.S. government agencies. I am proud to be a part of a team supporting these endeavors by providing this truly purple, joint-service community with safe and secure facilities. The garrison also provides many quality services that enhance mission

readiness for all services.

In order to understand my staff, what they do and what I can do to make their work more effective, I intend to frequently visit garrison facilities and meet the workforce. I'm also meeting with unit commanders to gain a better appreciation of the challenges they face and how we can support them.

Additionally, I am meeting with many local German city leaders in the coming months to help maintain positive relationships with our good neighbors outside our gates. I was surprised to learn that nearly 80 percent of U.S. military-affiliated personnel here at Garrison Stuttgart live outside of our installations, which made it very clear to me how important it is for this garrison to have good relationships with the municipalities where our people reside.

I want to continue to maintain a high quality-of-life here at the garrison, and I will certainly rely on feedback from units and community members to help me and the hardworking garrison workforce improve our delivery of service.

I consider the Interactive Customer Evaluation a good gauge of whether or not we are providing the level of service expected of us. Please, use ICE as a tool to communicate with me and the garrison staff. Hard copy ICE cards can be found at any of our facilities, or your comments can be submitted online. You can find a link on our website at [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil).

I encourage everyone to use our other online information resources including the Citizen online ([www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com)) and the garrison's official Facebook page ([facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart](https://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart)).

Thanks again for the warm reception. I am very happy to be here in Stuttgart, and I look forward to serving, living and working in this community.

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# USAG Stuttgart changes command



USAG Stuttgart Soldiers in formation render honors at the arrival of the official party during the USAG Stuttgart Change of Command ceremony Feb. 27 at Patch Fitness Center.

Story and photos by Greg Jones  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

Col. Glenn K. Dickenson assumed command of USAG Stuttgart from Col. John P. Stack in a ceremony at Patch fitness Center Feb. 27.

Installation Management Command-Europe director, Michael D. Formica officiated the ceremony, which included the traditional passing of the colors. The ceremony also included rendering of honors for the official party, a color guard, and comments by both incoming and outgoing

commanders as well as the officiating officer.

Dickenson, a military intelligence officer, comes to USAG Stuttgart from the Department of the Army G-2, where he served as the chief of current operations.

“As I stand here this morning I am humbled, honored and awestruck at the opportunity to lead the vast collection of talent that makes up U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart,” said Dickenson, who closed his comments with the traditional words of a new commander. “All current policies

remain in effect.”

Stack, who commanded USAG Stuttgart for about three years, leaves for Fort Bragg where he will deploy to the Central Command area of operations. During Stack’s tenure, the Garrison won IMCOM’s most improved garrison and implemented a number of initiatives such as an aggressive water and energy efficiency program that generated almost \$2 million in cost savings, and major efforts to improve quality of life for the assigned personnel.

Despite the accomplishments of

the Garrison under Stack’s tenure, according to Stack, it is the community he will remember and miss the most.

“It’s not the on-post facilities, or the great sites and communities outside the gate that have made this a great assignment,” he said. “It’s simply the people that make up this community. From our host nation neighbors and friends, to the service members, civilians and families of this joint community, to the hard-working Garrison workforce; it’s all of you who have made this such a great assignment.”

## News & Notes

### OHA survey runs through March 31

Service members in Germany who reside off post in privately leased or rental housing are asked to take part in an annual Overseas Housing Allowance utility survey. This survey is critical for ensuring OHA rates are properly set at overseas locations and directly affects the amount of housing allowance paid to service members.

“Taking the survey allows service members to have a direct impact on the amount of Utility and Recurring Maintenance allowance they will

draw as part of their Overseas Housing Allowance,” said Randall Ries, the Germany country allowance coordinator.

The Defense Travel Management Office will conduct the online survey through March 31.

Spouses are authorized to take the survey if the service member is deployed or unavailable.

An exemption from this survey includes homeowners or those sharing rent with another service member.

Take the survey at [www.defensetravel.dod.mil](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil).

### Sign up for Capital City Visitation Program

Looking to gain a better understanding of Germany and Baden-Württemberg? Then the Capital City Visitation Program is a good start. Participants will learn how the German political system works during a visit to the state parliament building. They will also visit Stuttgart’s city hall and see a few of Stuttgart’s downtown landmarks.

The next Capital City Visitation Program will be offered March 30. Participants will be picked up at 8:30

a.m. at the Exchange bus stop on Panzer Kaserne to take a bus to the state parliament. The tour lasts until 5 p.m.

The event is open to all ID card holders and is free. Dress is business casual. No children under 14 will be allowed. The first 40 people will be accepted to participate and will be notified via email. Sign up by March 16 by sending an email to [usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-stuttgart-media@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-stuttgart-media@mail.mil) with the subject line: “CCVP Sign-up.”

# EUCOM recognizes top service members, civilians

U.S. European Command Media Operations

Three service members and three civilian employees were honored as U.S. European Command's top service members and civilians during a ceremony Feb. 11 in the Patch Fitness Center.

Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, the EUCOM commander, presided over the 2014 Service Member and Civilian of the Year award ceremony.

Breedlove spoke about the challenges the command has faced over the past year and reassured the audience of approximately 500, saying, "I'm confident we have the right team for 2015."

He was accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Craig A. Adams, the EUCOM senior enlisted leader, who spoke about the command's accomplishments during the previous year.

The nominees were evaluated through a board process that examined each candidate using a whole-person approach, rather than just his or her work. As a result, the winners were selected for their contributions to their organization as well as community engagement.

"The nominees distinguished themselves though outstanding initiative, dedication and motivation to excel," said Chief Master Sgt. Reiko Meeks, C4/Cyber directorate's senior enlisted leader, who narrated the ceremony.

The awards are divided into three categories: Junior, Mid-level and Senior for service members and Category I, II and III for civilians.

Each of the military category winners received a Joint Service Commendation Medal while the civilian category winners received a Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award. The winners also received gift certificates donated by Service Credit Union.

## Military

### Junior Service Member of the Year

Senior Airman John R. Wooten  
ECJ2/RAF Molesworth

### Mid-Level Service Member of the Year

Staff Sgt. Marvin A. Hannah  
ECCH-HC/HQ EUCOM

### Senior Service Member of the Year

Senior Chief Petty Officer  
William L. Hawkins  
ECJ6/HQ EUCOM

## Civilian

### Category I (GS 1-8)

Sue E. Beil  
J1OCUER/RAF Molesworth

### Category II (GS 9-13)

Michael J. Bruce  
ECCM/HQ USEUCOM  
Stuttgart

### Category III (GS 14-15)

Scott L. Dunn  
J-5/8/HQ USEUCOM Stuttgart



Senior Chief Petty Officer William L. Hawkins, EUCOM's 2014 Senior Service Member of the Year, poses for a photo with EUCOM Commander Gen. Philip M. Breedlove; Command Chief Master Sgt. Craig A. Adams, EUCOM's senior enlisted leader; and Command Sgt. Maj. Gloria Jones, the EUCOM Headquarters Commandant command sergeant major, during an awards presentation Feb. 11. — Photos by Adam Sanders, Joint Training Center Stuttgart.



Staff Sgt. Marvin A. Hannah, EUCOM's 2014 Mid-Level Service Member of the Year, receives a trophy from EUCOM Commander Gen. Philip M. Breedlove.

## On the Blotter

### Jan. 20

· Around midnight a service member's POV was reported as stolen from a hotel parking lot in the Netherlands. The car was secured and contained VAT forms and two international drivers' licenses.

· At approximately 4 p.m., a family member was caught shoplifting at the Panzer Exchange. She was observed placing makeup into her stroller and then proceeding past the point of purchase without paying. In accordance with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Policy Letter #50, the individual's full privilege ID card was confiscated and a limited privilege ID card was issued. Her sponsor was briefed on the privilege suspension and the policy letter.

### Jan. 24

In the early morning hours an

Exchange employee was stopped on the road by German Polizei who administered a breathalyzer with results reading .47mg/L. The driver presented an expired North Carolina driver's license. It was later revealed that the individual's USAREUR license had previously been revoked.

### Jan. 27

Sometime during the night of Jan. 27 and the morning of Jan. 28, a government-owned Iris bus sustained scratches on the left side of the rear wheel well and a broken marker light lens. The make and model of the vehicle driven by the offender are unknown.

### Jan. 28

A hit and run was reported in a Kelley Barracks parking lot. A gray Volkswagen sustained a dent and scratches to the

right fender. There were no witnesses to the incident.

### Jan. 31

At approximately 6 p.m. a driver hit another service member's vehicle with the door of his vehicle on Kelley Barracks. The service member's daughter, who was in the car at the time of the incident, witnessed the incident.

### Feb. 6

A service member was driving on a rural road and struck a deer. The service member was wearing his seat belt, and there were no signs of alcohol in the incident. The service member's car was damaged, and the animal died as a result of the accident.

### Feb. 12

Sometime between Feb. 12 and 13, a cash box containing \$300 and a

package of SunKiss soda was reported stolen from the Patch Fitness Center.

### Feb. 14

An apparent miscommunication between a Pond security guard and a local national motorist resulted in the deployment of a barrier. The barrier deployed under the vehicle, bending the frame and cracking the oil pan.

*On the Blotter is compiled by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services and the Stuttgart Law Center. Entries may not be completely accurate and are not adjudications of guilt or innocence of any person. If you have information regarding any of the crimes above, please call the USAG Stuttgart Military Police Desk at 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262.*

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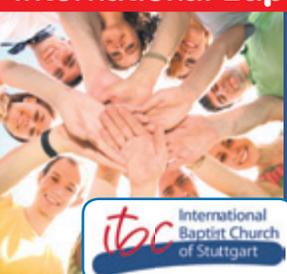
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### USAREUR DRIVER'S LICENSE UPDATE

The issue concerning the validity of expired U.S. drivers' licenses has been resolved at the diplomatic level.

It has been deemed consistent with Art. 9, para. 2 of the Supplemental Agreement to the NATO SOFA that the legal entitlement to drive a private vehicle in Germany remains in force even when the corresponding U.S. state license has expired.

German authorities will go back to the old policy and continue to recognize expired state licenses as long as there is a valid USAREUR Certificate of License.

Cases that were initiated solely for driving with an expired US license (but valid USAREUR Certificate of License) will be discontinued.

### BAZAAR TO IMPACT PARKING

In preparation for the Stuttgart Spring Bazaar that will held March 13-15, some parking on Patch Barracks will be impacted.

The parking lot adjacent to the Child Youth and School Services Teen Center, Bldg. 2337, will be blocked from 11 p.m. March 3 to 9 p.m. March 16.

At 11 p.m. March 11, the parking lots adjacent to the Patch Fitness Center (in front and behind Bldg. 2337), street parking in front of the fitness center and parking directly across from the heat plant on Pennsylvaniastrasse, will be blocked until 9 a.m. March 16.

Vehicles parked in these areas must be moved before the barriers are put in place. Vehicles that remain will be towed at the owner's expense.

### PIE THROWERS WANTED MARCH 12

Mu Alpha Theta, the Patch High School Math National Honors Society, is organizing an attempt to break a world record for the largest shaving cream pie fight March 12. The current world record shaving cream pie fight involved 815 participants and was set in 2013.

PHS students hope to beat

that record with more than 1,000 people involved in the March 12 event. Organizers are soliciting the entire student body, parents and members of the community to participate by throwing pies at one another for one minute.

Participants should meet in front of the school at 1 p.m. to register and receive a protective poncho. The pie fight is expected to start at 2 p.m. Representatives from Guinness World Records will be on hand to verify the event.

For more information, call Patch High School at 430-7191/civ. 0711-680-7191.

### CIVILIANS NEEDED AS EEO COUNSELORS

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office is looking for a few good men and women to be a part of the collateral duty EEO counselor team.

EEO collateral assignments are official EEO duties and responsibilities assigned to an employee in addition to the primary duties and responsibilities of the position the employee occupies.

Candidates should be appropriated or non-appropriated employees and believe in the principles of equal employment opportunity.

For more information, contact the USAG Stuttgart EEO Office at 430-5312/5256 / civ. 0711-680-5312/5256.

### FRATERNITY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The German alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. invites all Patch High School seniors who aspire to attend a university in the fall of 2015 to apply for a chapter-sponsored scholarship.

The scholarship program offers financial assistance to family member dependents of military service members and Department of Defense-sponsored civilians who are graduating seniors at Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

Each year, several scholarships are awarded to deserving students who have achieved academic excellence and participated in activities outside of the classroom.

Since the program's inception, more than 185 students have received academic scholarships averaging \$1,200 each.

Deadline for applications is April 5. To apply, visit <http://kapsigermany.com>.

### LEARN TO 'BUDGET FOR BABY' MARCH 11

The Stuttgart Navy Marine Corps Relief Society will host a Budget for Baby workshop March 11 from 6-8 p.m. at the Panzer Chapel.

In the Budget for Baby Workshop, participants will learn what expenses to plan for with the arrival of baby, how to make wise financial decisions and tips on how to save money. Participants receive a junior sea bag filled with gifts for baby and a baby blanket handmade by a NMCRS volunteer.

The free workshop is open to all active duty military and Defense Department civilians who are new parents or are expecting.

Advance registration is required. To register, send an email to [StuttgartNMCRS@gmail.com](mailto:StuttgartNMCRS@gmail.com).

### AUSA TO HOST JOB FAIR MARCH 14-15

The Stuttgart Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will host a job fair March 14-15 at the Sindelfingen Marriott Hotel from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

As of Feb. 23, the confirmed companies attending the job fair include L3 Stratis, Cubic Corporation, First Command Financial Services, CACI and Intervest International.

The job fair is open to all U.S. ID cardholders. Participants should bring copies of their resumes.

For more information on the job fair, visit [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com) and search for "AUSA-Job-Fairs-in-Europe."

You can also send an email to [ausa.chapter.stuttgart@gmail.com](mailto:ausa.chapter.stuttgart@gmail.com) or call Army Community Service at 431-3362 / civ. 07031-15-3362.

### LEARN TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS

In preparation for the AUSA job fair March 14-5 in Sindelfingen, Army

Community Service's Employment Readiness Program will present a Dress for Success class March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free class will be held at Army Community Service, Room 226, Bldg. 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

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**NEW FROG ROAD INTERSECTION**

A new intersection for K 1055, more popularly known as Frog Road, is now open.

This intersection joins Frog Road with the A-81 access road instead of directly with Panzerstrasse. Traffic coming from Frog Road will still be able to access Panzerstrasse by turning left at the new intersection, and then left onto Panzerstrasse from the A-81 access road. There is a traffic light at this new intersection.

This new intersection comes ahead of a major construction project planned for later this year at the intersection of Panzerstrasse and the A-81 access road. This construction project will begin after another project on Panzerstrasse is completed.

The USAG Stuttgart Public affairs office will continue to monitor progress on these ongoing projects and provide information as it becomes available.

**GET FREE HELP WITH FILING TAXES**

Service members, retirees Defense Department civilian employees and family members can get free, professional help in filing their tax returns between now and June at the Stuttgart Tax Center.

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Appointments can be made via email through the contact form on the law center Web page at the address above. A drop-off service is also available.

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The Stuttgart Tax Center is located in Room 215, Bldg. 3312, Kelley Barracks.

**TARP BRIEFINGS OFFERED**

The 66th Military Intelligence Stuttgart Field Office will hold Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings during March at the following locations:

- March 25, Panzer Chapel
- March 27, Patch Chapel

Briefings in English will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and should last approximately one hour.

The briefing is an annual requirement for all Defense

Department employees, contractors and service members. Family members are not required, but highly encouraged to attend.

If an organization requires a brief in German, contact the Stuttgart Field Office at 591-5001.

**NATIONAL CRAFTS MONTH**

March is National Crafts Month, and you can enjoy a variety of activities and classes at the Arts and Crafts Center on Patch Barracks. Choose from a Pinterest party, Creative Expressions, scrap-booking club and more.

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

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**WHO:** All DoD employees and their family members (ID card required for verification).

**WHAT:** Participants will create a 2015 CFC-O coin design that embodies the spirit of the campaign. The chosen design will be distributed to select contributors during the 2015 CFC-O this fall.

**WHEN:** Submissions are due by 15 March 2015.

**DETAILS:**

- Designs should honor the generous spirit of DoD contributors and depict the theme: Give Because You Care.
- The year "2015" and the name "Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas" must appear in the design.
- The design must fit on a round coin with 1 1/4 inch diameter.
- Use the following colors: red, white and blue as solid colors only, no gradients as they cannot be replicated accurately with enamel fill. Any negative space without a color will be background color of the coin.
- Submit designs as a .jpg or .pdf file to [cfcocfcoverseas.org](http://cfcocfcoverseas.org).

By submitting a design, the artist verifies that their design is original work and gives permission for its use by the CFC-O on the coins. Additionally, the submitter consents to the reproduction of the design and its use by the CFC-O in various applications, which include, but are not limited to: campaign materials, publicity releases and electronic reproduction on the CFC-O website and social media sites. There will be no monetary remuneration for use of the winning design.

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# Bazaar brings European favorites to local venue

USAG Stuttgart Family and MWR Marketing Office

Stuttgart's Family and MWR will host its annual Spring Bazaar March 13-15 on Patch Barracks.

The bazaar will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nearly 60 vendors will offer antiques, home decor, jewelry, artwork, cheese, wine, ceramics and more in the Patch Fitness Center, the Patch Community Club and across every available inch of the surrounding parking lots.

New vendors will add to the mix bringing Polish crystal, retro/vintage home furnishings and specialties from Turkey.

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club is the contractor handling the day-to-day operations and event planning, and as a result, the community will benefit in a number of ways.

For shoppers, the Spring Bazaar is all about getting those coveted collectibles from across Europe without ever having to leave Patch Barracks.

The Stuttgart military community also benefits directly from the bazaar, as the proceeds are returned in the form of scholarships, donations, and grants to clubs, organizations and schools. The SCSC returned nearly \$90,000 to the community this year from proceeds from the 2014 bazaar.

The bazaar organizers are hoping they top that this year.

"The SCSC bazaar committee has been working hard since last fall, and we are all excited about the event," said Penny Rower, the SCSC bazaar chairwoman.

"Many of the community's favorite vendors will be back, and some exciting new vendors will be coming to



The Spring Bazaar lets community members shop for all those coveted collectibles from across Europe without ever having to leave Patch Barracks. During the bazaar, held this year from March 13-15, more than 50 vendors will offer antiques, home decor, jewelry, artwork, cheese, wine, ceramics and more. — Photo courtesy of USAG Stuttgart Family and MWR.

Stuttgart. We hope the entire military community will join us for the great shopping, but don't forget to volunteer to help, too," she said.

"Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make this event happen," said Meelisa Cahill, the SCSC volunteer chairwoman.

Volunteers are needed March 8-15. Prior to the bazaar grand opening, there are tents to construct, vendor areas to mark off, and tables and benches to be placed.

During the event, volunteers are

needed to work as finance runners, credit card machine operators, ID card checkers and hospitality volunteers.

Volunteers will receive early VIP shopping privileges on March 13 and are entered into a volunteer-only raffle.

There is still time to sign up as a volunteer. Log onto [www.stuttgartspringbazaar.org](http://www.stuttgartspringbazaar.org) and click on the "volunteers" tab at the top of the screen.

The Spring Bazaar is open to all valid military ID cardholders, NATO forces, civilians, and reservists with TDY orders.

Shoppers may bring guests, but guests will not be allowed to make purchases.

Visa, MasterCard, cash and euro will be accepted. No pets will be allowed.

For more information on volunteering during the bazaar, send an email to [scsc.bazaarvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:scsc.bazaarvolunteer@gmail.com).

To learn more about the vendors and their products, visit [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com) and search for "Stuttgart Spring Bazaar."

## Steps to take when a CFL breaks

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#### Before cleanup

- Have people and pets leave the room.

- Air out the room for five to 10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.
- Collect materials needed to clean up broken bulb: stiff paper or cardboard, sticky tape, damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes (for hard surfaces) and glass jar with a metal lid or a sealable plastic bag.

#### During cleanup

- Do not vacuum. Vacuuming is not recommended unless broken glass

remains after all other cleanup steps have been taken. Vacuuming could spread mercury containing powder or mercury vapor.

- Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder.
- Place cleanup materials in a sealable container, such as a jar.

#### After cleanup

- Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area until materials can be disposed of. Avoid



leaving any bulb fragments or cleanup materials indoors.

- You can dispose of the jar containing the fragments in your household trash.
- If practical, continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken and leave the heating/air conditioning system shut off for several hours.

For more information, visit [www2.epa.gov/cfl](http://www2.epa.gov/cfl).

# AFRICOM welcomes African Union journalists

Story & photo by Brenda Law  
U.S. Africa Command Office of  
Public Affairs

Eight journalists from Africa concluded a week-long visit to AFRICOM with an interview of the command's deputy to the commander for Military Operations, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Steven Hummer.

The journalists, all accredited with the African Union, represented a variety of news organizations in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda.

During the media delegation visit Feb. 9-12, AFRICOM staff presented briefs on the command's multiple and diverse programs.

"I had limited understanding of AFRICOM before coming here," said Andualem Sisay Gessesse, a correspondent to Nation Media Group of Kenya which is based in Ethiopia. "Now I have a better picture of what AFRICOM does, like in the areas of maritime activities, humanitarian assistance and defense programs — we can see how big is the mandate of this organization.

"For example, I can now see how PEPFAR [President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief] is integrated from the president to USAID to AFRICOM," Gessesse continued.

The highlight of each visit is the opportunity for the journalists to interview a senior leader from AFRICOM. Hummer said he felt honored to meet the journalists and answer their questions.

"Our design was to develop programs to help the security apparatus," he said. "We have more civilians than military personnel on our staff, and our work is theater security cooperation plans. Ninety-nine percent of what we do is through the African military partners."

"These visits are a unique opportunity to educate and inform African journalists about the command's mission and our role in working with African partners to support their efforts to build more



A delegation of African Union journalists pose for a photo with Lt. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, the AFRICOM deputy to the commander for Military Operations, and Capt. Tamara Carter-Fischer, AFRICOM Public Affairs media officer. The journalists were in Stuttgart Feb. 9-12 to learn about the command's mission and programs.

secure environments," said AFRICOM's Chief of Public Affairs and Communication Synchronization, U.S. Army Col. Mark Cheadle.

"This week has been very worthwhile for me," said Eskinder Firew Azmatch, who reports for the Voice of America Amharic and is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"Hearing this kind of information really helps provide a better understanding when I write stories. AFRICOM can do this for other organizations — show them the benefit of bringing journalists in to help further understanding," said Azmatch.

AFRICOM's media delegation visit program dates back to 2009 when AFRICOM Public Affairs first proposed it as a way for the command to connect in a face-to-face environment with professional journalists from across the continent. Since then, journalists from 20 countries and countless media organizations have been hosted in nearly a dozen visits, making it one of the most high-profile outreach events sponsored by the command.

Journalists who participated in the delegation visit also included Jenine Coetzer,

Channel Africa; Emmanuel Igunza Kinyaga, BBC Africa; Robyn Lee Kriel, eNews Channel; Aggrey Mutambo Nyongesa, Daily Nation; Charles Onyango-Obbo, Mail and Guardian Africa; and Elias Meseret Taye, Associated Press.

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# TBI Awareness Month highlights prevalence of injury



People who have had a concussion may say they are “fine,” although their behavior or personality has changed. If you notice such changes in a family member or friend, suggest they seek medical care. — Photo by Shutterstock.com.

By Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Hill  
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

Throughout the year, we designate specific months to remind us of varying topics that are important to our well-being and/or culture. Oftentimes we forget or overlook the significance of these awareness months due to their repetitious nature.

National Brain Injury Awareness Month March is intended to remind us of the serious impact of traumatic brain injuries, or TBI, throughout our population.

## The numbers are telling

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that approximately 2.5 million emergency room visits, hospitalizations or deaths were associated with a singular TBI or a combination of a TBI and additional sources of injury and that annually, traumatic brain injuries are responsible for an estimated 50,000 deaths.

The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center tracks the total number of service members throughout the Department of Defense who have been diagnosed with a TBI. Since 2000, over 313,000 service members have been diagnosed with a TBI.

TBI-associated costs within the United States are estimated at a staggering \$56 billion annually. The DOD

spends an estimated \$1.1 billion each year on TBI education and treatment.

There are more than 5 million Americans living with a TBI that has resulted in a permanent need for assistance in daily functioning. These TBI survivors are left with severe behavioral, cognitive, and communicative impairments.

TBIs pose a significant public health problem, especially for children aged 5 years and younger, male adolescents and young adults ages 15 through 24, and the elderly who are 75 years or older. In fact, this form of injury is the most common cause of death and acquired disability among children and adolescents in the U.S.

Dr. Carolyn Caldwell, a neuropsychologist assigned to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, is far too familiar with the effects that TBI has on an individual and their loved ones. On a daily basis she treats the survivors of these traumatic injuries and the aftermath it creates within their occupational, social, family and interpersonal environments.

Caldwell said no matter how a mild TBI — the most common severity type — occurs, whether an IED blast, a hard hit in a football game or a fall, the impact on the injured is similar.

“The nerves or neurons in our brain can be compared to silly putty.

They are very elastic and stretch easily; however, if they are stretched too far, they can break,” Caldwell said.

When this happens, she added, the normal chemical and electrical functions of the brain are disrupted and can cause a person to experience physical cognitive and emotional symptoms.

For example, following a mild TBI it is common for a person to experience headache, sleep disturbance, difficulty with balance, reduced attention/concentration, reduced memory ability, irritability, and/or mood swings.

But regardless of the patient’s age or type of injury, there is one common treatment for everyone: physical and cognitive rest. With adequate rest, the brain will recover its normal chemical and electrical balance. Most individuals will recover from a mild injury within days to a few weeks.

A traumatic brain injury is a serious health concern. As a community we must remain cognizant of the seriousness of a TBI. It is within this awareness that we find a greater chance of preventing these injuries.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center’s website at <http://dvbic.dcoe.mil>.

## TBI Quick Facts

If the head is hit or violently shaken (such as from a blast or explosion), a concussion or closed head injury can result. Concussion is seldom life threatening, so doctors often use the term “mild” when the person is only dazed or confused or loses consciousness for a short time.

However, concussion can result in serious symptoms. People who survive multiple concussions may have more serious problems.

People who have had a concussion may say they are “fine,” although their behavior or personality has changed. If you notice such changes in a family member or friend, suggest they seek medical care.

Keep in mind that these are common experiences, but may occur more frequently with TBI. If in doubt, ask your doctor.

### Common symptoms of TBI

- Difficulty organizing daily tasks
- Blurred vision or eyes tire easily
- Headaches or ringing in the ears
- Feeling sad, anxious or listless
- Easily irritated or angered
- Feeling tired all the time
- Feeling light-headed or dizzy
- Trouble with memory, attention or concentration
- More sensitive to sounds, lights or distractions
- Impaired decision making or problem solving
- Difficulty inhibiting behavior — impulsive
- Slowed thinking, moving speaking or reading
- Easily confused, feeling easily overwhelmed
- Change in sexual interest or behavior

Some symptoms may be present immediately; others may appear much later. People experience brain injuries differently. Speed of recovery varies. Most people with mild injuries recover fully, but it can take time. In general, recovery is slower in older people. People with a previous brain injury may find that it takes longer to recover from their current injury. Some symptoms can last for days, weeks or longer. Talk to your health care provider about any troubling symptoms or problems.

# What's happening in FMWR

## GET HOOKED ON GOLF

Learn the basics of golf at the Stuttgart Golf Course March 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This free session will be taught by a PGA professional. Range balls and club usage are also free.

To sign up, call civ. 07141-879-150.

## TOO MUCH STUFF?

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For more information, call civ. 07141-879-150.

## REGISTER FOR SPRING FLING 5K ON PATCH BARRACKS

The 13th annual Spring Fling 5K run will be held March 28 at 10 a.m. at Husky Field, Patch Barracks.

Register at any USAG Stuttgart fitness center from Feb. 23 to March 22 and pay \$15 per person or \$40 for a family; from March 23-26, pay \$20 per person or \$50 per family.

The first 300 people to register will receive a free T-shirt. Bib pick up is on

March 28 only from 7:30 -9:30 a.m. at the Patch Fitness Center.

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

## PCC HOSTS COUNTRY AND WESTERN NIGHT

The Patch Community Club hosts a Country and Western Night, March 7 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

County and Western Night will be held every first Saturday of the month and is open to ID cardholders and authorized guests, 18 years and older.

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

## GALAXY HOSTS ST. PADDY'S DAY BOWLING, PARTY

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne March 14 at 11 a.m. Wear a green shirt or hat for free shoe rental. The Irish Pub hosts a St. Patrick's Day Party at 4:30 p.m.

For more details, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

For more Family and MWR events, visit [www.stuttgart.armymwr.com](http://www.stuttgart.armymwr.com).

# COMING TO PATCH THEATER

- March 5 — Focus (R) 6 p.m.
- March 6 — Chappie (R) 6 p.m.,  
Unfinished Business (R) 9 p.m.
- March 7 — Spongebob Squarepants  
Movie: A Sponge out of Water (PG) 3 p.m., Unfinished Business (R) 6 p.m., Chappie (R) 9 p.m.
- March 8 — McFarland USA (PG) 4 p.m., Unfinished Business (R) 7 p.m.
- March 9 — Closed
- March 10 — Closed
- March 11 — Unfinished Business (R) 6 p.m.
- March 12 — Chappie (R) 6 p.m.
- March 13 — Cinderella (PG) 6 p.m., Run All Night (R) 9 p.m.
- March 14 — Cinderella (PG) 3 p.m., Cinderella (PG) 6 p.m., Run All Night (R) 9 p.m.
- March 15 — Cinderella (PG) 4 p.m., Run All Night (R) 7 p.m.
- March 16 — Closed
- March 17 — Closed
- March 18 — Cinderella (PG) 6 p.m.



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# Explore Stuttgart's vibrant culture

By Carola Meusel  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Looking to get to know the city, explore its museums, admire the arts, listen to music or party the night away? You can do all of this and more during Stuttgart's "Lange Nacht der Museen," or Long Night of the Museums, on March 14 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The evening features over 90 events located in and around downtown Stuttgart, such as exhibitions, concerts, performance art, boat trips on the Neckar River, theater performances and parties.

Not only will the main museums, such as the Kunstmuseum (Art Museum), Landesmuseum (Württemberg State Museum), Mercedes-Benz and Porsche museums, offer tours, hands-on activities and concerts, but many smaller institutions, to include galleries, archives and art studios, will feature programs and entertainment during this long night out, according to Daniela Raab, the event organizer from "Lift" Stuttgart (city magazine).

"Many things make Long Night of the Museums a memorable event and one of these certainly is the excitement in visiting various locations, normally only open during the day, at night. It makes for a glamorous atmosphere," Raab said.

Every year, new cultural outlets are added to the program. This year, one of them includes the Wasserwerk Berg, Stuttgart's former water plant (shuttle bus "Tour Neckar," Poststrasse 43, Stuttgart-Ost). The historic water plant is more than 100 years old and was closed in 1998, according to Raab. The plant will open exclusively during the event and

patrons can learn all there is about water supply, the history of the plant and take a look at historic pipes, tanks and pumps, or find out where their own water

originates from. Note that all tours will be in German only.

Stuttgart's Neues Schloss, or New Palace (U-Bahn stop Schlossplatz), was built between 1746 and 1807 by the dukes and kings of Württemberg and is one of the last city palaces in southern Germany. Located on Schlossplatz Square next to the Alte

Schloss, or Old Castle, it marks Stuttgart's city center. Today, the palace is mainly used for receptions and events of the state government.

During Long Night of the Museums, visitors can tour the historic building, including the Marmorsaal, or Marble Hall, and the Runde Saal, where the council of ministers meets every week. The castle will be open from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

After touring Neues Schloss, car enthusiasts may want to sojourn at the palace's courtyard where classic cars will be displayed as part of the Rollende Museum, or rolling museum, of the Württemberg Automobile Club. Visitors can also take a ride in the "old timers" to get from Schlossplatz to the Mercedes-Benz and Porsche museums between 7 p.m. and midnight.

"Many locations that are typically not open to the public offer looks behind the scenes during Long Night of the Museums," Raab said.

One of these locations is the Atelierhaus Brückenstrasse in Bad Cannstatt (shuttle bus "Tour Neckar," Brückenstrasse 10, Stuttgart Bad-Cannstatt). The former distillery now is home to more than 12 artists and their workshops, where they present paintings, graphic reproductions, video, animated film, art installations and performances.



## LANGE NACHT HARBOR TOUR

The Stuttgart industrial harbor area is artfully illuminated during last year's "Lange Nacht der Museen," or Long Night of the Museums. This year, video paintings and virtual graffiti shows will illuminate the entire harbor. Light show performances will run every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Boats will take off from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Photo courtesy of "Lift" Stuttgart.

# during 'Lange Nacht der Museen'

After exploring the art studios, Raab recommends that visitors tour the Sektellerei of wine producer Rilling. Its sparkling wines are stored in underground cellars more than 400 years old. Many artifacts from the Roman era have been discovered there. Tours will be held every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For an offbeat adventure on the Neckar River, visitors should stop by the Stuttgart industrial harbor. A video painting and virtual graffiti show will illuminate the entire harbor. Light artists and students of the Akademie der Bildenden Künste, or academy of fine arts, will present new forms of light art. Graffiti and paintings will be projected on the walls of warehouses along the industrial harbor area, making for a dazzling experience.

Light show performances will run every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Boats will take off from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. from Mittelkai (shuttle bus "Tour Hafen" stop am Westkai 5, Stuttgart-Wangen).

After World War II, the bunker hotel below the Marktplatz (shuttle bus stop Karlsplatz, Marktplatz, U-Bahn stop Rathaus) offered its guests heated rooms, bathrooms and a reading area. The bunker hotel closed in 1985. During Long Night of the Museums, people can tour the bunker from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The New Palace, the Rollende Museum and the bunker hotel are the top attractions during the Long Night

of the Museums. Visitors should expect long wait times, sometimes as much as 90 minutes or more. But other venues, such as the industrial harbor, while busy, are accessible. At the harbor, for example, vendors offer food and drinks, making the short wait painless.

"The multifaceted program features endless activities for everybody's taste. Art lovers, for example, can explore galleries and art studios, while newcomers to Stuttgart can simply spot the city. There's something to discover for locals and visitors alike," Raab said.

Adam Sanders, a visual information specialist with the Training Support Center Stuttgart, can relate to this. Only two weeks into his Stuttgart assignment, a colleague took him to Long Night of the Museums last year.

"It was a great way for me to see what's going on in the city culturally to then later come back and explore more sites and landmarks," Sanders said. "If it wasn't for that night, I would have never learned about the bunker below Marktplatz. During this year's event, I would like to tour the bunker and also visit the museum in the Old Castle," he added.

According to Raab, Long Night of the Museums also offers many events for children starting at 4 p.m. At the "Stadtlabor," (Kriegsbergstrasse 30, Stuttgart-Mitte), children (8 years or older) can experiment with bamboo and build stairs, towers, arches or

create their own art works with the plant from 4-7 p.m.

The Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums, as well as the Kunstmuseum, Linden-Museum (State Museum for Ethnology), and the Weissenhofmuseum, located at the "Le Corbusier House" at Stuttgart's internationally acclaimed Weissenhofsiedlung housing area, will also offer various tours, workshops and hands-on activities for children.

"This makes for a great family event and visitors don't need to solely focus on the children's program, since there will be many activities offered for children and teenagers throughout Long Night of the Museums," Raab said.

Another highlight for children and adults alike will be the "Museum am Löwentor," the Stuttgart State Museum for Natural History (shuttle bus "Tour Nord," Nordbahnhofstr. 177, Stuttgart-Nord). Currently, the museum is working on its next exhibition, which focuses on the Ice Age period and its giants, such as mammoths and dinosaurs. During Long Night of the Museums, visitors will have the chance to see how the displays are coming together and get a sneak preview on the concept, and talk to museum personnel and experts about putting an exhibition like this together.

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"Long Night of the Museums is an amazing event and a fantastic opportunity to experience German culture. The different settings make for experiencing history in a more unique way. It's also great to meet and interact with like-minded people from the area," said Sgt. Ian Morales of American Forces Network Stuttgart.

"Personally, I truly enjoyed touring the bunker hotel. I'll definitely go back this year."

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Classic cars are on display at the courtyard of Stuttgart's New Castle during "Lange Nacht der Museen," or Long Night of the Museums, last year. This year's event will be held March 14 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. and visitors can enjoy a ride in the historic automobiles from Schlossplatz Square to the Mercedes-Benz and Porsche museums. The New Castle can also be toured exclusively during the event from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. — Photo by Martin Greeson.

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## CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Mrs. L'Esperance's fourth grade students from Boeblingen Elementary Middle School hosted Tina Rohnert's English class from the Max Planck Gymnasium for a cultural exchange.

The American students gave the German students tours of their school, and the students also interviewed each other. They later interviewed each other. On their second visit, the students made Powerpoint slides to compare their schools and find out more about each other. Mrs. L'Esperance's class hopes to tour their new German friends' school later this year.



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Events

## Indoor climbing

Fri, Mar 20

### Reutlingen, Kletter Zentrum

Feel like being a bit adventurous? Check out the indoor climbing center in Reutlingen. They offer sneak peak courses on various days. On March 20 you can come from 5 to 7 p.m. and gather cool information about climbing. Price is €30, which includes the sneak peak course and entrance to the center. Don't forget to register. For more information, go to [www.kletterzentrum-reutlingen.de](http://www.kletterzentrum-reutlingen.de).

## EVENTS

### Apassionata show

Sat, Mar 7 – Sun, Mar 8

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

See an amazing show where horses are the main star of the night. Apassionata – “The Golden Track” (Die Goldene Spur) will be in Stuttgart March 7 and 8. Experience an adventure full of mystery and fantasy, riding and dancing, live music, amazing light effects and magical scenes. This is a unique family event! Ticket price starts at €29.95 pending seating category. For more information, visit [www.apassionata.com](http://www.apassionata.com) or [www.eventim.com](http://www.eventim.com).

### Bon Bon Museum

Thu, Mar 12

#### Vaihingen, Bon Bon Museum

Let your senses go wild at the the Bon Bon Museum in Vaihingen. See and taste all kinds of candy and chocolate. The museum's exhibition covers the history and evolution of candy-making from its conception in the 8th century to the fully automated factory production of the 20th century. Actual candy production machines are on display as well as vintage advertising materials and candy packaging. Opening hours are from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit [www.bonbon-museum.de](http://www.bonbon-museum.de).

### Sauna Night

Sat, Mar 14

#### Filderstadt, Filorado

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### Long Night of the Museums

Sat, Mar 14

#### Stuttgart, City Center

More than 90 museums, ateliers and other cultural institutions will be showing their exhibitions from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. This event is supported by different concerts and parties all over the city. A special event for children starts at 4 p.m. with different workshops. Tickets cost €17 for adults and €4 for children (6 to 14 years). For more information, visit [www.lange-nacht.de](http://www.lange-nacht.de).

### Kulinart Spring

Sat, Mar 14 – Sun, Mar 15

#### Stuttgart, Römerkastell

Discover the Kulinart in Stuttgart March 14 and 15 where you can shop and enjoy a consumer trade fair with the charm of a marketplace. The fair presents delicious and exclusive products for the dinner table accompanied by lifestyle products. In addition to the Kulinart event, the concept for the “blooming season” will focus on outdoor style. Opening hours are from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Entrance fee for visitors is €10. For more information, visit [www.kulinart-messe.de](http://www.kulinart-messe.de).

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Sat, Mar 14

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### Star of Evening

Wed, Mar 18

#### Sindelfingen, Mercedes-Benz Kunden-center

Experience the fascinating world of automotive manufacturing March 18 in Sindelfingen. This is one of the largest events of its kind. The tour starts off in the press shop, and from there you can see where parts of a car are shaped. You can also see how the parts of a vehicle are prepared for transportation. The tour lasts approximately 2 hours. Please indicate that you need the tour in English. Price is €6. For more information, visit [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de).

### Underground Tour

Thu, Mar 19

#### Esslingen, City Center

Experience Esslingen's underground during the tour “Keller, Krypta, Katakomben” (cellar, crypt, catacombs). The tour will start at 5 p.m. from the “Dicker Turm” (big tower) at the castle and will lead to Esslingen's ossuary under the city archive, some excavations and other secret locations. The tour is normally in German,

but a bilingual tour can be arranged when Tourist Information is informed. Admission is €11. For more information, call 0711-396-93969 or visit [www.esslingen-marketing.de](http://www.esslingen-marketing.de).

## CONCERTS

### Rock meets Classic

Fri, Mar 20

#### Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena

This year's Rock meets Classic tour combines well-known rock hits with classical music performed by the original band members of Deep Purple, Status Quo, Asia and many more. The show in the Porsche-Arena Stuttgart starts at 8 p.m. Tickets cost €57. For more information and tickets, visit [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

### The Australian Pink Floyd Show

Sat, Mar 28

#### Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena

The Australian Pink Floyd Show, more frequently referred to as the Australian Pink Floyd, are a Pink Floyd tribute band formed in 1988 in Adelaide, South Australia. The band performs at 8 p.m. March 28 in Mannheim. For more information and tickets, visit [www.porsche-arena.de](http://www.porsche-arena.de). Tickets start at €39.20.

## SPORTS

### Handball

Wed, Mar 18

#### Stuttgart, Scharrena

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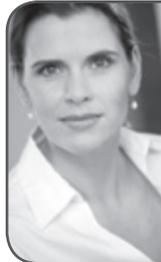
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