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Girl Scouts aim for the stars
Laugh more, stress less

Local Girl Scouts explore the secrets of rocketry while learning math and science.
PHS students learn about the positive health benefits of laughter, thanks to the PTO.

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Staff Sgt. Rick Scavetta

Outgoing EUCOM Commander Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, and incoming commander, Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, salute each other during the EUCOM change of command ceremony May 10 on Patch Barracks.

Breedlove takes helm of EUCOM

By Army Sgt. Rick Scavetta
U.S. European Command Public Affairs

A soft drizzle didn't dampen spirits May 10 as U.S. European Command welcomed its new commander, Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, and bid farewell to Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, who is retiring.

Hundreds of military members and European dignitaries gathered at Washington Square on Patch Barracks for the mid-morning ceremony, presided over by Ashton Carter, deputy secretary of defense.

"Today we transfer command responsibility from one outstanding leader to another and recognize the accomplishments of the men and women of U.S. European Command over the past four years," Carter said.

Ceremonial artillery fire marked the occasion with a 19-gun salute, punctuating the notes of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Afterward, the battery commander presented Stavridis with a ceremonial artillery shell.

Carter explained how Stavridis is the first naval officer and the first Greek-American to serve as commander of U.S. Southern Command, U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

He described Stavridis as a "renaissance admiral." Carter called Stavridis, a sailor, a statesman and a scholar.

"He's one of the Navy's most influential, creative and forward-thinking leaders of his generation," Carter said.

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USAG Stuttgart recognizes, honors volunteers

By Mark J. Howell
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart thanked volunteers for their selfless service April 25 during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, held at the Patch Community Club.

More than 60 local volunteers were recognized for their commitment to the community.

"Winston Churchill once said 'We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give,' and that is exactly what every volunteer does when they step out on their own time to improve the quality of life in our community," said Col. John P. Stack, USAG Stuttgart commander.

In 2012, 475 registered volunteers donated a total of 66,303 hours to organizations throughout the Stuttgart military community, according to Winklyn Hayes, the Army Community Service volunteer program manager.

The average cost of a volunteer hour in the U.S. is \$21.79, according to www.volunteeringinamerica.gov. This equates to a cost savings of \$1,444,742.30 to the garrison in 2012.

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'Promposal'

Josh Kemp, a Patch High School senior and employee at Anthony's Pizza on Patch Barracks, puts his heart out in the open May 8 to pop the high school prom question to his sweetheart, Veronica McEnroe. Fortunately, she said yes.

S.J. Grady

Honoring service, sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces

Commentary by

Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell
U.S. Army Europe commander

This month Americans around the world will pause to observe Memorial Day.

Since its first official proclamation as Decoration

Day on May 5, 1868, and its first observance on May 30, 1868, it has been a day of remembrance for those who sacrificed and died in our nation's service.



Lt. Gen. Campbell

The celebration was inspired by the post-Civil War observances that took place in towns such as Columbus, Miss., Macon, Ga., Richmond, Va., and Carbondale, Ill.

Calling to mind the history and tradition of Decoration Day, I ask that you all put special effort into the "memorial" part of this holiday.

Living and serving in Europe gives all of us the unique opportunity to travel and explore the vast cultural and historical sites here. Among those are the American Battle Monuments Commission's 24 American cemeteries and 25 memorial monuments and markers in 15 countries, most of which are in U.S. Army Europe's area of responsibility.

I encourage you to take time during your tour to visit some of these historical sites; I promise you a somber, yet inspirational experience. Even more special is an experience taking part in the many special Memorial Day observances held at these special and hallowed places.

As we emerge from over a decade of war, we must renew our pledge on this Memorial Day to do all we can to ensure that the sacrifices of our service members and their families are honored, and that those who fell in battle are remembered.

They fought for us. Our duty is to fight to make sure they are never forgotten.

As Americans, that must be our charge and our sacred mission not just

on Memorial Day, but every day.

To those who died securing peace and freedom, to those who served in conflict to protect our land and to preserve the hope of our nation in keeping America free for over two centuries, we owe our thanks and our honor. It is important to not only recognize their service, but also respect their devotion to duty and ensure that the purpose for which they fought will never be forgotten.

This Memorial Day, I also ask you to remember that you have an obligation to those you love, to those that you serve with and to those in your community — it is to remember and celebrate the lives of our fallen safely and responsibly.

I am truly grateful for your service and great support to our nation and it is an honor to serve beside each and every one of you here in U.S. Army Europe.

Editor's Note: For more information on the American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries and monuments, visit www.abmc.gov.

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- Ardennes, Belgium
- Brittany, France
- Brookwood, England
- Cambridge, England
- Corozal, Panama
- Epinal, France
- Flanders Field, Belgium
- Florence, Italy
- Henri-Chapelle, Belgium
- Lorraine, France
- Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Manila, Philippines
- Meuse-Argonne, France
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Netherlands, Netherlands
- Normandy, France
- North Africa, Tunisia
- Oise-Aisne, France
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- Sicily-Rome, Italy
- Somme, France
- St. Mihiel, France
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Families of fallen receive designated parking across Europe installations

Installation Management Command Europe

U.S. Army garrisons across Europe have reserved 40 designated parking spaces for use by Gold Star families at on-post public facilities.

In Stuttgart, the parking spaces can be found on Patch Barracks at the health clinic and commissary, and on Panzer Kaserne at Army Community Service and the bowling center.

"Gold Star family members, are widows, widowers, parents, and siblings of service members who lost their lives while serving on active duty," said Pam Koch, Installation Management Command Europe community life specialist.

IMCOM Europe's Survivor Outreach Services offices support 130 Gold Star family members in Europe.

"The intent of the designated parking is to honor and recognize the sacrifice of family members who have lost a loved one in military service," said Koch. "The reserved parking also serves as a means to promote awareness and educate the military community on families of the fallen."

Survivor Outreach Services is the official Army program that provides long-term support to surviving families of fallen Soldiers, said Koch.

Each Army community has a program manager to provide support through the grief process, coordinate support groups, provide information and referral services, and provide other services as required.

Survivors not only stay connected to the Army through the SOS program, they may also influence programs and benefits by participating in Army Family Action Plan events, she said.



S.J. Grady

In Stuttgart, Survivor Outreach Services parking spaces can be found on Patch Barracks at the health clinic and commissary, and on Panzer Kaserne at Army Community Service and the bowling center.

Survivors can contact their local Army Community Service to receive their parking permit.

For more information about Survivor Outreach Services, go to www.sos.army.mil.

News & Notes

Garrison commander holds on-air town hall meeting May 17

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. John P. Stack will host a live radio town hall meeting on AFN Stuttgart (102.3 FM) May 17 from 9-10 a.m.

The broadcast will take place at United Service Organizations in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. Community members are invited to the USO to participate and ask questions on-air.

Questions can also be submitted on the USAG Stuttgart or AFN Facebook pages, or community members can phone in their questions to 431-3507/civ. 07031-15-3507.

Memorial Day ceremony on Patch Barracks

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held May 27 at 11 a.m. on Washington Square, Patch Barracks. American Legion Stuttgart Post 6 will sponsor the ceremony.

U.S. Africa Command Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Otis G. Mannon will be the guest speaker.

Skaters, cyclists on post must wear safety gear

Army in Europe Regulation 190-1 requires skaters, skateboarders and kick-scooter riders to wear approved helmets, kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards and light-colored clothing or reflective accessories. Bicyclists must wear approved helmets and obey traffic laws.

Bicyclists, skaters, skateboarders, and kick-scooter riders may not use cell phones or wear listening devices that impede hearing.

For more information, visit the Installation Management Command Europe website at www.imcom-europe.army.mil and click on the Safety link.

LQA questions

U.S. Army Europe has developed a list of frequently asked questions for those USAREUR employees who are affected by the recent Living Quarters Allowance audits.

For more information, visit the USA-REUR website at www.eur.army.mil and click on the Hot Topics link.

Get tickets to Army Ball

The Stuttgart military community Army Ball will be held in Sindelfingen June 8.

All service members, Defense Department civilians, contractors and family members are invited to celebrate the Army's 238th birthday. The program will include guest speaker, band, entertainment and dinner.

Limited parking will be available. Buses will run to and from Patch, Robinson and Kelley Barracks, and Panzer Kaserne. Child care will be available for a fee.

Tickets can be ordered online at www.eventbee.com/v/armyball.

For more information, send an email to armyballstuttgart@yahoo.com.



Martin Greeson

Military metal

Singer Jasen Moreno, left, and guitarist C.J. Pierce perform with new-metal band Drowning Pool during a USO and Armed Forces Entertainment-sponsored performance at the Panzer Fitness Center May 7. The Dallas-based band took a break from their 17-day European tour to perform concerts for troops and families stationed at Royal Air Force Base Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, and USAG Stuttgart. Since 2005, the band has performed 16 USO concerts.

EUCOM

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Stavridis, a 1976 U.S. Naval Academy graduate, made his career as a surface warfare officer, spending 10 years at sea. He has led EUCOM and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, since summer 2009.

As sunlight illuminated high clouds, a light mist fell. Stavridis, a Florida native, said where he's from, that's called "liquid sunshine." He then turned to his successor with words of encouragement.

"You've had a lot of great seats in your life, in your high-performance aircraft and on your Harley," Stavridis told Breedlove. "You're about to sit at Eisenhower's desk, in the seat of a lifetime. You will be superb, and I'm proud to turn this command over to you."

With that, Fleet Master Chief Roy Maddocks, Jr., who served as Stavridis' senior enlisted advisor, cased the admiral's flag and uncased Breedlove's flag.

During his remarks, Carter praised Breedlove for his previous leadership accomplishments, to include his most recent assignment commanding U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Africa.

"I have every confidence that he will represent the Air Force, EUCOM and soon NATO, with honor, distinction and the highest standards of professionalism," Carter said.

Breedlove, a native of Forest Park,



Soldiers fire a cannon during the EUCOM change of command ceremony on Patch Barracks May 10. During the ceremony, Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis relinquished command to Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove. A second change of command ceremony took place May 13 in Brussels, where Breedlove succeeded Stavridis as NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe. Stavridis is retiring after 37 years of military service.

Sgt. Matt Lyman

Ga., previously held U.S. Air Force leadership roles in Italy and Germany. During his speech, Breedlove highlighted the importance of cooperation with partners and allies in Europe.

"I will endeavor to continue the tremendous work of Adm. Stavridis to foster and strengthen partnerships both locally and across the region,"

Breedlove said.

Afterward, in a discussion with reporters, Breedlove emphasized the role of family in military life overseas, using the analogy of a triangle — the mission is at the top, but the family is at the base.

"If we take care of our families and give them the things they need, it allows

the [service members] to go forth and do their missions without worrying about what's going on at home," Breedlove said. "That's the way I thought about every command I've had."

For more photos of the change of command, visit the U.S. European Command website at www.eucom.mil.



Michael Bodtke and Caroline Watson, 9, react as Caroline's rocket screams toward the sky, leaving a trail of smoke in its wake.



Michael Bodtke carefully places a rocket on the launch rod and attaches electrical clips to the ignitor while the Scouts stand at a safe distance.



Isabella Lahaye, 11, pulls the cord to launch a water rocket.

We have lift off!

Stuttgart Girl Scouts have a blast learning scientific principles at a Rocket Day held April 27 at the Panzer Local Training Area's Garden of Eden. During the event, which introduced the girls to science, technology, engineering and math careers, 18 Brownies, Cadettes and Senior Girl Scouts launched nucleation, match head, compressor and model rockets. Girl Scout Senior Troop 009 sponsored the event.

Photos by Laura Castro



While enjoying some seriously funny science, Chris Hernon and his daughter Nora, 11, attempt to keep a fizzing bottle of soda under control April 27.

Volunteers

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“The volunteer hours in this community have led to a substantial amount of cost savings to the garrison. This has become more important than ever as the Department of Defense looks everywhere for ways to trim budgets,” Stack said.

It’s not about the money or recognition, though, according to Army Master Sgt. Rodolfo Fuentes, the senior enlisted advisor for the Operations Section of the Defense Information Security Agency-Europe.

“Being recognized is great, but at the same time it’s just an outstanding thing to be a part of,” said Fuentes, last year’s Military Volunteer of the Year, “We’re a close knit community and we make things happen.”

Rodolfo, along with wife Sylke and son Tyler, were named Volunteer Family of the Year during the ceremony. The Fuentes family assisted numerous programs and organizations during fundraising efforts throughout the year, to include the Air Force Aid Society, Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, American Red Cross and the German/American Women’s Club.

Elizabeth Thayer-Nauer, the former chairman of volunteers for the Stuttgart American Red Cross Station, was named Civilian Volunteer of the Year.

“It’s a great way to connect with other people and agencies while helping out an organization,” said Nauer, who volunteered well over 1,000 hours, working full time at the Red Cross Station. “Volunteers really are the core of this community.”

Other 2012 Volunteer of the Year winners were Army 1st Lt. Lisa Toney (Military), William Goble (Retired Military), and Candace and Camille Carson (Youth).

The categories for this year’s Volunteers of the Year were changed slightly, in part due to a low number of nominations, according to Volunteer Program Manager Hayes.

She also added that ACS can only recognize volunteers who are registered and log their hours into the Volunteer Management Information System.

“We suspect that the actual number is much higher,” said Stack, during his remarks. “As you’re out volunteering this year, explain the importance of registering the hours in the system, so they too can be recognized next year.”

VMIS allows users to search and apply for local opportunities and also records and tracks the hours worked. VMIS can be accessed on the Army OneSource website at www.myarmyonesource.com.

Agencies throughout Stuttgart are always on the lookout for new volunteers ... ACS, Red Cross, United Service Organizations, Youth Sports, Stuttgart Theatre Center, just to name a few.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Program Manager at 431-3330/civ. 07031-15-3330.

“We’re a close knit community and we make things happen.”

Master Sgt. Rodolfo Fuentes
USAG Stuttgart volunteer



Mark J. Howell

During the 2012 U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Winklyn Hayes, the volunteer program manager, and Garrison Commander Col. John P. Stack hold up a “check” written for over \$1.4 million, an amount that represents the economic impact that local volunteers had in 2012.

USAG Stuttgart recognizes 2012 volunteers

Military Volunteer of the Year
1st Lt. Lisa Toney

Volunteer Family of the Year
Rodolfo, Sylke and Tyler Fuentes

Civilian Volunteer of the Year
Elizabeth Thayer-Nauer

**Military Retiree
Volunteer of the Year**
William Goble

Youth Volunteer of the Year
Candace and Camille Carson

**President’s Call
to Service Award**
1,000 hours or more in 2012

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| Jomara Alvarez | Mindy Iverson |
| Carmen Carlisle | Juan Rivera |
| Roswitha Cook | Elizabeth Thayer-Nauer |

**Youth Presidential
Volunteer Service Award**

- Silver: Camille Carson
- Silver: Natasha Anderson
- Bronze: Candace Carson

**Presidential Volunteer
Service Award**

Gold level, 500 hours or more in 2012

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| Theresa Amblad | Gabby Nelson |
| Ann Berg | Andrea Offner |
| Kathy Breth | Sara Ratliff |
| William Ewer | Linda Repass |
| Thomas Fray | Jamie Riley |
| Jane Forbes | Michael Tessereau |
| Jenny Gavin | Susan Tipton |
| William Goble | Lisa Toney |
| David Gouin | John Tortorelli |
| Juanita Harvin | Timothy Ward |
| Erin Hixson | Penny Whipkey |
| Laurie Menzel | |

Volunteers of Excellence

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| Christina Hargrove | Christina Loveless |
| Ann Berg | Sonia Lebel |
| David Steiner | Michelle Hummer |
| Molly Chapin | Liudmila Hodge |
| Jeannie Gray | Kris Massey |
| Doni Anderson | Danilo Rolle |
| Juliana Walker | Peggy Knack |
| Karmin Teets | Laurie Menzel |
| David Bussel | Aida Bowers |
| Jamie Riley | Juan Rivera |

PTO campaign helps students deal with stress

Story & photo by S.J. Grady
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

With Advanced Placement tests and final exams around the corner, Patch High School students were urged to laugh their test-associated anxieties away.

During the week of April 29 to May 3, the school hallways were plastered with posters extolling the benefits of laughter, while students sported bright green "Laugh More" buttons.

"We have over 600 individual exams being taken this year by approximately 250 students," said Cami Baer, the PHS Parent Teacher Organization president.

"Typically, high school students are most stressed out the week before AP exams start. Hopefully, our "Laugh More, Stress Less" campaign got them into a more relaxed state of mind," she said.

Even though teachers have been preparing students for the tests since the first day of class, it can still be a stressful time, according to AP Biology teacher Stephanie Payne. "Students are going to have to run hard up until the very end. But, we've dealt with pressure all year round," she said of her class.

Senior Veronica Remsik said she was not stressed about her AP Biology test, but senior year in general. "Everything is so crazy and hectic. Things are happening so fast ... it feels like yesterday that we just started senior year." Expectations from teachers and parents add to the stress levels, she said.

The PTO partnered with the Josh Anderson Foundation and Active Minds to launch the week-long "Laugh More, Stress Less" initiative to educate high school students on the importance of stress management and the serious nature of anxiety disorders in the young adult population, PTO President Baer said.

"Kids don't always know how to reach out. They don't know who to talk to or where to go," Baer said,



PHS teacher Stephanie Payne goes over the topics that will be covered on the Advanced Placement test with her AP Biology class May 6. Payne asked the students to "pinky swear" that they would not cram before the exam. Instead, she gave them a week to focus on preparing for the test.

adding that the campaign sought to reduce the stigma of seeking help.

It also tied into the PTO's year-long campaign to raise the student population's awareness in a variety of issues: suicide prevention, domestic violence, bully and cyberbully prevention, and drug and alcohol abuse.

High school is a crucial time to discuss these issues. "From ages 15-25, students establish habits and priorities for their daily lives and learn valuable coping skills that will assist them beyond high

school," Baer said.

"We have a population of students here who are presented with more challenges than normal — because they are overseas, because their parents are deployed. If they are suffering from depression or thinking about suicide, they need to know they can reach out," she said.

For more information on the Josh Anderson Foundation, visit joshafoundation.org. For information on Active Minds, visit www.activeminds.org.

Successful school registration

Stephen Bencze, a civilian employee with the Army Space Command, registers sons Kyle, 11 (from left), and Conall, 13, for the upcoming school year with Böblingen Elementary/Middle School counselor Mary Supick April 23. During the Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools' registration drive held April 23-25, 1,922 students registered for school year 2013-2014. Early registration helps DODDS-Europe to obtain the appropriate resources for the coming school year. Funding, staffing authorizations and textbook orders are based on enrollment and enrollment projections.

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Garrison facilities to close for upcoming holidays

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Vehicle Registration, Housing and Personal Property Processing/Transportation offices will be closed May 20 in observance of Whit Monday (or Pentecost Monday), and May 30 (Corpus Christi Day), both German federal holidays.

On these days, other garrison facilities may have limited staffing and longer wait times.

Most German businesses will also be closed May 20 and 30.

On May 27, most U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Customers are advised to call ahead before visiting any facility.

- Vehicle Registration on Panzer Kaserne will be closed May 27, and at noon on May 31 for inventory.

- The Customs Office at Panzer will be closed May 27. Gas authorizations for rental vehicles can be obtained at the Military Police Station on Patch Barracks.

- The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will close May 24 and 27 in observance of a training

holiday and Memorial Day.

For emergency care, call the Military Police at DSN 114/civ. 0711-680-5262.

For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line to speak with a nurse who can make acute appointments, at civ. 0800-475-92330.

Cobblestone Classic

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold the Cobblestone Classic May 18. The five-mile run along the historic tank trail from Patch Barracks to Panzer Kaserne, starts at 10 a.m. on Husky Field.

Register at the Patch Fitness Center or online at www.stuttgart-mwr.com. For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Visit the community flea market after the race (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) outside the Exchange on Panzer Kaserne.

UFC athlete to visit Stuttgart

Ultimate Fighting Championship bantamweight Dominick Cruz will visit Stuttgart May 19 to meet community members. Cruz will perform a mixed martial arts demonstration at the Patch Fit-

ness Center at 1 p.m., and will sign autographs at the Panzer Exchange from 3:30-5 p.m.

For more information, call civ. 07031-2042-101.

Willy Pete, Good Luck Penny concert

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and the United Service Organizations Stuttgart and will sponsor a free concert May 20 featuring Orlando-based bands Willy Pete, a rock-pop-country fusion group, and Good Luck Penny, a pop-country band.

The concert will take place in the Patch Community Club at 7 p.m.

USO hosts free lunch May 29

USO Stuttgart invites the community to its free monthly lunch on May 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. Potluck favorites will be served until supplies run out.

For more information, call 431-3505/civ. 07031-15-3505.

GWAC accepting grant requests

The German American Women's Club of Stuttgart is accepting grant requests through May 31.

Grants will be based on eligibility, merit and the relationship of an organization's project to the goals and objectives of the GWAC.

Awards will be determined in September, and recipients notified by the end of that month.

To request a copy of the application and instructions, email gawcwelfare@hotmail.com.

Sports physicals available

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will offer school and sports physicals for children on June 7 and 28, July 12, Aug. 2 and 16.

To schedule an appointment, call the Europe Regional Medical Command Call Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 371-2622/civ. 06221-17-2622.

Alumni wanted

Organizers of the annual Kaiserslautern College and University Information Night seek alumni to represent their undergraduate alma maters at this year's event scheduled for Oct. 17

For more information, contact Larry Zani at Larry_Zani@compuserve.com.

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But in the long run, their digging is beneficial to a lawn. As moles dig, they aerate the grass, allowing air and water into the soil. They also rid the lawn of harmful pests.

In Germany, moles are an endangered species, and hunting, hurting, trapping or killing them is prohibited. The only option is to chase them away with odor barriers, noise or vibrations.

Going green

USAG Stuttgart
Directorate of Public Works
Environmental Division

Sign up for Post 6 golf tourney

The American Legion, Stuttgart Post 6 will host its eighth annual golf tournament Aug. 10 at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim.

The cost for the four-person scramble is \$50 for members, \$60 for non members. The tournament is limited to the first 72 golfers. Advance registration forms will be accepted until Aug. 7.

To sign up, or for more information, call 430-6158 or 421-4541.

Run for your life!

Turn your afternoon jog into a race for survival at the Robinson Barracks Zombie Fun Run/Walk June 8 at 1 p.m.

Participants are asked to come dressed as "humans" or "zombies." Human runners will be issued flag-belts to wear around their waists. They must escape from zombies who will try to grab the humans' flags, thereby turning them into zombies. After becoming a zombie, a runner can then begin to collect belts of other humans.

The free run starts and finishes at Brewed Awakenings, Building 168.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR Sports and Fitness Office at 430-7136 or 430-5386.

Consular Outreach Day June 4

The U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt has organized a Consular Outreach Day June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kelley Theatre, Building 3320, on Kelley Barracks.

Consulate representatives will be on site to accept tourist passport

and consular report of birth abroad applications.

In addition, representatives from Social Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Immigrant Visa Services will be available to answer questions related to immigration, naturalization, visas, citizenship and social security.

All services will be available on a walk-in basis, with the exception of birth registrations. Appointments will be necessary for Consular Reports of Birth Abroad and can be scheduled by emailing frankfurt-passports@state.gov. Put "Stuttgart" in the subject line.

Customers should complete the required forms before the event.

Detailed checklists for tourist passports and reports of birth abroad, are available online at www.stuttgart.army.mil. Follow the "Passport and SOFA" link.

For more information, call Michael Bruce at 421-4154/ civ. 0711-729-4154 or email michael.j.bruce6.civ@mail.mil.

Chorus to hold spring concert

The German American Community Chorus will hold a spring concert June 9 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination, as well as the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

The concert will be held at 6 p.m. at the Kleiner Kursaal in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, near the Kursaal U-Bahn stop. Tickets are €10 per person.

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To sign up, or for more information, email FPUstuttgart@yahoo.com.

Register for VBS

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will host Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School July 30 to Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Patch Elementary School. VBS is for children who have completed American kindergarten to those who will be entering sixth grade.

Online registration will be accepted through July 5. To sign up or to register as a volunteer, go to https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stuttgartsro/.

For more information, call 430-2338/civ. 0711-680-2338 or email patchvbs@googlemail.com.

Due to PCS soon?

For those who plan to relocate, permanent change of station/pre-separation briefings will be held at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne on June 19, July 17 and Aug. 21.

All service members and civil-

ians departing within the next four to five months should attend. Advance registration is required.

Agency representatives from transportation, customs, the health and dental clinics, Tricare, vehicle registration, housing and Army Community Service will provide PCS information.

Army personnel will also receive a briefing on finance issues. All separating Army personnel must attend this briefing to receive pre-separation information.

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

Vet clinic to close May 20 to June 2

The Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility will be unavailable for appointments May 20 until June 2 while it relocates to a new facility in Building 2996 on Panzer Kaserne. The clinic will remain open to provide in and out-processing and reception services, however no veterinary services will be provided during this period.

Clinic officials recommend customers stop by or call before May 20 to refill medications, update pet vaccinations, or to obtain the necessary paperwork to make a permanent change of station with a pet.

During the service outage, customers can use local off-post veterinary services or contact a military veterinarian at another installation for assistance.

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After learning how to properly use a fire extinguisher, Benjamin Garcia McKinley, 3, enthusiastically accepts a fireman's hat from U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Assistant Fire Chief Len Fagan during Safety Day April 26.



Photos by Mark J. Howell

Madeline Dunckhorst, 4, races against "Sparky," the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department's interactive remote-controlled robot that blinks, winks and talks, during the garrison's Safety Day at the Panzer Exchange April 26.

Off-duty summer safety emphasized at garrison Safety Day

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office hosted a garrison-wide safety day April 26 outside the Panzer Exchange.

Various agencies participated in the event, which was held to increase safety awareness among the garrison workforce and the greater Stuttgart military

community, according to Christoph Holderried, safety specialist with the Safety Office.

Stations included a seat belt demonstrator and fire extinguisher trainer, as well as displays covering off-duty summer safety, traffic and motorcycle safety, hazardous materials, fire prevention, alcohol abuse, first aid and environmental safety.

"Safety days allow fire prevention, law enforce-

ment, safety, environmental and Army Substance Abuse personnel to interact in a positive way with military and civilian personnel," said Alicia Yanchisin, the garrison Safety Officer.

"Unfortunately, many times their involvement comes into play after an accident or incident, and this can have a negative impact on our mission. Safety days can help us avoid that," she added.

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The "Gartenschau" garden fair in Sigmaringen runs through Sept. 15. The event offers flower displays, workshops and entertainment.

Festivals

Sigmaringen will host the Gartenschau garden fair until Sept. 15, along the Danube River in the downtown area. The fair is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Visitors can enjoy flowers and plants of all varieties, colors and sizes, as well as gardening tips at the "Treffpunkt Grün." The event also offers special events to include live music, exhibitions, theater,

workshops, hands-on activities, a children's program and more.

All exhibition areas and activities are located between the "Festplatz" and "Stadthalle."

Another highlight is the Garrison Garden, where the German army's 10th Tank Division will educate visitors about landscape protection measures at the German army's training areas. Experts will also discuss healing plants and their use in military apothecaries.

An original piece of the Berlin Wall is also displayed at the Garrison Garden.

Visitors can also tour the elegant, 380-room Sigmaringen Castle, home to one of the largest private weapon collections in Europe, collections of pre- and ancient historical objects, as well as works from Swabian artists, carvers and metalworkers.

Tickets to the Gartenschau cost €11.

For English guided tours, call civ. 07571-731726-14. City and castle tours can be booked at the Sigmaringen Tourist Information by calling civ. 07571-106-224.

For more information, visit www.sigmaringen2013.de.

Tübingen will host its annual **Stocherkahnrennen**, or boat race, May 30 from 1-5 p.m. along the Neckar River (Neckarinsel, 72070 Tübingen).

According to the Stuttgart Tourist website, www.stuttgart-tourist.de, the race is one of Tübingen's most "funny" and "crazy" events of the year. More than 40 local teams will participate.

Private or group boat trips in a Stocherkahn at the Neckar River can be booked from May until October at the Tübingen Bürger- und Verkehrsverein (tourist information).

For more information, visit www.tuebingen-info.de.



MPS/Bianca Göpfert

A knight performs during the "Maximilian Ritterspiele" in Horb last year. This year's fest is June 14-16.

Horb am Neckar's medieval era will come back to life during the **Maximilian Ritterspiele**, or knights' festival, June 14-16. The event starts June 14 at 6 p.m. and runs until 3 a.m. On June 15, the festival is open from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., and June 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Ritterspiele will feature knights' tournaments, a medieval market with arts and crafts, food, and hands-on activities recreating the way of life during the Middle Ages.

One-day tickets to the Ritterspiele cost €11. Visitors dressed in medieval garments pay €8.

For more information, visit www.ritterspiele.com.

Metzingen will host the **Schwäbischer Kunstmarkt**, or Swabian art market, from May 19-20 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the "Kelternplatz" in the downtown area.

The market will feature works of artists and craftsmen from all over Germany.

Food, beverages and musical entertainment will also be offered.

For more information, visit www.metzingen.de.

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What's happening in FMWR

Scramble begins

Beginning May 22, the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim will host a nine-hole Wednesday Night Scramble every week at 6 p.m., through Aug. 21. The event is open to all U.S. ID cardholders.

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

Bowling tournament

The U.S. Bowling Congress All-Star and Masters Bowling Tournament will take place May 24-26 at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne.

Entry fee for the All Star division is \$110, plus \$40 for the Masters division. While fees are due the day of the tournament, pre-registering is recommended.

Complete information is available at the bowling center, or call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

Free bowling for service members

To celebrate Armed Forces Day, the Galaxy Bowling and

Entertainment Center will offer a free game of bowling and shoe rental to service members May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Texas barbecue

An all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet will be served May 17 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Kelley Club. The menu includes ribs, chicken, baked beans, potatoes, macaroni and cheese and salad.

For more information, call 421-4660/civ. 0711-729-4660.

Musical comedy

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opens May 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kelley Theatre. The Stuttgart Theatre Center offers performances of this fast-paced witty musical June 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15.

To reserve tickets, call the Theatre Office at 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

For more activities, go to the USAG Stuttgart Family and MWR website at www.stuttgartmwr.com.



Coming to Patch Theater

May 17 — The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m., Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) 8:30 p.m.

May 18 — The Croods 3D (PG) 2 p.m., Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 5 p.m., The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) 8 p.m.

May 19 — The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) 4 p.m., Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 20 — Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 21 — Closed

May 22 — The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 23 — Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 24 — Star Trek Into Dark-

ness 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m., Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 9 p.m.

May 25 — Paranorman (PG) 2 p.m., Jack The Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) 4 p.m., Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 26 — Paranorman (PG) 2 p.m., Jack The Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) 4 p.m., Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 7 p.m.

May 27 — Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 28 — Closed

May 29 — Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

May 30 — G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan star in "The Great Gatsby," an adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel about the life and times of millionaire Jay Gatsby and his neighbor Nick during the Roaring Twenties.



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CU4 Reality Fair



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Doing some heavy calculations at the Robinson Barracks CU4 Reality Fair. Clockwise from back left: Maggie Boling, Emily Gill, Zoe Brinegar, Chelsea Gibbs; Front: Rachel Benassi, Lindsey Hanks, and Alexandria Aldinger.



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Seventh graders dressed for success head to the Robinson Barracks CU4 Reality Fair. Leading the way are Kellin Kinney and Ellen Seaton.



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In this picture from left to right: Kean Malone, Ja'Darrius Hambrick, Kate Bowman, and Emily Nehmer attend the fair.



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Emily Nehmer, dressed as a medical professional, is ready to manage her future at the CU4 Reality Fair. Looking on is Meredith Howlett.



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Seventh graders walking to the fair. Leading the way are Alayna DuBois and Lindsey Hanks, followed by Eric Adams, Sabine Barnes and Chad McManus.



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Garbage garden

Frau Stueve's 4/5 German immersion class created a garbage garden from recycled garbage and are proudly showing it off in this picture.

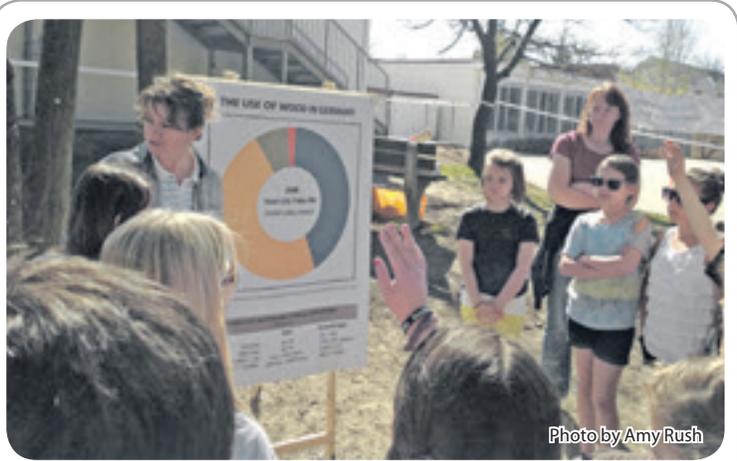


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DPW visit

PES students learn about ecology during the Department of Public Works' visit.



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Bugz at Robinson Barracks EMS

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 24th and 25th, the Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School kindergarten-3rd grade drama club put on a stage performance of the musical Bugz. Club sponsor Carlen Finch along with Stacey Mease and parent volunteers spent weeks getting the students ready for the performance. After Thursday's performance everybody celebrated the show's success with a much-deserved potluck supper.

Crossword Puzzle

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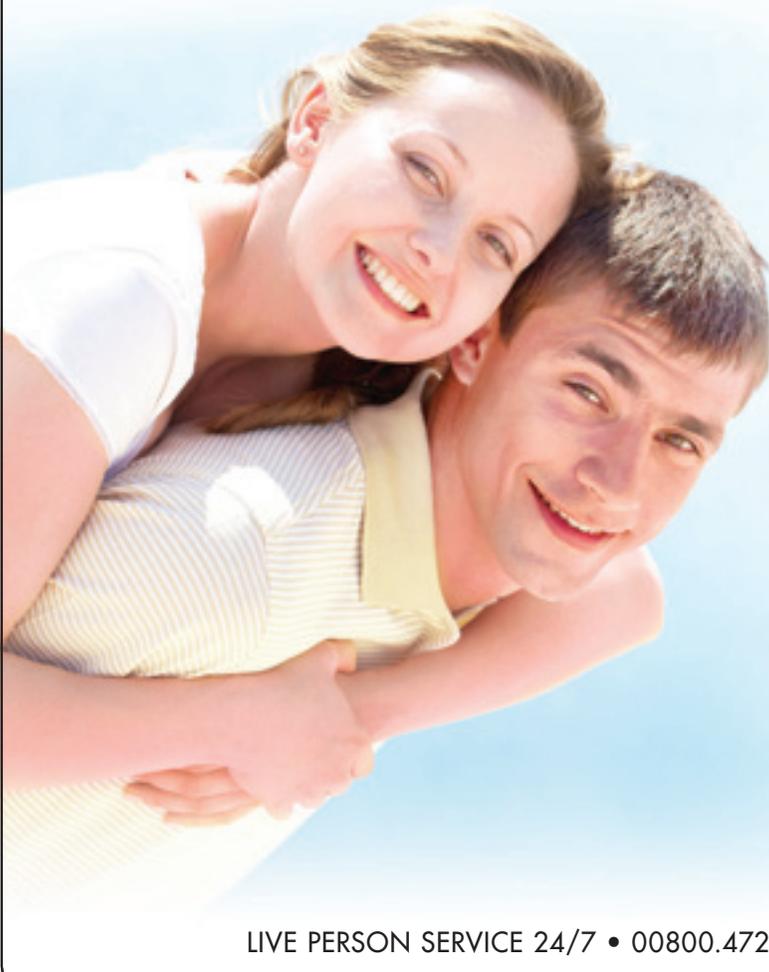
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Sat, May 25
Tübingen, Anlegestelle Hölderlinturm
Take part in a romantic boat trip on the river Neckar starting from the Anlegestelle (landing stage) Hölderlinturm at 1 pm. Enjoy a one hour tour around an island and watch birds, fish and the beautiful landscape. Tickets are €8.90 and available at the Bürger- und Verkehrsverein (citizens and tourist office) at the Neckarbrücke. For further dates and more info in German see www.tuebingen-info.de.

CONCERTS

Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele

Wed, May 8 – Wed, Jul 24
Ludwigsburg
Experience the famous 'Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele' in different locations around the castle until July 24. Artists from genres like music, acting, dancing and literature perform every year. For more information, tickets and the entire program see www.schlossfestspiele.de.

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