



## 'Frog Road' full closure until July

By John Reese

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

One of the two main routes between Panzer Kaserne and Patch Barracks, District Road K1055, is blocked off in both directions between exit Sindelfingen-Ost and the Böblingen district border (Vaihingen, near Pascalstrasse) until sometime in July. As of press time, the closure was scheduled to begin May 2.

The closure is to renew the road surface. Heavy traffic and major traffic jams are expected during this timeframe. Drivers will be rerouted via Autobahn A81 and are advised to give themselves additional time when traveling to and from Panzer Kaserne in Böblingen.

"Frog Road" is the American nickname for Kreisstrasse 1055, although the German signage for Krötenwanderung actually translates to toad migration. Lower speeds and more alert driving is necessary to prevent toads, frogs and salamanders from being run over or injured by the air pressure created by speeding vehicles. Volunteers are sought annually from March through mid-May to help the little critters off the busy road and back into their habitat.

Some school bus routes and the duty bus between Panzer and Patch will be affected. Keep abreast of updates at [www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com) and the garrison Facebook page.

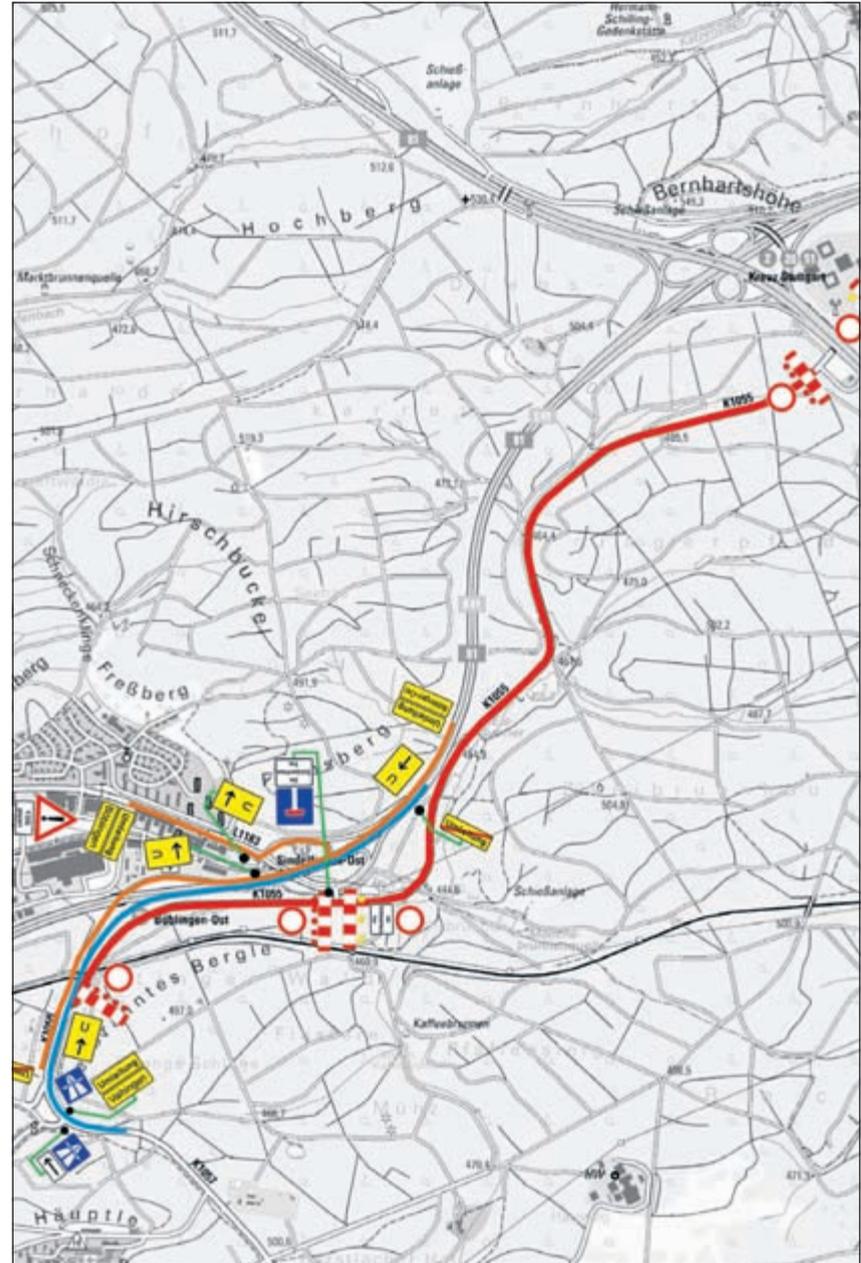


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Signs advising motorists about the closure of "Frog Road" have been up for more than a month. The road is expected to reopen in July.

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## German, American first responders discuss protocol, procedures of emergency situations



German and American first responders discuss procedures when responding to emergency situations within the Stuttgart military community, April 18. The seminar addressed complex scenarios where a number of first responder agencies are required.

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German and American first responders participated in a seminar at Patch Barracks to discuss procedures when responding to emergency situations on the U.S. installations in Stuttgart, April 18.

The 60 participants represented the police, fire, medical and Red Cross emergency service agencies from local city and county areas as well as the garrison's internal emergency service agencies.

Most of the attendees knew each other during previous garrison force

protection exercises. However, this time around, they had the opportunity to meet and talk about each other's protocols and procedures during emergency situations without the training element of a simulated emergency.

"During our annual force protection training exercises, we are all reacting to the emergency while being graded on how we react, and although we have a general idea of what each of the German emergency service agencies are going to do when they arrive, we do not always know specifically the

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# More garrison town halls coming in May

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Stuttgart military community members are invited to bring their suggestions, concerns and feedback to three town halls taking place this month.

The town halls are open to all DoD ID cardholders. The garrison command team and representatives from the directorates will be present to answer questions. A first town hall took place on Kelley Barracks, April 19; the next three town halls take place on the following dates/locations:

- **May 16:** Robinson Barracks Chapel, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **May 22:** Panzer Chapel, Panzer Kaserne, 4 – 5 p.m.
- **May 31:** Patch Chapel, Patch Barracks, 5 – 6 p.m.

Community members are asked to submit their questions and topics of discussion for the town halls in advance. Topics for Robinson Barracks should be submitted by May 4 at [usarmy.stuttgart.id-europe.mbx.usag-stuttgart-media@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.id-europe.mbx.usag-stuttgart-media@mail.mil) or via Facebook message at [www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart/](http://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart/). Any questions that were submitted that aren't discussed will still be answered. A recap of town hall questions and answers will be published in the June issue of the Stuttgart Citizen.



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**Speaking from the stage in the Kelley Theater Center, Kelley Barracks, Col. Neal Corson, garrison commander (left), and directorate leaders respond to questions from Stuttgart military community members during a town hall, April 19.**

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The Directorate of Emergency Services reminds community

residents that they can directly address observed complaints on post, such as improper recycling, unsafe driving, parking or pet issues. Unit leaders who see misconduct by service members should exercise their general military authority, while complaints about individuals outside

of the chain of command (civilians, family members, contractors or local nationals) should be reported to the Military Police at the time the incident is observed.

All community members should do their part to keep the garrison safe and clean.

## There's still time to get your 2017 taxes done

By John Reese

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

Good news for garrison community members to complete their 2017 taxes: The Stuttgart Tax Center remains open and serving all ID cardholders at the Kelley Club, Bldg. 3300, Kelley Barracks.

The center uses a mixture of military and civilian certified tax preparers. There is no cost for valid ID cardholder customers.

"We're here to serve the community," said Capt. Victoria Bell, Stuttgart Law Center and officer in charge of the Stuttgart Tax Center for the 2017 tax return season. "We want everyone who hasn't yet done their

taxes to make an appointment to get them done before June 15."

While the filing deadline to submit 2017 tax returns stateside was April 18, the overseas extended deadline is June 15. *(Editor's note: The usual federal tax deadline of April 15 fell on a Sunday this year, and Monday, April 16, was Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in Washington, DC commemorating President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act in 1863. The IRS then extended the deadline an additional day after its website went down.)*

The Tax Center is open until July 1, but will see minimum staffing after the June 15 deadline. And regardless

of the overseas filing date extension, the day to pay your due to the IRS was April 18.

"If you owe the IRS, you've already started accruing interest on what you owe," Bell said.

All clients must bring valid identification, the Social Security number for everyone being claimed on the return, a power of attorney if filing jointly and one spouse not present, W-2, 1095-C, 1099's and any other tax related documents.

The Stuttgart Tax Center is in Kelley Club rooms 203, 204, and 205. It's open weekdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., except Wednesdays, when it's open 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesdays are for walk-ins only. Bring your W-2 forms,

earnings statements from employers and statements from financial institutions of interest gained, as well as any letters from the IRS and a copy of last year's tax return.

The Tax Center will be closed over Memorial Day weekend, May 25-28, and will reopen May 29.

### Appointments and questions

For more information or to make an appointment, call 421-5808 or 0711-729-5808, or email [usarmy.stuttgart.21-tsc.mbx.tax@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.21-tsc.mbx.tax@mail.mil).

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# Heating system upgrades, solar panel installation, family housing renovations highlight RB construction in 2018/19

By Larry Reilly  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

During the next couple of years, numerous family housing units on Robinson Barracks will receive some minor repairs or be completely renovated, and many other housing units will be fitted with solar panels.

The complete renovation of buildings 181-187 as well as 161 and 195 is scheduled to get underway during the next couple of years. The renovation of Building 300 is completed and families will soon be moving into the building.

"The renovation of the buildings includes a complete remodeling of each of the family quarters in the building," said Ernest Epps, garrison Installation Coordinator for RB. "Each family quarters is gutted-out and remodeling is done in all the living areas, to include the kitchen, bathrooms, living room and bedrooms."

Once the renovation is completed, many of those same buildings will be fitted with solar panels. The placing of solar paneling on Buildings 154-158 is scheduled to start during the month of May.

With the complete renovation of many family units and the fitting of solar panels on numerous other buildings, Robinson Barracks will undergo a flurry of construction projects for many months to come; however, another project set to begin soon, will add to the list of ongoing construction projects on the installation.

"Beginning in May and continuing for one year, will be a construction project to repair large portions of the heat distribution system on Robinson Barracks, especially in the Grenadier Family Housing. Buildings directly affected include: 154-161, 164-167, 170-176, 188, 300-302, 306-308, 312-313," Epps said. "Although a lot of the work will be performed outside the buildings, some of the work will involve the buildings' entrances as well as the streets near the buildings, so residents should use caution while in areas where construction is underway."

Along with those construction projects is another project starting in May that will have an immediate impact on the traffic flow on RB.

"Road work in two locations on Robinson Barracks will start in May," Epps said. "Street repairs will limit traffic flow to one lane just beyond the main gate entrance, and road work will be underway at the intersection coming from the main gate and going to the commissary and/or to the housing area."

Construction projects involving the family housing area will be ongoing for a couple of years; however, the biggest construction project in the near future for RB is the building of a new elementary school.

Present plans include the demolition of the current elementary school and the building of a new school on the same site. However, another location on RB is being



Photo by Holly DeCarlo-White, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

**A backhoe is stationed in front of RB family housing Bldg. 184 in preparation for digging. Bldg. 184 is one of the housing units that will see complete renovation.**

seriously considered as it would have the least impact on ongoing school functions and the new site would be closer to family housing units.

"We are relooking the current plans to demolish and rebuild the new school on the same site because of the potential advantages to using another site," said Dianne Wilson, chief, garrison Master Planning Division. "Ongoing major construction on an active school site will cause major distractions and disruptions to the normal school day. The demolition, construction and normal school activities will all have to be phased and sequenced, adding time and complications to the overall construction process. The new site being considered is also more centrally located to the family housing areas."

Added costs, adjusting programmed funding times, environmental constraints, and other disadvantages must be thoroughly considered before DoDEA and the garrison commander make any final location decisions.

"The sleepy hollow atmosphere of Robinson Barracks may be disrupted with many construction projects during the next couple of years; however, after the dust has settled and the family units and the new school are completed, Robinson Barracks will again be the best hilltop living location in all of Stuttgart," Epps said.

*(Editor's note: Other construction projects are always ongoing; a few of them share this page.)*



Photo left by Holly DeCarlo-White, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
**Construction of new canopies at the Panzer main gate necessitated a change in the traffic pattern for in- and outbound vehicles during April; this work will continue into the summer. As of press time, all lanes will be closed and traffic redirected to the Panzer back gate, June 16-17.**



Photo right by Larry Reilly, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
**A workman high above Panzer Kaserne adds antennas to a new communications tower, one of the many ongoing construction projects across the Stuttgart military community.**



Photo left by Bardia Khajenoori, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
**A backhoe chews its way through many a child's former classrooms as the demolition of the old Patch Elementary School continues on Patch Barracks, April 10.**

# Fun in the sun and serious topics make for memorable training

Story and photos by John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

Teamwork and great weather intersected for the “Ready & Resilient Healthy Lifestyle” event in the parking lot of the Panzer Main Exchange, April 27.

“This kind of training is experiential – people are doing something in a way that helps them to remember it,” said Cinda Robison, prevention coordinator, USAG Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program. “People are more likely to remember events like this, for them to be stored in their long-term memory.

“This was a lot of fun in the sun. 1st Sgt. Anthony Hopkins was actually doing wheelies in a go-cart, which I didn’t even know was possible, and then he decided to ride (the course) backwards,” Robison said. “Experiential learning is what was happening.”

The event, sponsored by the USAG Stuttgart’s Army Substance Abuse Program and Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, was to emphasize Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month. It was well supported by garrison organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Army Health Clinic-Stuttgart, the Army Criminal Investigation Division, the garrison’s Directorate of Human Resources and more. The Stuttgart USO Center team of



The dangers of smoking and advice on how to kick the habit are shared by Capt. Scott A. Maddox, chief, Army Public Health Nursing Stuttgart.

volunteers grilled complimentary burgers and dogs, and a huge donated cake provided dessert.

Service member and civilian participants from the Stuttgart military community received hands-on-the-wheel training for Alcohol Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month under a robin’s egg blue sky. Information tables flanked the main interest for those gathered: A difficult slalom course of safety cones to be pedaled, for time, wearing drunk driving goggles.

“This actual experience prevention is working,” said Dr. Kaffie Clark, program coordinator, USAG Stuttgart Employee Assistance Program. “We are seeing those who look stellar, who have worked out and are fit, but are struggling with a small, small barrier to completion.”

Training credit was authorized for participating in the SHARP (tablet) training modules, Clark said.

“And if they pedaled the go-kart with the DUI goggles, they receive ASAP training credit,” she said.



Scott Palm, chief, DHR, awaits the drop of the flag held by pedal car track master Gary Hensley, garrison plans, training and mobilization, to begin his run.

## Be SHARP during SAAPM

If you need to report a sexual assault, call the garrison SHARP office at 431-3656/3227 or 07031-15-3656/3327.

For the 24/7 hotline, call 431-3141/4841/7280, 07031-3141/4841/7280 or 0631-413-

For questions about garrison ASAP resources and services, call 431-2530.

For more information and resources, visit [www.preventsexualassault.army.mil](http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil) or [www.sapr.mil/index.php/research/opa-dmcd](http://www.sapr.mil/index.php/research/opa-dmcd).

## First responders

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second and third order of effects they will follow,” said Mike Pons, garrison antiterrorism officer. “This seminar enabled us to talk in detail about what each agency’s process and procedure would be during a variety of emergency situations.”

During the garrison’s annual training exercise, the simulated emergency normally requires multiple emergency service agencies to respond; being able to identify which agency would take the lead was a major dialogue of the this seminar. However, the smaller and more likely emergency situations that require only one or two agencies to respond were also discussed.

“Learning the procedures and protocol of the German police departments when responding to an emergency was an eye opener for me because their procedures do differ from ours and they are situationally dependent” said Ruben Santiago, garrison chief of police. “We not only gained great knowledge of their processes and protocols, we also gained valuable insight into how we can better assist them when they are responding to our request for assistance.”



German and American first responders discuss upcoming exercise scenarios, April 18.

The group discussed a series of problem statements aimed at addressing everyday situations that could occur at one the garrison’s installations, from the need to medically evacuate someone via air or ground to responding to a fire at an on-post housing unit.

“We strive to get it right, when unified, everyone’s effort to respond focuses on life saving, protecting our infrastructure and maintain mission assurance. This seminar assists with our partnership efforts amongst all first responders, to provide a whole

community effort, to protect our installations, and our service members, civilians, Contractors and their families” said Rob Daul, garrison emergency manager.

The seminar also addressed complex scenarios where a number of first responder agencies are required such as a mass casualty event or a major fire that results in a number of burn victims were discussed, and the feedback aided not only the American participants of the seminar, but also the German participants.

“The seminar really helped everyone from various emergency service agencies gain an understanding and appreciation for what the other agencies’ procedures and practices are,” said Guido Plischek, district fire chief, Böblingen County. “This seminar not only enabled me to establish a better network with the American responders’ it enabled me to see how the other city fire department personnel handle emergencies. This seminar should be held a couple times a year.”

# BRC rides the range for safety at Stuttgart Army Airfield

Story and photos by John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

A lot of thought and practice goes into safely riding a motorcycle. There's much more to commuting on two or three wheels than simply jumping into the saddle and turning the key; there's personal responsibility, military regulations, German (and other European laws) and constant situational awareness.

"You have the option of using your own motorcycle or ours," Stefan "Gogo" Bockisch, who has traveled all over Germany for the past decade teaching motorcycle safety to U.S. military ID cardholders. He indicated a 250 cc "Ninja" with a few scuff marks from previous classes. "You can use our fuel and our tires."

May is designated motorcycle safety month, and some riders, including one who rode from Grafenwoehr, got a head start by participating in a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course at Stuttgart Army Airfield, April 18. Bockisch, a MSF rider coach, kept the class interested with a mix of humor and facts about riding in Germany, and the differences in laws in other European Union countries.

"This keeps the class from being boring. Interesting facts make it more involved," Bockisch said.

The BRC, sponsored for the Stuttgart military community by the Installation Management Command - Europe, is a mandated class necessary to get a Class 1 designation on a U.S. Forces in Germany license. A minimum of five and up to a dozen students may sign up for a class, but Bockisch encourages riders to check for last-minute cancellations. In the April 18 BRC, a senior noncommissioned officer was sent home after Bockisch found he had no temporary motorcycle license issued by the garrison or, in the case of riders who are taking the course again to maintain their license, a Class 1 designation.

"You must have an endorsement on your (U.S. Forces) license or a temporary license to take the course," Bockisch said. "Maybe five percent of students are sent home due to not having the right paperwork."

Having the endorsement basically requires that service members arrive in Germany with a motorcycle endorsement already on their state-side license, otherwise it becomes a "Catch-22" situation; you need to take the MSF course to ride in Europe, but you can't attend the course if you don't have a motorcycle license. Getting a U.S. Forces license requires one already has a regular state license to drive - there is no "driver's ed."

The Stuttgart class begins in a repurposed shipping container, which was surprisingly cool despite the



1st Lt. Robert Hasslocher, followed by Lt. Col. Bryon Martin, opt to ride their own motorcycles instead of the smaller, lighter bike provided by the course. It was a perfect day for riding the MSF range at Stuttgart Army Airfield, April 18.

beating sun, before moving to a course of painted lines and slalom cones on a smooth, flat blacktop surface. After a TCLOCS (tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stands) inspection, the class was put through its paces. Students had to demonstrate maneuvers such as tight turns within a painted box, sudden braking and more.

"I've been riding for about five years," said Air Force Lt. Col. Bryon Martin, U.S. European Command. "There's always a lot to learn."

His classmate had a lifetime of riding experience.

"I've been riding off-road for 20 years," said 1st Lt. Robert Hasslocher, Headquarters, NATO, who rode from Grafenwoehr to participate in the Stuttgart BRC. "I've been on street bikes for about three years."

After successfully demonstrating their skills, the class returned to the conex for the final hurdle, a written exam. Students who passed got a signature from Bockisch to get the coveted Class 1 endorsement.

*(Editor's note: For Motorcycle Safety Month, the "Good Ride Salutes USAG Stuttgart" event takes place May 20. The fun and comradery of the open highway begins at 8:30 a.m. on the Panzer Kaserne parade field with check-in, followed by coffee, a blessing of the bikes, a poker run, entertainment and more. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/GoodRideSalutes>.)*



From left, MSF rider coach Stefan "Gogo" Bockisch, BRC checklist in hand, discusses TCLOCS with Lt. Col. Bryon Martin and 1st Lt. Robert Hasslocher, April 18.

## Upcoming MSF classes

- Basic Rider Course - July 26
- Intermediate Driver's Training (classroom block of instruction) - Sept. 6
- Experienced Rider Course - May 3, June 21, July 12, Aug. 2 and Sept. 27

Civilians or family members who need training should contact rider mentor coaches Sgt. 1st Class

Aaron Silberman at 431-2198 or Mr. Gordon MacMillan at 430-2226. If you have problem trying to register online or for non-Army enrollment, contact the garrison Safety Office at 430-5472. IMCOM MSF courses are for service members only. Personnel must register online via (CAC-enabled) at the U.S. Army Traffic Safety Training Program Registration System at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/Home.aspx>.





# TRAVEL AND EVENTS

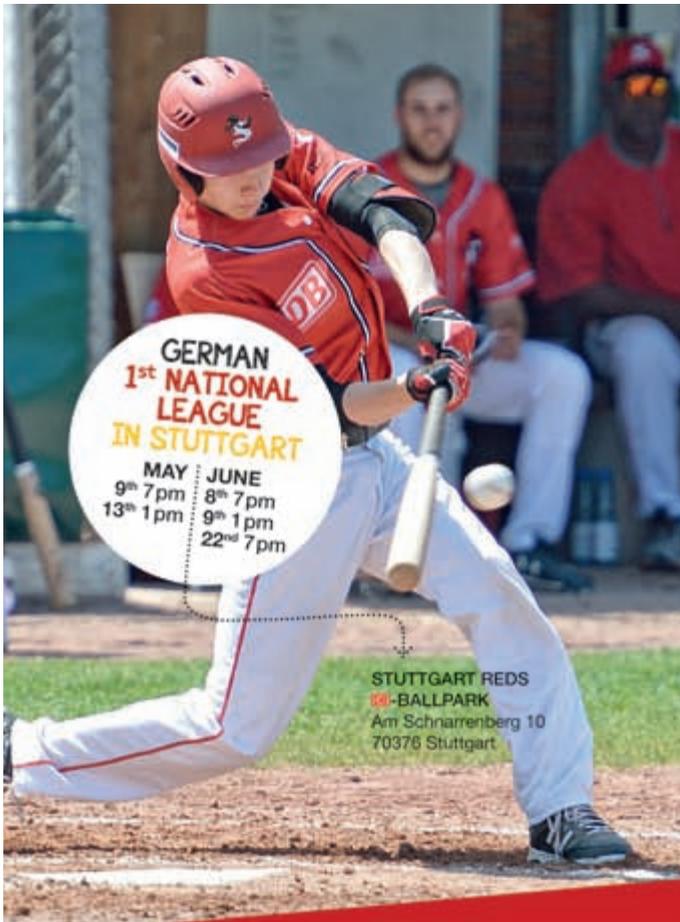
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**From minor scuffs to major scrapes, drivers must contact the Polizei and MPs to avoid being charged with a hit and run.**

By Nadine Bower  
 USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

It happens so fast. Your bumper scrapes another car while you are trying to fit your American-sized vehicle into a tiny German parking spot. What next? Do you act like nothing happened, because you're sure that nobody saw it, or do you wait around, risking that it may take hours for the owner of the damaged vehicle to appear? Do you leave a note on the other car, because you have an urgent appointment to get to?

"The worst thing you can do is to drive off," said Birthe Fink, police senior inspector with the Westhesse Police Directorate, Fourth Precinct. "Driving off without notifying the German police, the U.S. military police or the owner of the damaged vehicle is a criminal offense and can be punished with up to three years in prison or with a monetary fine, depending on the circumstances."

*(Editor's note: Even if the damage is very minor and if you cannot find the owner of the vehicle, you should call the local German police, and they will let you know what to do. In Stuttgart, you can dial 110, the emergency and non-emergency number for the Polizei. The phone numbers for the Stuttgart Military Police are 431-3102/3095 or 07031-15-3102/3095. Off-post accidents must be reported to the MPs within 72 hours.)*

In most cases, the police will send a vehicle to check out the damage, but sometimes they might just ask you for your information and the details of the accident and allow you to leave. However, if you do not speak German or if the police operator on the phone does not speak enough English, you can also call your local U.S. military police station.

"It is very important that you actively try to report the accident either to the German police or to the MPs," Fink said.

"The MPs will establish the connection to the German Polizei." Looking for witnesses and documenting their names and contact information can also help.

Important documents that you should always have with you besides your driver's license are your vehicle registration and your vehicle inspection paperwork.

U.S. Forces drivers should also carry the Army in Europe Form 190-1Y with their registration. This single-page form provides drivers with basic instructions of what to do if involved in a traffic accident and has a place to fill in local emergency numbers. If leaving Germany, drivers should also carry their green proof of insurance cards provided by their insurance company. This will help drivers if they have to appear in court and when insurance companies need information.

Accidents of any kind always have to be reported to the German police and the U.S. military police. When there is only minor damage, move your vehicle to the side after safely taking detailed pictures of the accident. Always make sure that you have the emergency phone number of the German police and the U.S. military police programmed in your phone and call them, even when in doubt.

## More info and a cheat sheet

For a step-by-step process of what to do if you have an accident, plus a link to a cheat sheet to keep in your glove compartment, visit [www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com).



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# Day of Remembrance observed by AFRICOM, garrison

Story and photo by John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

A solemn observance that included an educational display, a brief historical presentation about the Holocaust and a candle lighting ceremony was held in the Kelley Theater, Kelley Barracks, April 12. The theme for 2018 was "Learning from the Holocaust: Legacy of Perseverance."

"The U.S. Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust," said program emcee Air Force Master Sgt. Tara Zbikowski, Special Operations Command Africa, as she introduced the program.

The observance, held for community members by U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, was to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, explained Sgt. 1st Class Dionda Clarke, AFRICOM Equal Opportunity.

The Army, together with the other services represented in the Stuttgart military community,



Staff Sgt. Darren McNeil, AFRICOM, lights the sixth candle at the conclusion of the Day of Remembrance observance, April 12.

annually commemorates the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Additionally, as part of this year's program, a looping slide presentation told the story of Army medic Cpl. Anthony Acevedo,

the first Mexican-American to be registered in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's database. Acevedo was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held at a sub-camp of the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp. Out of 350 American Soldiers, only about 180, including Acevedo, survived. The young corporal kept a diary of what he witnessed and the plans he and his fellow prisoners held for the future to retain his will to live under the inhuman circumstances.

"Having the opportunity to come to the Holocaust remembrance is significantly important, especially for what we do here at AFRICOM," said Air Force Maj. Wendi Sazama, AFRICOM. "The injustice that occurred at the Holocaust is something that in these Days of Remembrance, an injustice that we can and should work to prevent, not just in Africa, but worldwide."

(Editor's note: Read more about the Holocaust and Acevedo at [www.ushmm.org/](http://www.ushmm.org/))

## Ask a JAG: 'Yes, you need a will!'

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Judge Advocate, Chief of Client Services  
Stuttgart Legal Center

**Q:** My first sergeant told me I need to get a will before I deploy, but I don't know why I would need one. Can I just tell her I'm going to Legal and go take a nap in the barracks?

**A:** Death comes for all of us eventually - perhaps sooner, for those of us using "going to Legal" as an excuse to nap during the duty day.

And once the pain and sadness of your death passes (and sometimes before), most of your family members start wondering, "Where's my share?"

If you failed to take the proper steps in life, that question results in a great deal of uncertainty.

A will governs the distribution of assets in your estate at the end of the probate process. "Probate," from the Latin probare, "to prove,"

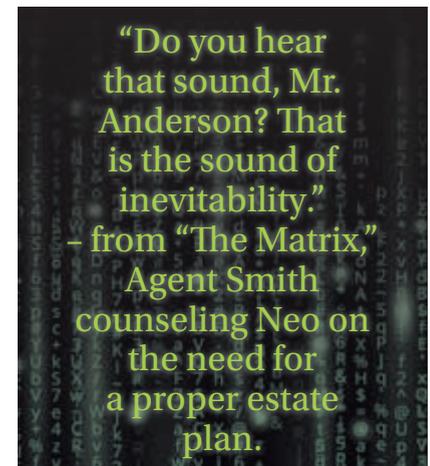
is the formal process by which the courts determine which of your assets belonged to you at the time of your death, and which ones actually belong to your creditors.

If you die without a will, and if there is anything left over after the vultures are finished, your state's Intestacy Laws take over, which could result in all of your property falling into the insatiable hands of the state (the legal term for this tragedy of governance is "escheat").

If you don't have many assets, you may think that you do not need a will.

"But those guys aren't looking at the big picture," said John Matlock, Esq., senior U.S. Civilian Legal Assistance Attorney at the Stuttgart Legal Center. "A wrongful death suit or substantial insurance payout could balloon the estate long after the chance to create a will has passed."

A will is an essential part of every estate plan, but it should be the failsafe, the bare minimum, the "just in case."



A good estate plan uses a number of devices to avoid probate (and its inherent uncertainty) altogether, if possible. Insurance policies, accounts with rights of survivorship, and trusts are just a few of the options available. While the Legal Assistance Office only offers drafting and execution of U.S. wills, our U.S.-licensed attorneys can advise on all aspects of your estate plan.

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On-post citations are on a DD form 1408, which will go directly to your commander or your sponsor's commander, in which the commander will respond with his plan of action.

## What is the process to take care of the ticket?

Let your supervisors know. Additionally, the Provost Marshals Office will send a copy to the command so that they know, too. If you're a spouse, let your sponsor know.

## I am only going into the shoppette for a minute; why do I need to use a parking placard?

If you are parked anywhere with the parking placard signs, then yes, you are required to place your parking placard, even if it's for just a minute.

## What is the policy on overnight parking?

There is no overnight parking allowed, unless it is at a barracks or in a housing area. Case-by-case exceptions can be granted by the Military Police desk sergeant.

## When can/will a car be booted?

If a vehicle is illegally parked and the MPs

cannot identify the owner of the vehicle, or if the vehicle appears to be abandoned or if we remove the license plates for you failing to re-register your vehicle.

## What is the process to have a boot removed?

If your plates were removed, you'll need to get current registration prior to the vehicle's boot being removed; if it was booted for parking, notify the MP desk that you are at your vehicle and the MPs will respond to close out the citation before removing the boot.

## What can happen if I abandon my vehicle when I leave?

A law enforcement report will be generated and sent to the command titling you with Article 92 of the UCMJ. An automatic suspension of your USAREUR license will take place and possible suspension of your stateside license.



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Over the winter, this car parked on Patch Barracks got the boot and had its plates removed.



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Parking in the wrong spot or failing to use the blue time disk, even for a quick stop, can earn the driver a DD Form 1408, aka a parking ticket.

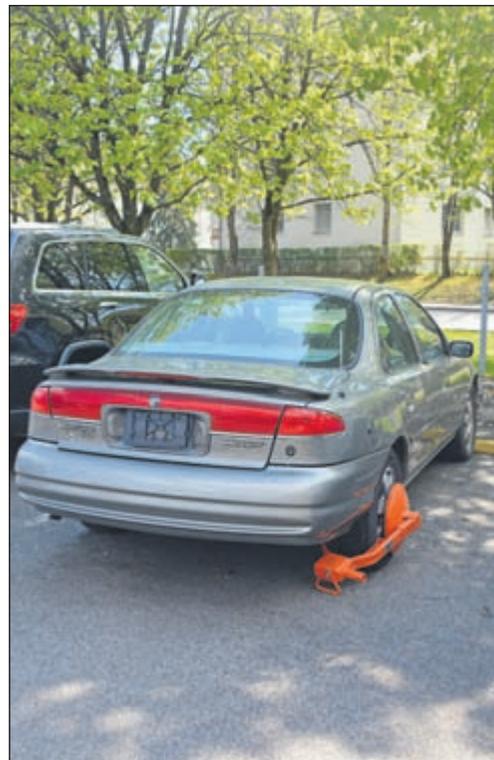


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This car on Patch Barracks appears to be abandoned, which doesn't let the owner off the hook for the costs of towing and penalties.

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**Cuatro y Cinco de Mayo**

AFRICOM hosts a Cuatro de Mayo taco event at Gazebo D (near the Kelley Barracks APO, May 4) with a taco plate lunch and drink or tacos ala carte. The following day, celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center, 5 - 8 p.m., with free bowling and shoe rental, a free taco bar and prizes. ID cardholders and their guests, ages 18 and up. Call 431-2575 or 07031-15-2575.

**Appreciate your military spouse**

Military spouses will be thanked at Patch Community Club by the garrison's Army Community Service, May 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Spouses may enjoy a free day of DIY arts and crafts workshops with instructors available, plus free food and door prizes. Register at Patch Arts and Crafts. Call 431-3346 for more information.

**Water testing in May**

Testing for Legionella bacteria within the garrison begins May 14 and will run for approximately three weeks. Water samples will be taken from buildings with boilers of more than 400 liters and have showers. There are approximately 131 buildings identified, including family and unaccompanied housing, schools, clinics, gyms and hotels. Notification letters will be sent out one week in advance of the sampling and results are expected within 14 days after sampling. If there is an issue with a building, notification will go out to residents within a day, and flushing of the system will occur with a follow up sample taken within seven days.

**Go for a bike ride**

Bike to Work Week, May 14-18.

See News Briefs, p.18

**Best of the fest**

The Stuttgart Frulingsfest (Spring Fest) celebrates its 80th anniversary through May 13 at the Cannstatter Wasen Fest grounds in Bad Cannstatt. No knives, alcoholic beverages or backpacks can be brought onto the fest grounds. Public transit options and taxi numbers are listed in the USAG Stuttgart mobile app; the app!

**Apt app**

The garrison launched an informational mobile app including one-touch emergency contacts, quick appointment links, the bus schedule, things to do and more. Around 3,000 Stuttgart military community members. The USAG Stuttgart app is available for Android and Apple users. Download the app in Google Play or iTunes, search "USAG Stuttgart."

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# AFAP FY18: Community input improves quality of life for all in Stuttgart

By Holly DeCarlo-White  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

For more than 30 years, the Army Family Action Plan has made a positive difference by implementing thousands of regulatory changes through grass-root forums. Stuttgart military community members from all branches of service have a voice to make quality-of-life improvements across the Department of Defense.

"Obviously, if the issues are not known, then nothing can be done about it," said Jessica LaGassey-Simpson, USAG Stuttgart AFAP. "We've got to hear from the people who are out there living it."

Annually in fall, Stuttgart's Army Community Service organizes the forum. During 2017, 19 concerns were submitted for garrison leadership review and resolution (AFAP issues can be submitted year-round at ACS or online through Army Once Source). The garrison command team selected three issues for continued local resolution, and one of those was elevated to the DOD.

## PCS funding for Reservists on active duty

This issue was elevated to the DOD for action. Reservists are called to active duty and sent overseas without funding for timely expense reimbursement. Service members are using their personal credit cards and/or taking out loans to cover expenses, and then waited months for compensation. There is no one locally or regionally available to assist. The time it takes to try to personally resolve this issue causes increased anxiety and frustration. Furthermore, the incurred debt to pay for PCS expenses causes preventable stress for the service member and their families, and does not support mission readiness.

## Hourly childcare availability for eligible ID cardholders

There is a lack of available hourly childcare spaces for eligible ID cardholders. Often service members and DOD civilians are unable to fulfill their mission requirements (i.e. in-processing) when they are unable to find suitable childcare within the USAG Stuttgart footprint. In addition, dependents are unable to make medical appointments, volunteer and receive respite care. A lack of hourly childcare creates difficult and stressful transitions within USAG Stuttgart.

To resolve the issue, the garrison in-processing office is reviewing the current schedule to consolidate families and child-related briefings to minimize the time a non-service member spouse would need for care during in-processing. Child & Youth Services increased job fair activities



Photo by Hannah Rhoden, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

Merilee K. Nevins, USAG Stuttgart ACS, leads the issue discussion during the 2017 forum on Panzer Kaserne. Delegates representing each command were selected to discuss community-submitted issues.

to recruit interested childcare professionals full-time, and part-time at CYS centers as well, as available registered in-home and hourly care providers. A new larger CYS facility is also included in the construction plans on Patch Barracks.

## Empty shelves and expired commissary items

The third local issue for local resolution was about half-empty Defense Commissary Agency shelves. Products are close to expiration with very few or no sales to clear out items, making it difficult for customers to make needed purchases.

"The commissary shelves not being stocked (is an issue)," LaGassey-Simpson said. "Sometimes you look at those and it turns out they're not bigger picture-type things, they're actually local in a lot of cases."

From time to time, the DeCA experiences situations such as items out-of-stock at distribution centers, items going through manufacturer changes, or a product that has undergone a change, or sometimes it comes down to the staff not anticipating needed product amounts accurately or late deliveries. Whatever the cause, DeCA will continue to work diligently to get product back on the shelf. Order writers are instructed to order to fill the shelves, and when not-in-stock situations occur, they are to continue ordering product so that when it is available it will be on its way to the store as soon as possible.

As for expired items, when

customers notice expired products, they should let the staff know before leaving the store. Community members are encouraged to bring back any purchased expired or poor-quality items to the store (with their receipt) for a refund.

In some instances, Defense Commissary Agency staff will work with vendor representatives who have the option to reduce the price on an expiring product or buy it back at full cost if product is covered under a buy-back agreement. When an item routinely reaches its "sell by date," the item's sales history is reviewed and action is taken to reduce future order quantities and shelf space is reallocated to reduce future loss. The overall goal is to avoid close-dated product all together and avoid financial loss to the store, the agency and the U.S. government.

The garrison command team is working together with DeCA to find the cause and resolve the issue of expired items frequently found in the Stuttgart area commissaries.

## The Big Picture

Updates about these issues will be published as ACS receives them.

"AFAP is not meant really for local issues, as there are other sources you can go to for those. It's meant for the higher-up, systemic, DOD-wide, Army-wide, big picture stuff," LaGassey-Simpson said. "But, if it isn't brought to light, then nothing can be done about it. Sometimes it's a process, sometimes it's slow; we don't get the answers right away, we

don't get solutions right away.

"That's why it's important, and everyone in their daily life can get involved," she said.

*(Editor's note: Read more about the local AFAP issues at [www.stuttgartcitizen.com](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.com).)*

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## Be part of the next garrison AFAP forum

The next garrison AFAP forum is scheduled Nov. 8. Stuttgart military community members, including civilians, are invited to attend and share quality of life improvement ideas prior to the event. Submit issues and suggestions online at Army OneSource or fill out an AFAP form at ACS in Bldg. 2915, 2nd Floor, Panzer Kaserne. To join the AFAP committee, call 431-3362 or 07031-15-3362.

# ACS, CY5, sponsors celebrate mil



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

Along the outside of The Hub youth center and Patch Fitness Center, a MOMC-themed flea market offers bargains on kid's books, toys, games and clothes.



Photo by Bardia Khajenoori, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

It only looks scary to the parents below as intrepid children like Pfeiffer Smith, age 3, scales a steep, inflated slope to be rewarded with a slide back down, April 28.

By John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

To cap a month of recognizing the challenges faced by military children, a Month of the Military Child Spring Fest was held for kids at the Patch Fitness Center, April 28. The fest was orchestrated by the USAG Stuttgart Army Community Service and assisted by a number of sponsors.

Inside and out (despite periodic rain sprinkles that did little to dampen spirits), hundreds of children enjoyed games, activities, face-painting, treats and a modern, gentle, big inflatable rock slope – not a wall, so little ones could enjoy it, too – that rewarded climbers with slides back down.

Two hours into the event, 8-year-old Stuttgart Elementary School student Ellyanna Thompson had been too busy performing with her dance troupe to enjoy the games, but she was enjoying the fun-packed room.

"I like it. It's really fun," Ellyanna said, adding she enjoys community events for kids.

Throughout April, the garrison held a variety of fun and exciting events to officially recognize the resilience of our military children. This year's MOMC theme, "Brave Hearts, Resilient Souls," highlighted the unique live, contributions and sacrifices the children of the Stuttgart military community make while their parents serve the nation.

"I think the turnout was great," said Samuel S. Thompson, instructional programs specialist, CY5 and event emcee. "Several hundred people, supporting the CY5 and SKIES program, is a really nice turnout. I'm glad to see the parents here supporting their kids, especially for an event during the Month of the Military Child."

MOMC is annually observed, worldwide, in April. Locally, the USAG Stuttgart's Army Community Service Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation's CY5, and the Family Advocacy Program combined forces to celebrate the community's military kids.



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Staff Sgt. Diana Anderson, Patch Health Clinic, dispenses healthy snacks to children inside the Patch Fitness Center, April 28.



Photo by Bardia Khajenoori, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Young ballet dance students under the instruction of SKIES program dance instructor Helen Probst perform for the MOMC Spring Fest, April 28. The dance students performed ballet, hip hop and a fun superhero routine.

# Military kids with MOMC Spring Fest



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Boy Scouts reassemble a wall for children to try smashing down in one attempt while wearing Incredible Hulk fists, April 28. They also had a pyramid of cans for kids to knock down while wearing Hulk hands, which was a lot harder than it sounds.



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Sgt. Kurtis Swift, (right) describes the action to the assembled children and parents as Spc. Daniele Grill, Spc. Victor Villarreal and Military Working Dog Nandi demonstrate how MWDs are used, April 28. The four Military Police with the 100th MP Detachment were popular with the many children at the closing event of the Month of the Military Child. Nandi, a 3-year-old MWD, flawlessly executed all of Grill's commands.

"Adapting is very important when growing up as a military child; you learn how to cope with your surroundings because you are always moving. I attended four elementary schools, two middle schools, and I will attend two different high schools. Moving to all of these places were tough and I still miss a lot of my friends from where I used to live. In spite of that, I gained so many new experiences. New experiences with people and cultures, like how I PCSed from the United States to Europe.

Undeterred by the number of schools I've attended, I learned to make new friends and become aware of where I am."

Excerpt from an essay titled "The Life of a Military Child," by Stuttgart military community child Anabelle L. Colony for the MOMC.



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
Artwork found on a kiosk with drawings and handwritten stories by Stuttgart Elementary School students. The kiosk welcomed shoppers at the Panzer Kaserne Main Exchange during April's MOMC.

# Stuttgart USO Center offers free programs for single and unaccompanied service members

By Sarah Kemp  
Manager, Stuttgart USO Center

There's always something good happening at the Stuttgart USO Center.

"We want to be everyone's home away from home," said Heather Martin, a USO center operations specialist.

With that in mind, USO Stuttgart has many offerings for single and unaccompanied military service members.

The "Stepping Out" program is a series of trips for enlisted single and unaccompanied service members ranks E-7 and below.

"I enjoyed going on the 'Stepping Out' trip to Munich," said Specialist Steven Garcia. "It was a fun festival,

and I liked not having to worry about transportation or logistics."

In March, a group took a bus for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Munich. Upcoming trips include Europa Park in June, the Wurstmarkt in September and Burg Frankenstein in October. Interested can sign up at the USO center on Panzer Kaserne.

At noon on first Thursday of the every month, USO Stuttgart celebrates anyone who has a birthday during that month. Single and unaccompanied service members, and anyone else in the community, can come out to have their special day celebrated with a homemade cupcake with a candle on top, including the singing of "Happy Birthday" to them followed by a spin on the present wheel.

Recently, USO Stuttgart celebrated, "National Grilled Cheese Day" by making more than 60 grilled cheese sandwiches for the Marines living in barracks.

"We're always looking for ways to reach out to different communities on base," said Elise Dominiak, another USO center operations specialist. "We offer a lot of programming for children and spouses, and we wanted to reach out to service members who may be here without their families."

Some of the different ways include "National Tell a Fairytale Day," "National Puzzle Day," National Chip and Dip Day" and "National Rubber Ducky Day." All of these are real days.

The USO Stuttgart Center is open on every American holiday from at least 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to ensure that everyone has a place to go. When you're far away from home, you can celebrate the holidays with your USO family.



Photo by John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

You don't have to dress up your non-human family member to be cute; your pet just has to be adorable.

## Community can cash in on Exchange online adorable pet photo contest

AAFES Public Affairs  
News Release

Cute canines, cats, canaries and other beloved pets can finally make their adorable looks pay off.

Panzer Main Exchange shoppers can compete to show off their furry, feathered or fuzzy friends during the worldwide Patriot Pet Just Say "Treat" Photo Contest.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is partnering with sponsors to award the cutest animal members of the military community. The grand-prize winner will receive a \$1,000 Exchange gift card, while \$500 gift cards will be awarded to two first-place winners. Eight runner-ups will win \$250 gift cards.

"Pets are an important part of

our families," said Sam Shinault, store manager, Panzer Main Exchange. "The Exchange enjoys being a part of this contest every year to appreciate the role pets play in the lives of our service members and their families."

Shinault encourages all community service members to show off their pets.

"It would be terrific to have a winner from the Panzer Main Exchange in this worldwide contest," he said.

Photo entries can be submitted from May 4 to June 1 at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes, where shoppers can also find the complete rules of the contest. Winners will be selected at the end of June.



Photo by Heather Martin, Stuttgart USO Center  
USO center operations specialist Elise Dominiak makes grilled cheese sandwiches for Marines in celebration of National Grilled Cheese Day, April 12, served with homemade tomato soup, chips and dessert. This is one of the many fun ways the Stuttgart USO Center brightens the lives of community residents.

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# May is colorectal cancer awareness month

By Lt. Col. Lisa M. Dennis  
Executive Officer  
U.S. Army Health Clinic-Stuttgart

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the U.S. and the second leading cause of death from cancer. National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is intended to remind us about the importance of being screened.

This particular type of cancer affects men and women equally, people of all racial and ethnic groups, and is most often found in people over the age of 50.

Stuttgart Army Health Clinic reminds the community that the best way to prevent colorectal cancer is to get screened regularly starting at age 50.

"Often there are no signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer; that is why it is so important to get screened," said Dr. Gabriele Vinar, Primary Care Provider at Kelley Clinic "Starting at age 50, or sooner if you have a family history, you have the highest risk of this cancer, completing a colonoscopy for screening is simple."

Many patients are hesitant or unsure of what to expect during a colonoscopy. A patient who recently

completed their screening said, "I was a little worried about the procedure, especially the prep required, but the doctor and the staff were very nice, they made me feel at ease, and the test was over rather quickly. I learned that the thought of it is much worse than the test. Now that I have completed the screening, I have peace of mind."

Talk to your provider about colorectal cancer screenings or ask for a referral through your Relay Health secure messaging.

Recently, a patient named Constance underwent a routine screening, and was reviewed by Dr. (Capt.) Azfar Syed, one of the providers at the Patch clinic.

"The routine screening is important, because early detection of any concerning issues can be addressed to stave off the possible development of some more serious, life changing conditions," Constance said. "Having a routine procedure done on my schedule, is a whole lot easier than having to face something worse that could take away part of the quality of life later on. And those bigger matters could affect a family's life, as well. So, cowboy and cowgirl-up and get your screening done early."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Diana Anderson

**Dr. (Capt.) Azfar Syed, Patch Clinic, discusses a routine colorectal cancer screening with patient Constance. The anxiety before a screening is worse than the actual event.**

## Prevention is the best cure

Everyone can take these healthy steps to help prevent colorectal cancer:

- Get screened starting at age 50: talk to your primary care provider today for information on screening and how to obtain a referral for a colonoscopy.
- Encourage your family members over age 50 to get screened.
- Quit smoking and avoid second hand smoke.
- Get plenty of physical activity and try to eat healthy.

# New Patch Barracks lactation 'pod' supports working moms

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
News Release

For new mothers, breastfeeding a baby in public can be a daunting task. Federal law permits the ability to breastfeed in public, including anywhere on-post. However, some mothers and infants prefer a private setting to feel more at ease.

Working hand-in-hand with USAG Stuttgart and U.S. European Command, the Defense Intelligence Agency on Patch Barracks recently established a lactation suite to support nursing, working mothers.

The suite, is a self-contained, mobile pod with comfortable benches, a fold-down table, an electrical outlet for plugging in a breast pump (a hospital grade Medela Symphony pump is provided), and a door that can be locked for guaranteed privacy. DIA employees serve as suite ambassadors to ensure the room is cleaned and that any issues are addressed in a timely manner. A badge is required to enter Bldg. 2304 and a code is required to access the suite.

"We did it with the awesome power of breastfeeding mothers," said Lisa Phelps, RN, one of the garrison's three New

Parent Support Program (NSPS) home visitors. "The first pod in Stuttgart!"

*(Editor's note: For more information regarding this specific suite, call 430-5590/8252 or 0711-680-5590/8252.)*

The garrison's NSPS, in conjunction with the Community Health Promotion Council, opened several lactation rooms nursing facilities designed specifically for mothers needing a private space to feed their babies. The lactation rooms are available for use at any time during the facilities' regular hours of operations.

- Panzer Kaserne - Army Community Service, Bldg. 2915, 2nd floor, Rm. 214,
- Patch Barracks - fitness center and commissary
- Kelley Barracks - Jamii Community Room, Bldg. 3312 (next to the Stuttgart Law Center, closed during building construction until further notice), the Kelley Club and the fitness center.
- Robinson Barracks - fitness center

"NPSP can assist commands with creating appropriate spaces for their lactating moms in their office areas," said Rita Goldstein, Licensed Master Social Worker

and garrison ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager. "We use the federal laws and military branch-specific guidance to walk them through the process so that they are following the laws around breastfeeding and lactating mothers in the military.

Community members can visit the reception areas to request access to the lactation rooms. Each room is outfitted with a seating area and toys for accompanying siblings, electrical outlets for pumps, reading materials and other resources for parents.

All garrison Child Development Centers accommodate breastfeeding mothers of currently enrolled participants of CYS on Panzer Kaserne, Patch Barracks and Kelley Barracks. Note: The areas within the CDC are not privately designated lactation rooms. For more information, 431-3362 or 07031-15-3362, or visit the New Parent Support Program offices at Bldg. 2915, 2nd Fl., Panzer Kaserne.

*(Editor's note: Jennifer Smartt, U.S. European Command, provided information about the lactation pod for this article. Other information was compiled by Holly DeCarlo-White and John Reese, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs.)*



Photo provided by Jennifer Smartt, DIA

**This new lactation pod is located in Bldg. 2304, Patch Barracks.**

# SES students and staff take a walk for safety

by John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

The student body of Stuttgart Elementary School got a break from classes to participate in a semi-annual evacuation drill, April 12.

At 9 a.m. sharp, school doors opened and two streams of children merged into one long river of students, flowing through the tunnel under Panzer Strasse, across streets and into their designated assembly point on Panzer Kaserne. The hundreds of children moved in an orderly fashion, taking the drill seriously yet happy to enjoy the mild, sunny morning's walk. The assembly point was about a quarter of a

mile from their classrooms. The object of the drill is to keep the children and staff safe, said Joe Holder, school liaison officer.

"We have to practice these at least twice per year," Holder said. "Today's drill involves just the elementary school, but in real life, both schools (Stuttgart High School is adjacent to SES) would evacuate at the same time."

Drills such as this one are practiced for any contingency that may require evacuating the school.

As part of the drill, teachers leading their classes carried boxes of books, attendance records and other necessary items some students required, such as

medicines. Other teachers and some administrative staff donned bright reflective safety vests to shepherd the children toward their endpoint.

Armed with a walkie-talkie and a crossing guard's stop sign, Principal Sonja Rodriguez, SES, brought up the rear of line.

"Okay, our students cleared the school and were all in the tunnel by 9:08 a.m., eight minutes after we started the drill" she said, checking her watch after receiving a radioed message confirming all of the children had left campus and were at or on their way to the assembly point. "The next step is to account for everyone; once we account for everyone, we are on our way back to school."



Photo by Bardia Khajenoori, USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs  
**The entire SES student body follows the leader during a school evacuation drill, April 12.**



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**SES students flow from their campus to their assembly area on Panzer Kaserne during a semi-annual school evacuation drill, April 12.**

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# Students learn about life through reading literature

by Bardia Khajenoori  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

More than three dozen Patch Middle School students participated in an annual Reading Exhibition in the school's cafeteria, April 13.

Students from each grade went onstage to read from a piece of literature that inspired them. The event was presented by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The students shared a variety of works ranging from famous presidential speeches and the poetry of Langston Hughes to a ringside talk by wrestler John Cena. One student read from Harry Potter in a British accent while another revealed her past experience of being bullied before launching into an impassioned rendition of Maya Angelou's poem, "Still I Rise."

The students were judged for

awards by a team of school faculty members on presentation quality and creativity, among other factors. Some presenters went the extra mile, for example donning a suit and tie for an excerpt from John F. Kennedy's inaugural address or a New York Yankees uniform for a speech by baseball legend Lou Gehrig.

Seventh grader Gray Bayless, wearing a Roman toga, presented a monologue from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," reading from a scroll as he asked his audience to lend him their ears. He said he was moved by the relevance of the content to today's world, despite the words being written in the 16th century for a character who lived over two thousand years ago.

"It's nice to let people relate to what you're saying," Bayless said, describing some common themes such as betrayal and the potential

influence of a single individual.

"When you read, it's not only the book bringing something to you, but also you bringing something to the book," said Elvert Gardner, Stuttgart Chapter President for Alpha Phi Alpha. "Different readings will inspire different people, and it's exciting to me to see children so excited about literature."

The fraternity's twelve-year-old partnership with DoDEA schools is a key part of its efforts to encourage college attendance and graduation, as well as lifelong educational achievement. Reading is a fundamental part of that process, Gardner explained, but it's also a two-way exchange that varies for each person.



Photo above by Patch Middle School  
**Seventh grader Gray Bayless, dressed for the part in a Roman toga, reads a monologue from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" during the Patch Middle School reading exhibition, April 13.**

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**Members of Alpha Phi Alpha listen to student Tyler Shields read a presidential speech; (far right) the student body of Patch Middle School listens to a classmate read, April 13.**





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# Cadettes of Girl Scout Troop 514 create special new 'Braving Barcelona' patch

By Lt. Col. Lisa Dennis  
Executive Officer, Army Health  
Clinic Stuttgart and  
Stuttgart Girl Scouts Overseas  
Council Chair

Recently, three girls from Stuttgart Girl Scout Troop 514 created the "Braving Barcelona Patch," which will guide girls around the beautiful city of Barcelona.

The patch was created by Stuttgart Cadettes Delaney Garay, Fiona Miller, and Isabella Ross, and tested by Troop 514. The Cadettes developed the Patch to guide their troop when they visited the city for their spring trip in June 2017. As the troop made trip plans, they found that there was no existing Girl Scout badge for Barcelona similar to other discovery badges for major European cities. So, the girls created one. Their troop tested Braving Barcelona on the trip, and that feedback was included in the final requirements.

"This is the perfect patch to help girls and their families explore the major highlights of a vast and artistic city," Garay said.

The patch features top Barcelona attractions, including La Sagrada Família and Park Güell, both of which were designed by one of the city's most famous citizens, Antoni Gaudí. Several more of Gaudí's creations are recommended in Braving Barcelona. Also, girls and families using the patch as their tour guide will learn how Barcelona came to the world's attention in the 1992 Summer Olympics.

"For those Girl Scouts associated with the military, Braving Barcelona spotlights the U.S.



Photo by Girl Scout Troop 514 leader Erin Shannon Miller  
**Girl Scouts of Troop 514 visit the memorial to 49 Sailors and Marines killed in an accident in Barcelona harbor on Jan. 17, 1977.**

memorial to the 49 Sailors and Marines who died in an accident in the harbor," Ross said.

Another connection Girl Scouts of the USA might enjoy is that of the Christopher Columbus statue, located near the memorial. Columbus returned from his famous voyage to Barcelona to report on his discoveries to Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, who supported the expedition.

"As with other Girl Scout discovery patches, Braving Barcelona encourages you to try local foods, such as paella and manchego cheese, and learn more about the history and symbols of Spain's second largest city," Fiona Miller said.

For enthusiastic photographers, there is a photo scavenger hunt throughout the city. Girl Scouts of all levels can complete the requirements in 1-2 days.

"To raise funds for the spring trip, Troop 514 approached the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a grant. During the meeting, the idea for Braving Barcelona was presented and members of the VFW suggested the U.S. Memorial and explained the history," Garay said.

"This truly opened our

eyes to a unique connection we and others could make with Barcelona that we hadn't thought of before," Miller added.

There are many ways girls can learn leadership, confidence and try activities that challenge their mind, body and soul; joining the Girl Scouts is one of those ways. Being a part of Stuttgart Girl Scouts is a great way for girls to not only make new friends, but also work on projects that expand their minds and challenge their abilities.

Girl Scouts also provides the opportunity to partner with other organizations in the Stuttgart military community and create those long-lasting working relationships that go a long way and make you say: "I'm glad I live here."

For Girl Scouts making plans to visit this historical and fascinating city, Braving Barcelona is the perfect tour guide for you and your family. If you're not a Girl Scout and want to find opportunities to explore, lead, and innovate in the Stuttgart community by joining Girl Scouts, visit [www.usagso.org](http://www.usagso.org) to sign up; parents can also sign up to be leaders.

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Rally tents will be open 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday - Thursday, with complimentary fruit and beverages, and information and assistance on commuting to and from installations, maps and routes, cycling advice and bike maintenance. At Kelley Barracks, the tents will be near the theater by Broadway Café; on Patch Barracks by the APO. A group ride to Tubingen departs at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18 from Kelley and Patch 7-Mills Trail. Visit one of the tents to find out more about specials for bicyclists and enter a raffle.

### New sheriff in town

The 554th Military Police Company will hold a change of command, 11 a.m., May 14, on the Panzer Barracks parade field. Call 431-2280.

### RSO volunteers (still) needed

The Retiree Services Office, Bldg. 2915, Rm. 122, Panzer Kaserne, is still looking to fill until volunteer positions to run the retiree council. Retiree actions will still be processed by the garrison Retirement Services program manager. If you're a community member interested in volunteering to run the Retiree Services Office or to be on the council, or if you need assistance with a retiree action, call 431-2010 or 07031-15-2130.

### Showtime

"A Coarse Acting Show (The Original Plays That Go Wrong)" opens at 7:30 p.m., May 18, at the Stuttgart Theatre Center, Kelley Barracks. The German-American Acting Guild (GAAG) is intent on showing of their range of skills and have chosen four pieces that they know will display their talent but things just don't seem to go as planned. Reserve your seat at [www.Stuttgart.armymwr.com](http://www.Stuttgart.armymwr.com), or call 421- 3258 or 0711-729-3258.

### Do you copy?

The 52nd Signal Battalion have a change of command ceremony at the Patch Washington Square, 9 a.m., May 30 (the Patch Fitness Center is the alternate in case of rain).

### Mission Ready 66

A stronger, healthier you will prepare you whatever

mission lies ahead, whether it's a deployment, an athletic feat or just to be able to keep up with the kids. Whatever your mission, the Mission Ready 66 Fitness Competition points begin May 9 and end until July 14 - 66 days, the average time it takes to form a new habit. Email [stuttgartfitness@gmail.com](mailto:stuttgartfitness@gmail.com) or visit the Patch or Panzer Fitness Center.

### Adopt a Barracks

The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club seeks organizations to participate in its annual "Adopt a Barracks" program throughout the month of May for Military Appreciation Month. Organizations are asked to provide snacks, candy, bathroom supplies, homemade cards, banners, etc., to show unaccompanied military personnel how much they're appreciated. To sign up, email [SCSC.commenhancement@gmail.com](mailto:SCSC.commenhancement@gmail.com).

### Downhill all the way

The 5-mile Cobblestone Classic run on the historic cobblestone tank trail takes place at 10 a.m., June 2. This year the run begins on Panzer and ends on Patch. Pet and stroller friendly. Register early and save, plus the t-shirts are first come, first served. Visit <https://stuttgart.armymwr.com> for details.

### Army Birthday Bash

The Stuttgart Army Ball takes place, 5 p.m., June 9 in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle. Tickets are now available online at [www.eventbee.com](http://www.eventbee.com). Find "Stuttgart Army Ball" then select seats, meal and transportation options.

### School's out for summer

June 14 will be the last day of school. It will also affect the back gate at Panzer Kaserne. Watch the garrison Facebook page for updates.

### Run to Remember

The Memorial Run to Remember Run was started in 2008 by the chaplain for 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Runners take on a challenging half-marathon and 5K course in the local training area in tribute to fallen friends and colleagues in the Post 9/11 era. Participants are inspired by 46 names of loved ones and colleagues identified on the back of the race T-shirt. The run is takes place July 14.

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# Hoping for the perfect situation

By Ch. (Capt.) David L. Sprinkle  
1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces  
Group (Airborne)

As I type this, the heat outside is growing in the later part of the afternoon. The weather is unseasonably hot and this is a cause for concern for some. I heard someone even complain about the heat.

A strange thing, since I remember some similar comments around February, except it was about the cold. I would have thought the long hours of cold, dark, rain filled winter, would have saved up a desire for more vitamin

D to thaw out our innards.

Scholars believe the human brain may have an unlimited storage capacity, but it seems we have short memories. How is it that we can be so affected by heat after experiencing a long and cold winter?

Perhaps the problem is not with the heat or the cold, but with us. We expect each situation to adapt to our desired perfect reality, and wait for that paradise to find rest.

In some measure, we all hope for the perfect situation. The problem is, if we wait for this, who is to say that it will ever come?

The Apostle Paul said, "for I

have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:11b-13)." Paul's philosophy and faith, forces his assessment of his life beyond what is happening TO him, where he finds his rest in what is happening WITHIN him.

We must remember that our lives are not the summation of our circumstances, but the product of God's work within us.

## Regular Chapel Worship Services (subject to change during holidays)

### Protestant Services (Sundays)

8:30 a.m. - Panzer Liturgical, Panzer Chapel

10:00 a.m. - RB General, Bldg. 115 & 116

10:30 a.m. - Panzer Contemporary, Panzer Chapel

11:00 a.m. - Patch Collective Protestant, Patch Chapel

12:30 p.m. - Panzer Gospel Service, Panzer Chapel

### Catholic Sunday and weekly Mass schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Patch Chapel

12:00 p.m. - RB Bldg. 115 & 116

5:00 p.m. - Patch Chapel

Monday 11:00 a.m. - Patch Chapel, Adoration

11:45 a.m. - Patch Chapel

Tuesday 11:45 a.m. - Patch Chapel

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. - Kelley Theater

Thursday 11:45 a.m. - Panzer Chapel

Saturday 4:15 p.m. - Panzer Chapel, Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. - Panzer Chapel

Jewish Service - 1st & 3rd Friday of each month

7:00 p.m. - Panzer Chapel (small side Chapel. Enter from the bowling alley side)

For more information on regular scheduled services, contact the Religious Support Office at 431-3079 or email: [usarmy.stuttgart.id-europe.mbx.rso-events@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.id-europe.mbx.rso-events@mail.mil)

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# CID seeks qualified officers to join warrant officer ranks

U.S. Army  
Criminal Investigation Command  
CID Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking first lieutenants and captains, from all military occupational specialties, interested in becoming CID Special Agents to submit applications to transition to a CID Special Agent warrant officer, MOS 311A.

MILPER Message Number 18-054, Officer Application Requirements for Appointment to CID Warrant Officer (MOS 311A), outlines the specifics of the program.

"Applications will be accepted through May 18, 2018," said Lisa Dodd, chief of Special Agent Accessions Branch. "Approved applications will be considered by the warrant officer accession board which convenes in July 2018, so qualified applicants are encouraged to visit the closest regular Army CID office to start the process as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that one does not have to have a police background- it's not a requirement to qualify and be accepted into this specialized program. A complete list of CID offices can be found <http://www.cid.army.mil/>.

In addition to the CID Agent application, qualified officers must also prepare a warrant officer application. The warrant officer application, and the CID application and packet submission checklist are available at your local CID office. The warrant officer application requirements, packet submission checklist, and Warrant Officer Recruiting Team points of contact are located on the U.S. Army Recruiting Command website at <http://www.USAREC.army.mil/hq/warrant/>. For more information, visit [www.gowarrantnow.com](http://www.gowarrantnow.com) or contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at [usarmy.knox.usarec.mbx.9sbnwo-team-questions@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.usarec.mbx.9sbnwo-team-questions@mail.mil).

As CID Special Agent warrant officers are subject matter experts and leaders who manage all aspects of felony criminal investigations in all operational environments. They plan, organize and supervise criminal investigations, protective services and rule-of-law operations.

According to senior CID leadership, the Commissioned Officer to Warrant Officer Program is open to all specialties. It's a unique model because company grade officers have a

great deal of leadership training early in their career versus a great depth of technical training and our warrant officers have an extensive amount of technical proficiency. This blend between the commissioned and warrant officers is viewed as synergistic because those junior agents can share lessons of both leadership and technical work with the newly transitioned officers.

This is the third consecutive year this particular recruiting program has been offered. Prior to that, transitions were on a case-by-case basis.

"The officers that choose to go down the warrant officer path are bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the criminal investigation table, when coupling specialty performance differences between the commissioned and warrant officer ranks," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Edgar Collins, CID's command chief warrant officer. "They are

already bringing the leadership traits and skills that are learned as an officer, and they will be applying them once they are a warrant officer."

Dodd added that qualified officers who are interested in becoming CID special agents are encouraged to contact the CID Special Agent Accessions Branch for specific details at [USArmy.Join-CID@mail.mil](mailto:USArmy.Join-CID@mail.mil). They can also contact the nearest CID office, where personnel can help answer questions about the special agent program.

Those selected for appointment will be scheduled to attend the CID Special Agent Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and the MOS 311A Warrant Officer Basic Course, also at Fort Leonard Wood. Acceptance into the CID program is contingent upon successful completion of all training and a favorable Single Scope Background Investigation. Appointment to warrant officer will incur a six-year active duty service obligation.



## How to contact CID

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact your local CID Office or the Military Police or visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).



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# Local dancer places 1st in worldwide competition

By John Reese  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

You may have seen Patch Middle School 8th grader Luci Caralyne Parden performing with her fellow dancers from the Elaine Walker Irish Dance Academy in Böblingen; the Irish step dancers are becoming a regular feature around the Stuttgart military community, especially around St. Patrick's Day.

But what you may not have known is that Parden took first place for dancers under age 14 at the 2018 World Irish Dance Association (WIDA) World Championship Competition in Maastricht, The Netherlands, April 6.

This year saw 1200 dancers from 25 countries from around the world, including Germany and U.S. The competition took place April 5 - 8.

She competed in several big Irish dance competitions in Germany (six years champion), became the U.S. champion, took WIDA fourth place two years ago and second place in the in the 2017 competition held in Killarney, Ireland, before being crowned best in her age category in 2018.

She has been dancing half of her life (she just turned 14) during her family's eight years in Stuttgart,

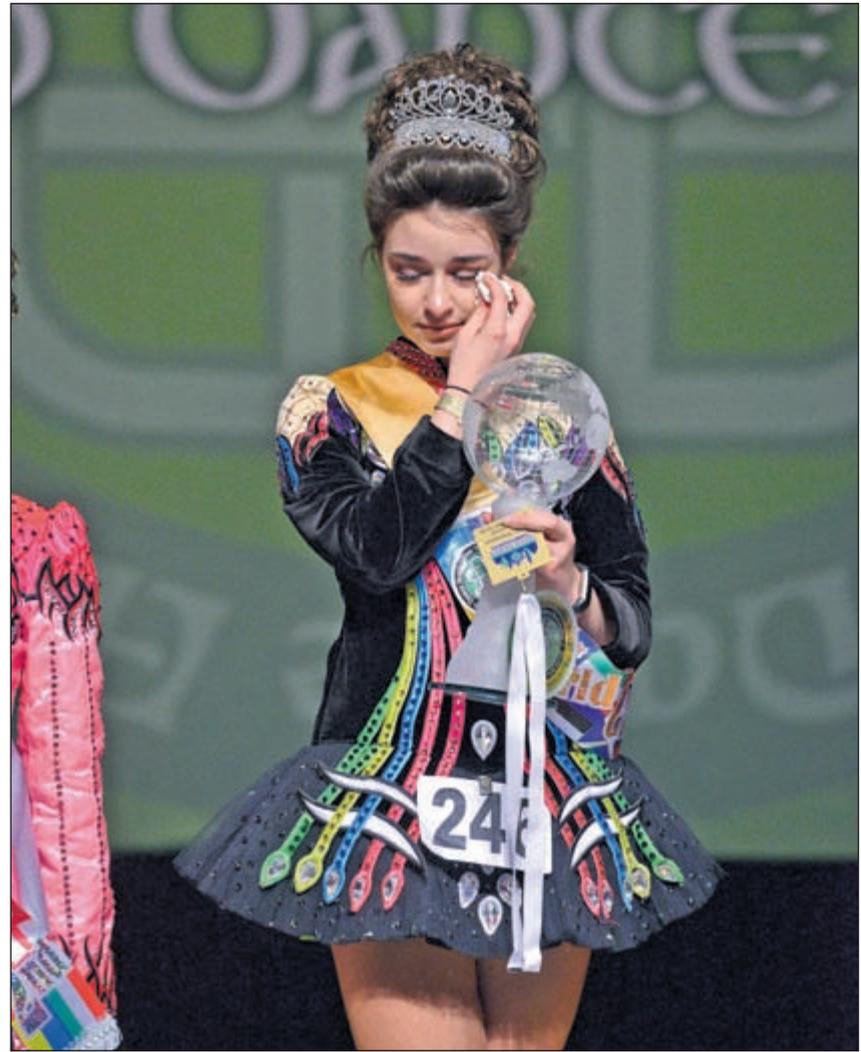
"When Luci started dancing at age 7, we thought she was a little girl going to a dance class to learn some skills and stay active," said her mother, Cheri Parden. "Within the first year, she won the Baden-Wurttemberg championship and was hooked."

Described as modest and not one to brag about her accomplishments, Parden performs at different events, dances with a team from her school, assists her dance teacher's classes with younger and older students, and has earned more than 50 trophies and thousands of medals and sashes. She's even danced at Scottish pipe band tattoos.

"Luci credits her accomplishments to her dedicated teachers at the school and her friends who helped her polish the dances and techniques to make her the well-rounded dancer she has become," said Cheri Parden. "It's her life she loves and she loves to give back."

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**Accepting her first place 2018 WIDA trophy and wiping tears of happiness, Luci Parden is declared the best Irish dancer in her class at the world championship in Maastricht, The Netherlands, April 6.**



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- Concordia College - Moorhead (NCAA Div III)
- Benedictine College (NAIA)
- Santa Clara University (NCAA Div I)
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# Many US wireless devices not allowed in Germany

By Michael K. Beaton  
USAG Ansbach

Many wireless devices brought from the United States or ordered on-line from U.S. companies are not authorized for use in Germany.

Each country owns its radio spectrum and can allocate this as it sees fit. Each country also has the right to say whether a particular electronic device is authorized to operate within its borders.

In the United States, many brands of baby monitors, remote control toys and some older cordless telephones use a frequency band that is reserved for German emergency services.

Most American baby monitors run on the 900MHz

frequency- which is what emergency groups (ambulance, police, and firemen) use in Germany.

These same baby monitors are also responsible for creating interferences with Vodafone Germany GmbH (mobile communications provider in Germany) signals, as they fall into Vodafone's assigned communications bandwidth.

Many U.S. cordless head-phones, telephones and older wireless home local area networks use frequencies within the German cell phone bands. Some of the newer home-use LANs are restricted to a portion of the band they are able to transmit in and may also cause interference to

military operations. The Bundesnetzagentur Federal Agency, Germany's version of the Federal Communications Commission, is more stringent than the FCC in the use of frequencies.

In past incidents, the Bundesnetzagentur has discovered and fined U.S. Army base housing units in Germany, where baby monitors were found to be in-

terfering with German emergency frequencies.

Using a frequency which is not officially assigned to you, whether knowingly or negligently is an administrative violation which is regulated in section 55 subs. 1 S.1 , section 149 subs 1 no. 10 of German telecommunication law. The penalty is a monetary fine up to € 500.000.

To find out if a wireless device is authorized in Germany, check the back or under the battery cover of the device. There should be an FCC label, a C.E. marking or both. The C.E. marking states the equipment is European compliant and can be used in Germany. If both markings are present, it can be used here and in the United States.

### Bottom line

If it only has the FCC markings on it, then its use in Germany is prohibited. Legal wifi baby monitors and other replacement wireless devices compliant with German law can be purchased at the local PX, or at most major off-post electronic outlets.



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# Swing into summer golf at the Kornwestheim garrison course

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The Stuttgart Golf Course, offers the following activities for golfers of the Stuttgart military community:

- May 8: Ladies Get Golf Ready Instructional Class**  
 Learn golf from a PGA professional and include full swing, short game and on-course instruction to include etiquette and rules. Must be 15 years of age or older.
- May 5, June 2, July 7, Sept. 1: Junior Golf Camp**  
 Ages 7-15 can learn the basic fundamentals of the golf swing and short game from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$25 per child, includes instruction, balls, clubs, and a small lunch.
- May 12: Co-Ed Get Golf Ready Boot Camp**  
 Learn golf fundamentals from a PGA professional and enjoy a hamburger lunch.
- May 12: Match Play Qualifier Golf Tournament**  
 The qualifying round is 18-holes of stroke play, with 80 percent of handicap. Tee times start at 8 a.m. Low net score will be seeded #1, second low net #2 and so on. Entry deadline is May 8.
- May 18: Organization 1775 Army Ball Golf Tournament**  
 18-hole, four-person team, best ball tournament. Includes green

fee, golf cart, unlimited range balls, logo ball, tees and ball marker. For information and registration, call 430-7883/2525.

- May 19: Golf Course Open House**  
 Green fees are half-off all day and rental clubs and range balls are free. A "Get Hooked on Golf" instructional class will also be offered for adults and juniors from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free burgers and pizza!
- May 19: Armed Forces Day/ Customer Appreciation Event**  
 Enjoy free burger, fries and soda, and free range balls, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Green fees and golf carts will be discounted to the 9-hole rate. Reserve a tee time to ensure play; call the pro shop starting May 12 at 7:30 a.m. (May 5 for Active Duty) at 07141-879151. Also, sign up for the free youth golf clinic from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the free adult golf clinic from 10 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 3 p.m. Enter the free putting contest from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and the free drawing for prizes).
- May 23: Wednesday Night Scramble Kick-Off**  
 Kick-off of the nine-event series of the popular 9-hole scramble events Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Pick your own team or sign up individually. Entry includes green fees, golf cart, and prizes.



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**Golfers participating in a "best ball" four-person golf scramble watch as one of the team members prepares to make her putt, April 28.**

Scrambles will be played every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of June, July, and August. Scramble dates are: May 23, 30; June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; and Aug. 8 (finale). Register up to 30 minutes before the start of each scramble, in person or by phone at 07141-879-151.

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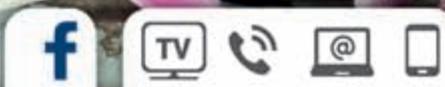
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