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## Army sexual assault victims now entitled to their own lawyers

By C. Todd Lopez  
*Army News Service*

**V**ictims of sexual assault now have the option to have legal representation following a sexual assault.

During criminal proceedings in a courtroom, the defendant has a lawyer. The state is also represented by its own lawyer, the prosecuting attorney. But the victims of sexual assault have historically not had the benefit of a state-provided advocate as they are interviewed, as they testify on the witness stand, and as they move through the other complexities of the criminal justice system.

This is no longer the case.

Starting this month, Soldiers who report that they have been the victim of a sexual assault can elect to

have a Special Victims Counsel assigned to them. An SVC is an active duty Army attorney, provided at no charge to the victim, who will represent the victim's interest throughout the course of the legal proceedings that might follow the report of a sexual assault.

Col. Jay McKee, an Army lawyer with the Army's Office of the Judge Advocate General, serves as the program manager for the Army's Special Victims Counsel program.

"Once the crime happens, or alleged crime happens, and the victim is seen by a victim advocate, or at the hospital or by Victim Witness Liaison — however the victim is taken into the system — they are notified that they have a right to an SVC."

It is a misconception, McKee said, that the prosecuting attorney in a criminal case represents the victim of a crime. The prosecutor represents

the government's interests or society's. But McKee added that in almost all cases those governmental interests are the same as the victim's: to see that justice is done.

"The prosecutor wants justice. He is serving the community, he is serving the military justice system for good order and discipline of the force," McKee said. "And 99 percent of the time, that interest is aligned with the victim's. They want the same thing." But sometimes, McKee said, the victim might have concerns that require the assistance of an attorney.

For example, the defense attorneys might also want to bring into the trial a victim's medical records or past sexual history. That might possibly damage a victim's reputation or embarrass her.

See *Special Victims Counsel* on page 4



## Plummeting pumpkins

*A pumpkin packaged in a box decorated as Stuart, a one-eyed minion from the film, "Despicable Me," bounces off the ground during Böblingen Elementary/Middle School's Great Pumpkin Drop on Oct. 25. The pumpkin survived a fall of about 30 meters after it was dropped from the rescue basket of the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department's aerial ladder truck. The pumpkin drop was sponsored by the BEMS Parent Teacher Association.*

Gunner Saunders

## Don't want to cook your own Thanksgiving dinner?

If you're looking for a Thanksgiving meal but want to avoid the stress of cooking it yourself, there are a few local alternatives.

• **The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Dining Facility** on Panzer Kaserne will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings a day early on Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As is the tradition, military leadership teams will serve patrons throughout the meal. The facility will be open from 11 a.m. to noon for 1/10th SFG(A) service members and their families, and from noon to 2 p.m. for the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community.

The meal will cost \$7.60; \$6.45 for dependents of E4s and below. The complete menu is online at [www.stuttgartcitizen.net](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.net).

The 1/10th SFG(A) DFAC is located in Building 2963.

• **The Kelley Club** will offer a Thanksgiving dinner buffet Nov. 28 with seating times at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended.

The buffet includes herb-roasted turkey, roast beef, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and an assortment of pies.

The price is \$22.50 for adults, \$10 for children from

5-10 years old, while those under 5 are free.

For more information, call 421-4660/civ. 0711-7207-0694 or email [Nicky@RB-Kelley-Club.de](mailto:Nicky@RB-Kelley-Club.de).

• **The United Service Organizations Stuttgart** will offer a free casual, family-style Thanksgiving meal Nov. 28 for the community. Feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert. The center, in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne, opens at

noon, and the meal will be served from 2-4 p.m.

• **Popeye's**, in the Panzer eXchange Food Court, offers frozen, but completely cooked Cajun turkeys that only need to be defrosted and put in the oven to be heated up. Reserve yours at the eatery.

• For those who are looking for a quick meal on Nov. 28, **Burger King** in the Patch Food Court will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Freedom 6 sends: strategic priorities from the CSA

Commentary by  
**Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.**

At the recent Association of the U.S. Army's annual meeting, the chief of staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, rolled out his strategic priorities, which will serve as the basis for the objectives outlined in the upcoming 2014 Army strategic planning guidance.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss those priorities and how they pertain to our mission here in U.S. Army Europe.

First, the Army's strategic vision is that our all-volunteer force will remain the most highly trained and professional land force in the world. It is uniquely organized with the capability and capacity to provide expeditionary, decisive land power to the joint force and is ready to perform across the range of military operations to prevent conflict, shape the environment, and if necessary, win decisively in support of combatant commanders to defend the nation and its interests at home and abroad, both today and against emerging threats.

To achieve this vision, the CSA has set five strategic priorities for the Army, and USAREUR plays a vital role in contributing to each:

**- Adaptive Army leaders for a complex world** includes educating and developing all Soldiers and civilians to grow the intellectual capacity to understand the complex contemporary security environment to better lead Army, joint, interagency and multinational task forces and teams.

**- A globally responsive and regionally engaged Army** requires us to maintain a responsive force posture and effective network of installations and capabilities to protect U.S. interests and those of our allies. We need to shape and set theaters for regional commanders employing unique Total Army (active-duty Army, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve) characteristics and capabilities to influence the security environment, build trust, develop relationships, and gain access through

rotational forces, multilateral exercises, mil-to-mil engagements, coalition training and other opportunities. This is something that we do well on a daily basis and will continue to improve upon.

**- A ready and modern army** means conducting tough, realistic multi-echelon home station training utilizing our live, virtual and constructive capabilities to efficiently and effectively assure individual, leader and unit competencies. Our Joint Multinational Training Command already leverages multi-echelon joint and multinational command post exercises, staff rides and simulations. In the future, we will continue to develop more creative and cost effective ways to train with our allies and partners.

**- Soldiers committed to our Army profession** focuses on renewing the foundation of our Army's strength daily by living the values of our profession and exhibiting the character, competence and commitment that are hallmarks of an Army professional. We must continue to build the comprehensive physical, mental, emotional and spiritual resiliency of our Soldiers, civilians and their families to enable them to thrive personally and professionally.

**- The premier all-volunteer Army** deserves our commitment and responsibility to provide benefits and high quality services such as Morale, Welfare and Recreation, education assistance, exchanges, housing, dependent schools, commissaries, and child and youth programs that are components of a professional force dedicated to the Army for the long term.

These priorities and the strategic guidance will provide the Total Army, and USAREUR, a definitive statement of our mission as we look ahead to build upon our hard-earned experiences of the previous decade of war and toward a future that poses distinct challenges of its own.

Over the next few months, I will talk about each of these priorities and how they relate to and affect our mission. I am confident that no matter what is asked of our team, we will continue to be the force that the Army and the nation need here in Europe.

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Martin Greeson

Roads in the Stuttgart area can quickly become treacherous during a winter storm. For up-to-date information on road conditions and operational status for all Stuttgart installations, community members can visit the garrison Facebook page.

# Stay informed on up-to-date road conditions, operational status

By U.S. Army Stuttgart Garrison  
Public Affairs Office

When winter weather strikes on an early weekday morning, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members don't need to be in the dark on cancellations and delays.

The garrison uses several methods to keep the community informed when decisions are made that impact operations due to the weather.

By 5 a.m., and throughout the day, notifications about road conditions and operations are posted to the garrison Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart](http://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart)).

Announcements will also air on American Forces Network Stuttgart (102.3 FM).

Community members can also call the Weather and Road Condition Hotline at 431-3744 or civ. 07031-15-3744.

The decision to cancel or close operations is made by the garrison commander by 4 a.m. after he has been informed of the current road conditions by the director of Emergency Services, based on input from Military Police patrols.

"Military Police patrols start accessing routes at midnight, and continue every hour during periods of inclement weather," said Maj. Paul Goynes, the USAG Stuttgart director of Emergency Services.

Only installation roads and the main routes between USAG Stuttgart installations are surveyed. Each route is assigned a number based on its condition, then all the numbers are averaged and an overall condition is assigned to the entire community, according to Goynes.

"It is important for community members to know that roads in the surrounding communities, including bus routes, are not assessed by the MPs," Goynes added.

Announcements regarding service member and employee work-reporting instructions during times of delayed or closed operations only apply to the garrison organizations and its workforce, the Logistics Readiness Center and Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

For those who work for U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, Special Operations Command Europe or other organizations, work delays and early releases are only authorized by their leadership.

But for those who must report to during periods of inclement weather, the garrison continues certain operations.

"We have the responsibility to maintain mission-essential operations and functions even when operations are reduced or closed," said John Kearney, director of USAG Stuttgart Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "For example, the child development centers must remain open for those employees who must work during those reduced or closed timeframes."

Employees and service members who cannot make it to work because of inclement weather are urged to call their supervisors and request unscheduled leave.

"If you feel it is unsafe to get to work, call your supervisor and let them know. By all means, do not travel if conditions are not adequate," said Kearney.

*Editor's Note: To avoid bogging down the phone system and delaying responses to actual emergency situations, community members are advised to use the weather hotline instead of calling the MP desk sergeant.*

*To learn more about the road condition and delay decision-making process timeline, visit [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil) and follow the "Weather" link.*

## News & Notes

### Open Season for federal benefits now underway

The Federal Benefits Open Season will run through Dec. 9 with changes effective the first full pay period in January.

During Open Season, eligible employees can enroll in or change their health, dental and vision insurance coverage or sign up for a flexible spending account.

All employees are encouraged to review their current enrollment coverage and premiums to make sure it will continue to meet their needs in 2014.

Department of the Army civilians can enroll in or change their Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian website at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil).

To enroll in dental and/or vision coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program or change an existing FEDVIP enrollment, visit the BENEFEDS website at [www.benefeds.com](http://www.benefeds.com).

Sign up for flexible spending accounts through the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program at [www.fsafeds.com](http://www.fsafeds.com).

The Office of Personnel Management's website, [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov), contains detailed information regarding plan changes, available plans and premiums.

### Want to change 2013 TSP contributions?

Department of Defense civilian employees who want to maximize their Thrift Savings Plan contributions this year should review their most recent LES to make sure they are on track to do so.

The last opportunity to make changes to 2013 TSP deductions is during the pay period of Nov. 17-30. Changes made during this pay period will be effective on Dec. 1 and will be reflected on the LES for pay date Dec. 26.

The first opportunity to make elections for both regular and TSP catch-up contributions for calendar year 2014 is the Dec. 1-14 pay period. Changes made during this pay period will be effective on Dec. 15 and will be reflected on the LES for pay date of Jan. 9, 2014.

Once information is available regarding maximum contribution limits for 2014, this information will be posted on the Army Benefit Center-Civilian website at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil).

### Volunteer for the Tax Center

The Stuttgart Law Center's Tax Office is seeking volunteers with prior tax preparation experience to assist the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community in filing tax returns during the 2014 tax season.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, Internal Revenue Service representatives will provide formal tax preparation training.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Law Center at 421-4152/2609 or civ. 0711-729-4152/2609.

### Road conditions: What these colors mean \*

**Black** - Flooding or heavily drifting snow, extreme ice, visibility under 15 meters. Emergency vehicles only.

**Red** - Drifting snow, sheet ice and low visibility (between 15-20 meters).

**Amber** - Wet, slushy roads, patches of black ice, reduced visibility (less than 50 meters).

**Green** - Dry roads, no sheet ice or drifting snow, visibility in excess of 50 meters.

\* Note: Conditions must exist on more than 50 percent of examined roads for color level to be declared.

# On the Blotter

**Oct. 5:**

A service member had her purse stolen while she attended the Cannstatter Volksfest.

**Oct. 14:**

Military Police responded to a domestic disturbance on Panzer Kaserne.

**Oct. 22:**

A civilian employee backed his car into another car that was parked on Kelley Barracks.

**Oct. 23:**

A service member tested positive for a controlled substance after taking his wife's prescription pain killers.

**Oct. 24:**

Two service members reported that their cars were damaged while parked on Panzer Kaserne.

A service member driving in Böblingen was hit by a local national who failed to stop properly.

A service member took a government fire-arm, made suicidal gestures, and evaded police for several hours before surrendering.

**Oct. 25:**

Three community members were involved in traffic accidents, both off and on post.

**Oct. 27:**

Several service members reported damage to their vehicles from high winds and debris.

**Oct. 28:**

Military Police responded to four traffic accidents.

**Oct. 29:**

A service member reported that an unknown person opened a credit card in the service member's name and incurred a debt of \$1,343.

**Oct. 31:**

Military Police responded to a traffic accident on Kelley Barracks.

Two off-post traffic accidents were reported to Military Police.

**Nov. 1:**

A civilian employee was in a traffic accident, which was her fourth accident in Germany.

**Nov. 2:**

A service member reported that someone broke into his off-post house through the patio door and stole around \$1,000 worth of personal property.

Military police responded to a domestic disturbance and learned that a service member, while arguing with his spouse, pushed her down onto the couch and the floor, and threw her cell phone against the wall before the spouse fled and notified the service member's chain of command.

**Nov. 3:**

Two service members were arrested by German police after they stole license plates from several vehicles in Stuttgart. Military Police administered breathalyzer tests, which read 0.16 percent and 0.10 percent for the two subjects.

A civilian employee reported that someone damaged his mailbox at his off-post house.

*On the Blotter is compiled by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services and Stuttgart Law Center.*



S.J. Grady

## USAREUR CSM visits garrison

*Command Sergeants Major don't happen to drop in every day, so when Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, the senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Europe, visited U. S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Nov. 7, a number of enlisted Soldiers gathered at the 1/10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Dining Facility for a question and answer session. Davenport also met with the staff at Army Community Service to discuss the Army's Ready and Resilient campaign and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, and visited the 554th MP Company barracks.*

## Special victims counsel . . . . .

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"They can try to get that introduced on the record," McKee said. "The defense is there to represent the defendant, the accused; they are going to put on the best case for the accused. Sometimes that is not in the best interest of the victim to undergo cross examination in a public trial about her past sexual history or to have her personal medical records be reviewed by parties to a courts-martial."

The SVC can help the victim make sense of the ramifications of trial, and help her understand what will happen. McKee also said that while the SVC will not participate in the "adversarial portion" of a trial — in that there will not be a third table in the courtroom for the SVC and the victim — the SVC will be able to make motions on behalf of the victim, talk to the Special Victim Prosecutor, the trial council, trial defense attorney, and the staff judge advocate "in terms of what justice looks like for the victim."

Right now, there are about 45 SVCs in the Army, across the United States, and in Europe. There will soon be an SVC in Afghanistan as well. The total number of SVCs the Army will ultimately need will be determined after a year of evaluating manpower needs for SVCs, McKee said.

A Special Victims Counsel is nominated for service out of the existing pool of Army lawyers, and serves for no more than two years. They are chosen

after an evaluation based on their military justice experience, maturity and judgment. Those chosen for the program undergo three days of training, which includes classes on professional responsibility, military rules of evidence, the Army's parole system, forensic medical exams, rules for practicing as an SVC, and classes from professionals who teach about how to treat and talk with a victim of a sexual assault.



**Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas Rau**  
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**Be an angel this holiday season**

Give a child a gift this holiday season. The 2013 Holiday Program provides Angel Tree gifts to families experiencing financial hardship during the holiday season.

Families whose sponsor is an E5 and below, or civilians in grades GS6 or below, may be recipients of Angel Tree gifts. To nominate families, contact unit commanders or direct supervisors by Nov. 15.

To participate, stop by the nearest Angel Tree, remove a tag with information on a child and purchase a gift. Return the unwrapped gift to Army Community Service or any Angel Tree drop box no later than Dec. 16. Be sure to affix the Angel Tree tag to your gift. Angel Trees will be set up from Nov. 18 through Dec. 13 at the Panzer eXchange, ACS (Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne), Patch and Kelley commissaries.

For more information, call the ACS Financial Readiness Program at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

**SCSC basket auction takes place Nov. 19**

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club will hold its annual basket auction on Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks. The auction will start at 6 p.m. The ticket price of \$30 also includes dinner.

To RSVP, send an email to [scs4reservations@yahoo.com](mailto:scs4reservations@yahoo.com).

**Self-defense class for women offered**

The Marine Forces, Europe and Africa women's self-defense team will offer a self-defense class Nov. 26 from 5-8 p.m. in Building 3310, Kelley Barracks. The deadline for registration is Nov. 19.

To sign up or more information, contact the team at [marineswomenselfdefense@gmail.com](mailto:marineswomenselfdefense@gmail.com).

**Celebrate American Education Week**

American Education Week will be celebrated nationwide Nov. 18-22. This year, Army Continuing Education will join forces with educators from across the country to strengthen their resolve in providing quality education for Soldiers with the theme, "Army Continuing Education: Strength and Resiliency through Education."

On Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., representatives from the University of Maryland, University of Oklahoma and Central Texas College will sponsor an information table in the Panzer eXchange mall.

For more information on Army Continuing Education programs and educational services, stop by the Panzer Education Center, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

**Blood drive set for Nov. 20**

The Armed Services Blood Bank Center will hold a blood drive in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community Nov. 20 in the Patch Community Club

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drive is sponsored by the Stuttgart American Red Cross.

Donors must be at least 17 years old. Appointments can be made online at [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil). Walk-in donors are always welcomed.

To find out if you are eligible to give blood, visit [www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Donors/can\\_i\\_donate.aspx](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Donors/can_i_donate.aspx).

**Panzer Kaserne morning school traffic pattern changes**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services has changed the morning traffic pattern for vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of Böblingen Elementary/Middle School on Panzer Kaserne.

The new one-way traffic pattern will be enforced each school day from 7:30-8:10 a.m. until the end of the school year with traffic barriers and Military Police patrols, and will help to ensure the safety of community members in the vicinity of the school. Parents in vehicles will be allowed to drop-off students, but vehicular traffic will be routed one-way into, through and out of the parking lot at the north end of the school.

No private vehicles will be allowed to drive south past the parking lot entrance and Military Police will ensure all vehicles follow the one-way traffic pattern.

Pedestrian traffic will also be restricted only to designated sidewalks and crosswalks.

**Thanksgiving holiday schedule**

Most organizations and facilities in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be closed Nov. 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving federal holiday, and many may be closed or offer limited services during the Nov. 29 training holiday. While the listings are too numerous to detail here, we've included a few. Patrons are advised to call ahead before visiting any facility.

- The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic and Dental Clinics will be closed Nov. 28 and 29. For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line at civ. 00800-4759-2330. Contact the Military Police in case of a medical emergency.

- All Stuttgart commissaries will be closed Nov. 28.

- The Exchange on Panzer Kaserne will be closed Nov. 28. It will open at 8 a.m. Nov. 29.

- On Nov. 28, the Patch Shoppette will be open 24 hours. The Kelley Shoppette will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the Panzer Shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- The Army Education Center will be closed Nov. 28 and 29.

- The Patch, Panzer and Kelley Community Banks will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 28. The Robinson Barracks bank will be closed for the holiday.

- Vehicle Registration will be closed Nov. 28 and 29.

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**America Recycles Day is Nov. 15**



Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on Nov. 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day. The day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

Your attitude and actions can make a world of difference. Each small act of conservation adds up and can have an enormous impact on the health of the environment.

Learn more recycling at the DPW environmental information table at the Panzer eXchange from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 15.

For additional information about recycling, visit [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org) or call the Environmental Division at 421-6288/6135.



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# Commissaries to start scanning IDs

## Defense Commissary Agency news release

Commissaries will soon begin scanning customers' Department of Defense ID cards at checkouts as the Defense Commissary Agency continues its efforts to deliver a 21st century benefit.

The commissary at Fort Lee, Va., became the first store to scan ID cards on Oct. 22 as the first part of an agency-wide rollout to all stores that began Nov. 10 and will be completed by mid-January.

Commissary shoppers are used to

showing their ID cards to establish their eligibility to use the commissary. By scanning the ID at checkout, DeCA will no longer need to maintain any personal information on customers in its computer systems, such as the system used for customers who write checks.

Scanning will also help improve the commissary benefit for all patrons, according to Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and chief executive officer.

"In addition to verifying customers as authorized commissary patrons, we'll gain information that will give us a better understanding of our patrons, allowing the agency to provide the

commissary benefit more effectively and efficiently," Jeu said.

Cross-referenced with other DOD data, the scan data will give DeCA useful information about patron usage by military service, along with customer demographics that do not identify specific personal data of an individual.

This will eventually help the agency identify shopping needs and preferences — information that is essential in today's retail business environment. It will also allow more accurate reporting to the military services on commissary usage.

The demographic information

DeCA will use is strictly limited to card ID number, rank, military status, branch of service, age, household size, and ZIP codes of residence and duty station. DeCA will not be using any personal information such as names, addresses or phone numbers.

"The methods, processes and information we'll use will not compromise our customers' privacy — they can be sure of that," Jeu said. "We're putting technology to work to better understand our customers and ensure the commissary benefit continues to remain relevant to them now and in the future."



Carola Meusel

## Garrison Retiree Appreciation Day recognizes those who serve

Cliff Heisler, the Stuttgart Central Processing Facility manager, has his blood pressure taken by Tamiriz Centeno (right), a community health nurse with the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic, during the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 24. Heisler is a retired Army Master Sgt. with 23 years of service. Judy Estroff (center), a family nurse practitioner and clinic volunteer, was on hand to administer flu vaccinations to retirees. Throughout the day, military retirees of all branches were able to get vision screenings, blood pressure checks and immunizations. Some 160 retirees participated in the event that was held at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

## ID Card Scanning Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is DeCA Scanning ID Cards?

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### Why does DeCA need this information?

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### Who will use this information?

The information will be used only by the Defense Commissary Agency.

### I am an agent for an authorized shopper. Can I still shop for the authorized patron?

Yes. You will still present the same documentation as before, based on guidelines for your respective installation. Required documentation is normally an Agent Letter or an Agent Card.

### Why do I have to both show my ID and scan it at the register?

Showing your picture ID verifies that you are indeed the ID card holder.



Gunner Saunders

Panzer Commissary customer Rose Brown shows her ID card to cashier Lilian Grajo Nov. 7. Starting this month, Stuttgart commissaries will scan shoppers' ID cards at the checkouts.

### Why does the cashier have to scan my ID card and my Rewards Card?

These two cards are independent of each other. The reason for scanning the ID card is explained in question #1. The Commissary Rewards Card is scanned to apply digital coupon discounts to your total shopping purchase.

### Do I have to have my ID card scanned at checkout?

#### Can I opt out?

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**TARP briefings offered next month**

The Stuttgart Military Intelligence Field Office will hold several Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings next month. Briefings are scheduled for:

- Dec. 4, Panzer Chapel sanctuary room;
- Dec. 6, Patch Chapel sanctuary room;
- Dec. 9, Kelley Theatre.

Briefings will be offered at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on each day.

All military and civilian personnel, regardless of branch of service, are required to receive a TARP briefing at least once a year. Family members are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact your unit's security manager.

**Due to PCS soon?**

For those who plan to relocate in the next several months, permanent

change of station/pre-separation briefings will be held Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne.

All service members and civilians departing within the next four to five months should attend.

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. Advance registration is required.

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

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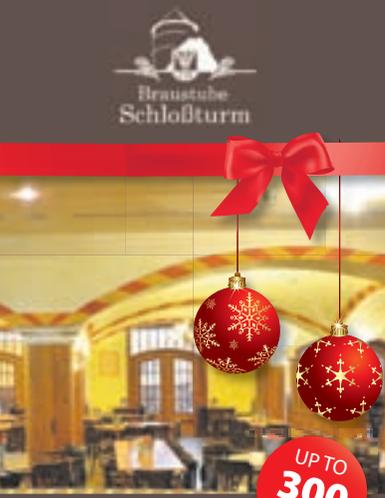


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# Garrison postal facilities extend hours for holiday season

## USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

For overseas personnel who plan to mail packages to friends and loved ones in the States or other duty locations, the holiday mailing deadlines are closing in.

To ensure that cards and packages originating in Europe and en route to locations in the U.S. reach their destinations in time, the Military Postal Service Agency recommends that customers mail packages on or before the following mail category deadlines:

- \* Space Available Mail — Nov. 26
- \* Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) — Dec. 3
- \* Priority Mail — Dec. 10
- \* First-class cards and letters — Dec. 10
- \* Express Mail — Dec. 17

Mail originating in the U.S. and sent to European Army and fleet post office addresses have similar mailing deadlines.

Mailing early can help customers avoid long lines at the post office and affords them an opportunity to use the least expensive, SAM option.

To make it easier on postal customers this holiday season, the Patch, Panzer and Kelley APOs will offer extended hours, and the Patch and Panzer APOs will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays starting Nov. 16 through Dec. 21, according to Robert Rauschenplat, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Postmaster.

Customers can make appointments for one hour before the Patch, Panzer and Kelley APOs open for business by calling the prospective servicing post office.

### Holiday APO hours, Nov. 16 to Dec. 21

- Patch Barracks APO, 430-7226**  
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Monday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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- Panzer Kaserne APO, 431-2563**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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- Kelley Barracks APO, 421-2542**  
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- Robinson Barracks APO**  
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### Community Mail Room customer service hours, Nov. 16 to Dec. 21

- Patch and Kelley Barracks, Panzer Kaserne**  
Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 am. to 3 p.m.
- Robinson Barracks**  
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# Dental health of Soldiers improves dramatically

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

For the past several decades, only about 20 percent of Soldiers were classified as “class 1 dental wellness.” In the dental community, that means those Soldiers were up to date on cleanings and required no dental work.

That number has since risen to around 40 percent and is climbing, said Col. Thomas R. Tempel Jr., the commander of U.S. Army Dental Command. The improvement is due to the Army-wide “Go First Class” program that began last month.

Traditionally, Soldiers would go for a routine exam. After the exam, they’d get another appointment for a cleaning and another for other work such as getting a filling.

It took a lot of appointments and time spent in the waiting room. The back and forth to appointments was so bad that only about half of the Soldiers who were told to return for dental

work ever did so. “We were not taking care of our Soldiers,” he said.

With “Go First Class,” Soldiers who come in for an exam also get a cleaning and often get a cavity filled all in one visit, Tempel said.

The program saves about 1.25 million hours of time per year, equating to \$31 million in E-4 pay and benefits, he said. The time and cost factors were computed by estimating the time spent in waiting rooms.

Those savings could improve even more in the future, he said, because the one-stop preventative care received will result in fewer larger problems down the road -- cavities, root canals and so on.

“Soldiers who achieve Class 1 are five times less likely to experience a dental emergency than someone who is Class 3,” and needs work done, he said. “That’s good for readiness, especially units deployed.”

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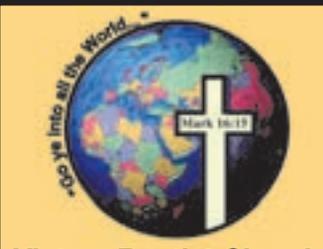
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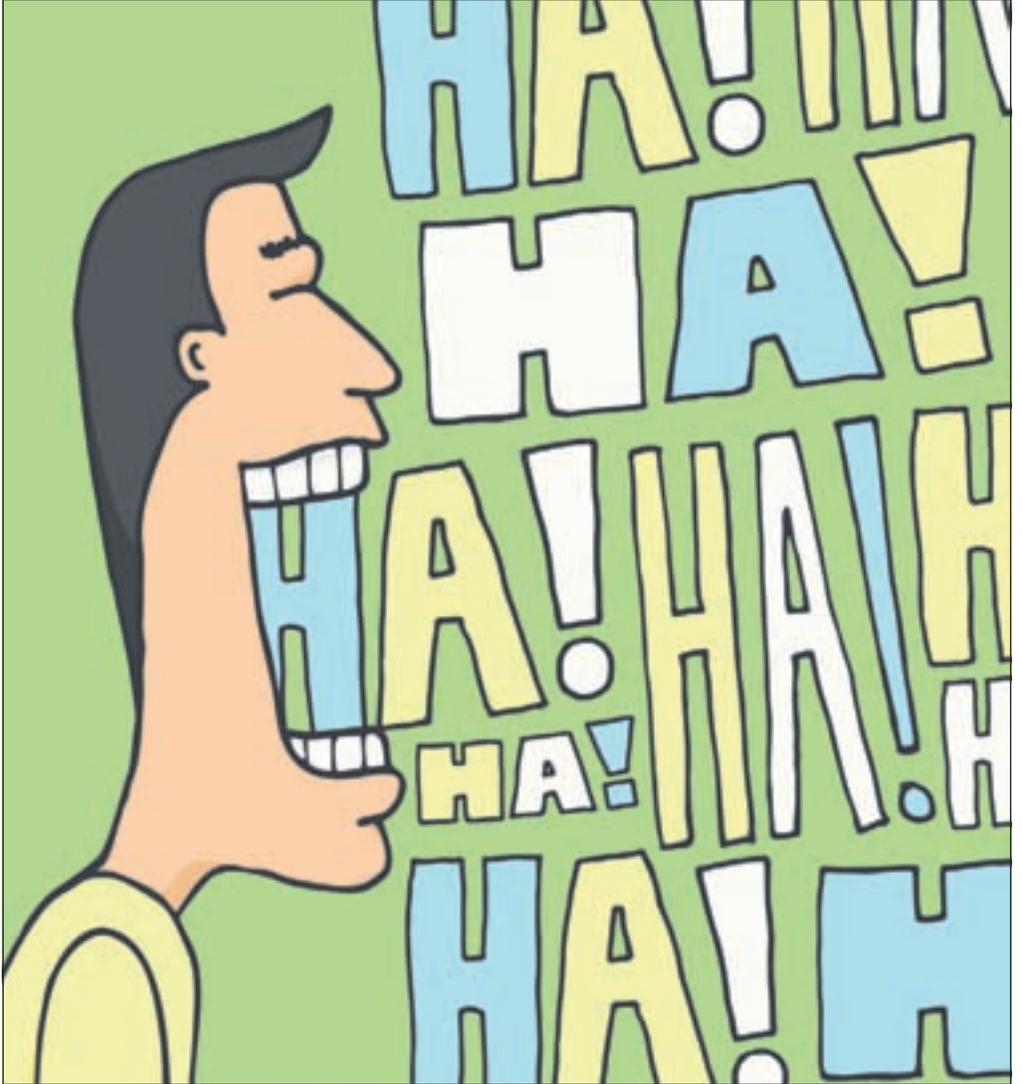


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*Laughter increases the release of endorphins, which are the body's feel-good chemicals that make you feel well. Laughter also decreases stress hormones.*

# Laughter offers relief from depression

By **Judith Woodward**

*U.S. Army Public Health Command*

Depression is one of the most common medical conditions. It can affect anyone at any time. This year, the Army is joining organizations and communities across the nation to raise awareness about the dangers of depression. The Army's theme, "The Courage to Seek Help," emphasizes that depression is one of the most treatable behavioral health conditions. Getting an early diagnosis and treatment may help reduce the intensity and duration of depression symptoms.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated one in 10 Americans report depression. This means that every year more than 31 million Americans say they suffer from depression. It can affect men, women, the elderly and even children.

Laughter, it's said, is the best medicine. And there is a lot of evidence that laughter can help ease stress, pain, sadness, even depression.

Studies show that:

- Laughter helps make you happy. Laughter increases the release of endorphins, which are the body's feel-good chemicals that make you feel well and can even relieve pain.
- Laughter helps you relax. The harder you laugh the more muscles you use in your face, arms, legs and stomach. Using these large

muscle groups increases oxygen flow, so that your muscles relax more efficiently.

- Laughter helps you stay healthy. Laughter decreases stress hormones, helps protect you against infections like a cold or the flu, and increases your ability to fight off infections.

- Laughter makes you smarter. OK, laughter cannot really make you smarter, but it can boost your memory and learning ability by increasing important brain activity in your cerebral cortex, which controls your higher functioning.

While some events are clearly not occasions for laughter, most life events do not push you towards either laughter or sadness. Most will fall into the in-between place of simple, ordinary life — this gives you the choice to be sad, or the choice to laugh. Although studies do not show that laughter adds years to your life, there is evidence that laughter can add life to your years.

*For those who feel they need more than laughter to deal with depression, primary care or behavioral healthcare providers can provide screening and care.*

*The Department of Defense also offers anonymous behavioral health assessments for service members, family members and civilians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at [www.militarymentalhealth.org](http://www.militarymentalhealth.org).*

## What's happening in FMWR

### Beer tasting, dinner at Kelley Club Nov. 15

The Kelley Club will offer ten different types of beers, along with a smorgasbord of German appetizers and main courses, Nov. 15 from 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$28 per person and is open to adults 21 and over. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 421-4660/civ. 0711-7207-0694.

### Parents' Day Out

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host a Parents' Day Out Nov. 23 at the Patch Child Development/School Age centers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up at Parent Central Services by Nov. 20.

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

### Photo contest ends

Entries to the 2013 U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Digital Photography Contest are now on display in the Patch Library. Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the library.

The winning entries will be eligible for the Department of the Army-level contest.

For more information, call the Patch Arts and Crafts Center at 430-5270/0711-680-5270.

### Find bargains at flea market Nov. 16

Community members can clear out their old possessions and load up on bargains at the community flea market to be held in the Patch Community Club Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

### Karaoke at Irish Pub

DJ Joker hosts karaoke Nov. 21 from 8-11 p.m. The Irish Pub is located in the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575. 5433/civ. 0711-680-5433.

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**Nov. 15** —Thor: The Dark World in 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m., Machete Kills (R) 8:30 p.m.

**Nov. 16** — Free Birds in 3D (PG) 2 p.m., Thor: The Dark World in 3D (PG-13) 4:30 p.m., Gravity in 3D (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

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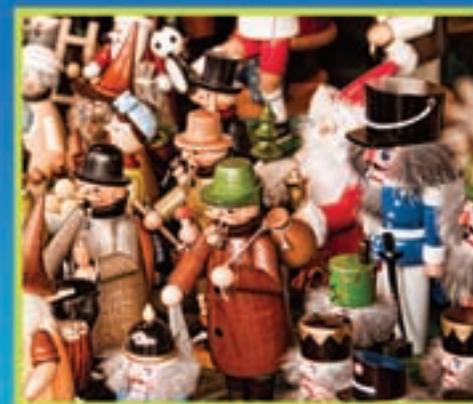


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# Holiday Season 2013

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Nov. 26 to Dec. 22: Esslingen's medieval Christmas market features over 180 booths and huts in the city center. Costumed vendors offer arts and crafts, food and drink, plus there's plenty of entertainment, such as jugglers, fire-breathers and jousting. The market will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Ludwigsburg

Nov. 26 to Dec. 22: The baroque-inspired Christmas village is located in Ludwigsburg's historic downtown area. The market is illuminated by arches and gates made up of thousands of tiny lights. More than 170 stands offer Christmas decorations, handmade candles, jewelry and much more. The market is also famous for its freshly baked gingerbread and "Holzofendinnde," or Swabian pizza. The market is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Stuttgart

Nov. 27 to Dec. 23: The Stuttgart Christmas market is located in the downtown area and spans from Marktplatz to Schillerplatz, Karlsplatz and Schlossplatz. With more than 250 festive booths and attractions, it is considered one of Europe's largest Christmas markets.

Children of all ages can enjoy an ice rink, a small Ferris wheel and a miniature train. A Finnish Christmas village can be found at Karlsplatz. The market will be open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Böblingen

Nov. 27 to Dec. 1: The Böblingen Lake sets the stage for this traditional Christmas market with entertainment, shopping and food. The market will be open daily from noon to 9 p.m.

### Möhringen

Nov. 30: The Möhringen Christmas market, located on Maierstrasse next to the Martin's Church, will be open for one day only, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The market offers handmade decorations, jewelry and pottery, as well as hearty food and freshly-made Glühwein.

### Vaihingen

Nov. 30 to Dec. 1: The Christmas market is located in downtown Vaihingen and spans from the town hall to the "Schwaben Galerie" shopping mall. More than 120 booths offer Christmas decorations, arts and crafts, and food. Children can enjoy a merry-go-round and bouncy castle. A historic "Old Toy Railways in Operation" exhibition will be held at the "Bürger Forum" on the Schwabenplatz Square exclusively during the Christmas market.

The market is open Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibition will be open Nov. 30 from noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Schorndorf

Nov. 30 to Dec. 18: The Schorndorfer "Weihnachtswelt," or Christmas world, will be held throughout the historic downtown area and at the market square in front of the town hall.

A life-size nativity scene, sheep, arts and crafts and seasonal food and beverages will be offered. The market will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Fellbach

Dec. 5-22: The market is located in the downtown area and spans around the city's town hall. Music, festively-decorated booths, a fairytale tent and an ice skating rink are also featured. The market will be open weekdays from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Herrenberg

Dec. 6-8: More than 50 decorated booths will offer a colorful array of gifts, crafts, food and more. The market will be open Friday from 2-8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Sindelfingen

Dec. 6-8: The Sindelfingen Christmas Market will be held all throughout the downtown area. The market will offer handmade arts and crafts, entertainment, a live nativity scene, a historic merry-go-round, food and Glühwein. The market will be open Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Bad Cannstatt

Dec. 7: The "Nikolausmarkt" on Marktstrasse will be open for one day only, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The market will offer Christmas decorations, arts and crafts, homemade waffles, cake and "Glühwein."

### Leinfelden

Dec. 7-8: The "Engelmarkt," or angel's market, is located at "Neuer Markt" in downtown Leinfelden. The market features a holiday concert and choir performance Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. Small booths offer arts and crafts, food and homemade baked goods. The market is open Dec. 7 from 3-9 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Tübingen

Dec. 13-15: The market spans all throughout Tübingen's historic downtown area and features hundreds of decorated huts and booths set up in front of the city's beautiful half-timbered houses.

If you are looking for an extraordinary holiday gift, Tübingen is the ideal place. Most of the goods offered are handmade: jams and honey, shawls, gloves, ceramics, toys, paintings, candles and Christmas tree decorations.

The market will open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Castles**Durlach*

Nov. 28 to Dec. 22: The medieval Christmas market in Durlach, near Karlsruhe, features medieval traditions such as brewing "Met," honey wine, jousting tournaments and fire-breathers, as well as glass blowing, gift huts and more.

The market is located at Schlossplatz in front of the "Karlsburg" castle and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

*Hechingen*

Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, and Dec. 6-8: The Schloss Hohenzollern Royal Christmas market claims to be one of the most romantic German Christmas markets held in a castle setting.

Visitors can enjoy the castle's atmosphere and history while shopping for family and friends in the castle's courtyard and ramparts.

There is an entry fee of €10 for visitors 16 and over, which includes parking and a shuttle bus service.

The market will be open Friday from 2-9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Heidelberg*

Dec. 5-17: Colorful lights, the aroma of "Lebkuchen," or gingerbread, and the majestic atmosphere of the castle make this market a magical Christmas experience. The market features arts and crafts, tasty treats, classical music and costumed tour guides. The market will be open daily from noon to 9 p.m. On Dec. 10 and 11, the market will be open from 5-9 p.m.

Note: The main Christmas market in the center of Heidelberg will run from Nov. 25 through Dec. 22 and will be open Sunday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

*Maulbronn Monastery*

Dec. 7-8: The Maulbronn Monastery is one of the most well-preserved medieval monasteries north of the Alps.

During the Christmas market, visitors can take in the historic atmosphere while enjoying sugar cookies, Glühwein, bratwurst and "Schupfnudeln," or Swabian potato noodles.

The market offers arts and crafts, felted accessories, jewelry, home decor, Christmas decorations and fine honey products.

Musical performances also create a festive atmosphere throughout the market. The market will be open Dec. 7 from 2-9 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Bruchsal*

Dec. 13-16, and Dec. 20-22: Bruchsal's baroque castle serves as the backdrop for a romantic fairy-tale Christmas market.

Visitors can enjoy Glühwein, shop for gifts, taste fresh Weihnachtsstollen (sweet Christmas bread) or simply enjoy the live music. The market will be open Friday from 3-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1-9 p.m., and Dec. 16 from 3-9 p.m.

*Stettenfels-Heilbronn*

Dec. 21-22: Burg (fortress) Stettenfels in Untergruppenbach, near Heilbronn, will hold a medieval Christmas market. Visitors can stroll through the castle's courtyards and outer buildings to shop and enjoy the season's offerings.

Glühwein, gingerbread, and Stollen, as well as decorations and candles can be purchased. Entrance to the fortress is €5 for adults; children 15 years old and under are free.

On Dec. 21, the market will be open from 1-9 p.m. and Dec. 22 from 11-7 p.m.

*Traveling**Ulm*

Nov. 25 to Dec. 22: The Christmas market will be held throughout the downtown area and the "Ulmer Münster," or cathedral. The cathedral boasts the highest steeple in the world (161.5 meters).

The market offers arts and crafts, food, Glühwein and a nativity scene with live animals.

The market is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Munich*

While Munich offers various Christmas markets throughout the city, the traditional "Christkindlmarkt" will be held at Marienplatz and throughout the historic downtown area.

The market will offer arts and crafts, ginger bread, wood carvers, a nativity scene, and an ice skating rink.

The market will be open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Augsburg*

Nov. 25 through Dec. 24: This Christmas market has nearly 150 stands, all located around a large Christmas pyramid in the city's historic downtown area. The market will be open Sunday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Nov. 30, the market will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

*Baden-Baden*

Nov. 25 through Dec. 30: A trip to this traditional Christmas market is like strolling through a scene from a winter fairy tale. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Nürnberg*

Nov. 29 through Dec. 24: One of Germany's most well-known and famous Christmas markets is located around the Frauenkirche in downtown Nürnberg. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Rothenburg ob der Tauber*

Nov. 29 through Dec. 23: While visitors to the "Christmas Village," can enjoy Christmas all year long, a visit to this medieval village during the holiday season is especially festive. The market is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

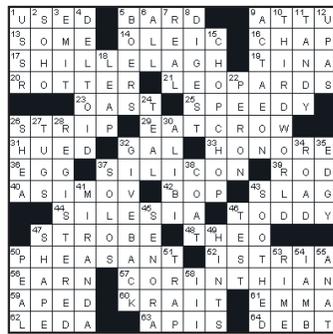
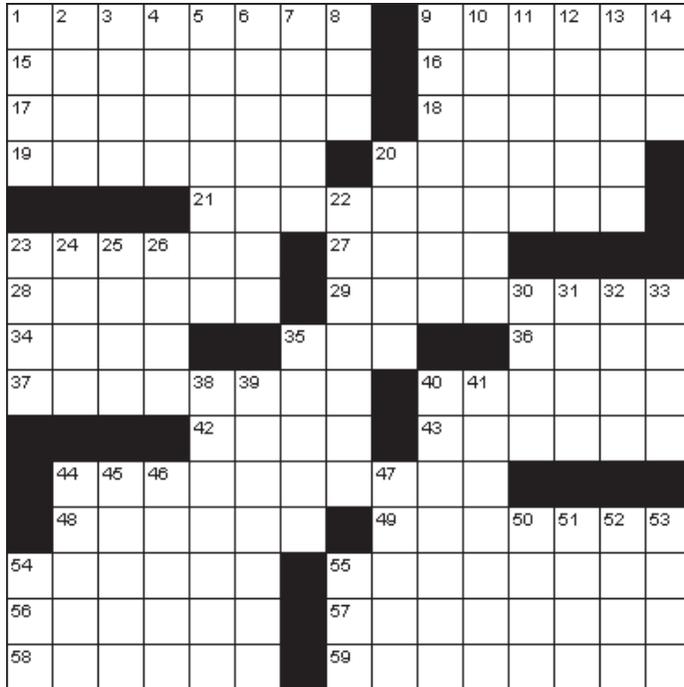
*Garmisch*

Nov. 30 to Dec. 24: This Christmas market is small but unique with snow-covered mountains and beautifully painted houses.

The Christmas market in Garmisch will be held all throughout the downtown area and Richard-Strauss Platz. The market will be open Nov. 30 to Dec. 24, daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Christmas Markets

# Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from October 31, 2013!

Courtesy of thinks.com

**ACROSS**

- 1 Pipe organ stop
- 9 Zany
- 15 Show
- 16 Madden
- 17 Slender dagger
- 18 Nerve cell
- 19 Clique
- 20 Actress Elke
- 21 Nickname of Emperor Frederick I
- 23 Sinclair Lewis novel
- 27 Verve
- 28 Frozen carbon dioxide
- 29 I swear
- 34 Nothing for Napoleon
- 35 Author Yutang
- 36 Parched
- 37 Kneaded
- 40 Mr Chips portrayer, 1969
- 42 Wild party
- 43 Relay
- 44 "The African Queen" writer
- 48 Beguile
- 49 Brightest star in Scorpio
- 54 Superfluous
- 55 Enjoyment

- 56 Clandestine
- 57 Dire
- 58 Stair parts
- 59 Evaluated

**DOWN**

- 1 Platter
- 2 Keen on
- 3 Collier's entrance
- 4 Heap
- 5 Sharp
- 6 Surfeit
- 7 Aquatic creature
- 8 "New" beginning
- 9 Hanukkah centerpiece
- 10 Windflower
- 11 Oil barrels
- 12 Worries
- 13 Ancient marketplace
- 14 Calligraphy need
- 20 Beauty parlor
- 22 In addition
- 23 Apt. accommodation
- 24 "Rigoletto" highlight
- 25 Tournament passes
- 26 Storage containers
- 30 Golden Triangle country
- 31 Anti-antis?
- 32 Venus de \_\_\_\_
- 33 Biblical garden
- 35 Bank
- 38 Stimulated
- 39 Attics for artists
- 40 Intros
- 41 Steak style
- 44 Provide food
- 45 Bad swing
- 46 Botanists' study
- 47 Stuff of legend
- 50 Auction caveat
- 51 Chafes
- 52 Perry's creator
- 53 Tennis ranking
- 54 East of Berlin
- 55 "Harper Valley \_\_\_"

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Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contains each of the numbers 1 through 9 once.

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# Youth Activities

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

## Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School hosted its Family Math Night

On October 23 students and their families tried a variety of hands-on activities and had dinner at the potato bar. The fun culminated with a scary concert put on by the elementary school students.

*Photos by William Thone*



Members of the Romanski family work with patterns to put together tangram puzzles. Clockwise are second grader Bella, four year old Thomas, mom Sarah, seventh grader Sophia, and four year old Rebecca.



Josh and Alethea Horning look on as daughter Joselyn tests her checkers skills. Little sister Kyla is held by her father.

Information Specialist JR. Snyder reads to balloon-wielding preschoolers. In a clockwise direction are Gage Hayes, Marshall Lambrecht, Madeleine Lambrecht, Elle Hanning, Alexis Hanning, and Taylor Hanning.



This group of students plays Qwirkle to learn about patterns, sequencing, and geometry. Clockwise from front left: Emily Barber (4th grade), Jake Runyon (2nd grade), Lily Brewster (8th grade), Victoria Sallot (8th grade), and Skyler Runyon (4th grade)

Seventh grader Josh Barrager and sixth grader David Ward gang up on 3rd grader Leilani Howland for an intense checkers game as her mother, Natasha Howland looks on.



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Fourth grader Aiden and first grader Savannah try their hands at Subtraction Bingo with their father SSGT Kyle Boals and mother Jeena.



Fourth graders Greta Brewster and Hannah Brown record an estimate for the mass of a handful of small objects then weigh them to determine how well they guessed.

Sixth grader Nicholas Parden estimated the mass of a handful of small objects then checked to see how he did.





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Photo by Ed Thornburg

## Ceramic Cottages

The BEMS Blue Ribbon students in Mr. Lloyd's 7th grade art class are building ceramic cottages. Getting started is the most difficult stage because, just like in real life, a cottage needs a sound foundation. Here we see Mr. Lloyd demonstrating the building techniques to students (L-R) Emma McLeod, Jessica Williams and Hannah Allen. It's a good thing the "construction workers" are paying close attention because, after construction, they have to go through the other building phases of firing, glazing and painting, or what the students might refer to as "decorating." Thanks Mr. Lloyd, we can hardly wait to see all the colorful, completed cottages.



Photo by James Lloyd

## Papier Maché

Evan Hentges, a Blue Ribbon art students in Mr. Lloyd's 7th grade art class works on her papier maché of "Nefertiti", the beautiful Egyptian queen.



Photo by Ed Thornburg

## Pumpkin Drop

Böblingen Elementary/Middle School students watch as the first pumpkin hits the blacktop Friday during the annual Fall Pumpkin Drop, sponsored by the BEMS Blue Ribbon PTA. After the pumpkin drop, a pep rally was held in the gym, where candidates for the student council presented their campaign speeches.



Photo by Emma McLeod

## Cowboy Carnival

Böblingen Elementary/Middle school fourth grader Jayda Dickinson attempts to capture a swinging chocolate donut during the "Cowboy Carnival" event which was sponsored by the Blue Ribbon PTA.

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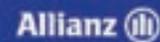
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**Necklace, fashion jewelry**, black, different pearls & stones, 5, s.vogl75@web.de

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## Christmas Market

Wed, Nov 27 – Mon, Dez 23

Stuttgart, City Center

Visit Stuttgart's traditional Christmas Market in the historic city center from November 27 to December 23. For more than 300 years this Christmas Market has been one of the most beautiful and biggest in Europe. Find traditional and modern Christmas decorations, toys, food and much more while strolling through the alleys drinking Glühwein (mulled wine). A child care program will be provided by the municipality. For more info in German see [www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.de](http://www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.de).

### EVENTS

#### Museum Late Night

Sat, Nov 16

Stuttgart, various museums

Visit a variety of museums during the Late Night event in Stuttgart on November 16. from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Landesmuseum Württemberg, the Linden-Museum and the Kunstmuseum provide free tours, workshops, live music and other activities. Tickets in advance are €15. For more info in German see [www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de](http://www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de).

#### German Red Wine Prize

Sat, Nov 16

Fellbach, Alte Kelter

The 27. Deutsche Rotweinpreis (German Red Wine Prize) will be awarded at Alte Kelter in Fellbach on November 16. In the afternoon Germany's top red wine makers present their best wines before the actual ceremony starts at 7.15 p.m. including a five course dinner and selected red wines. Advance tickets for the presentation are €10, €148 for the ceremony. For more info and tickets contact the Tourist Information Bureau Fellbach at 0711-580058 or the organizer at [rotweinpreis@vinum.de](mailto:rotweinpreis@vinum.de).

#### Disney's Musical Tarzan

Thu, Nov 21 – Tue, Dez 31

Stuttgart, Apollo Theater

Join Tarzan on his great adventure on stage at the Stage Apollo Theater in Stuttgart starting November 21 at 7:30 p.m. through December 31 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy this dynamic and exciting show with breathtaking aerial acrobatics,

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#### Movie festival – World of Women

Wed, Nov 20 – Wed, Nov 27

Rottenburg, Various cinemas

Visit Rottenburg for the FrauenWelten (world of women) movie festival from November 20 - 27. The cinemas Kino Museum in Tübingen, the Kino Waldhorn and the Koki cinema in Herrenberg will present movies dealing with problems women experience in different cultures and life situations. Several movies will be shown in English language or with subtitles. Tickets from €5 are available in the cinemas. For more info and the entire program see [www.frauenrechte.de](http://www.frauenrechte.de).

#### Fire and Ice

Sat, Nov 23

Reutlingen, City Center

Shop till midnight, yes midnight!! Enjoy a unique shopping experience in Reutlingen City Center from 6 p.m. While you are shopping, enjoy the entertainment of ice sculptors turning a block of ice into a piece of art, fire shows and illuminated pylons. There will be plenty of Christmas stalls to get gifts for someone special! For information in German visit [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de).

#### Arts and crafts market

Sat, Nov 23 – Sun, Nov 24

Fellbach, Schwabenlandhalle

Enjoy the 29th Freizeit-Kunst & Kunst-

gewerbemarkt (arts and crafts market) at the Schwabenhalle Fellbach November 23 and 24. Opening hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. In the 3,000 sqm big hall about 200 craftsmen and artists will present handmade work pieces from pottery to dolls, teddies and fashion. A children's program offers creative activities. For more info in German see [www.freizeit-kunstmaerkte.de](http://www.freizeit-kunstmaerkte.de).

#### Stuttgart's Best Wines

Sun, Nov 24

Stuttgart, Phoenixhalle im Römerkastell

Don't miss a special wine tasting at the event "Stuttgarts beste Weine" (Stuttgart's Best Wines) at the Phoenixhalle im Römerkastell, Stuttgart on November 24 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. More than 30 wine makers will present their best wines in the great atmosphere of the Phoenixhalle in the historic area Römerkastell. For more info and tickets from €16, contact the Tourist Information Bureau Stuttgart at 0711-22 28100.

#### Baroque Christmas Market

Tue, Nov 26 – Sun, Dec 22

Ludwigsburg, Marktplatz

Enjoy the Barock-Weihnachtsmarkt (Baroque Christmas Market) at the marketplace in the heart of Ludwigsburg from November 26 to December 22. This beautiful baroque marketplace turns into a Christmas winter wonderland. Enjoy the scents of Glühwein, chestnuts, gingerbread and sounds of Christmas music from live performances. There will be more than enough for families to enjoy! Plenty of parking garages are available close to the market/Stadtmitte

(City Center). For more information visit [www.ludwigsburg.de](http://www.ludwigsburg.de).

#### Medieval and Christmas Market

Tue, Nov 26 – Sun, Dec 22

Esslingen, City Center

Starting November 26 through December 22 the Medieval and Christmas Market takes place daily from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. On the first day, there will be an opening celebration at 5 p.m. Enjoy this unique market with a lantern parade to the castle, music and the romantic side streets making this Christmas market one of the nicest in Southern Germany! For more information visit [www.tourist.esslingen.de](http://www.tourist.esslingen.de).

### CONCERTS

#### Royal Republic

Sat, Nov 23

Stuttgart, LKA-Longhorn

The Swedish alternative rock band Royal Republic will play in the LKA-Longhorn in Stuttgart-Wangen on November 23 from 8 p.m. Enjoy a humorous show with self-mocking songs like "Tommy Gun" which was ranked No. 1 in the MTV rock charts. For more info and tickets from €22.70 see [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

#### Jo Cole

Tue, Nov 26

Stuttgart, LKA-Longhorn

See the rapper Jo Cole on his "What Dreams May Come" tour at the LKA-Longhorn in Stuttgart on November 26 from 8 p.m. He was the first musician Jay-Z signed up for his record label Roc Nation. For more info and tickets from €47.35 see [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

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