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Stuttgart Barracks living just got better



SPC Arica Wilson from the 587th Signal Company shares the new Travel Bucket List map as part of Patch Barracks improvements October 2015.

Story and photos by Andrea Stauffer Family and MWR Marketing

Single or unaccompanied service members stationed in Stuttgart often get assigned to live in barracks. Whether it is for three months or three years, they want the same thing as everyone – a nice, welcoming place to call home.

While discussing quality of life issues during a Better Opportunities for Single service members (BOSS) meeting in July, service members mentioned that the hallways in barracks were completely bare and thus felt stark instead of welcoming. Other meeting attendees expressed concern that they hadn't met other people living in the barracks since arriving. These comments sparked a movement within the Garrison to make the barracks a more welcoming place to live.

Cory Hoffman, the USAG Stuttgart BOSS Advisor, jumped on the bandwagon first, with BOSS hosting a "Meet your Neighbors" day in mid-September. This event boasted a BBQ, music and games with prizes and support from organizations across the Garrison including ACS, the USO, FRGs, ASAP, and of course, Family and MWR. "We encouraged our service members to get out of their rooms, meet new people and engage with the community, and they did just that, ending the day joined together in a dance line celebrating with their new friends," Hoffman stated. "Since then, we also received approval from CSM

Lynice Thorpe for our plans to update the décor in the barracks' entrances. This should make a big impact on the service member's first impression of living in Stuttgart."

CSM Woody Carter, in charge of the barracks for the 52nd Signal Battalion Soldiers, took it upon himself to take this mission one step further. CSM Carter started working with the Family and MWR Marketing office to collect and print large images from travel destinations across Europe. "As a senior enlisted leader, barracks life is in my blood and taking care of Soldiers is near and dear to my heart. I figured the hallway photos would cheer up the dreary space but also inspire my folks to band together to explore the nearby sites and experience the benefits of living in Europe," said CSM Carter. "I knew there was a plan in place to

decorate the building entrances, but I just wanted to carry that plan (and homey feeling) further into their living space."

Apparently the plan is working. "The pictures are definitely inspiring. I want to go to Munich for sure since it is so close, but London is also on my bucket list. This has been a great initiative and I hope it continues. It has definitely made my stay in Stuttgart more appealing," stated SPC Wilson from the 587th Signal Company.

Service members can expect barracks beautification and improvements to continue. "Their quality of life is one of our greatest concerns, and we are committed to showing them that USAG Stuttgart cares. We want to make sure everyone in our community says – I'm glad I live here," added Carter.



Barrack 2311 upgrades on Patch Barracks.

Prepare to hit the slopes with help from Outdoor Recreation



Photo by Sergey Novikov / Shutterstock.com

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Now is the time to prepare skis and snowboards for the slopes, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Outdoor Recreation can help.

“We can wax and edge skis as well as snowboards. It may take some work, but we can even get out those deep cuts,” said Bruce Zabukovic, a recreational assistant for USAG Stuttgart Outdoor Recreation.

“We also mount boot bindings on snowboards or make the needed adjustments to the bindings to ensure the boots fit properly and the release gauges

are set to the correct weight and ability.”

For those skiers who don’t own skis, but still want to hit the slopes this year, the Outdoor Recreation facility, run by the USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, rents out skis on a daily, weekend, weekly and seasonal basis while supplies last.

“We have more than 200 pairs of skis and snowboards available for skiers of all ages for the upcoming ski season and we encourage people to stop by early to get fitted for their skis,” said Jenn Young, Outdoor Recreation program manager.

“People can rent skis each time they go to the slopes, but if they plan to ski more than four different weekends and take a couple of day trips this year, they can save money by getting a seasonal rental,” Young said.

In addition to preparing and renting skis, the ODR also offers ski lessons and schedules ski trips.

“When we book four-day ski trips we take into consideration more than just skiing,” she added. “We book hotels in ski resort areas that offer shopping options, skating rinks, swimming pools and various other types of entertainment”

For those who wish to venture to the ski areas on their own, the personnel at Outdoor Recreation can provide the equipment and more.

“We are pretty familiar with the popular skiing areas and can help provide customers with directions and points of interest at the ski areas they plan to visit,” Young said.

For more information on upcoming ski trips or to rent equipment, visit the Outdoor Recreation office in Building 2953 on Panzer Kaserne, or call DSN: 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

How to stay informed: winter advisories, road condition, closures

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

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

The garrison has resources to keep the community informed when decisions are made that impact operations due to the weather.

Facebook

By 5:30 a.m., and throughout the day when conditions warrant a change, notifications are posted to the garrison Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/USAGarrisonStuttgart>.

AFN Radio

Announcements also air on American Forces Network Stuttgart (102.3 FM). You can also listen online using AFN 360: http://afn360.afneurope.net/AudioPlayer.html#afne_stu

Telephone Hotline

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 after he has been informed of the current road conditions by the director of Emergency Services, based on Military Police patrols.

Military Police patrols access only installation roads. Roads in the surrounding local communities outside of the installations, including bus routes, are not assessed or reported on by the MPs.

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.

Individual drivers should access the safety of their travel routes and should contact their chain of command if they feel travel would be unsafe.

Editor’s Note: Community members are advised to use Facebook, AFN, or the weather hotline as the first source for road condition information, instead of calling the MP desk to keep emergency lines open.

TMP Dispatch Terminology IAW USAREUR Regulation 385-55						
Road Condition	Road Surface	Snow	Ice	Snow Depth	Visibility	Temperature
GREEN	Dry	None or blowing powder	None	None	More than 50 meters	Above 35F (+2C)
AMBER	Wet	Packed slush	Patches of black ice and slush	Less than 4 inches	Between 20 and 50 meters	Between 30 F (-1C) and 35F (+2C)
RED	Flooded	Drifting	Sheet ice	Between 4 and 8 inches	Between 15 and 20 meters	Between 10F (-12C) and 30F (-1C)
BLACK	Heavily flooded	Heavy drifting	Extreme sheet ice	More than 8 inches	Less than 15 meters	Less than 10F (-12C)

Going Green: Sorting out recycling and trash bin by bin



Note: Bin colors and categories may be different in your area.

Regular Trash and Waste or "Restmüll": Basically anything that does not fit into any of the recyclable categories, and is not hazardous material.

Black bin: Almost all areas use a black plastic bin for restmüll.

Paper or "Altpapier": Items such as books, catalogs, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, papers, correspondence, handouts, notes, wrapping paper, boxes and packing material made of cardboard.

Do not include: Coated and wet strength paper, coated packaging, folder, organic and mineral contaminated paper.

Green bin: Most always for paper, though can also be for Bio.

Plastic / Metal / Natural Recyclables or "Wertstoffe": Things made of metal, plastic, wood such as pots, pans, tools, toys, chopping boards, buckets, watering pots, bowls, colanders, baskets, cups, and boxes.

Do not include: textiles, vehicle parts, construction debris, CDs, DVDs. In some areas recyclables will go in a yellow, orange or green bin, and in some areas they go into a yellow bag or "gelbsacke."

Yellow bins: Neighborhoods are different in guidance on how to take out plastic recycling. A bin may be available, or you may need to put the tied bag out

onto the street in front of your building for collection on the scheduled days.

Where do I find the yellow bags with writing on it, or gelbsacke, for recycling plastics etc.?

Gelbsacke are available at many locations on the local economy in Germany, you just have to ask. The place to start is your local district Rathaus, town hall office or Buergerbuero. They usually have them at the administrative office and may also be able to advise additional locations nearby that may carry them. Home stores, such as Tritschler in downtown Stuttgart, some flower shops and grocery stores can carry rolls of the yellow recycling bags, you just have ask. The bags are free and generally kept behind or near the customer service register.

Note: Yellow, plain plastic bags that are sold in the regular trash bag aisles of local grocery stores are not it, and do not suffice.

Organic waste or "Bio": Items such as eggshells, coffee filters, tea bags, vegetables and fruits, tree, and hedge-clippings, flowers and plants, leaves, grass clippings and weeds.

Do not include: In summer months especially, putting meat in bio containers is discouraged for health reasons.

Brown or green bins: Organic waste containers are usually brown bins, but can also be green in some areas.

Glass: This can vary greatly from area to area. In some communities, glass

must be taken to glass recycling points and separated into color-coded bins for clear, green and brown color glass. There are usually areas along the road or within a parking lot area to pull off, unload and sort your glass. In other areas glass is picked up like other trash on a given schedule - unsorted.

Do not include: Returnable bottles, windows, crystalline glass, spectacles, mirror glasses, dishes and light bulbs.

Electronics and hazardous waste: Must be carefully handled, and there is a wide variance in how these items are handled.

Military Community members can take advantage of the Hazardous Material Reuse Center on Panzer Kaserne, dropping off items such as cleaning supplies, paint, toner for printers, oil and other similar products. The reuse center is part of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Logistics Readiness Center, under the 405th Army Field Support Brigade. Individuals can make an appointment with the installation coordinator to dispose of hazardous waste also.

The Reuse Center is located in Building 2958 on Panzer Kaserne. For more information, contact DSN: 431-2071/civ. 07031-15-2071.

On the local economy, residents

can also contact their local office to arrange for disposal in their area (contact information for local area offices can be found on the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart website).

For more detailed information on Recycling in Stuttgart, Germany on or off-post, download the Recycling Handbooks at www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-trash.html.



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Ask a JAG: Same-sex marriage and Federal benefits



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By SPC Tina Nguyen
Stuttgart Law Center

This article is for informational purposes only and is not intended as legal advice. For advice on your

specific legal questions you should seek the advice of an attorney.

On June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court issued a historic decision on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Section 3 of DOMA was found to be unconstitutional and struck down. As a result, same-sex spouses of Federal employees and annuitants are now eligible for benefits regardless of the employee's or annuitant's current state of residency. On June 26, 2015 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the constitution requires a state to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when lawfully licensed and performed out-of-state. Federal employees and their annuitants can get married anywhere in the states including their state of residence.

Office of Personnel Management (OPM) informs health insurance carriers participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) for 2016 health plans that they are prohibited from general exclusion of services, drugs, or supplies related to gender transitioning. This basically indicates that carriers cannot have a general exclusion against related costs for transition. www.opm.gov/ insure covers health plans by state and review their official statement of benefits, along with a list of directories of doctors and hospitals who participate with those plans linking to their websites.

All the programs listed below are now available to same-sex marriages. Foreign marriages consistent with OPM's longstanding policy of recognizing legal foreign marriages for opposite sex couples

are also included. Same sex couples who are in a civil union or a domestic partnership other than marriage will remain mostly ineligible for the programs listed.

- The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program
- The Dental and Vision Program (FEDVIP)
- Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS)
- Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)
- The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)
- Retirement
- Pay and Leave, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)

To read the full article of information, eligibility and resources, visit www.stuttgartcitizen.com, Column section, Ask a JAG.

The origin and traditions of Chanukah

By Rick Beigler
Stuttgart Jewish Community

The Jewish celebration of Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire some 2200 years ago. The Temple which was at the time the center of Judaism was occupied by the Seleucids who had tainted or destroyed the oil needed to light the menorah in the Temple. After the Maccabees had recaptured the Temple, they found only enough oil to last for one day, but it miraculously lasted eight days.

Each year, for eight nights we celebrate beginning on the evening of the twenty-fourth of Kislev on the Jewish calendar. This year, that date corresponds with the sixth of December. Each night, a special candelabra known as a chanukiah, is used to commemorate the miracle. We light one candle on the first night using a special helper candle known as a shamash. On the second night we light two candles, on the third night we light three candles, and so on until by the eighth night, all eight candles are lit.

Some traditions during the holiday include eating of any foods fried in oil, playing with tops called dreidels, and giving of coins or chocolate coins called gelt. Many similarities can be noted between the Chanukah traditions and their German counterparts. Potato pancakes known as latkes are commonly eaten with apple sauce or sour cream are undeniably similar to German Kartoffelpuffer mit Apfelsauce or Reibekuchen sold at Christmas markets. Dreidel is a Yiddish word which is derived from the German word dreh, which means to turn or spin. The gelt, or coins is the Yiddish word for money, which comes from the German word Geld, which also means money.

The popularity of the holiday is relatively new. In the United States, Jews attempting to assimilate with their Christian neighbors elevated the importance of the usually minor festival solely due to its proximity on the calendar to Christmas. This also helped to alleviate some of the jealousy that Jewish children may have had of their Christian friends and schoolmates.

Hanukkah 2015 begins in the evening of Sunday, Dec. 6 and ends in the



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evening of Monday, Dec. 14.

USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office Chanukah Service is Dec. 6 at 6pm at Patch Religious Education Center. For details, contact DSN 430-2338/civ.0711 680 2338.

To contact the Stuttgart Jewish Military Community (SJMC), email: info@stuttgartjewishcommunity.com.

See the recipe for Reibekuchen, visit www.stuttgartcitizen.com, search for Recipes.

Heisse Maronen (Roasted chestnuts)

By Greg Jones

Roasted chestnuts, whether over an open fire, or an iron stove, are as much a part of the German Christmas tradition as they are a part of the American holidays. Much like the traditional New York sidewalk Christmas scene, the aroma of roasting chestnuts wafts through the air at Christmas Markets throughout Germany.

Called kastanien, maronen or maroni, chestnuts are available at stands in most German Christmas markets. For those who have never tried them, their warm sweet flavor can definitely be a treat on cold winter nights.

The chestnut has long been a staple food in Europe, especially in winter months, as it is harvested in September and October through much of Europe. Rich in minerals and vitamins, high in fiber, and low in fat, they are a very good source of nutrition.

Many historians claim that the tradition of roasting chestnuts around the holidays began in the 16th century Rome when vendors began selling them on street corners during the holiday season.

Enjoying them at the Christmas market

Look for stands with signs that say Heisse Maronen or Maroni. The distinctive roasted nut smell can also be a dead give-away.

Chestnuts are usually sold in 100 gram increments. 100 grams is just enough to get a taste of them, and 300-500 grams is a small snack for two to share.

They are typically served in brown paper bags or a brown paper cone. The outside hard shell, and sometimes an inner skin is peeled away to get to the sweet nut inside.

Be careful when handling them as often they are served fresh from a 425-degree Fahrenheit oven.

About Chestnuts in Germany

Chestnuts can be collected throughout Germany beginning in the fall. The chestnut grows in a spiny green pod which usually contains two or three chestnuts (most often, two larger ones and one very small one). The pods burst open when ripe, and fall to the ground.

There is also an inedible chestnut in Germany. The edible chestnut has a very spiny, almost hairy looking pod, whereas the inedible chestnut has a smooth pod with sparse spines or spikes on its surface.

It's useful to have thick leather gloves to separate the chestnuts from their pods, though not entirely necessary. Collecting chestnuts from public parks and forests is permitted, but be sure not to collect them from private property.

Once collected, the nuts can be kept for a few months by storing them in a cool dry place.

Making them at home...

To roast the chestnuts:

- Wipe them clean or rinse them in water and dry them off.
- Cut a slit or an X in the skin on the round side of the nut.
- Place the chestnuts on a pan, cut side up.
- Roast in a pre-heated oven at 425 degrees Fahrenheit for about 30 minutes
- Check them regularly to make sure they are not burnt. A slight blackening of some parts of the shell is normal, but large blackened areas means the chestnuts are burning.

Properly roasted chestnuts should be firm to the touch, and should peel easily. Chestnuts that are difficult to peel, or have a bitter taste, have been undercooked. Hard, dried-out nuts are a sign of over-cooking.

AFN SUPERSTAR OF THE MONTH

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members are invited to submit nominations for the next AFN Stuttgart Superstar of the Month. Help recognize an exceptional member of your unit, organization, or overall within the Stuttgart military community.

To nominate a community member, email: AFNStuttgartonline@gmail.com

Details to include: Name, unit or organization (if applicable) and why you think this person is a Superstar. Winners are announced on AFN Radio live. For information on AFN Stuttgart, AFN 360 internet radio, visit: www.afneurope.net/Stations/Stuttgart.aspx.

STUTTGART VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you have questions about how to cast your absentee ballot? Please contact the installation Voting Assistance Officer at 431-2865/civ. 07031-15-2865.

If space allows: add in voting graphic from Voting Marketing Doc from page 2 or page 6.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN – OVERSEAS

The 2015 Combined Federal Campaign Overseas has been extended through Dec. 4. The CFC is an annual workplace giving campaign. This year's theme, "Give because you care!" encourages participants to contribute to their favorite charities. Up to 6% of campaign gross is returned to the overseas installations Family Support & Youth Programs which is then used to invest in better quality of life programs for service members, their families, and federal employees.

For information, contact the Community Area Project Officer at DSN: 421-3446.

INFO ON CHILDCARE AND SCHOOLS

Child, Youth and School Services have an information booth at the Panzer Main

Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1 and 15. Become a Family Child Care provider; free training, job mobility, continuing education credits and professional resources are available.

For more information, call DSN: 430-4047/4100 or civ. 0711-680-4047/4100.

School Liaison Office have an information booth at the Panzer Main Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1 and 15. Find out about their roles in the community. This is a great opportunity for in-processing families with questions about schools.

For more information, call DSN: 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

SKIES CYS INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Seeking qualified instructors to teach piano, voice, dance (pop/hip hop), art, swimming, martial arts, speech therapy, foreign languages or other child/youth specialized programs. Become a SKIES Unlimited instructor and share your area of expertise with the children and youth of the Stuttgart Community. Must be 18 years old or older. If you are interested please call DSN: 430-6281/civ. 0711-680-6281 or email stuttgartcys@googlemail.com.

SCSC SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

Applications for Stuttgart Community Spouses Club Scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year are opened Nov. 23 for eligible applicants including all high school graduating seniors, continuing education students (college students not older than age 23), and spouses.

SCSC Scholarships are merit based awards. The selection process for scholarship winners is based on a combination of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community leadership, community service, work experience and a personal essay.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, SCSC awarded

47 scholarships totaling \$107,000. SCSC hopes to receive enough quality applications to surpass that this year.

Applicants must be ID card holders sponsored by an active duty member, government civilian, or contractor within the Stuttgart military community. See application for complete eligibility requirements on the SCSC website, www.stuttgartspousesclub.org. Applications may also be picked up at the Stuttgart High School counselor's office, Army Community Services, Patch Thrift store, Education Center and on-post library.

Submission deadline: March 4, 2016. For more information email: scsc.scholarship@gmail.com.

CIVIL AIR PATROL MEETINGS

Civil Air Patrol meetings are held every Tuesday at the Religious Education Center on Patch, from 6-8:30 p.m.

The Civil Air Patrol program is an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force with three primary mission areas: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services. The CAP program was established on Patch Barracks back in July 2010 by BGen Frederick Martin.

Youth ages 12-21 can join as a cadet, adults are invited to join to assist helping with the program. For further information about CAP, call 0160-9849-1449, visit <http://gocivilairpatrol.com> or join the CAP Stuttgart Facebook Group.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Visit www.stuttgartcitizen.com for announcements on closures and limited services through the holiday season.

LETTERS FROM SANTA

Make this year a Christmas to remember by sending your child a letter from Santa Claus. Visit Santa's Post Office located at the entrance of the Panzer Main Store and select from a variety of colorfully decorated letters. The letters and envelopes are free of charge—all

you supply is the stamp. Once the envelope is sealed, home-addressed and stamped, simply drop it into the mail box located on the side of the letter distribution center. Be sure to post your letters by Dec. 6 as collection will take place the following day. The letters will be sent to Santa Claus, Indiana where they will be processed through the official Santa Claus Post Office and receive the magic postmark. A few days later, your children will be thrilled to receive a letter from Santa. Visit the Exchange on Panzer Kaserne for more information.

HOLIDAY MAIL DEADLINES

Space Available Mail (SAM) Parcels: Nov. 25

Partial Air Lift (PAL) Parcels: Dec. 3

Priority Parcels/1st Class Letters and Cards: Dec. 10

Express Mail: Dec. 17

Customers may make appointments for holiday mailing. Appointments will be made for the one hour period before the APO opens for business. Contact the Postal Service Office during their regular business hours at: Kelley APO: 421-2542, Panzer APO: 431-2563, Patch APO: 430-7226.

Remember to prepare your customs forms for USPS in advance, using USPS "Click-n-Ship," www.usps.com. For more details and holiday hours, visit stuttgartcitizen.com.

ASAP TRAINING

Now is the time to schedule your annual Army Substance Abuse Program face-to-face training and Unit Risk Inventories. ASAP is ready to sync their calendars with your unit training schedule to minimize on calendar conflicts and maximize on efficiencies. Unique training opportunities are also available for ASAP training credit. Also note, up to three hours of ASAP training credit can be provided through online training courses at the following website: <http://go.usa.gov/7x4e>, choose the "email certificate" when prompted for the site to load properly.

Upcoming Trainings:

Prime for Life, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ASAP classroom, Building 2948 on Panzer Kaserne.

ASAP, Dec. 8 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Patch Theater.

Call ASAP to sign up for training classes, and set up your unit for some fun, laughter, and a fabulous learning experience, contact DSN: 431-2743/2530.

HEALTHCARE: OPEN SEASON

Nov. 9 through Dec. 14 is open season. Department of Defense civilians have the option of adjusting or changing healthcare plans.

DODEA VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Dr. McMullen, Department of Defense Education Activity Europe director, has planned a Facebook Town Hall Meeting, Dec. 3, 2015 at 6-7pm on the DoDEA-Europe Facebook site (facebook.com/dodeaeurope). The focus of this meeting is College and Career Readiness Standards. Community members are encouraged to submit questions for the Director early by emailing feedback@eu.dodea.edu.

THRIFTMAS MARKET

The Patch Thrift Shop annual "Thriftmas Market" is Dec. 3-5 with extended hours for the event on Thursday from 3-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Stuttgart Community Spouse Club Patch Thrift Shop team, and volunteer elves, stage one of kind Holiday merchandise that the community has been donating all year long. Along with holiday decorations, lights, Christmas trees and seasonal clothing, shoppers can enjoy traditional food, beverages, and live entertainment. This event is open to all DoD ID card holders. Available "elves" seeking volunteer opportunities can visit www.stuttgartspousesclub.org and/or the SCSC Patch Thrift Shop Facebook page for more information. For more information, stop by or contact SCSC Patch Thrift Shop, Building 2332 at civ. 0711-680-5510.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Personnel are advised to check with their individual commands on specific travel restriction guidance.

MOTORCYCLE STORAGE

Keep your motorcycle safe and protected during winter months now through March 31. Store your motorcycle with Panzer Automotive Skills for only \$30 a month. Limited spacing. First, come first serve. DSN 431-255/civ. 07031-15-2555.

RED CROSS CROCHET, KNIT CLUB

The Stuttgart American Red Cross invites crochet lovers to join the free Crochet Corner group every 1st Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Red Cross office located next to the fitness center on Panzer Kaserne, building 2948, 3rd floor.

All DoD ID card holding crochet lovers, including children, are welcome to join the fun. Free crochet supplies are provided to registered American Red Cross volunteers.

Crochet Corner makes items for the local community including afghans for the Wounded Warrior Project, and baby items (baby booties, blankets) for the wellness center and the new parent support program. All supplies are provided to registered volunteers, and the donated items stay local.

For more information contact American Red Cross Stuttgart, DSN 431-2812/civ. 07031 152812.

PASSPORT APPOINTMENTS NOW ONLINE

The Stuttgart Passport and SOFA office online appointment system and updated office hours begin Nov. 16. In order to provide predictable 'world class' customer service, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Passport/SOFA office will service customers during the following hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

A new online appointment system *CAC access only, can be found on the garrison website, www.stuttgart.army.mil on the passport services page: <http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/services-passports.html>. Passport and SOFA office is located on Panzer Kaserne Bldg. 2915, Room 314.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS LUNCHTIME SERIES

Resume writing with Army Community Service on Panzer Kaserne, Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Whether your resume needs an updated or you're starting from scratch. Come to the Resume Writing class and let ACS help you get your resume ready for potential employers. DSN: 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

CHRISTMAS MOVIES NIGHT WITH BOSS

Dec. 4: Christmas Movies Night, BOSS, Warrior Zone, 7 p.m. Join us at the Warrior Zone for a free movie and popcorn. 60 inches of viewing pleasure to include very comfortable recliners. Give yourself a chance to sit back and unwind in a relaxing environment. Warrior Zone will be welcoming the holiday spirit with the best Christmas movies. DSN 430-7135/CIV0711-680-7135.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Children and adults alike are invited to come and get their photos taken with Santa at the following dates and locations:

Panzer Exchange:

Take your picture with Santa at the Exchange Panzer Mall Saturday, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12, from noon to 4 p.m.

USO:

Dec. 8 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the USO Center, Building 2915 3rd floor on Panzer Kaserne, open to all DoD ID card holders. Join

the USO for snacks, crafts, and stories to pass the time while you wait for your turn with the big guy!

USO SANTA PAWS

Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon visit the USO for chance for you fur babies to have their photos taken with Santa. For many of us, fur babies are just as important as our human babies and we think that's just how it should be! So, we are hosting a special event just for our furry friends to celebrate the holiday season and take photos with Santa. Enjoy meeting other furry friends and treats for pets (or owners too!) Safety first: please be aware of your furry friends' ability to play nice with others in close quarters and all pets must be kept on a leash. USO Center, Building 2915 3rd floor on Panzer Kaserne, open to all DoD ID card holders. Because furry friends have been nice all year too!

STUTTGART GOSPEL SERVICE CONCERT

The Stuttgart Gospel Service invites you to their Annual Extravaganza Gospel Concert, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5pm at Panzer Chapel, featuring Gospel and Christmas musical selections. This event is free, open to all ID card holders and their guests.

A fellowship meet & greet with refreshments will also be held before the concert, beginning at 3:30pm.

Don't miss out on a great fellowship, power praise and worship, and an awesome time in the Lord. So come on "Let's Have A Good Time!" Psalms 105:2. Panzer Chapel is located in Building 2940, Panzer Kaserne. For more information, contact SGS Music Ministry by email: sgsmusic1@gmail.com.

OPTICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Optometry Care Center and Optical Center at the Exchange Panzer Mall, will hold an open house Dec. 5 starting at noon to celebrate the 5th anniversary of serving the Stuttgart military community. Customers

can tour the facilities, meet the staff and view the latest eyewear during a trunk show. The event includes cake and special giveaways, plus the Optometry Care Center is offering free glaucoma screenings, while the Optical center will clean and adjust glasses. For more information, contact 07031-2042350.

THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS ON HOLD

The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club Patch Thrift Shop Thriftmas Market is just around the corner Dec. 3-5. In an effort to prepare for this amazing event, the donation shed at Patch Thrift shop will be closed from Thursday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 6. Bring donations to the Thrift Shop the week of Dec 7-11 and receive an extra savings coupon. Volunteers are still needed for the Thriftmas Market! If you or your group have some extra Christmas cheer to spare, stop by the Patch Thrift Shop in Building 2332 or call 0711 6805510 for more information.

SELF-STORAGE RENTAL PROGRAM

Looking for a place to store all your extra belongings? Need more space at home? The Stuttgart Golf Course offers storage units that vary in size at a low monthly rate. \$75 for 2.8M wide x 5.8M long unit, \$55 for 2.8M wide x 2.9M long unit or \$35 for 2.8M x 1.9M long unit. Pay for one year and get one month free. Minimum rental is 3 months. Storage space is located next to the Stuttgart Golf course in a secure area. CIV 07141-879150.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Seeking qualified instructors to teach piano, voice, dance (pop/hip hop), art, swimming, martial arts, speech therapy, foreign languages or other child/youth specialized programs. Become a SKIES Unlimited instructor and share your area of expertise with the children and youth of the Stuttgart Community. Must be 18 years old or older. If you are interested please call DSN: 430-6281/CIV 0711-680-6281

or email stuttgartcys@googlemail.com.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

The United States Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Community Service (ACS) Angel Tree Program assists military families from all branches of service (E1-E5 and below and civilians GS6 and below) who are experiencing financial hardship during the holiday season. The ACS Financial Readiness Program's Angel Tree provides gift cards donated by community members for children in these families so families are able to purchase appropriate or needed items to decrease stress and increase joy at the holidays.

The Angel Tree is on display at the Panzer Main Exchange November 23, 2015 - December 18, 2015. Community members wishing to assist a family in need may select an envelope from the tree, purchase a gift card, place the gift card in the envelope, and turn the envelope and enclosed gift card in at Customer Service in the Exchange.

For more information, please contact ACS at DSN 431-3362 or CIV 07031-15-3362.

KELLEY CLUB SUNDAY BRUNCH

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$15 adults (14 and older), \$7.50 youth (7 - 13), 6 and under are free. Enjoy a delicious brunch at the Kelley Club. Every first Sunday of the month, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Coffee/tea/water, variety of eggs & cereal, assortment of breads, butter, jelly, waffles, pancakes, mini-cakes,

chicken, beef or fish, potato rosti, French fries, buttered rice and assorted fruit quark and yogurt. DSN 421-4660/CIV 0711-729-4660.

How to stay informed

Listen to AFN weekly command update — Wednesday mornings from 7-8 a.m.

Follow garrison Facebook page.

Subscribe online to Stuttgart Citizen daily emails at www.stuttgartcitizen.com for news and announcements.

DISA Europe provides “Dangers of Social Networking” training



U.S. Army Garrison middle and high school students, as well as family members received a briefing on the “Dangers of Social Networking” by DISA Security Specialist, Billy Ray Davis from Ft. Meade, Maryland during a series of engagements, Sept. 21 – 24, 2015. — *Photo courtesy of army.mil*

The Commander DISA Europe, COL Jacqueline Brown – USA, invited DISA Security Specialist Mr. Billy Ray Davis from Ft. Meade MD to Stuttgart to provide important training to the Stuttgart Garrison Community.

Middle School and High School students from the Stuttgart DoD Dependent Schools as well as family members

received an eye opening briefing during a series of engagements 21 – 24 September regarding the Dangers of Social Networking on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram.

Mr. Davis explained that everyday people are coming up with new ways to hack and exploit information and that not everyone you meet online is your friend.

Mr. Davis is an expert in the counter intelligence field and showed how an innocent photo posted to Facebook or Instagram might be exploited to find your GPS location and thus track your movements and habits online. Phones or GPS-enabled devices can record “meta data” such as the location and time you took the photo. Once uploaded to the Internet it can

then be downloaded by anybody (not just those you chose to share it with), and using free programs they can view the meta tags hidden in the code of the .jpeg. Then using a maps program (or Google for that matter), they know your location. Numerous photos taken in the same location can reveal usual hangouts and a post of an upcoming vacation can alert them that your place of residency will be vacant. More concerning is that any cluster of photos posted by children can alert predators to their hangouts. There is a simple fix—turn off the GPS features on your devices and check the camera data settings.

Some of our families have children headed to college. There are going to be parties, friends and activities that, 10 years later, photos might not represent the person they have become and those photos posted to social media never disappear even if you delete them from your profile. Companies now look at social media as a source of information and could mean the difference in getting the job.

According to Ms. Tessa Moss-Beaman, High School Assistant Principal, “Students gained a wealth of knowledge from Mr. Davis’s training. They were especially surprised by the impact social networking could have on their future.”

Technology can be scary, but knowing how to protect your self can make the online experience safe!

US airstrike in Libya targets ISIL

In a statement, Cook said the strike targeted Abu Nabil, also known as Wissam Najm Abd Zayd al Zubaydi. Reporting suggests Nabil may have been the spokesman in ISIL’s February Coptic Christian execution video, the press secretary added.

“Nabil’s death will degrade ISIL’s ability to meet the group’s objectives in Libya,” he said, “including recruiting new ISIL members, establishing bases in Libya, and planning external attacks on the United States.”

While this was not the first U.S. strike against terrorists in Libya, this is the first U.S. strike against an ISIL leader in Libya, and it demonstrates that the United States will go after ISIL leaders wherever they operate, Cook said.

The press secretary added that this operation was authorized and initiated before the terrorist attack in Paris took place.

Soldiers conduct historic airborne operation

PABRADE TRAINING AREA, Lithuania — U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade along with Lithuanian Land Forces soldiers from the King Mindaugas Hussar Battalion, executed airborne operations, Nov. 14, 2015, during Exercise Iron Sword here.

Iron Sword kicked off Nov. 8, 2015 and continues through Nov. 20, 2015, involving over 2000 soldiers from Canada, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, United Kingdom, and the United States. The exercise marks the first time U.S. paratroopers have jumped from a Lithuanian Alenia C-27J Spartan fixed wing aircraft, which is also one of three of the Lithuanian President’s aircrafts.

Platoon S, 1-503rd IN (A) alongside the Lithuanian Recce Platoon attachments conducted static airborne training at Siauliai Air Field, prior to loading the C-27J. Both elements conducted a night airborne insertion to Pabrade drop zone. Once assembled

on the drop zone, they initiated a movement to their battle positions where they demonstrated their proficiency in reconnaissance.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, is the U.S. Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of projecting forces to conduct the full range of military operations across the United States European, Central and Africa Commands areas of responsibility.

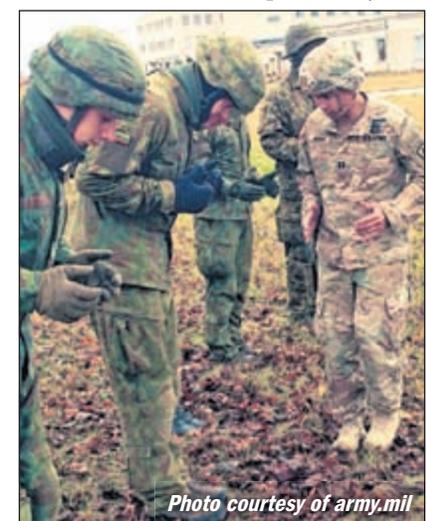


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By Herring, Nathan D. CIV
United States Africa Command

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military conducted an airstrike in Libya Nov. 13 against an Iraqi national who was a longtime al-Qaida operative and the senior Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant leader in Libya, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said.

Stuttgart Service Members part of Trident Juncture 15

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office and
Sgt. Tatum Vayavananda
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa

Maintaining their ability as the crisis response force, U.S. Marines of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart participated in Exercise Trident Juncture 15 to keep their skills on point. Army Sergeant Ian Morales of Armed Forces Network Stuttgart also reported on the line in Almeria, Spain where Marines tested their accuracy and speed in the largest NATO training mission since 2002.

Trident Juncture features more than 30 nations with 36,000 troops training together to improve their capability to pivot towards crises in any direction.

From Rota, Spain, the U.S. Marine and Navy team offloaded equipment capable of enabling crisis response to support Exercise Trident Juncture 15, Oct. 20, 2015.

“We are using the USNS Button to get the prepositioned equipment on board so 4th (Light Armored Reconnaissance) doesn't have to embark their gear from all over the United States,” said Master Sgt. Michael Guzman, prepositioning chief of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa.

Prepositioning ships, like the USNS William R. Button, provide Marines the capability to establish and operate anywhere in the world.

“The offload will help 4th LAR



U.S. Marines and members of the British Corps of Royal Marines gather for a group photo in the mountains on the Spanish Base Alvarez de Sotomayor, Almeria, Spain, Oct. 27, 2015 during the NATO led Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 (TJ15). TJ15 was NATO's largest training exercise since 2002 and included more than 30 nations and 36,000 service members. — U.S. Army photo by Jason Johnston

conduct Exercise Trident Juncture; being able to offload in-stream, on port, or out at sea helps us keep our amphibious roots,” said Guzman.

The armored vehicles and equipment from the USNS Button will let Marines train in advanced tactics with European Allies during Trident Juncture, the largest NATO exercise in more than 10 years.

“This exercise helps us reassure European Allies and show them that the Marine Corps is here and we can be here shortly to work or assist any NATO Allies,” said Guzman.

Providing this equipment allows the NATO team to work with training techniques beyond basic infantry skills and evaluate their ability to respond to threats together, a primary goal of the

exercise. Training evolutions like these expand the familiarity of Marines to the NATO Alliance.

The Marines will conduct a road march of more than 290 miles to southern Spain, conducting field training in Alvarez de Sotomayor before operating as a simulated opposition force for a raid from U.S. and British Royal Marines later in the month.

Trident Juncture shows NATO capabilities ‘are real and ready’



Story and photo by NATO

The training of Allied forces during Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 shows that NATO is able to defend all Allies against any threat, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday (4 November 2015) after watching a live military demonstration of Allied forces working together in Spain. “Trident Juncture

shows that NATO's capabilities are real and ready,” the Secretary General said.

Trident Juncture, NATO's largest exercise in over a decade, is currently taking place in Spain, Italy and Portugal. The exercise is testing Allied forces' abilities to work together and with many partner nations and organisations in meeting a wide range of security challenges.

Mr. Stoltenberg said that from what he and other senior officials saw during Wednesday's demonstration, “NATO is up to the test.” He added: “while our aim is to train and exercise, we are also sending a clear message, to our nations and to any potential adversary. NATO does not seek confrontation, but we stand ready to defend all Allies.”

Trident Juncture also shows that NATO is committed to transparency and predictability, the Secretary General stressed. NATO has invited observers from all member nations of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and from other nations around the world to the exercise.

Mr. Stoltenberg was joined by Spanish Defence Minister Pedro Morenés, Ambassadors from the North Atlantic Council and senior Allied military commanders to watch the demonstration at the San Gregorio Training Area in Spain. Forces from 12 NATO Allies conducted an offensive operation

involving a hostage rescue, mine-field clearing and infantry attacks. Attack and cargo helicopters including U.S. Apaches, Chinooks and Blackhawks also took part, as well as fighter jets which practised close air support. The demonstration also included the deployment of over 500 US airborne troops from the 82nd Airborne Division, who flew direct from their home base at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to parachute drop onto the training ground in San Gregorio.

More than 36,000 personnel from more than 30 nations are participating in exercise Trident Juncture 2015. The live military training element of the exercise, which opened on 19 October, will run until 6 November. The exercise includes more than 230 units, more than 140 aircraft and more than 60 ships.

For more information on Trident Juncture 2015, visit www.jfcb.nato.int/trident-juncture.

Safety Corner: Don't Fall Down On Safety

The main causes of slips, trips, and falls in the workplace are:

Poor housekeeping: Scrap on floors; spilled liquids; electrical, network or phone cords; equipment cluttering the aisles; all of these scenarios can lead to someone slipping and falling if we simply ignore these hazards. You may think someone else will take care of it, but that may not happen in time to prevent an accident.

Dangerous surface conditions: Broken or cracked surfaces, protruding nails, different elevations which are unmarked, torn carpets, loose or curled mats and slippery finishes are all hazards.

Insufficient lighting: Dim or incorrect lighting, glare in areas where it is dangerous or lights which flicker or "strobe" and cause perception difficulties.

Inattention to tasks: Carelessness brought on by inexperience, horseplay, fatigue, or personal problems.

Improper footwear: Shoes which are not properly fastened, are too big, too small, have slippery bottoms or oversized heels.

Here are some ways to prevent this common but sometimes deadly kind of accident:

- Conduct regular safety inspections of your work area to identify and remove slipping and tripping hazards.
- Keep your work area and traffic areas free of tripping hazards such as stored materials, scrap, cables, cords and unnecessary equipment or tools. Tool boxes are common tripping hazards, so keep them out of the way.
- Close drawers and cabinet doors to prevent someone from falling over them.
- Promptly clean up all spills. Rainwater in a doorway, coffee on a hall floor, or oil leaking from machinery are all common slipping hazards. Help keep the floors dry in lunchrooms and washrooms, too.
- Watch where you are going. Don't try to walk while focusing on your smart phone, reading something, or carrying an object you can't see over.
- Don't walk backwards. Many tripping accidents occur when a person backs up and trips over something.
- Take your time; don't run or rush. It is especially important to slow down on wet floors, icy pavement, and sloped

surfaces.

- Make sure the lighting is good in your work and traffic areas. Many accidents involving falls occur in dark storerooms and dim hallways.
- Have your vision checked regularly and change your prescription eye-wear as required.
- Wear footwear that helps you to stay on your feet. Shoes should be well-fitting with low heels. Soles should be made of a non-slip material for most work situations. Footwear with treads or cleats may be called for in some jobs.



Check your work area and your work habits frequently to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent slips, trips, and falls. Practice good work-site housekeeping, wear well-fitting shoes, and pay attention to where you are stepping.



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Health Beat: Laughter Yoga

By Rhonda. P. Kaalund, MA
USAG Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program

Don't let those winter blues get you down. Laughter Yoga training is offered to the Stuttgart community with Certified Laughter Yoga Leaders who provide training tailored to meet specific needs.

What is Laughter Yoga?

This exercise combines stretching with forced laughter. Stretching relaxes the body, while forced laughter eventually translates into genuine natural laughter, boosting mood.

Here are some facts:

- Laughter Yoga provides the ability to laugh at things which previously would have caused stress or anger, along with a new sense of forgiveness.
- Depressed people seldom laugh, and laughing people are seldom depressed.
- Laughter Yoga has helped thousands to overcome depression.
- Laughter exercises can increase net supply of oxygen to our body and brain which helps to improve efficiency and performance.
- Scientific research shows that laughter

can help to resolve many major workplace issues.

- By introducing Laughter Yoga to staff, companies have reported a happier workplace, increased efficiency, better communication, increase in sales and productivity, increased creativity and better teamwork, decrease in illness and absenteeism, and a reduction in employee turnover.
- Laughter Yoga is a powerful tool that can give you a highly motivated and energetic workforce for maximum productivity and profitability.
- Laughter Yoga is the quickest, most effective, most economical way to help employees reduce stress.

To experience emotion with a chuckle, or explosive vocal sound in your unit or organization, contact ASAP's Certified Laughter Yoga leaders to schedule a training at DSN: 431-2530.



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What's happening in FMWR

2015 USAG STUTTGART HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. on Kelley Barracks
 Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. on Panzer Kaserne
 Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. on Robinson Barracks
 Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. on Patch Barracks

KELLEY THEATER – COMMUNITY THEATER

The next scheduled performance series, "The Sound of Music" is set to begin in December. Consider buying season tickets, you can reserve your tickets and view the full schedule of upcoming shows at stuttgart.armymwr.com, or call DSN: 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

AFE COMEDY TOUR

Let the Armed Forces Entertainment "Zero Dark Nerdy Tour" get you through your weekday blues Dec. 2 at Panzer Fitness Center, 8-10 p.m. Enjoy a free comedy show in the Panzer Fitness Center as 5 hilarious comedians tickle your funny bone with sidesplitting jokes. Show is for mature audience only. Enjoy a meet and greet session with comedians after the show. DSN: 430-2110/civ. 0711-680-2110.

CYSS MOBILE REGISTRATION ON RB

Dec. 3, Parent Central Services, Robinson Barracks SAC. 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. If you live on RB, CYS Services wants to save you the drive and give you the opportunity to enroll in CYS Services programs: SKIES, Youth Sports, EDGE and more on Robinson Barracks. You must be registered with CYS Services and be able to verify registration. For more information contact Parent Central Services DSN: 430-7480/civ.0711-680-7480.

HOHENZOLLERN CHRISTMAS MARKET TOUR

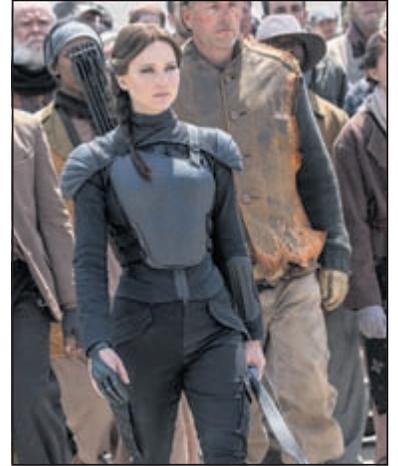
Dec. 5: Hohenzollern Christmas Market Tour, Outdoor Recreation, Panzer Kaserne. Find the perfect Christmas gift for your loved ones at the Hohenzollern Christmas Market. \$50 per adult, \$40 per youth (17 and under). Price includes transportation, ODR escort, shuttle to castle and entrance to castle grounds. Register by Dec. 3. Trip departs 10 a.m. and returns approximately 11 p.m. DSN 431-2774/civ. 07031-152774.

For more Family and MWR events, visit www.stuttgart.armymwr.com.

COMING TO PATCH THEATER

- Thu Nov 26 – The Good Dinosaur (G) 5 p.m.
Victor Frankenstein (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Fri Nov 27 – The Good Dinosaur (G) 5 p.m.
Victor Frankenstein (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Sat Nov 28 – The Good Dinosaur (G) 4 p.m.
Creed (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Sun Nov 29 – The Good Dinosaur (G) 4 p.m.
Creed (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Mon Nov 30 – Closed
- Tue Dec 1 – Closed
- Wed Dec 2 – Victor Frankenstein (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Thu Dec 3 – Creed (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Fri Dec 4 – The Peanuts Movie (G) 6 p.m.
Krampus (PG-13) 9 p.m.
- Sat Dec 5 – The Good Dinosaur (PG) 3 p.m.
Krampus (PG-13) 6 p.m.
Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2 (PG-13) 9 p.m.
- Sun Dec 6 – The Good Dinosaur in 3D (PG) 4 p.m.
Creed (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Mon Dec 7 – Closed
- Tue Dec 8 – Closed
- Wed Dec 9 – Krampus (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Editor's note: The movies listing was the most current at the time of publication. Dates are subject to change. Please check with your local theater for the most up-to-date schedule.



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In *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2*, the war of Panem escalates to the destruction of other districts by the Capitol. Katniss Everdeen, the reluctant leader of the rebellion, must bring together an army against President Snow, while all she holds dear hangs in the balance.

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MUSICAL PRODUCTION

SOUND OF MUSIC PERFORMANCES
 Dec. 11 - Jan. 17
 Stuttgart Theatre Center, Kelley Barracks

Get your tickets for the Stuttgart production of "The Sound of Music". Tickets \$17 for adults, \$15 for children. Minimum age to attend any performance is 5 years. For performance dates and times, go to Stuttgart.armymwr.com.

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NEW YEAR'S IN PARIS

CELEBRATE IN THE CITY OF LOVE
 Dec. 30 - Jan. 3
 Outdoor Recreation, Panzer Kaserne

\$489 per adult, \$419 per youth (17 and under) based on double occupancy. \$589 for single room. Price includes transportation, 3 overnights in a 3-star hotel with breakfast, city tour by local guide (bus & walking tour) and one free day to tour the city at your own leisure. Register by Dec. 11. Trip departs Dec. 30, 11 p.m. and returns Jan. 3 approximately 6 p.m.

DSN 431-2774/CIV 07031-15-2774



GREAT DEALS, GREAT ITEMS

GOLF SHOP HOLIDAY SALE
 Dec 5 - 24
 Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim,

Come out and enjoy free finger food and drinks at the sale kick off on Dec. 5 from 1 - 3 p.m. You don't want to miss savings up to 50% on balls, gloves, shoes, golf bags, apparel, hard goods and accessories. US ID cardholders can enter the free drawing. Only one entry per family. Drawing will be held Dec. 24 (need not be present to win)

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Esslingen Mittelaltermarkt: a medieval affair



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By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

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.

Visitors to Esslingen are often impressed by the city's medieval character and feel connected to days long gone.

During the holiday season, they can see those medieval days come back to life — including traveling minstrels,

craftsmen selling wares, and roasted pig on a spit — during Esslingen's "Mittelaltermarkt," or medieval market, and the Weihnachtsmarkt, or Christmas market.

The traditional Christmas market is located at Marktplatz, or market square, while the medieval market winds its way from the old town hall to Hafenmarkt.

The medieval market features arts and crafts, homemade food, entertainment and hands-on activities recreating the way of life in the Middle Ages.

During the Christmas market, the clock in Esslingen is turned back in time

for about 600 years to enter Esslingen's medieval era, according to Esslingen's Stadtmarketing and Tourist Office, which is responsible for organizing the Christmas market each year.

The market aims to be authentic for visitors to truly experience the Middle Ages. That is why all vendors, artists and craftsmen wear the typical medieval garments approaching visitors using the language of medieval times.

Visitors will have the opportunity to witness the 3,000-year-old art of glass-blowing, which peaked during the late Middle Ages. Another highlight will be the blacksmith's shop, where people can find silver jewelry, lanterns, swords and decorated boxes.

The letterpress was revolutionary during the Middle Ages, and visitors can learn more about the process of printing at the "Druckerey" (printing shop). They can also purchase hand-crafted baskets, furniture, woven scarves and many other medieval-inspired products.

"The market is an adventure. People can truly see and experience what everyday life was like during medieval times," said Sgt. Ian Morales of American Forces Network Stuttgart.

During the market, visitors will be able to watch the craftsmen conducting and offering their work, and they can also participate and get the hands-on experience by creating their own handmade piece of art.

"Personally, I enjoy looking at the blacksmith doing his work," Morales said.

The medieval market also offers colorful entertainment: fire-breathers, jugglers, music and medieval dance performances. Visitors can also forge their own sword or

play roulette with a live mouse.

"It's the most impressive Christmas market I have ever seen in Germany. I like the historic setting since it perfectly matches the medieval theme of the market which truly takes visitors back in time," Morales said.

"It's also interesting to see people wearing the traditional period costumes. The vendors are coming from all over Europe and that's great to experience as well," he added.

People who lived during the Middle Ages also had a penchant for eating. Therefore, visitors will find a variety of food ranging from hearty meat dishes, brats and soups to oriental, organic and vegetarian delicacies. For dessert, they can try a baked apple covered in vanilla sauce with raisins and nuts.

"I really like the delicious 'medieval hot pockets' filled with bacon and cheese," Morales said.

The typical medieval honey wine, or "Met," an alcoholic drink made out of honey, water, fruit juices, spicy herbs and yeast — also known as "viking's blood" — is served in clay mugs.

People who are still not warmed up after drinking this medieval brew can stop by the bathing house, for a hot bath in a wooden tub.

From the sights and sounds to the tastes of food and experiences, visitors to Esslingen's medieval market will feel as if they've been transported back in time.

This year's medieval and Christmas market runs through Dec. 22. The market is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.esslingen.de.

Tübingen's market: A gift givers paradise

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Tübingen's Christmas market spans 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.

During the third advent weekend, Dec. 11-13, Tübingen's city center will transform into a lively and dazzling Christmas market.

"The Christmas market makes for a splendid setting in the historic downtown area, with its hidden alleys and

half-timbered houses," said Rainer Kaltenmark, coordinator for the event.

For those still looking for extraordinary holiday gifts for loved-ones and friends, the Tübingen market is an ideal place to shop, according to Kaltenmark.

The market offers a broad and unique selection of goods. "There's something for everybody's taste," Kaltenmark said.

More than 400 booths will sell handmade products such as wooden carvings, nativity scenes, toys, jewelry, felted accessories, ceramics, shawls, candles, holiday-inspired interior decorations and clothing. Culinary delicacies, such as lavender honey, fine oils, mustard and chocolates will be offered as well.

According to the Tübingen Tourist Information website, the city's historic landmarks will merge with the market booths, resulting in a cozy, jubilant

atmosphere.

Of course, visitors will also find typical Christmas market treats such as candied almonds, chocolate covered fruits, hot Glühwein (mulled wine) and "Kinderpunsch," a non-alcoholic version of the winter drink typically made of apple or orange juice mixed with cinnamon, fruit tea, lemon and honey.

Booths featuring French, Hungarian, Indian and Russian foods mirror Tübingen's diversity and add an international touch to the Christmas market, Kaltenmark said.

The Christmas market will also feature an entertainment program with street musicians and artists at the Marktplatz. A stage will also be set up Dec. 13-14 on the Marktplatz for children's theater performances, clowns and live acts, with shows scheduled for 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

"The combination of the historic downtown area, the creative, handmade offerings, along with the local initiatives, give this Christmas market its very own identity," Kaltenmark said.

This year's Christmas market will be held Dec. 11-13. 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. For more information, visit www.tuebingen.de.

Chocoholics beware: Tübingen will host the "ChocolART" chocolate festival Dec. 1-6. The festival will feature more than 100 chocolatiers from Europe, South and North America, and Africa offering fine chocolate creations. Chocoholics will be glad to hear that they can sample all chocolates on the spot. For more information, visit the Culture and Leisure section at www.stuttgartcitizen.com.

Ludwigsburg's baroque-inspired market

By Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

A 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 "Holzofendinnee," or Swabian pizza.

Year-round, visitors to Ludwigsburg can enjoy the city's rich culture, including one of Germany's largest baroque castles, as well as two baroque churches and many other historic landmarks.

During the Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market, the city adds a spark to its history by festively illuminating the landmarks and turning the city into a Christmas village.

Four majestic angels greet visitors with their illuminated wings as they enter the

Christmas market, which is, according to the Ludwigsburg Tourist Information's website, one of Germany's most beautiful baroque Christmas markets.

"Visitors to Ludwigsburg are mainly impressed by the Christmas market's one-of-a-kind atmosphere," said Meike Wätjen, from Ludwigsburg's press department. "The market square itself, with its two baroque churches, sets the stage for arches and gates which are made of thousands of tiny lights that span across the market and illuminate the Christmas village."

The market features more than 170 festively decorated booths and its layout is modeled after a classic baroque garden.

The roomy passages make it easy for visitors to shop and enjoy the market's offerings: Glühwein, crepes, Schupfnudeln (Swabian potato noodles with cabbage) and Maroni (roasted chestnuts), handmade silk scarves, jewelry, antique Christmas ornaments, pottery, angel figurines, wooden Christmas pyramids and smokers from the Erz Mountain region.

Try Swabian pizza

Patrons to the Ludwigsburg market can also indulge in a Swabian delight called "Holzofendinnee," or Swabian pizza, which is typically baked in a wood burning oven. The Holzofendinnee is topped with potatoes, bacon, onions or with sour cream, and is served at several booths throughout the market.

Another highlight is the freshly baked gingerbread or "Lebkuchen" from Konrad Friedmann and Stefan Koch, the market's official gingerbread bakers. In 2009, Friedmann and Koch set the Guinness Book world record by baking gingerbread one kilometer in length.

Visitors to the market can also witness the 3,000-year-old art of glassblowing or stop by the brush maker's shop to watch the making of various household brushes and brooms.

Since 2010, the market began to display a "Salcher-Krippe," or nativity scene, made exclusively for the market. Its wooden figurines were handcrafted in South

Tyrol (Grödner Tal). The nativity scene is set up in front of Ludwigsburg's Protestant Church at the market square.

The market also features a multifaceted entertainment program with local choirs, orchestras and artists, as well as theater performances, swing, jazz, folk and gospel concerts held every evening and on weekends.

The market offers a daily afternoon children's program with clowns, magicians, ventriloquists and a puppet theater. Children can also enjoy a ride on a Ferris wheel and an antique merry-go-round.

For the Ludwigsburg "Christmas Spectacular," King Friedrich I, the first king of Württemberg, will "reappear" with his royal entourage at the market every Saturday at 1 p.m. to bring Ludwigsburg's baroque past back to life.

This year's Christmas market runs through Dec. 22. The market is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit www.ludwigsburg.de.

Other local Christmas markets

STUTTGART NOV. 25 TO DEC. 23

Located in the downtown area and spans from Marktplatz to Schillerplatz, Karlsplatz and Schlossplatz. Open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Wintertraum area is open until Jan. 1, 2016, daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Dec. 31, the market is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Jan. 1, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BÖBLINGEN NOV. 25-29

Located at the Böblingen Lake, open daily from noon to 9 p.m.

MÖHRINGEN NOV. 28

Located on Maierstrasse next to Martin's Church, open for one day only, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VAIHINGEN NOV. 28-29

Located in downtown Vaihingen and spans from the town hall to the "Schwaben Galerie" shopping mall. Open Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibition will be open Nov. 28 from noon to 6 p.m. and Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SCHORNDORF NOV. 28 TO DEC. 20

Held throughout the historic downtown area and at the market square in front of the town hall. Open Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

RUDERSBERG NOV. 27-29/ DEC. 4-6/ DEC. 11-13/ DEC. 18-20

In "Alte Rathausplatz," open on weekends only: Friday from 5-10 p.m., Saturday from 2-10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FELLBACH DEC. 3-21

Located in the downtown area and around the city's town hall. Open Monday to Friday 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. 4-6

Open Friday from 2-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SINDELFINGEN DEC. 4-6

Held throughout the downtown area. Open Dec. 4 from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BAD CANNSTATT DEC. 5

On Marktstrasse, open for one day only, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LEINFELDEN DEC. 5-6

Located at "Neuer Markt" in downtown Leinfelden. Holiday concert and choir performance Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Market open Dec. 5 from 3-9 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ECHTERDINGEN NOV. 28/ DEC. 5/ DEC. 12/ DEC. 19

Located at Rathausplatz in the downtown area, open on Saturdays only from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

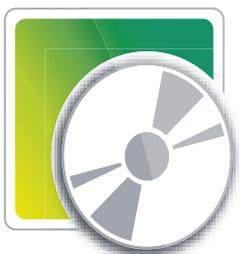
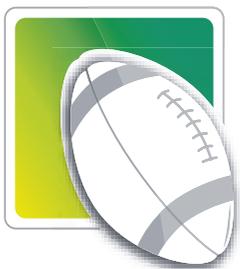


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Stuttgart, Eiswelt

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EVENTS

Magic Christmas in Alsace

Fri, Nov 20 – Wed, Dec 31
Colmar, city center

The magic of Christmas in Colmar is an old fashion traditional Christmas market that will start from November 20 to December 31. Let yourself be amazed by the 5 different magic Christmas markets in a unique setting in the Alsace. Purchase anything from arts and crafts to mulled wine and even your fresh Christmas tree. The little ones will have the opportunity to ride the carousel and even post a letter to Santa. Children will be singing Christmas songs on small boats in the petite picturesque Venice. To find out more about what else is going on at the market visit www.noel-colmar.com

Christmas market

Thu, Nov 26 – Sun, Dec 20
Schwäbisch Hall, Marktplatz

Enjoy the scent of Glühwein and roasted almonds at the Christmas Market in Schwäbisch Hall from November 26 to December 20. At the marktplatz a huge variety of Christmas decoration and delicacies will be offered while Christmas carols will be played by choirs and brass bands. Opening hours are Sunday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info see www.schwaebischhall.de

Christmas market

Thu, Nov 26 – Tue, Dec 22
Reutlingen, city center

A great Christmas Market in Reutlingen's city center will await you from November 26 to December 22. The

Naturkundemuseum presents a huge visual Advent calendar on which one window will be opened every day. In context with the calendar prizes can be won. Of course you can find Christmas delicacies, decoration, an ice rink and special programs for children as well. Opening hours are every day from 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. For more info see www.weihnachtsmarkt-reutlingen.de

Arts & crafts market

Sat, Nov 28 & Sun, Nov 29
Fellbach, Schwabenlandhalle

Enjoy the 31st Freizeit-Kunst & Kunstgewerbemarkt (arts and crafts market) at the Schwabenlandhalle Fellbach November 28 and 29. Opening hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. In the 3,000 sqm big hall around 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 see www.kunstmarkt.rjesounds.de

ChocolART

Tue, Dec 1 – Sun, Dec 6
Tübingen, city center

Germany's largest chocolate festival in Tübingen will be from December 1 - 6. For the 10th time with over 100 international top chocolatiers coming from Africa, North and South America and Europe are here to honor the cocoa bean. Chocolate lovers from near and far will gather to try out delicious handmade fine chocolates. Admission is free, so that bit of extra cash spared can be used to purchase any chocolates your heart desires. For more information go to www.chocolart.de

Lord of the Dance

Wed, Dec 2

Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena

Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance is an extraordinary show that attracts viewers from near and far. Be part of the show on December 2 in Stuttgart in the Porsche-Arena. Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games features new costumes and choreography. Ticket price starts at €64.85. The show starts at 8 p.m. For more information about the show and further shows go to www.lordofthedance.com

Holiday on Ice

Thu, Dec 10

Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena

The Porsche-Arena Stuttgart will host the world's most popular ice show "Holiday on Ice" on December 10 based on Romeo and Juliet. This show has drawn more than 325 million visitors. Each visitor marvels at their extravagant costumes and exciting acrobatics which are supported by glamorous light shows and thrilling music. Ticket price starts at €29.90. For more information go to www.holidayonice.com

Weltweihnachtscircus

Thu, Dec 10 – Mon, Jan 10

Stuttgart, Cannstatter Wasen

The traditional Weltweihnachtscircus Stuttgart (World Christmas Circus) will take place at the Cannstatter Wasen from December 10 to January 6. It is part of the tradition that winners of the "Golden Clown" prize from the Circus festival in Monte Carlo present their program in the Weltweihnachtscircus. This year's highlight will be the world premiere of the biggest parrot show in the world with 50 birds. For more info, tickets and dates see www.weltweihnachtscircus.de

SPORTS

Basketball

Sat, Dec 5

Ludwigsburg, MHP Arena

Let's get ready to cheer on the MHP Riesen on December 5 as they play against Phoenix Hagen. Game starts at 8.30 p.m. and ticket price starts at €14. For more information visit www.mhp-riesen-ludwigsburg.de

CONCERTS

Beethoven's 9th

Fri, Dec 27

Stuttgart, Liederhalle

Beethoven's 9th symphony, a symbol for peace and understanding among nations, is a beloved song to celebrate the New Year all over the world. Munich's Symphonists agree and decided to play at the Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle in Stuttgart on December 27 from 4 p.m. Thanks to a harmonic choir's performance of Schiller's "An die Freude," this concert is not to be missed. Ticket price start at €29. For more information go to www.stuttgart.de

New Year's concert

Thu, Dec 31

Stuttgart, Liederhalle

Stuttgart invites you to their annual New Year's concert at the Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle on December 31 for a musical fireworks display from 5 p.m. Festive sounds, classic tunes by Beethoven and co and elegant decorations await to be heard and seen to celebrate the turn of the year in style. Admission starts at €28. For more information go to www.stuttgart.de

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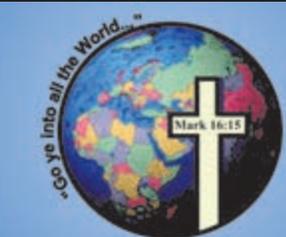
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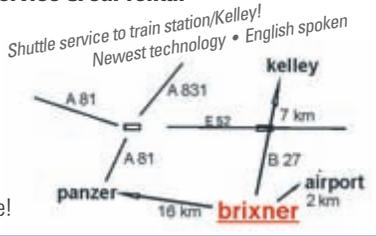
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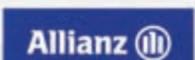
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