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By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Fantasizing about an exotic getaway but finding yourself strapped for cash? A "Space-A" seat aboard a military aircraft might be just your ticket to that vacation of your dreams.

Military-owned or -contracted aircraft fly to more places than many people realize, even to areas without U.S. military installations. When all mission-related passengers and cargo are accommodated, empty seats are offered up to eligible passengers on a space-available basis.

Last year, almost 215,000 service members, military family members and retirees took advantage of these "Space-A" flights all over the world, Air Force Master Sgt. Chris Alexander of Air Mobility Command's passenger policy and fleet management branch told American Forces Press Service.

They flew stateside at no cost on military planes and paid just \$3.90 for a seat on a commercially chartered flight, Alexander reported. Those on international flights paid \$17.20 or less to cover the cost of head taxes and federal inspection fees.

The travelers didn't require high-placed contacts or insider information

— just a basic understanding of how the system works.

In general, active-duty members and retirees and their families can fly Space-A between Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard facilities around the world. Flights also are available from the Seattle-Tacoma and Baltimore-Washington international airports.

Seats are offered to Space-A passengers only after all official-duty passengers and cargo have been accommodated, Alexander emphasized. Once those requirements are met, empty seats are offered to any qualified Space-A traveler. They may get a standard seat on a contracted commercial aircraft. But in other cases, it might be a backward-facing seat on a C-5 Galaxy aircraft or a jump seat on a C-130 Hercules cargo plane or KC-135 Stratotanker, or anything in between, Alexander said.

Passengers with a sense of adventure willing to try Space-A travel can sign up at the terminal they plan to fly from in person, online or by email or phone and stay on the roster for up to 60 days or, if applicable, until their military leave expires. It's possible to sign up for more than one destination, and at more than one terminal to improve the chances of getting a seat.

When passengers register, they get



Senior Airman Caleb Pierce

*A Boeing 767 is parked at the passenger terminal at Ramstein Air Base*

assigned to a passenger category that designates their place in "line" for a seat.

Space-A may be the one instance in which rank doesn't have its privilege. Seats are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on a Space-A passenger's travel category and date and time they registered.

First priority, Category 1, goes to active-duty service members and their accompanying family members on unfunded emergency leave. Category 2 is assigned to those on environmental morale leave. Category 3 is for members

and their families on ordinary leave or in a house-hunting status in conjunction with a permanent-change-of-station move. Category 4 goes to unaccompanied active-duty family members on environmental and morale leave. Category 5 is assigned to unaccompanied family members and service members on permissive temporary duty. Category 6 goes to military retirees, reservists, National Guard members and ROTC cadets.

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## Europe Region Medical Command notifies beneficiaries affected by prostate-specific antigen screening error

Europe Regional Medical Command  
Public Affairs Office

Europe Regional Medical Command is notifying beneficiaries who received an incorrect prostate cancer screening blood test between August 2009 and May of 2012 at military medical treatment facilities in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Kosovo and U.S. Central Command that are supported by the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center laboratory.

Approximately 3,280 patients have been identified and should receive a letter informing them of the error and to facilitate a re-test to best meet their needs.

"We are working diligently to notify every person who did not receive the correct screening test," said Col. John P. Collins, commander of Europe Regional Medical Command. "Our patients are our number one priority and we sincerely apologize for any stress this error may create for them."

Europe Regional Medical Command has since conducted a comprehensive review of all prostate screening test procedures to ensure that the problem has been corrected and implemented new guidelines to prevent future errors from occurring.

The problem occurred when healthcare providers ordered an incorrect prostate-specific antigen test intended to help detect prostate cancer. The incorrect test was ordered due to how the PSA tests appeared in the Composite Health Care System medical database. Patients should have first been screened with the "Total PSA" test used to detect elevated levels of PSA, a protein produced by prostate gland cells. Instead, their providers ordered the "Free PSA" test which is sometimes used as a follow-on test depending upon the results of the Total PSA test results.

When doctors ordered a PSA test for a patient through CHCS, the Free PSA appeared as the first option and Total PSA was option two. Some healthcare

providers inadvertently selected the first option (Free PSA) believing it to be the comprehensive test they wanted.

The issue was detected in February of 2012 by medical staff at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center where PSA screening tests are analyzed in the medical center laboratory for military medical treatment facilities supported by Europe Regional Medical Command. The problem was corrected in the CHCS medical database within a month, but the scope of beneficiaries affected by the error was not recognized until May 2013 after an analysis of CHCS data for all tests was conducted. This analysis was prompted by a patient who notified Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Patient Advocacy that his medical provider informed him that he had been given the wrong PSA screening test.

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# Sexual assault myths: a powerful campaign of misinformation

Commentary by 1st Lt. Kandis Paskell  
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It can be difficult to talk about sex and sexual assault. However, it is a valuable conversation that must be had in order to reduce the rate of the crime and the impact it has on both the victims and society. In order to have an effective discussion about sexual assault, we must first address the numerous myths surrounding the topic.

**Myth #1:** If a victim refuses to cooperate with investigators, then they were lying.

**Fact:** A victim of sexual assault may stop cooperating in a sexual assault investigation for any number of reasons: attempting to minimize re-traumatization, avoiding the stigma of being labeled as a victim, buckling under social pressure (harassment, losing friends, not being believed, and repercussions in the workplace), etc. Ultimately the choice to cooperate with a sexual assault investigation is made by the victim. We understand it can be a very difficult decision, one that has many consequences.

**Myth #2:** If the sexual assault isn't prosecuted, it was a false accusation.

**Fact:** Unfortunately, most sexual assault cases will never see a court room. The judicial system relies on hard facts and evidence. Sexual assault

crimes often have no eye witnesses and leave no physical evidence. Without either of these, it is difficult to meet this standard for prosecution. The reason there are often no eye witnesses is because perpetrators isolate their victims when committing this crime. It is important that victims of sexual assault come forward as soon as they are able to after the assault, because there is a limited timeline to collect DNA evidence (generally up to 120 hours after the crime).

**Myth #3:** Rape is caused by the need for sexual gratification.

**Fact:** Rape is a crime of power and control, it is not about sex. In fact, perpetrators typically have access to consensual sex. In sexual assaults, sex is simply the weapon the perpetrator uses to commit their crime. Unfortunately, it is a very emotionally damaging weapon, as sexual assault attacks the very core of a person's identity: causing the victims to question who they can trust, how they can feel safe, and how others view them. A significant part of the healing process for victims of sexual assault is the use of counseling or social support networks to regain trust in others and in themselves.

**Myth #4:** Men can't be sexually assaulted (or: Only young, "loose" women are sexually assaulted).

**Fact:** Sexual assault is the one crime where there is no bias. It could happen to men or women at all ages, regardless of religion, economic status, race, sexual orientation, level of education, etc. Sexual assault could happen between spouses or significant others, among family members, and close friends. It doesn't matter what you wear, what you look like, if you were drunk or sober, if you were at a friend's house or at a night club: Sexual assault could happen anywhere to anyone. Risk reduction is important but there is no way a potential victim can 100 percent prevent a sexual assault from occurring. The only person who can prevent a rape is the rapist.

Although sexual assault is perpetrated against both men and women, men have a lower rate of reporting. There are additional barriers to reporting for men than even for women. Particularly damaging are society's messages that "men are always in the mood for sex," that men are expected to always be able to defend themselves, and that men can never be victims of sexual assault or abuse.

**Myth #5:** Perpetrators are strange looking men who hide in alleyways or creepy vans.

**Fact:** Eighty-seven percent of sexual assaults are committed by a person the victim knows. Perpetrators are not easy to pick out, come from all racial and ethnic backgrounds, can be men or women, and typically have access to consensual sex. They are people who are good at manipulating others and getting the victim to make him or herself vulnerable.

Sexual assaults are not accidents, are not caused by circumstances and are not caused by miscommunication. The perpetrator looks for vulnerabili-

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ties or opportunities and takes them, regardless of the victim's wishes. This type of perpetrator often uses coercion, alcohol (or other substances) and isolation to increase the victims' vulnerability.

**Myth #6:** If a person is sexually assaulted, they will immediately report it to the police.

**Fact:** Sexual assault is the most underreported crime in the United States: over 70 percent of sexual assaults go unreported. There are many reasons why it can be difficult for victims to come forward with an allegation of sexual assault.

First is denial: The victim often does not want to identify what happened to him or her as a sexual assault — especially if the perpetrator was their friend, family member or significant other. Second is fear: Many times, the victim fears the repercussions of reporting and just wants his or her life to go back to "normal." Fear is even more pronounced in domestic violence or abuse situations, where the victim faces a very real danger to their life if they report the assault. Third is support: Does the victim feel that they will be supported or ridiculed if they come forward. If the victim's report is taken seriously they can get the help they need. If the report is laughed at or brushed off, the victim may feel like no one cares and they will be unlikely to ever come forward again.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office provides victim advocacy, assistance, referrals to helping agencies, and a safe and confidential place to make decisions that are best for the victims' healing process. The office ensures that the victim has a voice and never has to go through the process alone.

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**If you have experienced a sexual assault, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at 431-3327 civ. 07031-15-3327.**

## Cyber tips: Protecting your online identity

By U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command Public Affairs

Now more than ever, people rely on the Internet to work, study, stay connected with family and friends, pay bills or simply unwind. For criminals, the Internet provides an endless stream of potential targets to be victimized.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, continually receives reports ranging from identity theft to Internet scams that are perpetrated by cyber criminals operating throughout the world.

Law enforcement's ability to identify these perpetrators is difficult and limited, so individuals must stay on the alert and be personally responsible for their online presence to protect both themselves and their loved ones.

The following information may help military community members protect themselves online and significantly reduce the chance of becoming victims of cyber crime.

### Protect yourself online

— Know the terms on social networking websites. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social networking sites' privacy settings default to everyone. This means anyone can view your profile, not just people you know. Users can and should change this by accessing the Privacy Settings/Profile Information usually found under the respective Account tab.

— Sample social networking safely. Never disclose private information when using social networking websites. Be selective about who you invite or accept invitations from as cyber criminals use false profiles to gain access to personal and private information, such as birth dates, marital status and personal photographs. Posts containing personal identifying information, including photos containing metadata, can be used against you and your family.

— Click with caution. Always use caution when clicking on links in an email or a social networking post, even from someone you know. Reports of personal social networking accounts being hacked and taken over by criminals have increased in recent years. Clicking on a link that appears to be benign in nature may in fact contain embedded malware that can compromise your computer. Once compromised, the data on your computer can be exploited and even your computer can be remotely operated as a surrogate in online attacks against others.

— Hide your profile from search engines. This can be accomplished by going to the Account/Privacy Settings/Search and unchecking the "Public Search Results" box. This will remove your public

preview from Google, Bing and Yahoo search returns.

— Prevent people from "tagging" you in photos and videos. To do this, go to the Account/Privacy Settings/Profile Information/Photos and Videos of Me and deselect the "everyone" default.

— Keep your personal information safe. Don't provide personal or financial information, user names or passwords in response to an email because legitimate companies generally don't seek such information in this manner.

— Install/update your anti-virus/firewall software. Antivirus and firewall software is a must for anyone to safely navigate online. Always keep your security software up to date in order to provide the most complete protection

from malicious programs as thousands of new viruses are detected every year. Also, ensure your antivirus software program updates automatically and scans your computer on a recurring schedule.

Current Department of Defense employees (excluding contractors, retirees and family members) with an active Army Knowledge Online account can download antivirus software for free by logging in to the U.S. Army Computer Emergency Response Team website (<https://www.acert.1stiocmd.army.mil>) and selecting the Antivirus link.

### Smartphones, mobile devices

— Know your Apps. When signing up with an app store or downloading an individual app, you may be asked for permission to let it access information on your device. Some apps may be able to access phone and email contacts, call logs, Internet data, calendar data, data about the device's location, the device's unique ID, and information about how the app is used. If you're providing information when you're using the device, someone may be collecting it.

— Password protect all devices. The time to safeguard the information on a portable electronic device is not after it has been lost or stolen. Ensure all portable electronic devices are properly password protected, especially any device with personal communications account information (email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.).

— "Brick" a stolen device. In recent years, roughly 40 percent of all robberies involve smart phones and/or tablet computers, thus endangering the security of the personal information on the stolen devices. If a smart phone is lost or stolen, the owner can contact the carrier and ask to have that device remotely disabled. These "bricked" phones are of little or no use to thieves because they can't be reactivated after being sold on the black market.

For more information on the Army's Criminal Investigation Command, visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).

## News & Notes

### Learn fire safety the fun way!

Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen. If one breaks out in your home, do you and your family know what to do?

Preventing kitchen fires is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, observed from Oct. 6-12.

Learn kitchen fire-safety rules and more at the U.S. Army Garrison Fire Department Open House to be held Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Panzer Kaserne in front of the eXchange shopping center.

The event will include fire safety and fire extinguisher demonstrations and Sparky the Fire Dog.

To teach children important fire safety skills, visit the Sparky School House at <http://sparkyschoolhouse.org>.

### DANTES offers free career guidance assistance

For a limited time active duty service members can have access to Kuder Journey, an online career-planning system, at no cost. With the system, service members transitioning out of the military can explore new career directions, consider education and training, and seek current opportunities.

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support has purchased 75,000 Kuder Journey accounts. These accounts must be activated before Jan. 1, 2014.

DANTES encourages all service members to take advantage of this free career guidance system. To register, go to [www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com).

For more information, call the Panzer Education Center, at 431-2684/civ. 07031-15-2684.

### Have your say in quality of life issues with AFAP

Have ideas on how the Department of Defense can improve the quality of life for service members, civilians and families?

If so, now is the time to submit them for the next U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Family Action Plan conference to be held Oct. 28-29.

Issues are due by Oct. 18. Issue forms can be found under Hot Topics at [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil) and [www.stuttgartcitizen.net](http://www.stuttgartcitizen.net), and should be emailed to [lisa.g.ordukaya.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.g.ordukaya.civ@mail.mil).

Active duty service members, reservists, retirees, civilians, family members and youth can participate in the AFAP conference as delegates. Delegates discuss the issues submitted, select the most important and then propose local solutions or submit the issues to a higher-level conference.

Volunteers are also needed to be conference facilitators, recorders, transcribers or issue support personnel.

For more information on the USAG Stuttgart Army Family Action Plan conference, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.



# Ask a JAG

If you have a legal question you would like to see answered in The Citizen, write "Ask a JAG" at [ines.k.liefers2.ln@mail.mil](mailto:ines.k.liefers2.ln@mail.mil).

By Jessica Lowy  
Stuttgart Law Center

### Q: How does the Affordable Care Act affect military families?

A: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly referred to as "Obamacare" or the ACA, marked a dramatic expansion of health care in the United States. The president signed the bill into law on March 23, 2010, and the Supreme Court largely upheld it on June 28, 2012.

Although the ACA is lengthy and complicated, you should be aware of a few key points it includes: 1) a mandate requiring almost all uninsured individuals to purchase an approved private health insurance policy or pay a tax penalty for not purchasing a coverage plan; 2) a prohibition on insurance companies' ability to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions or gender; 3) a requirement that insurance companies cover certain preventative procedures at no cost; and 4) insurers offering dependent coverage must also allow dependent children to be covered on their parents' insurance policy up to age 26.

Though these provisions will have an immense effect on people already insured, or looking to be insured, by private sector health insurance plans, the effect on most military families is minimal. Primarily, because any service member and qualifying dependents have the ability to enroll in Tricare, regardless of any pre-existing medical condition, the imposition of an individual mandate is moot. Additionally, Tricare already provides most screening, testing, and preventative health care procedures to beneficiaries at little or no cost.

There is good news for military families with adult dependents. Previously, military dependents could remain on regular Tricare until age 21 or 23 if he or she was a full-time college student. Tricare established Tricare Young Adult in 2011 to provide military dependents with the same extension of coverage required by the ACA. In May 2013, the Obama administration made TYA permanent. Eligible sponsors can purchase TYA for their qualified adult dependents after eligibility for regular Tricare ends at age 21 or if enrolled in college, 23. TYA is available to all unmarried children of Tricare eligible sponsors under the age of 26 who are not immediately eligible for their own employer-sponsored health insurance. However, the sponsor must be either active duty, retired, or in certain categories of guard or reservists. There are also certain premiums and fees, depending on the sponsor's status.

For more information visit [www.Tricare.mil](http://www.Tricare.mil).

*This column is not intended as individual or specific legal advice. If you have specific issues or concerns, you should consult a judge advocate at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.*

# Space-A . . . . .

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Once official mission requirements are met, the likelihood that any would-be traveler gets a Space-A seat depends on a multitude of factors, Alexander said. Some air terminals have more flights than others, and larger commercially contracted aircraft tend to have more seats than cargo planes.

Timing is an important factor, too, he said. During the summer months, when many military families are making PCS moves or vacationing, Space-A seats fill up quickly. In Germany, for example, an aircraft with 100 or more available seats may fill up with travelers in Categories 1 to 3 alone, Alexander said.

Yet, Alexander said, retirees, who are in the lowest-priority group for Space-A seats, are big fans of the program and frequently get seat assignments. Many make a point of learning how the system works and avoid the busiest travel times so they are more likely to get a seat, he said.

AMC, which enforces the policies for the Space-A program, spells out the details of Space-A travel on its website. The site, including a downloadable Space-A handbook, is updated regularly.

The command's Facebook page provides travelers the most current information possible to help them plan better than ever before and to answer any questions they might have, Alexander said. The site offers 72-hour flight schedules that are updated daily.

One of its newest features is a Space A "roll call report." It provides information about seats provided to Space-A passengers within the previous 24 hours, including the latest date and time they signed up and which travel category they had been assigned.

AMC introduced the feature as part of its efforts to give travelers more predictability, but works closely with its operational security team to make sure it's not divulging too much information that could tip off potential adversaries, Alexander said.

Admittedly, Space-A travel can be a gamble. Many people have heard horror stories about seemingly endless waits for empty seats on outgoing flights, wasted leave days and destinations never reached. Passengers are cautioned to be prepared to buy a return flight on a commercial aircraft, as

well as meals and lodging, if they find themselves unable to secure a Space-A flight home.

But trends show that many travelers are willing to sacrifice some of their leave for a free or almost-free seat on an unfilled military contract aircraft. Alexander attributes it to higher ticket prices on commercial aircraft and more awareness across the military about Space-A travel opportunities.

"People say, 'Wow, this is a great service, and I am going to use this, because it is one of my benefits,'" Alexander said. "As long as you have an open mind and you are educated on the processes and you have some time available, Space-A can definitely work well in your favor."

For more information on Space-A opportunities at the Ramstein Passenger Terminal, visit [www.ramstein.af.mil](http://www.ramstein.af.mil).



Senior Airman Caleb Pierce  
*An Airman walks through the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal on Ramstein Air Base.*

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"After a thorough review of our laboratory ordering procedures, we can confidently say no similar problems were found," Collins said. "Our main priority is the health and well-being of our patients and we will continue working to notify those affected and offer any assistance we can. The computer database has been corrected and our providers have been made aware of how the discrepancy in the system led to the widespread error so they can be vigilant in avoiding similar issues in the future."

Beneficiaries affected by this issue who are still living in Europe are asked to please discuss any concerns or questions with their Primary Care Provider. U.S. Army Medical Command has also notified Defense Department healthcare agencies

to provide support for beneficiaries not living in Europe.

Beneficiaries can also call the Europe Regional Medical Command PSA Advice Line at: DSN 314-590-8889; within Germany 06371-9464-8889; from the United States 011-49-6371-9464-8889. Callers will reach an automated voice mailbox which will collect their contact information and record their questions. Callers should receive a response within two business days. Beneficiaries can also call the 24/7 stateside PSA Advice Line (Wounded Soldier Family Hotline) at DSN (312)-421-3700 or toll free at (800)-984-8523. Beneficiaries may reach Army health officials by email at [usarmy.landstuhl.medcom-ermc.list.psa-advice@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.landstuhl.medcom-ermc.list.psa-advice@mail.mil) or via a link on the U.S. Army Medicine website at: [www.armymedicine.army.mil](http://www.armymedicine.army.mil).

**SSEC bar, restaurant closed through Oct. 14**

The restaurant and bar in the Swabian Special Events Center will be closed through Oct. 14 while a new contractor transitions into the facility. All previously booked conferences and special events will take place, according to Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials.

To book future events at the SSEC, call civ. 0162-4116642.

**Retiree council seeks volunteers to serve as officers**

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Military Retiree Council seeks volunteers to serve as president and vice president.

The deadline to apply has been extended to Oct. 31. Selections will be made in November.

If interested, send an email to [usag-s.rsc@eur.army.mil](mailto:usag-s.rsc@eur.army.mil).

**Estate claim notice**

Anyone having any claims on, or obligations to, the estate of Lt. Col. Shane D. Willis of Headquarters, U.S. European Command, should contact the summary court officer, Navy Lt. William Wallace, at 430-4443/civ. 0711-580-4443.

**Legal assistance for contractors**

According to Army Regulation 27-3 paragraph 2-5a (7), civilian

contractors are only eligible to receive legal assistance services when the Department of Defense is contractually obligated to provide this assistance to such personnel as part of their logistical support.

When seeking legal assistance at the Stuttgart Law Center, a contractor will be asked to provide written proof that that legal assistance is explicitly included in the contract.

This applies to all services, including powers of attorney and notaries.

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

**Plan ahead for Oct. 14 federal holiday**

Most organizations and facilities in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be closed Oct. 14 in observance of the Columbus Day federal holiday. Several facilities, such as the Panzer Dining Facility and the health clinic will also be closed Oct. 11 for a training holiday.

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.

Because specific listings are too numerous to detail here, patrons are advised to call ahead before visiting any facility.

**Employment workshop for people with disabilities**

As part of National Disability Employment Awareness month, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Exceptional Family Member and Employment Readiness programs will host a workshop covering job search and career management solutions for people with disabilities.

The free workshop will be held Oct. 8 from 1-2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3362/07031-15-3362.

**Attend PCS briefing on Oct. 16**

Service members and civilians who will relocate in the next several months should plan to attend one of the permanent change of station/pre-separation briefings to be held Oct. 16 and Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne.

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

To sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

**Participate in the GAWC Pfennig Bazaar**

The German American Women's Club of Stuttgart is preparing for its 45th annual Pfennig Bazaar to be held Nov. 7-8 at the Liederhalle in downtown Stuttgart.

The bazaar is considered to be Stuttgart's largest and oldest flea market, according to club officials, and is the club's main fundraising activity. For the last several years, an average of €50,000 per year has been donated to German and American charitable causes, including local schools, athletic groups and youth clubs.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to perform duties such as booth set up, logistics, sales and security.

Volunteers can sign up online at <http://vols.pt/5M1qW8> by entering their email addresses for the days, volunteer roles and work shifts they would like.

For more information, contact Chairperson Maggie Bangston, civ. 0711-50456408 or email [PB-US@gawc-stuttgart.org](mailto:PB-US@gawc-stuttgart.org).

Donations will be accepted on Patch Barracks (Building 2332, adjacent to the thrift store). On Kelley Barracks, donations can be placed in containers at the club's warehouse behind the Kelley Theatre.

Send your community-wide announcements to [stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil](mailto:stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil).

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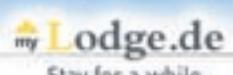
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# Tips on filing PCS claims

By Capt. Austen Swaim (U.S. Army)  
 Stuttgart Law Center

As the permanent change of station season draws to a close, you may have unpacked your household items and noticed a few broken or missing items from the move. Unfortunately, it happens.

The military claims system is designed to help Department of Defense personnel recover such losses. It is also designed to ensure that the carrier responsible for the loss and damage is held accountable.

Here's the process for submitting a claim to a transportation service provider and, if you're unsatisfied with the transportation service provider's offer, how to file a claim with the Military Claims Office in Stuttgart.

## When household goods are broken or missing

When the movers make their delivery, try to unpack as much as possible before they leave. If there are damaged or lost items, annotate them on the "Notification of Loss or Damage" form before signing for the delivery.

The movers are always in a hurry to have their documents signed so they can get out — don't be intimidated. By noting all damaged or lost items, you have provided what is called notice to the transportation service provider, that is, there are damages and you will file a claim.

But for those who don't fully unpack everything or don't discover damage until later, they have 75 days from the date of delivery to file notice by logging into the Defense Personal Property System at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil). List all the damaged or missing items under the "Claims" tab.

It is your duty to prove the claim so take photos of the damage. Make sure the photos are up-close, as well as at a distance so the transportation service provider's claims adjuster can tell not just what the damage is, but what the damaged item is; details such as brand, model, and purchase year are all important.

If you log into the Defense Personal Property System and can't find your shipment, contact the Military Claims Office at the Stuttgart Law Center. The staff will assist in manually filing notice of a claim.

## Filing the claim

After providing notice, you have nine months from the date of delivery to file a claim. However, do not delay.

Submit the claim through the Defense Per-

sonal Property System website by clicking the "Submit Claim" button. You should receive a notification of receipt from the transportation service provider within a few days. However, if you do not, call the Military Claims Office for assistance in figuring out where the claim stands.

## Why 75 days and nine months?

Following this timeline makes you eligible to be reimbursed for repair costs, a replacement item of like-kind or quality or full replacement value. On the other hand, failure to follow this timeline may result in a decreased claim pay-out or even a complete denial of the claim. However, claimants who were delayed in filing due to a tour of duty or hospitalization should inquire with the claims office about timeline waivers.

## The Military Claims Office

If 30 or more days have passed and the transportation service provider has not been timely in processing a claim or is simply being uncooperative, use the Claims portal of the Defense Personal Property System website to transfer the claim to the Military Claims Office. Click "Transfer to MCO" and notify the claims office that you have transferred the claim.

It's important to note that the MCO does not pay full replacement value, but rather determines the amount of the claim based on statute and regulation, and applies depreciation. If the recovery team recovers the difference between the full replacement value and what the MCO pays you, the difference will be passed on to you.

Bottom line: Before accepting or refusing an offer from the transportation service provider, check with the Military Claims Office at the Stuttgart Law Center. The staff may be able to assist in determining whether the offer is reasonable or if claimants may be entitled to more.

## What about my POV?

The process for claiming damage to a privately owned vehicle is different than the household goods claims process. Upon picking up the vehicle, inspect it on the spot, note any damages on the Vehicle Inspection Form, and point out the damages to the contractor before signing the form. Any damage must be reported the same day that the vehicle is picked up; if not, it is presumed the damage did not happen in transit.

For more information, visit the Stuttgart Law Center webpage at [www.stuttgart.army.mil/Legal/Legal\\_Claims.html](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/Legal/Legal_Claims.html).

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**Register for CYS Services winter sports**

Sign your children up for basketball, wrestling and cheerleading with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services.

Winter sports registration will be held from Oct. 7 to Nov. 15 at Parent Central Services, Building 2347, Patch Barracks. The season will run from January to March, 2013.

Sports and Fitness is looking for volunteer coaches for the winter season.

For more information, contact the CYS Services Sports and Fitness office at 431-2616/civ. 07031-15-2616 or Parent Central Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

**Retiree Appreciation Day to be held Oct. 24**

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold its sixth annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

Military retirees of all branches will be able to speak with representatives from various organizations

within the Stuttgart military community. The Stuttgart Dental Clinic will provide dental exams and U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will provide vision screenings, blood pressure checks and immunizations.

For more information, call Sam Dantzler at 431-2010/civ. 07031-15-2010.

**All dental care now at Panzer Kaserne**

The Patch Dental Clinic is now permanently closed. All dental care is provided at the new dental clinic on Panzer Kaserne, Building 2996.

The Panzer clinic's new phone number is 590-2800/civ. 0637-19464-2800.

**AFSPA to hold benefit briefing Oct. 15**

A representative from the American Foreign Service Protective Association will hold a health benefits open season briefing in the Patch Theater Oct. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Any direct hire federal employee who is enrolled or is eligible to enroll in any plan under the Federal Employees Health Ben-

efits Program or in any other federal benefit covered under open season is welcome to attend.

**Learn to shop for healthy foods Oct. 8**

Join the Exceptional Family Member Program on an educational trip through the Patch Commissary guided by the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic dietitian Oct. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. This activity is open to the entire community.

For more information, call Army Community Service at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

**USPS Spam Alert**

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tion from personal computers.

For more information, go to the U.S. Postal Inspector Service website at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.

**Starbucks to open Oct. 11**

The community is invited to the Starbucks Coffee House grand opening ribbon cutting Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. inside the eXchange mall on Panzer Kaserne. Door prize winners will be selected every 10 minutes from 10-11 a.m. and randomly throughout the day after the grand opening.

**Trick or treating**

This year, Halloween falls on Thursday, Oct. 31. The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Emergency Services has set 5-8 p.m. as trick or treat hours for all on-post housing areas.

*Send your community-wide announcements to [stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil](mailto:stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil).*



**Stay safe at the Volksfest**



The 168th traditional Cannstatter Volksfest will take place from Sept. 27 to Oct. 13. It is one of the largest fests in Europe, and offers a lot of fun and amusements to visitors. Unfortunately, large events such as the Cannstatter Volksfest increase the risk for drinking and driving. If you visit the fest, ensure you have a plan for safely returning home afterwards.

Some of the choices are:

- Leave your vehicle at home.
- Use a designated driver.
- Use public transportation or a taxi.
- Don't leave your children unattended at any time.
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**What is a Horse Chestnut?**



*Don't Eat!*



*Eat!*

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# Take a stand, lend a hand to stop bullying

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**B**ullying happens in every school. Parents can play a key role in preventing and responding to bullying by recognizing the warning signs that a child is being bullied, bullying others or witnessing bullying.

Although the signs could signal other issues, you should talk to your child if they display any sort of behavioral or emotional changes. Many times children won't ask for help, so is important to know what to look for.

The first step is understanding what bullying is. Garrison and school officials have adopted the following definition for bullying: Bullying is a mean and one-sided activity intended to harm where those doing the bullying get pleasure from a targeted child's pain and/or misery. Bullying can be verbal, physical, and/or relational; have as its overlay race, ethnicity, religion, gender (including sexual orientation), physical, or mental ability; includes all forms of hazing and cyber bullying. It can be and often is continuous and repeated over time, however, once is enough to constitute bullying.

## Signs a child is being bullied

Look for changes in the child. However, be aware that not all children who are bullied exhibit warning signs.

Some signs that may point to a bullying problem are:

- Unexplainable injuries
- Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking illness
- Changes in eating habits, such as suddenly skipping meals or binge eating. Kids may come home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.
- Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
- Declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school
- Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
- Feelings of helplessness or decreased self esteem
- Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide

## Signs a child is bullying others

Kids may be bullying others if they:

- Get into physical or verbal fights
- Have friends who bully others
- Are increasingly aggressive
- Get sent to the principal's office or to detention frequently
- Have unexplained extra money or new belongings
- Blame others for their problems
- Don't accept responsibility for their actions
- Are competitive and worry about their reputation or popularity

What should you do if you suspect that your child is being bullied or a bully?

If your child shows any of these signs, this does not necessarily mean that he or she is being bullied, but it is a possibility worth exploring. Talk with your child and talk with staff at school to learn more.

If your child is bullying others, make it clear that you take bullying seriously and that you will not tolerate this behavior. Share your concerns with your child's teacher, counselor or principal. Work together to send clear messages to your child that his or her bullying must stop.

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Take the adult bully awareness survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2X267XZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2X267XZ). The results will enable the School Liaison Office to tailor adult educational activities

and services on bullying issues.

The School Liaison Office encourages each parent to be actively engaged with their children and the schools.

### Sign up for fall sports

CYS Services fall sports registration starts Oct. 7. Current physicals must be on file and valid through March 15, 2014.



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RaShann Allen, a Fort Knox teen, will receive a \$20,000 scholarship as the Boys & Girls Club of America 2013-2014 Military Youth of the Year.

# Military Youth of the Year announced

By Jetaun Adkins  
Boys & Girls Club of America

Boys & Girls Clubs of America named RaShaan Allen the 2013-2014 Military Youth of the Year during a reception held at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va., last month.

A member of Devers Youth Center in Fort Knox, Ky., Allen will receive a \$20,000 scholarship, and serve as BGCA's official youth advocate for military teens.

To earn the Military Youth of the Year honor, Allen advanced through local, state and regional competitions demonstrating how he achieved academic success and made outstanding contributions to his family, school, community and BGCA-affiliated youth center while overcoming personal obstacles.

Allen was one of six military youth finalists competing for the honor, which is supported by National Government Services Foundation and University of Phoenix.

When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, Allen lost his home, his neighborhood, his school and his best friend, leaving what he says is a permanent hole in his heart. Today, it is clear his heart is healing, even if the hole will never completely disappear. Allen credits Club and extracurricular activities with helping him grow and heal.

He served as co-president of the Club Youth Council and as Army Family Action Plan

delegate. At school, Allen played eight varsity sports and captained six of those teams. He also served as president of both his freshman and senior classes. He was elected governor at Kentucky Boys State, a program focused on state government. He is now at Western Kentucky University, where he plans to major in political science.

"This is the first year that the Youth of the Year initiative was expanded to recognize youth who are members of BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide," said Terrill Wicks, national vice president, Military and Outreach Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

"At BGCA, we are proud to be one of the largest partners of the armed services to provide youth development programs and services to children of military families. We're also honored to recognize this outstanding young person, who understands the unique circumstances that face our military youth. RaShaan will serve as a strong advocate for the 500,000 young people we serve on U.S. military installations worldwide."

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# Stuttgart's 'Weissenhofsiedlung': an icon of modern architecture, design

Story & photos by Carola Meusel  
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

For military families accustomed to packing up their belongings and moving around the world every few years, a minimal household can come in handy.

Some may find inspiration on what living with less might be like at the "Weissenhofmuseum" located in the "Le Corbusier House" at Stuttgart's internationally acclaimed "Weissenhofsiedlung" housing area.

The Weissenhofsiedlung was built in 1927 as a building exhibition of the "Deutsche Werkbund," a coop of artists, architects and designers founded in 1907. The exhibition was called "Die Wohnung," or apartment, and aimed to showcase the "new objectivity" that focused on radically simplified forms and a more rational, functional approach in architecture, construction, appliances and interior design, according to Anja Krämer, director of the Weissenhofmuseum.

"The architects called for different and innovative living concepts adjusting

to the demands of the modern-industrial age. Their main focus was to visualize how to solve housing shortages, build faster and work on a more rational design to cut expenses," Krämer said.

The German-American architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe was in charge of the building show in which 17 architects from five European countries agreed to participate. Among them were some of the most influential architects of the 20th century, including German architect Walter Gropius and French-Swiss architect and designer Le Corbusier, according to Krämer. Gropius was the founder of the "Bauhaus" school in Weimar that — for the first time ever — combined architecture, sculpture and painting in its curriculum.

In less than five months, 21 buildings were built, to include apartment and stairwell buildings, single, duplex and row houses. Half a million people came to see the exhibition between July 23 and Oct. 31, 1927.

Following the exhibition, the houses were rented to Stuttgart residents.

However, the Weissenhofsiedlung and its modern architects were con-



At the "Weissenhofmuseum" located in the "Le Corbusier House" at the internationally acclaimed Weissenhofsiedlung housing area in Stuttgart, visitors can learn all about the area's history, its architects and 20th century modern architecture. The "Le Corbusier House" is a duplex. One part contains the museum, the other displays an original, reconstructed apartment from 1927 showcasing Le Corbusier's idea of a "transformable" house.

stantly critiqued not only by locals, but by traditionalist architects who preferred a conservative and classic style.

In fact, during the 1930s, Stuttgart's mayor wanted to tear down the Weissenhofsiedlung.

In 1938, a military district command of the German Army planned to build its headquarters there. But with the beginning of World War II, those plans never came into play.

Nevertheless, over the years 10 houses were destroyed.

During the 1980s, what was left of the Weissenhofsiedlung was restored. Today, there are 11 buildings: 10 owned by the Federal Republic of Germany and rented to German government employees, and one owned by the city of Stuttgart and home to the Weissenhofmuseum.

The museum is located in the duplex designed by Le Corbusier and his cousin Pierre Jeanneret. Here, visitors can learn all about the Weissenhofsiedlung and its history from 1907 to today. Exhibits such as sketches, model buildings and photos provide visitors with insights on 20th century modern architecture and "radical" design concepts.

The other part of the two-floor complex displays an original reconstructed apartment from 1927. According to Krämer, Le Corbusier's idea of a "transformable" house can be seen here.

The concept called for one large room that could accommodate its residents during both day and night. Built-in storage added structure to the room so that no additional furniture was needed.

At night, the room was to be separated by sliding walls, and beds taken out of their closets. During the day, the walls were moved out of the way and beds returned to storage, so that the sleeping areas were transformed again into one

large living space.

"The house displays new forms of living, and Le Corbusier aimed to simply life for its residents," Krämer said.

The house is also equipped with a bathroom, built-in kitchen and two light-flooded recreational rooms on the first and second floors, and a small servant's room and laundry room on the ground floor. On every floor, visitors will find highlights of Le Corbusier's open architectural compositions, such as playing with light, color and design, according to Krämer.

Another highlight is an innovative, space-saving 60-centimeter wide hallway on the first floor.

Atop the roof terrace, visitors will find a scenic view of Stuttgart. While enjoyable, Le Corbusier's intent however, was that the open space be used, Krämer said.

"For Le Corbusier the living room and the roof terrace made for the most important areas in the house. Ideally, he wished for residents to spend most of their time in these 'rooms,'" Krämer said.

Besides the museum and apartment, patrons can explore the Weissenhofsiedlung by foot and view the remaining buildings from the outside. Each house provides an information display in German and English on the architect and design of the building.

The Weissenhofmuseum is located at Rathenaustrasse 1, 70191 Stuttgart. The museum is open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost €5. English-guided tours of the museum and Weissenhofsiedlung can be booked by calling civ. 0711-579187.

For more information, visit [www.weissenhofmuseum.de](http://www.weissenhofmuseum.de).



Margarete Büttel, a museum attendant at the "Weissenhofmuseum" in Stuttgart, slides a wall into place in the "transformable" house designed by the French-Swiss architect and designer Le Corbusier and his cousin Pierre Jeanneret. To the right, one of the built-in closets to store beds and household goods is displayed, emphasizing Le Corbusier's rational and functional approach on architecture and interior design.

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### Theater news

The Stuttgart Theatre Center presents the screwball comedy, "Lend Me a Tenor," at the Kelley Theatre Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. A matinee performance will be held Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.

Auditions will be held for "Beauty and the Beast" Oct. 7 and 8. Children 10-13 will audition at 6 p.m.; adults at 7 p.m. A pre-audition workshop will be held Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. The auditions and workshop will be held at the Stuttgart Theatre Center, Building 3320, Kelley Barracks.

For more information, call 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055. To

reserve tickets for performances, visit [www.stuttgart.armymwr.com](http://www.stuttgart.armymwr.com).

### Watch football

Watch Sunday evening football Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Warrior Zone on Patch Barracks.

Each area of the Warrior Zone will show a different game. The Warrior Zone will have free popcorn and customers may bring food and beverages.

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### Parents' Day Out

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host a Parents' Day Out Oct. 12 at the Kelley Child Development/School Age centers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up at Parent Central Services by Oct. 9.

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

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## Coming to Patch Theater

**Oct. 3** — Riddick (R) 6 p.m.

**Oct. 4** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 6 p.m., Prisoners (R) 8:30 p.m.

**Oct. 5** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 2 p.m., Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 4:30 p.m., The Butler (PG-13) 7:00 p.m.

**Oct. 6** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 2 p.m., Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters in 3D (PG) 4:30 p.m., The Butler (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 7** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 6 p.m.

**Oct. 8** — Closed

**Oct. 9** — Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) 6 p.m.

**Oct. 10** — The Butler (PG-13) 6 p.m.

**Oct. 11** — Gravity in 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m., Runner Runner (R) 8:30 p.m.

**Oct. 12** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 2 p.m., Gravity in 3D (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.,

Runner Runner (R) 7:00 p.m.

**Oct. 13** — Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3D (PG) 4:00 p.m.

Gravity in 3D (PG-13) 4:30 p.m., Runner Runner (R) 7:00 p.m.

**Oct. 14** — Gravity in 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m.

**Oct. 15** — Closed

**Oct. 16** — Despicable Me 2 (PG) 6 p.m.



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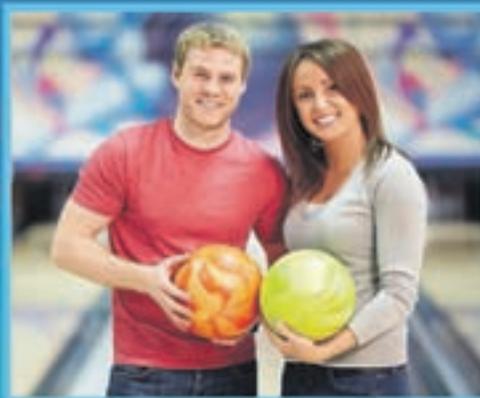
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# Army men win second consecutive Armed Forces Softball crown

Story and photo by Tim Hippias

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Staff Sgt. Kenny Turlington went 5-for-5 with four home runs to lead All-Army to a 23-8 victory over All-Air Force in the gold-medal game of the 2013 Armed Forces Softball Championships on Sept. 19.

"I just wanted to win the gold," said Turlington, a 13-year Army veteran from Goldsboro, N.C., who is stationed at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. "All I thought about was winning."

All-Army (8-1) needed only five innings to defeat All-Air Force (6-3) via the 15-run rule and this group of Soldiers became the second men's team, along with the 2001 All-Army squad, to lose just one game in the Armed Forces Championships.

"Our guys have been showing a lot of resilience," All-Army coach Victor Rivera said. "I had a good feeling about this year because we got better as we played. I did not realize that we were going to beat them that badly. I expected it to be a dogfight and expected it to go down to the wire, but somehow we came from the chute really strong and they never caught up."

"Normally, by the second or third week [including All-Army training camp], I feel a pulse of whether the guys have it," Rivera added. "This time, I went into the ninth game and I didn't have it. But last night I was in my room and I got texts from every player saying, 'Coach, we've got you. Coach, we've got you.' Everybody reassured me the gold medal was theirs, so they went and got it."

Turlington, who also struck Armed Forces gold in 2008 and 2012, made sure the Soldiers got off to a fast

start in the title tilt. The first seven All-Army batters of the game jumped on the first pitch from All-Air Force starter Tech. Sgt. Kirtis Bailey of Hurlburt Field, Fla.

"Being one of the captains and one of the vets, you've got to show them how to get it started sometimes," Turlington said. "I got to come up with really good vets like Michael Dochwat and Dexter Avery. They kind of mold you. It's just a matter of listening to your coaches and trying to better yourself every year."

Turlington was joined on the all-tournament team by All-Army teammates Staff Sgt. David Moore of Fort Bragg, N.C.; Sgt. Eric Querry of Fort Hood, Texas; Spc. Jacob Lenk of Bamberg, Germany; and Staff Sgt. Dane Miller of Fort Sill. Spc. Marshall Woods of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, joined the aforementioned on the All-Armed Forces Team that will compete Sept. 27-29 in the ASA Slow Pitch Men's Class A National Championships in Ridgeland, Miss. Rivera and Dochwat will coach that squad.

Sgt. 1st Class Lee Diaz, a native of Miami, Fla., who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, was the other All-Army team captain in his 10th season. Dochwat, who played 11 years in the program, was an assistant coach this time, representing host Fort Sill.

All-Army took control of the five-day tournament by scoring 14 runs in the sixth inning of its second meeting of the week with All-Air Force, which prevailed 25-24 in their first clash of the tournament Sept. 15. All-Army relied on solid defense in steady rain to rally from a 21-10 deficit to a 24-21 victory over All-Air Force on Sept. 17.

"It was a mud hole, actually, when we scored all those runs," Turlington said. "It was really bad. In between the sixth and seventh innings, they brought

in more dirt so we could finish the game."

All-Army coach Victor Rivera liked the way his team battled the elements and opponents.

"I told the players when we beat the Air Force in that second-game turnaround, that was my gold medal because of the way they won," Rivera said. "I told them this was their legacy, that this was their gold medal, not mine. I told them just to go on and get it, and they got it."

Earlier in the day, All-Army rallied from another 11-run deficit for a 23-16 victory over All-Marine Corps.

"The motto I used this year was 'teamwork, team-building, fun,' because if you notice the roster, this is a brand-new team," Rivera said. "Dochwat was the 2012 Army Athlete of the Year, but he's an assistant coach this year. Avery is deployed. Clayton Shaw could not make it this year. This is a new leaf, but these young guys are showing the resilience of not quitting."

The next day, All-Army prevailed 26-11 over All-Navy and 25-16 over All-Marine Corps. All-Air Force kept in step with a 20-14 victory over All-Navy and a 24-20 conquest of All-Marine Corps.

Staff Sgt. David Moore, an outfielder from Miami who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., batted .625 with nine homers runs and 22 RBIs through All-Army's first eight games. In the finale, he went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a walk, and scored four runs.

Sgt. Eric Querry, a native of Cocoa Beach, Fla., who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, did most of the pitching for All-Army and helped himself at the plate with eight home runs. Spc. Jacob Lenk, a native of Thompson, Ohio, who is stationed at Bamberg, Germany, added 10 homers and 21 RBIs.

The Soldiers played solid defense throughout most of the tourney.

"This is the best defensive team I've ever had, by far," Rivera said. "It's not even close. We used to be known for being smashers, but these guys played defense."

Shortstop Pfc. Jedon Matthews of Camp Casey, South Korea, played two seasons in the Chicago White Sox' minor-league system.

Second baseman Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Walton of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., via Abbeville, S.C., completed his doctorate degree in education while in the Army. He hit the game-winning homer that lifted All-Army over All-Air Force in the turnaround victory on Tuesday.

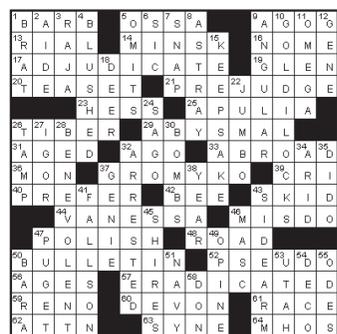
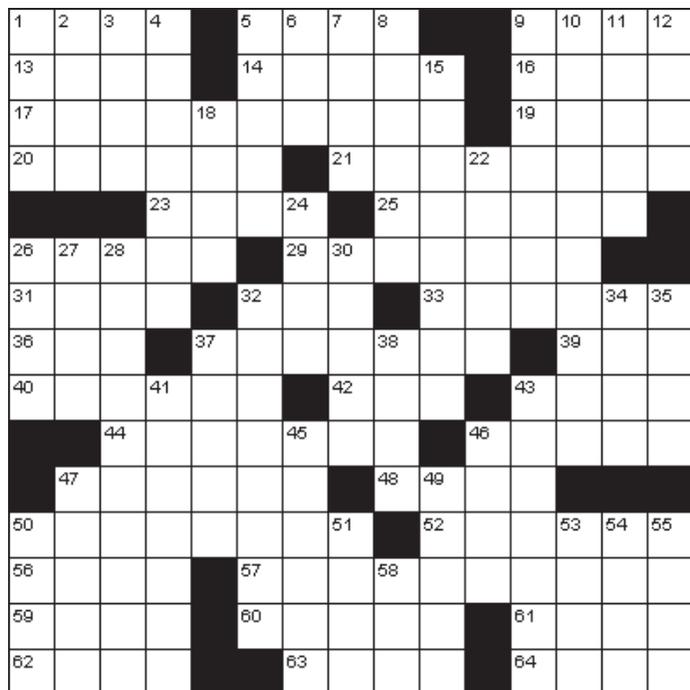
Turlington has played center field, right field, second base, five-man and pitcher during his six-year All-Army softball career. Along the way, he evolved into a bona-fide power hitter.

"He went from a bunch player to an elite player this year," Rivera said. "We made him a team captain, he took a lot of responsibilities, and he took the leadership role and raised his game probably to the highest level he's ever played."



Staff Sgt. Kenny Turlington of Camp Humphreys, South Korea, goes 5-for-5 with four home runs to lead All-Army to a 23-8 victory over All-Air Force in the gold-medal game of the 2013 Armed Forces Softball Championships on Sept. 19 at Fort Sill, Okla. This was Turlington's sixth year on the All-Army team.

# Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from September 19, 2013!

Courtesy of thinks.com

**ACROSS**

- 1 Cutting remark
- 5 Bones, anatomically
- 9 All excited
- 13 Iranian currency
- 14 Capital of Belarus
- 16 Alaska city
- 17 Referee
- 19 Highland valley
- 20 China shop purchase
- 21 Anticipate the evidence
- 23 Pianist Dame Myra
- 25 Bari's region
- 26 River of Rome
- 29 Really, really bad
- 31 Got on
- 32 "Long, Long \_\_\_"
- 33 Out of the country
- 36 Sun. follower
- 37 Gorbachev predecessor
- 39 \_\_\_ de coeur
- 40 Go for
- 42 Nectar collector
- 43 Veer out of control
- 44 One of the Redgraves
- 46 Mess up
- 47 Refinement
- 48 Highway

50 News report

- 52 Sham
- 56 Years and years
- 57 Extirpated
- 59 Betting setting
- 60 Where the Axe and the Exe flow
- 61 Hurtle
- 62 Abbr. on an envelope
- 63 "Auld Lang \_\_\_"
- 64 Conductance units

**DOWN**

- 1 Annoying kid
- 2 Campaign worker
- 3 Indian prince
- 4 Went red
- 5 Leaves out
- 6 [As written]
- 7 Be abrupt
- 8 Off the track
- 9 Lean and bony
- 10 Fairy-tale trespasser
- 11 Alpha's opposite
- 12 Bit of inheritance
- 15 Memento
- 18 Bambi's kin
- 22 Very large

- 24 Palm starch
- 26 Press down
- 27 Borodin's Prince
- 28 Philanthropic
- 30 Flops
- 32 Stopped
- 34 Barren
- 35 Carthaginian queen
- 37 Granter of wishes
- 38 Fiscal period
- 41 Attacks
- 43 Pitching style
- 45 English counties
- 46 Not fem.
- 47 Sound of Washington
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# Youth Activities

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



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## Flu Shots

Flu shots are mandatory for all DoDEA students and teachers this year. The medical clinic from Patch did a great job in protecting all the BEMS Blue Ribbon students from the upcoming flu season. Here we see parent volunteers Cynde Holbeck and Ramona Rozeveld (left to right) checking the parental permission sheet of Sarah Hanna. In the background waiting for his turn is Axel Santiago-Ortiz.



Photo by Ed Thornburg

## The Chicken Dance

The BEMS Blue Ribbon students in Ms. Thompson's Host Nation classes recently celebrated their version of the "Oktober Fest." Some students dressed for the occasion and all had a wonderful time enjoying local foods and experiencing local traditions. Here the students can be seen performing the "Chicken Dance."

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## Constitution Day Project

Robinson Barracks 5th grade students in Mr. Clark's class worked with Mrs. Roberts to commemorate Constitution Day and the first amendment. Students are Mikayla Gurlory, Damian Bradley, and Joseph Riggins.



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Robinson Barracks 4th graders, facing the camera are Luke Landreth, William Frutchey, and Dustiin Gibb. Information Specialist Mr. Snyder helps the students on their first day in the library.

## Mr. Basgall's 4th grade class starts the year with library orientation ... continued on next page →



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Robinson Barracks 4th graders discuss books during their library orientation. Students are Dominic Candelaria, Kyla Clark, Mychaella Cooper, and Jason Anderson.



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4th graders Emma Lowery, Aric Ward, and Luke Landreth read during library orientation at Robinson Barracks.



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Robinson Barracks 4th graders Katie Wentland and Skyler Runyon examine a book during their library orientation visit.



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Aidan Jordan, 4th grader at Robinson Barracks shares interesting animal facts with Harrison Mosley.

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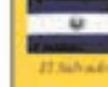
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**Sat, Oct 5**

**Waldenbuch, City center**

Visit the specially illuminated city center of Waldenbuch at the "Lange Kürbisnacht" (Long pumpkin night) on October 5, starting at 3 p.m. with a children's program. During the event a carving competition, a flea market and a lantern parade will take place. The Dixie-Jazzband will be holding a concert from 5.30 p.m. before the night ends with a great fire show at 9.30 p.m. For more info in German see [www.ghv-waldenbuch.de](http://www.ghv-waldenbuch.de).

### CONCERTS

#### Music in Gmünd's pubs

**Fri, Oct 4**

**Schwäbisch Gmünd, city center**

Celebrate the 23rd "Musik in Gmünder

Kneipen" (music in Gmünd's pubs) party on October 4 from 9 p.m. Enjoy concerts by more than 40 bands and 10 DJs in about 50 locations. Dance to music genres from pop and electro to oldies and rock and much more. Admission is free! For more info see [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de) or [www.migk.de](http://www.migk.de) for a detailed program in German.

#### Olly Murs

**Sat, Oct 5**

**Stuttgart, Liederhalle - Beethovensaal**

See Olly Murs live at the Liederhalle – Beethovensaal in Stuttgart on October 5, starting at 8 pm. The British musician, who became famous with his top hit single 'Heart skips a beat', will present his music during six concerts in Germany. Find more information in German and tickets from €39.20 at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

### SPORTS

#### 24 hour swimming

**Sat, Oct 12**

**Waldenbuch, Hallenbad**

The DLRG (German Life Saving Association) Waldenbuch-Steinenbronn is organizing the 7th 24-hour swimming event at the Hallenbad (indoor swimming pool) in Waldenbuch on October 12 starting at 11 a.m. The swimmers will be divided into five different competing groups. The groups will be divided by age, and male/female groups. Participation fees are between €3 and €5 per participant.

For more info in German and registration see [www.waldenbuch.dlrg.de](http://www.waldenbuch.dlrg.de).

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