



Eric Steen

Soldiers from Bravo Company, 1/10th SFG (A), stand as Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Gray conducts the last roll call during the memorial service for Master Sgt. Danial Adams Sept. 27 in the Panzer Chapel. Adams was killed in action Sept. 13 in Afghanistan.

CFC-O makes a difference

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas program, the world's largest charity campaign impacting the lives of military personnel and family members, starts Oct. 3 and runs through Dec. 2.

CFC, the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces, raises millions of dollars annually and features more than 2,500 charities. Every year, the CFC strives for 100 percent contact in order to achieve maximum contributions, as required by law.

During last year's campaign, U.S. Army in Europe Soldiers and civilian employees contributed approximately \$2.2 million, with more than \$91,000 designated for the Family Support and Youth Programs.

An option unique for overseas donors, donations made to FSYP go directly to overseas military communities to help fund quality of life programs. One hundred percent of donations made to FSYP come back directly to the installation where the contributor lives and works.

CFC-O offers contributors the opportunity to give using the traditional paper pledge card, which can be printed out from the website, or through e-giving at www.cfcoverseas.org.

For more information, contact the Stuttgart Community/Area Project Officer, Elia Harris, at 431-2406/07031-15-2406.

Service honors, remembers fallen 1/10 SFG (A) Soldier

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Master Sgt. Danial R. Adams was honored and remembered during a memorial service held Sept. 27 in the Panzer Chapel on Panzer Kaserne.

Adams, assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), was killed during an intense firefight with insurgents Sept. 13 while conducting combat operations in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, as part of Special Operations Task Force 10.

The 35-year-old team sergeant for Operational Detachment Alpha 0123 was a sergeant first class at the time of his death. He was posthumously promoted to master sergeant.

Known as "Slim" for his slight

build, Adams, a father of three, was remembered as a loving husband, devoted father and an exceptional Special Forces warrior during the ceremony.

A slide show, set to music taken from Adams' iPod, gave a stirring reminder of who he was, as photos and videos captured moments in his life from beginning to end: as a young boy, at the birth of his children, sharing a tender moment dancing with his wife Melany, while on and off duty, and as his remains arrived at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

"His reputation as a warrior and outstanding medic preceded him," said Lt. Col. Isaac Peltier, commander, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group.

"Dan left this life just as he lived it, with fire inside and leading from the

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Courtesy of U.S. Army

Master Sgt. Danial R. "Slim" Adams was remembered as a loving husband, devoted father and an exceptional Special Forces warrior.

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Military members celebrate 'Ein Prosit'

Local service members joined their French and German brothers- and sisters-in-arms at the 37th annual Soldier Fest to celebrate military camaraderie.



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Mother and son win 'Amazing Race'

Twelve teams took the "Amazing Race" challenge Sept. 17. There were no pit stops, roadblocks or detours ... no million dollar prize. But there was a whole lot of fun.



Despite defense cuts, Army still committed to families

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Installation Management
Command commander



Lt. Gen. Lynch

Four years ago this month, the Army announced the Army Family Covenant, which promised to provide Soldiers and families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

To help Soldiers and families stressed by years of war, the Army substantially increased funding for programs in areas such as Soldier and family services, behavioral health, housing, child care, education and employment.

Today, headlines about defense budget cuts are prompting people to ask whether the Army is going to keep its promises.

The short answer is yes. Leaders change and situations change, but the Army's commitment to Soldiers and families endures.

Under the AFC, the Army developed and enhanced a range of programs that build Soldier and family strength, resilience and readiness. These programs include Survivor Outreach Services, Child, Youth and School Services, New Parent Support, the Military Spouse Employment Program, Strong Bonds and the Wounded Warriors Sports Program.

Under the AFC, the Army has provided new and

renovated housing for thousands of families and single Soldiers, and constructed more than 150 new child care and youth centers.

The Army has increased the number of Military Family Life Consultants, who provide confidential non-medical counseling for Soldiers and families, and the number of behavioral health care providers who provide behavioral health services before, during and after deployment.

Under the AFC, the Army has worked hard to reach the whole Army family, including geographically dispersed Soldiers and family members. Toward that end, the Army supports a number of services away from installations, such as community-based child care and Army National Guard Family Assistance Centers, and provides Army OneSource, which enables 24/7 access to information and services regardless of location.

At a time when the Army is restoring its balance, the AFC has been the catalyst for enhancing and standardizing the quality of support for Soldiers and families. And now, it is time to ensure our investment has made a difference in the lives of Soldiers and families.

Program review has been built into the Army Family Covenant from Day One. It has always been part of the AFC plan to assess program effectiveness, consolidate and make adjustments to ensure there is no overlap or gaps between programs.

The current fiscal situation does not change our

course, but it does put more gas in our tank. It intensifies the need to streamline and make sure we continue to provide the most valuable programs.

For the programs under the AFC umbrella, the majority of which are run by Installation Management Command, customer feedback is a critical part of our ongoing evaluation.

We gather customer feedback partly by looking at which services are used most often and partly by asking customers about their experiences through garrison focus groups and surveys such as the Army OneSource Army Family Covenant survey, just completed Sept. 1.

We will be asking for feedback again in January, when Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees will receive a survey on their needs, usage and satisfaction with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. I urge everyone to take this and every other opportunity to tell us about the programs and services that are valuable to you. Your feedback impacts decisions about programming.

Like every other government organization, every business and every family, we are taking a close look at our use of resources during this time of fiscal uncertainty. We have to determine the most efficient, most effective ways to reach out to the entire Army family and provide support in the areas of greatest need.

But we are starting from a clear, non-negotiable bottom line: The Army will keep its promise to Soldiers and families.

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Vehicle Registration Office comments addressed

USAG Stuttgart Program, Analysis and Integration Office

From June to September, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart received 256 Interactive Customer Evaluation comments on the Vehicle Registration Office. Only 55 percent of the comments were positive.

The overwhelming majority of these ICE comments focused on two topics: the long wait times and the shortage of staff in the Vehicle Registration Office.

The staff shortages were brought about by the unexpected resignation of the senior vehicle registration clerk just as the peak vehicle registration period was beginning. The influx of new personnel and their need to register their cars, coupled with the yearly registration renewals that occur during this same time frame, compounded the staff shortages.

The staff shortages and the increased volume of work magnified another issue with the Vehicle Registration Office: its computer network connectivity. The Vehicle Registration building does not have fiber optic connectivity like most of the office buildings on Panzer Kaserne.

Garrison Commander Col. Carl Bird has made mitigation of the Vehicle Registration Office issues the main focus of improving service delivery within the garrison. So far, the short-term mitigation solutions have been to work with U.S.

Army Europe Headquarters to cross-train some garrison employees so that they can assist in the Vehicle Registration Office, and to obtain funding to upgrade the network connection to fiber optic.

A number of long-term solutions are being developed. They include the hiring and training of staff for the office and, in order to readily augment the staff during the summer months, the establishment of a backup group of employees who are trained and certified on the Vehicle Registration computer system.

The garrison is also working with Installation Management Command Europe Region Headquarters and USAREUR on the feasibility of having our German hosts change the 12 month registration period to 15, so that the majority of renewals do not fall within the peak summer months.

To help ease the registration bottleneck, customers should complete the vehicle registration renewal process as soon as they receive their notification. Normally, the notification comes approximately seventy-five days before the registration expiration date.

Completing the renewal process early does not shorten the registration time; the renewed registration will commence once the old registration expires, but customers may be able to avoid the office during peak periods.

The garrison is fully aware of the concerns that have been articulated through the ICE system and will improve the service received at this facility.



The garrison's new aerial ladder truck features an articulating arm that allows the upper section of the ladder to tilt separately from the lower half. This feature will facilitate rescue and fire fighting efforts on recessed roof windows and mansard roofs.



Matthias Künast, a firefighter with USAG Stuttgart, demonstrates how the ladder can be controlled from the rescue basket at SAAF Sept. 21.



The new truck is equipped with a thermal imager, designed to help give "sight" to a firefighter inside a burning building.

Aerial ladder truck extends USAG Stuttgart Fire Department's reach

Story & photos by Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Fire Department has a new weapon in its fire fighting arsenal: an aerial ladder truck with articulating arm.

"The ladder, when fully extended, can reach a height of 100 feet," said Matthias Künast, a USAG Stuttgart firefighter and one of four trainers for the new piece of equipment. "It means we can rescue people from the top floors at the Panzer and Kelley Hotels."

The truck features an articulating arm that allows the upper section of the ladder to tilt separately from the lower half, facilitating rescue from recessed roof windows and mansard roofs. The rescue basket, with a capacity of four people and 450 kilograms, can also accommodate a stretcher or be used for

elevated water delivery. It replaces the fire department's almost 25-year-old ladder truck.

The new truck was part of a consolidated purchase by Installation Management Command-Europe. Eight trucks were fielded on Sept. 2 to Army garrison fire stations at Stuttgart, Hohenfels, Grafenwöhr, Ansbach, Baumholder and Baden-Württemberg, reducing the garrisons' financial burden for maintenance and leasing.

The 35 foot truck is powered by a 360 horsepower diesel engine, yet with a rear steer axel, is very maneuverable. "It's great to drive," Künast said.

Currently, garrison firefighters are being trained on driving techniques and ladder mechanisms. Fire officials expect the truck to go into service at the end of the month.

The aerial ladder truck will be one of several on display at the garrison's Fire Protection Open House Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Panzer Exchange.

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Fire Protection Open House
Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Panzer Exchange

Demonstrations Truck display Aerial ladder truck rides
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News & Notes

Check fuel card expiration and keep tax free fuel privileges

The Exchange Europe Region would like to remind its customers to renew their fuel cards prior to expiration. According to officials, there are thousands of fuel cards that will expire within the next few months.

The expiration date is located on the lower right corner of the card.

Exchange customers are encouraged to be proactive in renewing their vehicle registration because they will lose tax-free fuel privileges when their registration expires, regardless of any grace periods granted for safety inspections.

USAjobs update

The Office of Personnel Management will transition to a new USAjobs website Oct. 6-12.

During this period, the search and apply functions will be offline: no searches can be conducted and no applications can be submitted. Daily transition status updates and general employment information, however, will be available.

To ensure your documents complete the transfer, USAjobs recommends:

- Ensure your current uploaded documents are not corrupt. Corrupt and/or contaminated documents that cannot be repaired or cleaned during the transition will be quarantined and not imported into the new website.

- Establish three secret questions before the transition to ensure your current account and its associated documents can be linked once your identity is validated following the transition.

- Ensure that you can still access the e-mail account associated with your USAjobs profile. Without the secret questions, seekers will need to establish a password for the new USAJOBS via that e-mail account. Once the seeker's identity is validated, the current account and any associated documents will be linked to the new profile.

For more information, visit www.usajobs.opm.gov.

West Point wants "Go Army-Beat Navy" videos

The U.S. Military Academy public affairs team requests submissions for a "Go Army-Beat Navy" spirit video that will be used on CBS's national broadcast of the game, inside the stadium on the Jumbotron and by the Corps of Cadets at the academy during Army-Navy spirit week activities. Videos should be 30 seconds in length on high quality tape. Videos should identify units and locations and be action or theme based (as opposed to static or group shots). Videos cannot use images or music that violates copyright.

Mail videos to the West Point Public Affairs Office, Building 600, Taylor Hall, West Point, N.Y., 10996, no later than Nov. 1 for consideration.

For more information, send an e-mail to francis.demaro@usma.edu.

Ask a JAG

Editor's Note: Do you have a legal question you would like to see answered in a future edition of The Citizen? If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at jason.m.mckenna4.mil@mail.mil.

By Capt. Stephen Bishop (U.S. Army)
Stuttgart Law Center

Q: How can the Servicemember Civil Relief Act help me avoid foreclosure?

A: The two main tools to help avoid foreclosure under the Servicemember Civil Relief Act are the 6 percent interest cap and mortgage protection. However, these apply only to those mortgages that were secured prior to entry onto active duty. The SCRA protects active duty service members, activated Reservists, and National Guardsmen on Title 10 status, among other select personnel. Certain rights, such as mortgage protection, also extend to military dependents. The protections are not available to civilian employees or contractors.

The 6 percent interest cap puts a ceiling on the annual percentage rate of all applicable debts. Any overage is forgiven. (That's right ... you never have to pay it back). The 6 percent cap on mortgages extends a full year after the period of active duty service. The cap reduces the periodic payment by the proportionate amount of interest forgiven, which prevents creditors from negating the protection through acceleration. In order to receive the 6 percent cap, the service member must provide written notice and a copy of his or her orders to the creditor no later than 180 days after release from active duty.

Mortgage protection prohibits lenders from foreclosing on a service member's property for a mortgage secured prior to active duty, without first obtaining a court order. As mentioned earlier, this protection extends to dependents. The period of protection endures nine months after leaving active duty service. Upon motion by the lender, the burden of proof is on the service member; however, the court may stay the proceedings or make an equitable adjustment in absence of an appearance by the service member.

In addition to the requirement that the debt was incurred prior to active duty service, the 6 percent interest cap and mortgage protection require that the active duty service has materially affected the service member's ability to pay in accordance with the original terms. The "material effect" is proven by comparing pre-service income, out of which the agreed mortgage payments were previously paid on time, with in-service income. Typically, the in-service income must be not only less, but also insufficient to reasonably maintain the service member before a court will grant relief.

If you have any debts that existed prior to your active duty service, make an appointment with your legal assistance office.

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.

Garrison to host Retiree Appreciation Day

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold its fourth annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 27 in the Swabian Special Events Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Patch Barracks.

Retirees of all military branches are invited to attend the benefits and health fair, designed to help keep retirees and their families up-to-date on retiree issues.

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will be on site to offer flu vaccines, blood pressure checks and vision screenings. A Tricare representative will be available to answer any questions related to Tricare. "We will also have our wellness center and community health nurse participating to offer information focused on improving one's health," said Maj. Raul Jurado, the clinic's deputy commander for administration.

Meanwhile, the dental clinic will offer dental exams from 10-11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

"Retirees will need to sign up for dental exams at the Swabian on Oct. 27," said Cliff Heisler, USAG Stuttgart Central Processing manager and the event organizer. The garrison will provide transportation to and from the SSEC to the dental clinic every 30 minutes. Heisler added that the dental clinic will offer follow-up dental cleanings and work on a space available basis at a later time.

Retired Col. Robert Mentell, the president of the Army in Europe Retiree Council, will be the key note speaker, and at 9 a.m. will open the event, along with Col. Carl D. Bird, garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Bryant, the garrison sergeant major.

Retirees will also be able to speak with representatives from the United Services Organization, Survivor Outreach Services, Red Cross, Customs Office, AAFES, USAG Stuttgart Passport Office, Legal Center and Army Substance Abuse Program.

The Federal Benefits Unit from the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt will provide Social Security information.



Brittany Carlson

Michael Johnson, an Army retiree, receives a dental checkup from Dr. Robert Neese at the Stuttgart Dental Clinic during last year's retiree appreciation day. Dental exams will be offered again this year on Oct. 27, during the garrison's fourth annual Retiree Appreciation Day.

A Defense Finance and Accounting Service representative will be available to assist retirees and annuitants with pay problems and in updating their records.

Retirees who need assistance with passports are advised to download the appropriate passport checklists from the garrison website at www.stuttgart.army.mil/DHR/MPDpassport_SOFA.html.

For more information about U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Retiree Appreciation Day, call Cliff Heisler at 431-2745/civ. 07031-15-2745.

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front. He died doing what he loved."

Staff Sgt. Joseph Steadman read a letter written by members of ODA 0123, who are still deployed.

"He had the heart of a lion. He pushed forward where most men would have cowered. But you would never know how fierce a man Slim was. He was a quiet professional," Steadman read.

"Slim taught us not to cut corners. Had it not been for Slim's emphasis on bringing along extra ammunition [Sept. 13], this ceremony could have very well been for five people," Steadman continued. "Slim's preparation saved our lives."

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Hughes gave an emotional eulogy, his voice cracking with sentiment at times.

Adams, fiercely proud to serve with Special Forces, was "... a man who was never too tired or busy to help a friend. He was what so many of us aspire to be ... the man [who] I aspire to be," Hughes said.

Adams joined the military after high school in 1995 as an infantryman with the Third Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in Fort Benning, Ga. He served with First Battalion, 501st Infantry, at Fort Richardson, Alaska, before being stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., with the First Battalion, 23rd Infantry.

Dan left this life just as he lived it, with fire inside and leading from the front. He died doing what he loved.

Lt. Col. Isaac Peltier
1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces
Group commander

Adams earned the Green Beret honor in 2005 and served in his first Special Forces assignment as medical sergeant with the Third Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In 2009, he transferred to Stuttgart, where he deployed once to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan.

Adams is survived by his wife Melany, sons John, 19, and Jeffrey, 17, and daughter Skye, 13, and his parents Penny and James Adams of Hillsboro, Ore.

A formal funeral service was held at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Sept. 29.

Space walkers inspire students to reach for stars

**Story & photo by
Gloria Colon-Buzatu
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office**

Selected students at Patch High School and Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School received a play-by-play of the launching and landing of the 2009 Atlantis Space Transportation System-129 mission Sept. 23 by two of its crew members.

U.S. Navy Capt. Barry E. "Butch" Wilmore and retired Navy Capt. Michael J. Foreman, NASA astronauts, visited the schools to share what happened on their mission to the International Space Station in November 2009.

At PHS, all eyes were locked on a multimedia presentation as the voice of mission control announced the lift off.

"It's a pretty wild ride. It's a four and half million pound vehicle with seven and half million pounds of thrust, so when those solid rocket boosters light off, you know you're going somewhere," Foreman said.

The astronauts visited the schools and others in Europe to inspire students in mathematics and science, according to Joe Holder, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart school liaison officer.

Wilmore, the pilot of STS-129, described how his interest in things helped him become an astronaut. "My first word, I'm told, ... was why," he

said. "I've always been a curious type of person [about] how things work, and this launched me into a mind set of areas that were challenging."

"I wanted to fly because it was challenging. Then I chose the Navy because they landed on aircraft carriers. And then test pilot school." Soon, Wilmore added, he had the credentials to be accepted into NASA.

The astronauts impressed the students with their stories.

"It's amazing that they can go into space, and come back and share their experience, and give us the push to see that there's more out there than just high school," said Alexi Peche, a 10th-grader and student-to-student ambassador.

"Meeting people who actually walked in space ... that's something special for a DODDS school and for kids of deployed parents," said Walter Fritz, PHS video production teacher.

Students at both schools asked questions and swarmed around the pilots to have their photos taken with them.

"I hope we can inspire them to pursue a degree in science and engineering, maybe even decide to be an astronaut one day," Foreman said.

Foreman, who retired from the Navy in June 2009, has five space walks under his belt.

He discussed how his interest in the space program began early in his life. "When I was a kid growing up in Ohio,



Patch High School sophomore, Alexi Peche, 15, has lunch with retired Navy Capt. Michael Foreman, a NASA space shuttle astronaut, at the Patch Barracks Dining Facility Sept. 23. Foreman was describing the arduous yearlong training required for his 2009 11 day mission to the International Space Station.

the media had it in the news and on TV a lot," he said.

"After reading the original book "We Seven" [written by astronauts selected in 1959 for the Mercury spacecraft] that talked about the backgrounds of all seven, I pursued that dream, and it was worth every effort to get here," Foreman added.

Kevin Perry, 16, an 11th-grader, was inspired by the visit.

"It's cool hearing how passionate

they were about it and how it affected them," Perry said. "It makes me want to work harder and make sure I do good in school, so I can do something like that ... something that I want to do when I'm older."

The astronauts concluded the presentation with a video of the space shuttle set to "Dreams," by Van Halen, and a comment by Wilmore.

"If you enjoy learning, life is going to be great," he said.

Writers, artists share passion for 'kid lit' with community

**Story & photo by Colleen Terry
USAG Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation**

Writing for children is serious business. The young readers may be small, but the impact that words and images have on them can be immense.

That's why the Patch Library hosted an author-illustrator day Sept. 24, an event where budding writers and artists could learn how to draw, create a character and develop a story line, from German and American authors and illustrators from Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Kaiserslautern and Berlin.

The event — a collaboration between Stuttgart Army spouse and illustrator, Kirsten Carlson, and Tracie Miller, the Patch librarian — helped to launch the library's new and expanded programming.

Carlson is the illustrator coordinator for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, an international non-profit organization that serves as a consolidated voice for professional writers and illustrators. Working with Miller, Carlson recruited other SCBWI members to offer insight, inspiration and guidance.

Children and adults filled the library's special events room for five interactive sessions taught by Carlson, Daniel Jennewien, Jen Blom, Juliane Kayser and Angela Cerrito.

Carlson started the day with a session called Listen and Draw. "All drawings start with simple shapes,"



Children's book illustrator Daniel Jennewien puts the finishing touches on a dragon during a drawing workshop Sept. 24 in the Patch Library.

she told the participants. Carlson demonstrated how to draw an Adelie penguin from "Sea Secrets," a book written by Mary Cerullo and Beth Simmons, and illustrated by Carlson. "The body of the penguin is a squished football — a deflated football squeezed together," she said.

Participants got to take home a book on how to

draw and will have an opportunity to submit their artwork to the Long Term Ecological Research website.

Cerrito, a young-adult fiction author from Kaiserslautern, led a session on creating characters. Cerrito shared how she integrated real-world stories from neighbors and friends to develop character traits and personalities for characters in her recently published book, "The End of the Line." "It's important to make characters real, [to] let them grow and change ... that's what makes them exciting," she said.

Librarian Miller was thrilled with the success of the event and looked forward to seeing new faces at the library as new programs are launched. "It's not uncommon for 500 movies and TV shows to be checked out on a weekend. We want the community to know the library is more than just a place to check out movies," she said.

A sampling of upcoming events and activities at the Patch Library will include how to conduct genealogy research, tips on using the library's fiction database for research and book reviews, themed book displays and Foreign Film Sunday, a once-a-month opportunity to watch films in their native languages with English subtitles.

"Of course, we will always have our traditional story time and book club, but we want to attract more members of the community to visit us," Miller said.

For more information on upcoming library programs, call 430-5232/civ. 0711-680-5232.

International forces celebrate camaraderie at 'NATO beer maneuver'

Story & photos by Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Soldier Wasen, or "NATO Beer Maneuver," has a long tradition in Stuttgart. Back in 1974, a group of international soldiers were invited to the Cannstatter Wasen fest grounds to enjoy hearty Swabian food and German beer.

The practice has continued ever since.

This year, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from the Stuttgart military community met their German and French counterparts for the 37th Soldier Wasen on Sept. 26 at the Fürstenberg beer tent to celebrate the long-standing military event.

"This is an amazing opportunity to strengthen the relationship with our German comrades and celebrate together," said Lance Cpl. Keegan Crawford, a first-time guest to the Soldier Wasen, who attended the fest with 25 fellow Marines from U.S. Marine Corps Europe and U.S. Marine Corps Africa.

More than 3,300 Soldiers from Baden-Württemberg, Rheinland-Pfalz, Bavaria and the German/French Brigade in Emmendingen attended the event. The Stuttgart military community was represented by 290 service members, along with Soldiers from Mannheim, Heidelberg and Ansbach.

Peter Brandl, fest tent owner, welcomed the troops to the Fürstenberg tent and wished them a memorable time at this year's Soldier Wasen.

Col. Franz Arnold, state command Baden-Württemberg commander, along with Col. Carl D. Bird, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart commander, emphasized the importance of the event to create a



German soldiers toast to camaraderie with Sgt. Robert Grubaugh, Headquarters Support Company, 1/10th SFG (A).

Maj. Christopher Dillard, AFRICOM, exchanges unit patches with German soldier Lance Cpl. Marco.



strong bond between the international soldiers.

Bird presented Arnold and Brandl with a commander's coin and personally thanked them for inviting the U.S. Forces to the military outing.

"The Soldier Wasen celebrates the German-American friendship and camaraderie between our nations," Bird said.

The service members enjoyed the

afternoon with "Göckele," or grilled chicken, beer and interaction with their German and French brothers- and sisters-in-arms.

"It's so much fun here. The harmony between the Germans and Americans is simply great," said Pfc. Steven Liebl, a German soldier stationed in Ummendorf. Liebl, along with his comrades, exchanged patches, flags, name tags, berets, and even entire uniforms with

the Americans during the fest.

The "Fetzentaler" band entertained the crowd with German folk music, party, country and rock tunes, while many of the soldiers stood on the beer benches, singing and dancing.

While celebrating, the service members joined together in saying: "ein Prosit, ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit" (cheers to the good times), to toast to camaraderie, friendship and tradition.

Have a comment on garrison services?

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The Army Wellness Center Stuttgart offers tobacco cessation classes on Oct. 18 and 25.

Good reasons to quit tobacco habit now

By Tamiriz Centeno

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use, particularly cigarette smoking, is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.

Health problems extend beyond smokers to nonsmokers, who are involuntarily exposed to second-hand smoke.

If you're still smoking or using other tobacco products and are looking for motivation to help you quit using tobacco, consider these facts:

- Smoking causes lung and other cancers, heart disease, stroke, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

- Smoking increases the risk of incontinence, cataracts, osteoporosis, impotence and infertility. Smoking causes premature wrinkling, yellow teeth and bad breath.

- Pregnant women who smoke greatly endanger the life and health of their developing child. Children whose parents smoke are more likely to become smokers.

Second-hand smoke can cause lung cancer and heart disease in people who have never smoked tobacco and illnesses in young children, such as ear problems, asthma and bronchitis.

Every year, thousands of children are hospitalized because of illness resulting from exposure to second-hand smoke. For this reason, smoking is increasingly restricted or prohibited in the workplace and in public places.

Perhaps you are questioning your own ability to quit smoking. If you can quit on your own, you should quit. However, in order to stop the tobacco habit, there are many smokers who need assistance from their family, friends and health care providers.

Studies show that your best chance of quitting the tobacco habit is by joining a support program.

If you are thinking about taking the next step to being tobacco free, consider attending the Tobacco Cessation Program at the Army Wellness Center Stuttgart, on Patch Barracks. This program is available to all military beneficiaries, retirees and Defense Department civilians.

You will learn all the tools and strategies that have helped people stop the tobacco habit, and you will be guided to develop your own personal tobacco cessation plan.

The next tobacco cessation classes will be held on Oct. 18 and 25. To enroll, call the Army Wellness Center Stuttgart at 430-2997/civ. 0711-680-2997.



Flu vaccine clinics scheduled

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart now has the flu vaccine. High risk patients, newborns and active duty personnel may make appointments for flu vaccines through the clinic.

From Oct. 3-14, **Department of Defense Dependents Schools** staff and students will receive flu vaccines at their designated school. **Child, Youth and School Services** staff members will receive the flu vaccine at the DODDS schools on the caserns where they work. No walk-ins will be taken.

All other eligible beneficiaries can receive the vaccine on the following dates:

- Oct. 17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **Brewed Awakenings**, Robinson Barracks
- Oct. 18-19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Exchange Food Court**, Panzer Kaserne
- Oct. 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Patch Fitness Center**, Patch Barracks
- Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Kelly Clinic Annex**, Kelley Barracks
- Oct. 24-25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Patch Fitness Center**, Patch Barracks
- Oct. 26-27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Exchange Food Court**, Panzer Kaserne

From Oct. 31 until the end of the season, the flu vaccine will be available at the health clinic on a walk-in basis.

For more information, call 430-6383/civ. 0711-680-6383.

Breast Cancer Screening Month

As part of Breast Cancer Screening Month, eligible Tricare beneficiaries can stop by the front lobby of the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart every Friday in October from 8 a.m. to noon for mammography screening orders (for preferred providers or at Heidelberg).

For more information, call the community health nurse at 430-7069/civ. 071-680-7069.



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If you or someone you know has thoughts of suicide, call the USAG Stuttgart Military Police at 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262.

Holiday closures

Most U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart facilities and offices will be closed for the Columbus Day holiday, to include the Customs Office and Vehicle Registration.

The Panzer Dining Facility will be closed Oct. 7 and 10.

- The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will close Oct. 7 and 10 for the training and federal holidays. In case of an emergency, call the Military Police at civ. 0711-680-114. For immediate health care needs, call the Nurse Advice Line at 0800-4759-2330.

Community members are advised to call ahead before attempting to visit a facility.

Beautify LTA

Community members are invited to participate in Landscape Protection Day Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Panzer Local Training Area.

Participants will pick up branches, rake leaves and perform other tasks to beautify the area. No equipment is needed, but volunteers should wear outdoor clothing and bring work gloves.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 421-6130/civ. 0711-729-6130.

Limited service at the vet clinic

The Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility is relocating to a new building on Panzer Kaserne this month and will be open Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. for over-the-counter



Susan Huseman

Cooper Field to get new look

Work is well underway on a new running track at Cooper Field on Kelley Barracks. The center of the track will have room for soccer and other activities, and includes a baseball field for younger children. The project is managed by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works and is expected to be completed in November.

sales, pet registration and medical record pick-up only.

If your pet needs to be seen for vaccinations, health certificates, surgeries, sick-call or emergencies, contact an off-post veterinarian or a military veterinarian at another installation.

The nearest military veterinary clinic is the Heidelberg VTF at U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg. The phone number is 388-9470/civ. 06221-338-9470.

The Stuttgart VTF will resume normal operations in November.

Bake cookies, cakes for a cause

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club needs volunteers to provide home-baked goods in support of the Pfennig Bazaar's Great American Bake Sale. Proceeds from this event support many worthy causes in Stuttgart.

Drop off baked goods Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the front offices of Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School, Patch Elementary School, Patch High School and Böblingen Elementary School, or in the lobby of the Kelley Theatre.

To volunteer or for more information, e-mail the SCSC Special Events Chairwoman at scsc.specialevent@gmail.com.

Volunteer for Pfennig Bazaar

The German American Women's Club Stuttgart seeks volunteers for its Pfennig Bazaar Oct. 14-15 in downtown Stuttgart.

Volunteers are needed to set up the Liederhalle on Oct. 12, unpack merchandise and set up stands Oct. 13, and man stands during the bazaar.

To volunteer for the Pfennig Bazaar, send an e-mail to gawcvolunteer@yahoo.com or call Jennifer Kiwus at civ. 0711-2805-5591.

ACS hosts EFMP support groups

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Exceptional Family Member Program offers several support and play groups that meet at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

The Diabetes Youth Group will meet Oct. 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; the Multiple Sclerosis Support group will meet Oct. 17 from 10-11 a.m.; the ACS Cancer Support Group will meet Oct. 27 from 6-7 p.m. A developmental delay and Autism play group will meet Oct. 14 and 28 from 3-4 p.m. at the Panzer Chapel.

For more information, call

the EFMP manager at 431-3326/civ. 07031-15-3326.

Give blood Oct. 24

The Armed Forces Blood Program will host a community blood drive on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Patch Community Club.

Appointments may be made at www.militarydonor.com; walk-ins are welcome, too. Donors must be at least 17 years old.

Budget for baby

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will offer a Budget for Baby class for active duty service members and their spouses Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne. Participants will receive a free layette with baby items.

For more information or to sign up, call civ. 0174-659-2399 or e-mail stuttgart-nmcrs@googlemail.com.

Learn about DCPAS

Learn about the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service and its mission of civilian leader development at an informational briefing Oct. 21 from 1-4 p.m. in the Patch Theater.

For more information, call 421-4463/civ. 0711-729-4463.

End violence now

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family Advocacy Program has several activities planned for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

An information booth and Silent Witness display will be at the Panzer Exchange.

Oct. 21-22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

ACS partners with the United Services Organization mobile canteen at the Kelly Barracks Commissary on Oct. 21, and at the Robinson Barracks Commissary Oct. 22, to provide educational materials to support domestic violence survivors and promote healthy families.

Oct. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: An information booth and Silent Witness display will be at the USO month luncheon in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

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

Send community-wide announcements to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil

Proper disposal of light bulbs

Energy saving light bulbs, luminescent screen tubes and fluorescent lamps all contain mercury. A broken lamp can be a potential health hazard because of the mercury vapor that can develop at room temperature. Used light bulbs must be collected separately and do not belong in a normal trash container.

For military housing residents, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Environmental Office (421-6131/civ. 0711-722-86131) can provide information about where to drop off used light bulbs.

Off post residents should ask their landlords for advice, request disposal instructions at their community city hall or visit the following collection points:

- Schönaicher Strasse 71, Böblingen (near Panzer Kaserne);
- Schwertstrasse 9, Sindelfingen (between Patch and Panzer); and
- Burgholzstrasse 41, Stuttgart (near Robinson Barracks).

Additionally, German shops that sell products with toxic agents, such as bulbs and batteries, are required by law to take back used/old products.



Experience culture, city during 'Stuttgart Nacht'

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The annual "Stuttgart Nacht," or Stuttgart Night, is one of the best ways to experience not only Stuttgart's cultural offerings, but the city itself.

This year's Stuttgart Night begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, and lasts until 2 a.m. Oct. 23. The program features more than 70 events located in and around downtown Stuttgart, such as theater productions, concerts, movies, dancing, lectures and parties in various night clubs.

Tickets cost €14 when purchased in advance and €16 at the event, and include transportation, along with admission into every location. Shuttle buses will run all night from the Stuttgart Stadtmitte (Rotebühlplatz), Siegle-Haus and Hauptbahnhof (main train station).

"The multi-faceted program gives people the chance to see and experience more cultural events and locations than during a normal night out in the city," said Maria Melber, event organizer from "Lift" Stuttgart (city magazine). "Discovering Stuttgart in a different and more creative way is the motto of Stuttgart Night."

This year's program mainly focuses on musical entertainment across the board, ranging from rock, pop to jazz and classical concerts, according to Melber.

The **Bixx Jazz Club** (Leonhardsplatz 28, shuttle bus stop Rathaus, Stuttgart Mitte) celebrates the Big Bix Jam with a mixture of jazz, soul and funk featuring Trijo, a jazz band from Stuttgart, and the NuJazz Laidback Groove Ensemble. Concerts will be held from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

For a gospel concert with the "ofChors-feel the music" gospel choir from Böblingen, patrons can visit **St. Catherine's Church** (Katharinenplatz 5, shuttle bus stop Olgaek, Stuttgart Mitte). Concerts will be held every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

For a classical music experience, the **Gustav-Siegle-Haus** (Leonhardsplatz 28, shuttle bus stop Rathaus, Stuttgart Mitte) hosts an evening with the Stuttgarter Philharmoniker. The piano concert will feature pieces from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart from 9-10 p.m. A crossover classic concert takes patrons on a journey throughout various musical genres from 10:45-11:45 p.m.

For those looking for an active evening out and



Photo courtesy of "Lift Stuttgart"

Shuttle buses pass the old castle in downtown Stuttgart during last year's "Stuttgart Nacht," or Stuttgart Night. This year's event begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 and continues until 2 a.m. Oct. 23. Shuttle buses will run all night from the Stuttgart Stadtmitte (Rotebühlplatz), Siegle-Haus and Hauptbahnhof (main train station) from and to more than 70 event locations.

about in the city, the Stuttgart Night organizers aim to combine culture with an effective workout for the first time this year, according to Melber. A group of actors, called "Arttours," have designed a "fit for art aerobic tour" throughout Stuttgart specially for the event.

"The idea is to give visitors a new perspective of the city by combining workout and aerobic techniques while looking at various sites," said Melber.

Tours will start between the department store **Galeria Kaufhof** and the snack bar **Grillstation** at Königstrasse (shuttle bus stop Stadtmitte) at 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 11:30 p.m. Tours will be 50 minutes long and 25 participants will be accepted for each tour.

Politically interested visitors can tour the **Villa Reitzenstein**, headquarters of the State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg, exclusively during Stuttgart Night. Tours will be offered from 7-11:30 p.m. (Richard-Wagner-Str. 15, shuttle bus stop Bubbad, Stuttgart Mitte).

Party enthusiasts can dance the Stuttgart Night away with hip hop and electro tunes at the newly opened night club **Schräglage** (Hirschstrasse 14, shuttle bus stop Rathaus, Stuttgart Mitte). The club will open at 8 p.m.

"Stuttgart Night is a great chance for visitors to experience what their city has to offer culturally, and it also is a chance to see the city from a different perspective," said Melber.

She also recommends that visitors create their personal programs online and think about "must-see" events. However, Melber also emphasized that it is important to be spontaneous. "If people really enjoy a location they should stay," she said.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.stuttgartnacht.de, or call civ. 0711-601-5444. Tickets can also be purchased during the event at all participating event locations.

GET OUT AND ABOUT THIS MONTH

German-American Day

The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum/James F. Byrnes Institute will celebrate its annual German-American Day Oct. 11 with a fall concert from 7-9 p.m. in the White Hall of the Neue Schloss (new castle) in downtown Stuttgart.

The concert will feature compositions from classic American musicals, as well as melodies from various European operas. Following the concert, a reception will be held at the foyer of the White Hall.

Tickets cost €15 when purchased in advance and €18 on the night of

the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the DAZ (Charlottenplatz 17, 70173 Stuttgart) or by calling civ. 0711-228-180.

Homeland photo exhibit

The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum/James F. Byrnes Institute features a photo exhibition called "Homeland" with images by Nina Berman, a photographer from New York, until Nov. 18 at the German-American Center in downtown Stuttgart.

In her images, Berman reflects on the changes in American society

and everyday life after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The exhibition is free of charge and will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2-5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.daz.org or call civ. 0711-228-180.

Fellbacher Herbst

This year's annual Fellbacher Herbst (Fellbach Fall Festival) will run from Oct. 7-10 in downtown Fellbach. The fest will be open Friday from 4 p.m. until midnight. On Saturday the fest is open from noon to midnight, and Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

The Fellbacher Herbst is one of the largest fall festivals in Baden-Württemberg. Visitors can sample wines from the middle Neckar region and enjoy Swabian meals in various wine booths throughout the fest. The official opening parade will be held Oct. 8 from 2-3 p.m. in downtown Fellbach.

On Oct. 9, all stores in the downtown area will be open from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Visitors will also have the chance to watch a fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. on the same day.

For more information, visit www.fellbach.de.

Get tickets to Navy birthday ball

The 236th annual Stuttgart Navy Birthday Ball is scheduled for Oct. 29 in Sindelfingen.

For tickets and more information, send an e-mail to Navy_Ball_11@eucom.mil.

Halloween trick or treating

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will observe Halloween trick or treating hours from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Patch basketball court renovated

The basketball court at the Patch Fitness Center is currently undergoing renovations and will be closed to the public through Oct. 21.

AFAP conference needs your help

The next Army Family Action Plan conference will be held Nov. 8-9 in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

Community members can participate by identifying issues where they see room for improvement in the military community at large.

Submit issues online at www.stuttgart.army.mil (click on "Submit 2012 AFAP issues") or www.stuttgartmwr.com (click on "Army Community Service," then "Army

Family Action Plan").

Issue forms can also be found at AFAP issue boxes located in facilities such as mail rooms and the Exchange.

Active duty service members, reservists, retirees, civilians, family members and teens can participate in the AFAP conference by applying to be a delegate.

Volunteers are also need-

ed to be conference facilitators, recorders, transcribers, or issue support personnel. Civilian dress is required.

For more information, call 431-3643/civ. 07031-15-3643.

Due to PCS soon?

The next scheduled permanent change of station Pre-Separation Briefing will be held Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer

Kaserne. All service members and civilians departing within the next four to five months should attend. Information will be provided from various agencies including transportation/customs, medical,

Tricare, dental, vehicle registration, housing and Army Community Service. Army personnel will also receive a briefing on finance issues.

All separating Army personnel must attend this briefing to receive pre-separation information. Advance registration is required. For more information and to sign-up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

Donate to Soldiers' Angels

The Stuttgart Kontakt Club, a German-American friendship club, is collecting new items for wounded warriors, which will be donated to the Landstuhl Transient Unit in support of the Soldiers' Angels Germany program.

Drop off donations of new hoodies, boxer shorts, socks and personal hygiene items by Oct. 20 to Birgit Thompson at the Public Affairs Office, Room 319, Building 2949, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, visit www.soldiersangels.org/germany.html.

Send community-wide announcements to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil

Driving in fog

- When entering fog, check your mirrors and slow down. If visibility is 50 meters or less, reduce speed to 50 km per hour or even less, depending on the fog density. This applies also on the Autobahn.
- Use your windscreen wipers and defrosters.
- Tap your foot brake lightly so that your brakes lights can warn drivers behind you.
- Drive with low beams. High beams will only be reflected off the fog and actually impairs visibility even more. Use fog lights if visibility is reduced, so you can be seen. It's an offense to use high-intensity rear fog lights if visibility is greater than 50 meters.
- Don't follow tail lights. Use the right edge of the road or painted road markings as guides and expand the distance to the vehicle ahead. Quick braking and accelerating should be avoided.
- Listen for traffic you cannot see. Turn off the radio and open the window a little.
- If you park on a road, try to get your vehicle completely off the road, and move away from the vehicle to avoid injury. You could be rear-ended.

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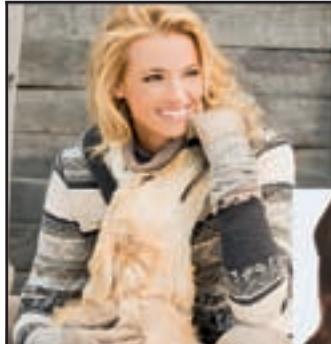
The Castro family (Capt. Felix Castro, wife Laura, daughter Zoe, 5, and son Declan, 7 months) records a television and radio holiday greeting for family and loved ones in Ohio during a Joint Hometown News Service Holiday Greeting visit to Panzer Kaserne Sept. 27.

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Bridget Oldham attempts to toss a volleyball into a laundry basket during the USAG Stuttgart 2011 Amazing Race competition that kicked off at the Patch Fitness Center Sept. 17.



Jay and Elaine Vignola cross the finish line and receive their time from Oliver Stith.



Photos by Joe Mancy

Michael and Elizabeth Casciaro carry two paddles and an inflated canoe for approximately 150 yards on the Panzer Kaserne parade field during the 2011 USAG Stuttgart Amazing Race Sept. 17. Once they completed the trek, they had to deflate the canoe before proceeding to the next challenge.



Jonathan McBride concentrates while sewing triangles of fabric to make a quilt block.

Ayrril and Brian Boggess take second place honors.

Jerald and Tameka Cooke inflate a rubber canoe together. This task required teams to inflate five different valves. Once inflated, team members wore flotation vests and had to carry the canoe and two paddles without letting the canoe touch the ground or putting the paddles inside the canoe, for 150 yards. Then the teams had to deflate the canoe before proceeding to the next challenge.



Family and MWR ‘Amazing Race’ returns for

**By Joe Mancy and Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office**

In 18 seasons, a mother and son team has never won on the CBS reality show, “The Amazing Race.”

Not so for the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s version of the race around the world.

Nicklaus Franck, a U.S. Army captain assigned to the 52nd Aviation Regiment at Stuttgart Army Air Field, and his mother Monika Pirrone, from Fort Monroe, Va., won the garrison’s second annual Amazing Race Sept. 17 with a time of 1:18:14.

Unlike the TV show, their efforts did not earn them a million dollars. Instead, they won a three-day vacation with all the perks to Camp Darby, Italy, and two \$75 AAFES gift certificates.

But it was never about collecting a prize. “It started off as something fun to do with my mom,” said Franck, who is a big fan of the show.

Winning the event was fantastic, he said, because his mother was pretty nervous about competing. “I’m really competitive. She thought I was going to yell at her,” Franck said, jokingly.

Turns out though, Pirrone was able to hold her

own. “My mom was very motivated. It was nice to see her push herself,” Franck said.

The duo competed against 11 other two-person teams in events designed to test strength, endurance, dexterity, problem-solving skills and teamwork.

According to Pirrone and Franck, sewing 16 triangles of fabric together to make a square quilt block at the Patch Arts and Crafts Center was one of the most difficult challenges.

“Sew ... I don’t know how to do that!” Pirrone said. She learned quickly, however, stitching together the pieces as quickly as Franck was able to arrange them.

Instead of taxis or rental cars — typical transportation modes on the reality show — each team was required to ride bicycles between the events.

The first leg of the race was held at the Patch Fitness Center, where teams were given a choice of running suicide drills while dribbling a basketball or tossing volleyballs into a laundry basket from a distance of about 50 feet.

From there, competitors moved on to the sewing task at the Arts and Crafts Center, then sorted books using the Dewey Decimal system at the Patch Library. They then biked approximately six miles from Patch Barracks to Panzer Kaserne along the old

tank trail. At Panzer, teams participated in a Zumba dance and aerobics marathon for a specified time before proceeding to the Auto Skills Center where they matched keys to unlock a car door.

Most of the participants agreed that the hardest event was created by Mike Mendoza, the Outdoor Recreation director. Teams had to follow written directions to inflate a rubberized canoe with five inflation points using a hand pump. They then had to don life vests and carry the canoe and two paddles along a 150-yard circuit at the Panzer parade field. The canoe and the paddles could not touch the ground, and the paddles could not be placed inside the canoe.

Once back at the starting line, teams were not finished with the task until they had deflated their canoes.

“The bike ride was the longest event, but the toughest was having to inflate, carry and deflate that boat,” said Ayrril Boggess, who with husband Brian, took second place with a time of 1:20:40. The couple, also big fans of the TV series, won two \$50 AAFES gift certificates.

The last three events included bowling either two strikes or four spares at the Galaxy Bowling Center, striping a bed of linen and remaking it to maid’s standards at the Panzer Hotel and running a three-legged

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First place finishers Nicklaus Franck, from left, and his mother Monika Pirrone, along with local Zumba instructors, participate in a Zumba Marathon held outside the Panzer Exchange during the fifth stage of the 2011 USAG Stuttgart Amazing Race Sept. 17. Pirrone, from Fort Monroe, Va., was in town to visit Franck, a U.S. Army captain assigned to the 52nd Aviation Regiment at Stuttgart Army Air Field. The mother and son duo beat 11 other teams with a time of 1:18:14.



second year

with a shopping cart at the Panzer Exchange. While the reality show exposes many Americans world they don't usually see in prime time the garrison's version attempts to accomplish thing similar, only on a much smaller scale. "The Amazing Race is designed to make people of our MWR facilities, and the programs and comment they offer," said Oliver Stith, the event organizer.

He thinks it does just that. "During last year's race I found out a lot of people didn't even know about an auto crafts center. The contestants were supposed to go there, but instead went to the AAFES Auto Center," he said.

Not besides acquainting contestants with MWR facilities, the race was also designed for fun, something Stith did not discount. "It was good to see people having a good time," he said.

2011 Amazing Race winners

1:18:14 Nicklaus Franck and Monika Pirrone
1:20:40 Brian and Ayrril Boggess
1:24:01 Michael and Elizabeth Casciaro
1:27:45 Andrea Rumpler and Laura Bennett

More photos of the 2011 Amazing Race are available at www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart/.

Sleight of hand magician opens new performance space

Story & photo by Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The grand opening of the Stuttgart Theatre Center's Studio on Sept. 23 and 24 was magical, quite literally, with Ted "Merlin" Barlock performing seemingly impossible illusions in the former German Cantina above the Kelley Theatre.

The intimate performance space, with seating for 88 people, was the perfect venue for Barlock's brand of magic: close-up magic using cards and coins, and parlor magic, featuring small tabletop illusions.

Barlock, a lead information operations planner for AFRICOM, has been a practicing magician for over 30 years.

At 12, his parents took the family to Disneyland. "I bought my first magic kit at Merlin's Magic Shop and I've been fascinated with magic ever since," Barlock said.

Retired from the Air Force, Barlock has performed for military crowds in Germany, England, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. He also performed for two years on weekends at the Dragoon Saloon in Tombstone, Ariz.

"I love sharing what I believe to be something special with the audience. I love seeing how they react ... the looks of astonishment, the giggles when they see something disappear," Barlock said.

His "Theatre of Imagination" show, a genteel demonstration of sleight-of-hand combined with poetry and theater, took a rapt audience on a journey through the Wild West and Victorian eras, using cards, coins, ropes and rings.

While the show lasted approximately 60 minutes, it was the result of years of practice.

I want the magic to be beautiful ... a pleasant experience. I don't need to put needles through my body ... call me old fashioned.

Ted "Merlin" Barlock
Magician

"There's no shortcut when it comes to cards. It's working the hands and muscles ... learning to manipulate the cards," said Barlock, as he effortlessly demonstrated his ability to triple cut a deck of cards with one hand and riffle shuffle a deck of cards with either hand.

Barlock, a member of the Academy of Magical Arts, the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians, does not perform large scale illusions, such as levitating, death defying escapes or what is known as shock magic.

"It would be impractical," he said of the props required for such illusions.

Besides, he added, "I want the magic to be beautiful ... a pleasant experience. I don't need to put needles through my body ... call me old fashioned."

Stuttgart Theatre Center's next production, "Dracula," runs from Oct. 14 to Oct. 31 in the Kelley Theatre. For more information, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.



Ted Barlock performs a Victorian parlor illusion during a Theatre of Imagination performance last month at the Studio, the Stuttgart Theatre Center's newest performance space located above the Kelley Theatre. Barlock, an AFRICOM civilian employee, combined sleight of hand techniques with poetry and theater.

What's happening in FMWR

Free movies on RB

The RB Theater in the RB Club features free movies at 6:30 p.m.

During October, enjoy the following films:

Oct. 5-8: Zoo Keeper (PG-13)
Oct. 12-15: Hoodwinked Too! (PG)
Oct. 19-22: Transformers 3 (PG-13)
Oct. 26-29: Green Lantern (PG-13)

See 'Dracula'

The Stuttgart Theatre Center brings "Dracula" to life and the stage just in time for Halloween.

Evening performances will be held Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are scheduled for Oct. 23 and 30 at 3 p.m.

To reserve tickets, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com or call the theater office at 421-3055/civ. 0711-729-3055.

Get out with ODR

Outdoor Recreation (Building 2953, Panzer Kaserne) offers several outings and activities this month. Here's just a sampling:

- Oct. 13 and 27: Rifle/hand gun range
- Oct. 15 and 29: Paintball

- Oct. 15: Biking in Bad Wilbad
 - Oct. 20: Trap shooting
 - Oct. 30: Fall foliage hike
- For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Photo contest display

The Stuttgart Photo Contest award ceremony will be held Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Patch Library.

All entries will be on display in the library through Oct. 12. Following the awards ceremony, the winning entries will be displayed at the Broadway Cafe on Kelley Barracks.

For more information, call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

Halloween activities

Pumpkin carving, costume bowling and creating trick or treat bags are some of the Halloween events planned by Family and MWR. Get all the details at www.stuttgartmwr.com.

For the latest in Family and MWR activities, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com. For e-mail updates, e-mail mwrmarketing@eur.army.mil.

Coming to Patch Theater



Oct. 6 — Winnie the Pooh (G) 6 p.m.

Oct. 7 — Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG) 6 p.m., What's Your Number (R) 9 p.m.

Oct. 8 — Zookeeper (PG) 4 p.m., Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 7 p.m., What's Your Number (R) 9 p.m.

Oct. 9 — Zookeeper (PG) 2 p.m., Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 4 p.m., What's Your Number (R) 7 p.m.

Oct. 10 — What's Your Number (R) 6 p.m.

Oct. 11 — Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Oct. 12 — Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG) 6 p.m.

Oct. 13 — Winnie the Pooh (G) 6 p.m.

Oct. 14 — Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13) 7 p.m., Real Steel (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 — Winnie the Pooh (G) 4 p.m., Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13) 7 p.m., Real Steel (PG-13) 9 p.m.

Oct. 16 — Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13) 2 p.m., Real Steel (PG-13) 4 p.m.,



20th Century Fox

Anna Faris is Ally Darling, who begins a wild search for the best "ex" of her life.

The Change-Up (R) 7 p.m.

Oct. 17 — Real Steel (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Oct. 18 — Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Oct. 19 — The Change-Up (R) 6 p.m.

Oct. 20 — Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Family & MWR Featured Events



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Awards ceremony and viewing.

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October 3 - November 10

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Learn how to research your family tree.

October 11 & 25 11 a.m.

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Eric Adams

Stuttgart Saints running back Desmond Cozart runs for one of two touchdowns against the USAG Wiesbaden bantam team Sept. 17 at Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim.

Football teams ready to tackle second season

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Youth tackle football kicked off its second season in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart with 74 participants, about 32 more players than last season.

In its inaugural season, USAG Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services fielded a bantam team for 9- to 11-year-olds and a junior team for 12- to 14-year-olds. This year, the program boasts one bantam and two junior teams.

"The community support has been really great," said Caitlin Smith, CYS Services sports director. "This is something Stuttgart has wanted for a long time."

"Technically, this is our first year," said Kenneth McDaniel, the coach of the junior Cowboys. "Last year most of the support — the training camp, uniforms and equipment — came from Heidelberg. We didn't even have home games. Parents had to car pool to all the games."

And yet despite all this, the Cowboys went undefeated, winning the Western Conference and the Installation Management Command Europe championships.

"This year, the CYS [Services] program has gone full force, with equipment, uniforms and tackling dummies. We had our first home game Sept. 10 and there was a huge turnout ... people who didn't have kids even came out to watch," said McDaniel.

The teams practice at Robinson Barracks, and coaches, parents, teachers and CYS Services have pooled their resources to set up an "after school, before practice" study hall on RB for players.

"We're trying to make this program not just about football, but about developing the players overall, not just as athletes, but student athletes," McDaniel said.

Attending study hall is highly encouraged, according to Tederail Walker, coach of the junior Eagles. "It keeps them out of trouble and besides, by the time we get done with football practice at 7 p.m. or so, what kid wants to go home and do schoolwork," Walker said.

Players are expected to keep up with their school work and attend three practices a week, in addition to learning football strategy, said bantam Saints coach Raul Jurado. "It's a big commitment."

With only six regular season games, it doesn't seem like a lot of time to build a team, especially for Coach Jurado, whose team is relatively inexperienced.

"It takes about four games to grasp the total concept of football ... that it's more than scoring touchdowns. There are first downs, penalties. You have 11 kids on the field playing 11 different positions. They have to understand everyone's responsibilities," Jurado said.

"But the kids have a pretty good grasp of what we're doing out there," Jurado said.

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Triathlon clinic set for Oct. 22

Perfect your performance at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR's triathlon clinic Oct. 22. Participants will meet from 9 a.m. to noon in the Patch Fitness Center, and the Sindelfingen Badezentrum at 2 p.m.

Sign up at the Patch Fitness Center by Oct. 19. For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Great Pumpkin Run set

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and MWR will host the Great Pumpkin 5K and 10K Run Oct. 29. The run starts and finishes at Patch Barrack's Husky Field.

Race T-shirts will be given to the first 300 registrants. Sign up at the Patch Fitness Center by Oct. 19. Late registration starts Oct. 20. No runners will be accepted after Oct. 26.

For more information, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com or call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Basketball officials clinic

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and MWR will host a basketball official's clinic Oct. 25-28 at the Patch Fitness Center.

For more information or to sign up, call 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512 or visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

Community-level basketball

Men and women 18 years and older are invited to participate in the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community-level basketball league.

For more information or to sign up, call 40-4512/7135 or civ. 0711-680-4512/7136.

CYS Services winter sports

Winter sports registration (basketball, cheerleading and wrestling) for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services sports will be held through Nov. 10 at Parent Central Services, Building 2347, Patch Barracks.

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Youth Activities

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



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BEMS 7th grade field trip

LEFT: Reign Kingsberry, Amber Grable and Nathaniel Coad (left to right) pose for a photo during their field trip.

BELLOW: Tristen Phelps (left) Will Frederick (right) enjoy a little snack on their field trip.



Courtesy photo

BRAIN TEASER

Olympic Swim Team

Five swimmers (Adam, Brad, Carl, Doug, and Eric) have been preparing for the Olympics. It is now time for the swimming time trials. The five swimmers each compete in the four different strokes (backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle). The top three finishers in each event will qualify for the Olympic swim team in that stroke. Using the following clues, determine the order of finish in each of the four strokes.

- 1) Only one contestant qualified in all four strokes.
- 2) No contestant finished last in more than one event.
- 3) Adam finished better in the backstroke than he did in the butterfly.
- 4) Brad finished better than Doug in the butterfly.
- 5) Adam finished just behind Brad and just ahead of Eric in the breaststroke.

- 6) Doug finished just ahead of Carl in the freestyle.
- 7) Neither Brad nor Eric finished third in any event.
- 8) Eric's finish in the backstroke was the same as Doug's in the butterfly.
- 9) Doug only finished in the same position in the backstroke and the freestyle.
- 10) Carl finished in a different position in each event.
- 11) Brad finished only two events in the same position.
- 12) The contestant who finished second in the butterfly beat Doug in the freestyle.
- 13) The contestant who finished first in the freestyle did not qualify in the backstroke.
- 14) The contestant who finished fifth in the backstroke did not finish third in the butterfly.
- 15) No contestant finished in the same position in both the breaststroke and the butterfly.



Genevieve Gentile

Genevieve Gentile was born at 7:35 p.m. June 9, 2011 at Krankenhaus Böblingen, Germany. She was 2200 g and 45 cm long. Genevieve was born to John and Angelina Gentile. The family is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

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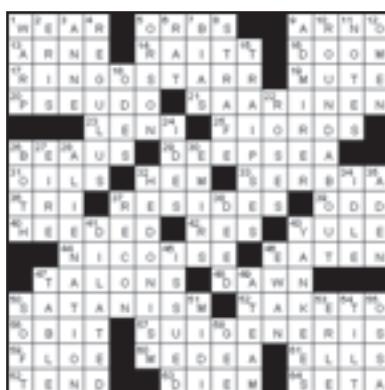
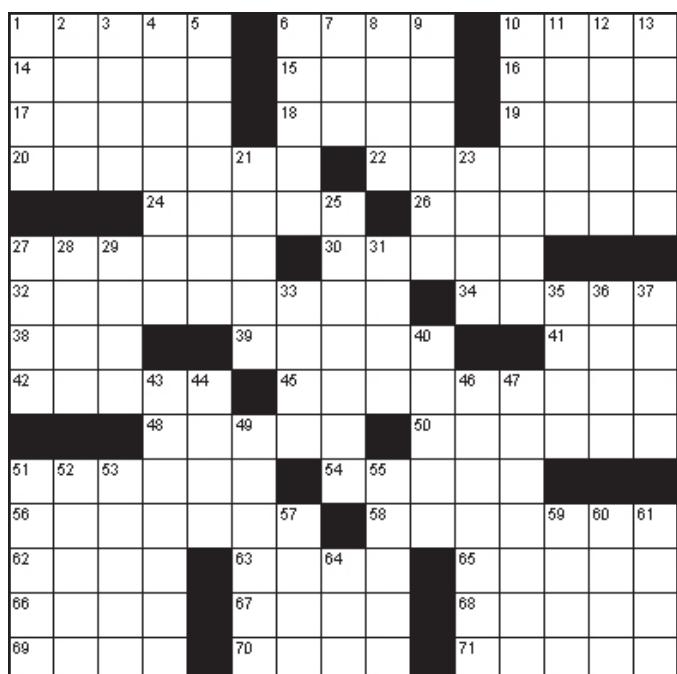
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This is the solution
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ACROSS

- 1. Explosion
- 50. Like a cobra
- 6. Thanksgiving dish
- 51. Gadabout
- 10. Take the show
- 54. Biblical weeds
- on the road
- 56. Ancient region
- 14. Long-term convict
- of France
- 15. Austrian painter
- 21. War god
- Schiele
- 28. Roller coaster
- 16. Scandinavian
- part
- capital
- 29. Turner of films
- 38. Cremona
- 31. Brewery products
- craftsman
- 33. Ray of Hollywood
- 18. Part of NB
- 35. Food fish
- 19. Moreno of "West
- 36. Dove's domicile
- Side Story"
- 37. Elderly
- 20. Soup served with
- 40. Statesman of India
- sour cream
- 43. South of the
- 22. Smiles affectedly
- border order
- 24. Cub Scout leader
- 44. Cooking fat
- 26. Ogle
- 46. Arm-twisted
- 27. In league
- 47. "William Tell"
- 30. Checked before
- composer
- a heist
- 49. Ordeals
- 32. "Fantastic Mr.
- 51. Forays
- Fox" author
- 34. Streisand
- 34. Puccini
- 55. Demean
- masterpiece
- 57. Inter ____
- 38. Countless years
- 59. Hawkeye Pierce
- 39. UFO pilot?
- portrayer
- 41. Monopolize
- 60. Nothing for
- 42. Rows
- Napoleon
- 45. Profane
- 61. "Smooth
- 48. Detroit products
- Operator" singer
- 64. Marshy area

DOWN

- 1. Spill the beans
- 2. Chauffeur-driven transport
- 3. Way off
- 4. Go to sea
- 5. Deceived
- 6. 1983 Streisand
- film
- 7. Long, long ____
- 8. Witty sayings
- 9. Slowpokes
- 10. Sink
- 11. Basketry twig
- 12. Extreme
- 13. Use the oven

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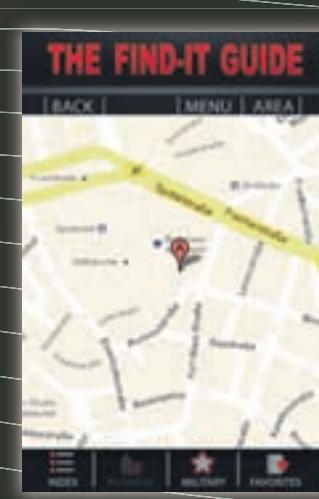
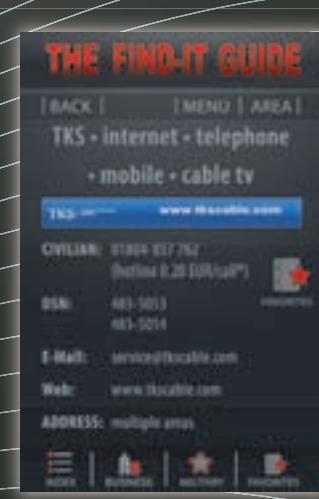
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