

**Quarterly Community Town Hall
Patch Chapel
Sept. 9, 2026
Notes and Additional Questions**

DHR

As of 24AUG, the Army is still dealing with hiring restrictions. NAF, DOWEA etc. are all hiring but onboarding most DA civilians is not possible.

QUESTION: What are some of the trends in strength at the garrison?

ANSWER: USAG Stuttgart has about 700 employees servicing 27,000 people.

Civilian (290-300), rest is LN

TDA is 294/333

This is a considerable gap that we cannot currently hire for and it takes six months to get a civilian employee on board so even when we do get the green light to hire it will take time to do so.

Current garrison vacancies approved for hiring and listed on USAJobs:

DPW director

Postal clerks

DPW

- A new base ops contract is delayed
- Self Help/Ship Store is an option for minor repairs.

QUESTION: What is being done about parking on Patch Barracks?**ANSWER:** Parking should get better as the move of personnel from Panzer to Baumholder is completed. The plan is to move some garrison services off of Kelley and Patch to open up office space for existing units on those installations. However, facilities still need to be upgraded on Panzer to get this process moving.

QUESTION: Are you going to start processing Priority 3 work orders again? What is the timeline?**ANSWER:** We expect by December we'll be able to fully process Priority 3s. In the meantime, we're taking care of 1 and 2s.

Units can pay for a Priority 3 work order to be executed sooner if they are willing to cover the cost.

QUESTION: Will the data from the surveys we took recently go to someone so installation infrastructure needs and maintenance orders can get funded?**ANSWER:** One of our top challenges is aging infrastructure. WW2 era infrastructure needs WW2 era maintenance. We sure hope those survey answers are going to help.

Building coordinators are appointed by units to submit work orders for facilities.

QUESTION: Is there a time frame for senior enlisted buildings on Patch to be upgraded? This is around 50 units.

ANSWER: Buildings 2522, 2523, 2525, and 2526 are still undergoing improvements, with completion anticipated for summer 2027.

DES

- Patch Main Gate construction is delayed and the reopening of that gate will not happen until later this fall.
- Last week, we got the approval to do further upgrades to the front gate at Patch. Enhancements will include a new visitor center and a turnaround but we're still working through funding and a timeline.

QUESTION: What's with the pedestrian gates and why don't they ever work?

ANSWER: There are three main systems: mechanical, technical, and DBIDs and three main problems: contractors aren't local, heat makes them malfunction, luggage/bags/bikes make them not work.

QUESTION: It feels wasteful to have to call you for parking but what do you do about someone parking in your space?

ANSWER: Call the MPs. We're here to help.

QUESTION: Have there been concerns brought up about the traffic circle at the K&K gate?

ANSWER: Potential alterations would cost money that we don't have. We will continue discussing it. DES, Safety, and Public Affairs will put out information about using a traffic circle. We can refresh this message again.