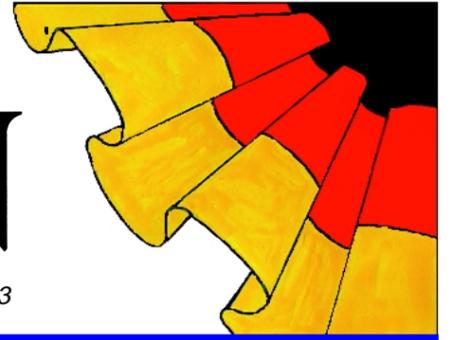


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From farewell to welcome home: Helping families deal with deployment

By Hugh C. McBride

As this edition of The Citizen went to press, the opening stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom had begun and U.S. service members were advancing into southern Iraq.

While speculating on the duration and ramifications of this operation – and others associated with the global war on terrorism – would be an exercise in futility, one fact of which we can all be certain is that deployments will continue.

While a regular component of military life, deployments will never be stress free for either the deploying individual or for those who remain behind.

However, several steps have been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of community members and families.

This edition of The Citizen contains a special two-page section focused on the various deployment-related services and programs available here in the 6th Area Support Group and around the world.

From helping children deal with separation to ensuring that the lines of communication remain open between the deployed service member and his or her families, local and national organizations have dedicated themselves to the preservation of that most essential component of military life: the family.

Among the myriad programs it offers to military families, Stuttgart's Army Community Service will be sponsoring a series of weekly lunchtime seminars on topics such as talking to your children about world events and successfully reuniting families

Numerous organizations are dedicated to the preservation of that most essential component of military life: the family.

at the end of deployments.

On the cyber-front, the Army has recently expanded its servicewide Army Knowledge Online e-mail and instant messaging service to include friends and family members of deployed personnel. Yearlong "guest accounts" are now available to allow families to communicate in a secure environment from virtually anywhere on the globe.

This edition also contains information on the Europe Regional Medical Command and its commitment to maintain the highest level of medical care for personnel and family members who remain in Europe.

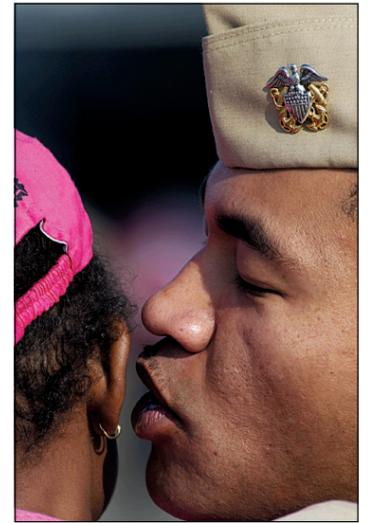
Because many military families include "sons and daughters" of the four-legged or feathered variety, we have even included information on online organizations that link deploying individuals with "foster families" to care for their companion animals.

No one believes that programs, services or "expert advice" can take the place of intact families in peaceful environments.

Yet when our military members are called upon to temporarily leave their homes and loved ones, they can deploy with the knowledge that a community stands behind them and with their families.



Master Sgt. Bob Haskell



Shane T. McCoy



Sgt. 1st Class Isaac G. L. Freeman

The faces of deployment. [Top left] A member of the District of Columbia Air National Guard's 113th Wing spends a few moments with family before deploying. [Top right] Lt. Robert Palmore whispers goodbye to his daughter before deploying USS George Washington to begin a six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. [Bottom] Capt. Kevin Dydyk, a pilot with the 31st Fighter Wing, greets his son during a welcome-home ceremony.

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Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Still think that "Ausfahrt" must be the biggest city in the world? If so, a Stuttgart volunteer's free translation service on Patch Barracks may be just what the Doktor ordered.

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Women's History Month

Hidden no longer, the storied history of women's contributions to society are the focus of a month-long national observance. Turn to page 15 to find out how much you know about this topic.



THORNS 'N ROSES

From community submissions



Roses to:

Patch and Kelley fitness centers for extending their operating hours. The extra time is appreciated! (See "Stuttgart Beat," page 3.)

Stuttgart's USO staff for adding cards, photographs, clothing and other concessions to their assortment of retail merchandise.

All the Wonderful Wednesday instructors who took leave and volunteered their time to instruct Garmisch youth in skiing and snowboarding. The difference you made extends far beyond the sports skills you passed along to the youth.

Thorns to:

Drivers who speed through school zones. Though it may seem inconvenient to you, the speed limit in these areas is **10 kph**. Obey the law before your neglect causes someone to be seriously hurt.

Drivers who pass buses on post. This has become a constant problem outside Böblingen Elementary School on Panzer Kaserne.

Let's make this clear: Not only is passing a school bus dangerous activity, it is also illegal on U.S. military installations.

(For more about this issue see the "traffic safety reminder" on page 4.)

E-mail comments to citizen@6asg.army.mil or fax them to 421-2570/civ. 0711-729-2570.

Honesty, simplicity help kids cope with parents' deployment

By Lt. Cmdr. Stella Hayes
Branch Medical Clinic, Naples

One of the biggest worries deploying service members have is for their children. How will their children cope with their parent's absence and uncertain safety? Is there anything you can say or do to help your children in the face of deployment or other traumatic events?

The National Association of School Psychologists advises, "The guidance of caring adults will make the difference between being overwhelmed and developing life-long emotional and psychological coping skills."

"Children have vivid imaginations, and if they are young enough and imaginative enough, they tend to think that they are at the center of all things, that they are the cause of all actions, good or bad," said Dr. Lillian Miller, a clinical psychologist at the Fleet and Family Support Center, Naples, Italy.

"It is better to tell them of impending changes in their family life, because if they aren't prepared ahead of time, they may blame themselves for a parent's absence."

Children, like all of us, do better in stressful situations if they are forewarned. If you are deploying, it is best to discuss it – as soon as you know for older children, closer to the event for younger children.

Miller said a deploying service member might tell a young child, "Mommy has a job far away and your friend, Ms. Kelly, will be taking care of you until I

The assurance of a deploying parent's care, enduring love and intention to return and rejoin the family as soon as possible can go a long way toward calming a child's fears.

Dr. Lillian Miller

Fleet and Family Support Center, Naples

come back. I will try to call you on Sundays, but if I cannot call, I will write you every week. I will miss you very much."

"Try not to make promises that you cannot keep," Miller said, "like 'I will be home for your birthday.'"

Children often take emotional cues from the adults around them – especially parents. Thus, it is important for a parent to remain calm and respond to children's concerns in a controlled and reasonable manner.

Help provide a sense of stability and security by maintaining normal routines. Remind children of day-to-day events that will not change: School will continue, the house will not change and they will still sleep in their own beds.

Children may need guidance on what to believe about war and world events.

"Take your child's lead and talk on a level appropriate to his or her developmental level," Miller said.

"If they are old enough to be reading about and discussing the events leading up to a war, then refer to people or countries or events by specific name. If they are too young to know the spe-

cifics, try to get them to explain what they think or know and then correct any misunderstandings at their level."

With small children, Miller recommends avoiding using a term like "bad," as children are used to hearing this applied to themselves or other children and may assume that if they are "bad," similar measures may be taken against them.

For difficult questions such as, "Are you going to die?" answer a young child simply and truthfully. "I don't know. I hope not, because I want to return to be a part of this family and watch you grow up. My friends and I are going to do everything we can to make sure we come back safely as soon as possible."

Finally, Miller said, "Knowledge can be helpful, I believe, in terms of preparation for possible war – but the assurance of a deploying parent's care, enduring love and intention to return and rejoin the family as soon as possible can go a long way toward calming a child's reasonable fears."

For more about deployment-related issues turn to pages 12 and 13.

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From the Commander

Stellar effort by all earns JSIVA praise

To all 6th ASG staff and tenant units:

The JSIVA is over, and it was an absolute success. For those of you who may not be familiar with this process, JSIVA is the Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment. During this critical review, a team of analysts assesses a military installation's vulnerabilities to terrorist attacks.

JSIVA members inspect both the physical security and the written contingency operation plans in place.

The team offers expert advice regarding a broad range of force protection issues, and shares its insights with commanders and key leaders to ensure the utmost in safety for the community.

On March 14, we received our outbrief from the JSIVA team. It is my pleasure to let you know that they were extremely laudatory regarding this community's planning and execution of force protection measures.

I have seen incredible progress made since our last JSIVA. The only reason we did so well this time around was because of the team efforts of each and every one of you and your subordinates.

Please accept this note of congratulations with the realization that we nevertheless cannot let up in our force protection efforts, especially with the world situation the way it is.

Thank you for your efforts. I am extremely happy with what we have achieved together, and proud to be a part of such a wonderful community.

So much that is precious to us is counting on our continued hard work and diligence.

Though the assessment is now behind us, the global war on terrorism continues. We must remain vigilant at all times, adhere to all force protection standards and report any suspicious activity immediately.

Just as it took a complete community effort to do well on the JSIVA, it will take the same effort each and every day to ensure the continued security of our installations and safety of our community members.

Thank you again for your efforts. I am extremely happy with what we have achieved together, and proud to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Col. Larry Stubblefield
6th Area Support Group commander



Campaign underway for Army Emergency Relief

By Melanie Casey

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is once again underway. The Armywide fund-raising effort began March 1 and will conclude May 15.

During this time, the 6th Area Support Group hopes to exceed last year's contribution of \$25,000.

What is AER?

Army Emergency Relief is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1942 by the secretary of war and the Army chief of staff. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers.

The fund is affiliated with the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Auxiliary and the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Office.

Who does AER help?

AER assistance is available for the following people:

- active-duty soldiers and their dependents
- reservists on active duty for more than 30 days
- retired soldiers and their dependents
- surviving spouses and orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Since it was established, AER has helped more than 2 million soldiers and distributed more than \$836 million.

In 2002 alone, AER assisted 52,000 soldiers and gave more than \$38 million. More than \$33 million of that went to active-duty soldiers and their families.

AER also contributes to undergraduate-level education via scholarships to spouses and children of soldiers.

In 1976, AER merged with the Army Relief Society, which assisted widows and provided scholarships for dependent children.

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How does AER help?

Army Emergency Relief can help with temporary financial needs relating to food, rent and utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, medical and dental care and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen.

Money is given in the form of an interest-free loan, a grant (if repayment of a loan will cause undue hardship) or part loan, part grant.

How is AER funded?

AER does not receive appropriated or non-appropriated government money. Its funds are generated by voluntary contributions, repayment of AER loans and investment income.

For every dollar contributed to Army Emergency Relief, 96 cents goes toward helping soldiers.

For details call Capt. Eric Tangeman, the 6th Area Support Group AER campaign coordinator, at 421-2826/civ. 0711-729-2826 or e-mail tangemana@6asg.army.mil.

Air Force Assistance Fund also seeks contributions

Air Force News Service

The Air Force Assistance Fund's "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs through May 9. Officials ask airmen to contribute to one or more of four Air Force-related charities via cash, check or payroll deduction.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force personnel, surviving spouses and families. Charities receive 100 percent of AFAP contributions.

"Requests for assistance are up more than 13 percent since Sept. 11, 2001, while the investments that fund 70 percent of our programs are down 20 percent," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society's chief executive officer.

"In 2002, we helped 34,000 people with \$24.1 million of assistance. That's a lot of help."

The following charities fall under the AFAP umbrella:

■ **The Air Force Aid Society** is the official charitable organization of the Air Force. It provides emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of community-enhancement programs. Information is avail-

able online at www.afas.org.

■ **The Air Force Enlisted Foundation** at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

■ **The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund** supports a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village's Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

■ **The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation** provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.info@lemayfoundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAP are tax deductible as itemized federal deductions.

For more information visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund. In Stuttgart call Capt. Darin Sanner at 430-8354/civ. 0711-680-8354 or e-mail darin.sanner@cmtymail.6asg.army.mil.

Stuttgart Beat

Force protection notices

■ During heightened force protection conditions, the **Kelley Barracks back gate** will be closed.

■ Effective immediately, the 6th Area Support Group commander has directed the suspension of all off-post physical training. This includes military and civilian formations as well as individual activities.

Stuttgart-area changes, updates

■ Due to recent deployments **Panzer and Kelly Army post offices** have been closed until further notice. The Patch APO will now be open Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Robinson Barracks APO hours will remain unchanged.

■ The **Panzer Dining Facility** is now open Mondays to Fridays during the following hours only: 7:30 to 9 a.m. (breakfast) and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch).

■ **Patch and Kelley fitness centers** have increased their weekday operating hours. The facilities are now open Mondays to Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

ACS limits employment services

Stuttgart's Army Community Service will be offering limited Employment Program services for the next few weeks.

Classes will still be offered every Tuesday, but because of staffing changes appointments will be necessary for all other help. For details call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

CPAC visits to be 'appointment only'

Effective April 1, Stuttgart's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will see clients on an appointment-only basis.

Employees and managers may call for an appointment 24 hours before the preferred time, thereby eliminating an unnecessary waiting period and allowing human resources representatives time to prepare.

For details call 421-2665/civ. 0711-729-2665.

Tax center offers free services

The Stuttgart Tax Center, located in the new home of the Stuttgart Law Center (Kelley Barracks, building 3312, second floor), is open and ready to assist community members with their 2002 tax returns.

The tax center is open Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours (until 6:30 p.m.) Thursdays.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-in clients are accepted until 3:30 p.m. For details call 421-4588/civ. 0711-729-4588.

EO needs committee volunteers

The 6th ASG Equal Opportunity office is seeking volunteers to plan the May 16 Asian/Pacific Islanders Heritage Month event. The committee's first meeting is March 26 at noon in the Patch Community Club.

For details call Sgt. 1st Class Carey Williams at 421-2892/civ. 0711-729-2892 or e-mail williamsc@6asg.army.mil.

Tobacco cessation classes start

The Stuttgart Wellness Center's next six-week series of tobacco cessation classes begins March 25. Classes are held Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon, in the Wellness Center classroom (Patch Barracks, building 2307, second floor).

For details call 430-8209/civ. 0711-680-8209.

Home schoolers hold science fair

The Stuttgart Area Home Schoolers will hold a science fair March 31, 3 to 5 p.m., in the International Baptist Church, Stuttgart. This event will substitute for the March monthly meeting – the next SAHS monthly meeting is April 28.

For details about the fair contact Mrs. Armstrong at 0711-907-6228 or Madelyn Johns at 0712-723-7088.

Crusaders for Christ perform, recruit

Crusaders for Christ, an all-girl dance troupe in the Stuttgart area, will perform routines to hip-hop and praise music March 29 at 2 p.m., in the Patch Theater.

The group welcomes new members between the ages of 6 and 18. No formal dance training is required.

For show or membership information call Sofia Bonano at 0711-674-2741 or e-mail bonano77@hotmail.com.

Project Partnership packages due

U.S. partnership units are responsible for submitting awards packages to the U.S. Army, Europe, Partnership Office by March 31. The awards will be presented Sept. 17.

For details call Ulysses Harris at 475-6792/civ. 09641-83-6792 or e-mail ulysses.harris@hq.7atc.army.mil.



Airman 1st Class Isaac G. L. Freeman

Master Sgt. Solomon Porter receives guidance with his gas mask fitting from Senior Airman Drew Hall, readiness trainer, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron, on Aviano Air Base, Italy. As service members and civilians worldwide review emergency response procedures, experts stress education and preparedness as essential components of force protection.

In emergencies, knowledge = survival

Regardless of one's access to emergency service providers or safety equipment, survival in a disaster is often contingent upon one's awareness, knowledge and readiness.

The U.S. government advises service members, civilians and family members to plan ahead for safety.

In case of explosion:

- Take shelter against a desk or a sturdy table.
- Do not use elevators.
- Check for fire and other hazards.
- Take an emergency supply kit if time allows.

In case of fire:

- Stay close to the ground if there is smoke.
- Use a wet cloth to cover your nose and mouth.
- Feel doors for heat before opening them
- If the door is hot, do not open it. Find another exit.
- Do not use elevators.
- If you catch fire, do not run. Stop, drop and roll.
- Account for family members and supervise children.
- Never go back into a burning building.

This information is provided by the
U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For additional preparedness tips:
www.ready.gov

If you are trapped in debris:

- If possible, use a flashlight to signal your location to rescuers.
- Avoid unnecessary movement so that you don't kick up dust.
- Cover your nose and mouth with anything you have on hand. (Dense-weave cotton material can act as a good filter. Try to breathe through the material.)
- Tap on a pipe or wall so that rescuers can hear where you are.
- If possible, use a whistle to signal rescuers.
- Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause a person to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.

Motorcycle Safety Training

Free one-day classes
(April 10, 15 and 22)
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register e-mail
dreizlerh@6asg.army.mil



Johnathan Walker

Cmdr. Henry Babin, a reservist assigned to Headquarters, U.S. European Command, provides a fingerprint while registering for the new Installation Access Control System.

IACS registration schedule

All U.S. identification cardholders and installation pass holders (and applicants) within the U.S. Army, Europe, area of responsibility must register for the new Installation Access Control System.

In Stuttgart, this registration will be conducted alphabetically (by last name) according to the following schedule:

Patch & Kelley Residents

S to Z: March 24 to 29

RB Residents

A to I: March 31 to April 5

J to R: April 7 to 12

S to Z: April 14 to 19

Panzer Kaserne Residents

A to I: April 21 to 26

J to R: April 28 to May 3

S to Z: May 5 to 10

Off-Post Residents

A to I: May 12 to 17

J to R: May 19 to 24

S to Z: May 26 to 31

- Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Registration for Patch, Panzer, RB and off-post residents will be conducted in the Patch Barracks Installation Access Control Office (building 2307).

■ Kelley residents will register in the temporary IACO on Kelley Barracks (building 3315).

For more information call 430-4256/civ. 0711-680-4256 or e-mail arthur.williamson@stuapo.pmo.army.mil.

I'm glad they're doing it to better control access to the base. The more they do to protect me, the happier my wife is back home.

Cmdr. Henry Babin
U.S. European Command

Traffic safety reminder



Though permissible under German law, the passing of buses on U.S. installations is **prohibited**.

From newbies to network managers: USAREUR program offers free computer training

By Hugh C. McBride

From the mouse-phobic to the Microsoft-certified, service members and civilians serving in U.S. Army, Europe, have access to computer training designed to meet them at their current skill level and equip them to function at a higher level in an increasingly computerized world.

The cost for this training? For authorized individuals [see "What's your status?" at right] USAREUR foots the bill – there is no charge to either the student or his/her organization.

Classes offered through the USAREUR Automation Training Program range from a one-day introduction to basic computer skills (for the newest of the "newbies") to a three-week series of information assurance and computer defense courses aimed at those responsible for the administration and maintenance of theater information systems.

"[The program] provides quality, standardized training in the use of common software packages [and] required training that meets all information assurance standards mandated by the Army," said Scott Mandell, training coordinator for the Stuttgart site.

The UATP component aimed at the everyday user focuses on the Microsoft Office suite of applications (Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word).

Introductory and advanced classes in each program (Excel also boasts an intermediate course) take students on a hands-on exploration from basic theory to advanced applications.

On the information assurance side, three five-day classes address issues such as network security principles, USAREUR information systems policies, network policies, terminology, troubleshooting

The UATP program has training centers in 13 locations throughout Germany and Italy. For students in the 6th Area Support Group, instruction takes place in the USAREUR Automation Training Program classroom on Stuttgart's Kelley Barracks (building 3307, down the hall from the community mail room).



Gary Martin

Instructor Pat Hutley works with student Sharon Gallion in the UATP classroom in Wiesbaden. Students in the 6th ASG can attend training on Stuttgart's Kelley Barracks.

What's your status?

Eligible to attend UATP computer classes at no cost to the individual or his/her organization:

- Army soldiers of all U.S. Army, Europe, commands
- Appropriated fund U.S. and local-national employees working for USAREUR commands
- Nonappropriated fund (NAF) civilians working for USAREUR commands
- Non-USAREUR active-duty Army personnel

Eligible to attend training on a reimbursable basis (organization must transfer funds to USAREUR):

- Non-Army service members and civilian personnel from U.S. European command, NATO and other non-USAREUR commands

Ineligible to attend UATP classes:

- Contractors, family members and volunteers.

Garmisch Beat

Bad Aibling hosts Spring Bazaar

The Bad Aibling Community Service Club's Spring Bazaar is March 29 and 30 at the Transportation Motor Pool on Bad Aibling Station. The bazaar will be open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is limited to U.S. identification cardholders. For more information e-mail nanthomas@hotmail.com.

Burke Center takes tours

■ **Water Works tour** (March 22): Visit the largest water-themed park in the Munich area. The group will meet at the Garmisch train station at 8:15 a.m. and will return later that evening (the last tour was nine hour long). Cost is \$39 for a "textile free" tour and \$33 for the pool only.

■ **Classical music in Munich** (April 8): Listen to the music of Shostakovich, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky as conducted by the world-renowned Gilbert Varga. Programs are \$9; tickets range from 20 to 35 euros.

■ **Amsterdam** (April 9 to 13): The "tulip tour" is currently filled, although individuals may still submit their names for the wait list. The trip will cost about \$295.

■ **Venice/Verona** (April 25 to 27): Two overnights, transportation to Vicenza and the chance to visit two of Italy's great cities costs only \$159. The trip is limited to 30 prepaid sign-ups.

For details about any of the trips described above call 440-2461/civ. 08821-750-461 or e-mail paul.dutro@garmisch.army.mil.

'The Boss' comes to town

Bruce Springsteen is bringing his world tour to Munich's Olympiapark June 10 – and a Garmisch group plans to be there. If an evening with "The Boss" is worth 74 euros (including tickets and transportation) to you, call Jessica at 440-2638/civ. 08821-750-638 or e-mail jessica.roberson@garmisch.army.mil.

Tax help available

The Garmisch Tax Office (Artillery Kaserne, building 202, second floor) is offering free tax assistance to all U.S. identification cardholders in the Garmisch area.

The service offered by the center's tax professional includes electronic filing and is available Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon, by appointment only.

For more information call 442-2516/civ. 08821-759-516 during the tax center's hours of operation.

Crafts Tree needs instructor

Garmisch's Crafts Tree is looking for a qualified individual to fill a contracted hobby carpenter/woodcraft instructor for its woodworking hobby shop. For more information call the Crafts and Entertainment Office at 442-2475/civ. 08821-759-475.

Last chance to catch 'The Nerd'

The final performance of the Garmisch Players' hilarious rendition of "The Nerd" is March 29 in the newly opened Community Theatre (Artillery Kaserne, building 262). Tickets are \$8.

Call 442-2475/civ. 08821-759-475 for reservations

UATP Computer Classes in Stuttgart

March 26: **MS Outlook 2000 (Introduction)**

March 31: **MS Outlook 2000 (Advanced)**

April 1: **MS Word 2000 (Introduction)**

April 2: **MS Excel 2000 (Introduction)**

April 8: **MS Access 2000 (Introduction)**

May 1: **MS Excel 2000 (Introduction)**

May 2: **MS PowerPoint 2000 (Introduction)**

May 13: **MS Excel 2000 (Intermediate)**

May 14: **MS PowerPoint 2000 (Advanced)**

May 15: **MS Outlook 2000 (Introduction)**

June 3: **MS Word 2000 (Introduction)**

June 4: **MS Excel 2000 (Introduction)**

June 5: **MS PowerPoint 2000 (Introduction)**

June 10: **MS Word 2000 (Advanced)**

For more information

■ 421-2475/0711-729-2475

■ sttrngcord@training.hqusareur.army.mil

■ https://www.uatp.hqusareur.army.mil



Stuttgart ACS offers free translation service

By Maria Higgins

For help with the language that spawned such words as *Geschwindigkeitsbegrenzung* and *Bodensee-wasserversorgung*, head to Army Community Service for free German translation services by community volunteer Sarah Young.

Young can explain what those two tongue twisters mean ("speed limit" and "Lake Constance Water Authority," respectively) as well as help decipher utility bills, letters from landlords and other documents written *auf Deutsch*.

She will also help English speakers write up newspaper advertisements or other documents that need to be presented in German.

A Vaihingen native, Young said she is also glad to assist community members in their search for shopping options, ethnic restaurants, off-base car repair facilities, English-speaking veterinarians and numerous other services in the area.

In addition, she will assist with telephone calls to German-speaking persons or businesses.

"I know what it's like to be new to an area and not know where to go or how to get things done," explained Young, whose marriage to Army Sgt. Scott Young has at times put her in a similar situation.

"We have desperately needed a service like this," said ACS information and referral specialist Andrea Diaz.

Diaz noted that Young volunteered at approximately the same time Army Family Action Plan panelists recommended such services be made available, "so it was a very happy coincidence," Diaz said.

The mother of a 2-year-old, Young will work part time at the Army Community Service office on Patch Barracks' Washington Square. Her office hours are Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Community members are welcome to either call for an appointment, stop by during her office hours, or drop off documents needing translation anytime. In the latter event, ACS staff will telephone when the information is ready to be picked up.

For now, Young will not be able to field requests via e-mail.

To date, Young has handled projects as simple as translating menus into English and as complex as helping a Stuttgart-based family apply to the German government to have a family member admitted into the country from the Ukraine.



Young

Courtesy first word when asking a colleague to translate

It may be tempting to regard that friendly local national colleague as a walking dictionary whenever the need arises for German-to-English translation, but etiquette and common sense should be the first words when making such a request, advised a Civilian Personnel Advisory Center official.

"It's a gray zone – most people won't mind at all if you ask for help, but don't expect that they can always drop everything right then to take care of you," said Heidi Bause-Tonkus, labor advisor for CPAC.

Bause-Tonkus said she is not aware of there ever having been a complaint by a local national feeling inundated with extracurricular translations, but suggests steering clear of potential friction nevertheless with the following guidelines:

- Be considerate of a colleague's workload and deadlines. Nonessential matters may have to wait for a lunch break or a big project's completion.
- Don't expect a word-for-word translation of a multi-page document. It should suffice to receive the general gist of an item and a heads-up on any follow-up action required.
- Don't shoot the messenger. "Sometimes people make you feel like you're responsible" when you translate a letter telling them their phone is being disconnected, Bause-Tonkus said.
- Take up complex medical and legal matters with qualified translators in respective offices. Staff Judge Advocate, Housing and other departments all have trained specialists who can better help.
- Be tactful. "Nobody minds helping if you're not pushy about it," Bause-Tonkus said.

- Maria Higgins

Young cautioned that the only assistance she is not able to provide is exact translation of complex medical and legal forms. Americans faced with such documents should seek help from an official translator certified by German authorities, she said.

To make an appointment with Sarah Young call ACS at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Support programs to stay accessible throughout Europe

U.S. Army Installation Management Agency

Local contact information

Stuttgart

ACS: 430-7176/civ.
0711-729-7076

MWR: 421-2809/civ.
0711-729-2089

Garmisch

ACS: 442-2777/civ.
08821-750-777

MWR: 442-2658/civ.
08821-759-658

While units deploy to support the global war on terrorism, soldiers, civilians and family members remaining in Europe will have access to the same services they have come to expect in their military communities.

Families can feel confident that the range of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities and family support services through Army Community Service will continue in the months ahead.

ACS provides a variety of support systems and programs, including the Family Readiness Group, Family Readiness Liaison Officer and Family Assistance Center.

Family Readiness Groups

Family Readiness Groups are composed of family members, volunteers, soldiers and civilians from a particular unit or organization who come together to provide mutual support, assistance and communication.

Extended families, and other interested community members are also welcomed. Membership is automatic, and participation is voluntary.

Overall, FRGs give a sense of belonging to the unit and the Army community. They provide a way to develop friendships, and share important information and moral support during unit deployments.

FRG activities provide a better understanding of military life, the unit, and its mission.

Family Assistance Centers

Family Assistance Centers are the central point for services for family members during deployments or crisis situations. FAC staff members help family members find the right agency to resolve any issue.

Usually operated as an expanded Army Community Service Center, the FAC also has workbooks, checklists and other materials to help those facing family separations.

Family Readiness Liaison Officers

In addition to FACs and FRGs, the Family Readiness Liaison Officer has specific duties to ensure such services as financial counseling, family counseling, housing assistance, and tax advisors are available for families and soldiers who need them.

Manfred Rommel visits Patch High School

Former lord mayor, son of 'Desert Fox'

Story & photo
by Johnathan Walker

Rows and rows of metal folding chairs, spaced like soldiers in formation, faced the small speaker's platform at the front of the Patch High School Media Center March 5.

Filling the first six rows of chairs sat nearly 40 cadets from the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in dress uniform, a dozen other students, various teachers and guests – over 70 people in all.

Bob Gambert, a school staff member, called Rommel “a visionary who saw Germany how it was and who had a lot to do with where Stuttgart is today.”

Martha Drane, a history and government teacher, brought one of her classes to hear Rommel speak. She displayed an eager anticipation while clutching a photo of Rommel's father. “I'm going to ask him to autograph it.”

“[Rommel] was well known for his liberal attitude as mayor,” commented Ute Gambert, “I got to meet him once while on a ‘Meet the Mayor’ trip to Stuttgart. Today I feel very fortunate to see him again.”

Quietly the door opened and in stepped Dr. Manfred Rommel, son of German Field Marshal Irwin Rommel, the legendary “Desert Fox” of the North Africa campaign of World War II.

Historians contend that Irwin Rommel, a dedicated soldier, had knowledge of the unsuccessful plan to assassinate Hitler and was persuaded to commit suicide. Manfred Rommel was 16 years old at the time.

An accomplished author, poet, economist and long-time lord mayor of Stuttgart, Rommel does not live in the shadow of his famous father. He has written four books – two of them best sellers – as well as a regular column in a Stuttgart newspaper.

The soft-spoken Rommel shared his life story with the PHS audience, weaving tales of lessons learned throughout.

“I had the chance to join the Foreign Legion once,” he said, “but decided not to. I never joined the German army because there wasn't one.” Instead he chose to go into law. “As lawyers know everything, I built a lot of self-confidence,” he joked.

Rommel became a senior official in the Stuttgart city government at the age of 41, working primarily as a finance officer.

As he developed an interest in politics, his career propelled him to the office of lord mayor of Stuttgart, a position he held from 1974 to 1996. “After eight years as mayor things got fairly easy,” he said, “because people forget what you promised them when first elected – but then I didn't promise that much in the first place.”

Commenting on Iraq, Rommel said he fully supported President Bush but saw problems in the future.

“The desire is to change Iraq into a democracy like Germany and Japan were changed after World War II. However, Iraq is not the same, people there



Manfred Rommel, former Lord Mayor of Stuttgart and son of Germany's famous “Desert Fox,” addresses Patch High School students March 12 in the PHS media center.

*There is no one more
supportive of the U.S.
in Germany than
Dr. Rommel.*

Jack Goldman
Patch High School JROTC

first have to embrace and trust a democratic system,” Rommel said.

He continued to give the audience a brief but fascinating glimpse of history, recalling his father as well as other prominent generals.

When asked what advice he would offer young people in the audience, Rommel said, “Cooperation between Germany and the U.S. has never been so important as today.” He added, “The great majority of Germans love Americans.”

Cadet Lt. Col. Zach Kell, JROTC battalion commander, presented Rommel with a plaque from the cadets and instructors of the 8th Battalion, thanking him for his visit.

Afterward, a small crowd formed around Rommel seeking his autograph on various items of memorabilia.

When asked about Rommel's remarks, CW4 Jack Goldman, JROTC senior Army instructor, said, “He's a very charming fellow with a fantastic sense of humor. This was a very unique opportunity for the cadets and I really feel, for most of them, this will be a very memorable experience.”

Goldman added, “There is no one more supportive of the U.S. in Germany than Dr. Rommel.”

Asked if there was a connection between Rommel and JROTC, Kell said, “Cadets make an annual trip to Erllingen, Germany, to participate in a memorial service for Rommel's father and to just pay their respects.”

Patch High School registration information

Who must register?

The following students must sign up for the 2003/2004 school year:

■ Students presently enrolled at Patch High School who will be re-turning next school year.

■ Sixth-grade students attending Böblingen Elementary School, Patch Elementary School and Robinson Barracks Elementary School who plan to attend Patch Junior High/High School as 7th graders next year.

The following situations also require notification:

■ Sponsors who are in doubt as to whether their dependents will be returning to Patch High School for school year 2003/2004 are advised to re-register them. If circumstances change, the registrar can be notified at the appropriate time.

■ Sponsors who know they will leave during the summer should let the registrar know this as soon as possible, so that all necessary records can be prepared.

Sponsors: It is extremely important that re-registrations be completed now so that the school can make adequate plans for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to fulfill this requirement during the dates and times in the box above.

PHS registration schedule

Where

Room 408
(near the guidance office)

When

March 28 and 31
April 1 and 2
(8 a.m to 1 p.m.)

What information is required?

For a completed registration, please provide the following:

1. Emergency contact person. This must be someone other than the spouse or sponsor, and must be provided within two weeks of the child's first day of school.
2. Student/sponsor's home phone number.
3. Sponsor's duty phone number.
4. Student/sponsor's military mailing address.
5. Student/sponsor's complete local quarters or German address.

What documents are required?

Military sponsors must verify that the orders on file with their child's registration are current for school year 2003/2004. If the orders on file expire before Sept. 1, 2003, extension orders must be provided.

If these are not available, the registrar will provide the spouse or sponsor with a form that can be verified by the relevant personnel office and returned to the registrar before the start of next school year.

All other categories of sponsors will be given the correct form to verify their status for school year 2003/2004.

Sponsors who provide a central billing letter should ask their agencies to provide them with one relevant to the 2003/2004 school year.

Spouses may complete the re-registration process in the absence of the sponsor.

Please be sure to bring a current ID card to re-registration.

What immunization records are required?

■ DPT series: 3 doses, at least one of which was administered after the 4th birthday. The last one must have been given within the past 10 years.

■ Hepatitis B: Three doses. This series must have been initiated.

■ MMR (measles, mumps and rubella): Two doses.

■ OPV (oral polio vaccine): Three doses, the last one administered after the 4th birthday.

■ Varicella: (chicken pox): One of the following – A history of the disease, one dose of varicella (for students up to age 12) or two doses of varicella administered at least one month apart (for students ages 13 and above).

Is bus re-registration necessary?

Yes, all students who will need to ride the school buses in school year 2003/2004 must be registered again with the school bus office.

A bus representative will be available on the registration dates.

For more information about the registration process contact Mrs. Hanks, Patch High School registrar, at 430-7223/civ. 0711-680-7223.

For information about vaccination requirements call 430-7257/civ. 0711-680-7257.



Kimberly Lovins

A Stuttgart-based service member receives a vaccine during a pre-deployment health evaluation on Patch Barracks. Area medical officials say increased deployments will not impact the quality of medical care available to family members.

Family health care to remain top-notch, ERMC commander says

By Cynthia Vaughan

Europe Regional Medical Command Public Affairs Office

"Home is here," and so is your military medical healthcare system.

Brig. Gen. Elder Granger, commander of Europe Regional Medical Command, wants families of deployed active-duty service members to know they will continue to be taken care of.

"There are many reasons for families of deployed service members to remain in Europe," Granger said.

"One reason is that we have a robust military medical system in place in the European theater that is set up to continue to meet the health care needs of all of our beneficiaries.

"The military medical health care system in Europe is augmented by qualified, competent and caring host nation health care providers," Granger said, "and in Europe... providing healthcare for families of deployed service members is not new to us. We routinely experience military deployments in this theater.

"Military medical personnel often deploy in support of various contingencies including exercises, humanitarian efforts and most recently in support of the war against terrorism," Granger said.

"While we are always augmented by host nation health care providers, in many instances we are also back-filled by reserve medical personnel at our military treatment facilities."

Granger emphasized, however, that if someone considers going back to the United States or relocating somewhere else in Europe while an active-duty spouse or family member is deployed, it is imperative for that individual to visit a Tricare service center in Europe before departing.

Granger said that the Tricare service center will help family members determine if Tricare enrollment needs to be transferred to another region.

The service center can also help individuals find out what military medical assets may or may not be available in the area where they are thinking of relocating.

The center can also help determine whether or not family members may incur out-of-pocket costs that they do not pay for in Europe.

"The bottom line," Granger said, "is that home is here, and we have a responsibility to America's sons and daughters who put themselves in harm's way to fight our nation's wars.

"We will continue to provide comprehensive, quality care for families of deployed service members."

'Home is here. We will continue to provide quality care for families of deployed service members.'

Brig. Gen. Elder Granger
Europe Regional Medical Command

Q & A: Powers of attorney

The information below has been provided by U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region, and V Corps Office of the Judge Advocate. To access this information online visit www.ima.army.mil/europe and click "Europe Region News."

Q: What is a power of attorney?

A: A power of attorney is a document that allows someone else to act as your legal agent.

Q: Are there different kinds of powers of attorney?

A: Yes. The two types are *general* and *special* powers of attorney.

A *general* power of attorney allows the person you name (called your agent) to do any and all things that you could legally do, from registering a car to selling a house.

A *special* (or limited) power of attorney lists a particular act that the agent is authorized to do and limits the agent to that act. The agent can, of course, be authorized to do more than one legal act in a single special power of attorney.

Q: When does a power of attorney expire?

A: A power of attorney should never be made indefinite or permanent. The best course is to set a date for the power of attorney to expire; this can be written into the power of attorney.

That way, the power of attorney will be no good after the expiration date that you set, unless you renew it by preparing a new power of attorney.

Q: What can a special power of attorney accomplish?

A: You can use a special power of attorney to allow someone to do almost all legal actions that you can do yourself – including but not limited to the following:

- Buying or selling real estate;
- Purchasing a car or selling furniture;
- Signing your paycheck or withdrawing money from your bank account;
- Admitting your child to the hospital;
- Shipping or storing your luggage and household goods;
- Signing your name to a lease or an agreement to connect utilities;
- Cashing and depositing tax refund checks; and
- Transferring stocks and bonds.

Q: What activities can a power of attorney not accomplish?

A: While a power of attorney will be accepted

For more information about powers of attorney call the Stuttgart Law Center (421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152)

as valid for most purposes, in some states there are some items that cannot be accomplished by using a power of attorney because these actions are so personal in nature that they cannot be delegated to another.

Thus, a marriage ceremony or the execution of a will usually cannot be done by power of attorney.

Q: All this sounds great – why doesn't everyone have a power of attorney?

A: A power of attorney can be very useful if you have one in effect when you need it.

However, a power of attorney can be abused as well as used; there can be disadvantages to having one as well as advantages.

A husband who just separated from his wife might use the power of attorney she gave him to clean out her individual bank account.

A well-meaning older person might give a power of attorney to a younger relative, only to discover that the relative squandered and spent the assets of the older person.

A power of attorney always has the potential for being a very helpful or a very dangerous document for those reasons.

The important thing to remember is that you are going to be legally responsible for the acts of your agent. Therefore, you must exercise great care in selecting the person to be your agent.

Q: Does every business or bank have to accept my power of attorney?

A: No. Every business or bank is free to accept or reject a power of attorney. Some businesses or banks require that the power of attorney be recorded, while others do not. Some banks will accept only a special power of attorney.

The best rule is to check with the business or bank before obtaining or using a power of attorney to be sure that it will be accepted.

Helping families deal with deployment

Stuttgart's Army Community Service is sponsoring a series of lunchtime seminars to help families with children deal with deployment-related issues.

April 2: Kids and deployment

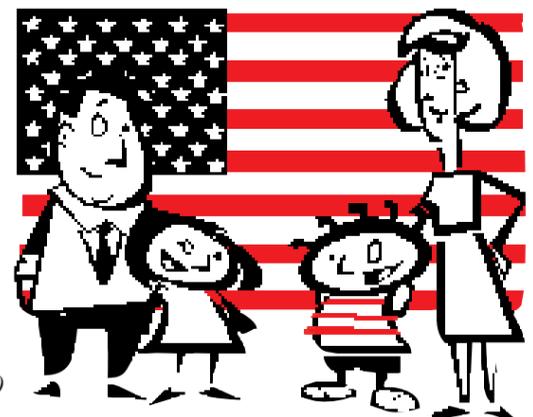
April 3: Reuniting after deployment
(this session held in the Panzer CDC)

April 9: When parents get angry

April 16: Talking about world events

April 23: When 'no' gets you nowhere

Unless otherwise noted, each session is noon to 1 p.m. in the ACS office (Patch Barracks, building 2307, second floor)



For more information call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.



Staff Sgt. Lee Osberry Jr.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Doerr and Staff Sgt. Steve Leduc check personnel information online during 2002's Exercise Foggy Shores on Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. In addition to its usefulness with mission-essential tasks, computer-based communication has also become a key component of maintaining family togetherness during deployments.

AKO officially A-OK for families

By Arthur McQueen

U.S. Army, Europe, Public Affairs

Lack of communication with loved ones is a major contributor to deployment stress, both for the service member sent downrange and the family member who remains at home. The Army is helping to relieve some of that stress with an expansion of Army Knowledge Online's Web site, instant messaging and e-mail system. This service is free of charge.

Family members of service members and Department of Defense civilians can get their own "guest" accounts on AKO and safely communicate with their loved ones, wherever they might be deployed.

Guest accounts require sponsorship from an individual with an active and full AKO account.

Individuals registering for a guest account will need to enter the AKO e-mail address of the sponsoring account holder.

Though the enrollment process is easy, said William Wellever, an information analyst for U.S. Army, Europe, the registration is not immediate.

"An e-mail will be sent to your sponsor requesting authorization for granting your account," Wellever said.

"To approve your request, your sponsor will then need to log into his or her AKO account and log into the sponsor management console located under the 'My Army Portal' section on the AKO homepage. Once your account has been approved, you will be able to log into the AKO portal.

"If you have not received an authorization notification and you are sure that your sponsor has approved your account, you can contact the AKO

To create an AKO guest account:

1. Log onto www.us.army.mil, select "I'm a New User" and complete the registration form.
2. Select the "Next" button next to guest accounts.
3. Complete the box titled "Army Sponsor E-mail Address."
4. Click "Next." You will be assigned your AKO username and will be prompted to create a password. (Note: The password must be a minimum of eight characters, one of which must be a letter and two of which must be numbers or special characters.)
5. Click "Finish."

For assistance with the registration process: 654-3791/civ. 0703-704-3791 or help@us.army.mil.

help desk for further assistance," he added.

Guest accounts, which are valid for 365 days from the date of registration, are not limited to family members.

Medically discharged service members, local national employees, Army volunteers, contractors, retired civilian employees and others are eligible.

For more information visit the AKO Web site at www.us.army.mil.

Support families of deployed service members with DeCA's 'Gift of Groceries' program

- Purchase a commissary gift certificate online.
- Donate it to one of the following charitable groups:
 - Air Force Aid Society
 - Fisher House Foundation
 - United Services Organization
- Your gift will be given to a military family in need.

For more information:
www.commissaries.com



Staff Sgt. Stan Parker

Senior Airman Gregory Darby shares a moment with Mack, his military working dog, on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. While working dogs travel with their human partners, the care of personal pets can be cause for concern during deployments.

'Pet fostering' programs care for critters left behind

By Harry Noyes

Special to the American Forces Press Service

For the service member scurrying to wrap up a thousand details before deploying, pet abandonment is a decision born of desperation and fraught with guilt.

For a bewildered animal, ripped from a secure home and thrust into a terrifying world of shelters – or worse, life as a stray on the streets – abandonment can mark the beginning of a brutal future.

Fortunately, a growing number of Americans – moved by a love of animals and gratitude to their country's defenders – are offering an alternative to this scenario: pet fostering.

These stay-at-home patriots open their homes to the dogs and cats – and sometimes the rats, parrots, iguanas, boa constrictors and tarantulas – of departing soldiers who have no one else to care for their animals.

When the soldier returns, he or she gets to restart life with a beloved family member. The pet is healthy and happy – and the service member is guilt-free.

The trick is getting soldiers and foster caregivers together and making sure that human and animal are a good fit for each other, said Maj. Steven D. Osborn of U.S. Army Veterinary Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Osborn recommended beginning the search locally with installation veterinary treatment facilities, which may be familiar with area services.

Service members should check next with local humane societies, animal-control facilities and breed clubs, he said. If that does not turn up a suitable program, then cast a wider net regionally or even nationally.

Several Web sites now exist to provide advice on fostering and to broker services to bring pet owners and foster caregivers together.

These sites do not assume responsibility for the pets. Even if a site matches up pet owners and pets with potential caregivers, the pet owner is responsible for the final decision to work with a particular caregiver.

The pet owner is generally responsible for veterinary bills, special foods and the like. The owner may offer a gratuity for the foster caregiver if he or she wishes to, but most services are set up on the understanding that fostering per se is free of charge to the soldier.

The following are among the sites dedicated to pet fostering:

- NetPets (www.netpets.org), is a nonprofit service that says it has recruited and screened 5,000 foster caregivers.
- Feline Rescue (www.felinerescue.net) has a database that helps owners do their own searches for suitable fosterers.
- The Humane Society of the United States (www.hsus.org/ace/11822) offers military pet owners a checklist and a sample contract form.
- 4MilitaryFamilies (www.4militaryfamilies.com/pets.htm) provides information and tips for taking care of pets during foster care or moves.

Noyes is assistant editor of *The Mercury*, the U.S. Army Medical Command newspaper.

For a list of Stuttgart-area pet boarding facilities, contact Army Community Service at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176, or the Stuttgart Veterinary Clinic at 431-2681/civ. 07031-15-681.

Inspector General sets the record straight

Proactive measures focus on helping to improve organizations

Story & photo
by Johnathan Walker

“Inspector General” and “IG” are two terms that can produce different reactions in people.

Some, who have never dealt with an IG office, may perceive it as similar to the Internal Revenue Service and become suspicious, defensive or at least try to avoid it.

Others, who have interacted with an IG, may have a partial understanding of its purpose, but not be fully aware of the actual IG mission. Others may have no idea what the IG does.

“I’m an extension of the eyes, ears, voice and conscience of the commander,” said Capt. Clyde McNally, 6th Area Support Group inspector general.

McNally’s office supports all active-duty members, civilians, family members and retirees who have issues regarding the 6th ASG, whether in Stuttgart, Garmisch or Bad Aibling.

“I also stay very tuned in with what the commander’s staff is doing. In that regard I don’t make policy, but if a new policy is being proposed, I’ll review it to make sure it makes sense and is in compliance with existing regulations,” said McNally.

Making the rounds

As the commander’s eyes and ears, McNally says he tries to get out of the office as much as he can. “I make my rounds, trying to stay proactive, educating the community on policies, rules and regulations,” McNally said.

“I meet with area tenant unit commanders once a month and share problem trends I might see, and my assistant, Sgt. 1st Class Brenta Harvey, also gives a brief at the Central In-processing Facility every two weeks. I also routinely travel to Garmisch and I can be reached by the IG Hotline or e-mail.”

When asked about the perception that an IG visit to a unit is a threat, McNally was quick to reply. “We’re trying to get away from that image,” he said. “We’re more focused on teaching, training and helping organizations to get better.” McNally added, “We’re very busy and one of the reasons is we’re always trying to be proactive.

“I don’t go into an organization looking for problems - they just come to me,” explained McNally. He said he normally just asks some questions and then lets the managers answer them.



As the 6th Area Support Group Inspector General, Capt. McNally has the responsibility to inform the commander of observations, findings and impressions on all aspects of the command. The IG office was recently relocated to building 3314, room 105 on Kelley Barracks.

‘I always ask customers if they’ve given their chain of command a chance to solve a situation.’

Capt. Clyde McNally
6th ASG Inspector General

“The questions I ask could be as simple as, ‘Have you looked in the regulation or why are we doing this?’” he said. McNally says he gets involved with violations of regulations that range from people not complying with work-related rules to fraud, waste and abuse violations issues.

An unbiased opinion

“I’m an unbiased, neutral party when it comes to the regulations. It’s really important that I maintain that neutrality,” said McNally.

“I can be a sounding board in many cases, but I always ask customers if they’ve given their chain of command a chance to solve a situation,” said McNally.

He said people who have tried to solve a problem through

the appropriate channels and don’t feel like they’ve gotten anywhere can contact his office.

“If they haven’t involved their chain of command they need to, because that’s usually who I will turn to first and in the end that is who will ultimately solve the problem,” he said.

Many issues are not appropriate for IG involvement – criminal allegations, for instance, should be addressed to law enforcement agencies; sexual harassment and discrimination concerns are more appropriately handled by the Equal Opportunity or Equal Employment Opportunity advisor.

McNally continued, “People come to us with equal opportunity issues, and although IGs can review these, we generally refer them to the EO or EEO. Conversely, the EO or EEO will refer people to us if the complaint involves discrimination but there isn’t a basis.”

A question of authority

According to McNally, “There is always someone out there who has the legitimate responsibility, obligation and authority to fix a problem.”

He said his office doesn’t have the authority to fix the problem, but normally the customer’s chain of command does. In all cases the IG investigates problems and seeks a resolution on the basis of fact, not merely allegations.

In addition to his normal workload, McNally has been directed to inspect different deployment nodes utilized by other ASGs as a USAREUR initiative to assess the entire ‘Fort to Port’ operation with special emphasis on safety, force protection, leader involvement and taking care of soldiers.

This involves checking the deployment operations at transportation hubs, including rail, air and sea.

“I’m overseeing the cross communication between agencies and making sure we’re heading down the right road,” said McNally.

The IG office has relocated to building 3314, on Kelley Barracks. “This is a much better location for customers,” McNally said. “For one thing, we’re right next to EO and EEO.”

When asked what message he would like to convey to the community, McNally immediately replied, “We’re here to help.”

For more information call 421-2555/civ. 0711-729-2555 or e-mail clyde.mcnally@asg6.ignet.army.mil.

A brief history of the Inspector General

The U.S. Inspector General system was created out of sheer necessity during the Revolutionary War, according to the Army Inspector General Agency in Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Continental Army, formed in 1775, was a disorganized array of militia from different states, lacking uniformity in leadership style, organizational structure, procedures and appearance.

Gen. George Washington, unsatisfied with the level of training and readiness of his forces, sought a way to make them more comparable to the well-trained Brit-

ish Army.

With the future of the army in peril, Washington met with 14 general officers Oct. 29, 1777, and decided that an Inspector General for the Army was necessary. The IG would oversee all training and ensure troop proficiency in common military tactics.

Ideally, the IG would function as the commander’s agent to ensure tactical efficiency and troop competence.

The first effective U.S. Army IG was Baron Frederick von Steuben, a retired Prussian captain, who served on the staff of Frederick the Great.

Reporting for duty at Valley Forge in February 1778, he improved the training, drills, discipline and organization of the Continental Army. His efforts became a model for successors.

From the very conception of the Army IG system, IGs have been responsible for assisting commanders in readiness and warfighting capabilities.

The inspectors general were charged with examining everything within their sphere of influence.

Soon, military inspection became an essential aspect of all modern armies.

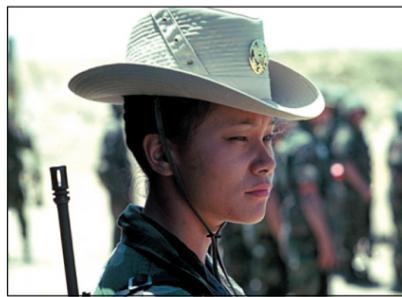
– Johnathan Walker

In the IG’s in-box

Typical issues dealt with by the inspector general

- Non-support of family members
- Misuse of government vehicles
- Fraudulent travel claims
- Improper personnel actions
- Telephone abuse
- Disregard for proper supply and accountability procedures

Women's History Month 2003: 'Women Pioneering the Future'



Spc. Frederick Sutter



Defense Visual Information Center



James S. Davis



Jeff Viano

Clockwise from top left: 1. (1917) A Navy recruiting poster. 2. (1983) An Army drill instructor supervising her recruits. 3. (1985) Spc. Michelle Kowalski, signal intelligence specialist, sighting in an antenna. 4. (1997) Capt. Sarah Deal, the first female Marine Corps helicopter pilot, flying over Southern California. 5. (1984) Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, pioneering computer scientist.

Women's History Quiz

The following 11 "pioneers" are this year's Women's History Month honorees. Can you match each woman with her accomplishments? (Answers below)

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| a. Rebecca Adamson | e. Yuri Kochiyama | i. Margaret Chase Smith |
| b. Rachel Carson | f. Tania Leon | j. Wilma L. Vaught |
| c. Linda Chavez-Thompson | g. Robin Roberts | k. Rebecca Walker |
| d. Mae C. Jemison | h. Harilyn Rousso | |

- The Air Force's first female brigadier general from the comptroller field, she was the driving force behind the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- The first woman of color in space, she is a medical doctor and director of the Jemison Institute (an organization she founded to advance the use of technology in developing countries).
- The daughter of sharecroppers, in 1995 she became the first woman – and first person of color – to be elected executive vice president of the AFL-CIO.
- An internationally renowned composer and conductor, she is also highly regarded for her work as an educator and advisor to arts organizations.
- The founder and president of First Nations Development Institute, she works to help Native Americans achieve economic self-sufficiency while retaining their cultural values.
- After being interned with her family in a Japanese relocation camp during World War II, she became an outspoken champion of civil rights, workers' rights and ethnic studies.
- The first woman elected to both houses of the U.S. Congress, she spoke out on the Senate floor against the brutal tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist crusade.
- Considered one of America's greatest nature writers, she published *Silent Spring*, which many credit as the foundation of the modern environmental movement.
- An author and activist, she is co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation (the only national, activist, philanthropic organization for women ages 15 to 30).
- A former college athlete, she pursued an award-winning career in sports broadcasting before accepting her current position as news anchor on ABC's *Good Morning America*.
- A social worker and psychotherapist who was once dropped from a training institute because of her cerebral palsy, she has become a pioneering activist in the field of disability rights.

Answers

1-j, 2-d, 3-c, 4-f, 5-a, 6-e, 7-i, 8-b, 9-k, 10-g, 11-h (source: www.nwhp.org)