

New Warrior Zone opens on Patch Barracks

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troop living in the barracks ... all we had was a day room with a pool table.”

Service members now have a dedicated space to call their own.

The Warrior Zone goes far beyond that.

The Warrior Zone, located in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks, was designed with gamers and movie enthusiasts in mind.

The facility offers service members of all branches opportunities to surf the Internet, play interactive games, participate in video game tournaments, watch sports and movies, or simply unwind after work.

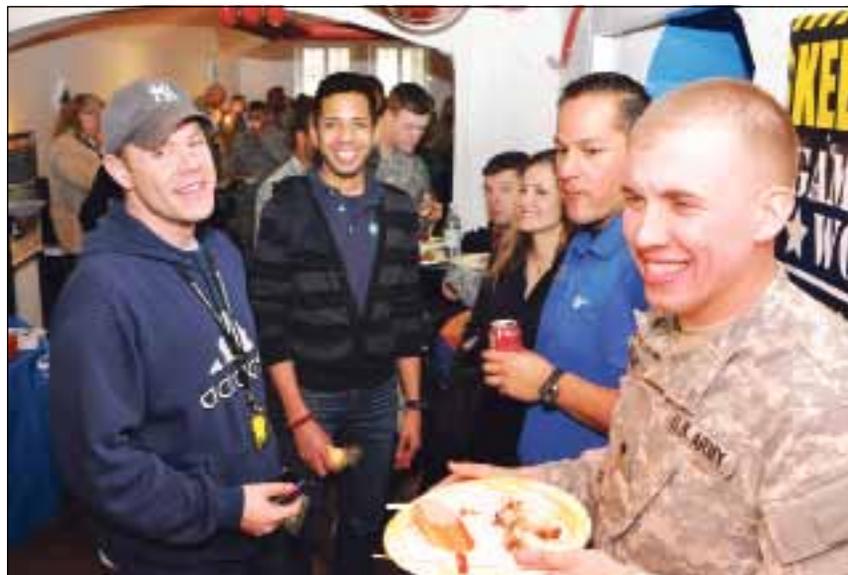
Garrison and tenant unit leaders joined a crowd of more than 100 people to introduce the new facility to the community March 8 during a grand opening hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

“We want service members to get out of their houses and meet new people ... it’s a good way to network and interact,” said Joel D’Agostino, a Family and MWR community recreation assistant.

“We have come a long way,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, USAG Stuttgart command sergeant major. “I remember when I was a young

The Warrior Zone features a movie room equipped with two flat screen televisions, arm chairs, sofas and rocker recliners for a relaxed home-theater atmosphere.

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Petty Officers 2nd Class Patrick Rampulla (from left), Francisco Morgan, Vincent Aguado and Spc. Derek Kujat enjoy lunch and camaraderie during the Warrior Zone grand opening on Patch Barracks March 8.

Protect sign-in privileges by adhering to regs

By **Mark J. Howell**
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Most Americans stationed in Germany will want to bring friends and family onto a military installation at some point during their tours.

While service members, civilians and family members have this privilege, it can be taken away if individuals do not adhere to the regulations that come with it.

According to Army Europe 190-16 (Installation Access Control), service members, civilians and spouses signing guests onto an installation must remain with them at all times and sign them out as they leave.

The person signing in the guest is also responsible for the behavior and actions of the visitor while on the installation.

As a result of increased walking patrols, local military police have noticed an upswing in sign-in violations over the last few weeks.

“One recent incident involved a service member signing on a guest from Spain to help her move,” said Maj. Paul Goynes, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart director of emergency services.

According to Goynes, an MP noticed that the visitor’s car was parked in an unauthorized space. When asked for an ID, the individual could not present one and was detained for failure to identify and taken to the MP station. The visitor’s escort was asked to report to the station.

“At that point she was read her rights and was cited with a violation of the sign-in regulation,” Goynes said.

Service members who violate the sign-in regulations will have the privilege taken away indefinitely, according to Col. Carl D. Bird, USAG Stuttgart commander. Bird also said that other administrative

actions could be taken as well.

Unauthorized or unescorted personnel pose a serious threat to the safety and security of service members and their families living on military installations, according to Shay Edwards, USAG Stuttgart antiterrorism officer.

“It only takes one person with the intent to harm service members and their families to cause a major incident,” Edwards said. “It is extremely important that the sign-in regulations are followed.”

Force protection is the responsibility of every individual in the community.

Community members are encouraged to immediately report anything out of the ordinary or when they suspect someone is on post without an escort.

To report suspicious activity, contact the MP desk at 430- 5262/civ. 0711-680-5262.

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Month of the Military Child

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart’s Family and MWR celebrates Month of the Military Child with workshops, sports and family activities offered throughout April.



Daylight saving time begins

Most of Europe will move its clocks forward by one hour when daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 25. In Germany, daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. (set clocks to 3 a.m.).



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Commander's Column

Get ready for PCS season with helpful services

Commentary by Col. Carl D. Bird
USAG Stuttgart commander



Col. Carl D. Bird

Military moves can be challenging and sometimes stressful. They're also manageable if you plan ahead, and know the resources available to you.

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, the garrison command sergeant major, and I are both preparing to PCS in the next couple of months.

We're not the only ones ... hundreds of families in the Stuttgart military community are due for permanent change of station moves during the spring and summer.

It's easy to get bogged down in all the details. Probably the most important thing you can do is sign up for "Plan My Move" at [www.military-](http://www.military-homefront.dod.mil)

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The program is an electronic planning tool that creates a calendar to help you prepare for your PCS move.

It also provides information on how to request a sponsor, if you haven't already been assigned one.

It's a terrific aid, but the garrison offers some invaluable services, as well.

Army Community Service's Relocation Readiness Program provides a number of services for both incoming and outgoing service members and their families, to include transition briefings, an unofficial translation service and a lending closet stocked with household and child care items to help during the moving process.

The garrison also holds a monthly PCS briefing with representatives from transportation, customs, health and dental clinic, Tricare, vehicle registration and housing.

For those residing off post who are about to leave, it's recommended that they schedule a pre-inspection with

the landlord to ensure that they receive back most, if not all, of their security deposit.

Another important piece of the PCS puzzle is getting your vehicle back to the U.S. While this can be a difficult process, there is good news.

We recently implemented a new electronic ticketing system and installed fiber optic cabling to speed up the network at the Vehicle Registration Office. These upgrades have led to an average 20 minute decrease in wait times.

The community can help decrease the wait even further during PCS season by renewing existing registrations early.

Renewal notices are sent 90 days before the registration expires. By renewing as soon as you get your notice, you can avoid the crowds and help cut down wait times for those shipping or receiving a vehicle during peak season.

If you're retiring or about to transition out of the military in the near future, I highly encourage you to

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get involved with the ACS Employment Readiness Program. It can help you build a resume, get you prepared for interviews and offers resources for finding a job. One example is the upcoming virtual job fair on March 28 from 1-4 p.m. in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

Moving is a way of life for most service members. Playing an active role while PCSing will keep you in control throughout the process.

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ON THE STREET

What song puts you in a good mood?



Staff Sgt. Eric Smolky
(U.S. Army)

“‘London Calling’ by The Clash. It’s good to listen to while working out.”



Melissa Mineni
(Spouse)

“‘Soak up the Sun’ by Sheryl Crow because the sun is never out here.”



Staff Sgt. Darren Harris
(U.S. Army)

“Any Jay-Z song because of the way he mixes the music.”



Cpl. Keegan Crawford
(U.S. Marine Corps)

“‘Kick it in the Sticks’ by Brantley Gilbert because it gives me energy.”



Spc. Kimberly Senglothnam
(U.S. Army)

“‘Daylight’ by Matt and Kim because it talks about the sunlight.”



Lt. Col. Brian Carr
(U.S. Air Force)

“The German song ‘Ein Prosit’ because it rings in the fest season.”



Elke Defeyer
(Spouse)

“‘Life is a Highway’ by Rascal Flatts because it is a great song.”



Master Sgt. Windle Riles
(U.S. Marine Corps)

“‘Be Happy’ by Mary J. Blige because it is a feel-good song.”



Xavier Thomas (from left), Patch High School senior, takes cues as he prepares to interview Miss Teen USA, Danielle Doty; Miss USA, Alyssa Campanella; and Miss Universe, Leila Lopes; in the school's video production studio March 12 during a United Service Organizations European tour.

Miss USA, Miss Teen USA, Miss Universe visit garrison

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

The reigning Miss Universe, Leila Lopes; Miss USA, Alyssa Campanella; and Miss Teen USA, Danielle Doty; visited with U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart community members March 12 as part of a United Service Organizations European tour.

Every year the Miss Universe Organization and the USO bring the crown holders overseas to share their experiences and goodwill with service members and their families. In Stuttgart, this year's focus was on children and students.

"It is a great opportunity having these young women here to talk and interact with students," said Martha Povich, event coordinator for USAG Stuttgart's Family and MWR.

The pageant winners started their tour by having lunch at the dining facility on Patch Barracks, followed by a visit to Patch High School, where they were interviewed by students for American Forces Network Heidelberg and Patch Video Productions.

While at the school, the trio also visited art and history classes, spoke to students about the importance of being themselves, and encouraged them to never give up on their goals and dreams. They also answered questions about their personal hobbies, their day-to-day activities and what they enjoy most about representing their titles.

Courtney Perez, an eighth-grader from Böblingen Middle School, enjoyed the question and answer session with the pageant winners at the Panzer Youth Center.

"It was easy to talk to them ... they were nice and down to earth," Perez said.

For some children, meeting the pageant winners was overwhelming.

Aysha Ready, a PHS ninth-grader, timidly explained her choice in watercolors for a painting to Campanella, Miss USA, after Campanella asked

“You have to stay true to who you are. You need to follow your beliefs ... everyone has different beliefs, and that's what makes this world so diverse and so wonderful.”

Alyssa Campanella
Miss USA

her about it.

Other stops included visits at the CYS Services facilities on Patch Barracks and the Panzer Housing Area, and the Panzer Exchange for a meet and greet session with community members.

Camille Walker and her three daughters stood in line for almost an hour to get a personalized autograph and photo with the pageant winners.

"For the children, meeting these confident young women was the highlight of their day. It was inspiring for my girls," Walker said.

For the pageant winners, the visit gave them a chance to share their passions and outreach efforts that they contribute to during their reigns.

For example, 21-year-old Campanella cooks and helps package food for a nonprofit organization.

Doty, 19, donates time to visit children in hospitals, while Lopes, 26, focuses her time on HIV and AIDS awareness.

"You need to stay true to who you are," said Campanella. "You need to follow your beliefs ... everyone has different beliefs, and that's what makes this world so diverse and so wonderful."

News & Notes

Citizen volunteers place in DA journalism competition

Two Stuttgart volunteers were recently named as awardees in the 2011 Department of the Army Keith L. Ware Public Affairs Communication Competition for their contributions to the *Citizen* newspaper.

Air Force Col. Joseph Mancy of U.S. Africa Command Operations and Logistics won second place in the "Photojournalism by Stringer" category for his submission "Soldier Show highlights Army talent, teamwork."

Tanya Fogg-Young of U.S. European Command Joint Interagency Counter Trafficking Center was also awarded second place in the "Writing by Stringer" category for her entry "Battle buddies for life: Stuttgart NCO adopts military working dog, former partner."

Both winners will be recognized during the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart awards ceremony March 23 at 2 p.m. in the Patch Community Club.

Change batteries in smoke and CO alarms

Most of Europe will move its clocks forward by one hour when daylight saving time begins on March 25.

In the U.S., the Consumer Product Safety Commission urges consumers to replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on the day that the time changes.

According to the CPSC, a yearly average of 386,300 residential fires and nearly 2,400 deaths occurred between 2006 and 2008 in the U.S.

Two-thirds of fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. It is important to replace batteries at least once every year and test alarms monthly to make sure they work.

CPSC also recommends consumers have smoke alarms on every level of their homes and inside each bedroom.

If you live in on-post housing, the alarms are maintained by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works. If you live off post, you are responsible for ensuring that all alarms are working properly.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Fire Department at 430-2065/civ. 0711-680-2065.

Immunization clinic accepts walk-in customers

Most patients requiring immunizations at the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart no longer need to make appointments.

Appointments are only necessary for patients 6 and younger, or those who need allergy shots.

Immunization clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30-11 a.m. on Friday.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart at 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Vincent Aguado (from left), BOSS president; Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony M. Bryant, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart command sergeant major; Pfc. Evan Holloman, 554th Military Police Company; and Steve Dunlap, BOSS and Warrior Zone manager, cut the ribbon to officially open the Warrior Zone March 8 on Patch Barracks.



Gloria Colon-Buzatu



Mary "Tweedy" Knef

Pfc. Mike Alvarenga, 52nd Signal Battalion, and Spc. Shadrick Mead, 554th MP Company, play video games at the Warrior Zone. The gaming room offers service members four stations with video game consoles and monitors, and recliner chairs with built-in speakers to enhance the virtual experience.

Warrior Zone

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The facility offers a selection of movies, or patrons can bring their own favorites.

The gaming room boasts four stations that include video game consoles and monitors, and recliner chairs with built-in speakers to enhance the virtual experience.

The Warrior Zone's computer room has six computers with commercial Internet access and webcams for people to connect with friends and family.

"It's an outstanding location," said Master Sgt. Rodolfo Fuentes from the Defense Information Systems Agency Europe. "Service members needed a place to just unwind."

Initially, the Warrior Zone was scheduled to open in the Patch Food Court, however, due to space constraints, a new location had to be found.

The closure of the Le Rose restaurant last September signaled an opportunity for the Warrior Zone's future home.

"It's been a long, hard road to get here," said Steve Dunlap, the Warrior Zone and BOSS manager. "We only had seven months to convert this place from an

old restaurant to what you see today."

"This means a lot for single Soldiers like myself. I come here to relax, get on the computers and play video games on my time off," said Sgt. Walter Ayala, assigned to U.S. European Command.

The force behind the Warrior Zone endeavor was teamwork.

According to Petty Officer 2nd Class Vincent Aquado, the Stuttgart Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers president, the idea for the layout of the Warrior Zone came from BOSS members.

Aquado added that beside BOSS and Family and MWR, the Stuttgart Outreach Kontakt Club also supported the development of the new facility with hundreds of volunteer hours.

BOSS is a Family and MWR program which serves as the voice of the single service member. In Stuttgart, membership is open to all branches of service.

The BOSS program will now be located in the Warrior Zone and will meet there on the second and last Tuesday of each month.

The Warrior Zone is open Wednesday and

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Joel D'Agostino
Family and MWR community recreation assistant

Thursday from 4-9 p.m., Friday from 4-10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 2-9 p.m.

The Warrior Zone is open to all service members, single or married, and their guests age 18 and older.

For more information on the Warrior Zone, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.



Secure your box before your mail "walks"

Several mail boxes at the Panzer Community Mail Room are left unsecured during an inspection March 16. In a similar inspection conducted at the Patch CMR, more than 230 boxes were found unsecured, according to the USAG Stuttgart Criminal Investigation Division. Leaving your box without clearing out the combination leaves you at risk for theft of your mail, to include personal information. Presetting a combination on a mail box to save time on future visits is unauthorized. If your box doesn't operate correctly, or you notice another box is unsecured, notify a CMR clerk immediately.

Mark J. Howell

Easter holidays, traffic, closures

Easter is April 8. During the Easter holidays, German stores will be closed on Good Friday, April 6, as well as on Easter Monday, April 9. Stores will be open for shoppers April 7.

Easter vacation for local German schools is set for April 2-13. Traffic on German roads is anticipated to be heaviest on the weekends.

- All Community Banks will be closed on April 6 and 9. The Panzer Community Bank will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 7.

- The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing Office and Vehicle Registration will be closed on April 6 and 9.

- The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Consolidated Dining Facility will be closed on April 6 and 9.

Take Army MWR survey

Provide feedback to the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation services by taking the MWR Services Survey.

Selected personnel, to include active duty service members, Department of Defense civilians and non-appropriated fund employees, will be notified via email and will have until May 8 to take the survey.

Every three years, MWR requests that community members fill out a 15 minute survey to find out how MWR can better serve the military community.

For more information, call MWR Marketing at 421-3153/civ.0711-729-3153.

Virtual job fair set for March 28

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community Service will host its first-ever virtual job fair on March 28 from 1-4 p.m. in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. Participants can talk to recruiters from different companies in the U.S., as well as local recruiters on site.



Mary "Tweedy" Knef

Spring Bazaar: Shopping fun

Gabi Christmann demonstrates a bubble gun to Marie Harden, her daughter Briana and son Gabriel during the annual Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club Spring Bazaar held on Patch Barracks March 16-18. Besides toys, more than 100 vendors offered antiques, home decor, jewelry, ceramics, artwork, cheese and wine.

The event is open to the Stuttgart military community. Child care will be provided and must be reserved by calling 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

For more information and to pre-register, call the Stuttgart Employment Readiness Office at 431-3363/civ. 07031-15-3363.

Estate claims notice

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Army Staff

Sgt. Wilfredo J. Egipciano of the Special Operations Europe Signal Detachment, should contact the summary court officer, Lt. Col. Ralph Steen at 430-8250.

Story time at Patch Library

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers a story time for children 3 and older every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Patch Library, Building 2343.

For more information, call 430-7138/civ.0711-680-7138.

Kelley Commissary has new hours

Beginning March 25, the Kelley Barracks Commissary will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The store will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 421-2366/civ. 0711-729-2366.

Due to PCS soon?

The next scheduled permanent change of station/pre-separation briefing will be held March 28 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 agencies to include transportation, customs, health and dental clinic, Tricare, 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.

Leadership Forum

The fourth annual Women's Leadership Forum is scheduled for March 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

Workshops will cover leadership skills, professional development, strategic career planning and more.

The forum includes two guest speakers, a question and answer session with senior leaders of the community, as well as a session for teens.

Participants must register by March 23 at http://stuttgart_wlf.eventbrite.com.

ACS Volunteer Recognition April 5

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold its Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 5 at 5 p.m. in the Patch Community Club, Building 2505, Patch Barracks.

The recognition program honors community volunteers for their dedication, commitment and service.

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

NAF job openings

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Non-appropriated Fund Human Resources Office is accepting applications for positions within Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child, Youth and School Services and the Galaxy Bowling Center.

To view online vacancies, visit www.usajobs.gov or stop by the NAF/HRO office, Building 2948, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3119/civ. 07031-15-3119.

Gain 'financial peace' with FPU

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will host a Financial Peace University class on Robinson Barracks starting April 18.

The 13-week class will be held every Wednesday

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the RB Chapel Annex in Building 116. Child care will be provided. Seating is limited.

For more information or to register, e-mail FPUstuttgart@yahoo.com.

Easter egg hunt April 7

Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host its annual Easter egg hunt April 7 on Patch Barracks.

The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. on Husky Field, followed by activities at the Patch Fitness Center, including a reading of Leo Tolstoy's short story "The Three Questions."

Manage conflict, stress through ACS

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community Service offers free stress management classes on the last Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon at Brewed Awakenings, Building 168, Robinson Barracks.

ACS also offers a free conflict management class on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information and to register, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

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Panzer DFAC to close for training

The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Consolidated Dining Facility will be closed for unit training March 26 to April 3.

For more information, call 431-2734/civ. 07031-15-2734.

Spring Fling 5K set

The 2012 Spring Fling 5K run, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and MWR Sports and Fitness, will be held March 31 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks. The race will start at 10:30 a.m. Register by March 30.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

DoDDS new school year registration

Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will hold registration for the 2012-2013 school year April 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and April 25 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Panzer Exchange.

Sponsors should bring copies of orders, birth certificates, updated emergency contact information and shot records to register their children.

For more information, call the School Liaison Office at 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.

RB Commissary to close for inventory

The Robinson Barracks Commissary will close at 5 p.m. on March 25, and remain closed through March 27 for inventory and restocking.

For more information, call 420-7923/civ. 0711-819-7923.

Banks to open late, Kelley closure

The Community Banks on Patch and Kelley Barracks and on Panzer Kaserne will open late on March 28 because of mandatory training. The banks will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Community Bank on Kelley Barracks will be closed March 23-27 for renovations.

Ski with ODR

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation will host several upcoming ski trips to Austria. These include day trips to Ischgl, March 24;

Serfaus, March 31; and St. Anton, April 7.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Free movies on RB

Watch free movies at the RB Theater in Building 168 on Robinson Barracks. See "The Muppets" March 22-24 and "Abduction" March 29-31. Movies start at 6:30 p.m.

American Red Cross offers CPR classes

The American Red Cross Stuttgart will offer free training for hands-only CPR March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a non-certified

training.

For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812 or visit the Red Cross office in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

New hours RB Club

The RB Club is now open Thursday from 6-10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 6-11 p.m.

The club is located in Building 168 on Robinson Barracks.

For more information, call 420-6037/civ. 0711-819-6037.

Send community-wide announcements to stuttgart-media@eur.army.mil

Watch out for motorcycles

- Motorcycles can often be difficult to see in a car's blind spots or can be masked by bushes, fences and bridges. Drivers should take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic when changing lanes or turning at intersections.
- Allow more following distance behind motorcycles. Motorcyclists often slow themselves by downshifting instead of breaking, which does not activate the brake light. At intersections, anticipate that motorcyclists may slow down without visual warning, and remember that slippery pavement makes stopping quickly more difficult.
- Motorcyclists sometimes make quick adjustments within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles and wind. Drivers should understand that the purpose is not to be reckless or show off, but to make you aware or to allow you to share the lane with them.
- At slower speeds and with good road conditions, motorcycles are very maneuverable, however, don't expect motorcyclists to always be able to dodge out of the way.

Source: www.msf-usa.org



'Compass' guides teens toward resilience

Story & photo by James Sciegel
USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Religious Support Office hosted "Compass," a resilience retreat for community youth, March 2-3 at the Patch Barracks Religious Education Center.

Over the two day program, 21 high school students participated in a variety of activities designed to help build confidence, camaraderie, and most importantly, resilience, according to RSO officials.

The name "Compass" comes from the four key points the program strives to impart to participants: communication, inner purpose, relationships and support systems ... all of which make up the "road map" of a person's life.

The program is also designed to encourage military teens to explore the spiritual dimension of their lives through interaction with their peers, while providing them a safe space for personal growth and development.

"When young people respect and support each other and share their life experiences, an environment of spiritual resiliency is created," said USAG Stuttgart Chaplain (Col.) Randall Dollinger.

The event kicked off with a five-mile torchlight walk from Patch Barracks to a local German restaurant where the students enjoyed a "victory" meal. The long walk signified the start of their spiritual journey.

The weekend continued with other activities that included arts and crafts, and team-building challenges.

The teenagers also participated in classroom discussions with religious directors from Stuttgart, Vicenza and Kaiserslautern.

"From this event I was encouraged to build relationships and support systems, and to appreciate my friends and what I have. These lead to enjoying the good memories of being a military kid," said Sydney Sample, 16.



A group of Compass participants prepares 'soul' food during a "Dining Experience with Friends" March 3 on Patch Barracks. As part of their activities, the children transformed the religious education center into the Compass Roadside Bistro. Compass is a retreat that emphasizes the importance of resilience, building relationships and communication.

A highlight of the event was the transformation of the Patch Religious Education Center into the Compass Roadside Bistro. The participants prepared "food for the soul" and decorated to create a special dining experience.

While enjoying the meal, the teens had an opportunity to reflect on the weekend's events, what they had learned and the friends they had made.

"One of the amazing results of 'Compass' was seeing the diversity of age and cultural backgrounds come together," Dollinger said.

The Compass participants will get to do that again in April, when the RSO hosts a reunion party.

For more information on U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart religious education programs, call 431-3078/civ. 07031-15-3078.

“
When young people respect and support each other, and share their life experiences, an environment of spiritual resiliency is created.
”
Chaplain (Col.) Randall Dollinger
USAG Stuttgart Chaplain

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Porsche Museum: fast and furious

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Some like it fast, others like it faster. If that's you, head to the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. The museum features Porsche's famous icons: the 356 Roadster, 550 Spyder, 911 Speedster, and some of the world's fastest racing cars.

The museum also highlights the history of the Porsche factory in Stuttgart and its founder Ferdinand Porsche.

Porsche was a German-Austrian mechanical engineer with a passion for motor vehicles. In 1931 he founded an "Office for Engine and Vehicle Consulting and Construction" in Stuttgart; later the cornerstone for the Porsche factory and production headquarters in Zuffenhausen.

The chronological history of the company before 1948 is displayed in photos, sketches and interactive kiosks in multiple languages.

However, the main focus is the collection of 80 Porsche vehicles ranging from the first Porsche 356/1 to the most up-to-date model Typ 991, according to Astrid Böttinger, spokeswoman for the Porsche-Museum.

The Porsche 356/1, a two-seater roadster, was produced in 1948 in Gmünd, Austria, and was the first vehicle to receive the Porsche name.

Some people may be surprised to find a black 1950 "VW Käfer," or Beetle, at the museum. The Beetle's history goes back to 1933, when Porsche was assigned to design a "Volkswagen," or people's car, for the former "Reichsverband der Automobilindustrie" (automobile association during the Third Reich). Back then, the idea was to create a car that everyone could afford.

The museum's exhibits are ever changing.

"We aim to create a lively museum, to give people the opportunity to see something new every time they come



Visitors to the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen take a look at the two-seater Porsche 356/1 Roadster Feb. 7. The car was produced in 1948 in Gmünd, Austria, and was the first vehicle to receive the Porsche name.

here," Böttinger said.

The museum is also referred to as "Rollendes Museum," or rolling museum, since most of the cars on exhibit participate in various car races and rallies in Germany and all over the world.

Visitors to the museum can get behind the wheel in some of the cars, such as the Porsche 911 Carrera Cabrio for a "real" Porsche feeling.

"We want visitors to take a closer look at the vehicles and give them the chance to experience the cars," Böttinger said.

Another highlight is the Porsche garage on the first floor of the museum, where visitors can observe mechanics working on cars through large windows. The museum also hosts open garage days where patrons can enter the garage.

"During these events, the mechanics also run the engines for some high speed noise," Böttinger said.

Taking the escalator from the first floor to the museum's main exhibition hall, visitors can wind their way up to the gallery and the special exhibition "Identität 911," featuring Porsche's

most popular sports car, until May 20.

In the exhibit, cutaways of the Porsche 911 are displayed, allowing car and engine lovers close-up looks of the model's inner workings.

"Originally, the Porsche was designed as a racing car, but was also meant to combine speed with the functionality of a car for everyday use," Böttinger said.

Sports car enthusiasts may be impressed by the Boxsters and Carreras, but the futuristic building that holds these speedy vehicles is also worth a closer look.

The museum rests on three columns and is built mainly from glass, metal and steel ... the same amount of steel as was used for the Eiffel Tower, according to Böttinger.

The floors, walls and ceilings are designed completely in white.

"White is defined as not being a color and that is why we picked it for the interior design ... so that people can visualize and reflect on the cars only, and nothing else distracts them," Böttinger said.



Astrid Böttinger, spokeswoman for the Porsche Museum Stuttgart, listens to engine sounds emanating from the Porsche "sound showers."

The Porsche "sound showers" match the museum's futuristic concept. Visitors can step onto a vibrating platform and listen to Porsche races and engine sounds that emanate from above.

For those who wish to take home a car without a hefty car payment, the museum's souvenir shop offers miniature car models, pictures, books and many other Porsche-inspired products.

The Porsche Museum, located at Porscheplatz 1, 70435 Stuttgart, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is permitted until 5 p.m.

The museum offers English guided tours, as well as children's tours.

For more information in English, visit www.porsche.com/usa/about-porsche/porschemuseum.

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Room 231, Building 3312
Kelley Barracks

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What's happening in FMWR

Golf membership drive

The Stuttgart Golf Course will host its annual green fees membership drive March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patrons can enter to win a single membership. Lunch will also be served at the new Golfer's Garden Restaurant.

For more information, call civ. 0714-187-9151.

Family book club

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a family book club featuring the book "Chasing Vermeer" by Blue Balliett March 25 from 1-4 p.m. at the Patch Library, Building 2343.

For more information, call 430-7138/civ. 0711-680-7138.

Karaoke night

The Irish Pub will offer karaoke March 31 from 8-11 p.m.

The pub is located in the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Building 2998, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

"Twelfth Night" opens at Kelley Theatre

The Stuttgart Theatre Center presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Performances at the Kelley Theatre are set for March 30 and 31, and April 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances will be held April 8 and 15 at 3 p.m.

To make a reservation, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

"Xanadu" auditions

The Stuttgart Entertainment Branch is seeking five men and five women for "Xanadu," a musical about a Greek muse who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach.

A pre-audition workshop will be held April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kelley Theatre, Building 3320, Kelley Barracks. Auditions will be held April 2-4 at 7 p.m.

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

For more activities and events, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.

Coming to Patch Theater



March 23 — 21 Jump Street (R) 6 p.m.; The Devil Inside (R) 9 p.m.

March 24 — Tangled (PG) 4 p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R) 7 p.m.; The Devil Inside (R) 9 p.m.

March 25 — Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 2 p.m.; This Means War (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 26 — 21 Jump Street (R) 6 p.m.

March 27 — The Devil Inside (R) 6 p.m.

March 28 — This Means War (PG-13) 6 p.m.

March 29 — Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 6 p.m.

March 30 — Underworld: Awakening (R) 6 p.m.; The Hunger Games (PG-13) 9 p.m.

March 31 — The Princess and the Frog (PG) 4 p.m.; Underworld: Awakening (R) 7 p.m.; The Hunger Games (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 1 — The Hunger Games (PG-13) 2 p.m.; Underworld: Awakening (R) 5 p.m.; The Hunger Games



Warner Brothers

"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" begins when a 17-year-old boy (played by Josh Hutcherson) receives a coded radio transmission from a non-existent island.

(PG-13) 7 p.m.

April 2 — The Hunger Games (PG-13) 6 p.m.

April 3 — Haywire (R) 6 p.m.

April 4 — Underworld: Awakening (R) 6 p.m.

April 5 — Haywire (R) 6 p.m.

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Egg Coloring for all ages

- April 2
Panzer Main Exchange
2:45-4:45 p.m.
- April 3
Kelley Commissary
2:45-4:45 p.m.
- April 4
Robinson Commissary
2:45-4:45 p.m.
- April 5
Patch Commissary
2:45-4:45 p.m.
- April 6
Panzer Main Exchange
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Matinee Movies at Patch Theater

- April 10, 3 p.m. "The Muppets"
- April 12, 3 p.m. "Puss 'n Boots"

Tickets (includes movie, popcorn and drink) are \$4 for children 11 and under, \$6 for adults.

Parent Education Workshops

- Teens and the Power of Peer Pressure, April 11, noon to 1 p.m.
- Emotional Intelligence: Activities for Children/ Youth, April 18, 10 a.m. to noon
- Activities Based Programs for Children Ages 3-5, April 25, noon to 1 p.m.

These free workshops will be held in Building 2347 on Patch Barracks. To reserve a space, contact Parent Central Services or e-mail StuttgartCYS@gmail.com.

CYS Services Playgroups

- Patch Fitness Center 10-11:30 a.m. Meets every Monday
- Kelley Fitness Center 10-11:30 a.m. Meets every Wednesday
- RB Chapel Annex 10-11:30 a.m. Meets first and third Thursday of each month
- Panzer Fitness Center 10:30 a.m. to noon Meets second and fourth Thursday of each month

These playgroups are for children 6 months to 3 years old. They are free of charge, but children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services.

Teen Babysitter, imAlone Training

April 4-5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
April 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Patch Barracks
Babysitters who pass the course will receive first aid and CPR certification, and will be placed on the CYS Services babysitter referral list. The class is free and participants must be 13 or older. Sign up at Parent Central Services.

Newcomer's Orientation

April 5, 3:30-6 p.m.
April 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Patch Youth Center
Get acquainted with the area, and learn about German language and culture through the Stuttgart Youth Newcomers' Orientation. It's open to grades six to 12. Sign up at Parent Central Services or on Webtrac.

Lock-Ins

April 6
Overnight lock-ins are scheduled for both elementary (grades one through five) and high school students. The School-Age Lock-In will be held at Patch SAC from 6:30 p.m. until 8 a.m. on the following morning. The high school lock-in will be held at the Patch Youth Center and starts at 10 p.m. Sign up for both through April 4 at Parent Central Services or on Webtrac.

Parents' Night Out

April 6
Patch CDC/SAC
6:30-11:30 p.m.
Age six weeks through fifth grade
\$20 for first child; \$18 for siblings
Sign up for both through April 4 at Parent Central Services or on Webtrac.

Free Egg Hunt

April 7, 10 a.m.
Husky Field, Patch Barracks
For all ages

Tell Me a Story

April 7, 11 a.m.
Patch Fitness Center
A presentation of Leo Tolstoy's short story "The Three Questions" read by Col. Carl D. Bird will be followed by "Take It, Make It" age-appropriate activities. Families attending will receive a free copy of the book.

Kiddie Boot Camp

April 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Panzer Fitness Center
First- through fifth-graders are invited to discover what it's like to go through boot camp.

Baseball clinic

April 13, 10 a.m. to noon
Robinson Barracks
The clinic is free and open to all youth. Sign up at Parent Central Services or on Webtrac.

German-American Baseball Game

April 18, 5 p.m.
Husky Field, Patch Barracks
Patch High School vs. Sindelfingen Squirrels

Youth Job Fair

April 20, 3-5 p.m.
Patch Youth Center

Rutesheim Ropes Course

April 20
This field trip is for grades six through 12. Sign up at Parent Central Services.

Be a Sports Hero!

April 20, noon to 4 p.m.
Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne
Bring the kids dressed up as their favorite sports heroes. Knock down the red pin and win prizes. \$1.50 per game, \$1 for shoe rentals, \$1 off large pizza.

SKIES Exposé

April 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Patch High School Forum
Come see what the SKIES Unlimited students have learned in their classes. Students will play instrumental music pieces, perform dances and more.

Project Earth: Make it Beautiful

April 23, 2:30-5 p.m.
Panzer Exchange
Children can plant their own flowers and help keep the planet beautiful!

Family Game Night

April 24, 6-8 p.m.
Kelley School Age Center, Building 3369
All families are invited to play classic board games, and enjoy free refreshments.

RB Sundae Fun Day

April 27
3-5:30 p.m., Building 151
5:45-8:30 p.m., Brewed Awakenings
Robinson Barracks
Families are invited to enjoy games, face painting, video game tournaments and bouncy castles, followed by a sundae and a family movie.

Springfest

28 April
Patch Barracks
Stuttgart's Month of the Military Child wraps up with something for everyone:

- **Kidz Only Flea Market**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Patch Fitness Center parking lot
Open to all families; \$10 per table. For more information, call the Special Events Coordinator at 430-2110/ civ. 0711-680-2110.
- **"Amazing Race" teen edition**
9:30 a.m. to noon
Patch Youth Center/Fitness Center
This is the teen version of Stuttgart's "Amazing Race." Open to youth, grades six through 12. \$5 registration fee. Great prizes! Sign up with Parent Central Services.
- **SpringFest**
Patch Youth Center/Fitness Center
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Open to all families
Free activities for everyone: food, face painting, games, pony rides, sports obstacle course, information booths and more!

For more information



Call U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480, or email StuttgartCYS@googlemail.com.



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