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Firefighters host course for Lithuanians

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Firefighters from the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing's Contingency Response Group provided a familiarization course to 12 Lithuanian airmen Dec. 4 on Ramstein.

The course started off with a classroom discussion on U.S. search and rescue procedures and techniques and ended with a demonstration from the Lithuanian firefighters, showcasing what they had learned.

"Attending these courses is great, because it provides us an opportunity to improve on our own techniques," said Capt. Mykolas Liugas, Lithuanian air force pilot. "After learning what we can here, we will take that knowledge back to our country and compare it to what we do so we can increase our response capabilities."

While the class focused on improving interoperability between the two nations, it

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Airmen from the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing's Contingency Response Group talk about where to place the mannequins for the next search and rescue demonstration Dec. 4 on Ramstein.

SACEUR honors 54 years of service

by Senior Airman Timothy Moore
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Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, commander of Supreme Allied Command Europe and U.S. European Command, honored a member of the KMC — someone who at one time was a Soldier, Airman and civil servant — by officiating his retirement Dec. 12 on Ramstein.

John Mace retired after 54 total years of service to the U.S. military with more than 100 family members, friends and military leaders present. Also, in attendance was Gen. Mark A. Welsh, U.S. Air Force chief of staff.

"I'm very humbled about General Welsh and General Breedlove being in attendance," Mace said. "Two of the finest officers in any branch of service that I have ever met, and if I could pick either one of those as a brother, that would be the ultimate (choice). The biggest determining factor of a leader is his ability to influence others through his day-to-day actions, by walking the walk instead of talking the talk. These guys do it."

Mace began his service as a medic before he transitioned to military police in the Army. After several years he separated from the Army, but, he could not stay away from the military life. He returned as a medic for the Air Force and retired after 25 years in uniform.

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Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Stefanko

Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and John Mace read a certificate of service during Mace's retirement ceremony Dec. 12 on Ramstein. Mace retired from the military after 25 years and retired again from civil service after 29 years.

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The KA wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

COMMENTARY

Santa's lean workshop

by Col. Raymond Briggs
86th Maintenance Group commander

I've been to Toyota, Caterpillar, John Deere, Standard Aero, Wal-Mart and many other industries to study their streamlined processes, also known as their lean manufacturing processes, but the one factory I'd love to see as the pinnacle of lean operations is Santa's workshop in the North Pole.

We don't know much about Santa's workshop, but what we do know tells us it has to be the leanest, most efficient place of manufacturing in the world. Given the suspected number of elves working for Santa, you may question the assertion that the factory is truly lean. However, there are a number of indications that point to a truly phenomenal lean process.

First, large numbers of employees is not a disqualifier of lean processes. Wal-Mart employs about 1.4 million Americans to service a population of about 320 million. Most of us would have no trouble declaring Wal-Mart processes to be lean, so they are a fair model to use. There are about 1.9 billion children in the world, so if we used the same ratio of Wal-Mart employees to Americans, then that would mean Santa would employ 8.3 million elves.

Most of our accounts of his workshop put the elf count in the thousands, not millions. Even considering the children on the naughty list don't get toys, there is still a lot of product for a few thousand elves to produce in just one year. Without perfectly lean processes he would never get done in time. Santa's operation must be far leaner than Wal-Mart.

Next, we know that most of Santa's product is hand-made. Hand manufacturing has been on the way out of our processes since the beginning of the industrial revolution. His tools, first time pass rate, takt time and flow must be absolutely perfect for hand manufacturing to meet the required demand. There just isn't enough time in the year to re-work anything.

We have it on good authority that there are about seven or eight misfit toys each year that don't quite meet quality standards. That's about one defect per 125 million toys. Wow!

One of the most important processes in our world, the safe travel of passengers on an airline, produces 2.6 defects per million take-offs and landings. Even considering that Santa's statistics are estimated, it looks like the odds of getting a defect-free toy from Santa exceed one of our best and safest processes of airline passenger travel.

We also have to admire the efficiency of the product delivery process. Seemingly a one-person operation aided by draft animal power, covering all customers in a single 48-hour period by taking advantage of the Earth's time zones and the international date line is impressive. If that's not lean, nothing is.

Finally, one of the best hallmarks of lean processes is an empowered and happy workforce. There can be no doubt that the elves populating Santa's workshop are the most cheerful and happiest employees in any company. Every account pictures rows of elves making toys and happily singing away. In fact, there is only one account of a disgruntled elf that wanted to do something other than make toys.

It will be a long time before we have the capability and efficiency in our processes to be as lean those of Santa Claus, but it can't stop of us from dreaming.

After all, the pursuit of perfection is another distinguishing characteristic of a lean operation, and if Santa's operation doesn't fit the ideal perfect manufacturing operation, then nothing does. We can all learn something about continuous process improvement by studying the best processes available.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Photo by Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales

Santa exchanges sleigh for C-130

Santa rides in an Army Humvee after dropping from an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules to deliver toys Monday at the Alzey Drop Zone, Germany. The operation delivered toys donated by the KMC to less fortunate children.

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Education office, commissioning town hall

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Pamela Fiorito, 86th Force Support Squadron education services specialist, speaks to Airmen about the opportunities available to them for their commissioning journey during a town hall briefing Dec. 10 on Ramstein.

The Ramstein Education Office, Company Grade Officer's Council and the Base Career Advisers joined forces to provide Airmen with an opportunity to seek commissioning advice during a town hall briefing Dec. 10 at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Conference Center.

The briefings held at the conference center allowed those who are interested in commissioning to hear from and question prior enlisted officers of different ranks and careers in an open forum style briefing.

"Quarterly meetings allow us to accommodate our customers and give them a lot of the information that's out there," said Pamela Fiorito, Airman & Family Readiness Center education services specialist.

During the meetings, Airmen are informed of the various commissioning programs such as Officer Training School, Air Force ROTC, Air Force Academy and the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program.

Second Lt. Scott Vander Ven, 24th Intelligence Squadron mission operations commander, said the LEAD program was developed by Air Force leaders to encourage motivated enlisted Airmen to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Upon completion of the program, LEAD Airmen commission as second lieutenants with a Bachelor of Science degree and enter active duty to train as pilots, engineers, intelligence officers, doctors and become the future leaders of the Air Force.

"In the town hall briefings, the education office provides a brief outline of all the commissioning programs, and then we have a panel with prior-enlisted officers who have successfully navigated the commissioning progress," Fiorito said. "The panel members share their stories and answer questions about the process."

In order to assist Airmen with career development, the education office has brochures that provide information which would normally only be provided through one-on-one counseling sessions.

"Our goal is to pair Airmen up with a prior enlisted officer for mentorship and assistance throughout the commissioning process," Fiorito said.

For more information, contact the education office at 480-2032 or via email at 86fss.ramsteineducationcenter@us.af.mil.

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"I think the most important things taught to him were to respect everyone and that the art of giving is what makes people in your life last," Breedlove said. "A lot of people are at your retirement because of what you have given over the years."

Yet, six months after hanging up his master sergeant stripes, he would be back as a civil servant in the medical career field. With service members regularly deploying and moving assignments, civilian counterparts help provide organizations with continuity and familiarity. He would spend 29 years providing that bridge between ever-changing leaders and Airmen.

"This is a servant leader that devoted his time to the people that sat in his examination room," Breedlove said looking at Mace. "You have taught me what it means to take care of people ... I thank you for that."

"It has been a very long and exciting life. Through my 25 years in the uniform and 29 more as civil service, I am grateful for all the things I was able to experience."

— JOHN MACE

Mace retired as the 86th Medical Group Special Operations Clinic operations officer and received the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award for his time building, developing and taking care of Airmen.

"It has been a very long and exciting life," Mace said. "Through my 25 years in the uniform and 29 more as civil service, I am grateful for all the things I was able to experience. While this chapter in my life is closing, I hope to go off and continue to do what the military has shown me to be my passion: helping people."

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DEC. 10

7:45 a.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Kaiserslautern.
10:30 a.m.: A major traffic accident was reported in Steinwenden.

DEC. 11

7:15 a.m.: A breaking and entering was reported in Bruchmühlbach-Miesau.
4:43 p.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Landstuhl.
8 p.m.: A runaway juvenile was reported in Enkenbach-Alsenborn.

DEC. 13

6:03 a.m.: A simple assault was reported in Landstuhl.

DEC. 14

11:23 a.m.: A dog bite was reported in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

DEC. 15

11:06 a.m.: Theft of a motor vehicle with U.S. Army Europe license plates was reported in Kaiserslautern.
3:15 p.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Kaiserslautern.
8:30 p.m.: Communication of a threat was reported on Vogelweh.
10:27 p.m.: Drunken driving was reported in Kaiserslautern.

DEC. 16

12 a.m.: A domestic disturbance was reported in Queidersbach.
1:25 a.m.: Drunken driving was reported in Kaiserslautern.

Reported Larcenies

DEC. 15

Kaiserslautern — A 1988 white Volkswagen two-door coupe.

Take Note

Closures

• The Kaiserslautern City Administration, including the German-American Community Office, will be closed for the holidays Monday to Jan. 2. They will re-open for regular business Jan. 5.

• The Window to Rheinland-Pfalz information counter in the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center on Ramstein will be closed Wednesday through Jan. 1.

• The Azur swimming pool in Ramstein-Miesenbach will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

• The KMC Housing Office and the Furnishings Management Office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Dec. 26. Customer service hours will resume Dec. 29. Additionally, they will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Customer service hours will resume Jan. 2.

• The 86th Airlift Wing Legal Office's German/International Law section will be closed Wednesday to Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2 for family days and German holidays. Services will resume Jan. 5.

• The Vogelweh and Ramstein commissaries will be closed Thursday and Dec. 26.

Christmas tree cutting

The local forestry offices will offer the following Christmas tree cuttings: in Kaiserslautern-Erzhütten, Mühlbergstrasse, 2 to 5 p.m. today; and near the Kaiserslautern forestry office, Velmannstrasse (follow the signs), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. At all locations, there will be food and beverage stands.

Christmas tree market

A Christmas tree market with eight stands offering various types of trees in different sizes will be held at the Messeplatz fairgrounds in Kaiserslautern. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Fruit, vegetable market

Due to the holidays, the Kaiserslautern fruit and vegetable market on Stiftsplatz will be open Wednesday instead of Thursday and Dec. 31 instead of Jan. 1.

Home for the Holidays Program

KMC Lodging will offer authorized guests the chance to make space-available reservations in advance for the upcoming holiday season. Guests can book reservations for up to 10 nights until Jan. 4 on a first-come, first-served basis, as space permits. For details, contact the Central Reservations Office in Ramstein at 480-4920 or 06371-47-4920, or via email at lodging@ramstein.af.mil. Online reservations can be made at http://tinyurl.com/qz8mlsv.

Top 3 scholarship opportunity

The KMC Top 3 provides two $300 scholarships each quarter to enlisted personnel or their dependents. Nominees must be enrolled in a validated degree program from an accredited institution and complete a one- to two-page essay on why education is important for future endeavors. The deadline for third quarter submissions is 4 p.m. Jan. 9. For details, contact your unit Top 3 representative.

Shuttle service

The Kaiserslautern advertising association "Kaiser in Lautern" offers a free shuttle service to the city center for shoppers parking on Messeplatz fairgrounds. Shoppers can use their Messeplatz parking tickets to access the "Kaiser Shuttle" from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Shuttles leave and return every 15 minutes. Shuttle stations are right on the fairgrounds (direction center) and on the corner of Bismarckstrasse and Stiftsplatz (direction fairgrounds).

KLSA needs volunteers

The Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses' Association welcomes all volunteers — spouses of all ranks and all services. To get involved, email klsamembership@hotmail.com. For details, visit www.klsagrapevine.org or "like" KLSA on Facebook.

LRMC Patient Transfer Center

The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Patient Transfer Center can assist 24/7 with inpatients transfers to LRMC. The Patient Transfer Center assists with the following: facilitates inpatient transfers to LRMC, determines whether LRMC has capabilities and capacity to accept the patient, and facilitates communication between LRMC providers and host nation medical facilities. The primary point of contact is a bilingual nurse case manager who gathers clinical info, medical records, etc.; coordinates air/ground evacuation and tracks timeline; and is responsible for communicating to all interested LRMC personnel. Interested patients, clinical staff and military leadership can contact the Patient Transfer Center for details at 590-5075 or 06371-9464-5075.

Acupuncture sleep, pain study

Do you have problems with sleep and pain? If you are 18 years or older, a military beneficiary of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (service member, retiree or family member), and have had problems with pain and sleeping for three months or longer, you may be eligible to take part in a study using ear acupuncture for insomnia and pain. Participation is voluntary and confidential. For details, call 590-4059/5641, 06371-9464-4059/5641 or 0151-6152-4672, or email acupuncture.study@yahoo.com.

EU-wide emergency number

The emergency number 112 is valid throughout the European Union. It can be dialed for free and without a prefix in the EU.

Join the Fasching parade

The Ramstein-Miesenbach Carnival Association Bruchkatze is looking for American bands, dancers, cheerleaders and individuals in unique costumes who would like to participate in the Fasching parade Feb. 17. For details and to register, call the 86th Airlift Wing Host Nation Office at 480-2094.

Expectant Parent Orientation

Expectant Parent Orientation class is held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Learning Resource Center, Bldg. 3718 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. No sign-up required. For details, call the New Parent Support Program at 06371-46-2098 or 479-2098.

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Santa's workshop receives upgrade

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Staff Sgt. Brantley Roberson, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial delivery technician, prepares to move a container Dec. 15 that was specifically built for Santa Claus to deliver toys to children. After being loaded, the bundles will be air-dropped at U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder along with Santa so that he can deliver them to local families in need of a little support this holiday season.

Most children recognize the iconic figure whose rotund physique is decked out in a red and white suit with a joyous demeanor and a belly that jiggles like a bowl full of jelly every time he lets out a "Ho, ho, ho!"

The figure is Santa Claus of course, and this year, in order to ensure every child has a chance to smile on Christmas Day, Santa's workshop needed an upgrade.

For the toy delivery mission to less fortunate children Dec. 15 on Ramstein, Santa needed a little more help than usual. Knowing this, he enlisted the support of some very special elves at the 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron to help him pack and load his upgraded sleigh, a C-130J Super Hercules.

"Given what we are working on, I would say calling us Santa's elves is a fair and accurate description," said Tech. Sgt. Peter Schopperle, 86th LRS aerial delivery NCO in charge. "We are all pretty festive here and in the holiday spirit. We like being able to help out the local community as best we can."

Schopperle noted that many of the service members he works with have more in common with Santa's elves than one might think.

"A lot of the guys here can be mischievous like elves are known to be," Schopperle said jokingly. "In all seriousness though, it is an honor to be able to help, and we are all proud to be a part of this."

Schopperle and his team, which included members of the 86th LRS, Airmen from Papa Air Base, Hungary, and the Army's 5th Quartermaster Detachment, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, began working on the bundles filled with toys to ensure they were ready to go when Santa arrived.

"We prepared the containers to be air-dropped at (U.S. Army Garrison) Baumholder along with Santa so that he can deliver them to local families in need of a little support this holiday season," Schopperle said. "All these guys work very hard at rigging these packages, and they really enjoy their work, especially for missions like this."

Schopperle added that the toys came from donations from the members of the KMC.

"It feels great to have us come together as a family and take part in an event as big as this," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Volk, 86th LRS aerial delivery technician. "It really warms your soul to know that you are helping bring joy to children who need it."

Though likened to elves, the differences between these Airmen and Santa's tiny tinkerers go beyond pointed shoes versus combat boots; however, it is their similarities that just might make this Christmas one to remember for some very lucky children.

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also helped bring in ideas on how the firefighters can improve the air policing missions in the Baltic region.

"Better understanding each other's techniques allow smoother operations in the field," said Tech. Sgt. James Hickman, 435th CRG NCO in charge of rescue and contingency fire training. "It's reassuring to know both countries understand the same procedures, even if we don't speak the same language."

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Stefanko

Airmen from the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing's Contingency Response Group talk to their Lithuanian counterparts about the search and rescue demonstration Dec. 4.

By hosting six to eight courses a year with different countries in Europe attending, the 435th CRG Airmen aims to promote a fluid working relationship in a controlled environment, which will help during any future contingency operations.

"It's the exchange of ideas with the various countries that will help us as a whole," Hickman said. "We will even go to their country to learn and work together, not only to improve ourselves but to build a rapport so the mission can run smoother."

Liugas said he hopes to continue working with the CRG Airmen as the skills shared between the two countries is invaluable.

Army Reserve CSM visits 7th CSC

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Command Sgt. Maj. Luther Thomas Jr., command sergeant major of the Army Reserve, addresses 7th Civil Support Command Soldiers at the Kaiserslautern Community Activities Center Dec. 6.

Soldiers from the 7th Civil Support Command gathered at the Kaiserslautern Community Activities Center Dec. 6 to welcome the command sergeant major of the Army Reserve.

Command Sgt. Maj. Luther Thomas Jr. participated in a mass re-enlistment ceremony along with Brig. Gen. Arlan M. DeBlieck, commanding general of the 7th CSC and deputy commanding general for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

"Today, 13 Soldiers from the 7th CSC re-enlisted," Thomas said. "It's important to me, as one of the senior leaders in the Army Reserve, to thank them for their service, thank them for re-enlisting and thank them for being part of our Army Reserve family."

Asked what it meant to re-enlist today with Brig. Gen. DeBlieck and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas present, Spc. Anthony N. Barnes, human resources specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, said, "It meant a lot to me; it meant everything. It was a very humbling experience for me."

Immediately after the ceremony, Thomas held a town hall meeting with the 7th CSC Soldiers, whose motto is "An Ocean Closer."

He spoke about important U.S. Army Reserve information and issues, and then he answered questions from the audience.

"We have the greatest Army in the world, because we have the greatest Army Reserve supporting them," Thomas said.

Thomas touched on many of the issues facing the Army Reserve today as well as what the future holds for the Army Reserve.

Among the issues discussed were the number of Soldiers in the Reserve and the amount of Soldiers that are re-enlisting or transitioning from the downsizing of the regular Army into the Army Reserve.

"Our retention rates in the Reserve are pretty good for Soldiers who are mid-career and up," Thomas said. "We're trying to encourage Soldiers to come back into the Army Reserve and continue their service in the Army."

Some military occupational specialties will get smaller, and some will get larger, he added.

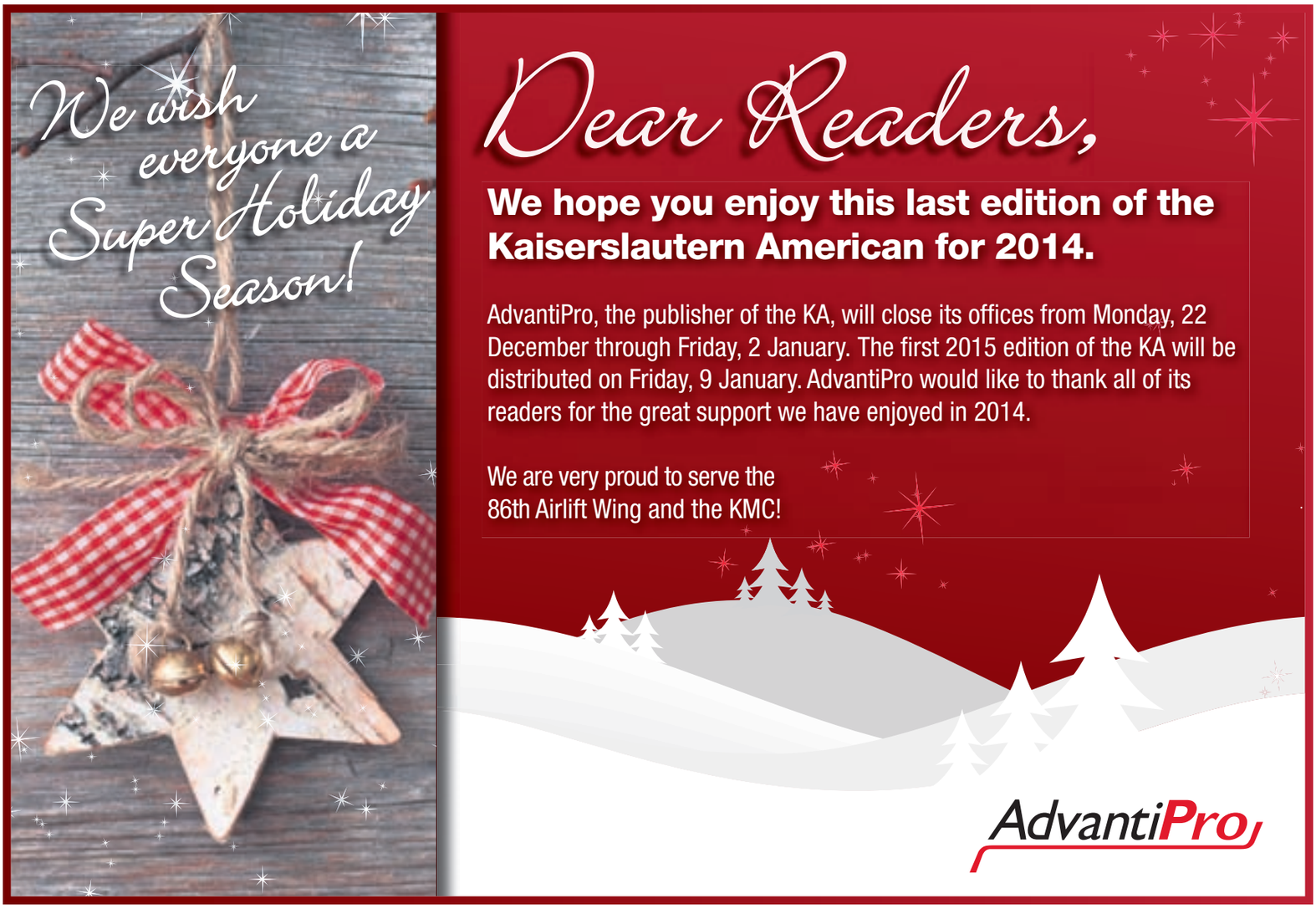
"(Some) Soldiers may have to change their (military occupational specialty) if they want to stay in the Army as well as the Army Reserve," Thomas said.

Barnes said he walked away with a ton of information on how Soldiers interact with each other to solve problems and make decisions.

"I've learned a lot of how the Army system works in general for both (troop program units) and active-duty Soldiers," Barnes said.

As for what the future holds for the Reserve, Thomas said change is a constant in life and in the Army Reserve, and the amount of Soldiers will shrink slightly over the next several years.

"We'll continue to provide life-saving, life-sustaining capabilities no matter how many Soldiers we have in the Army Reserve," Thomas said. "As we get smaller, what I see is that the Army Reserve will only become more of an integral part of the Army."



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Burnett

Noncommissioned officers assigned to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Regional Support Element-United Assistance help contractors download pallets of food and supplies for the Intermediate Staging Area Nov. 22 in Dakar, Senegal.

'First in Support' RSE-UA: life at the ISA

by Sgt. 1st Class Alexander A. Burnett
21st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Warrant Officer 1 Gabriel Taylor, 21st Theater Sustainment Command Regional Support Element-United Assistance intelligence officer, prepares to go running on the Intermediate Staging Area Nov. 21 in Dakar, Senegal. Members of RSE-UA do not have dedicated fitness equipment and do what is necessary to maintain physical readiness.

DAKAR, Senegal — The Soldiers of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Regional Support Element-United Assistance have been conducting operations in Dakar, Senegal, for over a month. Recently, with the arrival of the element's main body and the completion of construction operations, the team moved into the Intermediate Staging Area and began conducting daily operations.

Every day, the Soldiers of RSE-UA can be found compiling informational products tracking equipment and personnel coming in and out of the ISA, conducting refuel operations for generators, in- and out-processing multiservice forces and even conducting food service support.

"There is definitely work to be done here," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Murrin, RSE-UA senior enlisted adviser. "In addition to conducting their typical mission in logistics support inside the tactical operations center, these great Soldiers are taking on other missions to help manage the ISA."

Since the construction of their TOC, the element has remained vigilant in maintaining their operational tempo. The team conducts 24-hour operations to ensure their workspace maintains power and communications. They have also contended with visits from members of the local wildlife.

"We had a very large lizard enter the tactical operations center," said Master Sgt. Jon Mayle, human resources NCO in charge for RSE-UA. "After we pushed him out, he decided to run around the tent and, 30 minutes later, re-enter to take part in one of our daily update briefings."

During very limited free time, the Soldiers of RSE-UA keep busy by conducting physical readiness training, reading and trying to improve living conditions at the ISA.

"We have pretty limited means to conduct physical training; we don't have a gym or designated workout area," said Staff Sgt. David Maybury, human resources NCO assigned to the RSE-UA. "A few of us are helping our Air Force partners build strength training equipment and using local resources to get a good work out in."

The Soldiers of RSE-UA will continue to conduct operations in Senegal until relieved. During their tenure, they will continue to improve living conditions as much as possible.

21st TSC senior leaders take staff ride to Bastogne

by Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.
21st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

For the senior leaders of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, gaining a better understanding of the conflicts of the past can help shape the way they conduct operations in the future.

On Dec. 5, Maj. Gen. John R. O'Connor, commanding general of the 21st TSC, gave his senior staff the opportunity to conduct an in-depth study of the Siege of Bastogne, a major campaign from the Battle of the Bulge, during a staff ride to Bastogne, Belgium.

The staff ride gave leaders the opportunity to develop and learn firsthand the details of the battle in order to apply lessons learned from past battles to use in current application, as well as build esprit de corps.

"When it comes to the Army, leader development is one of the main things we have to look at," said Col. Matthew Redding, 21st TSC chief of staff. "In this case, we were studying a battle where small unit leaders led Soldiers against incredible odds. From that historic action, we wanted to focus on what it took to be a good leader, what it took to be a good Soldier, the battlefield conditions, the terrain and the enemy — many of the things we still study today in a professional Army."

Participants started a day earlier with an in-depth analysis of the conflict from Dr. Ernest Roth, a Ph.D. holder in military history, and Capt. Michael Ellis, the 21st TSC's G2 plans officer in charge, who discussed in full detail the path leading up to and the siege itself through detailed analysis.

"The purpose of the staff ride is twofold," said Roth, who is also a retired sergeant major. "The first was a team building exercise for the command and staff, and the second was to improve people's overall knowledge of the battle in and around Bastogne."

The staff ride began with a stop in Clervaux, Luxemburg, the site where Soldiers with the 110th Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division, along with support from a company from the 9th Armored Division, held off the advancing German army while outnumbered, giving units from the 101st Airborne Division a chance to reach Bastogne before the Germans.

Some of the other stops made during the staff ride included a visit to Longvilly, Belgium, the site of another confrontation between Americans and Germans prior to the German's

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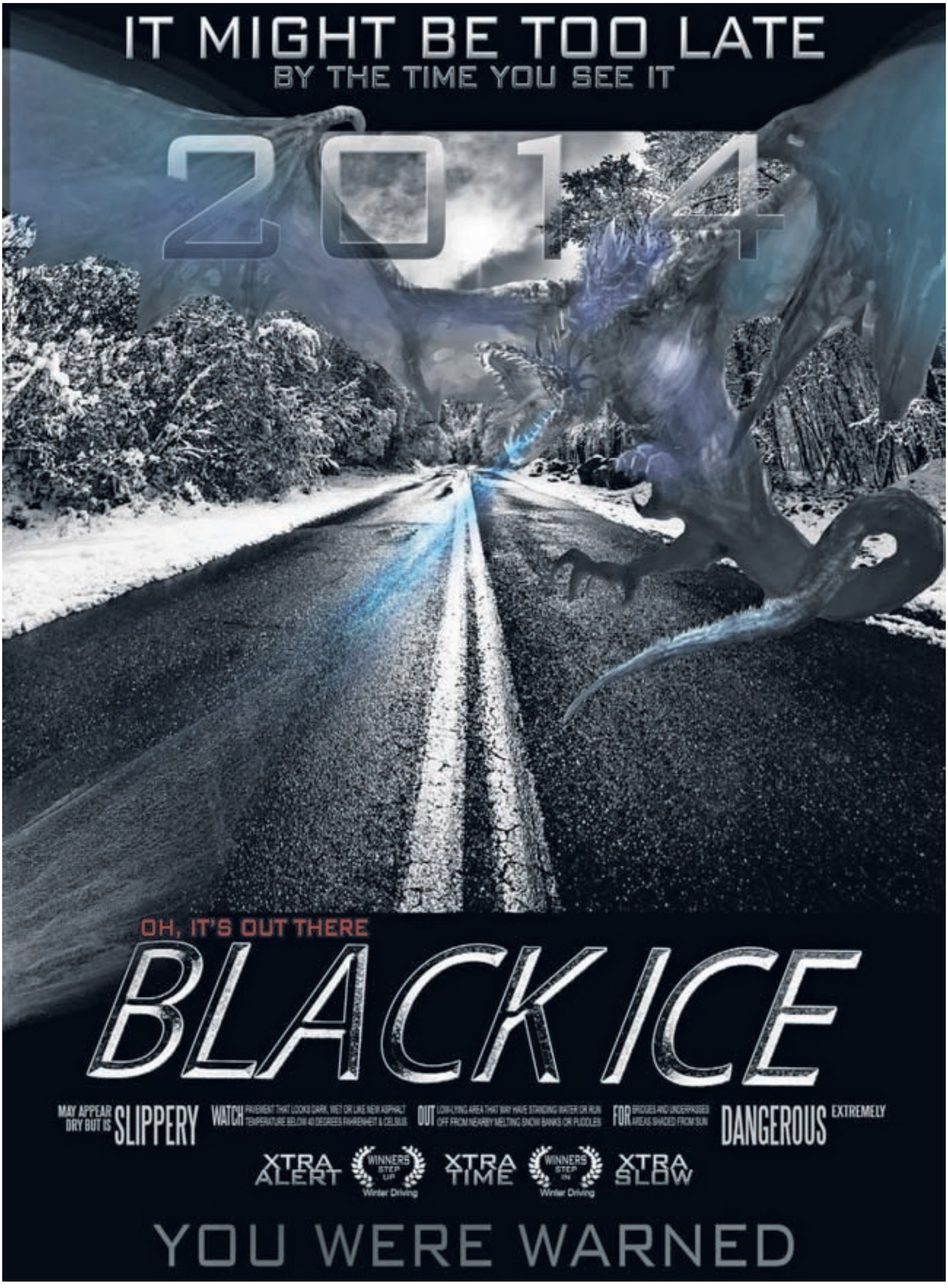
Photo by Senior Airman Timothy Moore

Leader to future leader

Col. Gordon Hendrickson, U.S. Air Forces in Europe director of Intelligence, speaks with Capt. Ty Axson, USAFE chief of Current Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operations-Europe, during a senior leader to company grade officer speed mentoring event Tuesday on Ramstein. Senior leaders from around the KMC mentored CGOs on various subjects, including career progression and networking.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Photos by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Members of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band and the Rheinland-Pfalz International Choir perform during the annual KMC Christmas Concert Dec. 12 in Kaiserslautern. The annual event was held in the Fruchthalle, where hundreds of Germans came to listen to the USAFE Band perform Christmas music, such as "Underneath the Tree," "This Christmastide" and "Bethlehem Morning."

USAFE Band performs KMC Christmas Concert

BELOW LEFT: *An audience gives the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band and the Rheinland-Pfalz International Choir a standing ovation during the annual KMC Christmas Concert Dec. 12 in Kaiserslautern.*

TOP LEFT*: An audience member takes a photo of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band and the Rheinland-Pfalz International Choir as they perform. The band and choir performed and sang a wide variety of holiday songs in English and German.*

ABOVE: *Staff Sgt. Jill Diem, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band vocalist, sings during the annual KMC Christmas Concert at the Fruchthalle. The USAFE Band performs in hundreds of concerts throughout Europe and Africa every year, supporting the global Air Force mission and increasing Airmen morale.*

INTRODUCING LOCAL BUSINESSES

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New in Weilerbach is Sports Bar Libero. It offers everything you would expect from a well-run sports bar. Open Tuesday through Friday from 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. Sports Bar Libero offers live sport shows including football, golf, tennis, and Formula 1 on the big screen. Come in and enjoy all the great sports and the great food also offered while your are there. If you're in the mood for great chicken wings, they have got them. If you're in the mood for delicious hamburgers, they have got them. If you want to change up a bit to Curry Wurst or sausage or just a plate of warm fries, Sports Bar Libero is here to accommodate you. Sports Bar Libero offers live music at least once a month and great music all of the time. Check the sports bar out on Facebook and at the Kaiserslautern American's online Bulletin Board for additional information on their events. If you are looking for something to do and want a fun and exciting place to be, check out Sports Bar Libero soon for Big Screen Sports, great music, and good food.

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USAG RHEINLAND-PFALZ Family and MWR HAPPENINGS

KMC Onstage

Fiddler on the Roof

Dec. 19-20,
Jan. 9-10, & 16-17 at 7:30
Jan. 11 & 18 at 3 p.m.

This story of a poor family in a tight-knit Jewish community faced by the growing anti-Semitism in Russia cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness. Children between 3-5 years of age are only permitted at Sunday matinees. Children under the age of 3 are not permitted to this performance. For more information or to reserve tickets in advance, please contact KMC Onstage, 483-6626 or 0631-411-6626.

Kazabra Club

Holiday Cheer Bingo
Dec. 21, 3-7 p.m.
Doors open at 1 p.m.

This fun event will feature four guaranteed $1,000 games, free finger food, raffle prizes and a visit from Santa. Cost to play: $75 per pack. Kazabra Club, Vogelweh, Bldg. 2057.

Armstrong's Club

Latin Fusion Saturdays
Dec. 20, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Enjoy cocktails while dancing the night away to some of the best Latin music at Latin Night. Show off your dancing expertise with Salsa, Bachata, Merengue and the Rumba being spun by a live DJ! Free chips and salsa all night long. Open to all ID cardholders, ages 18 and older. No cover charge. Vogelweh Housing, Bldg. 1036.

Rheinland-Pfalz Family & MWR

Army Community Service

Army Community Service hosts a variety of skills classes-topics include parenting, marriage, anger management, sponsorship training and employment workshops. Classes are free, and registration is required unless otherwise stated. To register or for more information, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Leadership Development

Allow ACS to take you on a journey to further your leadership skills. Examine your leadership style and improve your communication as a leader in this free class. You will also spend time learning how to create a great team dynamic and resolve conflict as well as the best ways to coach and mentor your employees. This 11-hour course can be taught on demand with a minimum of 5 students. Dates/times and location can be negotiated.

Newborn Network
Thursdays,1-2:30 p.m.

Come and socialize in a coffee shop setting and meet other moms of newborns and infants up to age 1. Discuss ages and stages, community resources and other parenting related topics. No pre-registration necessary. Newborn Network meets at Java Café on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 273. For more information, contact new Parent Support Program, 493-4659 or 0631-3406-4659.

Outdoor Recreation

Travel schedules for December, January and February are available! Visit London, Amsterdam, Prague, Paris and much more! For more information on what Army Outdoor Recreation has to offer, contact them at Pulaski Bks., Bldg. 2905, 493-4117 or 0631-3406-4117 or visit our website: kaiserslautern.armymwr.com

Rheinland-Pfalz Library

Tots and Tales Story Time
Tuesdays, 10:30

Tots and Tales Story Time is an entertaining event with flannel board fun, fingerplays, songs, activities and nursery rhymes! It promotes educational development and reading readiness in young children, ages 12-18 months. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Rheinland-Pfalz Library at Landstuhl, Wilson Bks., Bldg. 3810, 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This entertaining event includes stories, music and crafts for young children and their parents. Sign up is not required.

Sembach Fitness Center

Shiatsu Massage

Rejuvenate and pamper yourself with a Shiatsu massage. Massages are available Monday-Friday by appointment only. 30-minute massage: $40. 60-minute massage: $55. To schedule an appointment, contact Tara Ehnes; 496-7530; 06302-67-7530 or 0176-4041-1095. Sembach Kaserne, Bldg. 105.

Kleber Hourly Care Center

The Kleber Hourly Care Center provides hourly care for in-processing families or customers of the Passport and ID Card Office. Parents must remain on premises while care is provided. Hours of operation: Mon, 7:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wed-Fri, 8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Closed for lunch, 12-1 p.m. Closed Tue and Federal Holidays. For registration, contact Kleber Hourly Care Room, Bldg. 3245, Rm. 108, 483-7474 or 0631-411-7474.

Find out more online: kaiserslautern.armymwr.com

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WORD Scramble

Unscramble these
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ANSWERS: MOTHER | FATHER | BROTHER | SISTER | CHILDREN
AUNT | UNCLE | GRANDCHILDREN

Capt. Spanky: Happy Holidays!

Hello, my loyal, furless followers! I hope you are all staying warm and healthy this winter.

As we approach our various days of holiday celebrations, we often spend time with the people we hold dear. For many, that is the immediate family: spouse, children, parents and siblings. However, we want to remind people to also remember their extended families.

The holidays can be a joyous time for those of us who are able to spend it with our loved ones, but let us not forget those that are not as fortunate to do so.

I refer not only to the men and women who are currently serving downrange, but also the young Airman, Soldier, Sailor or Marine who may be spending their first holiday season in a foreign country.

If you have the space, invite them into your homes and your hearts. The simple gesture of an invite alone can mean the world to someone during these times, and who knows, spending time with someone may help you extend yours and their "family."

Recipe of the week
Italian noodle salad

Servings 8 to 10

INGREDIENTS:
4-5 liters water
2-3 teaspoons vegetable broth granules
500 grams penne pasta noodles
500 grams cherry tomatoes
250 grams mozzarella cheese
6 slices mortadella* or bologna
1 medium onion
2-3 cloves garlic
1 bundle parsley
1 bundle basil
8 tablespoons white wine vinegar
Salt and white pepper
1-2 teaspoons sugar
4-6 tablespoons olive oil
100 grams black olives

DIRECTIONS:
• In a pot, bring 4-5 liters of water to a boil. Add in the vegetable broth and the noodles. Cook for 10 minutes or until done. Strain the noodles, but keep about 1/8 liter of the broth.
• Wash the tomatoes and slice them. Cube the mozzarella cheese. Roll up the bologna and cut into thin slices.
• Peel and finely shop the onion and the garlic. Wash the herbs, pat dry and then finely chop them.
• Mix together the vinegar, 6-8 tablespoons of the leftover broth, onion, garlic, herbs, salt, pepper, and sugar.
• Whisk in the oil. Add in the pasta, meat, tomatoes, cheese and olives and coat well. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour before serving.
• If needed, add more salt, pepper or broth.

TIP: Serve with a chilled white wine.

* Mortadella is an Italian cured sausage, resembling bologna in size and appearance. It is made of pork that is first ground and then mashed into a paste and may get its name from the Roman word for "mortar." A mortar and pestle were once commonly used to crush meats, fruits and grain. In addition to pork meat, mortadella is studded with pork fat and spiced with pepper. Mortadella was and is still most frequently produced in Bologna, Italy. An estimated 160,000 tons are consumed in Italy each year.

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arrival outside of Bastogne, before visiting the sites of other famous battles around the city.

One of the most intriguing stops along the way was to the site where paratroopers with Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division made their famous stand against the German army to the east of Bastogne. In the woods, along the road, participants were able to see the individual fighting positions, still present 70 years later.

Roth said he hopes the staff ride gave participants an appreciation of the sacrifices made by so many Soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and in Bastogne.

"Mission command is certainly an important takeaway from any staff ride," he said. "But a nice intangible is the fact that we are an honorable profession, and we are the descendants of the honorable men who fought here."

Before boarding the busses and heading back home after a day of gaining a better understanding of the battle, the day's activities concluded with a visit to the Bastogne War Museum and the site of the massive Mardasson Memorial, honoring the memory of 76,890 American Soldiers who were wounded or killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

"Sessions like today's staff ride are absolutely important," O'Connor said to his staff during the trip. "It gives us perspective on what we do, why we do it, and when called upon, do it right."

Photo by Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.

Dr. Ernest Roth (right), a Ph.D. holder in military history, discusses a specific battle from the Siege of Bastogne at the site of the battle with senior leaders of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command during a staff ride Dec. 5. Senior leaders of the 21st TSC participated in the staff ride to learn the history of the Siege of Bastogne from the Battle of the Bulge, apply lessons learned from past battles to use in current application, and build esprit de corps among the participants.

Vogelweh Scouts chase checkered flag at 'Cub-Annapolis'

by 21st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Scout racers negotiated hairpin turns, "spinouts" and heaping spoonfuls of applesauce, dodged plastic crustaceans and stuffed animals, and, occasionally, grass-skirted Boy Scouts or leaders en route to the checkered flag and plenty of good, mostly clean fun during the Pack 69 "Cub-Annapolis" held Dec. 7 at Vogelweh Elementary School.

Around 80 Scouts from the Vogelweh-based pack — consisting almost entirely of U.S. military families, parents, adult volunteers, brothers and sisters — participated in the annual event, traditionally held the month prior to the prestigious Pinewood Derby.

Photo by Sgt. Maj. Michael Pintagro

"Drivers" watch for the checkered flag at the starting line during the "Cub-Annapolis" Dec. 7 at Vogelweh Elementary School.

Scouts compete as dens, which transform into "pit crews" for the race. Racers bearing cardboard "cars" stride across a "track" delineated by tape and plastic cones, pausing between laps for pit "services" including snacks, drinks and grooming. The pit crew mobilizes to feed, wash and groom racers according to specified requirements during each stop.

Adult leaders and Boy Scout volunteers injected "road hazards," ranging from "spinouts" to "road kill" to natural debris. They also penalize Scouts who run rather than walk, push, "cut" or commit other infractions of Scout circuit guidelines.

Organizers adopted a "tropical" theme for this year's race, adorning the erstwhile school cafeteria with paper and plastic island flora and fauna. A racer might collide with an inflatable palm tree or totem pole while swerving to avoid a plastic crab. Several adult leaders and Boy Scout volunteers jumped the proverbial shark, donning grass skirts and even strategically placed coconut cups. Leaders described the Caribbean theme as a nod not to Jimmy Buffet but to recent history.

"Two years ago the weather was so bad we had to cancel the Cub-Annapolis," said Maj. Michael J. Swienton of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, the Pack "cubmaster," or senior adult leader. "So we came up with the tropical theme partly out of irony and partly to cheer everyone up with the cold weather and dark skies. It didn't fit the auto racing theme perfectly, but it was fun and reminded everyone of summer."

Whether or not they thought of beaches or palm trees, Scouts and family members alike embraced the spirit of innovation and friendly den rivalry. Reversing last year's triumph by first-grade Tiger Cubs, the "WEBLOS" den, consisting mainly of fourth-graders, took the checkered flag in 2014. Wherever the dens finished in Barbarossa Cup point standings, the Scouts and Pack emerged well ahead in the spirit of sportsmanship.

"I think it went very well," said Tammy Vandeway, Pack treasurer and chief event organizer. "We tried to make it more like a real race track and add in some unique aspects of auto racing. The boys did a great job putting the cars together and decorating them. It encouraged some creativity and teamwork, and everyone had a lot of fun."

The event embodied the customary Scouting blend of organized horseplay, campy humor, practical innovation and character-building. The dens created "vehicles" ranging from spaceships to pizza delivery buggies to sleek roadsters for the event, cutting, painting and assembling as necessary. Adult leaders emphasized the December theme of "respect" along with U.S. history — the race coincided with the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor — and civics throughout the afternoon. Teamwork lay at the heart of the entire enterprise, during both the preparatory phase and the race itself.

"It's one of the best team-building events they do all year," said Sgt. 1st Class Clay Vanlangendonck of Company C, 53rd Signal Battalion, an adult volunteer who brandished road signs during the race. "They all have to work together to achieve success. I think it brings a lot of the young boys out of their shell and allows them to participate as part of a team. It's fun and develops team spirit."

"Ideally, they've learned some lessons about teamwork, sportsmanship and respect," Swienton added. "From here, we move into the heart of the Scouting year. After the holidays, we have the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold, and the Raingutter Regatta and then the big event graduation or 'cross over' for those WEBLOS advancing to the ranks of Boy Scouts. The dens are pretty well organized. They've coalesced into teams, and they're ready for next year's events."

The Scouts absorbed lessons of teamwork, character and citizenship; but above all, they had fun – lots of it.

"I liked how we got to compete by dens," said Luke Brandon, 10, who piloted the winning "car" to triumph. "We had to trust each other. It was really fun trying to keep your mind and dodging all the obstacles. But the applesauce gave me a headache."

"I liked the racing," added Wolf Scout Jason Vanlangendonck, 7. "I was on the pit crew, so I had to wash the windshield. The hard part was I sprayed one side but couldn't spray the other side. It was one of the most fun things for Scouts."

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Arts and Crafts Center

Santa Suit Rental

Book yours today before the Christmas rush! The rental fee is $25 per day and a $50 deposit is required at the time of booking. For more information, contact the Arts and Crafts Center, 485-6687 or 06783-6-6687.

Special Events

Holiday Cards on the Lawn

Create a giant Holiday Card to be displayed Dec. 4-26 on the Smith Barracks main entrance road. There is no sign-up required, and participants wishing to enter may pick up their plywood "card" from DPW, Bldg. 8165, free of charge while supplies last. Once a card is ready for placement, please contact 485-1550 or 06783-6-1550.

Java Café

Winter Drink Specials

Christmas in a Cup is half eggnog and half chai, topped with whipped cream and cinnamon. The Eskimo Latte is white chocolate and Kahlua flavor blended with espresso and steamed milk, topped with whipped cream. The Black Forest Latte is dark chocolate and cherry flavor blended with espresso and steamed milk, topped with whipped cream. Take advantage of the Java Café on Smith Bks., Bldg. 8661.

Indoor Swimming Pool

Annual Maintenance Closure

Jan. 20-Feb. 28

This is annual preventative maintenance, which helps to ensure a safe and healthy swimming environment for all of our patrons throughout the year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Hilltop Theater

A Christmas Carol

Dec. 19 & 20, 7 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with this timeless Christmas classic. Everyone is invited to see Scrooge learn his lesson when it comes to the spirit of Christmas. Tickets may be reserved in advance through Hilltop Theater, Smith Bks., Bldg. 8218, 485-7244 or 06783-6-7244.

Baumholder Library

Sugar, Spice and Everything Nice

Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Enjoy the warmth of the season with coffee and sweet treats for patrons of all ages. Smith Bks., Bldg. 8332, 485-1740 or 06783-6-1740.

Child, Youth and School Services

Hourly Care Available at Wetzel CDC

In an effort to better serve the community, Wetzel CDC has opened two additional rooms for hourly care. This will greatly increase the number of hourly spaces available to the Baumholder Military Community. Hourly care is available for children ages 8 weeks to 5 years. For more information or to enroll in childcare, please contact the Wetzel CDC, Bldg. 8862, 485-7133 or 06783-6-7133.

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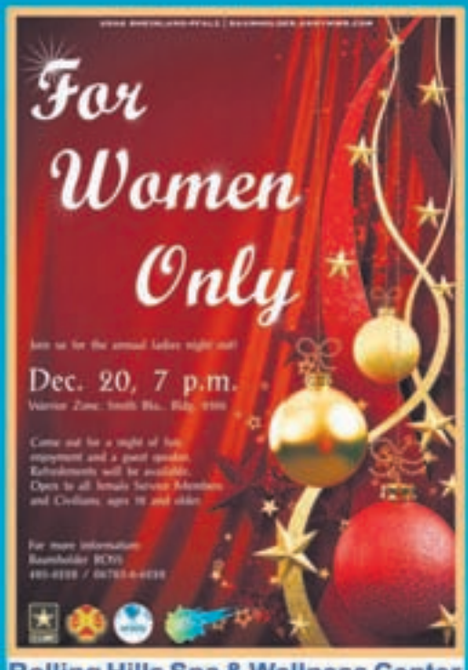
Do you have a young one interested in learning Classical Ballet? SKIES *Unlimited* offers Ballet lessons on a monthly basis every Tuesday afternoon. Lessons offered are: Preschool ballet, ages 3-5; Ballet I, ages 6-9; Ballet II, ages 6-13; Ballet III, ages 14 and up. All skill levels are welcome. Instructor has over 35 years of experience. Registration is required no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the event. For more information or to enroll, contact Parent Central Services, 485-7003 or 06783-6-7003.



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Now through Dec. 27

Enjoy amazing Holiday Specials! Receive a free eyebrow wax with any spa service purchased or receive a free paraffin wax treatment for your hands and feet when you purchase a facial and manicure combo or a facial and pedicure combo. Spa gift certificates make the perfect Christmas or Holiday gift for friends and loved ones. Spread the holiday cheer and pick one up today.

After Christmas Spa Special

Dec. 27

Only 9 slots are available for this special offer! Call and schedule your appointment for Dec. 27 and receive 10% off one spa service purchase or 20% off two spa service purchases! Also on this day, enjoy free hot drinks and pastries. Schedule your appointment in advance before they sell out.

Appointments can be made by calling or visiting Wetzel Kaserne, Bldg. 8895 on Mon, Wed, Fri or Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. If your call is not received, please leave a message and your call will be promptly returned.

Army Community Service

Nurturing Parenting

This 8-week class beginning in January teaches about how nurturing is the ability to care for and foster growth in yourself and others. It is a learned behavior, and nurturing and parenting skills can be developed through education. Come to one or all sessions and participate in activities designed to enhance self-awareness, empathy, personal empowerment, self-esteem and self-concept.

Register for ACS classes by calling the main line, 485-8188 or 06783-6-8188. ACS is located on Clinic Kaserne, Bldg. 8746.

Find out more online: baumholder.armymwr.com

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Air Force and Army Chapel Schedule

Protestant Services
POC for Miesau, Landstuhl and Daenner is the USAG R-P Chaplains Office in Bldg. 2919 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4098, civ. 0631-3406-4098

Miesau Chapel (Bldg. 3175)
Seventh-Day Adventist Worship
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays
Spanish Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays
Worship: 11 a.m. Saturdays Small Group: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays

Landstuhl Community Chapel (Bldg. 3773)
Worship: 11 a.m. Sundays
Children's Youth Church: 11 a.m. Sundays

Daenner Community Chapel (Bldg. 3150)
Chapel Next Worship
Worship: 10 a.m. Sundays
Children's Church: 10:30 a.m. Sundays

Ramstein North Chapel (DSN 480-6148, civ. 06371-47-6148)
Contemporary Service: 11 a.m. Sundays

Ramstein South Chapel (DSN 480-5753, civ. 06371-47-5753)
Liturgical Services: 9 a.m. Sundays
Liturgical Sunday School: 11 a.m. Sundays
Traditional Service: 11 a.m. Sundays

Vogelweh Chapel (DSN 489-6859, civ. 0631-536-6859)
Gospel Service: 11 a.m. Sundays. Protestant education classes are available for all ages at Vogelweh, Ramstein, Landstuhl and Daenner. For information, call DSN 480-2499/489-6743 or civ. 06371-47-2499/0631-536-6743.

Catholic Services

Daenner Community Chapel (Bldg. 3150)
Religious Education (grades K-8): 11 a.m. Sundays
Confession: 11:45 a.m. Sundays
Sunday Mass: noon

Landstuhl Community Chapel (Bldg. 3773)
Religious Education (following Mass)
Confession: 8:15-8:45 a.m. Sundays
Sunday Mass 9 a.m.

Ramstein North Chapel (DSN 480-6148, civ. 06371-47-6148)
Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Confession 4-4:45 p.m. Sundays

Vogelweh Chapel (DSN 489-6859, civ. 0631-536-6859)
Confession: 4-4:45 p.m.
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

Jewish Religious Services
Ramstein South Chapel Synagogue (DSN 480-5753, civ. 06371-47-5753)
Shabbat Evening Service: 7 p.m. Fridays

Islamic Services
Ramstein South Chapel Mosque (480-5753)
Jumu'ah Prayer, 1:30 p.m.
For religious education and daily prayers, check the prayer schedule

Orthodox Christian
Kapaun Chapel (DSN 489-6859, civ. 0631-536-6859)
Divine Liturgy: 9 a.m. Sundays
Confessions by appointment

Youth Group
Kaiserslautern Youth of the Chapel (Religious Youth Center, Pulaski Bks., Bldg. 2869)
"Plugged In" Middle School Youth Group:
2-4 p.m. Sundays
Café Dinner (for students and their families): 4:15-5:15 p.m. Sundays
"The Rock" High School Youth Group:
5:30-7:30 p.m. Sundays
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Protestant Youth of the Chapel Ramstein North Chapel
"Vision" Middle School Ministry
Tuesdays 3:15-5:00pm
"Salvage" High School Ministry
Tuesdays 7:00-8:45pm
Vogelweh Chapel
Teen Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm
Info: www.ramsteinpyoc.blogspot.com

Episcopal (St. Albans)
10:30 a.m. Sundays, Kapaun Chapel

Korean Service
1 p.m. Sundays, Ramstein South Chapel

Unitarian
Universalist Service, 1:30 p.m. second and fourth Sundays (Sept.-May), Kapaun Chapel

Wiccan
7 p.m. first and third Saturdays, Kapaun Annex

Confessional Lutheran (WELS)
4 p.m. second and fourth Sundays, Ramstein South Chapel

Photo by City of Kaiserslautern

The Kaiserslautern Christmas market closes Tuesday and reopens Dec. 27 to 30.

Christmas market turns into New Year's market

by Petra Lessoing
86th Airlift wing Public Affairs

The Kaiserslautern Christmas market will end Tuesday, but for those who are not ready to let go of that special holiday atmosphere, the market will reopen Dec. 27 to 30 as a New Year's market.

As in recent weeks, daily special events, including musical performances, the daily opening of the giant Advent calendar and the baking in the children's bakery, will continue.

At 3 p.m. today, the Protestant youth will put on a Christmas performance after the opening of the door of the giant Advent calendar in the yard of Stiftskirche. The Kolping Brass Orchestra will play from 6 to 8 p.m. on the stage at Schillerplatz, and at 8 p.m. winter jazz can be heard inside the Stiftskirche.

Music students from Emmerich-Smola Music School will present the "Little Market Music" at noon Saturday in Stiftskirche and perform Christmas songs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Schillerplatz. Bob Mency and Julius Messemer will perform pop and soul music from 6 to 9 p.m., and Max Punstein and Luis Cardoso will present Brazilian sounds.

On Sunday, the Christmas market program will begin at 3 p.m. with a ukulele orchestra to be followed by a brass ensemble.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Advent calendar's doors will open at 4 p.m. American singer Klyvie Live will perform the most famous American Christmas songs from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday on Schillerplatz and 7:45 to 9 p.m. in front of Stiftskirche.

The Christmas market will be closed on Christmas Eve and the following two Christmas holidays.

Visitors will get a second chance to taste another glühwein or eat a Thüringer bratwurst during the New Year's market Dec. 27 to 30. The local radio station Antenne Kaiserslautern will present their Antenne Allstars from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 27 at the stage on Schillerplatz. A Christmas present swap meet will take place for people who don't like their gifts. The brass ensemble Rennquintett will present a concert at 8 p.m. in the Stiftskirche.

Donovan Aston will present his program, "One Piano – One Voice," from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 28, and the band Blinded will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 29.

On Dec. 30, the New Year's market will end with musical entertainment by Rick Cheyenne, who will perform from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Schillerplatz and 7:45 to 9 p.m. in front of the Stiftskirche.

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Keep sidewalks free of snow, ice

by Petra Lessoing
86th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs

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Off-base residents must sweep the snow off their sidewalk.

As a way to avoid accidents, each German community has rules regarding the removal of snow and ice on sidewalks. Residents living off base should check their rental contracts to find out about these obligations. The rental contract clearly states who must keep sidewalks free of ice and snow.

Usually, landlords turn this obligation over to their renters. As soon as there is a danger of black ice, renters or landlords must throw salt, sand or gravel on walkways.

Snow must be swept so pedestrians can walk. In some communities, residents are not allowed to use salt because it can damage the environment and loosen or damage sidewalk tiles.

Home owners or renters don't have to clear the whole sidewalk of ice and snow, but they must clear a path so two people can get by. Renters or landlords don't have to remove snow if it continues snowing, but they must remove it 15 to 30 minutes after it stops snowing.

The snow has to be removed in a way that does not impact traffic.

In most communities, sweeping snow and throwing salt, sand or gravel must be done between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on workdays. On weekends, the snow removal obligation starts at 9 a.m. The general rule is: first sweep off the snow, then throw salt, sand or gravel.

In extreme weather, the cleaning procedures must be repeated throughout the day. If home owners are, according to their contract, obliged to take care of cleaning the sidewalks, they must find somebody to do it for them if they won't be able to because of sickness, work or other obligations.

If pedestrians injure themselves on sidewalks that have not been properly swept, home owners or renters can be held liable, and they may have to pay for medical treatment, compensation and sometimes even a fine.

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Holiday Schedule - December 2014

ORTHODOX COMMUNITY
Saturday, 6 December
Liturgy for St. Nicholas
Kapaun Chapel, 0900
Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Matins and Liturgy for the Nativity
Kapaun Chapel, 1800

JEWISH COMMUNITY
Tuesday, 16 December
Hanukkah Celebration/Pizza Dinner
South Chapel Synagogue, 1730

EPISCOPAL SERVICE
Sunday, 21 December
Lessons and Carols, 1030
Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve Service, 1600
Kapaun Chapel

KOREAN SERVICE
Thursday, 25 December
Service, 1100, South Chapel

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Wednesday 3 & 10 December
Advent Confessions
Ramstein North Chapel, 1600-1900
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, 8 December
Masses - Holy Day of Obligation
Ramstein North Chapel,
0700, 1130 & 1730

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Vigil Mass
Ramstein North Chapel, 1700
Christmas Mass During the Night
Pre-Mass Caroling, 2330
Ramstein North Chapel, 2400
Thursday, 25 December
Christmas Morning Mass
Ramstein North Chapel, 0900
Wednesday, 31 December
Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass
Ramstein North Chapel, 1730
Thursday, 1 January
Mary, Mother of God
Ramstein North Chapel, 0900 Mass

PROTESTANT COMMUNITY
Wednesdays, 3, 10 & 17 Dec
Liturgical Advent Service
1800 *Soup Supper*
1900 *Service*
Ramstein South Chapel
Wednesday, 24 December
Liturgical Candle Light
Christmas Eve Service with Communion
Ramstein South Chapel, 2000
Wednesday, 24 December
Contemporary/Traditional
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Ramstein North Chapel, 1930
Wednesday, 31 December
Gospel Service
New Year's Eve Watch Night Service
Vogelweh Chapel, 2300

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KMC Onstage presents 'Fiddler on the Roof'

There's still time to see KMC Onstage's latest production, "Fiddler on the Roof." The story centers around poor dairyman Tevye and his five daughters who live in the colorful and tight-knit Jewish village of Anatevka. Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill in them tradition in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. The next showings of "Fiddler on the Roof" will take place at 7:30 p.m. today, Saturday and Jan. 9, 10, 16 and 17, and 3 p.m. Jan. 11 and 18 (special family matinees). Tickets cost $14 for adults, $12 for students and senior citizens (60 and over), $10 for children 9 to 12 years old, $8 for children 6 to 8 years old, $5 for children 3 to 5 years old, free for Fisher House families and wounded warriors, and $45 for a special family pass (family of four or more). Children between 3 and 5 years old are only permitted to special Sunday family matinees. Children under 3 are not permitted to any performance.
For more information on KMC Onstage performances and upcoming auditions, see Mark Your Calendar on Page 22.

Education Notes

One-day indoor soccer clinics

SKIESUnlimited is offering one-day indoor soccer clinics taught by a professional coach. Clinics are as follows: Jan. 24, technique; Feb. 7, speed, agility and quickness; March 7, Shooting, finishing and goalkeeping. Varying costs and times for each clinic. Open to ages 3 to 18. Clinics will be held at the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Special Events Center, Bldg. 237. To register, contact Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122, or the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

KMC Teen Shuttle

Child, Youth & School Services offers a KMC Teen Shuttle service. Pick-up/drop-off points are located throughout Vogelweh, Vogelweh Housing, Ramstein and Landstuhl. ID card, shuttle card and permissions slips are required to ride the shuttle. To apply for your Shuttle Card, contact Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122, or the Family and MWR One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

Music lessons

SKIESUnlimited music lessons are designed to teach all levels and abilities. Voice, piano, music and violin lessons are available for children and youth ages 18 months to 18 years old. Children and youth will participate in recitals. For details, contact Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122, or the Family and MWR One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

Tots and Tales Story Time

Tots and Tales Story Time promotes educational development and reading readiness in young children from 12 to 18 months old. Tots and Tales Story Time is held at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday in Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks. No sign-up required. For details, call 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

German-American friendship choir

The Otterberger Singing Squirrels Kinderchor, a German-American children's friendship choir that began in April 2011, is inviting interested children from 6 to 11 years old to join the choir for the 2014-2015 school year. Rehearsals take place from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Grundschule Aula, third floor, Hauptstrasse 20, 67697 Otterberg. The choir performs at local Christmas markets and festivals, in exchange concerts with local American schools, and in children's benefit concerts. For details, call Suann A. Strickland at 06301-38-98107 or email suannstrickland@gmail.com.

Driver's education

Installation Management Command-Europe provides a comprehensive driver's education program for high school students in Europe. It is made possible through a collaborative effort and contract with the German National Federation of Driving Instructors (Fahrlehrerverband). For details and to register, contact Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122, or the Family and MWR One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

Preschool story time

The Rheinland-Pfalz Library hosts a story time for preschool-aged children from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the library, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks. No sign-up required. For more information, call 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

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Shooting Stars shine bright

Vogelweh's Shooting Star Chorus shined some light on the holiday season with their winter performance. This holiday program featured a variety of music styles that included partner songs, rounds, and two-part harmony, as well as two works performed by a select recorder group. Soloists highlighted the concert with Owl City's "Shooting Star" and the spiritual "Shine a Little Light."

Cheer, tumbling classes

SKIESUnlimited offers cheer and tumbling classes for youth, ages 6 to 18. Classes help to improve strength, flexibility, jumps and tumbling. Classes are offered on a monthly basis at the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Special Events Center, Bldg. 237. For class offerings, times and prices, contact Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122, or the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

2015 Holidays in Germany

For planning purposes, the following is a list of German holidays in 2015:

Jan. 1 – New Year's
Jan. 6 – Three Kings' Day (official holiday in Bavaria, Sachsen and Baden-Württemberg only)
Feb. 16 – Rose Monday (no legal holiday)
Feb. 17 – Shrove Tuesday (Fasching – no legal holiday)
Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday (no legal holiday)
April 3 – Good Friday
April 5 and 6 – Easter
May 1 – Labor Day
May 14 – Ascension Day
May 24 and 25 – Pentecost
June 4 – Corpus Christi Day (official holiday in the states of Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg, Hessen, Nordrhein-Westfalen and Sachsen)
Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (only in Bavaria and Saarland)
Oct. 3 – Unification Day
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day
Dec. 25 and 26 – Christmas

Recycle your Christmas Tree

The waste management office of the Kaiserslautern County Administration asks KMC residents to properly recycle their Christmas trees.

Residents can drop off the trees at the official collection points for green waste in their villages, or they can place their Christmas trees in front of the house on the edge of the road by 6 a.m. on pick-up days.

The trees will be used to make compost, so residents are asked to make sure all decorations, including tinsel, are removed. Trees that still have some decorations will not get picked up.

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Kaiserslautern County Administration waste management office workers pick up Christmas trees for recycling.

Below is a list of pick-up dates for Christmas trees:

- Jan. 12: Bruchmühlbach, Miesau, Buchholz, Elschbach, Vogelbach
- Jan. 13: Langwieden, Lambsborn, Gerhardsbrunn, Martinshöhe, Bann, Oberarnbach, Mittelbrunn, Queidersbach
- Jan. 14: Linden, Krickenbach, Schopp, Stelzenberg, Langensohl, Trippstadt, Johanniskreuz, Waldleiningen, Frankenstein, Fischbach
- Jan. 15: Hochspeyer, Alsenborn, Enkenbach
- Jan. 16: Mehlingen, Sembach, Neuhemsbach
- Jan. 19: Weilerbach, Rodenbach, Erzenhausen, Samuelshof, Eulenbis, Schwedelbach, Pörrbach
- Jan. 20: Frankelbach, Olsbrücken, Sulzbachtal, Mehlbach, Katzweiler, Hirschhorn
- Jan. 21: Heiligenmoschel, Schallodenbach, Schneckenhausen, Niederkirchen, Morbach, Heimkirchen, Wörsbach
- Jan. 22: Baalborn, Otterberg, Drehenthalerhof
- Jan. 23: Otterbach, Sambach
- Jan. 20: Mackenbach, Kollweiler, Reichenbach-Steegen, Fockenberg-Limbach, Albersbach, Obermohr, Kirchmohr, Schrollbach, Reuschbach, Weltersbach
- Jan. 27: Ramstein, Miesenbach, Kottweiler-Schwanden, Steinwenden
- Jan. 28: Hauptstuhl, Spesbach, Hütschenhausen, Katzenbach, Niedermohr
- Jan. 29: Landstuhl
- Jan. 30: Kindsbach

For more information, call the Kaiserslautern County waste management office at 0631-7105-408 or 7105-319.

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Events

» **The Ramstein Officers' Club offers Champagne brunch** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday. The cost is $19.95 for members, $24.95 for non-members, $7.95 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under 5.

» **The Ramstein Enlisted Club offers "Soul Sophistication,"** a creative open mic venue for poets, singers, songwriters, musicians and more at 9 p.m. every first Friday of the month. The event is free for club members and costs $5 for non-members.

KMC Onstage

KMC Onstage is located in Bldg. 3232 on Kleber Kaserne. For more information, contact Nate Records at 483-6252 or 0631-411-6252 or via email at nathan.d.records.naf@mail.mil. To reserve tickets, visit http://kaiserslautern.armymwr.com, visit KMC Onstage from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, or by calling 483-6626 or 0631-411-6626.

» **Fiddler on the Roof:** Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Jan. 9, 10, 16 and 17, and 3 p.m. Jan. 11 and 18 (special family matinees).

» **Kindertransport:** Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and 18 and March 6, 7, 13 and 14, and 3 p.m. March 8 and 15.

» **Blue Door:** Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7. For mature audiences.

» **What is This Thing Called Love?:** A wine and cheese cabaret event at the Kaiserslautern Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 3109 on Daenner Kaserne. Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 14. Payment for wine and cheese option due no later than Feb. 10. Cost is $25 for adults who want the wine and cheese option; $13 for adults who want the show only; $22 for students and adults 60 and over for the wine and cheese event; $12 for students and adults 60 and over for show only; and free for Fisher House families and wounded warriors. Children under 10 are not permitted.

» **Young Frankenstein:** Auditions are Jan. 20 and 21. Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. April 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18, and 3 p.m. April 12 and 19. This production is recommended for mature audiences.

» **2015 IMCOM-E Army Entertainment Tournament of Plays Awards Show:** 6 p.m. April 25 at Armstrong's Club. Reservations are only available through the community entertainment director. Cost is $25 per person. Advanced reservations and payment are required.

» **Moon Over Buffalo:** Auditions to be held at 7 p.m. March 9 and 10. Show dates are at 7:30 p.m. May 29 and 30 and June 5, 6, 12 and 13, and 3 p.m. June 7 and 14.

Armstrong's Club Events

Armstrong's Club is located in Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Family Housing. Call 0631-354-9986 for details. Unless otherwise stated, events have no cover charge and are open to all ID cardholders and their guests, 18 and over.

» **Swag Saturdays:** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dec. 27. Enjoy the hottest hip-hop, R&B and Reggae hits.

» **New Year's Eve party:** 9 p.m. Dec. 31. Evening features appetizers, party favors and a live DJ. Cover charge is $10.

» **Battle of the DJs:** 9 p.m. Jan. 3, 10 and 17. Audience determines who moves forward. Finale to be held during the Super Bowl party Feb. 1 at the Kazabra Club. For more information, visit www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com.

» **Winter Family Ball:** 5 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25. Evening includes a banquet style, a character meet and greet, and an event keepsake. Seating is limited, and early reservations are recommended. Tickets may be purchased online via WebTrac or at any Java Cafe in the KMC. Cost is $29.95 for adults, $19.95 for children and free for children under 2.

» **Industry Night Mondays:** 5 to 10 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month. This night for service industry employees features raffles, cocktails and music.

» **Motown Tuesdays:** 5 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday. Includes special martini menu and jazz music.

» **Trivia Wednesdays:** 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday.

» **Latin Fusion Saturdays:** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays.

» **Sunday Sports:** 2 to 11 p.m. every Sunday. Enjoy live sports playing on all TV screens. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Kazabra Club Events

Kazabra Club is located in Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. Call 489-7261 or 0631-636-7261 for details. Unless otherwise stated, events have no cover charge and are open to all ID cardholders and their guests, 18 and over.

» **New Year's Eve party:** 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dec. 31. Buffet is included. Cover charge is $10.

» **Urban Nights:** 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every other Friday.

» **Country Karaoke:** 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every other Friday. Sing your favorite country hit and take a spin on the mechanical bull, Tornado.

» **Texas Hold 'em:** 8 p.m. to midnight every Friday. Buy-in is $25. Register and buy-in by 7 p.m.

» **Country Nights:** 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturdays. Dance lessons take place from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a $5 cover charge.

» **Sunday Sports:** 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays. Enjoy 50 cent wings and $1 hot dogs, and take part in fun sports trivia.

Jobs

» **A USAJobs workshop** will be held from 10 a.m. to noon today in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Want to learn more about finding a government job? Get the one-up on competition with hands-on instruction and assistance from our training employment readiness expert. RSVP required. For more information and to enroll, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Meetings

» **Join the New Parent Support Program** and other community counterparts for information about pregnancy and newborns at the next Expectant Parent Orientation from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Landstuhl Learning Center, Bldg. 3718 on Landstuhl's Wilson Barracks. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 493-4659 or 0631-3406-4659.

Support Groups

» **CAUSE (Community for Autism Awareness, Understanding, Support and Education),** a support group for members of the community who have an autistic family member, meets from 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Vogelweh Elementary School media center. No registration required.

Classes and Training

» **Comfort Measures and Relaxation for Childbirth** takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. today in the Vogelweh Fitness Center spin room. Bring a partner or friend, water, and wear comfortable clothes. Topics include: massage and acupressure, positions for labor, use of tools such as the birth ball, meditation and focusing techniques, aromatherapy, and hot and cold therapies. For more information or to register, call 493-4659 or 0631-3406-4659.

» **A couples communication class** takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Join us for this two-part series as we explore various paths to better communication, effective listening and understanding. Bring your lunch and take advantage of this great opportunity. For more information and to enroll, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

» **The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center on Ramstein** will offer its pilot Russian courses for free to U.S. service members and eligible Department of Defense civilians. Enrollment is limited to 12 learners per class, and priority is given to U.S. service members who have mission-related travels or interests in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Course dates will take place Jan. 12 to March 6 at the language lab on Ramstein, Bldg. 548, Room 102. Beginners classes are from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; intermediate classes are from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and advanced classes are from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For details, contact Al Fragoso at alfonso.fragoso@us.af.mil or 478-2303.

Baumholder Events

» **Santa will be visiting** the Wiggles and Giggles Playgroup from 11 a.m. to noon today in Bldg. 8884 on Wetzel Kaserne. Infants and children up to the age of 5 are invited to have their pictures taken with Santa. Pictures are free but will not be printed on-site. They can be downloaded digitally. For more information, call 485-8188 or 06783-6-8188.

» **Bowl for your chance to win a bone-in ham for Christmas dinner** Saturday at the Strikers Bowling Center. The event takes place at 1 p.m. for children 12 and under, 3 p.m. for ages 13 to 17, and 5 p.m. for ages 18 and older. The top three scores from each age category will win a bone-in ham. Entry fee is $12. For more information or to register, contact Strikers Bowling Center, Bldg. 8105 on Smith Barracks, at 485-6569 or 06783-6-6569.

» **Join BOSS for the annual ladies night out.** The women-only event will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Warrior Zone, Bldg. 8106 on Smith Barracks. The night will feature fun and a guest speaker. Refreshments will be available. Open to all female service members and civilians, ages 18 and older. For more information, call Baumholder BOSS at 485-6228 or 06783-6-6228.

» **Create a giant holiday card** that will be displayed on the Smith Barracks main entrance road until Dec. 26. This is open to all directorates, offices, units, tenant organizations, FRGs, etc. There is no sign-up required, and participants wishing to enter may pick up their plywood "card" from DPW, Bldg. 8165, for free while supplies last. Once a card is ready for placement, call 485-1550 or 06783-6-1550.

» **The Baumholder indoor swimming pool** will be closed for annual maintenance from Jan. 20 to March 3. This is annual preventative maintenance that helps to ensure a safe and healthy swimming environment for all patrons. For more information, call 485-7093/6575 or 06783-6-7093/6575.

» **Did you know you can rent a Santa suit** from the Baumholder Arts and Crafts Center? Book yours today before the Christmas rush. The rental fee is $25 per day, and a $50 deposit is required at the time of the booking. For more information, contact the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 8104 on Smith Barracks, at 485-6687 or 06783-6-6687.

Community CORNER

Airman & Family Readiness Center

For details or to sign up for a class, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 480-5100.

MONDAY

» Ramstein In-Processing (RIP) Line: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2402

» First Duty Station Officers Financial Brief: 10 a.m. to noon, A&FRC

TUESDAY

» Reintegration briefing: 9 to 11 a.m., IDRC

» Pre-deployment briefing: 1 to 3 p.m., IDRC

WEDNESDAY

» A&FRC closed

THURSDAY

» A&FRC closed — Merry Christmas!

DEC. 29

» Ramstein In-Processing (RIP) Line: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2402

» Pre-separation counseling: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., A&FRC

DEC. 30

» Reintegration briefing: 9 to 11 a.m., IDRC

» Pre-deployment briefing: 1 to 3 p.m., IDRC

DEC. 31

» A&FRC closed

JAN. 1

» A&FRC closed — Happy New Year!

JAN. 2

» A&FRC closed

JAN. 5

» Ramstein In-Processing (RIP) Line: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2402

» Ramstein spouses orientation: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., A&FRC

JAN. 6

» Reintegration briefing: 9 to 11 a.m., IDRC

» Sponsoring in the KMC: 9 to 10 a.m., A&FRC

» Resume Writing 101: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., A&FRC

» Pre-deployment briefing: 1 to 3 p.m., IDRC

» EFMP Arts & Crafts: 4 to 5 p.m., Skills Development Center

JAN. 7

» Base INTRO: 7:30 to 11:45 a.m., E-Club

» Career Technical Training Track: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., A&FRC

» EFMP Playgroup: 10 a.m. to noon, Vogelweh Community Center

» ADHD 101 Support Group: 5 to 6:30 p.m.

JAN. 8

» Ramstein In-Processing (RIP) Line: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2402

» Career Technical Training Track: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., A&FRC

» Four Lnses Training: 9 to 11 a.m., A&FRC

» Pre-separation counseling: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., A&FRC

JAN. 9

» New commanders, first sergeants, superintendents immersion brief: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., A&FRC

Child/Youth

For details and to register for KMC youth instructional classes, visit www.86fss.com, select "Family" and click "Instructional Classes," or call Ramstein Youth Programs at 06371-47-6444 or Vogelweh Youth Programs at 0631-536-6504. Most of these classes run through May 2015.

Ramstein Youth Programs

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

» **MONDAY:** Mannheim Christmas market, Luisenpark Christmas trees and winter playground, $25.

» **TUESDAY:** Trier Christmas market, Porta Nigra, Roman bath and cathedral visit, $25.

» **WEDNESDAY:** Christmas around the world with fun activities, such as making Christmas ornaments, crafts, present exchange, games, Christmas karaoke, Christmas trivia with prizes, kinder glühwein, making Christmas food samples from Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, and finding Santa geocaching, weather permitting, $25.

» **DEC. 29:** Gondwana Praehistorium, fossil collection and dinoland fun palace, $35.

» **DEC. 30:** Dynamikum Science Center and Pirmasens city visit, $25.

» **DEC. 31:** New Year's around the world with fun activities, such as games, team building, crafts, trivia with prizes, apple cider, New Year's traditional food samples (Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Italy), and outdoor mini bonfire with marshmallows and cider, weather permitting, $25.

IMPORTANT CAMP NOTES

» **PACKING LIST:** Backpacks with lunch, snacks, water and euro for souvenirs.

» **DRESS:** Layers, footwear and outer garments for cold, wind, rain or snow, including hats, gloves and a change of socks. Lunch will be provided by youth programs Wednesday and Dec. 31 (non-field day activities on base). All medical or other important issues need to be addressed during camp sign-up. Sign-up is limited and must be made in person with youth programs today. Call 480-6444 or 06371-47-6444.

Health Promotion

For more information, call Health Promotion at 06371-47-4292 or 480-4292.

TUESDAY

» BOD POD: 2 to 4 p.m.

DEC. 29

» Healthy Eating: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

JAN. 5

» Healthy Eating: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Family Advocacy

To register for classes or for more information, call 479-2370 or 06371-46-2370.

» **EXPECTANT PARENT ORIENTATION (MONTHLY):** Orientation is from 8 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Learning Resource Center, Bldg. 3718 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Learn about birth registration, passports and more. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 479-2098 or 06371-46-2098.

» **ANGER MANAGEMENT (FOUR SESSIONS):** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Anger is a normal human emotion. In this training you will learn new strategies for managing this strong emotion in healthy ways. Effective anger management results in better well-being and happier relationships with others.

» **PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC (FOUR SESSIONS):** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Learn to turn the challenges of raising children into opportunities for growth. Learn basic strategies to help guide children's behavior and encourage success.

» **KIDS FIRST: STRATEGIES FOR POSITIVE CO-PARENTING:** 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 26. This interactive training will focus on how to help your children cope with separation or divorce. We will discuss ways to handle stress, cope with difficult emotions, communicate positively with the other parent and support your children.

Medical Group

» **SELF INITIATED CARE KIT,** twice a month. Call 479-2273 (CARE) to sign up for a class.

» **ATTENTION: TRICARE ONLINE IS AVAILABLE** for your convenience. Schedule your own appointments, home care website, check labs, nurse advice line, medication refills and more. For more information or to register online, visit www.tricareonline.com.

ASACS

» Adolescent Support and Counseling Service is a comprehensive program that provides prevention education and counseling services to 11- to 19 year-old ID cardholders in the military community. Their mission is to provide comprehensive counseling services to adolescents and military families stationed OCONUS while enhancing military readiness and quality of life. In addition, ASACS offers life skills classes that promote health and personal development in the Department of Defense schools. ASACS participates in supportive activities related to military life transitions and provides individual, group and family counseling services. ASACS counselors' offices are located in Department of Defense schools for the convenience of military families. ASACS counseling services are completely confidential. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday; however, flexible appointment times are available to meet the needs of military families. Contact your school ASACS counselor for more information.

Military family life consultants

» Military family life consultants are licensed clinical providers who assist service members and their families with issues they may face throughout the cycle of deployment to reintegrating with their family and community. The MFLC program provides short-term, non-medical counseling support for a range of issues, including relationships, crisis intervention, stress management, grief, occupational and other individual and family issues. Psychoeducational presentations focus on issues common to the military family, including reunion/reintegration, stress/coping, grief/loss and deployment/reintegration. For more information, call 0152-24211233, 0152-02663352, 0176-69333243 or 0151-5674 8179.

SARC

» The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Hotline is available 24/7 by calling 480-7272 or 06371-47-7272.

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KMC Cultural Highlights

by Petra Lessoing
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The following is a list of performances and events happening in the KMC and nearby. Dates are subject to change.

Performing arts

Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern:

• "Der Chinese," a farce by Benjamin Lauterbach, in German, 8 p.m. today and Jan. 15.

• "Bolero," a ballet by Stefano Gianetti with music by Maurice Ravel, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 13, and 4 p.m. Dec. 28.

• "Der Vorname,"a comedy, in German, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 and 7 p.m. Dec. 31.

• Advent concert with Christmas stories and music by Michael Haydn, Edward Elgar, Allan Stephenson and Georg Philipp Telemann, 11 a.m. Sunday.

• "Floh im Ohr," a comedy by Georges Feydeau, in German, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 16 and 24.

• "West Side Story," a musical by Leonard Bernstein, in German, 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Dec. 27.

• "Pariser Leben," an operetta by Jacques Offenbach, 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9.

• New Year's concert features a musical trip through Europe, 5 p.m. Jan. 1.

For details, call 0631-3675-209 or visit www.pfalztheater.de.

Kammgarn Kaiserslautern:

• Pauline Ngoc presents the "Third Nuit de la Chanson" with guests performing French chansons, 8 p.m. today. Tickets cost €17.

• German singer Thomas Godoj presents rock and pop, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €28.

• Christmas cult soul show with Stephan Flesch, Markus Ziegler & Knecht Ruprecht Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

• No Music in K-Town with the bands J.V. Soul, Mega Cat and NNAIK, 8 p.m. Dec. 27.

• The Big International Boogie Woogie Nights, 8 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30. Tickets cost €32.

For more information, visit www.kammgarn.de.

Fruchthalle, Kaiserslautern:

• Russian Chamber Philharmonics St. Petersburg presents an operetta gala with works by Johann Strauss, Walter Kollo, Franz Lehár, Jacques Offenbach, 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Tickets cost €31 to €41. For tickets, call Kaiserslautern Tourist-Info at 0631-365-2317.

• The 12 Tenors present pop, rock, opera and operetta music, 8 p.m. Jan. 9. Tickets cost €40.95. For tickets, visit www.eventim.de.

Apostelkirche, Kaiserslautern, Spitalstrasse 23:

• "The Best of Black Gospel" on European tour, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Tickets cost €25. Advance tickets are available at the the Tourist Information Office at 0631-365-2317.

JUZ (Youth Center), Steinstrasse 47, Kaiserslautern:

• JUZ Allstar 2014 with 50 musicians including Forty Eight, Fresh Heads, Funhouse Plays Pink, Thin Pan Alley, 8 p.m. today. Tickets cost €10. Visit www.juz-kl.de.

SWR radio studio, Fliegerstrasse, Kaiserslautern:

• The German Radio Philharmonics presents a family concert featuring a Russian winter fairy tale, 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €6 for adults and €4 for children. For tickets, call 0631-36228-395-51.

Courtesy photo

Christmas in Speyer

The Christmas market in Speyer continues until 1 p.m. Wednesday. Speyer will then host a New Year's market from Dec. 27 to Jan. 6. An arts and crafts market is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A Nativity scene is available for viewing in the cathedral.

Courtesy photo

Christmas market in Mainz

A 35-foot-tall Christmas pyramid sits at the entrance to the Christmas market in Mainz, and life-size, hand-carved Nativity scene figures sit in front of the chapel of St. Martin's Dome. More than 100 vendor booths are still open through Tuesday.

Ramstein-Miesenbach, Haus des Bürgers:

• Habachtaler Unplugged — the party band presents cover songs, 8 p.m. Jan. 10. Tickets cost €10.

• New Year's concert with the symphony orchestra of the Kaiserslautern County, 5 p.m. Jan. 18. Tickets cost €26.30 to €32.90. For details, visit www.hausdesbuergers.de or call 06371-592-220.

Landstuhl Stadthalle:

• Children's theater: "Snow White and Rose Red," a fairy tale based on the book by Brothers Grimm, in local dialect, 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €4.50 for children and €6 for adults.

• "Blues Brothers — The Concert," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Tickets cost €19.50 to €28.

For more information, visit www.stadthalle-landstuhl.de or call 06371-92340.

Nationaltheater Mannheim, am Goetheplatz:

• "Casanova," a ballet by Robert Glumbek, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

• "Hänsel und Gretel," an opera by Engelbert Humperdinck, in German, for children 8 years and older, 6 p.m. Tuesday. For details, visit www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de.

English Theatre, Gallusanlage 7, Frankfurt:

• "Ghost: The Musical," based on the Oscar-winning movie, through March 29. For details, visit www.english-theatre.org.

Miscellaneous

• Kaiserslautern, event hall, Gartenschau Kaiserslautern, ice-skating rink open to Feb. 15. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m. daily; Fridays and Saturdays open until 10 p.m. For details, visit www.kl-on-ice.de.

• Siegelbach, zoo, free Christmas tour with a guide, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 26.

• Ramstein-Miesenbach, Haus des Bürgers, special exhibition, "Americans ... German caricatures of the early 1950s," runs to Jan. 25. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

• Ludwigshafen, Messplatz near Rathauscenter, Christmas Circus, Wednesday to Jan. 6.

For more information and tickets, visit www.ludwigshafener-weihnachtscircus.de.

Christmas markets

• Kaiserslautern, near Stiftskirche and Schillerplatz, Christmas market, to Tuesday; and Dec. 27 to 30.

• Kaiserslautern, Fruchthalle, to Sunday.

• Deidesheim (German Wine Street), today to Sunday.

• Otterberg, Saturday.

• Freinsheim, Bad Münster am Stein/Ebernburg, Wissembourg (France), Saturday and Sunday.

• Ludwigshafen, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Trier, today to Monday.

• Stuttgart, Mannheim, Darmstadt, Mainz, Wiesbaden, Worms, Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, Pirmasens, today to Tuesday.

• Speyer, today to Tuesday, Dec. 27 to 30, Jan. 2 to 6.

Flea markets

• Kaiserslautern, Pfalz-Center (across from Daenner Kaserne), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 3.

• Mehlingen, former Penny market (Tannenstrasse), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

• Bad Dürkheim, Saline (saltworks in Kurpark), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

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SPOTLIGHT

FITNESS

KMC Biggest Loser Challenge

Start your New Year off towards a healthy lifestyle. Participants will have support from the KMC community in staying active and making healthy choices. Earn points for class participation from the Aquatic Center, HAWC, OutDoor Rec and all KMC Fitness Centers. Program will run 5 January to 3 April 2015. Contact the Southside Fitness Center for more information or to register.

Aquatic Center Swim Clinics

The Ramstein Aquatic Center is offering a Swim Clinic on Saturday, 10 January. Learn how to perfect your stroke and build an effective swim workout from an experienced and certified coach! The class is $35 per person and begins at 0930. Clinics are for swimmers ages 16+ who can swim at least 50 meters of the chosen stroke in 2 minutes or less.

ENTERTAINMENT

Vogelweh Library Art Connection Spotlight

Visit the Vogelweh Library during December and January to view artwork by Monique Moniot Greathouse! The oil paintings, themed "Playful Explorations," showcase the talent of this local artist.

New Year's Eve Party at Vogelweh Bowling Center

Ring in the New Year with Vogelweh Bowling Center! Begin with open bowling from 1000 to 1800. Then from 2000-0030, rent a lane for $100 with up to 5 people per lane (must be reserved in advance). After 23 December, tickets will be $120 per lane with no refunds after 26 December. Participants will enjoy a dinner buffet and desserts, party favors, games, prizes and drawings. Sparkling Cider and Champagne sold separately.

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation Erbeskopf Ski Trip, 3 January
Mom & Tot Climbing, 8 January
Germany & France: Along the Border, 10 January

Ramstein Tickets & Tours

Vakenburg Christmas Cave, 21 December
Medieval Bonn Christmas, 22 December
Go! Bruges Snow & Ice Fest, 27 & 30 December

FAMILY & YOUTH

Candy Cane Lane

Get your family photos with Santa, 6-24 December at the Ramstein Community Center's one-of-a-kind holiday scene! Cost is $5 for a photo in a commemorative sleeve or $4 sitting fee if you choose to use your own camera. Saturday and Sunday, Dec 20 & 21 from 1300-1500; Monday, Dec 22 from 1730-1900; and Wednesday, Dec 24 from 1300-1500.

Holiday Family Nights

Stop in at the Ramstein Community Center on 8, 15 or 22 December for some extra special holiday family fun! While waiting for your photo with Jolly St. Nick, let your children enjoy some wintertime crafts and a bouncy castle! Event is from 1730-1900.

FOOD

Football Frenzy Sundays

Enjoy drink specials and giveaways every Sunday during football season at J.R. Rockers! Become eligible to win trips to NFL games and even the Super Bowl! Play our free Squares Board to win cash, sponsored by Rose Packing Company. Sign up for ESPN's Fantasy Football, Gridiron Challenge: http://games.espn.go.com/nfl-gridiron-challenge/2014/en

Flying Pig Smoked Whole Turkeys

The Flying Pig is selling smoked whole turkeys for only $4.00/lb. Orders MUST be placed at least 3 days in advance. Please make arrangements to pick up your order during business hours and Christmas Eve until Noon. Stop in or call to place an order and choose your size of turkey.

OTHER

Arts & Crafts Center

The Ramstein Arts & Crafts Center has a packed month of fun crafts and classes. Enhance your framing and matting skills on 20 December from 1000-1500, make fun popsicle stick snowflakes on Christmas Eve from 1300-1500 or learn to recycle your holiday wrapping paper and garland into New Year's hats on 27 December starting at noon. See their full calendar at RamsteinFSS.com for more information. Paid registration is required at least 24 hours prior to each class. All children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult at all times.

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Keep your holidays from going up in flames

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For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities, good cheer and newly practiced traditions. What few of us consider to realize is that the holiday season is a time of year when there is an increased risk of home fires.

According to the Ramstein Fire & Emergency Services flight, many households engage in holiday activities that serve as some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires, especially cooking. Christmas trees, candle usage and holiday decorations also significantly contribute to the seasonal causes of home fires. Add to that the hectic nature of the holidays, when people are trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time, and the chance for home fires grows even more.

"As everyone gets busier during the holidays, we often become rushed, distracted or tired," said Heinz Steiner, Ramstein Fire & Emergency Services flight senior fire inspector. "That's when home fires are more likely to occur."

The modern Christmas tree originated during the Renaissance of early modern Germany. Today it is called the "Weihnachtsbaum," "Christbaum" or "Tannenbaum."

Despite the tree's origin, according to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments annually respond to an average of 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees.

Fortunately, Ramstein and the surrounding communities have a much lower incidence. Nearly half of the fires are caused by electrical problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source that's too close to the tree.

The Ramstein Fire & Emergency Services flight offers the following advice for picking, placing and lighting your Christmas tree:

• Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.

• Never use lit candles to decorate the tree — a popular tradition from the 18th century.

• Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

• If you have an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.

• After Christmas, get rid of the live tree. Dry trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside the home.

• Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory (UL/FM), and make sure you know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.

• Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit and is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles and heat vents or lights.

• Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

• If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don't fall off when touched. Before placing it in the stand, cut one to two inches from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to water it daily.

In the 18th century, Christmas trees began to be illuminated by candles, which were ultimately replaced by Christmas lights after the advent of electricity. If that's not enough, consider this: Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. One in six (17 percent) occurred because some type of heat source was too close to the tree.

Staff Sgt. Edwin B. Ketcham, fire prevention inspector, said KMC residents should consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles but with reduced risk. However, if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where two of five U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep.

Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle; use common sense, Ketcham said. Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everybody.

"By taking some preventative steps and following simple rules of thumb, most home fires can be prevented — especially in the kitchen," said Staff Sgt. Timothy N. Solario, Ramstein Fire Prevention Office fire inspector.

Randall D. Marshall, Ramstein Fire & Emergency Services Flight fire chief, said the risk of fires in the household can be drastically reduced.

"The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs," he said. "By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards and make this time of year a healthy and happy one."

To report a fire (either ongoing or already extinguished), call 112 or 06371-47-112 immediately. For questions or concerns, fire prevention can be reached at 480-5940 or 06371-47-5940, or via email at 86ces.cef.firepreventionsection@us.af.mil.

New Year's Eve run

The Kottweiler-Schwanden sports club hosts the traditional New Year's Eve street run starting at 2:10 p.m. Dec. 31. The run will begin at Sulzbachhalle (community hall) and continue for 10 kilometers through the communities of Kottweiler-Schwanden, Steinwenden, Ramstein and Miesenbach. Organizers expect about 800 participants. An awards ceremony and festival with food and beverages will take place after the run in the community hall. For more information, visit www.sv-kottweiler-schwanden.de.

'Get Fit, Stay Fit' Fitness Expo

U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz Sports and Fitness presents the "Get Fit, Stay Fit" Fitness Expo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Sembach Fitness Center, Bldg. 105. Come sample a variety of fitness classes, rotating through each at 25 minute intervals. Enjoy yoga, Zumba, spin, weight training and more. The first 100 to register at any USAG Rheinland-Pfalz fitness center will receive a free T-shirt. Fitness trainers and massage therapists will be available. Open to all ID card holders, ages 18 and up. For more information, call 496-7530 or 06302-67-7530.

Woodlawn driving range upgrades

The Woodlawn Golf Course will be upgrading the driving range now until March. During the upgrade period, the range will be closed if workers are present. When workers are not present, the range will be open but limited to irons (no drivers or woods).

Adult Skate Night

Adult Skate Night will be held the second Friday of each month at Crossroads on Vogelweh. The cost is $10 with skate rental or $8 if you bring your own skates. Crossroads at Vogelweh has been movin' and groovin' to bring the latest music and lights to the skating rink. Bring back some childhood memories and enjoy a great date night or a fun singles night out! For adults 18 and over only. Hours are from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Landstuhl Fitness Center hours

Effective immediately, the new hours of operation for the Landstuhl Fitness Center are as follows: 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on training and federal holidays. For details, call the fitness center at 486-7172 or 06371-86-7172.

Youth Sports coaches needed

Are you interested in coaching? Youth Sports is currently seeking coaches for various youth sports. For more information or to get involved, call 486-8375 or 06371-86-8375.

MLK basketball championship

Show off your basketball skills at the Martin Luther King Birthday Basketball Championship Jan. 16 to 18. The tournament will be played at different fitness facilities througout U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz with games taking place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Registration is required by Jan. 13 and is limited to the first eight men and six women teams. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place teams along with first and second individual and MVP. For more information or to sign up, call Quinton Floyd at 493-2087 or 0631-3406-2087, or email quinton.floyd.civ@mail.mil.

NOW SHOWING

For a schedule that may be more up to date, visit the KA online at www.kaiserslauternamerican.com.

FRIDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 1 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 3:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
Arthur Christmas (PG) 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11:15 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) 1:45 p.m., 10:15 p.m.
Arthur Christmas (PG) 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m.
Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 2:15 p.m., 8 p.m.
Disney's: A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 2 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11:30 a.m., 4:45 p.m.
Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
Penguins of Madagascar (PG) 11 a.m.
Big Hero 6 (PG) 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 2 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11:30 a.m., 4:45 p.m.
Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
Penguins of Madagascar (PG) 11 a.m.
Big Hero 6 (PG) 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m.
Annie (PG) 11:15 a.m.
Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) 2:30 p.m.
Beyond the Lights (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Arthur Christmas (PG) 11 a.m.
Disney's: A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) 2 p.m.

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Paddington (PG)- Fri 15:45, Sat & Sun 13:30, Mon & Tue 15:30

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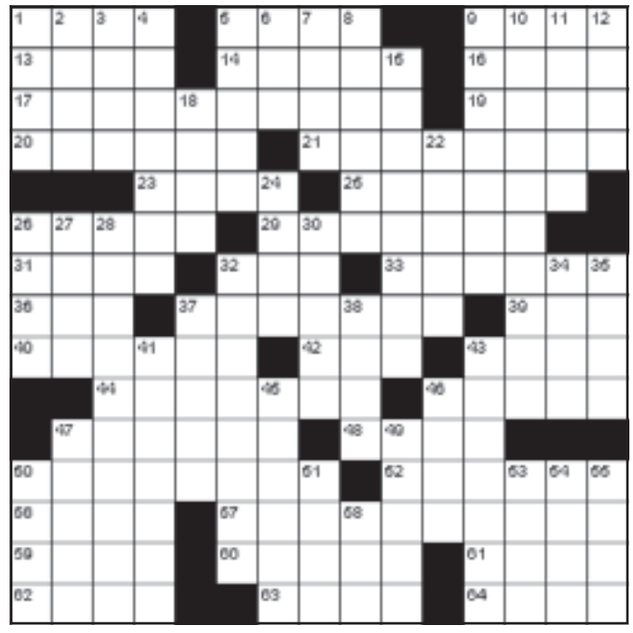

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47 Fame
48 Son of Isaac
50 Tower above
52 Thin pancakes
56 Bakery fixture
57 Pseudonym
59 Mao's successor
60 Jordan's capital
61 Barbershop request
62 Food morsels
63 "Stand ___"
64 Himilayan humanoid

DOWN

1 Shuttle scheduler
2 Theatrical lament
3 Snaps
4 Narrow bands
5 Boundary
6 Keats composition
7 "___ Misbehavin'"
8 Stevie Wonder's record label
9 A singing Jackson
10 Too
11 Community spirit
12 Close
15 Holmes' foe
18 Memo directive
22 Uncanny
24 Dutch cheese
26 "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
27 Sightseeing trip
28 Betrothal
30 De Valera of Ireland
32 Its capital is Gaborone
34 Fundamentals
35 Combustion byproduct
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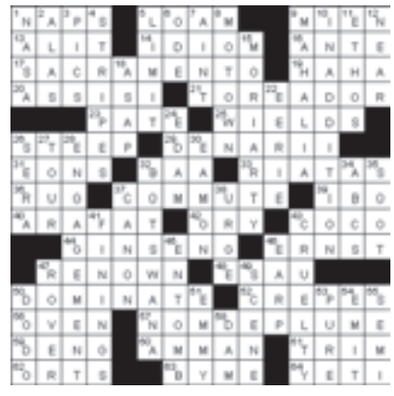

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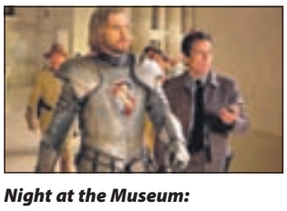

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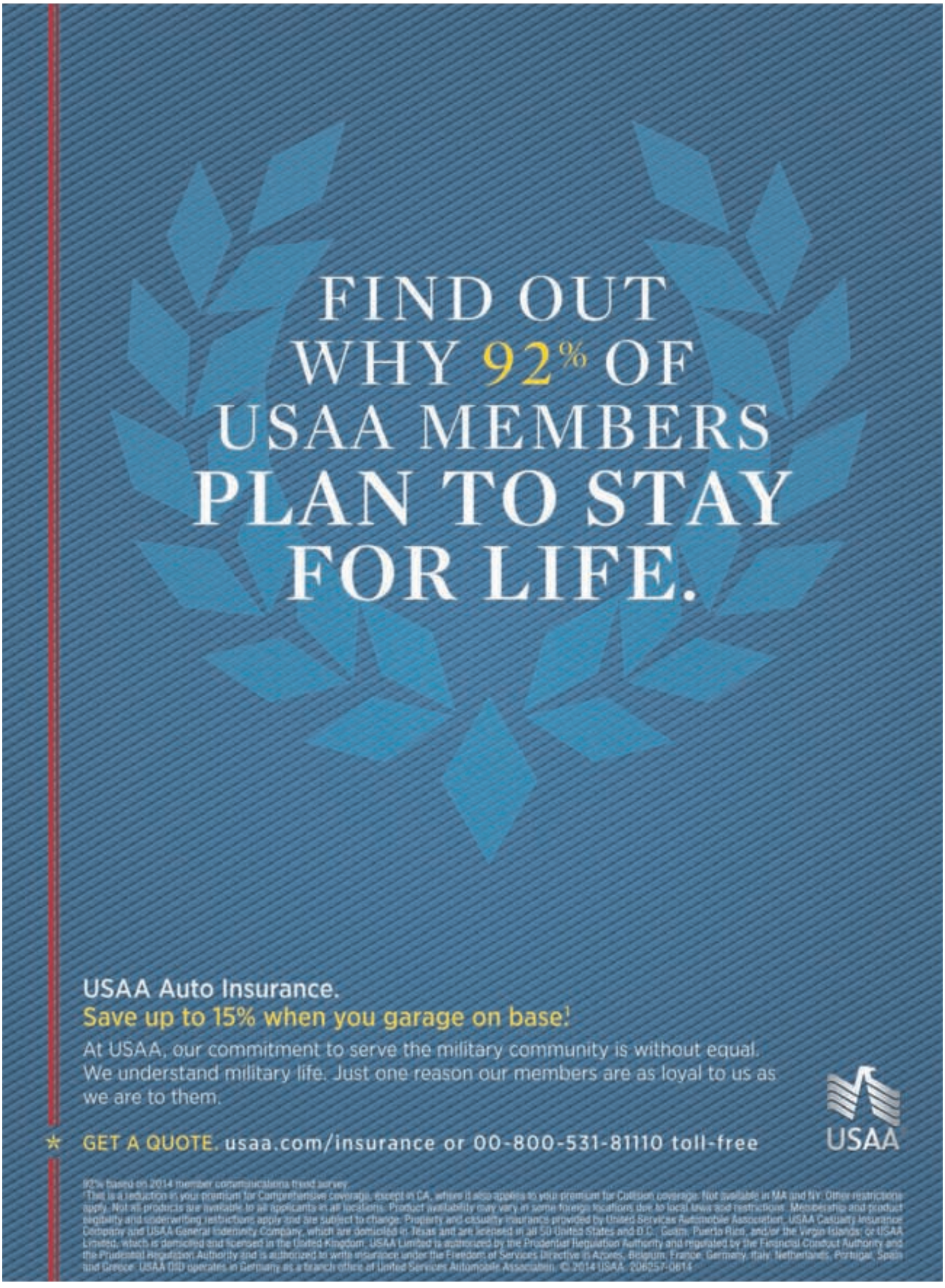
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Rodenbach, 67688, Amselstrasse 6a, 105sqm, rowhouse, 3BR, 1bath, guest bathrm, BIK, liv/dinrm 33sqm, balc, lrg garden, covered terrace, basement, new heater, washer/dryer inhouse, park spot, €715+util+one month rent, 0631-73744 or Chris Ynigues 0631-14829

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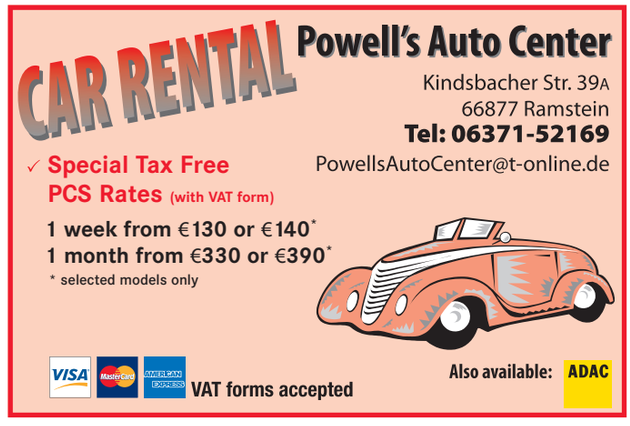

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Classic Area

For those who intend to visit Garmisch-Partenkirchen to learn to ski, head to Hausberg and Alpspitze, which combined make up the Classic Area ski-pass. Hausberg is the lowest point in the area and a superb destination for anyone just starting to ski, but it does get quite busy, especially at weekends. For more advanced skiers you can actually start at the Alpspitze mountain and discover all the runs there before skiing across to Hausberg to join your friends in the afternoon for a rewarding mug of steaming hot glühwein (but be aware that you can't ski back).There are some fantastic walking trails in this area (and beyond) in the summer, as well as some pretty awesome mountain-bike trails for adrenalin junkies!

Accommodation

Garmisch-Partenkirchen has no shortage of high-quality hotels and self-catering apartments to suit every budget and the entire town is very used to English-speaking American guests. Of course you can book into the military's own facility Edelweiß Lodge, where you will be able to book ski lessons, hire ski clothes and use all the facilities. But to get the best out of Garmisch-Partenkirchen we say get off base and be like a local. Our favourite family-run guest house and spa is the Forsthaus Graseck, situated just above the ski jump and ice stadium, nestled in a mountain-top destination and accessed only by it's very own ancient cable car (unless you have have a 4×4 vehicle). Aside from a warm welcome, wonderful local cuisine, open fires and very comfortable accommodation, they also offer torch-lit tours of the Partnenachklamm (gorge) which is situated at the foot of the hotel and is a magical way to spend the evening. Forsthaus-Graseck is currently under renovation and due to reopen again in Spring 2015, and if it's anything like it's predecessor, it's going to be well worth the wait!

Restaurants

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Catholic Worship

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Bilingual Mass,
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Christmas Eve Confession,
2100 at Rheinland Chapel

Christmas Carol Mass for Children,
2200 at Rheinland Chapel

Christmas Day Mass,
0900 at Rheinland Chapel

New Year's Day Mass,
0900 at Rheinland Chapel

Protestant Worship

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1900 at Rock Chapel

Christmas Day Worship,
1100 at Rock Chapel

USAG-RP Christmas Worship Schedule

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Christmas Eve

Mass 1730 at both
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Midnight Mass at LRMC Chapel

Christmas Day Mass,
1000 at LRMC Chapel

New Year's Eve Mass,
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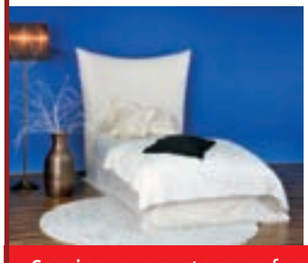
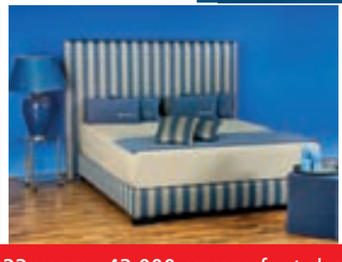
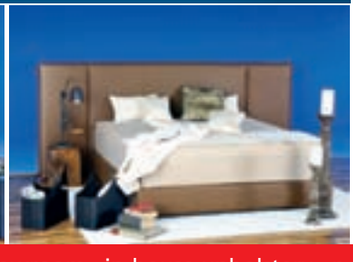
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