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Ramstein's Year in Review

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

Airmen from the 37th Airlift Squadron and the 86th Logistic Readiness Squadron load a pallet of toys into one of Ramstein's C-130J Super Hercules for an International Jump Week Toy Drop event Dec. 7, 2015, on Ramstein. Airmen, Soldiers, NATO members and Santa Claus parachuted out of the plane along with the pallet of toys at Alzey Drop Zone, Germany.

86th MDOS Airman STEPs up career

by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Megan Cotter, 86th Medical Operations Squadron NCO in charge of ambulance services, was promoted through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program to the rank of technical sergeant Dec. 18 on Ramstein.

Under the guise of receiving a briefing about the new 86th Medical Group Cough and Allergy Clinic, Brig. Gen. Jon T. Thomas, 86th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Easton, 86th Airlift Wing command chief, presented Cotter with her new stripes.

"Even though this may have been a surprise to her, it's well deserved. Staff Sgt. Cotter has shown she is an exceptional leader," Thomas said. "She consistently strives to mentor and lead her subordinates to their fullest potential. Her commitment to excellence makes everyone better."

The STEP program supplements existing Airmen promotion programs and is designed to accommodate unique circumstances that, in the commander's judgment, warrant a promotion.

"I'm feeling overwhelmed and very emotional," Cotter said. "I'm very grateful. This doesn't just happen on its own. People help you get there."

Cotter was awarded the 86th MDOS NCO of the Year, NCO of the 2nd Quarter and Medics Rock Award for 2014.

She has been in charge of two elements while serving at Ramstein: first as the NCOIC of Family Health and currently as the NCOIC of ambulance services.

"She's phenomenal," said Master Sgt. Aramis Cedeno Jr., Cotter's supervisor and 86th MDOS primary care flight chief. "I looked at her last 10 Enlisted Performance Reports and she's shown nothing but stellar work her whole career, constantly exceeding all expectations. This is very well deserved. She's a superstar; that's the only way to describe her."

The STEP program allows Air Force leaders to select Airmen with outstanding potential for promotion to the grades of staff sergeant through master sergeant.

Tip of the Week

Remember: The last bulk trash pick-up in KMC Housing is on Monday. Residents should place items after 6 p.m. Sunday near the underground dumpsters.

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DUI aftermath: Who's really affected?

by Master Sgt. Robbin Robertson
1st Communications Maintenance Squadron

I used to wonder if people would look at me differently if they knew. Would they whisper about me? Would they tell others what happened? Does anyone actually have the guts to ask me what happened? Are they looking at me as the girl who's related to a child killer?

I'm sure they were. I'm sure they wanted to ask the questions, wanted to know the true story and all the juicy details. But the truth is, I didn't know all the details. I only knew my brother killed a 7-year-old child.

It was May 18, 2001, when my first sergeant called me to his office and instructed me to bring my supervisor and flight chief. I had never been in trouble before. Actually, I didn't even know who my shirt was or what he did. I just knew he wanted to see me and my leadership immediately. He was waiting outside his office when I walked down the hall and had a look of concern on his face. Was this because I was in real trouble or because he had bad news? I didn't know; I only knew my heart was racing, my hands were sweaty, and the tears were coming.

After we entered his office, he instructed me to sit. He asked me if I had heard from any of my family members that day and when the last time I spoke to my brother was. I stated "no" to the family question and informed him that I had spoken to my brother the night before. He then handed me the telephone and instructed me to call my mother. I asked him what was going on, and he said it would be best if I heard it from my mother. So I dialed. ... no answer. I called my brother. ... no answer. After three or four attempts, he told me to stop dialing. He told me that news cameras were at the main gate of the base asking about me.

At the time, I was stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. It wasn't a high-visibility base; I wasn't popular; and I didn't have ties to the community, so I had no idea what he was talking about.

He then took me into the orderly room and turned on the television. There was a breaking news story being broadcast about a drunk driver killing a child at the St. Louis Zoo. My heart was still racing, until I heard the reporter say my brother's name. My heart stopped. I felt all the blood in my face rush to my chest. I couldn't hear the television anymore. I couldn't hear my heart beating anymore. I only saw people staring at me. What were they saying? What were they thinking?

Then, I felt someone squeezing my arm. It was my shirt; he was asking me to come back to his office. I sat in his office for about 15 minutes with everyone staring at me. No one spoke; they just stared. Finally I asked if I could go home. He said yes, but I had to talk to public affairs first before I could leave the base.

After signing several documents agreeing not to make any statements to reporters and not to be seen on camera in my uniform, I was allowed to leave the base, but I still had to go to my duty section to get my things. More stares. More looks. No speaking. Just staring.

Eventually, I made contact with my mother and was instructed to go to a nearby hospital. Once I arrived, police took my necessary information and informed me that my brother was speeding through the St. Louis Zoo and ran into a crowd of children on a school field trip, killing one child on impact. His blood alcohol level was 0.26 percent. I asked if I could see my brother.

"Ma'am, I'll be honest with you, we aren't supposed to let anyone see him, but I will give you five minutes because this is the last time you are going to see him for a while," the cop said.

He was correct. It would be seven months before I would lay eyes on my brother again. His trial started Nov. 27, 2001, and on Jan. 31, 2002, one month after his 20th birthday, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter.

The child was 7 years old. It was his first field trip to the St. Louis Zoo. His mother bought him new shoes the night before to wear for his special trip, and he spent the entire night breaking them in for his big day. Neither he nor his mother knew that this field trip, his first one to the zoo, would also be his last. My brother was going 64 mph in a 20 mph zone. He swerved too far to the right and ran into the crowd of children heading back to their bus after their exciting trip. The child was killed instantly. Another child suffered a crush injury to the foot, and a teacher suffered a broken pelvis.

My brother ended up with a broken femur and other minor injuries. Was that enough? Did he deserve more? I can't answer that. Never have and never will I try to answer that question. I've had several people tell me that my brother should have died during the accident. I had a woman tell me he should receive the death penalty for taking the life of a child. Do I share her same sentiment? No, but that's from the love of a sister. If I was that child's mother, would my answer be different? Maybe, but I can't say for sure. What I do know is that my brother's accident has followed me, haunted me and affected me since May 18, 2001.

Part of my brother's sentence and plea deal was to pay restitution to the family. That responsibility falls on me. I pay $500 monthly to the family and $3,000 every time my brother meets the parole board, which is every four years. This amounts to more than $200,000 over his 20-year sentence.

Is anyone's child, wife, husband, mother or father worth this amount of money? We all know the answer. Drunk drivers know the answer. They know the answer before the first drink. But the answer becomes irrelevant once the keys are in the ignition.

I have volunteered for Armed Forces Against Drunk Driving several times throughout my career. Every time I do it, I wonder how AADD would have affected my brother that day in 2001. If he was military, would he have called AADD? Would he use this free resource that would have saved the life of that little boy? Probably not. Some Airmen, like my brother, are no stranger to drinking and driving; the fact is they haven't gotten caught.

The harsh reality of a Driving Under the Influence charge is clear: You, the drunk driver, aren't the only one affected. I don't know if Airmen understand that. I wonder if they know that getting a DUI is more than losing a stripe, performing extra duty, and forfeiture of pay. I wonder if Airmen know they can and will kill someone if they drink and drive. I wonder if their families have the means to pay their restitution. Will their families see their story on the news and get stared at by total strangers? Is their family ready for the hateful comments that will be spewed at them? Are their families ready to see them in prison on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the next 20 years? No. From personal experience, one is never ready for that.

Like most Airmen, I look forward to the weekend, however, my excitement is for different reasons. I'm excited to see how many Airmen call AADD for assistance. I get excited to see how many cars are heading out the gate to pick up Airmen in need. I'm happy to see all the volunteer vehicles out of their spaces, because that lets me know that Airmen are making smart decisions. However, as a first sergeant, it saddens me when I have to pick someone up for a DUI and tell them my story. It makes me angry to know that they have the resources to prevent it at their fingertips, but choose not to use it. Let's face it, drinking and driving is a choice. A choice that affects everyone in your path.

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2015 held many firsts for USAFE-AFAFRICA

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U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa Public Affairs

U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa had a busy year.

It started in 2014 with issues like the Ebola outbreak, the Russian invasion of Crimea, and the beginning of anti-Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant operations. The tempo hasn't slowed down since.

"At the beginning of 2014, our biggest concern was the drawdown in Afghanistan and force management," said Gen. Frank Gorenc, USAFE-AFAFRICA commander. "At that time, we never would have guessed we would be facing the challenges of 2015."

The invasion of Crimea prompted U.S. European Command to begin Operation Atlantic Resolve, which USAFE diligently supported throughout 2015 with over 30 deployments.

One of those was the first-ever theater security package deployment to Europe, made up of 12 A-10C Thunderbolt IIs, that arrived in February. Since then, 12 F-15C Eagles and 12 more A-10s deployed to Europe as TSPs. In 2015, the TSPs supported 26 European nations across 40 events and over 50 micro deployments. In total, they flew 3,212 sorties adding up to 5,297 flight hours.

"We used that theater security package to fulfill training requirements with as many of our allies as possible, particularly in light of OAR and the assurance that we were trying to do," Gorenc said.

Keeping with the 2015 year of firsts, USAFE supported the first-ever deployment of the F-22 Raptor to Europe. The Raptors visited U.S. and NATO installations in Germany, Poland and Estonia, demonstrating the U.S. capability to forward deploy a 5th generation fighter, and our allies' ability to support the bed down of this platform.

"For me, it was very important to introduce the F-22 to see how we could fly it in the airspace and how we could support it," Gorenc said. "Depending on their availability, we may or may not be lucky enough to get F-22s (next year), but, certainly, I'm working really hard to make next year a copy of this year with respect to the F-22s."

Gorenc explained that rotations like the TSP and F-22 are great additions to the command, but they can take time to plan and deploy. A rapid deployment was crucial for the Air Force when Turkey agreed to open up Incirlik Air Base for use to launch airstrikes against ISIL.

"Incirlik's available, and boom, we have aircraft going there," Gorenc said. "The fact that we could do that, the only way you could do that, is with forward-based forces. You could certainly do it with rotational forces from the States, but it would take much longer."

In 2015, USAFE deployed six F-16 Fighting Falcons and KC-135 Stratotankers to Incirlik as well as authorized arming MQ-1 Predators to support anti-ISIL operations in Syria and Iraq. USAFE also supported the staging of personnel recovery forces at Diyarbakir Air Base, Turkey.

In November, the command was once again called upon to provide airpower in the form of F-15E Strike Eagles from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, to support anti-ISIL operations.

"We have a Ph.D.-level expeditionary Air Force that is able to literally tap into any capability we need worldwide and bring it," Gorenc said.

While having the latest-and-greatest technology is nice, every commander agrees that the greatest asset in the Air Force is the Airmen. Airmen from USAFE-AFAFRICA once again proved their exceptional bravery in 2015.

At the beginning of the year the command saw an incredible act of bravery from an Airman from RAF Lakenheath.

Staff Sgt. Greggory Swarz was awarded the French Legion of Honor and the Airman's Medal for saving the lives of three French airmen after a Hellenic air force F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed into the parking ramp at Los Llanos Air Base, Spain, during the Tactical Leadership Program.

In August, Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone and his friends took down a gunman on a train heading to Paris, saving more than 300 lives. For their actions, they were awarded the French Legion of Honor by President Francois Hollande. Stone was awarded the Airman's Medal and the Purple Heart for bravery by the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter, and the Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James.

This year of firsts was a busy one for the command, and 2016 is shaping up to be just as busy.

"When people ask me what I expect to happen in the future," Gorenc said, "I say the same thing: I can't predict what the future will bring, but I can assure you that airpower will be a part of the solution, and USAFE-AFAFRICA will be ready to support when called upon."

Green Dot to roll out across Air Force

by the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Airmen will take the first step of a five-year strategy to decrease interpersonal violence across the service this month when 1,500 Airman implementers attend one of 22 Green Dot prep sessions worldwide.

The Air Force contracted the non-profit Green Dot organization to provide these violence prevention tools to the total Air Force over the next three years.

"As a service, our number one priority has and will continue to be response. However, in order to stop violence before it occurs, we must dedicate time to prevention," said Chief Master Sgt. Melanie Noel, Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response senior enlisted advisor. "Helping our Airmen understand what they can do to prevent violence and how they can do it is the first step."

Green Dot prepares organizations to implement a strategy of violence prevention that reduces power-based interpersonal violence, which includes not only sexual violence, but also domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse and bullying.

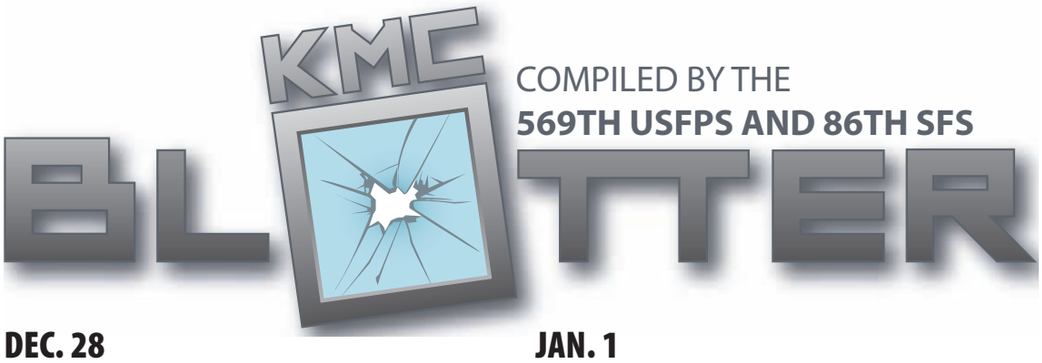
"Green Dot is the Air Force's first step in arming Airmen for violence prevention using an evidence based public health model," said Dr. Andra Tharp, the Air Force's highly-qualified prevention expert. "Although that sounds complicated, really what it means is that we know Airmen are a vital part of the solution and we will use methods like this that have been subjected to rigorous scientific testing and were proven to be effective in reducing violence."

Reflective of Green Dot's wider scope, command-designated Airmen at each installation will conduct 50-minute-long sessions across the Air Force. Installation leadership will also have oversight of Green Dot through the Community Action Information Board and Integrated Delivery System, and they will track completion through the Advanced Distributed Learning System.

"It's on all of us to take responsibility to prevent interpersonal violence in our Air Force," said Brig. Gen. Lenny Richoux, Air Force CAIB chair. "There are more good Airmen out there who want to take care of their wingman than there are predators seeking to inflict acts of violence inside our family, and I have confidence our Airmen won't let me or each other stand alone against this criminal behavior."

The 1,500 Airman implementers will complete training by March. They will return to their units to train peer-leader Airmen at each base followed by training for all Airmen.

"Taking care of one another requires an integrated approach using the expertise of the medical community, sexual assault prevention and the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence," Richoux said. "Old-school analog leadership from commanders and supervisors and between Airmen is the key to our success."



DEC. 28

6 a.m.: A house break-in was reported in Landstuhl.

11:27 a.m.: A major traffic accident was reported in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

3 p.m.: A mutual assault was reported on Vogelweh Family Housing.

DEC. 29

3:55 a.m.: Theft of a secured motor vehicle was reported in Ramstein.

10:05 a.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Kindsbach.

11:05 a.m.: Shoplifting was reported on Ramstein.

11:55 a.m.: A major traffic accident was reported in Kottweiler.

3 p.m.: Shoplifting was reported on Vogelweh.

DEC. 30

4:30 p.m.: Fleeing the scene of a minor traffic accident was reported on Ramstein.

6 p.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

9:58 p.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

JAN. 1

1 a.m.: A simple assault and robbery were reported in Frankfurt.

2:20 a.m.: Drunken driving was reported in Mackenbach.

4:02 a.m.: A mutual assault and possession of a controlled substance were reported in Rodenbach.

6 a.m.: An assault was reported in Kaiserslautern.

7:08 p.m.: Shoplifting was reported on Ramstein.

9:54 p.m.: Drunken driving was reported on Vogelweh Family Housing.

JAN. 2

2:27 a.m.: Drunken driving was reported in Kaiserslautern.

JAN. 3

3:53 a.m.: Drunken driving, failure to obey a lawful order, and driving under a revoked license were reported in Kaiserslautern.

10:30 a.m.: A secured house break-in was reported in Hoeheinoed.

6:30 p.m.: A major traffic accident with injuries was reported in Ramstein-Miesenbach.

10:45 p.m.: A major traffic accident was reported in Homburg.

Reported Larcenies

DEC. 28

Landstuhl — One gym bag containing a padlock and workout clothes

DEC. 29

Ramstein — One 2012 white Honda four door sedan

Ramstein — One AVOL bluetooth wireless stereo speaker, one 32GB micro SD card and one pair of Panasonic sport buds

Vogelweh — Eight packets of fettuccine pasta, four cartons of twelve eggs, one 12-ounce can of Diet Pepsi, one 48-ounce bottle of olive oil, three 64-ounce bottles of cran-grape juice, 22 packets of jalapeno crackers, one box of Alka-Seltzer, five boxes of Kinder chocolates, 11 boxes of Land-O-Lakes margarine, one half gallon of silk milk, one pack of 10 individual Babybel cheese, and one assorted box of Cheez-It

Jan. 1

Ramstein — One eight pack of Keurig regular medium roast coffee, one Final Fantasy XIII Lightning Returns PS3 game, one Destiny PS3 game, one Devil May Cry PS3 game and one Resident Evil 6 PS3 game

Jan. 3

Hoeheinoed — One 27-inch iMac computer and one 66-inch Sony television

Take Note

Closures

• The KMC Housing Office and Furnishings Management Section will close at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday for training. Customer service hours will resume Thursday. Additionally, both will be closed Jan. 18 in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Customer service hours will resume Jan. 19. For additional information or assistance, call 489-6672.

• Chili's Too, located in the KMCC, will be closed from Monday through Jan. 31 due to kitchen upgrades and renovation.

MLK observance event

The 86th Airlift Wing will sponsor a special Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance event from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Ramstein North Side Chapel. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. James Davis.

Donations needed

The German-American and International Women's Club Kaiserslautern will hold its annual Pfennig Bazaar March 4 to 6 in the event hall of the Kaiserslautern Gartenschau. Donations of clothes, bed linens, toys, purses, small electrical appliances, household goods, paintings and books are needed for this traditional flea market. Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon each Friday and Saturday in January and February at Hackstrasse 4 in Kaiserslautern. For details, call the club's president at 0160-99327090 or visit www.gaiwc.com.

Audioguide for Landstuhl

Landstuhl offers a new way to get to know the old part of town: an audio tour through your smart phone or MP3 player with city map. Tours are offered in both English and German. Interested visitors have to download the corresponding audio files for the 23 stations of the tour from Landstuhl's homepage, www.landstuhl.de/tourismus/altstadtrundgang.html. The tour offers interesting information about local tokens such as the Old Chapel and Villa Benzino as well as a time trip tracking the traces of Knight Franz von Sickingen. For more information, call the Landstuhl Tourism Office at 06371-1300012 or email tourismus@vglandstuhl.de.

Deutsches Haus

The Deutsches Haus restaurant on Ramstein run by German armed forces offers lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information about the menu, reservations and special events, visit www.deutscheshausramstein.de.

Biggest Loser registration

Register today for Southside Fitness Center's Biggest Loser Challenge. This challenge is fromTuesday through April 5 with a finale on April 7 to announce the winners. Participants will earn points for class participation from the Aquatics Center, Health Promotions, Ramstein Outdoor Recreation and all KMC fitness centers. If you are interested in challenging yourself, contact the front desk at the Ramstein Southside Fitness Center for more information at 480-0295 or 06371-47-0295.

Emergency number

The emergency number 112 is valid throughout Europe. It can be dialed free of charge and without a prefix in all European countries.

SAFETY CORNER

Space heaters don't just hurt your wallet, improper use can also be harmful to your health and safety. Reduce your risk by following these simple tips:

• Keep anything that burns at least 3 feet away from the heater

• Buy heaters with an automatic shut-off or tip switch, in case they fall over

• Plug heaters directly into the wall when you are home and unplug at night or when unattended

• Only use heaters from recognized testing laboratories

• If you have fuel burning heaters, get a carbon monoxide alarm to alert you of potential poison

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Members of the base honor guard present the colors during their graduation ceremony Jan. 30, 2015, on Ramstein. The base honor guard holds strong to tradition and ceremony and represents some of the Air Force's most professional and polished Airmen.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

U.S. Air Force leaders salute as Air Force One departs Ramstein Jan. 27, 2015. The President of the United States made a brief stop at Ramstein for refueling before heading back to the states.

January and February

Photo by Senior Airman Timothy Moore

Members of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band interact with the crowd during the Fasching parade Feb. 17, 2015, in Ramstein-Miesenbach. The USAFE Band and approximately 1,400 other participants marched in the parade for more than two hours entertaining the local crowd.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Senior Airman Shane Fairchild, 569th Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor, observes Airmen during their M-4 carbine qualification test at the KMC Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Squadron Feb. 23, 2015, on Vogelweh. CATM is responsible for all firing qualifications in the KMC area and eight geographically separated units.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Airman 1st Class Austin Conway, 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron general purpose light vehicle mechanic, checks the pressure in a tire Jan. 14, 2015, on Ramstein. The 86th VRS is responsible for servicing more than 1,000 vehicles on and off base.

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Airman 1st Class Dylan Arnt, 37th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, directs an Airman as she drives a forklift with cargo into a C-130J Super Hercules Jan. 20, 2015, on Ramstein. Cargo loaded into a C-130J must be carefully placed on the ramp to ensure no damage occurs to it or the aircraft.

March and April

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Airmen of the 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron perform lifesaving procedures to a mock patient in a KC-135 Stratotanker March 26, 2015, on Ramstein. Aircrew and a KC-135 from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, spent multiple days on Ramstein performing aerial refueling missions, which also gave AES Airmen the opportunity to train on their mission inside a different airframe.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Senior Airman Robert Newman, 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron mission management technician, performs a wind drag during a survival, evasion, resistance and escape water survival course April 13, 2015, on Ramstein. Drags are practiced to simulate a parachute opening after evacuating an aircraft.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

Country music singer Trace Adkins performs for members of the KMC during a USO concert April 20, 2015, on Ramstein. Adkins has participated in 10 USO tours and has performed for troops in seven countries.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Daylena Ricks

Senior Airman Danielle Marsh, 86th Aerospace Medical Squadron public health technician, issues "medication" as well as "dosage instructions" during a mock pre-deployment line held on the 435th Air Ground and Operations Wing's 435th Construction and Training Squadron's silver flag compound March 27, 2015, on Ramstein. Ramstein units came together and gave Ramstein Intermediate School students the opportunity to deploy like their Airmen and Soldier parents.

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Tech. Sgt. Samuel Lewis, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron Prime Base Expeditionary Engineer Force NCO in charge, attempts to stop Steve Smith, Baltimore Ravens wide receiver, from catching a football April 11, 2015, on Vogelweh. Lewis was assigned to guard the three-time All-Pro National Football League wide receiver during a drill to show how the Ravens handle a blitz.

SPOTLIGHT

Ramstein Air Base
• January 2016 •

ENTERTAINMENT

Football Madness

Come to J.R. Rockers every Sunday at 1800 to enjoy live NFL games on new HD programming, food and drink specials, and fun games starting at 1830! During the madness don't forget to sign up to win cash on the squares board! Club Members have greater chances of winning prizes.

Art Connections Spotlight

During the month of January visit the Vogelweh Library to view a showcase of local youth artists! This display of art is free to library visitors, and artwork displayed is of various mediums from the Vogelweh Youth Fine Arts program.

FITNESS

KMC's Biggest Loser Registration

Register for Southside Fitness Center's Biggest Loser Challenge now through 8 January. This challenge is from 12 January - 5 April with a finale on 7 April to announce the winners. Participants will earn points for class participation from the Aquatics Center, HAWC, Ramstein ODR and all KMC Fitness Centers. Contact the front desk of the Southside Fitness Center for more information.

Chamonix Winter Retreat

Join Ramstein ODR Friday-Monday, 15-18 January for an unforgettable winter retreat to Chamonix, France. Participants will have a wide range of winter activities available such as skiing, mountaineering, sledding, ice skating and cross country skiing. Lodging will be in a private mountain chalet, a winter cabin in the heart of the city. Cost is $249; includes transportation and lodging only. This trip is for ages 18+. Participants must pre-register and attend the pre-trip on Tuesday, 12 January. Visit www.86FSS.com or Ramstein ODR for more details.

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation

Rock and Rappel Cave Exploring, Sunday, 10 January
Ski Trip: La Bresse-Hohneck, Saturday, 23 January
Dahn Rock Trail, Sunday, 24 January

Ramstein Tickets & Tours

Prague & Karlovy Vary, Friday, 15 January
Amsterdam As You Like it, Saturday, 16 January
Bruges Beer Festival, Saturday, 6 February

FAMILY & YOUTH

Skate with Me, Little Tike!

Come walk alongside your little tike as they skate and enjoy Disney music and a movie! This program is every Monday from 0900-1100 at Crossroads, located on Vogelweh in Bldg. 2053. Cost is a $3 per child and program is open to preschool-aged children up to age 5. For more information, please contact the Vogelweh Community Center at DSN: 489-7626 or CIV: 0631-536-7626.

Library Story Time

Join us for our weekly Story Time program and introduce your child to reading and language. There will be songs, rhymes and, of course, stories! Story Time is every Wednesday at the Vogelweh Library at 1100 and every Thursday at the Ramstein Library at 1000.

FOOD

First Friday and Member Call

Enlisted members can enjoy great food and entertainment and play games to win FSS gift cards at the Enlisted Club's First Friday on 8 January from 1530-1900. Officer members can also enjoy free social hour food with friends at the Ramstein Officers' Club in the Wings Lounge on 8 January from 1530-2100. At both programs members are automatically entered into a $1,000 drawing, must be present to win. These programs are for adult members only.

Officers' Club Champagne Brunch

The O' Club December Champagne Brunch will be held on Sunday, 10 January. From 0930-1300 enjoy crab legs, various breakfast stations, lunch and kids options, as well as a Kids Zone. Included with your buffet is a complimentary glass of champagne, champagne cocktail or non-alcoholic beverage. Cost for Members: $19.95; Non-Members: $24.95. Kids ages 6-12: $7.95, ages 5 and under eat free!

OTHER FSS NEWS

Framing and Matting Class

Learn how to cut a mat and create a custom frame using the Ramstein Arts and Crafts Center's Frame Shop. Students will receive a certification card to use the Self-Help Frame Shop and leave the class with a matted photo and frame building instructions. Class is held on Tuesdays, 12, 19, or 26 January from 1600-1900. Class is for ages 18 and older.

May

Photo by Airman 1st Class Larissa Greatwood

Airman 1st Class Trey Murray, 86th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, shows a student how to properly secure and spray a fire hose during Job Shadow Day May 8, 2015, on Ramstein. Ramstein Middle and High School students had the opportunity to learn about the different careers the Air Force has to offer by touring facilities and receiving hands-on lessons.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

A bugler from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band plays taps during a Memorial Day ceremony May 24, 2015, at St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Thiaucourt, France. More than 4,100 U.S. military members from World War I are buried in the cemetery where local community leaders gathered with U.S. Air Forces in Europe service members to honor the fallen to commemorate Memorial Day.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Lane Plummer

Participants from the 786th Force Support Squadron paddle past other teams during the "Battle of the Battleships" competition May 15, 2015, on Ramstein. The competition began with boat races, where teams were tasked to paddle their custom-built boats from one end of the pool to the other as quickly as possible.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Larissa Greatwood

Middle school students test their hand-crafted boats during a "STEMposium" challenge May 13, 2015, on Ramstein. Students from all around Germany were tested on their science, technology, engineering and math skills in different challenges.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

Staff Sgt. Chad Coe, 86th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, leads Charone, 86th SFS MWD, over a hurdle as part of a MWD demonstration May 9, 2015, on Ramstein. The demonstration was part of a display held at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center in honor of National Police Week.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

Airman 1st Class Sarah Meadows, 37th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, waits for cargo to be loaded onto a C-130J Super Hercules May 27, 2015, on Ramstein. The cargo was flown to Kosovo for an airdrop training exercise.

June

Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Schwier-Morales

A Ramstein C-130J Super Hercules passes behind a Latvian military member during a combined jump day June 15, 2015, at Lielvarde Air Base, Latvia. More than 70 U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and Latvian service members participated in a jump day to strengthen the bonds of allies and learn from each other during exercise Saber Strike 15. The exercise involved more than 6,000 service members from 14 nations participating all throughout Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to learn from each other and promote stability in the region.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody speaks with Airmen from the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron during a tour of Ramstein June 15, 2015. Before the tour, Cody asked each squadron he was going to visit to select an Airman they believed went above and beyond their duties, and he presented those individuals with a coin.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, 3rd Air Force and 17th Expeditionary Air Force commander, speaks during a memorial ceremony at the Picauville 9th Air Force monument June 4, 2015, in Normandy, France. More than 380 service members from Europe and affiliated D-Day historical units participated in the 71st anniversary as part of Joint Task Force D-Day 71. The task force, based in Saint Mere Eglise, France, supported local events across Normandy from June 2 to 8, 2015, to commemorate the selfless actions by all the Allies on D-Day that continue to resonate 71 years later.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Schwier-Morales

Joint terminal attack controllers from the U.S. Air Force direct two A-10 Thunderbolts II from the Maryland Air National Guard during a training exercise June 12, 2015, at Adazi Training Area, Latvia. JTACs from various units around the Air Force joined exercise Saber Strike 15 to work with ally and partner nation counterparts to provide precise and directed aircraft support to Army units participating in the exercise. Saber Strike 15 is a multinational exercise with over 6,000 service members learning from each other and helping promote stability in the Baltic region.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Staff Sgt. Adam Hart, 721st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electrical and environmental systems specialist, disconnects a refueling pump from a C-17 Globemaster III before a flight to Bulgaria June 20, 2015, on Ramstein. Airmen and Soldiers worked together to load two M1A2 Abrams main battle tanks onto the aircraft over a span of two days.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Lane Plummer

U.S. Airmen and Italian soldiers position themselves alongside a training hangar before breaching and clearing it during Battlefield Leaders Assaulter Course, Integrated Combat Essentials May 30, 2015, on Ramstein. BLAC ICE brings together security forces members from Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Italy with U.S. Air Force security forces members to promote a wider training standard among allied nations.

July

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

U.S. Air Force Senior Airmen Giselle Toro and Tristan Geray, 37th Airlift Squadron loadmasters, prepare for a U.S. and Bulgarian air force formation flight over Plovdiv, Bulgaria, July 14, 2015. Loadmasters are responsible for the proper loading of cargo onto aircraft as well as ensuring passengers are both safe and comfortable during travel. In addition to securing cargo, Toro and Geray were both responsible for the safe departure of paratroopers from the aircraft during the flight.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Lt. Gen. Timothy M. Ray, 3rd Air Force and 17th Expeditionary Air Force commander, greets wing commanders and German locals in a receiving line after a change of command ceremony July 2, 2015, on Ramstein. At the ceremony, Ray accepted the guidon from Gen. Frank Gorenc, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa commander.

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Attendees of last year's Freedom Fest pose for a photograph while on an amusement ride July 4, 2015, on Ramstein. The two-day event was held in celebration of the United States' Independence Day. Attendees were able to enjoy rides, food, fireworks and live music.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Capts. Sean McKee (right) and Jonathan Recor, C-130J Super Hercules pilots assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron, fly a C-130J during an orientation flight for German local nationals June 29, 2015, on Ramstein. McKee and Recor flew more than 20 German locals 500 feet off the ground, performing maneuvers and giving them a glimpse of the U.S. Air Force's side of the mission at Ramstein.

Dog owners must know regulations

Courtesy of Ramstein-Miesenbach Office of Public Order

The Ramstein-Miesenbach Office of Public Order is continuously receiving complaints about dogs and their owners. They want to remind you of the danger prevention ordinance that regulates the walking of dogs inside and outside of towns.

Dog owners must be physically able to walk dogs and must know how to walk them safely. Furthermore, they must keep their dogs on a leash while walking them on public streets and facilities as well as in housing areas. In all other areas, dogs must be automatically put on a leash when other people approach.

Additionally, anybody walking dogs must remove the dog's feces in public places and on sidewalks.

Dogs must be secured on private properties so they cannot escape and cause danger to motorists, pedestrians and themselves.

Violations of the danger prevention ordinance are considered administrative offenses and can be punished with fines up to €5,000.

Where to dispose leftover Christmas trees on base

Courtesy of 86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Every year they are adopted by families, taken home and dressed to their best. They are adored and admired. Then with little to no warning, they are stripped of their lights and ornaments and thrown on the side of the road.

Proper disposal of your no-longer-needed Christmas trees is important for many reasons, including keeping the streets clear and keeping homes safe from possible tree fires.

For live-cut trees, collection bins are available until Jan. 16 at the following locations:

- Ramstein — Michigan Ave between Bldgs. 826 and 828 as well as next to Bldg. 1086
- Landstuhl — Across from Bldg. 3625
- Vogelweh — South end of Bldg. 1070
- Vogelweh — Across from Bldg. 1139

Both the Ramstein and Vogelweh recycling centers will accept trees and recyclable materials for on-base residents. Off- and on-base ID cardholders are welcome to bring live-cut trees to the composting facility located outside the LVIS gate. All trees, regardless of disposal method, must not have any decorations on them.

All other Christmas trash must be disposed properly in the correct underground bin or at the recycling center.

For information about off-base tree disposal, see Page 17.

Gaisburger Marsch

Ingredients (for 4 people)

Slightly more than 1 lb beef brisket, cut in 1 inch cubes
2 large carrots or 3 medium size carrots, cut in ¼" slices
1 leek, cut in ¼ inch thick slices
1 celery stalk, cut in 1/4" slices
1 parsley root, cut in ¼" slices
1 onion, diced in ½" pieces
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
8 medium size potatoes peeled, and cut each potato as if it were a pie, into 6-8 pieces
10 cups of boiling water

Put the meat into boiling water. Let it boil for 8-10 minutes, until all the foam rises to the top. Take the foam off with a spoon. Reduce heat to medium. Add potatoes, carrots, parsley root, and celery and let simmer for 30 minutes. Add leek and spices. This is a good time to prepare the Spaetzle. The vegetables should simmer about 40 minutes, which is approximately the amount of time to make the Spaetzle. You need to get your meat completely done, but don't cook the vegetables too soft.

To prepare your garnish for the stew, put 1 teaspoon margarine in a pan. When the margarine starts to sizzle, add the diced onions. Leave them in the pan until they have a nice soft brown color.

After you have gotten the Spaetzle out of the cool water and strained them, put them in the pan for 3-5 minutes. You are ready to serve. Put the stew in single serving deep bowls. Add onions to the top for garnish. If you have a bit of fresh parsley, you can add a nice green color to the meal.

This is guaranteed to warm anyone up on a cold winter evening!

Spaetzle

Ingredients (for 4 people)

Spaetzle
2 cups flour
2-3 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground white pepper
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 ½ - 2 cups water
Hot water for boiling the Spaetzle with 1 tablespoon of salt

Mix the flour, eggs and salt in a large bowl. Add enough water to get the consistency of thick sticky pancake batter, if you are using a Spaetzlebrett (a wooden board with a handle on one side and a beveled edge on the other). If you are using a Spaetzle press or potato ricer, make the dough a little thinner. If it is too thin, it will run out the bottom.

To use the board, dip the board and the knife in the boiling water. This makes scraping the dough easier. Dip the knife into water frequently. Spread a small amount of dough on the board and scrape thin strips of dough into the boiling water. It takes a lot of practice to get thin Spaetzle. Either way, thin or thick, it will taste delicious! When the dough rises to the surface, remove them from the pot with a slotted spoon and toss them briefly in ice water so they won't stick together. Strain them as soon as they are cool and set aside.

The story behind this dish has several versions. One version is that in the 19th century when the men had to work 12-16 hours in the fields, the ladies from Gaisburg created this dish. The word Marsch means march or marching. There was no time to get home for lunch so the wives brought a really hearty meal to them that would sustain them for the long hours in the fields. Gaisburg is part of the city of Stuttgart.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tryphena Mayhugh

KMC members start the 86th Force Support Squadron's annual Ramstein Half Marathon Aug. 15, 2015, on Ramstein. First, second and third place prizes were awarded to the top male and female times in four age groups, as well as prizes for the top male and female time overall.

August

Photo by Master Sgt. Bradley C. Church

Lt. Gen. Timothy Ray, commander of the 3rd Air Force and 17th Expeditionary Air Force, and Col. Martin Rothrock, commander of the 65th Air Base Wing, furl and encase the 65th Air Base Wing flag during a redesignation ceremony August 14, 2015, on Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. With this redesignation ceremony, the 65th Air Base Group is now aligned under the 86th Airlift Wing and remains positioned to provide agile combat support and services to aircraft and aircrews.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Leslie Keopka

Firefighters and medical personnel transport a wounded warrior from a C-17 Globemaster III to an ambulance Aug. 9, 2015, on Ramstein. Personnel from the 86th Civil Engineer Squadron Kaiserslautern Military Community Fire Emergency Services, the 10th Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Team and the 455th Critical Care Air Transport Team assisted with the aeromedical evacuation out of Afghanistan.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

Staff Sgt. Clay Porter, 435th Security Forces Squadron Ground Combat Regional Training Center instructor, is treated for a simulated gunshot wound during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course Aug. 5, 2015, in Baumholder. Students learned how to gain fire superiority and treat uncontrolled bleeding with a tourniquet before continuing tactical field care during their medical training.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ryan Crane

U.S. Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone along with Jane D. Hartly, U.S. ambassador to France, and his two friends speak at a press conference Aug. 23, 2015, in Paris following a foiled attack on a French train. Stone was on vacation with his childhood friends Aleksander Skarlatos and Anthony Sadler when an armed gunman entered their train carrying an assault rifle, handgun and box cutter. The three friends, with the help of a British passenger, subdued the gunman after his rifle jammed. Stone's medical background prepared him to begin treating wounded passengers while waiting for the authorities to arrive. Stone is an ambulance service technician with the 65th Medical Operations Squadron stationed at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal.

September

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Stefanko

Tops in Blue Airmen perform during a concert Sept. 27, 2015, on Ramstein. The Tops in Blue team performs a nine-month tour, providing entertainment for military communities worldwide.

Photo by Senior Airman Timothy Moore

Patrons of the 51st Ramstein Bazaar peruse merchandise Sept. 19, 2015, on Ramstein. The bazaar is an 86th Force Support Squadron event.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Larissa Greatwood

Airmen from the 86th Comptroller Squadron run in formation while singing jodies during the third tri-wing run of the year Sept. 3, 2015, on Ramstein. The regularly scheduled tri-wing runs are one of the few times all three wings on Ramstein come together to form Team Ramstein.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Larissa Greatwood

Airman Ryan Darish, 86th Medical Support Squadron uniform business office technician, and Gen. Frank Gorenc, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa commander, cut a cake during the Air Force Ball Sept. 12, 2015, on Ramstein Air Base. The cake-cutting ceremony is an Air Force tradition in which the lowest and highest ranking Airmen in the room cut the cake together.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Schwier-Morales

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Peck, 7th Weather Squadron battlefield weather forecaster, secures a computer after a demonstration on operating with limited data in the field and using equipment to improve weather forecasting Sept. 16, 2015, at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The instructors of the 7th WS used a variety of tools including briefing and hands-on lessons to develop 30 battlefield weather airmen during the annual Cadre Focus training exercise. The 7th WS revamped Cadre Focus to concentrate on basic field training skills and forecasting in Eastern Europe. The squadron is the only one embedded alongside Army units providing weather intelligence throughout the European and African areas of operation.

Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Sikorski

A Ramstein honor guardsman folds the U.S. flag during a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action wreath-laying ceremony Sept. 16, 2015, on Ramstein. After the folding of the flag, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph Milligan spoke about his experiences as a prisoner of war.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Cory Bush

Airmen from the 435th Contingency Response Squadron unload cargo off an HC-130J Combat King II Sept. 28, 2015, at Diyarbakir Air Base, Turkey. All equipment and manpower was being used in support of a U.S. Air Forces Central Command support personnel recovery mission to strengthen the recovery capabilities in the region.

October

Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharida Jackson

Members of the University of Notre Dame softball team answer questions from the Ramstein High School Royals varsity softball team Oct. 21, 2015, on Ramstein. Notre Dame softball team members visited Ramstein during their 10-day European tour. The tour included softball instructional clinics in which Notre Dame players helped the high school players with offensive and defensive softball skills.

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

U.S. and Polish C-130s fly in formation prior to participating in a friendly airlift competition during Aviation Detachment 16-1, Oct. 29, 2015, on Powidz Air Base, Poland. A total of seven aircraft flew together, marking the largest C-130 formation at Powdiz.

Photo by Senior Airman Damon Kasberg

Members of the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron enter a C-130J Super Hercules after performing repairs to a wing during Aviation Detachment 16-1 Oct. 27, 2015, on Powidz Air Base, Poland. Units from the 86th Airlift Wing flew to Poland to take part in the flying training deployment and support the 37th Airlift Squadron as they completed training requirements.

Photo by Senior Airman Jonathan Stefanko

Participants in an explosive ordnance disposal ruck march climb over a six-foot wall together Oct. 30, 2015, on Ramstein. The ruck march mirrored an EOD course where participants traveled three miles, climbed a six-foot wall and carried jerry cans for 50 meters all while wearing a 50-pound pack to help raise money for the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas. The mission of the CFC-O is to support and promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

BAUMHOLDER Family and MWR

USAG RHEINLAND-PFALZ HAPPENINGS

Unfreeze Your Brain

January

January is International Brain Teaser Month and Baumholder Library would like to celebrate by "unfreezing" your brain! During the month of January, participants can stop by the library once a week and answer the brain-teaser of the week. At the end of the month, the participant of each age group with the most correct answers will win a prize. Age groups: school age, ages 8-12 and adult, ages 13 and up. No registration required. For more information, contact the Baumholder Library, Smith Bks., Bldg. 8332, 485-1740; 06783-6-1740.

Show up-Show off

Jan. 8, 7 p.m.

Show off your talents at the BOSS "Show Up-Show Off" event. This is your chance to take the stage! Skills may include, but are not limited to, poetry reading, singing, painting demonstration, magic tricks and more. No registration is required. Open to ID cardholders and their guests, ages 18 and older. For more information, contact the BOSS Office, Smith Bks., Bldg. 8106, 485-6228; 06783-6-6228.

Hambachtal Mini Vacation

Jan. 15-18

Spend a weekend with Outdoor Recreation at a unique resort nestled outside of Birkenfeld, Germany. Ferienpark Hambachtal is located in the largest forest in Germany and features a subtropical aqua park that is open year-round. The roof allows UV-radiation to pass through, so you can get a nice tan even in January! Cost: $585 for a 4 person bungalow or $755 for a 6 person bungalow. Price includes 3 nights lodging, an all-inclusive package to include drinks and all meals, unlimited pool usage, mini-golf, 1 hour of bowling and more! Trip dates are: Jan. 15-18, Feb. 12-14, Mar. 25-28 & Apr. 8-11. Open to ID cardholders and their families. To sign-up, contact Outdoor Recreation or the Family and MWR One Stop Shop, Smith Bks., Bldg. 8167/8661, 485-7182/8215; 06783-6-7182/8215.

Classes with Gundi: Beginner Quilting Class

Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Interested in increasing your sewing abilities? Learn quilting basics like how to coordinate fabric, the piecing stage vs. the quilting stage, and much more. Cost: $12.50 per class. Registration deadline is 1 week prior to class. For more information, contact Arts & Crafts Center, Smith Bks., Bldg. 8104, 485-8606; 06783-6-8606.

Baumholder FMWR

Find out more online: baumholder.armymwr.com

November and December

Courtesy photo

Firefighters from the 86th Civil Engineering Squadron suit up in hazmat suits as they prepare to quell a chemical line rupture Nov. 17, 2015, on Ramstein. The rupture spewed hazardous chemicals within a cold storage facility containing Defense Commissary Agency food items.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Moore

Actors Elizabeth Banks and David Wain talk with the crowd during the 2015 USO Holiday Troop Tour Dec. 9, 2015, on Ramstein. Ramstein was the last stop of the 15th annual tour.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Larissa Greatwood

Santa Claus hands a child a toy during Toy Drop, which initiated International Jump Week, Dec. 7, 2015, at Alzey Drop Zone, Germany. Families watched as paratroopers jumped from a C-130J Super Hercules and received gifts from Santa to kick off the holiday season.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Leslie Keopka

U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks to personnel from the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing about their time in Germany during the 2015 USO Holiday Troop Tour Dec. 9, 2015, on Ramstein. This was the 15th year of the USO Troop Tour.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharida Jackson

***LEFT:** The Incirlik Hodjas, white jerseys, compete against the Ansbach Cougars during the Department of Defense Dependents Schools European volleyball championships Nov. 7, 2015, on Ramstein.* ***RIGHT:** Members of the Ramstein Royals volleyball team huddle before their match during the Department of Defense Dependents Schools European volleyball championships Nov. 7, 2015, on Ramstein. Ramstein was one of 26 teams from three divisions competing in the DODDS European volleyball championships.*

Off-base residents must know proper way to recycle Christmas trees

Courtesy of the Kaiserslautern County Administration Office

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 collecting places for green waste in their villages or they can place their Christmas trees by 6 a.m. on pick-up days in front of their house towards the edge of the road.

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 won't get picked up.

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

- Jan. 11: Bruchmuehlbach, Miesau, Buchholz, Elschbach and Vogelbach.
- Jan. 12: Langwieden, Lambsborn, Gerhardsbrunn, Martinshoehe, Bann, Oberarnbach, Mittelbrunn and Queidersbach.
- Jan. 13: Linden, Krickenbach, Schopp, Stelzenberg, Langensohl, Trippstadt, Johanniskreuz, Waldleiningen, Frankenstein and Fischbach.
- Jan. 14: Hochspeyer, Alsenborn and Enkenbach.
- Jan. 15: Mehlingen, Sembach and Neuhemsbach.
- Jan. 18: Weilerbach, Rodenbach, Erzenhausen, Samuelshof, Eulenbis, Schwedelbach and Poerrbach.
- Jan. 19: Frankelbach, Olsbruecken, Sulzbachtal, Mehlbach, Katzweiler and Hirschhorn.
- Jan. 20: Heiligenmoschel, Schallodenbach, Schneckenhausen, Niederkirchen, Morbach, Heimkirchen and Woersbach.
- Jan. 21: Baalborn, Otterberg and Drehenthalerhof
- Jan. 22: Otterbach and Sambach.
- Jan. 25: Mackenbach, Kollweiler, Reichenbach-Steegen, Fockenberg-Limbach, Albersbach, Obermohr, Kirchmohr, Schrollbach, Reuschbach and Weltersbach.
- Jan. 26: Ramstein, Miesenbach, Kottweiler-Schwanden and Steinwenden.
- Jan. 27: Hauptstuhl, Spesbach, Huetschenhausen, Katzenbach and Niedermohr
- Jan. 28: Landstuhl
- Jan. 29m: Kindsbach

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

Courtesy photo

Waste collection companies pick up Christmas trees, which residents have to place in front of their homes at the edge of the road. All decorations must be removed to be able to compost the trees.

Kaiserslautern Evangelical
Lutheran Church
8:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
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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.

PWOC - Protestant Women of the Chapel
Thu 9:00-11:30 a.m., Kapaun Chapel
Mon 6:30-8 p.m., Vogelweh Chapel
Tue 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Ramstein North Chapel Conference Room
Tue 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ramstein South Chapel

Catholic Services

Daenner Community Chapel (Bldg 3150)
Confession: 11:30 a.m. Sundays (Jun-Aug)
Sunday Mass: 12:00 p.m. (Jun-Aug)
Confession: 12:00 p.m. Sundays (Sep-May)
Sunday Mass: 12:30 (Sep-May)

Landstuhl Community Chapel (Bldg. 3773)
Confession: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass: 9:00 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. 1st & 3rd Friday

Islamic Services

Ramstein South Chapel Mosque Bldg. 2403(480-5753)
Jumu'ah Prayer, 1:30 p.m.
Ramadan Services at Sunset: June 26 & 27, July 3, 4, 10, 11 & 17
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

Chapel Youth Program

Kaiserslautern Youth of the Chapel/Club Beyond, (Religious Youth Center, Pulaski Bks., Bldg. 2869) Weekly activities available for all teens in grades 6-12!
For more information about upcoming Clubs and trips or volunteering please email kaiserslautern@clubbeyond.org

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
Info: www.ramsteinpyoc.blogspot.com
Contact: ramsteinpyoc@googlemail.com

Episcopal (St. Albans)

10:30 a.m. Sundays, Kapaun 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

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KMC Cultural Highlights

by Petra Lessoing
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

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

Performing arts:

Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern:

• "My Fair Lady," a musical by Frederick Loewe, in German, 7:30 p.m. today and Jan. 15; and 3 p.m. Jan. 24.

• "Der Barbier von Sevilla," an opera by Gioacchino Rossini, in Italian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 16.

• "Nur noch kurz die Welt retten," a Europe revue, 8 p.m. Jan. 14, 23 and 31.

• Fourth chamber concert features works by Beethoven, Andres, Debussy, Koetsier, Duvernoy, Franz Strauss, Dauprat and Singer, 11 a.m. Jan. 17.

• "Wer hat Angst vor Virginia Wolfe," who's afraid of Virgina Wolfe, a play by Edward Albee, in German, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 and 22.

• "Eugen Onegin" an opera by Peter Tschaikowski, in Russian, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 and 27.

• "Everyman," a rock mystery with the progressive metal band Vanden Plas, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30.

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

Kammgarn Kaiserslautern:

• German rapper Majoe presents hip hop and rap, 8 p.m. Jan. 20. Tickets cost €25.

• The Bernard Allison Group performs blues, rock, soul and funk, 8 p.m. Jan. 28. Tickets cost €24.

• The duet Mrs. Greenbird presents country, folk, pop, 8 p.m. Jan. 31. Tickets cost €22.

• The band Blues Caravan presents blues, 8 p.m. Feb. 4. Tickets cost €17.

For more information, visit www.kammgarn.de.

Fruchthalle, Kaiserslautern:

• Jazz Stage meets a surprise star, 8 p.m. Jan. 15. Tickets cost €14.

• German Radio Philharmonics Saarbruecken Kaiserslautern present talented musicians from the young classical scene, 5 p.m. Jan. 17. Ticket prices range from €12 to €25.

• Concert a la carte with violoncello player Alexander Bouzlov presenting "Love, War and Peace," music from Antonin Dvorak and Robert Schumann, 1 p.m. Jan. 21. Lunch will be offered at noon. Tickets cost €21 with lunch and €12 without lunch.

• Artemis Quartett presents works by Ludwig van Beethoven and Evard Grieg, 8 p.m. Jan. 28. Tickets cost €14, €19 and €24.

• German State Philharmonics Rheinland-Pfalz present works by Jean-Philippe Rameau, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Georges Bizet, 8 p.m. Jan. 29. Tickets cost €17, €22 and €25.

For more information, tickets, or to register for lunch, call the Kaiserslautern Tourist Information office at 0631-365-2317.

Ramstein-Miesenbach, Haus des Buergers:

• Chris Thompson & Mads Eriksen Band present 35 songs from a 40-year musical career, 8 p.m. Jan. 15. Tickets cost €30 to €36.

• The Symphony Orchestra of the Kaiserslautern County presents a New Year's concert , 5 p.m. Jan. 17. Tickets cost from €26 to €32.

For more information, visit www.hausdesbuergers.de or call 06371-592-220.

Landstuhl Stadthalle:

• "The Beauty and the Beast," a musical, in German, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €23 to €32.

• Volker Klimmer & Djulia present unforgettable songs from The Great American Songbook, 7 p.m. Jan. 20. Tickets cost €12.

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

Saarbruecken, Saarlaendisches Staatstheater, Schillerplatz 1:

• "Don Giovanni," an opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in Italian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 27.

• "Platee," a ballet opera by Jean-Philippe Rameau, in French, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16, 22 and 30.

For details, call 0681-3092-486 or visit www.theater-saarbruecken.de.

Nationaltheater Mannheim, am Goetheplatz:

• "La Juive," an opera by Fromental Halevy, in French, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 and 28.

• "Alpha – Omega," a dance by Kevin O'Day with music by John King, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16.

For more infomration, visit www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de.

English Theatre, Gallusanlage 7, Frankfurt:

• "The Life," a musical by David Newman, Ira Gasman and Cy Coleman, through Feb. 16. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit www.english-theatre.org.

Courtesy photo

The Skull

The Voelklinger Huette in Voelklingen, European Center for Arts and Industry Culture and world heritage site, presents a special exhibition, "The Skull. Icon. Myth. Cult," with more than 150 human skulls from stone age until today. Daily opening hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost €15. Children up to 18 and students are admitted free. Admission is free Tuesdays after 3 p.m. For details, visit www.voelklinger-huette.org.

Courtesy photo

New Year's concert in Ramstein

The Haus des Buergers in Ramstein-Miesenbach presents its traditional New Year's concert with the symphony orchestra of the Kaiserslautern County at 5 p.m. Jan. 17. The orchestra presents a diversified program with famous melodies from operas and operettas. Tickets cost €26.30, €29.60 and €32.90. For more information, visit www.hausdesbuergers.de or call 06371-592-220.

Miscellaneous:

• ***Kaiserslautern,*** event hall, Gartenschau Kaiserslautern, ice-skating rink open to Feb. 14. Daily 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 more information, visit www. kl-on-ice.de.

• ***Kaiserslautern,*** Pfalzgalerie Museum, special exhibition showcases still life photos by Vera Mercer, through April 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays.

For more information, visit www.mpk.de.

• ***Siegelbach,*** knut fest (fest to dispose of Christmas trees with throwing of Christmas tree contest), 2 p.m. Saturday: burning of trees at 6 p.m.

• ***Voelklingen,*** Voelklinger Huette (former ironworks), "The Skull. Icon. Myth. Cult," showcases about 150 human skulls from stone age until today, through May 16. Opening hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.voelklinger-huette.org.

Flea markets:

• ***Mehlingen,*** Abtstrasse 25a, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

• ***Bad Duerkheim,*** Saline (saltworks, Gutleutstrasse 48), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 16.

• ***Ludwigshafen,*** Jacob-von-Lavale-Platz (train station back entrance), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Speyer,*** Burgstrasse 29 (train cargo area), 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

USAG RHEINLAND-PFALZ Family and MWR HAPPENINGS

USAG RHEINLAND-PFALZ SPORTS & FITNESS PRESENTS...

5K Run into Fitness!

& Fitness Fest

@ Sembach Fitness Center

Jan. 9

8 a.m. – Run registration
9:15 a.m. – 5K Run/Walk
10 a.m. – Fitness Fest registration
11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Fitness Fest

5K Cost: $5
First 100 to register receive t-shirt.
Fitness Fest Cost: Free!
First 60 to register* receive t-shirt.
*Advance registration available for Fitness Fest.

Fitness Fest will include yoga, Zumba, muscle conditioning, POUND and spin. Food, drinks and prizes!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT KAISERSLAUTERN.ARMYMWR.COM

Register by Jan. 18. Tickets sell out fast!
Purchase tickets via Webtrac, Java Café or at Armstrong's Club.

Armstrong's Club

Winter Family Ball

Saturday, January 23 4-8 p.m.

$29.95-Adults (18+), $19.95-Child & 2 and under free.

Price Includes:
- Banquet style meal
- Character meet & greet
- Family photo keepsake
- Games and lots of dancing!

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0631-354-9986/ 0631-350-7919

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Jan. 8, 6 p.m.

Bring your teddy bear to Rheinland-Pfalz Library for the annual Teddy Bear Sleepover. Children are invited to attend a special stuffed animal story time on Jan. 8, 6 p.m., then tuck in their stuffed animals for a sleepover. Come back on Jan. 9, 9 a.m. to enjoy a muffin breakfast and take your stuffed animal home! Open to all ages. No registration required. Rheinland-Pfalz Library at Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

KMC Onstage Presents *Mary Poppins*

Jan. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers and astonishing stagecraft. Everybody's favorite practically perfect nanny takes the stage in this exciting adventure! This musical is rated G and is suitable for the entire family. Show times: Fri & Sat, 7:30 p.m.; Sun, 3 p.m. Due to limited space, advance reservations are recommended. Reservations can be made at KMC Onstage or the One Stop Shop, 483-6626 or 486-1780; 0631-411-6626 or 06371-86-1780; or e-mail nathan.d.records.naf@mail.mil.

Turn Financial Resolutions into Reality

Jan. 12, 9-10:30 a.m.

This workshop will teach you the necessary steps to make your financial resolution a successful reality. Topics include getting out of debt, sticking to a budget, improving your credit score and more. Class meets on Pulaski Bks., Bldg. 2917. Future date: Feb. 9, 12 p.m. at Pulaski Bks., Bldg. 2926. For more information and to enroll, contact ACS at 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Open Auditions for *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*

Jan. 19 & 20, 7 p.m.

Please have a short song prepared and sheet music for an accompanist. Specialty talents such as juggling, acrobatics, and unicycling are sought. No advance sign-up required. For more information, contact KMC Onstage, Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3232, 483-6626 or 0631-411-6626.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

Calling all basketball players! Gather a team and sign up today for a great opportunity to play some competitive 3-on-3 basketball. The USAG Rheinland-Pfalz 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held at Kleber Fitness Center, Bldg. 3235. Open to military ID cardholders, ages 18 and older. Cost: $7 per team; teams are limited to 4 players maximum. Limited to the first 18 teams registered. For more information or to register, please contact Rhine Ordnance Barracks Fitness Center, 493-2087 or 0631-3406-2087.

BOSS Super Bowl Party

Feb. 7, 9:30 p.m.

Don't miss the event of the year at Halftime Sports Bar! The game will be shown on several large screen TVs. The night will feature a buffet, additional food at halftime, raffles and the chance to win a brand new 50" flat screen TV! The party continues until the game is over! Open to all ID cardholders and their guests, ages 18 and older. Tickets are available in advance for $12 or at the door for $15. Advance tickets must be purchased no later than Feb. 6 and may be purchased online via WebTrac, at Halftime Sports Bar or at any Java Café in the Kaiserslautern Military Community. For more information, contact Rheinland-Pfalz BOSS, 493-4469 or 0631-3406-4469.

Find out more online: **kaiserslautern.armymwr.com**

A YEAR OF INNOVATION

January

UNIT: 86th Communications Squadron Cyber Command Readiness Inspection Team

INNOVATION: Established a database to display real-time security statuses of networks and created 35 advanced scripts

IMPACT: Eliminated more than 75,000 hacker threats on classified and unclassified networks

February

UNIT: 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Office Inbound Cargo Section

INNOVATION: Implementation of barcode scanners for cargo arrivals

IMPACT: Eliminated hand-written logs by establishing electronic inventory and restored two hours of cargo processing time daily

Photos courtesy of the Air Force

April

UNIT: 86th Maintenance Squadron Fuel Systems Repair and Aircraft Structural Maintenance Section

INNOVATION: Designed and constructed a fuel tank training simulator

IMPACT: Permits Airmen from 10 Air Force Specialty Codes to complete more than 100 tasks toward the Federal Aviation Administration's Airframe and Powerplant Certification

May

UNIT: 86th Civil Engineer Squadron Furnishings Managment Office

INNOVATION: Modified material handling, inventory management and vehicle loading

IMPACT: Increased deliveries from 36 to 60 per day and reduced delivery waiting times by 75 precent

August

UNIT: 86th Vehicle Readiness Squadron Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Team

INNOVATION: Implemented re-inspection lane and installed a calibrated brake machine and vehicle suspension shaker

IMPACT: Eliminated duplicate procedures in inspection lanes and removed brake road tests, resulting in reduced customer wait times and the ability to process over 200 vehicles per day

March

UNIT: 86th Operations Support Squadron Survival Evasion Resistance Escape Operations and Training

INNOVATION: Developed a plan and executed 80-hour SERE course

IMPACT: Enabled sustained operations for the 86th OSS SERE augmentee program and established a training plan for the 10th Special Forces Group in Stuttgart, Germany

June

UNIT: 786th Civil Engineer Squadron Water and Fuel Systems Maintenance Section

INNOVATION: Applied the use of a camera to aid inspection of fire suppression system water supply tanks

IMPACT: Saved approximately 1.5 million liters of water annually by eliminating the need to drain 55 water tanks on Ramstein and reduced an average of $34,000 in water costs and 460 hours of man power

July

UNIT: 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron Personal Property Office

INNOVATION: Increased the number of customer service computers available to personnel completing household goods shipments

IMPACT: Decreased customer apppointment time from 45 to 20 minutes and reduced average wait time by 50 percent, thus allowing multiple personnel to be processed simultaneously

September

UNIT: 86th Dental Squadron Area Dental Lab

INNOVATION: Eliminated the use of multiple scheduling calendars by creating an online calendar accessible by laboratory technicians and dentists

IMPACT: Enables more patients to be seen due to faster scheduling process

Editor's Note: *2015 fourth-quarter innovations will be highlighted in an up-coming eddition of the KA.*

Events

» **The interactive display "What it was like in 1963"** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. will be presented from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810. Take a trip back in time to witness what it was like amid the turmoil of the civil rights movement. The interactive display is open to all ages. No registration required.

» **A wine expo** sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Exchange will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 19 and 2 to 9 p.m. Feb. 20 at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh, Bldg. 1036. Wines from all over the world will be available for tasting along with fine foods. A full wine shop will be set up with all of the wines that are available for sampling. Wine seminars will be held each day of the expo for those interested in learning more about the wine before making a purchase. You will also receive a commemorative wine glass to take home. Open to all ID cardholders and their guests, ages 18 and older. Cost: $34.95 per person, per day; $60 per person for a 2-day pass. Purchase a ticket online via WebTrac, at Armstrong's Club from 5 to 10 p.m. daily, at the Pulaski Express, or at any Java Cafe in the KMC. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, if space permits. For more information, contact Armstrong's Club at 0631-350-7919.

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 www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com, visit KMC Onstage from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, or call 483-6626 or 0631-411-6626.

» **KMC Onstage presents "Mary Poppins":** 7:30 p.m. today, Saturday and Jan. 15 and 16; 3 p.m. Sunday and Jan. 17. Limited space availability; advance reservations are recommended.

» **Open Auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock Live!":** 7 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20. A small-medium mixed cast is needed. Have a short song prepared and sheet music for an accompanist. Scripts are available to check out in advance.

» **KMC Onstage presents "You've Got Hate Mail":** 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 and 30 at the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center on Daenner Kaserne, Bldg. 3109. Rated for mature audiences only. Advance reservations are recommended.

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.

» **Winter Family Ball:** 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23. The evening will include a banquet style meal, a Frozen character meet and greet, a family photo keepsake, games and lots of dancing. Seating is limited. Early reservations required by Jan. 18. Cost: $29.95 per adult, $19.95 per child. Children under 2 years old are free. Tickets can be purchased online via WebTrac or at any Java Cafe in the KMC.

» **Small Tab Tuesdays:** 5 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday play a game of pool or pick your favorite jam on the jukebox while enjoying specials.

» **Trivia Wednesdays:** 6 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday.

» **Throwback Thursdays:** 7 p.m. every other Thursday, listen to hits from the '80s, '90s and today.

» **Karaoke Fridays:** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. every Friday show off your singing skills and socialize in a fun environment.

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

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.

» **Sweetheart Ball:** 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Feb. 13. Come and enjoy a night of pure country love. Couples will receive a complimentary glass of champagne.

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

» **K-town Coverall Bingo:** 3 p.m. every Sunday play progressive bingo to win up to $7,500. New players get a free card with the purchase of a bingo pack or bring a new player and both players receive a free card with the purchase of any bingo pack.

» **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 USA Jobs workshop** is held twice a month on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2197. Want to learn more about finding a government job? Get the one-up on competition with hands-on instruction and assistance from an Employment Readiness expert. RSVP required. For more information and to enroll in the next available class, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Support Groups

» **Newborn Network meets** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Thursday. 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 preregistration necessary. Newborn Network meets at Java Cafe on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 273. For more information, contact the New Parent Support Program at 493-4659 or 0631-3406-4659.

» **Spectrum Families Support Group** meets from 5 to 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Vogelweh Library, Bldg. 2059. This support group is for anyone who is, has, loves or works with a person with a spectrum disorder, such as Autism, Aspergers, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder — Not Otherwise Specified. For more information and to enroll, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

» **A Breast-feeding support group** meets every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Join other moms and dads for this informational class about breast-feeding, sleeping and normal newborn behavior. Class meets at Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810. For details and to enroll, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Meetings

» **Walk and Talk** meets from 11 a.m. to noon the third Friday of every month. Stimulate your body and your mind. Join Army Community Service to walk and talk it off. Locations vary. For more information, call ACS at 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

» **The Rheinland-Pfalz Quilt Guild** meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday at the Ramstein South Side Chapel for a "Stitch and Gab." Participants can join in and bring their latest projects while spending time with fellow stitchers and getting some "quilt therapy." For more information, visit www.rpqg.eu.

» **An Emergency Placement Care informational meeting** takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. every third Wednesday of every month on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2917. Join Army Community Service for this informative discussion on becoming an EPC provider and learn about the program and its basic requirements. For details, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Classes and Training

» **Commanders and senior leaders training** is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m the first Thursday of every month. This training is a mandatory requirement within 45 days of assumption of command for all commanders and senior enlisted advisers, E7-E9. Receive information on the Family Advocacy Program, the Exceptional Family Member Program and the Army Emergency Relief Program. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Class meets on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2917. Registration is required. For details, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

» **A sponsorship training class** will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Jan. 26. This course will help you fulfill the role as a sponsor for incoming personnel. Units sending students to training are required to pre-register with ACS to ensure that a unit-specific sign-in roster is available. This training is open to Soldiers, civilians and spouses who will act sponsors. Training is held at Landstuhl Learning Center, Bldg. 3718. For more information and to enroll, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

» **Conversational German courses** are offered in two levels: beginner and intermediate. Participants will gain a better understanding of the written and verbal German language. All course materials are provided to students free of charge. Classes run in six-week semesters. Advanced registration is required. For details, call 493-4203 or 0631-3406-4203.

Baumholder Events

» **The Youth Learn-to-Swim program** will be held from Tuesday to Jan. 28 at the Baumholder indoor swimming pool. Registration will be open until Monday. Levels offered include: Parent and Child Class for children ages 12 months to 3 years; Preschool Aquatics for children ages 3 to 5 years; and Learn-to-Swim levels 1 through 4 for children ages 6 years and older. Space is limited. Advance registration required. Cost: $45 per session. For more information and to register, call Parent Central Services at 485-7003 or 06783-6-7003.

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Airman & Family Readiness Center

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

MONDAY

» Transition GPS Workshop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

» Ramstein Spouses Orientation: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., A&FRC

TUESDAY

» Transition GPS Workshop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

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

» Managing Your Money: 9 to 10 a.m., A&FRC

» EFMP: Parents of Teens support group: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,A&FRC

» Intro to German: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., A&FRC

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

» Ditching the Dorms: 1 to 2:30 p.m., A&FRC

WEDNESDAY

» Transition GPS Workshop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

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

» Key spouse initial training: 8:30 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., A&FRC

» Resume Writing 101: 10 a.m. to noon., A&FRC

» LICC/EFMP working group meeting: 3 to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

» EFMP bowling event: 5 to 7 p.m., Ramstein Bowling Center

THURSDAY

» Transition GPS Workshop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

JAN. 15

» Transition GPS Workshop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., A&FRC

Child/Youth

For more information and to register for KMC Youth Instructional Classes, visit www.86fss.com, select "Family" and click "Instructional Classes" or call 06371-47-6444, Ramstein Youth Programs, or 0631-536-6504, Vogelweh Youth Programs.

Health Promotion

For more information, call Health Promotion at 06371-47-4292 or 480-4292 or stop by Bldg. 2117.

MONDAY

» BOD POD: 1 to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

» BOD POD: 8 to 10 a.m.

» Healthy Eating: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

» Closed for training

JAN. 15

» BOD POD: 8 to 10 a.m.

Family Advocacy

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

» COUPLES COMMUNICATION: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2. Location to be determined. Falling in love is easy, staying in love is an art. Join us for this fun and interactive workshop and begin a journey to see yourself, your partner and your relationship in a whole new light. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

» EXPECTANT PARENT ORIENTATION: Every first Tuesday of each month, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Learning Resource Center, Bldg. 3718, at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Learn about birth registration, passports and much more. No sign-up needed. *For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 06371-46-2098 or 479-2098.*

» DADS 101: 8 to 10 a.m. the first Monday of every month, Bldg. 2117 (Health Promotion). The class is designed to teach fathers to become more effective parents. It allows dads to ask questions about labor and delivery, teaches them how to calm a crying baby, teaches role adjustment and other infant care issues. *To register or for more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 479-2098 or 06371-46-2098.*

» DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES: Family Advocacy provides a new service which offers immediate support and service for men or women affected by abuse. The Domestic Abuse Victim Advocacy program is available 24/7. Victims of domestic violence can call 479-2370 during duty hours or 0173-628-4624 after duty hours for a variety of support and advocacy services. Trained personnel stand ready to help. DAVA can provide assistance by helping to develop a safety plan, assessing imminent risk of harm, connecting with helpful services and arranging follow-up care.

ASACS

Contact your school ASACS counselor for details.

» ADOLESCENT SUPPORT AND COUNSELING SERVICE is a comprehensive program providing prevention education and counseling services to 11- to 19-year-old ID cardholders in the military community. ASACS's 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 participate in supportive activities related to military life transitions as well as providing individual, group and family counseling services. ASACS counselors' offices are located in DOD 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.

Military Family Life Consultants

For details, call 0152-24211233; 0152-02663352; 0176-69333243; or 0151-56748179.

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Medical Group

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

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SARC

For Emergency Victim Care during duty hours and after duty hours, call 480-7272 or 06371-47-7272.

For administration questions on the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program, call 480-5597 or 06371-47-5597.

Education Notes

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl is having their annual Teddy Bear Sleepover. Children are invited to attend a special stuffed animal story time at 6 p.m. today and then to tuck in their stuffed animals for a sleepover. Come back at 9 a.m. Saturday to enjoy a muffin breakfast and to bring their stuffed animal home. Open to all ages. No registration required. For more information, contact the library, Bldg. 3810, at 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

Youth guitar lessons

SKIESUnlimited now offers guitar lessons for youth ages 9 to 18 years old. Lessons are available by appointment at beginner and advanced levels. Participants are asked to bring an acoustic guitar, notebook and pencil. To register, contact Parent Central Services on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122; or Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation One Stop shop in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

Kindermusik

Kindermusik is a musical program that nurtures young children's development in the areas of language, social, emotional and physical skills. SKIESUnlimited offers Kindermusik classes for youth in three age categories: Cuddle and Bounce, ages 0 to 18 months; Wiggle and Grow, ages 18 months to 3 years; and Laugh and Learn, ages 3 to 5 years. Open to all branches of service. For more information and to register, contact Parent Central Services on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898, at 0631-3406-4516/4122 or Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation One Stop shop in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, at 486-8943 or 06371-86-8943.

Tots and Tales Storytime

Tots and Tales Storytime at Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl 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 to 24 months. Tots and Tales storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday. Sign up in advance. For more information, contact the library, Bldg. 3810, at 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

Computer-assisted piano class

SKIESUnlimited is offering a computer-assisted piano class to help students learn how to play piano. Students receive both a 30-minute individual lesson and a 30-minute interactive piano lesson at a workstation with a stand-alone computer. Students are asked to bring piano books and other teaching materials they may have from previous piano lessons. The class is offered Mondays and Thursdays on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2901, and in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3819. Open to all branches of service for children ages 4 to 18 years old. To register, contact Parent Central Services on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898, at 493-4516/4122 or 0631-3406-4516/4122; or Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation One Stop shop in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, at 486-8943 or 6371-86-8943.

Preschool Storytime

The Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl hosts a storytime for preschool-aged children, 3 to 5 years old, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. This entertaining event includes stories, music and crafts for young children and their parents. No sign-up required. For more information, contact the library, Bldg. 3810, at 486-7322 or 6371-86-7322.

Lapsit Storytime

Join the Rheinland-Pfalz Library for Lapsit Storytime. This infant storytime is held at 10:30 a.m every Thursday. The event includes sensory crafts, songs, fingerplays and stories. Light refreshments are available for the parents. Because of limited space, sign-up is required for every storytime. A wait list is also available, in which parents are notified the Saturday prior if a space has become available. For more information or to register, contact Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, at 486-7322 or 06371-86-7322.

Job Openings at CYS Services

If you are interested in working with children and youth, apply online for Child, Youth and School Services positions at www.usajobs.gov. Search for job title: Child and Youth Program Assistant (entry, skill and target level) CY-01/02. Positions are available on Kleber, Landstuhl, Sembach and Miesau locations. Child and Youth Program assistants work directly with children and youth and must be trustworthy, able to maintain a high degree of professionalism at all times and have the desire to be a positive influence on children and youth.

TAG Meeting

The Teen Advisory Group meeting is an opportunity for teens to make their voices heard about what programs and materials they want to see offered at the library. The next TAG meeting will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Rheinland-Pfalz Library in Landstuhl. No registration required. For more information, contact the library, Bldg. 3810, at 486-7322 or Civ. 06371-86-7322.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Feb. 6 is Take Your Child to the Library Day. This is an international initiative that enourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Stop by and visit the Rheinland-Pfalz Library at Landstuhl to check out the wonderful children's materials and even register for a library card for free! Rheinland-Pfalz Library at Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810.

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Get your vacation photo published in the KA! Your submission must include the name of the photographer (if available), the date the photo was taken, first and last names of everyone in the photo, and the location. Only high resolution photos will be considered for publication. Also, only photos with people in them will be picked for the paper. Email your submission to the editor at **editor@kaiserslauternamerican.com**, with "destinations" in the subject line. Photos are published on a space-available basis.

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz volleyball

Bump! Set! Spike! The U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz men's and women's community volleyball teams are looking for experienced players to compete in the 2016 U.S. Forces Europe volleyball season. Players must be 18 years or older and out of high school. If interested, please contact Wilford "Lefty" Byrd at Lefty.Byrd@us.army.mil, Lefty.Byrd@gmail.com or 0160-6666102; or Ariana Suerodelgado at ariana.suerodelgado@dla.mil, asuerodelgado@yahoo.com or 0151-54059343.

5K Run into Fitness and Fitness Fest

Kick off the new year with this unique fitness opportunity. The 5K Run into Fitness will take place at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Sembach Fitness Center, Bldg. 105. Registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on the day of the event. The registration fee is $5. The first 150 people to register will receive a free t-shirt. After the run, Fitness Fest will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include: yoga, Zumba, muscle conditioning, POUND and spin. Food, drinks and prizes will be available. Registration is free. Register for the Fitness Fest on the day of the event between 10 and 11 a.m. or in advance at the Sembach Fitness Center. The first 60 people to register for the Fitness Fest will receive a free t-shirt. For more information, visit www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com.

YogaFit training

Are you interested in becoming a certified yoga instructor or furthering your YogaFit certification? YogaFit will host three different training courses at the Sembach Fitness Center in January: Level 1, Jan. 15 to 16; Level 2, Jan. 17 to 18; Yoga Therapy, Jan. 21 to 24. Level 1 and Level 2 cost: early bird sign-up, $399; regular sign-up, $429; late sign-up, $459. Yoga Therapy cost: early bird sign-up, $700; regular sign-up, $750; late sign-up, $800. The deadline for early bird sign-up is one month prior to the scheduled training. Save an additional $50 per class when you enter the code "WARRIOR14" during online checkout. For more information and to register, contact info@yogafit.com.

3-on-3 basketball tournament

Gather a team and sign up today to play some competitive 3-on-3 basketball. The U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held on Jan. 23 at Kleber Fitness Center, Bldg. 3235. Games begin at 10 a.m. Open to military ID cardholders, ages 18 and older. Cost: $7 per team; teams are limited to 4 players maximum. Space is limited to the first 18 teams to register. For more information or to register, contact the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Fitness Center at 493-2087 or 0631-3406-2087.

Volleyball clinic and tournament

Are you interested in becoming a certified volleyball official? Installation Management Command Europe will host a free officials' clinic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 to 29 at the chapel on Sembach Kaserne, Bldg. 118. Participants will learn the rules and regulations of volleyball, the step-by-step processes of the game and the skills needed to become an official. Open to ID cardholders, ages 18 and older. Registration required. To register for the free clinic, contact Mr. Tony Lee by phone at 475-7576 or 09641-83-7576 or via email at tony.lee2.naf@mail.mil. Following the clinic, a practicum tournament will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 30 at Sembach Fitness Center, Bldg. 105. This free tournament is open to the first six teams to sign up. Sign-up begins at 8 a.m. the morning of the tournament.

NOW SHOWING

Editor's note: The movies listing was the most current at the time of publication. Dates are subject to change. Please check with your local theater for the most up-to-date schedule.

FRIDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens *3D* (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 1:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. **Concussion (PG-13)** 2 p.m., 7:45 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 11 a.m., 6:15 p.m. **Point Break *3D* (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 10:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens *3D* (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 1:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. **Concussion (PG-13)** 2 p.m., 7:45 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 11 a.m., 6:15 p.m. **Point Break *3D* (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 10:30 p.m.
SUNDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 2:15 p.m., 6 p.m. **Concussion (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. **Point Break *3D* (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 6:15 p.m.
MONDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., **The Revenant (R)** 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. **Brooklyn (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 4:30 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. **Brooklyn (PG-13)** 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 4:30 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m. **Brooklyn (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 4:30 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 2 p.m. ***Free advanced screening* — 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)** 7 p.m.
THURSDAY	**Star Wars the Force Awakens (PG-13)** 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. **The Revenant (R)** 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. **Brooklyn (PG-13)** 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. **Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)** 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. **Daddy's Home (PG-13)** 4:30 p.m. **Krampus (PG-13)** 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m.

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At The Movies

Point Break (PG-13)

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A young FBI agent, Johnny Utah, infiltrates a cunning team of thrill seeking elite athletes led by the charismatic Bodhi. The athletes are suspected of carrying out a string of staggering crimes that kill innocent people and send the world's economy into a tailspin. Deep undercover, and with his life in imminent danger, Utah strives to prove they are the callous architects of these inconceivable crimes.

Starring Luke Bracey and Edgar Ramirez.

Concussion (PG-13)

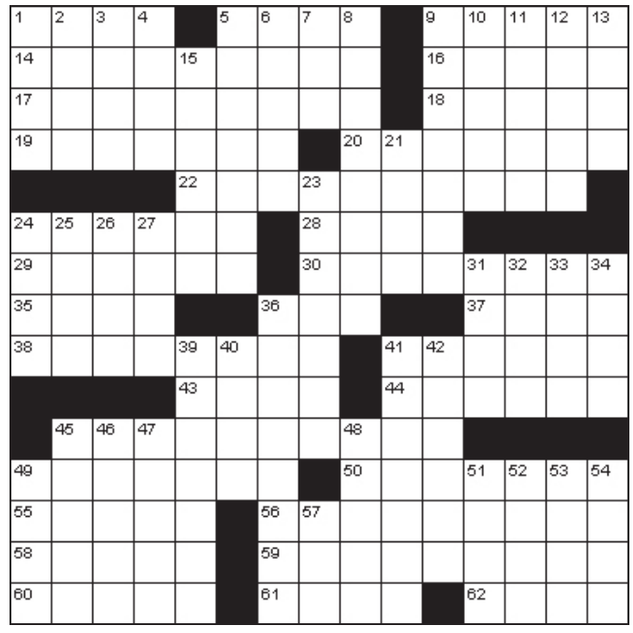
A look at how American football players suffer from major head injuries and life-long debilitating problems as a result of repeated concussions and efforts by the National Football League to deny it.

Starring Will Smith and Alec Baldwin.

Brooklyn (PG-13)

Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Starring Saoirse Ronan and Domhall Gleeson



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22 Clashing
24 Folk dance
28 False witness
29 Form of discrimination
30 Blown up
35 Golf course hazard
36 One-liner
37 Auto maker Ferrari
38 TV money-raiser
41 Bestow
43 "Laughing Cavalier" artist
44 "Ganja" smokers
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49 They're learned
50 Euripides tragedy
55 Stayed home for dinner
56 Strong-smelling gum resin
58 Pizzazz
59 Amends
60 Organic compound
61 Currency in Capetown
62 Tennis units

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1 Haydn's sobriquet
2 Stuntman Knievel
3 Aromatic ointment
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5 Early rite
6 Theatrical awards
7 Keyboard abbr.
8 Like a liner
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10 Metamorphosis stage
11 Built-up
12 Athletic pursuit
13 Circle dance
15 "Animal House" director
21 Caspian Sea feeder
23 Purify
24 Simpsons creator Groening
25 Fairy tale villain
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27 Mellow
31 Account execs
32 Tiny pest
33 Pound of literature
34 Specks
36 Pupil's reward
39 Turpentine, e.g.
40 Sentry's cry
41 Erin
42 "You ___ Love You"
45 "Psycho" motel name
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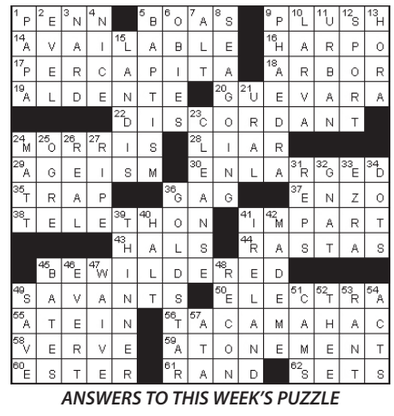

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

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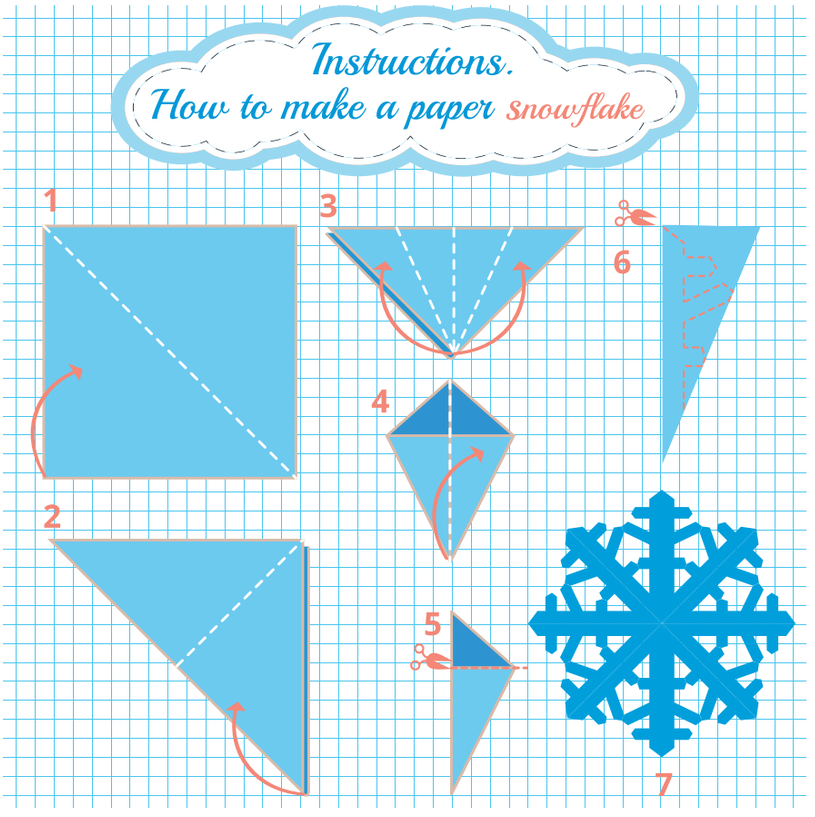

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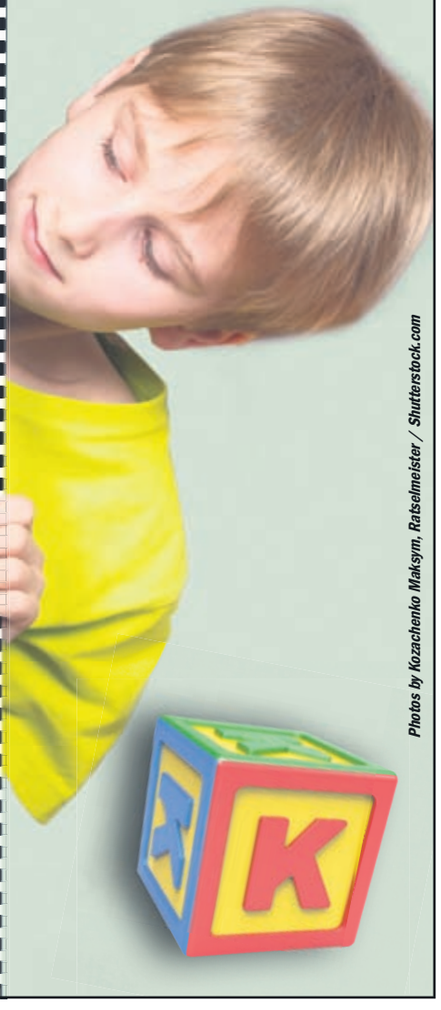

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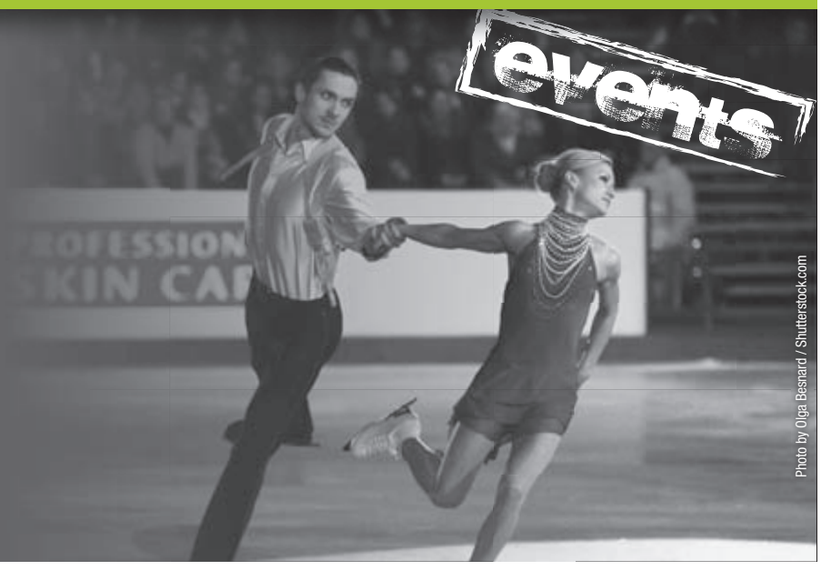

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Holiday on Ice

Wed, Jan 13

Frankfurt, Festhalle

The Festhalle in Frankfurt will host the world's most popular ice show Holiday on Ice on January 13 and the theme this year is 'Believe' with the storyline based on Romeo and Juliet. This show has drawn more than 325 million visitors. Each visitor marvels at the extravagant costumes and exciting acrobatics which are supported by glamorous light shows and thrilling music. Ticket price starts at €29.90. The event starts at 4 p.m. For more information go to www.holidayonice.com

EVENTS

Sightseeing tour

Sat, Jan 9
Trier, Porta Nigra

Enjoy a small sightseeing tour through the beautiful historic city center of Trier on January 11. The tour starts at the Porta Nigra and commences every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. On a 35 minute tour with the small train "RömerExpress" (Roman Express) you can discover famous sights and the historic city center without taking one single step. During the excursion you can get information in English, German and three more languages. For more info, see www.trier-info.de or contact the Tourist Information Bureau at 0651-978080.

Salsa dancing

Sat, Jan 9
Neustadt an der Weinstraße,
Club Limon

Come to Club Limon on January 9 where it does not matter if you are a pro or just a beginner in Salsa. Dancing promises a fun night for all at Club Limon. For more information go to www.club-limon.de

Speed Dating: dinner date

Sat, Jan 9
Kaiserslautern, Glockencafe,

If you are between the ages of 47 and 61 and are looking to have a good time, then look no further. On January 9, there will be a 3-course meal while you may find your one true love. Appetizers are shared for the whole table, the following courses can be chosen freely. Be assured, this will be more than a speed dating event. Lighthearted and fun, for a good evening out with good food. The dinner date costs €33. For more information go to www.speeddating-kl.de

ADAC Supercross Show

Fri, Jan 10 – Sun, Jan 12
Dortmund, Westfalenhalle

Experience the 33rd ADAC Supercross race in the Westfalenhalle Dortmund from January 10 to 12. See real professionals and young talents during exciting shows filled with action and acrobatics or find out about the latest trends in the exhibition hall. On tons of mud, the drivers compete against each other in the leagues SX1 and SX2 to win the title "King of Dortmund." For more info see www.westfalenhallen.de

Weekly market

Sat, Jan 16
Kaiserslautern, Stiftsplatz

Head on over to the weekly produce market at the Stiftsplatz every Saturday. The market offers fresh food like fruits, vegetables, fish, cheese, bakery products etc. as well as plants, takeaways and more. The market kicks off at 7.00 a.m. and runs until 1.30 p.m. You'll be sure to find some beautifully fresh ingredients for your dinner. For more info see www.wochenmarkt-kaiserslautern.de

New Year's concert

Sun, Jan 17
Bad Dürkheim, Brunnenhalle,

A concert by the Salon Orchestra of Stuttgart Saloniker will be hosted on January 17 at 11 a.m. The group was founded 25 years ago. Let's welcome the New Year with live and unplugged music all in real time. Price is €30 and includes sekt and a small bite to eat. For more information go to www.saloniker.de

One Night of Queen

Wed, Jan 20
Saarbrücken, Congresshalle

Freddy Mercury was a pop icon and still lives on for some people. This legendary singer will be brought back to life from Gary Mullen who weirdly enough is the spitting image of Freddy himself. Enjoy songs such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the champions" and "Don't stop me now." The ticket price is €38. The show starts at 8 p.m. For more information go to www.queen-show.de

Wine fair

Fri, Jan 22 – Sun, Jan 24
Trier, Viehmarkt

The best regional wines from the area around Mosel, Saar and Ruwer will be presented during the wine fair "Weinforum" in Trier's Viehmarkt from January 22 to 24. In the underground passages of the former Roman thermal bath about 200 wines from more than 100 wineries are waiting to be tested. Tickets are between €25 and €30. Opening hours are Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info see www.lwk-rlp.de

CONCERTS

Musical Highlights 2016

Sun, Jan 10, 18:00
Saalbau, Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Enjoy the highlights of musical entertainment on January 10 in Neustadt in an enthralling evening at the Saalbau. Entrance fee is €35.90. The event starts at 6 p.m. For more information go to www.neustadt.eu

Hozier

Thu, Jan 21
Luxembourg, Den Atelier

The New York Times called his voice 'a rich, melancholy moan' and one thing's for sure: his music makes you feel. Den Atelier's doors will open at 7 p.m. on January 21 and welcome the Irish artist, singer and guitar player on stage around 8 p.m. We strongly recommend bringing glow sticks, dancing shoes and tissues. You know. Just in case. For more information and to get your ticket price at €35 go to www.atelier.lu

SPORTS

Ice hockey

Fri, Jan 8
Mannheim, SAP Arena

Join in the fun and watch the ice hockey team Adler Mannheim face off against Iserlohn Roosters in the SAP Arena on January 8, starting at 7.30 p.m. Don't wait too long to buy tickets online from between €12 and €39 at www.tickets.saparena.de

Soccer

Sat, Jan 16
Kaiserslautern, Fritz-Walter-Stadion

See a practice game on January 16 between the 1. FC Kaiserslautern and FC Ingolstadt at the Fritz-Walter Stadion in Kaiserslautern at 3.30 p.m. For more info, and tickets go to www.fck.de

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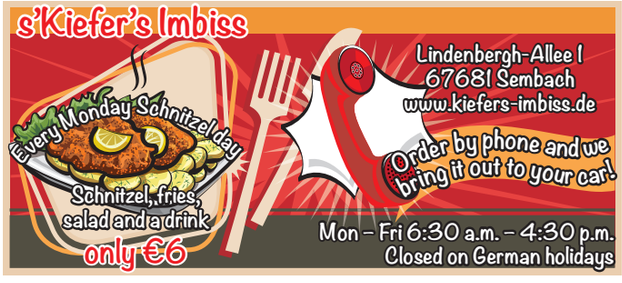

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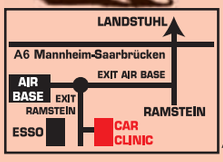

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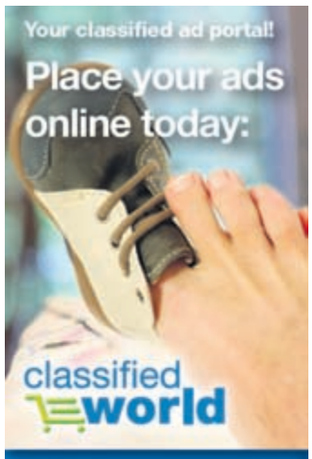

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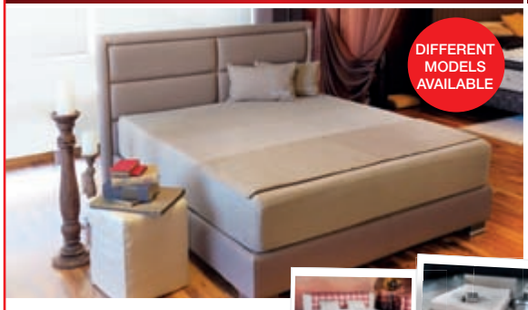

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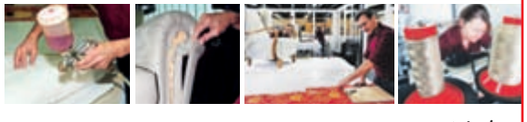

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