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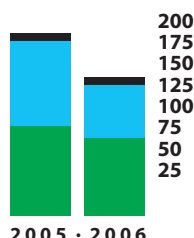
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KMC 2005	32	7
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Associated Units (AF only)	12	12
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**FRIDAY,  
November 3, 2006**

Weekend weather

Mostly cloudy

**45/33**



**KAISERSLAUTERN,  
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# FBI trains military police, Polizei in Kaiserslautern

**Story and photo by Christine June**  
U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern

The Federal Bureau of Investigation taught a one-week basic crisis negotiation course Oct. 23 to 27 on Kapaun Air Station.

This is the first time this course has been held here, said Kevin Thomas, investigator with the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Provost Marshal's Office and Tech. Sgt. Benny Pierce from the 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron. Both were responsible for coordinating with the FBI legal services at the American Embassy in Frankfurt to get the course taught here.

"We needed this training because we didn't have any (negotiators) in the KMC due to PCS and deployments," said Sergeant Pierce. He added this need was critical since more than 50,000 Americans are stationed here, making it the largest U.S. military community outside of the United States.

Attending the course were 24 investigators, special agents, patrolmen and psychologists from the garrison's PMO, 569th USFPS, 435th Security Forces Squadron, federal and state German Polizei, and Criminal Investigation Divisions from Baumholder and Wiesbaden.

"It's so important that we all get this training so we can work on the same page especially here in this tight community of Army and Air Force," said Mr. Thomas.

In other words, the Army's military police or the Air Force's security police as well as the Polizei can be called upon in any given crisis situation here, he said.

One of the two instructors, Mike Helms, said this is normally a two-week course that was crammed into one week.

"It's very intense and a lot of information in one week," said Sergeant Pierce. "I go home, and I'm mentally exhausted."

Training focused on basic understanding of behav-



**Kevin Thomas, investigator with the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, tries to initiate on-scene negotiations with a hostage taker Oct. 27 during a role-playing exercise of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Basic Crisis Negotiation Course on Kapaun Air Station.**

ioral motivation, principles of successful negotiations and the role of negotiators during a crisis. Students used state-of-the-art specialized negotiating equipment during more than 32 hours of role-playing exercises. Topics covered the entire process from principles to legal aspects of crisis negotiation.

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**0631-536-2233**  
or 489-AADD.

\*Non-KMC Army includes Soldiers from Baumholder, Stuttgart, etc. Others includes DODDS, DECA, AAFES employees, contractors, retirees and other services.

**86th Airlift Wing**

**Monthly Flying Hours**



**Aircraft**  
Flying Hours (Goal/Flown)

**C-130**  
764/607.6



**C-20, C-21  
C-37, C-40**  
681/659.8

# Reach out in times of reintegration

by **Gen. David McKiernan**

Commanding General,  
7th Army and USAREUR

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs Army families undertake. Even under normal circumstances, raising healthy, well-adjusted children who know that they are loved is a challenge; but for parents who are deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism or other contingencies around the world, the challenge of parenting can be exceptionally difficult.

Several deployment-related resources have been created to help relieve the stress families are experiencing during these turbulent times. These resources, which are available in the USAREUR "Blue Box," include deployment and reintegration guides for parents and coloring books for children.

To help families when a parent returns from deployment, a new guide entitled Age-Appropriate Reintegration Activities has been added to the USAREUR Blue Box. This quick-reference guide, which is available at [www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/bluebox/docs/ageappropriate.pdf](http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/bluebox/docs/ageappropriate.pdf), was created to help parents and children cope with the challenges associated with reintegration and reunion. The guide, which is formatted as a tri-fold, does the following:

- Suggests different types of reintegration activities appropriate to children
- Provides information on how children may behave during the stressful period of reintegration and reunion with a parent who has been deployed
- Lists family-oriented Web sites

I strongly encourage parents to use this new tri-fold as well as other resources available in our military communities and online that are designed to help with reintegration. These resources can ease the transition and help families adjust quickly when a parent comes home after being deployed.

# No restrictions on communication

by **Master Sgt.**

**Rory Smith**

USAFE IG Complaints and  
Inquiries office

*The following anecdote is completely fictitious and its sole purpose is to help clarify what "restriction" means in the Air Force.*

Staff Sgt. Jones was assigned to a customer service section. The office had four other individuals assigned to it including Master Sgt. Williams, who was the NCOIC, Senior Airmen Smith and Adams and Airman 1st Class Baker. The office was very busy and morale was good.

One morning during the high PCS season, things at work were unusually hectic. Sergeant Jones noticed that Sergeant Williams' friends were showing up and moving ahead of others who had signed in and had been waiting for service. It appeared to Sergeant Jones that Sergeant Williams was showing his friends preferential treatment.

Later that day, Sergeant Jones went to the commissary and bumped into the wing command chief. They started talking and the Chief asked Sergeant Jones how things were at the MPF. Sergeant Jones mentioned the preferential treatment issue and how to approach Sergeant Williams about it.

That evening at the softball field, the command chief and Sergeant Williams were warming up for a game. The Chief briefly approached the subject of customer service at the MPF without mentioning any specifics. Sergeant Williams thought the word may have gotten out that he was

helping his friends without an appointment or signing in.

The next day, Sergeant Williams provided Sergeant Jones a midterm feedback. Based on the discussion with the Chief, Sergeant Williams wanted to ensure that all of his folks did not take flight issues outside the unit. Sergeant Williams told Sergeant Jones that she must go through him first, and not directly to the first sergeant, commander or especially anyone outside the unit on any issue, no matter what.

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AFI 90-301, Inspector General Complaints Resolution, defines restriction as "To place boundaries or barriers upon military members through the use of direct or indirect means." Additionally, 90-301 defines restricted access as "To place boundaries or barriers upon military members through the use of direct or indirect means that reduce protected communications."

AFI 90-301 specifically identifies two ways a lawful, protected communication may be made:

- A communication is considered protected when members of the armed forces make or prepare to make a lawful communication to a member of Congress, an inspector general, or a member of an inspector general's investigative staff when they are not conveying an admission of misconduct or violation of the UCMJ
- A communication is also considered protected when the member reasonably believes he or she has been the victim of or has evidence of a violation of any law or regulation,

including laws or regulations prohibiting sexual harassment or unlawful discrimination, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety: and, the member makes this communication to any of the of following people: MEO, family advocacy, squadron or flight commanders, command chief master sergeants, first sergeants or any investigative agency

The difference between the two is that with the first group, any lawful communication is protected. In the second group, the communication is protected when the member reasonably believes he/she has evidence of a violation of a law or regulation.

What this means is that military members can not be restricted from talking to the Inspector General or a member of congress. It also means that a military member can not be restricted from taking an issue of wrongdoing (violation of law or regulation), or what they perceive to be an issue of wrongdoing, to their first sergeant, command chief, flight commander or commander, etc. Violators are subject to punishment under the UCMJ.

Your job as a supervisor is to encourage the use of the chain of command to resolve issues at the lowest possible level. However, you cannot make it mandatory if an individual has an issue of wrong-doing he or she wants to bring forward. You can enforce the use of the chain of command for normal day-to-day operations.



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## TAKE NOTE

**Holiday mail deadlines**

To ensure packages arrive at stateside locations in time for the holidays, the deadlines listed below are provided for mail originating at overseas Military Post Offices.

- Space available mail – Nov. 20
- Parcel airlift Mail – Dec. 4
- Priority mail – Dec. 11
- First class letters and cards – Dec. 11
- Express mail – Dec. 18

For mail sent from stateside addresses to MPOs, four to six weeks is suggested for surface mail to arrive; priority mail takes an average of seven to 10 days.

Planning ahead is strongly recommended. Traditionally, the deadline dates, especially the Dec. 11 Priority mailing date, are the busiest days of the year for postal personnel.

**Avoid winter fine**

In May, German legislators passed a supplement to the road traffic law, allowing police to fine drivers who venture on to winter roads without a properly equipped vehicle. Apart from other winter safety precautions, this mainly translates into putting on snow or all-weather tires, and checking the windshield wiper fluid.

Drivers who obstruct or endanger traffic due to summer tires on their car will be ticketed and run the risk of losing all or part of their insurance protection in case of an accident.

A good – and safe – rule of thumb is to use all-weather tires or to install snow tires now. All tires should have at least four millimeters of tread to be effective.

**Commissary opens late**

The Ramstein Commissary will not open until 10 a.m. today due to required maintenance on the electrical substation.

**Holidays and passports**

As the holiday season approaches, the Passport Office encourages checking the validity of your and your dependents' passports if planning to travel. Average time to receive a passport is eight to 10 weeks and cannot be

expedited.

Priority processing is authorized only for the following conditions:

- Red Cross-verified emergency
- Hospital-verified medical evacuation for a patient, persons accompanying a MEDEVAC patient, or both
- Military discharges under other than honorable conditions (except pregnancy and European separation) according to the respective service directives

In addition, the American Consulates will not take walk-in applications for USAFE personnel. For more information, call the Ramstein Passport Office at 480-2240. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Flu shot update**

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center will give flu shots to eligible beneficiaries 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Landstuhl gym and Nov. 20 to 22 at the LRMC Learning Center. Beneficiaries are reminded to bring yellow shot records in order to document the immunization. For more information call 486-8502/6909.

**Change of command**

The 37th Airlift Squadron will hold a change of command ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 17 in Hangar One, Bldg. 2210 at Ramstein.

**Portable heating devices**

All portable heating devices need to be approved by the safety office. All coffee makers and hot plates used in any work place other than a designated kitchen must also be inspected and approved. To schedule an appointment, contact Master Sgt. James Walton at 480-5940.

**Tax advisors needed**

The Ramstein Law Center is asking each unit to provide at least two unit tax advisors for every 100 members. Interested volunteers can be officers, enlisted, civilians or dependents, and should respond by Nov. 15. For details, contact Tech. Sgt. Karana Rice at karana.rice@ramstein.af.mil or at 480-1040/1041.

# Ramstein Airman named DOD firefighter of year

Story and photo by Monica Mendoza  
Kaiserslautern American

Sometimes being the best firefighter means putting out the metaphoric fires.

Take Senior Airman Christopher Gerdes, 22, of the 435th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department. Oh, he's put out his share of real fires on Ramstein and at a base downrange during his recent deployment. But, what made him a standout firefighter – nay, the best – is his work back in the fire station on Ramstein where he set up a system of files and computer programs that track all of the required training military firefighters need.

Airman Gerdes was named the 2005 Department of Defense Military Firefighter of the Year. First nominated at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe level, Airman Gerdes was named the best in the Air Force and then the best in the DOD, competing against Marines, Soldiers and Sailors.

"I love my job," he said. "I started at Ramstein 2 1/2 years ago and I hit the ground running. I tried to find every opportunity to advance," he said.

Airman Gerdes, a fire engineer, drives the fire truck and is responsible for getting the water from the truck to the firefighters working a fire. He volunteers during Fire Prevention Month, for Armed Forces Against Drunk Drinking and at the Fisher House.

"I try to find new ways to improve on computers, like track training on Excel – stuff that makes everyone's job easier," he said. The key is staying motivated and interested in learning new things, he said.

The 435th CES firefighters have a winning track record in USAFE and Air Force-wide competitions. In 2004, Airman



**Senior Airman Christopher Gerdes is the 2005 Department of Defense Military Firefighter of the Year.**

William Strauss was named Air Force Firefighter of the Year and this year Airman 1st Class Alston Calderon is the USAFE Firefighter of the Year. He will advance to the Air Force level competition. And, then there is Paul Erickson, civilian, assistant chief of operations at the 435th CES fire department. He was named the 2005 Civilian Fire Officer of the Year.

"It's the guys," Mr. Erickson said, sharing credit with the chief, the Airmen and the civilians who make up the nearly 300 member-firefighting team.

"We delegate," Mr. Erickson said. "We have AICs doing staff sergeant work. We give them responsibility, maturing them and mentoring them."

Ramstein is the largest fire department in the Air Force and responds to about 4,000 calls year. That's equal to the amount of calls a city of about 200,000 would see, according to Fire House Magazine's annual report, Mr. Erickson said.

"You come here and you fix problems," Mr. Erickson said. "And, that's what you do."

## Congratulations to KMC Officer Training Selectees

*Editor's Note: Throughout the U.S. Air Force, only 52 candidates were selected for OTS.*

Staff Sgt. Carl Perkins\*, 86th Air Mobility Squadron

Staff Sgt. Sinorakhoun Baunmasananh,

86th Maintenance Operations Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Romaine Russell, 16th Air Communications Squadron

*\*Sergeant Perkins was selected for pilot training, only one of seven within the entire U.S. Air Force.*

## AIRMAN ARTLESS

by Ben Schneider





Photo by Senior Airman Megan Carrico

## New hangar at Ramstein

**Brig. Gen. Rich Johnston, KMC and 86th Airlift Wing commander, speaks at the Oct. 26 opening of a C-5 maintenance hangar on Ramstein. The new facility was built to house the largest aircraft in the Air Force fleet.**



Photo by Airman Basic Heidi Holston

## AADD gets GPS units

**by Capt. Erin Dorrance**  
Kaiserslautern American

The Armedforces Against Drunk Driving organization received three GPS units, presented by (see above photo) Brig. Gen. Rich Johnston, KMC and 86th Airlift Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Renee Starghill, 86th AW command chief, to Tech. Sgt. Marie Takeshita, 435th Medical Group, and Staff Sgt. Michael Haywood, 435th Communications Squadron, at the 86th AW Commander's Call Oct. 20.

The units, purchased under the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Alcohol Related Initiatives program, will be used by the more than 1,500 AADD volunteers to locate wingmen that need a safe ride home.

"GPS units are something we have wanted for a long time," said Sergeant Takeshita, AADD president. "Having these will help us get volunteers because it makes our job easier."

The volunteer-based organization helped save 1,712 lives in 2005. AADD serves the KMC and offers service to anyone with a military ID card. The service is free and anonymous. If you are ever in need of AADD, contact them at 0631-536-2233.

Compiled by the 569th United States Forces Police Squadron

# KMC BLOTTER

**Oct. 20**

At 1:45 a.m. security forces reported an assault in Kaiserslautern. Two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical when one struck the other in the eye. One suffered a swollen black eye and was transported to LRMC. The subject was apprehended.

**Oct. 21**

At 5 a.m. Ponds Security reported a DUI in Landstuhl. A Soldier attempted to enter Landstuhl Post, and failed to produce a USAREUR license after being asked to do so. Security forces arrived and smelled alcohol. The perpetrator failed sobriety tests and was apprehended.

**Oct. 23**

At 1:16 p.m. and 7:22 p.m. AAFES security reported shoplifting at the Vogelweh Base Exchange after observing several people selecting and concealing property. The people then attempted to depart the store without rendering proper payment for the items. They were apprehended.

**Oct. 25**

At 6:02 p.m. an assault was reported in Vogelweh Family Housing. Someone attempted to drive off in a vehicle, and was approached by a Soldier, who began beating on the top of the victim's car. The victim drove to the Law Enforcement desk and rendered a statement saying at an earlier time, they were involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical

when the Soldier pushed the victim to the ground. The Soldier was apprehended.

At 11:40 p.m. LRMC reported an assault in Kaiserslautern. Approximately five to seven unknown local nationals approached and began striking a Soldier in the back of the head, causing the Soldier to fall to the ground. The local nationals then proceeded to continue their assault on the grounded victim, causing injuries. The local nationals also took several items. There are no suspects.

**Oct. 26**

At 5:05 p.m. a Soldier reported a larceny of property in Kaiserslautern. The Soldier left his pants on a bed with money in them while a moving company was present during a move. The Soldier later attempted to retrieve the money out of his pants and noticed it was gone. Polizei were contacted and conducted a search but found nothing. The moving company personnel were released.

At 2 a.m. security forces reported a DUI in Kaiserslautern. After watching an Airman drive erratically, security forces conducted a traffic stop and smelled alcohol. They contacted Polizei, who administered a portable breath test that the Airman failed. The Airman was apprehended.

Minor traffic accidents: 22  
Major traffic accidents: 8  
Lost ID cards: 4  
Car break-ins/damages: 13

# Ramstein Airmen help find WWII heroes

by Capt. Erin Dorrance  
Kaiserslautern American

The Prisoner of War/Missing in Action motto "You Are Not Forgotten," means even more than before to two Ramstein Airmen who were deployed to support missions looking for Americans who have been missing since World War II.

1st Lt. Chris Heinz, 76th Airlift Squadron C-21 pilot, and Senior Master Sgt. Frederick Smith, 435th Air Base Wing historian, deployed with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, to eastern Germany and Austria from August to September.

JPAC, formed in 2003, has a mission to account for Americans missing as a result of past U.S. conflicts. The command is based in Oahu, Hawaii, was formed by a merger of the Central Identification Laboratory and the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting.

Lieutenant Heinz and Sergeant Smith were both selected as volunteers to deploy with the JPAC teams because they are fluent in German. They were responsible for translating to acquire hotel accommodations, heavy equipment rentals, land ownership permissions as well as communications between JPAC and government agencies, mayors and witnesses, said Lieutenant Heinz,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick C. Goode

**The JPAC team in Austria held a ceremony for the fallen heroes with a memorial stone purchased by family members.**

who picked up German in primary schools he attended for five years while his father was stationed with the U.S. Army in Munich and Karlsruhe.

Although the Airmen deployed with the expectation to translate, they experienced much more.

"While team members had specialties like medics, photographers, munitions experts and mortuary affairs, everyone had one primary mission – to dig, transport and sift soil to find the remains and artifacts," said Sergeant Smith, who learned to speak German after spending 10 years of military assignments in Germany and through college classes that earned him a Bachelor's degree in German from

the University of Maryland.

Among digging and translating, the Airmen made several important discoveries.

While Lieutenant Heinz supported P-51 crash site digs near Torgau and Kassel, both located in Germany, the team discovered two aircraft and possible human remains. One of the sites revealed several artifacts including remains, weapons, boots and dog tags, he said.

"The most important find is human remains and personal artifacts that can be returned to their families," Lieutenant Heinz said.

Many local media outlets covered the digs and witnesses made their way to the JPAC team to discuss their memories. Witnesses

gave their accounts to the Ramstein-based linguists, revealing clues as to what happened, said Sergeant Smith.

Sergeant Smith's dig in Vöstenhof, Austria, included a B-17 that crashed in 1944 while flying to Wiener Neustadt, Austria, to bomb a Messerschmitt aircraft factory. As the B-17 crashed with two crewmembers aboard, a 500-pound bomb exploded and spread debris over a large area. The two JPAC teams of 18 people excavated a 600-square-meter site with their hands and sieving tools to search for human remains or artifacts, he said.

Sergeant Smith had the opportunity to translate the story of a witness that had seen the crash when he was only 10 years old. He explained his account of what happened which led the JPAC team to another site to be excavated.

"This mission was one of the most physically demanding and most psychologically rewarding assignments I've had in my 25 years of service – an assignment that gave me a great appreciation of JPAC and their efforts to find our MIAs," said Sergeant Smith.

JPAC averages 100 identifications each year and has 18 teams almost continually on the road following leads and clues. The command's motto rings true, "Until They Are Home."

## Dependent ID card update

Due to a Department of Defense-wide problem with the production of the Dependent ID Card forms, the Military Personnel Flight ID card issuing facility will be unable to issue Dependent ID cards until the production problem is resolved. In the interim, the following procedures will take effect immediately.

Civilian employees will still go to their human resources offices to receive a DD Form 1172 (request for dependent ID cards). Once they have this form, they will bring it to MPF customer service, which will load the information into Defense Enrollment Eligibly Reporting System and issue them a new DD Form 1172 authorizing entitlements such as medical care. Employees will carry

the new DD Form 1172 and their expired ID card as proof for continuing DOD privileges and entry to the base.

Military sponsors must come with their dependents to MPF customer service for their DD Form 1172. They will carry their old ID cards and new DD Form 1172 as proof for continuing DOD privileges and entry to the base.

Anyone with an expired dependent ID card must carry the expired card with a DD Form 1172 issued from MPF customer service. KMC security forces squadrons are aware of this situation and will need to see both items in order to grant access to the bases in the KMC.

For lost cards, members must fill out the lost/stolen

ID letter and have the sponsor bring it to the MPF. The MPF will then fill out the DD Form 1172 and the dependent will carry it and another form of ID.

New issuance procedures are as follows: military sponsors will come with their dependents to the MPF customer service section for their DD Form 1172. Dependents will carry it along with their passport or stateside driver's license with photo as proof for continuing DOD privileges and entry to the base.

MPF customer service hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Appointments are available by calling 480-5631. (Courtesy of the 435th Mission Support Squadron)

## Blood drives: know if you're eligible to donate

Giving blood locally is one of the most important acts KMC citizens can make. Blood collected from drives at Ramstein are shipped to troops downrange, and blood costs \$600 per pint if it is not available via donation.

However, certain requirements must be met for folks to be able to safely donate blood. You will not be able to donate blood if you:

- Have a cold, flu or fever
- Have had a tattoo or acupuncture in the past 12 months
- Weigh less than 110 pounds
- Traveled to Iraq, Eastern Turkey, or western provinces of Saudi Arabia (excluding the high altitude areas of Asir Province and the urban areas of Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Riyadh, and Taif/Prince Sultan Air Base) in the last year
- Have, within the last two years, traveled to South Korea and were north of Seoul at any time including the DMZ Tour; please inform

receptionist of specific dates

- Spent three months or more in the United Kingdom from 1980 to 1996
  - Spent six months or more at a base in Europe from 1980 to 1996
  - Have lived in Europe for five years or more since Jan. 1, 1997
  - Have had hepatitis after your 11th birthday
  - Have HIV, or ever tested positive for HIV
  - Are pregnant or have been pregnant in the last six weeks
- You must know:
- The name of any medication you are taking or have taken in the past four weeks (i.e. aspirin, Tylenol, birth control pills, antibiotics, etc.)
  - Any immunizations (including smallpox) administered in the past four weeks.
  - Every place you have been to outside of the U.S. or Canada since 1980 (including all deployments)



## Civil Engineers' Corner

### Fall Clean Up

*The KMC Fall Cleaning for operational areas is Tuesday. Use the "Facilities Excellence" checklist to ensure all critical areas are covered.*

*Cleaning for housing areas and dormitories is Wednesday. Activities should include window cleaning, removing weeds, mowing, trimming, and raking leaves. For the interior of the facility, the focus should be on cleaning out storage rooms, dusting, washing windows and removing cobwebs.*

*If you do not have the means to transport your leaves and branches to the composting yard, bag them and place them next to the main curb for CE to pickup. Excessive trash and recyclables should be transported to a KMC recycling center.*

*The Self-Help Center is available to assist you with all your cleanup tool and equipment needs. The Self-Help Center stocks biodegradable garbage bags, grass seed, and hand tools including weed eaters, hedge trimmers, power washers, rakes and shovels.*

### Ramstein construction

*Wilson Boulevard will be reduced to one lane Wednesday to Nov. 14 to install heat lines to the indoor swimming pool construction site.*

### Vogelweh construction

*One lane of Kansas Street on Vogelweh will be closed for six weeks starting Nov. 13 to reconstruct the drainage structures on the east side of the road. The remaining lane will be one-way outbound (From Kapaun toward the Main Gate) for the duration of the project. Those needing to access Kapaun housing may do so via Pulaski Circle and Main drive.*

## Thanksgiving dinners at KMC dining facilities



*Here are times, places and prices for Thanksgiving dinners around the KMC.*

• **Dragon's Den Dining Facility, Bldg. 163 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 23.** All customers pay \$5.90 per meal. Family members of pay grade E-4 and below pay \$5.

• **Firepower Inn Dining Facility, Bldg. 1206 on Miesau Army Depot, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23.** Customers pay \$5.90 per meal. Family members of pay grade E-4 and below pay \$5.

• **Clock Tower Café, Bldg. 3206 on Kleber Kaserne, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23.** Customers pay \$5.90 per meal. Family members of pay grade E-4 and below pay \$5.

• **Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Dining Facility, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23.**

• **Lindberg Hof Dining Facility, Bldg. 2791 on Kapaun Air Station, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 23.** Prices vary depending on customers' meal selections.

• **Rheinland Inn Dining Facility, Bldg. 2107, on Ramstein, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23.** This dinner is open to all military enlisted ranks, retirees and their families. Family members of E-4 and below will not have to pay the surcharge, 33 percent of the meal cost. Prices vary depending on customers' meal selections.



**New computers and furniture in the LRMCC Cyber Café mean easier Internet access for patients and visitors at the hospital.**

## LRMCC upgrades Cyber Café

**Story and photo by Thomas Warner**  
LRMCC Public Affairs

An upgrade to the Cyber Café Internet lounge is allowing Soldiers, patients and visitors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to more easily access the Internet.

A makeover was ordered eight weeks ago in the lounge, which is located in the back hallway next to the USO office and the medical library. Sleek wooden console cabinets now house the computer monitors, with new tables and furniture also spread around the room.

Maintenance personnel with the LRMCC Information Management Division help desk say things are the best they've been since the facility opened in March 2003.

"We replaced the PCs in there and everything is brand new," said Linda VanBemmel, Information Management Division help desk deputy manager. "The cabinets and pretty much everything is locked up except the keyboard and the mouse. We've had no problems like in the past. People are being respectful of what we've put in there."

The Cyber Café is open 24 hours, seven days a week with a high speed DSL network that's separate from what mainstream hospital employees use. This means less restriction on site surfing and a more relaxed setting in which to go online. As in the past, table space and wireless Internet capability are available for laptop users.

There are five sit-down units and three

designed for use while standing up. Ms. VanBemmel said all the sit-down areas are large enough to accommodate patients in wheelchairs.

"The Cyber Café is for Soldiers who are here at LRMCC or maybe patients and family members who are visiting patients," she said. "It is not meant for regular personnel at the hospital. They can go and check their e-mail or just surf the Web. It is completely for relaxation."

The initial purpose of the lounge was to give patients and other non-employees an avenue to access the World Wide Web or to do computer work. Eight computers were made available for public Internet usage but the machines were continuously found to be damaged by patrons and the Cyber Café was in constant disrepair.

"The keyboards would get damaged but also if PCs themselves were left out we'd have problems," Ms. VanBemmel said. "People were trying to use CD drives and they weren't really set up for that. These machines are for Internet usage and nothing else, really."

Help Desk personnel are sending a message that the success of the Cyber Café will ultimately be determined by the patrons.

"We do not monitor what they surf the Web for and there is no time limit," Ms. VanBemmel said. "Often you will see a few people waiting to use the computers. We would expect them to monitor their time in those situations in order to give the next Soldier or user a chance to go online."

## First Sergeant's Corner

Presented by the KMC First Sergeants Association



*Now that wear of the Air Force physical training uniform is mandatory, it's a good time to review some of the guidance for proper wear as outlined in AFI 36-2903. When participating in organized PT, any combination of the PT gear (shorts, T-shirt, pants and jacket) will be worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes. Socks will be white, any length, and may have small logos. Any type of athletic shoe can be worn with the PT gear. Reflective belts may be worn outdoors during hours of darkness or low visibility, but are not required.*



*Photos by Staff Sgt. Christina Rumsey*

**Airman 1st Class Robert Pupilis, air traffic controller, is responsible for safe, expeditious movement of aircraft, as well as vehicles and personnel operating in the vicinity of the runways.**

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**Staff Sgt. Dominic Loveless, flight records custodian, reviews 86th OSS personnel records.**

# KMC family looks to Liberia for adoption, wants to give orphans good home

by **Monica Mendoza**  
Kaiserslautern American

**J**eanette Falu-Bishop's interest in western Africa began with research into her own family heritage. She learned that many Puerto Ricans are originally from western Africa. Reading up on the civil wars of Liberia, she learned that hundreds of thousands of children are homeless, misplaced by the second Liberian civil war, which ended in 2003.

Mrs. Bishop and her husband, Staff Sgt. Michael Bishop with the 723rd Air Mobility Squadron, have two children, ages 4 and 7. But, since they first married nine years ago, they talked and dreamed about adopting a child away from poverty. Now, they are dreaming about two.

"Even my own mom said, 'you're going to do a good job,'" Mrs. Bishop said.

From their KMC-area home, the couple began the laborious research into adoption agencies, Liberian law and U.S. law. According to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, the number of adopted orphans from Liberia to U.S. citizens is slowly increasing, from 86 in 2004 to 269 in 2006.

Mrs. Bishop called the Plan Loving Adoptions agency a few months ago, inquiring about adoption. Before she could hang up the phone she knew it was the right thing for her family even with the fees racing toward \$20,000.

"I was told about Jacob – his mother was beaten during the war," Mrs. Bishop said. "She died after giving birth."

The boy's father, living in the village of Harper, had no work, no food, no access to medical care. He signed papers saying he could not care for the boy or the boy's 8-year-old sister Anthionette.

"The girl has never been to school," Mrs. Bishop said. Both are in an orphanage in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia.

The young Liberian siblings, who are considered healthy, would be a nice fit with the Bishop family, Mrs. Bishop said.

"We've already introduced our children to this," she said. "We've started a scrap book."

Now, they need to raise the money for the fees. Mrs. Bishop began to expand her home business of candles, soaps and gift baskets. She reached out to friends and family for financial assistance. And, she gained support from a local KMC business owner for a fundraising event.

"This adoption is so important to me – us – because we have an opportunity here to save the lives of two children and keep them together," Sergeant Bishop said.

Already, the family has been approved by evaluators who do background and home life checks. The Bishops are determined to secure the funds by January.

"They don't know what it's like to have a mom," she said.

If all goes as planned, the family will fly to Colorado in January and meet the two Liberian children there, where they will be adopted. A military family can offer so much, Mrs. Bishop said, like good schools, medical and dental care.

"We're giving them an opportunity," Mrs. Bishop said. "Maybe, when they grow up, they can go back and do something for their country."

- Join the Bishops at 9 p.m. Thursday, for "The Ultimate Dance Party" at Miamis nightclub, 12 Danziger Strasse, Weilerbach. Eighty-percent of the €10 cover charge will be donated toward the Bishops' adoption fees.

- The Bishops host a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 11 in Bldg. 1150 at Vogelweh Housing.

- Reach Jeanette Bishop at [structure539@hotmail.com](mailto:structure539@hotmail.com).



Photos courtesy of Bishop family

**Jeanette and Michael Bishop with their children, Xavier and Ariana, hope to adopt two Liberian children by January.**



**Anthionette and Jacob, from Liberia, are up for adoption. Their mother was killed during the civil war and their father can no longer care for them.**



## Conference offers unique opportunities for volunteers

by **Johnette Owens**  
AWAG Rheinland Pfalz Area Representative

The American Women's Activities, Germany Rheinland Pfalz Area Conference is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Ramstein Officers' Club.

AWAG conferences provide unique opportunities for volunteers to obtain training and guidance to govern organizations more effectively, as well as interact with members of other organizations and host nation members. A light breakfast and buffet lunch will be provided. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Europe, Wendy Sledd. Mrs. Sledd is a military spouse and a motivational speaker.

The delegate fee is \$20. You must pre-register

to save your space. Remember that a reservation made is a reservation paid. Payment can be made by check, cash or through PayPal (just use the e-mail address [jjksoengland@yahoo.com](mailto:jjksoengland@yahoo.com) to pay). To register or for more information, contact Kim Shock at [rheinlandpfalz@awag.us](mailto:rheinlandpfalz@awag.us) or Johnette Owens at [rheinlandpfalz2@awag.us](mailto:rheinlandpfalz2@awag.us).

AWAG is a non-profit organization administered by a volunteer Board of Governors representing all branches of the armed forces and civilians serving the European community. The AWAG mission is to train, strengthen and connect volunteers, their organizations and their communities.

AWAG holds conferences throughout the year

in seven geographical areas in Europe. Each area holds a one-day conference in the fall that is organized by the area representative, who is a volunteer member of the Board of Governors.

The organization was formed in 1946 by Mrs. Anthony Biddell, wife of the commanding general of the U.S. Army of Occupation. They helped to coordinate the distribution of relief aid sent by stateside clubs and church groups to post-war Germany.

More information on AWAG is available at [www.awag.us](http://www.awag.us). The Web site has links for all conferences and representatives, and has information on the annual conference in Garmisch from April 29 to May 3.

# Around the KMC

Take a look at what's going on in your military community!



Photo by Cynthia Breedlove

## Pumpkin Day at RIS

**Staff Sgt. Dustin Johnson, 1st Combat Communications Squadron and parent, assists Ivanis Johnson and Jonathan Beaver as they attempt to float their pumpkin. Students in Anne Taylor's third grade class at Ramstein Intermediate School celebrated Pumpkin Day Tuesday with math, science and health activities.**

## Volunteer Fair

**Catherine Edmonds talks to Tech. Sgt. Angela Marcoux about the USO at the Volunteer Fair on Ramstein Monday. The Volunteer Fair hosts many different volunteer organizations once a year.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Sorsek-Bressler



Photo by Tom Warner

## KMC 5/6 gives to Fisher House

**Staff Sgt. Willie A. Baker III and Staff Sgt. Mignon Armstead, president and vice president of the KMC 5/6, present a \$10,000 check to Bridget Konig and Kathy Gregory of the Landstuhl Fisher Houses. KMC 5/6 recently hosted a "Viking Challenge" walking/running event. They are NCOs who volunteer in the community and participate in mentoring programs. The group meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Thursday of every month in Martini's Lounge. For more information, visit [www.mil.ramstein.af.mil/435abw/kmc56](http://www.mil.ramstein.af.mil/435abw/kmc56) or call 478-5656 or 06371-405-5656.**



Photo by Christine June

## BOO!

**Charlotte McKee, 8, St. David's fourth grader, tells her part of the tale Oct. 25 at the Halloween Booktacular at the Vogelweh Library.**

# RAMS math students counting on bottle tops to help

by **Monica Mendoza and Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson**  
Kaiserslautern American

**R**amstein American Middle School math teacher Judi Zachrau knew it was a good class assignment when she heard it: collect plastic bottle tops and raise money to buy a disabled child a wheelchair.

Through the program, "Bottle Caps of the Heart" – Les Bouchons Du Coeur – a French recycling company weighs the plastic bottle tops and gives a Euro credit to French families to buy equipment for disabled children, including wheelchairs. Last year, the program collected 92 tons of bottle caps at €125 per ton. The recycling company estimates that 1 million bottle tops equals the cost of one wheelchair for a child.

It got the RAMS sixth-graders thinking: "How much is one million? And, if we tried, could we collect one million bottle tops?"

The simple math question turned into a class project that energized people across the KMC. It got Little Leaguers talking and church groups galvanized. Collecting bottle tops – from water, juice and sports drinks – was fun. And with every toss into a box, the bottle tops started adding up.

"I told my Mom it was for a wheelchair," said Katy Bonaro, seventh-grader who started helping last school year. "She put a plastic bag near her desk to collect (the bottle tops)."

By the end of the school year, the project had gone international. At Balad Air Base, Iraq, Staff Sgt. Jessica Martinez, whose home station is Ramstein, collected bottle tops for the RAMS class.

"I got involved because it was a good cause," said Sergeant Martinez. "We're out here drinking all this water, so it was a great

way to help the class out."

Within months, Sergeant Martinez collected more than 120,000 tops for the class. And, she expanded her efforts to include Soldiers at Camp Anaconda, and other locations in Southwest Asia.

Back in Ms. Zachrau's class, students began receiving about 200 pounds of bottle tops a week from Airmen and Soldiers stationed in Iraq. Everyone, it seemed, was collecting plastic bottle tops.

"A mom from Vogelweh Gospel Church brought in bags of them, Little League teams were collecting them," Ms. Zachrau said. "When I came back from summer break, the room was full of them."

The RAMS kids have done a heck of a lot of counting. They estimate. They weigh. They work on every conceivable math problem related to the bottle tops.

This month, they hit the half-million mark. "In less than a year, we have half a million," said Clarissa Dimgalanta, seventh-grader who counts bottle tops after school. "That's like, wow."

Last week, a group of students loaded dozens of boxes into a van – the first load to head to the recycling center in Metz. Today, Ms. Zachrau rented a van with her own money. It likely will take more than a dozen trips, as Ms. Zachrau's room is lined with boxes filled with bottle tops. She is seeking help, she said.



Photo by Monica Mendoza

**Ramstein American Middle School seventh-graders (from left) Imani Tezeno and Katherine Sims load boxes of bottle tops.**

"I would like to continue the project, to reach our goal of one million," she said.

To volunteer to help transport the bottle tops to Metz, about a 90-minute drive from Kaiserslautern, e-mail [judith.zachrau@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:judith.zachrau@eu.dodea.edu).

Drop off times are the first Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m.



Photo by Senior Airman Kerry-Solan-Johnson

**Staff Sgt. Jessica Martinez at Balad Air Base in Iraq collects bottle tops.**

## School notebook



Photo by Agnes Gonzales

### VES students get music lessons

Fifth graders from Vogelweh Elementary School, Jalen Orange and Lourdes Delmoral, watch as guest DJ David Moore signs autographs after giving a lesson on the history of rap and hip hop music and the art of DJing.

### LEMS students 'crow' about game show

Fourth grader, Nick Byrns, and fifth grader Kate Turluck participate in the "Game Show" performance with singer/songwriter Dan Crow at Landstuhl

Elementary and Middle School Oct. 25. Mr. Crow has performed at the school every year for several years, and this year added an interactive portion to his presentation. Additionally, he did a special performance one evening for parents and students.



Photo by Olivia Anderson

### KAES PTO meets

The Kaiserslautern American Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is holding a membership meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday at the school's cafeteria. For details, e-mail [KaiserslauternES.PTO@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:KaiserslauternES.PTO@eu.dodea.edu).

### Slots available

The 431st Services Flight Kapaun School Age Services has slots available for before and after school care for children attending the Vogelweh or Kaiserslautern elementary schools. For details, call the program at 489-6028.

# Around KMC Schools



Photo by Mark Wilburn

## LEMS students play a game of human chess

Led by teacher Karen Boonstra, students in grades two to five participate in a human chess game for the medieval festival at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle School this month. Other activities included jewelry making, crossbow target shooting, fortune telling, ring tosses and face painting.



Photo by Agnes Gonzales

## VES pupils say 'thanks' to firefighters

Isabel Fox and Kaylie Cudahy, students in Gene Thornburg's first grade class at Vogelweh Elementary School, write thank you letters to members of the 435th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department. The children attended a fire safety assembly at the school.

## RIS children stay healthy

Debbie Durand, parent, checks Mycalia Martin's blood pressure during Ramstein Intermediate School's annual health screening. Hearing, vision, blood pressure, weight and height were checked by volunteer parents and military personnel Oct. 24 and 25.



Photo by Cynthia Breedlove



Photo by Christine June

## KMC children celebrate *Red Ribbon* Week

by Christine June

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern

Erica Crockett, 13, Kaiserslautern American Middle School eighth grader, hands out "I Pledge to Be Drug Free" red ribbons Oct. 24 for National Red Ribbon Week at the Vogelweh Commissary.

Red Ribbon Week is meant to encourage parents, children and communities to take a stand against drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.

The Red Ribbon campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered Kiki Camarena, an undercover drug enforcement officer, in 1985. In his memory, friends and neighbors began wearing red badges of satin as a symbol of his belief that one person can make a difference. The observance now employs red ribbons as a symbol of one's personal commitment to a substance-free lifestyle.

# KMC TIME OUT

USAG Kaiserslautern

## Places To Be In The KMC

### Racquetball Championship

The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern hosts a Racquetball Championship, starting at 9 a.m., November 11 & 12, at the Kleber Gym, bldg. 3235 on Kleber Kaserne. Awards go to first, second, and consolation winners. Register at the Kleber Gym. For details, call 483-7610 or 0631-411-7610.

### Outdoor Rec November

#### Trip Schedule

Get out and enjoy all that Europe has to offer! Army Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of trips every weekend. Call 489-7751 or 0631-536-7751 to make your reservations today. Check out these trips happening in November:

- 3-5 Paris Weekend
- 3 After Work Spa Night
- 4 Bastogne Historical Tour
- 4 Europa Park
- 4 Glacier Ski Express, Austria
- 9-12 Veteran's Day Ski Holiday Stubai, Austria
- 10-12 Berlin/Tropical Island
- 11 Glacier Ski Express, Austria
- 18 Glacier Ski Express, Austria
- 18 Prague Express
- 19 Spa Day
- 19 Trout Fishing
- 23-26 Thanksgiving Ski Holiday, Zell am See, Austria
- 25 Rothenberg Christmas Market
- 25 Ski Express, Austria
- 26 Colmar & Riquewihr Markets

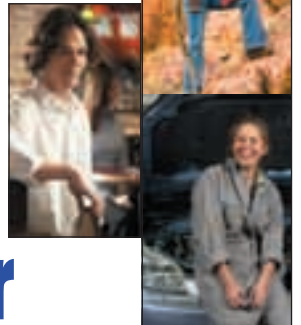


The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern would like to invite you to their annual **Holiday Bazaar**. Enjoy three days of shopping November 3-5, Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the warehouse, bldg. 237, on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. Over 100 vendors from around the world will be available to showcase holiday items and native goods. There will also be a hippity-hop, mini petting zoo, and a merry-go-round for the kids, plus you can enjoy a variety of food and beverage vendors. Strollers are welcome and all major credit cards are accepted. Volunteers are needed for the bazaar. If you are looking for a great way to help out and have fun, contact Billie Burgard at 489-7116 or 0631-536-7116.



## KMC Shuttle Service

Why hassle with driving? The KMC Shuttle Service offers fast, friendly, and door-to-door Shuttle service. Available seven days a week to and from Frankfurt International Airport, Frankfurt/Hahn Airport and the Ramstein PAX Terminal. Service to other locations is also possible by arrangement. With central pick up points or door-to-door service, along with exclusive van service available upon request, take advantage of this service the next time you travel! For reservations, call 489-7723 or 0631-536-7723, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or email [kmcshuttle@eur.army.mil](mailto:kmcshuttle@eur.army.mil).



## Job Fair

Looking for a job? The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern is holding an MWR Job Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m., November 14, at the Landstuhl Teen Center, bldg. 3819 on Landstuhl Post. On-the-spot interviews will be conducted for positions with Auto Skills, Outdoor Recreation, Child & Youth Services and all the clubs. For information, contact the NAF Civilian Personnel Office at 489-7341 or 0631-536-7341.

## Give to the CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual fund raising drive conducted by federal employees. Each year federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC that benefit thousands of non-profit charities. You can help make improvements right here in the Kaiserslautern Military Community by pledging to charity code FSYP.

# Where the fun is!



"From the front line... to the home front."

What's up



THIS WEEK!

## Wingman Wednesday Bike Trip scheduled by ODR



The Ramstein Outdoor Recreation Center presents Wingman Wednesday Biking experience as part of Project Cheer on Nov. 8.

This ride is designed for beginners and includes a rental bike, helmet and guide/instructor. The ride begins at 5:30 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg 2113. Don't miss this special offer.

## Put on your dancing shoes! Middle Schoolers to party

Thursday's the night. The Edge is the place for a Middle School Dance on Nov. 9 presented by the Ramstein Teen Center. The music and the dancing begins at 7 p.m. and the cost is just \$5 per person. Call 480-6444 for more details.

## Hot Latin Night heats up at Ramstein Enlisted Club

Heat up your night with your best Latin dance moves as the Ramstein Enlisted Club hosts 'Latin Night' Friday, Nov. 10. The music begins at 9 p.m. Enjoy drink specials and the best in Latin music.

Free admission to Club members and \$5 for non-members. Call 480-5637 for more information.

## Reserve a holiday party place at gorgeous Woodlawn Golf Course

Looking for a unique place to have a squadron party, a promotion ceremony, going away or holiday party? How about beautiful scenery, striking architecture and excellent food? The Woodlawn Golf Course at Ramstein has it all including space for up to 150 people.

To reserve your special event, call Woodlawn at 480-9275 or 480-9261 for packages and additional information.

## Monday is Dollar Daze at Ramstein Bowling Center

Looking for a real bargain? Check out Dollar Daze at the Ramstein Bowling Center every Monday in November.

From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. enjoy these \$1 items: one game of bowling; shoe rental; hot dogs; bratwurst, sodas and more. What? Want more? How about french fries, chips and ice cream cups for just 50 cents each?

No doubt about it. Mondays are great at the Bowling Center.

*Ramstein hosts legendary rock & roll group*

## The Beach Boys are back!

An American musical institution, the Beach Boys, are "round, round, get around" coming to Ramstein on Tuesday, Nov. 21 for a free concert for the troops.

That's right, the California vocal group which parlayed a collection of songs about surfing, cars and girls into the basis for one of the country's longest lasting success stories, is coming to Germany. The concert

will be played in Hangar #1 starting at 7 p.m.

The original Beach Boys hailed from Hawthorne, California and began their unique style of rock and roll with upbeat rhythms and intricate harmonies in the early 60s. Band members were brothers Brian, Dennis and Carl Wilson, cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine. In 1964, their recording of "I Get Around" became #1 on the Billboard charts. It



was the first of four #1s the group would record with the signature song "Good Vibrations" hitting the top in December of 1966. Their last hit to go all the way was "Kokomo" in 1988.

That was the same year that they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. During their amazing career, the Beach Boys' songs were on the charts every year between 1961 and 1981 except for two.

The current version of the Beach Boys continues to be one of the most successful and active touring groups with their current tour including two concerts each in Sweden and Denmark before returning for a concert in Colorado.

## CC's Family Night hosts Native American Dancers

Family Night at the Ramstein Community Center celebrates American Indian Heritage Month on Monday, Nov. 13 with an entire evening of Indian arts & crafts including making dream catchers, beaded necklaces and bracelets.

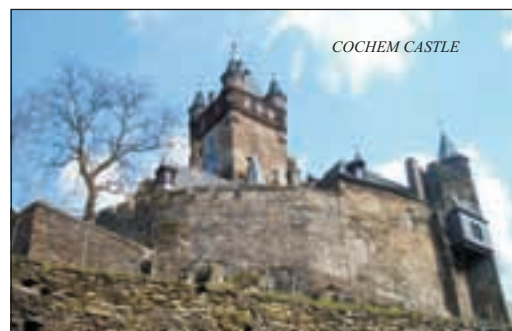
Highlight of the evening will be an American Indian dance performance by a group from the U.S. This is an outstanding family event. For more information, contact the Community Center at 480-6600.

## RTT's Cochem Castle trip features blast from the past

RTT takes you to this impressive castle situated high above the Mosel River on Saturday, Nov. 11. Filled with the glory of the past, Cochem displays of sculpture and works of art are truly impressive.

Your tour takes you back in time with a special medieval feast complete with explanation of dining manners and habits and you will be entertained by traveling minstrels.

The evening is highlighted by the Knights games filled with fun for everyone. Cochem Castle tour is just one of many outstanding European trips offered by RTT. Book online at [www.RTTTravel.com](http://www.RTTTravel.com).



## Holiday Winter Wonderland Bazaar Nov. 16-19 at O'Club

The Ramstein Officers' Club presents its annual Holiday Winter Wonderland Bazaar starting on Thursday, Nov. 16 and continuing through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping with this early taste of the Christmas season. Featured are antiques, carpets, Christmas novelty items, unique handicrafts and much more.

For more information about this event and the many others happening in November, contact the Officers' Club at 480-2824 or stop by Bldg 302.



## KMC CALENDAR

## Events

The German-American Friendship Association Siegelbach meets for **kegeln, a type of bowling**, 8 p.m. today at the Burgherrenhalle in Kaiserslautern-Hohenecken. Clean sport shoes are required. Fee is about €5. For details, visit [www.gafriendship.org](http://www.gafriendship.org).

The Rodenbach sports club, TV Rodenbach, sponsors the **27th annual international torch run** Saturday. The main run on a seven-kilometer cross country track lit by torches starts at 5:45 p.m. Children of all ages can run on the one-kilometer student track starting at 5:30 p.m. Starter fee is €5 for adults and €3 for children. Pre-register at [www.tv-rodenbach.de](http://www.tv-rodenbach.de) or up to an hour before the event. Starting point is the Sporthalle in Rodenbach; participants can change, shower and get snacks.

The Ramstein Officers' Spouses Club will host "Flea Market Finds" Wednesday at the Ramstein Officers' Club. Social/check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. For reservations, contact Laura Smith at [herkyp@yahoo.com](mailto:herkyp@yahoo.com) or call 06372-619583. For childcare reservations by Sunday, contact Julia Peters at [jbp808@yahoo.com](mailto:jbp808@yahoo.com) or call 06371-598982.

The Kaiserslautern Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds its **monthly luncheon** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ramstein Officers' Club. Guest Speaker is Daniel Warschawski, Cisco Voice and Security Product Solutions Specialist. Topic is, "Fundamentals in Securing Voice Over IP for the Warfighter." For reservations by noon Tuesday, visit <http://kaiserslautern.afceachapter.org/> or contact 2nd Lt. Jason Brown at [jason.brown@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:jason.brown@ramstein.af.mil).

The **KMC Quarterly Awards Luncheon** takes place 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Ramstein Officers' Club. Contact your unit representative or First Sergeant for tickets and information.

The annual **Foggy Fields Bazaar** will be at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Hangar 4. It is open to all NATO and U.S. ID-holders and their guests.

The U.S. Army Garrison



Photo by Christine June

## Now Playing

**Kelly Perkins (center) as "Blossom" rehearses a scene with Kelsey Dowling (left) as "Shock Clock" as several "Minutos" during rehearsals for Ramstein Playhouse Theater's next production, "Comic Book Artist" Oct. 24 at the Ramstein Youth Center. Performance dates for "Comic Book Artist" are 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ramstein Community Center.**

Kaiserslautern hosts a **Native American Heritage Month observance** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center on Daenner Kaserne. There will be displays, food samplings, education awareness and other activities.

The Ramstein Roadrunners (volksmarching club) hosts its annual **Turkey Trot** on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. For details, e-mail Regina Tiedemann at [rtiedemann@hotmail.com](mailto:rtiedemann@hotmail.com).

## Chapel

A **Middle School Escape Retreat** takes place Nov. 9 to 12 in Eringerfeld, Germany. The purpose of this retreat is to create a relational environment where the truth about Christ is lived and proclaimed in uniquely middle school ways allowing students to hear, discuss, experience and respond to Christ. For details, call Brian Mulder at 0176-21730819.

The Vogelweh Gospel Service hosts its annual **Gospel Choir "Workshop and Concert"** 6 p.m. Nov. 13 to 17 at the Vogelweh Chapel. The workshop will be capped off by a musical concert 7 p.m. Nov. 18. For details contact Staff Sgt. Martin Lewis at [martin.lewis@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:martin.lewis@ramstein.af.mil).

The Protestant Women of the Chapel sponsor an **Advent Workshop** 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Nov.

30 at the Ramstein South Side Chapel. For details contact Kelley Craver at 06374-805399 or [pwoc\\_kmc@yahoo.com](mailto:pwoc_kmc@yahoo.com).

## Meetings

**Ramstein Roadrunners Volksmarching Club** meets 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the basement of Duale Oberschule (near Azur swimming pool) in Ramstein-Miesenbach. For details contact the club's president, Regina Tiedemann, at [rtiedemann@hotmail.com](mailto:rtiedemann@hotmail.com) or visit [www.ava.org/clubs/ramsteinroadrunners/home.htm](http://www.ava.org/clubs/ramsteinroadrunners/home.htm).

Volunteers are welcome to join the **American Indian Heritage Committee**. The meetings are held 1 p.m. Thursdays in the Military Equal Opportunity Office, Bldg. 2106, Room 426 on Ramstein. For details, call Gary Harrington at 480-1702.

## Miscellaneous

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Kaiserslautern will have **influenza immunizations for Soldiers only** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29 at the Kleber Fitness Center and Gymnasium, Bldg. 3235 on Kleber Kaserne, and for beneficiaries 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28 and 29 at the clinic, Bldg. 3287 on Kleber

Kaserne. For more information, call the clinic at 483-6265.

All **installation passes with the KMC and/or 415th Base Support Battalion unit identification** will be accepted until their expiration date. These badges will now work in the enhanced security pedestrian gates on Daenner or Kleber Kasernes. For details, call the installation pass office at 489-6704 or 0631-536-6704.

Individuals or community service groups are needed to **volunteer their time to sew patterned items** for Ramstein American Elementary School's Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities program. Call Turi Cairney or Bethany Dines at 480-3996 or 06371-47-3996.

The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Army Education Center, Bldg. 288 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, has a **computer lab available for GoArmyEd users**. Hours to use the lab are 4:30 to 10:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and Friday during college registration. For details, call 493-2588.

## Classes/Training

Sembach Officers' Spouses' Club will host a **German cooking class** 9 a.m. Thursday at the Vogelweh Chapel kitchen. This event is free for members and \$20 for guests. Babysitting will be available. For reservations, visit [SembachOSC@yahoo.com](mailto:SembachOSC@yahoo.com) or call 06303 806518.

**Conversational German Level 1 classes** start Nov. 13 at the Education Center, Room 1, Bldg. 285 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks (9 to 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays) and Landstuhl Education Center, Bldg. 3701 (5 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays). **Conversational German Level 2 classes** start Nov. 14 at the ROB Education Center (9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Landstuhl Education Center (5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays).

**Conversational Level 3 classes** start 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at ROB and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Landstuhl Education Center. Classes last for 10 weeks. Cost is €65 per person. Students sign up and pay in cash on the first day of class. For details, call the instructor, Viktoria Ehrhardt at 0631-72255 or the ROB Education Center at 493-6588.

# Local cabaret show aims to boost troop morale

By day, Senior Airman Amber Bullins works in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Computer Systems Squadron. Tonight, however, she will be serving her country in a different way. Airman Bullins will be dancing in Cindy Sue's Sugar Show, a "cabaret with a twist" taking place at 10:30 p.m. in the Ramstein Enlisted Club.

"Growing up, I took dance for nine years," she said. "When I heard about (the show), I said, 'Hey, I'll do it.' Doing it for the troops is really exciting."

Indeed, the purpose of the show is to help raise morale for U.S. servicemembers, according to Cynthia Susanne, who is the driving force behind the spectacle. And, adult servicemembers should expect entertaining things, she said.

"It's a really splashy '30s-style cabaret show," said Ms. Susanne. "It's pure entertainment."

Ms. Susanne said the show will last approximately 75 minutes and will feature songs like "Big Spender," "Pour Some Sugar on Me," and a

variety of dance styles, including West Coast swing and belly dancing.

Ms. Susanne also said that the cabaret troupe has plans to bring their particular brand of entertainment to troops in downrange locations and around Europe. "We want to take the show on the road," she said. "We want to perform for the troops."

In addition to Airman Bullins and Ms. Susanne, the Sugar Show performers are Senior Airman Stephanie McElhaney, Lesley Ann Shope, Gypsy Hicks and Simone Smick. James Bailey also dances in the show and serves as co-director.

The show is sponsored by the 435th Services Squadron, and will also have assistance from members of the Army's Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers group.

As for Airman Bullins, she is looking forward to performing. "There is definitely a positive attitude (for the show)," she said. "I think it's just an all-around good show. It's creative cabaret with a twist."

# Clear customs when selling cars in Germany

by Robert Szostek

U.S. European Command  
Customs Public Affairs

U.S. personnel can stumble into big legal problems if they do not obtain a "Permit to Transfer" when transferring a USAREUR-plated vehicle to a non-ID cardholder in Germany.

"It is essential to get a permit to transfer before you sell, donate or transfer a car to someone who is not an ID card holder such as a German car dealership or junkyard," explained David Kuik, acting chief of services at the USAREUR Customs Executive Agency in Mannheim, Germany.

This even applies if the vehicle was wrecked in an accident and you did not receive any money for it, he added.

The "Permit to Transfer"

(AE Form 550-175B) is available at the military customs office serving your garrison.

If you do not obtain this permit, you will eventually fail to clear USAREUR Vehicle Registration when it is time to PCS. German Customs agents may also require you to prove what happened to the vehicle or pay any tax due.

"This is obviously very difficult if the car was crushed and recycled long ago, you are in the middle of clearing out of Europe and you have no record of the car's disposition," Mr. Kuik continued.

More information on selling personal property in Germany is available online at [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custom2.htm](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custom2.htm) or by contacting your local military customs office.

## FOCUS on the 431st



**Sembach Bowling Center announces great new catering packages from Holiday to Seafood buffets.**

**Call 496-7569 for complete details.**



## What's **hot** SEMBACH!

### Sembach Auto Skills offers 'Sound' installation

The Sembach Auto Skills Center features car stereo installation in November by Spank Audio.

Spank Audio's work enabled participants in the recent Ramstein MOMs' "Sound Off" competition to win two first place trophies and one second place finish. Call 496-7804 to get new sound in your car.

### Eeeeha! Texas Hold'em Tournament at Club

Looking for an exciting way to spend a Friday evening? Join the action at Sembach Combined Club's weekly Texas Hold'em Tournament. Sign-ups are at 7 with games starting at 8 p.m.

### Get ready for winter fun at Youth Center camp

The Sembach Youth Program's Winter Camp is coming soon. Limited space is available and participants are encouraged to make plans early. Call 496-7687 for full details.

## What's **cool** VOGELWEH!

### Teens Only! Skate Night featured at Skate Express

It's a teens only skate party at the Vogelweh Community Center's Skate Express (Bldg 2053) on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy cool music, skating, food and fun. Call 489-7626 for additional details.

### Sell some stuff, buy some stuff at Nov. Flea Market

You have three opportunities to sell some stuff or buy some stuff (Or both!) at the Vogelweh Community Center's weekly Nov. Flea Markets starting tomorrow at Bldg 2053.

Tables are just \$12 and may be reserved by calling 489-7626.

### Veterans Day Special at Vogelweh Bowling Center

The Vogelweh Bowling Center is honoring those who serve on Friday, Nov. 10 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Play three games with shoes included for just \$4 per person. Call 489-6543 for more details on this and many other programs.

## Cool stuff to do with



### VOGELWEH/SEMBACH LIBRARIES

## Native American Indian Heritage Month



Do American Indians live in teepees today?

Do they hunt for their food?

What clothing do they wear?

Find the answers to these and many other questions through books, DVDs and online databases during Native American Indian Heritage Month at the 431st Services libraries.



## WAS IST LOS?

**Compiled by Petra Lessoing**  
Kaiserslautern American

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

### Performing arts:

#### **Kammgarn Kaiserslautern:**

- Tom Gäbel and Band perform pop, swing and jazz classics, 8 p.m. today. Tickets cost €25.
- The dark wave band The Cruxshadows present electro industrial alternative music, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets cost €17.
- Up to date jazz with e.s.t. – Esbjörn Svensson Trio, 8 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets cost €27.
- Schandmaul presents Gothic folk rock, 8 p.m. Nov. 11. Tickets cost €21.

• Al Stewart duo presents folk guitar masterpieces, 8 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets cost €26.

• Ezio, known as best singer and songwriter alive, performs guitar pop, 8 p.m. Nov. 18. Tickets cost €18.

• Welle: Erdball presents dark electro new German wave, 8:30 p.m. Nov. 23. Tickets cost €14.

For advance tickets, call the Kammgarn at 0631-365-2607 or e-mail service@kammgarn.de.

• Midnight Mover presents the classics of soul and a special guest, 9:30 p.m. Monday in the Cotton Club. Tickets cost €9. For details, visit www.midnightmover.de.

#### **Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern:**

• “Alice im Wunderland,” a musical for children in German, 11 a.m. today and Nov. 12, and for school classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30

• “Mephisto,” a play by Birgit Funke, 7:30 p.m. today, Sunday and Tuesday

• “Chess,” a musical by former Abba members Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, and Tim Rice, in German, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 15, 18 and 28

• “Weisse Rose,” a chamber opera about Hans and Sophie Scholl, who founded a resistance group during Hitler’s regime, 8 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday, Nov. 15 and 26

• “Otello,” a modern version of



Courtesy photo

### Musical at Pfalztheater

**The Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern presents the musical “Chess,” by the former Abba members Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, in German, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations and information, call 0631-3675-209 or visit www.pfalztheater.de.**

Giusseppe Verdi’s opera, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and 25

• “Die verkaufte Braut,” a comical opera by Bedrich Smetana, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17

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

#### **Kaiserslautern, Fruchthalle:**

• Pfalztheater Orchestra presents family and children’s concert “Water-Music,” 3 p.m. Sunday.

• “Cello Cantabile,” a chamber concert with works by Ludwig van Beethoven and Dmitri Schostakowitsch, 8 p.m. Thursday

• Jazz Stage meets Flamenco with guests Manolo Lohnes, guitar, and Manuel Lohnes, bass, 8 p.m. Nov. 17.

• Pfalztheater Orchestra presents a symphony concert with works by Beethoven, Torkewitz, Schumann and Hausegger, 8 p.m. Nov. 23.

For tickets, call the culture office at 0631-365-4411 or e-mail kultur@kaiserslautern.de.

#### **Ramstein, Haus des Bürgers:**

• Comedian Harmonists of the 21st century present a stage show taking the audience back to the 1920s, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost €19 to 23.

• “Sugar Daddys,” a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, in English, 8 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets cost €19 to 23.

• Rheinisches Operettentheater presents “Das Land des Lächelns,” a romantic opera by

Franz Lehár, 8 p.m. Dec. 14. Tickets cost €22 to 28.

• Soloists, a band and gospel choir, present “Christmas Moments” with a light show on stage, 8 p.m. Dec. 20. Tickets cost €20 to 29. For tickets and babysitter reservations, call 06371-592-220 or e-mail hdb@ramstein-miesenbach.de.

#### **Stadthalle Landstuhl:**

• Musical Magics on tour features musical highlights, from “Lion King,” “Phantom of the Opera,” “Cabaret,” “My Fair Lady,” etc., 8 p.m. Nov. 10. Tickets cost €26.

• “The Nutcracker,” a ballet with music by Peter Tschaikovsky, 8 p.m. Nov. 28. Tickets cost €19 to 23. For reservations, e-mail stadthalle@landstuhl.de or call 06371-9234.

• **Schwedelbach, Protestant Church:** Festive gala concert with Ural Kosaken Choir Andrej Scholuch, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost €18.

#### **Weilerbach, Burgerkeller:**

Hungarian folk, Sinti jazz and hot swing, 8 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.dreschflegel.de.

### Miscellaneous:

• Kaiserslautern, Pfalzgalerie, exhibition of sculptures and drawings of the human form in a different light, by Joannis Avramidis, through Nov. 19.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays.

• Otterberg, Stadthalle, hobby artists market, 10 a.m. Sunday

• Weilerbach, Bürgerhaus, creative citizens display art and craft items, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

• Pirmasens, November market (carnival), today through Sunday; stores open 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday

• Rodalben (north of Pirmasens), weissbier fest, Saturday

• Dahn, Martini market with vendors in streets, Sunday

• Kusel, open stores, car display, musical entertainment, food and vendors, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday

• Weisenheim am Sand (west of Grünstadt), red wine fest, today through Sunday

• Erpolzheim (northeast of Bad Dürkheim), Martin’s market features arts and crafts, food, merry-go-round, children’s activities, vendors’ booths, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

• Speyer, fall fair (carnival), today through Sunday

• Worms, All Saints Day market, through Sunday

• Mainz, October market (carnival), today through Sunday

• Cochem/Mosel, fest of new wine, today through Sunday

### Flea markets:

• Kaiserslautern, Messeplatz, Saturday and Wednesday

• Kaiserslautern, *real* store across from Daenner Kaserne, Saturday

• Kaiserslautern, *real* store on Merkurstrasse, Thursdays

• Kaiserslautern, Opel parking lot, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

• Kaiserslautern, Toys ‘R’ Us parking lot, Merkurstrasse, Sunday

• Ramstein, flea market hall, Flurstrasse, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

• Landstuhl, Kaufland, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

• Homburg, near Rathaus, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

• Zweibrücken, Flugplatz, Saturdays

• Bad Dürkheim, Saline (salt-works in Kurpark), Saturday

• Lauterecken, Saarbrücker Strasse 61 (former leather factory), Saturday

• Metz, Nov. 11, Dec. 3 and 16

# Event features horses, vendors, lottery

by **Petra Lessing**

*Kaiserslautern American*

A fest of a special kind lures about 20,000 visitors every second Wednesday in November to Quirnbach near Glan-Münchweiler. It's the "Quirnbach horse market."

Actually, the village has a long market tradition. In 1444, historical documents mention the first market called "Bartholomäusmarkt." The local church, Bartholomäus Church, was known as a place for pilgrimage. With the pilgrims the vendors came to sell all kinds of merchandise. Quirnbach turned into a community with monthly markets after the town of Kusel was burnt down during the French Revolution in 1794. The Kusel markets had to move to Quirnbach. According to a document dated April 26, 1799, every third day of the month a cattle market was authorized. After Kusel was rebuilt, city officials wanted the markets back. But vendors and farmers from the local areas and even neighboring countries wanted to keep going to Quirnbach. In the years 1856 and 1857, 25 markets were held each year in Quirnbach. Local people made good money with the many gasthauses they needed to feed all the visitors. Until around 1900, every second house in the village was turned into an inn.

After around the middle of



Photo by Paul-Frieder Vollmar

**Horses will be presented during the horse market Wednesday in Quirnbach.**

the 19th century, horses were not only owned by noble people but also used as draught animals by farmers. Quirnbach decided to hold its first horse market on Saint Martin's Day of 1877. The date in November was a good one for farmers. The crop was in and the financial situation was balanced. People had the time to visit the horse market. They sat together, celebrated and had fun. They started having dances. Since at that time it still was customary for parents to engage their children (without asking them), the horse market turned into the "marriage market."

Also, the village asked the gov-

ernment to give authorization to hold a lottery, where people could win household items and agricultural machines. The main prizes were horses. The first time, 5,000 lottery tickets were sold. In 1892, 24,000 tickets were sold and in 1893, more than 300 ticket vendors traveled through the Pfalz to sell the tickets.

After World War II, and due to a growing motorization in agriculture, the cattle and horse market lost its importance. Better streets allowed farmers to visit their cattle dealers at any time and not only during the market.

Soon Bartholomäusmarkt was celebrated as a village carnival

In the beginning of the 1980s, community officials, local clubs and business people helped to revive the horse market and the lottery.

"From 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. there is a horse show, where different breeds get presented," said Hanne Harth, the mayor's wife. In between the presentation of each single horse, there are show performances. After the awarding ceremony, some horses are up for sale.

Vendors' stands and booths with fruit, sweets, clothes, jewelry and a lot more are set up along the streets. Musical entertainment is provided throughout the day in the fest tent.

"Visitors who want to join the lottery can buy them now in stores in the local area and in our village until 9 a.m. Wednesday," said Hans Harth, Quirnbach's mayor. The main prizes are a boat cruise, a trip to Mallorca, a trip to Austria, a trekking bike and a ride on the "draisine," or bicycle trolley, from Staudernheim to Altenglan.

"Winners find their names on our Web site [www.quirnbach-pfalz.de](http://www.quirnbach-pfalz.de)," said Mr. Harth.

Quirnbach is located near Glan-Müncheiler on A62. It's a village with 680 inhabitants, including 100 Americans.

"We hope a lot of our American neighbors are coming to join us in this fun-filled annual event," said Mr. and Mrs. Harth.

## Angel Trees spring to life Monday

by **Nate Cairney**

*Kaiserslautern American*

The holidays are a time for giving, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center is nearly ready to plant the first seeds for charity this season. Beginning Monday, Angel Trees will pop up at select points on Air Force installations throughout the KMC.

Angel Trees, which are put up each year by the A&FRC, are designed to give a helping hand to less fortunate families throughout the community.

"We get lists of people who may need a little help (from first sergeants)," said Tim Vohar, A&FRC community readiness technician. "We try to help out for the kids."

According to Mr. Vohar, Angel Trees work in the following way: donation envelopes – meant to hold Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificates – are placed on the trees and are organized

according to gender and age.

Suggested donation amounts are listed for boys and girls within certain age groups. For children ages birth to two, a \$10 donation is suggested; for three to nine, the suggested amount is \$15 and for ages 10 and older the suggested sum is \$20.

Angel Trees will be placed at the Ramstein Northside Shoppette, the Sembach Shoppette, the Ramstein and Vogelweh chapels, and the Ramstein and Vogelweh base exchanges.

The Angel Tree kickoff is 3 p.m. Monday at the Ramstein BX.

According to Mr. Vohar, the giving season runs through Dec. 4.

"We pick up the gift certificates and deliver them to first sergeants," said Mr. Vohar. "The first sergeants give them to needy Airmen, who can decide what they want to buy for their kids. It's less complicated than collecting gifts, and this way parents can get their children what they want."

## Send your best holiday recipes, craft ideas

Do you have a holiday dish that never misses? How about a special craft?

Send the KA your favorite holiday recipe or instructions for a holiday craft, and it just may be published in the Nov. 17 issue as part of our special Thanksgiving section.

Send recipes and craft ideas no later than Nov. 10 to [editor@kaiserslauternamerican.com](mailto:editor@kaiserslauternamerican.com).



# NOW SHOWING



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## Today

**"Running with Scissors"**

(R) 7 and 10:30 p.m. (G)

**"Material Girls"**

(PG) 7 p.m. (I)

**"Flags of our Fathers"**

(R) 7 and 10:30 p.m. (N)

**"World Trade Center"**

(PG-3) 7 p.m. (H)

## Saturday

**"Material Girls"**

(PG) 3 p.m. (G)

**"Running with Scissors"**

(R) 7 and 10:30 p.m. (G)

**"Crossover"**

(PG-13) 7 p.m. (I)

**"How to eat Fried Worms"**

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## Wednesday

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(PG-13) 7 p.m. (G)

**"Flags of our Fathers"**

(R) 7 p.m. (N)

## Thursday

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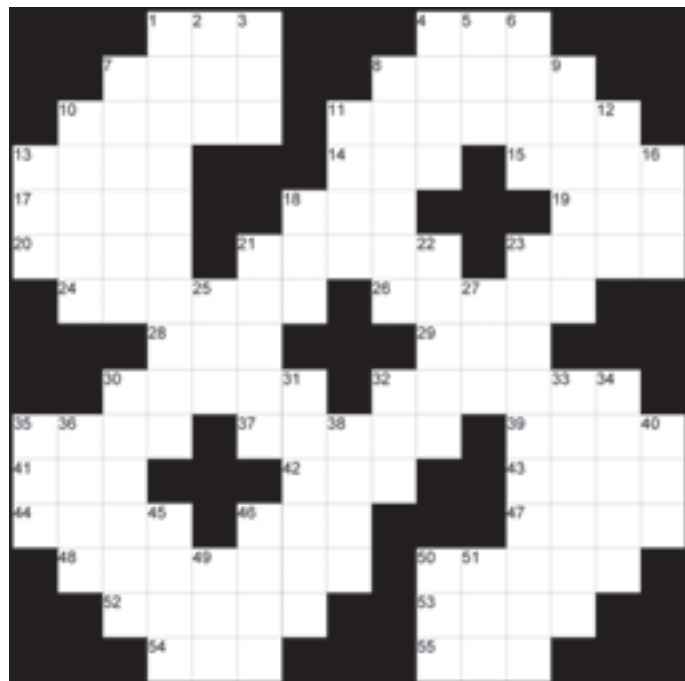
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## Native American History

by Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

### ACROSS

1. NY player
4. Health resort
7. Bellow
8. Gyrate
10. Actor Fonda
11. Patuxet Indian who helped the Pilgrims settle America
13. Water craft
14. Wilder play \_\_\_ Town
15. EU currency
17. Stick
18. Mil. intel. org.
19. Bachelor's spot
20. Norway's capital
21. Musical instrument
23. Void
24. Glue maker
26. Pub order
28. Large, flightless Australian bird
29. Rocky peak or hill
30. Effort to imitate or alter nature
32. Sac and Fox Olympian and pro football and baseball player
35. Anxious
37. Pima who raised American Flag at Mt. Surabachi
39. Not healthy
41. Metric unit of volume equal to 10L
42. Bungalow
43. Tidy
44. Composition for two voices or two instruments
46. Pro
47. Swinging entrance structure
48. Lt Van \_\_\_; Choctaw MOH recipient (1944)
50. Montana town
52. House Ways and \_\_\_ committee
53. TV show \_\_\_ & Andy
54. Giant great Mel
55. Jogged

### DOWN

1. Lt Jack \_\_\_; Cherokee MOH recipient (1944)
2. Listening tool?
3. Attempt
4. San Antonio player

5. Actress Zadora
6. Diary of \_\_\_ Frank
7. Product packaged to replace the used contents of a container
8. Brief sudden violent wind-storm
9. State of reduced or suspended sensibility
10. Space between the bows and anchors of a ship
11. Dirt
12. Spoken rather than written
13. Comm. person in air base defense
16. Lyrical poem
18. \_\_\_ Moines
21. Infatuation
22. Vows
23. Chickasaw Lt. Cmdr. John \_\_\_; first Native American astronaut
25. Ambulance worker
27. Sentimental drivel
30. Brightly shining
31. Crude or brutish people
32. Vietnamese lunar New Year
33. Cloth folds
34. To make proud
35. Cartoon Ed, \_\_\_, Eddy
36. Cover with a soft adhesive substance
38. Central Asian people domed, portable tent
40. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
45. Palm product
46. Complete set of type of one size and face
49. Obese
50. Prohibit
51. Actress Thurman



Answers to the Oct. 27 crossword puzzle.

Check out [www.aafes.com/ems/](http://www.aafes.com/ems/) for more information.

**Material Girls** – Ava and Tanzie Marchetta, heiresses to a multi-million dollar cosmetics company, approach life as one big party. But when a scandal involving one of their products emerges, the girls are left penniless and homeless. They could listen to the board of directors who want to sell the company to their biggest competitor, but that would forever taint the name of their late father, who built it from the ground up. Starring Hillary and Haylie Duff.

**Running with Scissors** – In 1971, the neatness-obsessed but sharply observant six-year-old Augusten finds himself trapped between his troubled parents: his mother Deidre, an unpublished confessional poet with delusions of being hugely famous; and his father Norman,

an alcoholic math professor. When the Burroughs' marriage goes to pieces, Deidre signs up for therapy with the eccentric Dr. Finch, a highly unconventional shrink who takes the family under his wing. Starring Annette Bening.

**Crossover** – Noah Cruise, a naturally talented basketball player, is determined to become a doctor using his basketball scholarship to UCLA pre-med, rather than succumbing to the lure of a former sports agent Vaughn, and his push for Noah to go for the NBA. Noah's best friend, Tech, the buddy that covered for him and did time for an assault charge, is also an outstanding basketball player, but has less lofty ambitions – he wants to get his GED and win an underground street ball game against an arrogant rival.

## Don't forget your towel...

Air Force fitness centers in the area no longer provide workout towels (Army fitness centers provide towels, though). Small towels and cleanser are still available to disinfect workout machines after use.

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## Sembach Fitness Center

*Editor's Note: During the coming months, the KA will profile fitness centers in the KMC. Be sure to check the sports section regularly for the skinny on how to use local fitness centers to shape up.*

### The lowdown

Because of its location away from the Vogelweh/Ramstein corridor, Sembach is often-referred to as "the best-kept secret in the KMC." According to Tech. Sgt. Terry Kasper, Sembach Fitness Center NCOIC, that designation applies to his facility, too. The fitness center staff uses a personal touch to create a family-friendly atmosphere. "We try to get out there and interact with the customers," said Sergeant Kasper. Sembach's amenities include three raquetball courts, a parent/child playroom and a gymnasium. The busiest times of the day are from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., when squadrons do PT.

### The gear

Sembach has nearly three dozen cardio training machines, including treadmills, elliptical trainers, stair climbers and one rowing machine. There are also a number of weight machines and a well-equipped free-weight room.

### The activities

Yoga and aerobics classes are offered, and according to Sergeant Kasper, a circuit trainer is coming soon. One-on-one instructional training sessions are also available.

### One must-know fact

The Sembach Fitness Center recently suffered a water line break and will be without showers, toilets or water fountains for an undetermined period of time. The staff has provided portable lavatories and water jugs, but plan on showering somewhere else.

### Opening hours

5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, holidays and goal days

### The bottom line

For friendly, personalized service and a spacious workout scene, visit the Sembach Fitness Center.

# Sports



Photo by Monica Mendoza

**Tannenbaum Ski Club members wear costumes for the final trip of last year's ski season at Ischgl, Austria.**

## Not just another ski club

by Aland Sanchez  
Tannenbaum Ski Club

A sudden wind gust made me remember that I wasn't in heaven, but on top of one the most beautiful mountains in the world. You wouldn't be able to tell that from the large amounts of people wearing costumes ranging from Mr. Potato Head to Fred Flintstone.

Music was in the air, making the place sound more magical, if that was even possible. The music was coming from the stage where Pink was performing live, not as a skier in a costume, but as a recording artist.

I couldn't help but be amazed by the beauty of the place, with the snow-covered mountains and the gorgeous clear sky. I was in Ischgl, Austria with the Tannenbaum Ski Club during the close of the ski season, when skiers go down the slopes in hilarious costumes.

I was there with hundreds of friends, some which I'm still meeting. The Tannenbaum Ski Club has an unspoken bond within its members – you can be at

any place, and as long as there is another Tannenbaumer, you are there with a friend.

I met hundreds of people from all walks of life that day; some of them have even become very close friends of mine. The Tannenbaum Ski Club is more than just a ski club, it's a place to meet people with the same interests as you, share the same hobbies as you, and like you, are in the neverending search of a good time.

If you don't ski, don't worry. I don't ski either and I'm on the board. All you really need is a love of seeing the most beautiful places on earth, meeting new friends and the ability to have fun. If this describes you, then join us at the Landstuhl Community Club on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

During our meetings you can sign up or get information on upcoming trips, meet the board members or just mingle and enjoy the music. Did I mention all of our functions have free drinks and finger foods? See you there.

For more information and trip schedules, visit [www.tannenbaumskiclub.com](http://www.tannenbaumskiclub.com).

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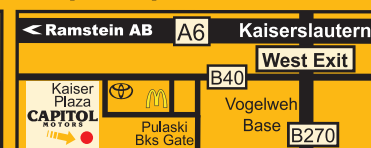
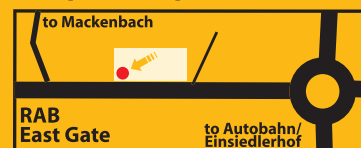
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## Powder Puff



*Photo by Airman Kenneth Holston*

**Senior Airman Amber Ketchum, 435th Communications Squadron graphic designer, scrambles for a 30-yard touchdown while participating in the Powder Puff football game held at Ramstein Oct. 27.**

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Racquetball

The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern hosts a Racquetball Championship 9 a.m. Nov. 11 and 12 at the Kleber Gym, Bldg. 3235 on Kleber Kaserne. Awards go to first, second and consolation winners. Register at the Kleber Gym. For details, call 483-7610.

### Landstuhl youth sports

Landstuhl youth sports winter registration for boys and girls ages 5 to 15 are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Landstuhl School Age Services, Bldg. 3851. Sports offered are basketball, jump rope, wrestling and cheerleading. All sports physicals need to be current through April 1, 2007. For more information, call 06371-86-8315 or 486-8315/8375, or e-mail [anthony.broccoli@us.army.mil](mailto:anthony.broccoli@us.army.mil).

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