

DoD increases maximum weight limit July 1

Members making permanent-change-of-station from Stuttgart can bring home a little more as the Department of Defense prepares to increase the weight allowance for household goods beginning July 1.

For the new weight limits, member's PCS orders must have an effective date after June 30, and the weight of their household goods will not be transferred until or after June 30.

Members retiring or separating from the service, the effective date of orders is the last day of service.

The new program will reduce the overweight costs of the servicemember," explained Barbara Chandler, GSMC traffic manager, citing a Pentagon report concluding that soldiers paid \$23 million in overweight costs in 1987.

Even for junior enlisted members, there had been major increases in weight allowances since 1966, according to Nina Chandler, program project officer at the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee.

The all-volunteer force structure since then has changed considerably. There are many more married members with families, the average grade is higher, and the average age has increased. Hence, the members have accumulated more personal belongings.

Service officials randomly sampled records of overweight shipments and determined that most were members with dependents, Chandler said.

Although the start-up date of the policy is July 1,

members who have their household goods picked up before then may be eligible for the higher allowances.

The new weight limits are the maximum the service members can move at government expense. They do not necessarily mean a member can move that much to a duty station. There are command restrictions in some overseas areas, Chandler said, and the gaining command should provide information on weight allowance restrictions as well as what government furniture and appliances are available to offset them.

According to GSMC Installation Transportation Officer, Cpt. Steven McLain, the increase of weight entitlements will give the soldier more flexibility in determining what to bring over. It will also serve as a morale booster for all soldiers being assigned to Germany.

Housing officials remind servicemembers that the maximum household goods allowances include the combined weight of all separate shipments. Items placed in storage and those shipped to the new duty station in unaccompanied baggage are part of the maximum weight allowance.

"Congress did not appropriate funds for the increases when it approved the weight limits in the fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization Act," according to Chandler. "Therefore, each service will be paying for the increases from its existing budget."

Defense officials expect the weight increases to add \$31.3 million to the fiscal 1989 fourth-quarter shipment costs. They expect fiscal 1990 costs to increase by \$123.9 million.

(Compiled by Mary Peterson, AFIS and Bob Gonzales, Stuttgart Citizen)

New Household Goods Weight Limits

Grade	Old	New Without Dependents	New With Dependents
O-6 to O-10	13,500	18,000	18,000
O-5	13,000	16,000	17,500
O-4, W-4	12,000	14,000	17,000
O-3, W-3	11,000	13,000	14,500
O-2, W-2	10,000	12,500	13,500
O-1, W-1	9,500	10,000	12,000
E-9	9,500	12,000	14,500
E-8	9,000	11,000	13,500
E-7	8,500	10,500	12,500
E-6	8,000	8,000	11,000
E-5	7,000	7,000	9,000
E-4 over 2	7,000	7,000	8,000
E-4 under 2	1,500	3,500	7,000
E-3	1,500	2,000	5,000
E-2	1,500	1,500	5,000
E-1	1,500	1,500	5,000

news briefs

Housing closes

GSMC's Housing Division, located at Robinson Barracks, will be closed on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning on June 7. Only personnel clearing or emergencies will be seen from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Normal customer service resumes at 1 p.m. For further information, contact Ms. Brown at 420-6187.

CPO service reduction

Due to the necessity of changing computer systems, the Civilian Personnel Office will reduce Recruitment and Placement service while focusing on converting to the USAREUR Civilian Automated Referral System (UCARS). There will be a temporary reduction in service from May 22 until June 2.

Auto store phone

The correct phone number for the Auto Parts Store/Auto Service at Patch Barracks is 0711-6877-873-69. The current listing for the store in the GSMC Fingertip guide is incorrect.

DRMO retail sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office in Ludwigsburg, located on Osterholzallee, near Coffey Barracks, will hold a large retail sale of excess personal and government property on June 16 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The sale is open to everyone and is for cash. Non-U.S. personnel must pay customs on purchases before they may be removed.

For more information, contact the DRMO at 4282-892/554.

Electronic sale

The largest electronic sale in AAFES' European history is coming soon. The \$20 million electronics sale will be held in Stuttgart and 10 other stores in Germany May 31-June 4.

Citizen moves

The Stuttgart Citizen has moved to the second floor of the 589th Signal Bn Building, behind the dental clinic on RB. The offices are located in rooms 204 and 205. The phone numbers are 420-6067/7213.

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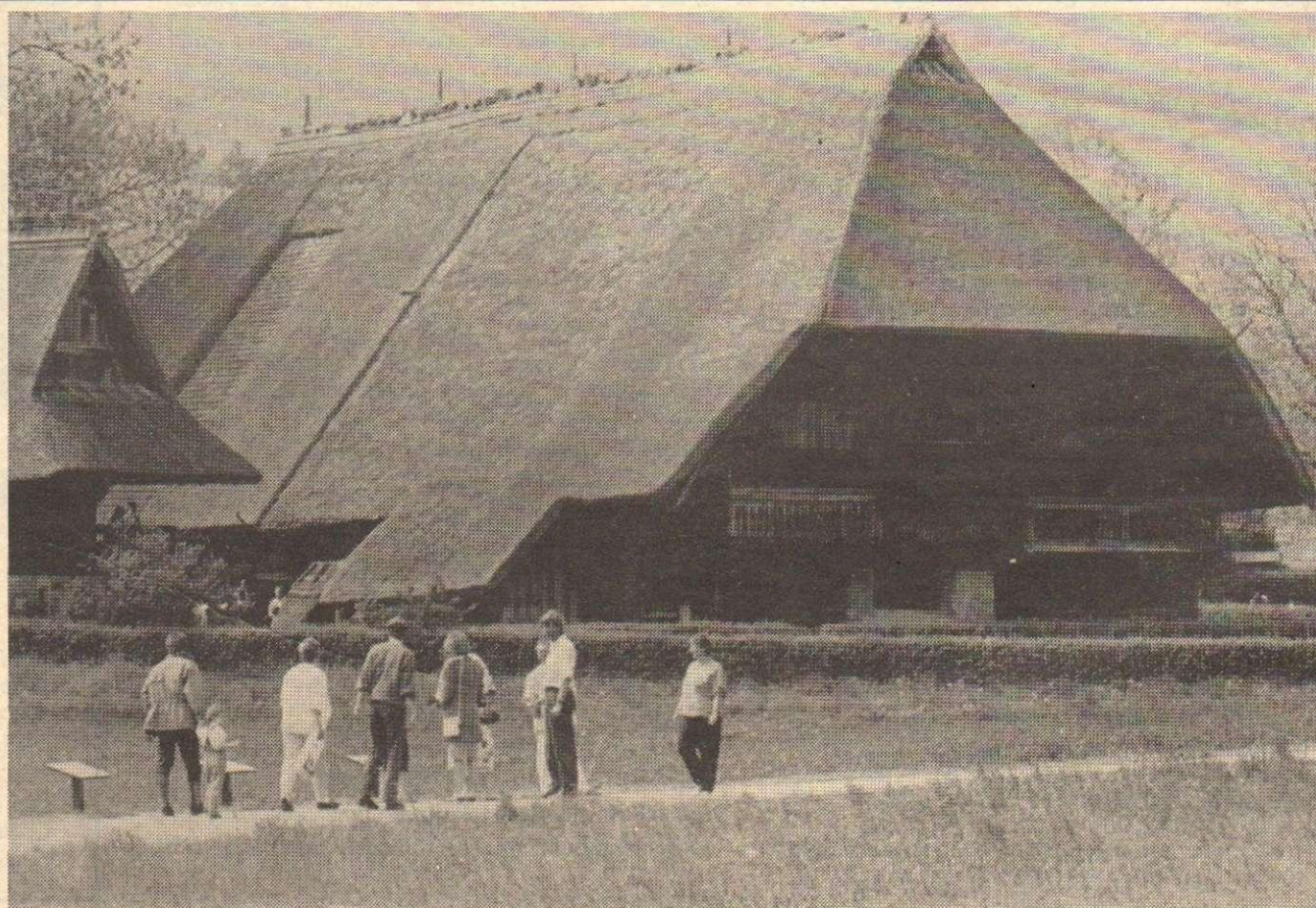


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Down on the farm

The Vogtsbauernhof ("Vogts' Farm House") — is a part of the Old Germany which still survives in the Open Air Museum of the Black Forest, located near Triberg. A recent USO tour to Triberg, world famous for its manufacture of cuckoo clocks, included a stop at the museum, where agricultural life can be traced back to the Middle Ages. This farm house was built in 1570 and represents the types of structure typical of that era. The ground floor consists of a living room, kitchen, and stable area. The kitchen is made of stone with a wooden chimney designed to circulate smoke within to facilitate curing meat and sausages. Life on the farms was tough and encouraged non-inheriting children in families to emigrate. Some even went to America.

Commander's comment

Sponsorship, commitment lead to excellence

The Army Community of Excellence program is being kicked off in a big way in the Greater Stuttgart Military Community. We've had articles and radio announcements, posters and publicity, and meetings and conferences. But this program requires more than just a big bang. It needs you.



There is much to be done within GSMC. We know that additional financial resources are not available to fund these needed improvements. But we have a number of ways to deal with this challenge. They are unit and organizational sponsorship, aggressive self-help, and innovation.

As I discussed last week, soldiers and units play their part in the program by becoming unit sponsors of a particular activity, facility or program. Building a bridge between people in the community and the local activities designed to support them is a constructive way to channel energy and enthusiasm.

Bettering the quality of life for soldiers and their families is one goal we all share. Joining forces under the umbrella of unit sponsorship and the Army Community of Excellence program helps us progress toward this higher standard.

Sponsorship is not just for soldiers and units. Sponsorship, which basically translates into pride, effort and initiative, can be undertaken by any group or organization. Classes, offices, private organizations, and even German-American groups are encouraged to jump on the sponsorship bandwagon. We need you as well!

What could a class of second or third graders do to improve the state of our community? The answer to that is — plenty! These youngsters could assist in area beautification by planting flowers or shrubbery, participate in local clean-up efforts, help with recycling collections and awareness, promote energy conservation with essay and poster contests and more. The list goes on literally as far as you can imagine.

If these tasks could be accomplished by 7 and 8 year-olds, just think what teens could do. Already some community teens are working with parents and soldiers to set up teen centers within three of our subcommunities.

Military members and civilian employees can join the ACOE program as well. How is the appearance of your office or work environment? A neat, clean work place within a well maintained room can do wonders for productivity. Locating files or tools is also much easier.

Try making the first move by suggesting to your supervisor or colleagues that a team effort to improve the work environment could be done through self-help. How about developing a way to streamline customer service? Before you know it everyone will be engaged in the pursuit of excellence in facilities and services.

Private organizations, which includes fraternal groups, women's clubs, scouting groups and others, are also encouraged to participate in the Army Community of Excellence program. With the help and good will of these groups, many of the things we would like to have in our community can become a reality.

Numerous private organizations have been contributing to the community's well-being, and many are beginning to do so. One excellent example springs to mind, the United Service Organization (USO). By combining corporate contributions and private donations, the USO has been able to construct a lounge facility on Robinson Barracks. The new USO lounge will greatly enhance the quality of life for soldiers and their families, without costing the community valuable resources needed elsewhere.

German-American groups are working to improve both communities and the friendship between the two as well. For instance, annually the German-American Women's Club hosts a pfennig bazaar which generates revenue for worthy causes both German and American.

As you can tell, the Army Community of Excellence program is currently working within GSMC. When the rest of the community gets involved, we will truly be on the road to excellence. Reaching excellence for GSMC facilities and services is a process, and getting there can be enjoyable and satisfying.

Share in the pride and enthusiasm of your neighbors. Let's build a brighter future for all of us.

Take care of soldiers.
Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, Jr.

chaplain's corner

Advance in life: take a retreat

by CH (Col.) Theodore W. Hepner
GSMC Chaplain

The pace of life sometimes becomes hectic. There always seems to be so much to do and too little time to do it. Sometimes we get so busy that we can't sort out the important from the just nice to do things and the things that don't need doing at all.

This feeling is what I call "the bunched up crunch." This is exactly where the religious retreat comes in to play.

A religious retreat is a time of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation and study. It is also a time of seclusion, retirement and solitude.

It may be for just a few hours in the seclusion of your own room or it may be for a weekend or a week at the religious resource center in Berchtesgaden, Germany. It gives you a chance to think over where you have been, where you are and where God calls you to be.

The story is told about St. Peter who was sitting beside a road resting one day. A hunter with bow and arrow came along, recognized St. Peter and stopped to talk to him. "Peter?" the hunter asked. Peter confirmed that indeed he was.

The Hunter then asked, "How come you are sitting here idly beside the road instead of proclaiming the Gospel?" To this Peter replied, "Why don't you have an arrow drawn tightly on your bow string ready to shoot?" The hunter laughed and said, "That would be ridiculous. My arm would become fatigued and I would not be able to aim straight and true." To this Peter replied, "So it is with the soul of man."

A retreat is a time to replenish the body, mind and soul. It is a time to clear the cob webs out of the head and to clear the ashes out of the heart. It is an opportunity to take a step back from life. It is an occasion for celebrating the gift of life and its multiple opportunities for enrichment, growth and service.

If you want to participate in a religious retreat you need to plan it well in advance. It won't just happen. It is important to block out the time and keep it free. Make your reservations early. You may be able to take a weekend retreat on a three or four day pass.

A Monday through Friday retreat will require leave orders. Most denominational retreats are designed for families with classes and activities for everyone from toddlers through adults. Unit religious retreats are usually designed more specifically for the soldiers. Frequently they will include opportunities for mountain climbing, white water rafting or skiing.

When you get to the retreat, take advantage of all the area has to offer. Sightseeing during free time is an excellent way to have fellowship with fellow retreat goers and to cultivate new friendships. The change of pace and the change of scenery are an integral part of the retreat experience.

Do not try to do too much. Use the time to relax and reflect on the retreat experience. Some of the religious retreats that are currently scheduled in Berchtesgaden are as follows:

- May 17-21 — So. Baptists
- Jun 16-19 — LDS
- Jun 21-24 — 5th Gen. Hos.
- Jun 23-28 — Gospel Hour
- Sep 8-11 — 34th Sig Bn
- Sep 22-25 — 4th Trans
- Sep 24-29 — Music Conf
- Oct 2-6 — Assembly of God
- Oct 9-13 — Church of God
- Oct 9-14 — Nazarene
- Nov 6-10 — Church of God Hispanic
- Nov 3-30 — United Methodist

Try a religious retreat and advance the quality of your life.

citizen profile



photo by Bob Crockett

Sgt. Charles Roberts appears a little behind in his work during a recent performance at Patch Barracks. The concert tuba player is a member of the 84th Army Band.

If you know someone who you would like to see spotlighted for their efforts in GSMC, contact the Citizen staff at 420-6067/7213.



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SATO gains travel contract at 57 German locations

USAREUR has awarded a travel contract covering official and leisure travel services at 57 locations in the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin to Airlines Travel Office-Overseas (SATO-OS). The travel firm has provided service to the military for many years. The May 8 award is for an initial period of two years with three one-year options to extend.

The acquisition process was geared to determine which travel firm offered the greatest overall advantage to USAREUR in terms of service, management, and concession fee for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). Under the terms of the contract, SATO-OS will pay a minimum of 6 percent to most communities and 4.5 percent to others. The fee will be based on travel arranged under the contract. All revenue received will be paid into community MWR funds. Official travel services will be provided at no cost to USAREUR.

For the first time, USAREUR travelers will be able to get full travel service for all travel requirements at one location.

The "one stop" concept is meant to provide maximum service levels and convenience for both official and leisure travelers. The contractor will offer on-the-spot automated reservation and ticketing service for airlines, railroads, hotels, rental cars and tours. State-of-the-art airline reservation/ticketing and back office accounting systems will make it possible for the contractor to meet all travel needs while maintaining a highly reliable quality control program.

Additional enhancements to be provided by SATO-OS include access to a 24-hour emergency reservation phone number, ticket delivery for official travel tickets and a system for automatically calculating the lowest fares. SATO-OS will also develop and operate a broad range of new travel products for leisure travelers that will augment the range of regional tours currently available to USAREUR travelers through Information, Tour and Travel (ITT) offices.

The USAREUR travel transition plan calls for contract implementation in four phases beginning 90 days following the contract award date.

Phase One (90 days following award) will include

Heidelberg, Berlin, Kaiserslautern, Mannheim, Pirmasens, Zweibrücken, Bremerhaven, Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Giessen, Augsburg, Bad Toelz, Munich, Neurnburg, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Weurzburg, and Grafenwoehr.

Phase Two (120 days following award) will include Karlsruhe, Worms, Garlstadt, Rheinberg, Bad Kreuznach, Baumholder, Bad Hersfeld, Hanau, Mainz, Wiesbaden, Aschaffenburg, Bamberg, Goepingen, Heilbronn, Neu Ulm, Schweinfurt and Vilseck.

Phase Three (150 days following award) will include Moench-Gladbach, Garmisch, Schwaebisch Gemünd, Crailsheim, Wertheim, Amberg, Hohenfels, and Bindsch. Many communities will have multiple locations.

During the past two years, ITT offices have had responsibility for providing leisure travel services throughout USAREUR. They will continue to provide leisure travel services at each location until the contractor has fully implemented services. All pending ITT transactions will be serviced according to the established transition plan procedures.

updates

Appeal procedures

The Qualitative Management Program (QMP) appeal procedures are clarified as follows:

Soldier appeals must be submitted within 90 days of completion of the option statement and processed through the chain of command to the GCMCA. The GCMCA will forward the soldier's appeal to PERSCOM to arrive no later than 60 days from the date the soldier's appeal was initiated.

If the commander elects to appeal on behalf of the soldier, the appeal must be submitted within 90 days of completion of the option statement and processed in two complete copies through the GCMCA to arrive at PERSCOM no later than 60 days from initiation of the appeal.

Commanders should ensure prompt processing of appeals so that soldiers receive timely consideration. Delays in submission of appeals have caused some soldiers and families unnecessary pressure and anxiety while awaiting consideration of QMP appeals.

GI Bill

The June 30 deadline for re-enrollment in the Montgomery GI Bill is fast approaching.

This GI Bill was amended to allow soldiers a "second opportunity" to reverse their original decision not to participate in the Montgomery GI Bill. June 30 is the last day of a seven-month extension granted by Congress to ensure all eligible non-enrolled soldiers who entered active duty for the first time between July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1988, are afforded every opportunity to participate in this latest educational assistance program.

Officer extensions

PERSCOM and CINCUSAREUR may direct involuntary officer extensions/consecutive overseas tours, however, such action is taken only when mission essential and after careful consideration on an individual case-by-case basis.

For more information, contact 1st PERSCOM.

Recurring services

By the start of each fiscal year, RCO Stuttgart has in place more than 400 contracts covering annual recurring services such as lease or maintenance of ADP equipment, typewriters, copiers, and other office equipment. Current contracts will in most cases expire on Sept. 30. It is the responsibility of each organization to process the necessary paperwork to provide for the continuation of these services.

To ensure contracts are in place for the new fiscal year (Oct. 1, 1989-Sept. 30, 1990), DA Form 3953 (Purchase Request and Commitment) must be sent to RCO Stuttgart no later than July 1.

For more information, contact Maj. Fischetti, 420-6072/7071.



Big check

Richard Wilhelm, Philip Morris' general manager for military sales in Europe, assists Hildegard Goehrum, president of the USO council of Stuttgart, in holding a facsimile of the check for \$35,000. Wilhelm presented Goehrum his company's donation to the new Stuttgart USO lounge. The new lounge will be located to at the PX mall at Robinson Barracks and is scheduled to open June 2. The 350-square-meter lounge will contain two clubrooms, an information counter, offices, a conference room and a classroom.

Health spotlight focuses on factors contributing to high blood pressure

May is National High Blood Pressure Month. High blood pressure — hypertension — is the No. 1 cause of strokes. It's also linked to heart attacks, kidney disease and other conditions. Because hypertension has no symptoms, it can easily go undetected. Therefore, it is important to get your blood pressure checked regularly.

According to Army Major Mary Davis, a member of DoD's Health Promotion Education and Training Subcommittee, the services' education efforts will focus on hypertension, smoking, and elevated cholesterol as the three major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular (heart) disease.

This year's education program will emphasize the importance of exercise. Among the blood pressure-lowering benefits of exercise are that it helps maintain ideal body weight, reduces the desire for tobacco and

helps manage stress.

DoD is not emphasizing salt reduction this year to the degree it has in the past. Said one health official, "It's easy to eat less salt, but we want people to look at their entire lifestyle."

According to the 1988 Worldwide Survey of Substance Abuse and Health Behaviors, almost 92 percent of active duty military people were screened for hypertension last year, and less than 4 percent had a degree of hypertension severe enough to require medication.

The same survey found that most military people were physically fit and that 80 percent of them had taken steps to improve their diets. But more than half had a close relative being treated for high blood pressure, leading officials to believe that blood pressure education for retirees and dependents is especially important. (AFIS)

Getting —around— GSMC

Robinson Barracks to 5th General Army Hospital, Bad Cannstatt:

At the Robinson Barracks AAFES gas station, turn right and follow the priority road down the hill past Wallace Barracks, and on down a curved stretch of road.

You will come to the Neckar River and cross it. After crossing the river, make an immediate left. The road curves to the right and then to the left. Continue straight to the third traffic light and make a right — there will be a U.S. Army Hospital sign.

Continue straight for a short way and exit to the right at the earliest opportunity. Turn left, crossing a bridge over the road you were just on. After crossing the next intersection, the road curves right, you will go under an overpass, up a hill, and the entrance to 5th General is to your immediate left.

Robinson Barracks to Nellingen Barracks:

Leave Robinson Barracks from the gate nearest to the Dining Facility building. Make a right turn and continue down the road towards the blue tower many call 'Macht Nichts' circle.

Stay in the left lane and turn left to route B-10 — this is a priority road with the route markings on the road itself. Stay in the right lane and follow B-10 past the Whilhelma Zoo toward Esslingen.

As you approach Esslingen watch for a large 'CO-OP' store on the right. Turn right at the first exit past the store. From the exit make a right and then a left, which will put you on what looks like a country road.

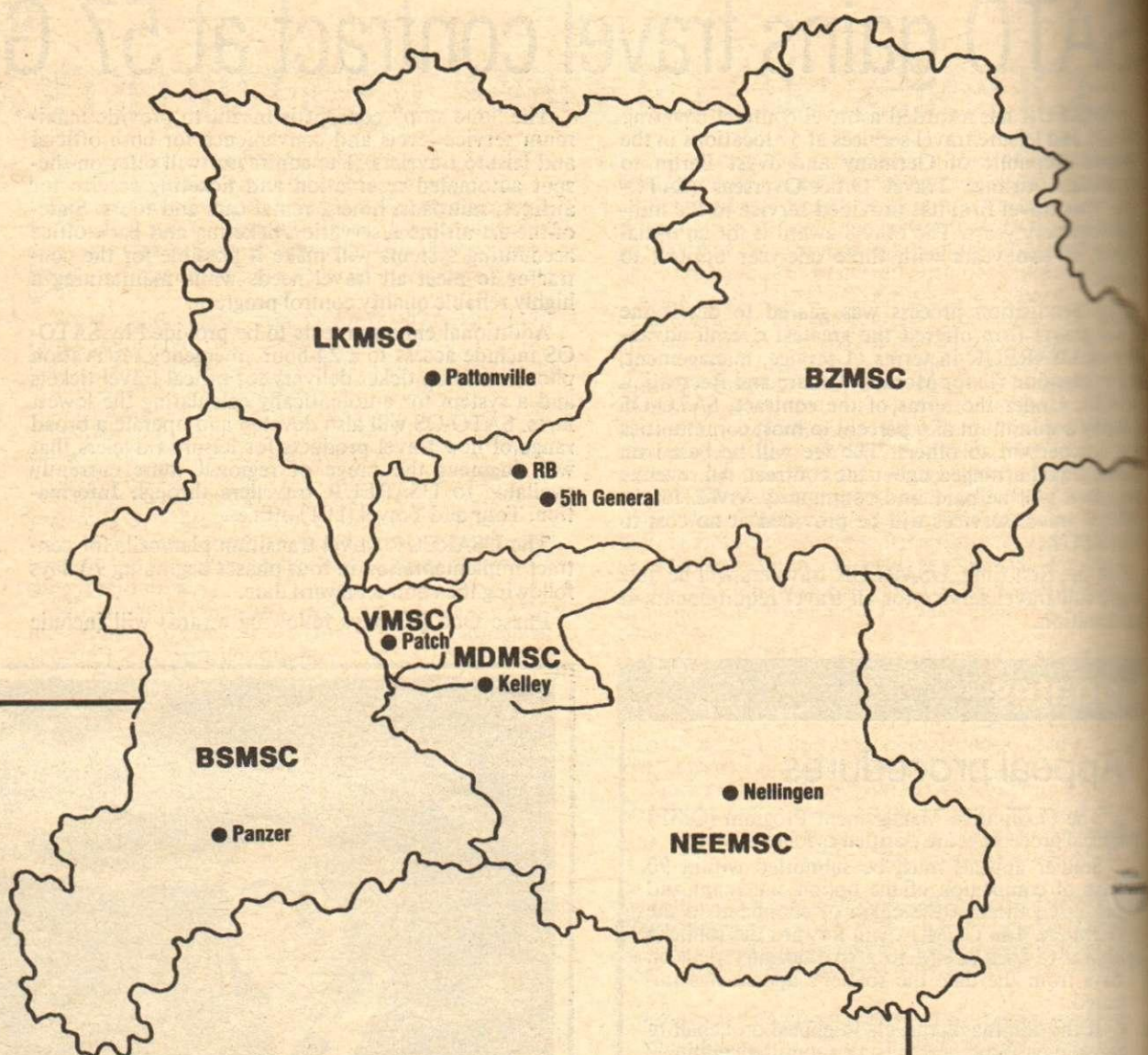
At the stop light make a right and go up a steep hill. Make another right at the next light and go up another steep hill. Follow that road to where the road splits to the left and right. Make a right and Nellingen Barracks will be on the left.

Robinson Barracks to Patch Barracks:

Leave Robinson Barracks just as you would for Nellingen Barracks. Stay in the right lane as you approach 'Macht Nichts' circle. At the light, cross the intersection keeping the tower to your left.

Follow that priority road making a right at the Killesberg expo hall which will be on the right. Stay on the priority road for several kilometers as the road winds up a steep incline.

At the top of the incline make a right onto what appears to be an autobahn.



Follow the Vaihingen signs. Stay on Autobahn 831 heading toward Singen. You will go under an underpass and a short tunnel. After the tunnel, make a right at the next exit and follow the signs to Patch Barracks.

Robinson Barracks to Panzer Kaserne:

Follow the directions to Patch Barracks; however, do not exit off the autobahn at Vaihingen. continue until you reach the Boeblingen-Ost sign where you will exit the autobahn. Go left at the light, continuing along the road until you reach a closed gate. Turn left and continue until you find the main gate.

Robinson Barracks to Kelley Barracks:

From Robinson Barracks go towards 'Macht Nichts' circle. Turn left onto route B-27. You will find that B-10 is to the left and B-27 is to the right after making the left turn.

Follow B-27 past the main train station, which has a large blue Mercedes star on top of it, and stay in the right-hand lane. Continuing on B-27, make a right and follow the curve as you enter a tunnel.

The road will branch off. Follow the sign toward Tuebingen. Continuing on B-27 up a steep, winding hill through a small town. You will continue on to where it looks like an autobahn. Go towards the Stuttgart International Hotel which will be off to the right.

Exit there and make a left turn at the light. Follow that road a short way and Kelley Barracks will be on your left.

Robinson Barracks to Ludwigsburg caserns:

Exit Robinson Barracks from the AAFES gas station. Follow that road down through several lights to the bottom of the hill. Make a left turn at the car dealership. Continue past a few other car dealerships and make a right at the signs directing you towards Lud-

wigsburg. B-27. Continue straight veering to the right. You are now on the major access road to all Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim caserns.

Ludendorff Kaserne:

Take the Kornwestheim exit which also has a 'Ludendorff Kaserne' sign at the exit. The casern is straight across the exit.

Pattonville Housing Area and Wilkin Barracks:

Take the second Kornwestheim exit which has a 'Pattonville' sign. Make a right. You will first come across Wilkin Barracks on the left with Pattonville being just a bit further down the road.

Valdez, and Karls Kaserne:

Stay on B-27 into Ludwigsburg. At the fifth stop light, turn right and go one block. Turn right again and Valdez is on your left. At the corner, turn left again and Karls Kaserne is on the left.

Krabbenloch Kaserne:

From B-27 in Ludwigsburg, turn right at the light in front of the cathedral. Drive about one mile and Krabbenloch Kaserne will be on your right.

Coffey Barracks:

From B-27 in Ludwigsburg, turn left just before the cathedral. Continue as the road veers to the right across a large railroad bridge with tracks. Follow the priority road to the right. At the first light follow the priority road onto a major street. Turn right at the first street past the 'Broma' store. Coffey Barracks is approximately one-half mile on the left.

Flak Kaserne:

From B-27 in Ludwigsburg, go in to town staying to the right of the underpass. Turn right at the first right. You will pass the Ludwigsburg castle on your left. Continue through several lights until you see an ESSO gas station on the right. You will see a sign for Flak Kaserne. Turn left, Flak is about one-fourth of a mile down the road to the right.

For those who do their traveling by automobile, the directions given here will get you to the major installations within the Greater Stuttgart Military community. Robinson Barracks is being used as a point of reference because of its central location within GSMC.

DWI

A deadly gamble

By Steve Snyder
Stuttgart Citizen staff

Soldiers wear thin, especially about topics which have been beat to death in public. Still, continuing publicity about drunk driving seems justified. Soldiers who think the Army goes overboard on the subject would be wise to consider how the offense is regarded in other countries.

Drivers with a certain Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) in Norway and Sweden automatically go to jail. In Finland, with a BAC of just half the U.S. standard, the offender receives a mandatory three-month prison sentence. Turkish police take offending drivers 20 miles from town and force them to walk back (under escort). In Bulgaria, second offenders are executed. The same draconian standard applies in San Salvador. Finland, England, and Sweden automatically jail drunk drivers for up to a year. In South Africa they're given a 10-year jail sentence, a \$10,000, or both. Australian drunk drivers are listed in local newspapers under the "drunk and jail" column and if a driver commits the offense in Malaya, not only is he or she jailed but his or her spouse, also.

The good news in GSMC is that incidences of drunk driving or driving while intoxicated (DWI) are declining. The bad news is that even a few are "far too many for the community," according to Major Ronald Rada, GSMC Provost Marshall.

According to statistics released by Vena McClane in the Provost Marshal's Office, the number of drunk driving/DWI cases dropped from 324 in 1987 (year's total) to 190 in 1988, a decline of 26 percent. During those same years, total traffic accidents involving alcohol fell from 121 to 86, a 16.9 percent drop. Furthermore, the percentage of traffic accidents involving alcohol abuse among GSMC soldiers fell from 9.1 percent in 1987 to 7.5 percent in 1988.

Instances of drunk driving/DWI declines in every subcommunity in GSMC from 1987-88. The numbers in Cannstatt-Zuffenhausen fell from 87 to 45; in Ludwigsburg from 49 to 35; the Ludwigsburg-Kornwestheim number plummeted from 87 to 57; in Moehringen-Degerloch the decline was minute, from 15 to 14; the tally dropped from 37 to 13 in Nellingen-Esslingen-Echterdingen; and in Vaihingen the totals dipped from 49 to 26.

Statistics, of course, do not come written in stone down from Mount Sinai (except to professional statisticians). The fact that only 7.5 percent of traffic accidents here involved alcohol abuse in 1988 seems significant, though. Still, even if driving while intoxicated does not result in an accident,



photo by Bob Crockett

There were 190 cases of drunk driving/DWI in GSMC in 1988. Army justice shows little leniency toward NCOs or officers who are guilty of DWI. The Army's attitude is that they should know better and, if not, pay for their mistakes.

its detection by legal authorities leads to all kinds of unpleasantness.

German police routinely make spot checks to enforce conformity to vehicle safety, license, and registration requirements. If they suspect the driver has been drinking, breathalyzer or blood tests are automatically imposed. Legally, it's an offer the driver can't refuse.

If a driver is stopped in West Germany for drunk driving, his license can be suspended anywhere from three months to three years. If an accident ensues, the offender is going to jail.

On German roads, drivers with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .08 mg of alcohol per .10 ml of whole blood are considered to be legally impaired. If a driver becomes involved in an accident, though, and if his BAC reaches a mere .03 mg of alcohol content in the blood, the Germans hammer him with a Teutonic ferocity.

American MPs don't take it easy, either. Unusual

behavior behind the wheel invariably attracts attention. The Army's law enforcers don't hesitate to impose field sobriety and breathalyzer test when confronting motorists who have been driving suspiciously. Under USAREUR Regulation 190-1, imbibers reaching a BAC level from .05 to .099 are considered legally impaired. Heavyweights hitting .10 or more are rated legally drunk.

Drunks, naturally, face heavier legal penalties than DWIs. In all DWI cases, driver licenses are suspended or revoked.

Legal repercussions facing soldiers caught drinking and driving can include an Article 15, letter of reprimand, court martial or any combination of the three.

An Article 15 can involve extra duty, restriction, forfeiture of pay and reduction in rank. Letters of reprimand are nothing to sneeze at, either. "In many cases, they are filed in the individual's official military personnel file" (microfisch at the Department of the Army), according to GSMC Staff Judge Advocate Maj. Joseph Hall.

That letter becomes a permanent record of a serious foul-up which can result in reduced chances for promotions or for passing security checks in the future.

Maj. Hall emphasizes that "each case is decided individually with the commander making his filing decision based on the incident and the soldier's record."

The wheels of Army justice don't exhibit much patience with higher-ranking NCOs or officers who are caught drinking and driving. The attitude is that they should know better. "They almost always receive a monetary fine and frequently the soldier is reduced in grade," according to Hall.

To avoid hurting careers and endangering lives, GSMC's MPs have "increased patrol visibility for special events like fests" and have aggressively "put out the word" regarding the perils of alcohol on the road, Major Rada said. He added that "the word needs to get out on the unit level" to further preventive educational efforts.

One important educational tidbit is that German beer has 14 percent alcoholic content, twice that found in the States. Inexperienced drinkers won't need to chug too many brews before their bodies register measurable effects.

To paraphrase Rudyard Kipling, not every soldier is a plaster saint. In a country which brews the best beer in the world, some will drink. And, the words of John Selden, "Tis not the drinking that is to be blamed, but the excess."

How alcohol impairs driving ability

Body Weight	Number of drinks*								
100	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	shaded area indicates BAC level of .05 and above
120	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
140	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
160	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
180	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
200	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
220	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
240	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

* drink = 86 proof (1 1/2 oz. of whiskey, etc.)

1 bottle of 12 oz. beer
3 oz. of wine (20% alcohol)
5 oz. of wine (12% alcohol)

SAH, Patch fare well in track meet



photos by Lionel R. Green

Chevelle Hallback leaps during the long jump.

by Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen sports writer

Stuttgart and Patch closed out their regular track and field season with a meet at Stuttgart American High School May 14.

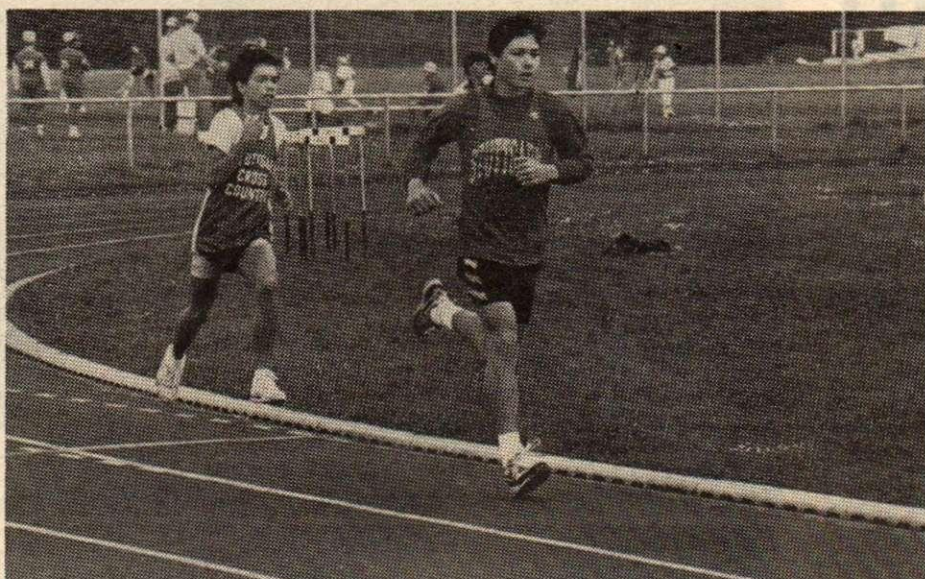
On a day that was interrupted by a light rain from time to time, Stuttgart scored 119 points to place second in the hexagonal. Patch had 29½ points to place fifth. Weisbaden scored 215 to win the tournament.

Stuttgart placed first in four of the 17 events and second in three events. Patch had one second place finisher.

For Stuttgart, Anthony McWilliams finished first in the 100 meters with a time of 11.2 seconds.

Ronnie Blair placed first in the 400 meters with a time of 51.1 seconds.

Jela Foote finished first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.87 seconds.



Two Stuttgart runners pace themselves for the finish.

The foursome of Brady Miles, Anthony McWilliams, Lance Roote, and Ronnie Blair took first place in the sprint medley event with a time of just under 3:50.

Jamal Hudson finished second in the high jump and Stuttgart's 400 and 1600 meter relay teams also placed second.

For Patch, Kevin Ellis had a second place finish in the 300 meters.

In the girls division, Stuttgart once again placed second with 102 points, while Patch's ladies placed fourth with 80 points. Wiesbaden won the girls' event also with 128 points.

Stuttgart had four first place finishes and four second place finishes with Tyronica White and Juli Cyrus providing the major portion of Stuttgart's fine showing. Chevelle Hallback had Patch's only first place finish and one of Patch's three second place finishes.

Tyronica White had an excellent day by winning the 100 meters with a time of 12.72 and placing second in the 200 me-

ters. She also anchored Stuttgart's 400-meter relay victory.

Juli Cyrus went the distance and placed first in the 800 meters and the 1500 meters. Her time in the 800 meters was 2:24.56, while her time in the 1500 meters was 4:59.2.

Stuttgart's 400-meter relay team of Tiffany Welcome, Nile Williams, Charisse Flewellen, and Tyronica White took first place with a time of 51.38 seconds.

Billie Gheen placed second in the 300-meter hurdles and Stuttgart's sprint medley and finished second in the 1600-meter relay teams.

Chevelle Hallback had her Patch team jumping for joy after she leaped her way into first with a 34-foot, eight-inch triple jump. She placed second in the long jump.

Molly Seabrook finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and Patch's 400-meter relay placed second, also, in their event.

Stuttgart competed in the AAA Track and Field tournament this past weekend.

commentary

Canseco scores big hit in AA homecoming

By Lionel R. Green
Stuttgart Citizen sports writer

"Jose Parkway."

It's been four years since I last heard that chant echo through the stands at Joe Davis Stadium in Huntsville, Ala. That was when a guy named Jose Canseco came to the plate for the Huntsville Stars.

The Stars were the first major sports team to call Huntsville home. They were just a AA minor league club in their first year, but Huntsvillians were hungry.

And Canseco was just the food they needed to satisfy their appetites.

The Stars were loaded with talent that year. Stan Javier, Mark McGwire and Luis Polonia were mainstays in the lineup, but no one seemed to really notice these talents except for the sharpest-eyed scout, because the spotlight was shining on Canseco.

He drew fans in by the thousands into the small stadium named after the mayor. In fact, Huntsville led the South-



ern League in attendance in their first year by a hefty margin. They also led the league in wins, and inevitably conquered the South by winning the Southern League championship.

Even though Canseco left after 58 games to go onto bigger and better things, his ambience remained with the Stars for the rest of the season and even carried over into the next season when the Stars once again took the Southern League crown.

The relationship between Canseco and Huntsville grew into a love affair. He gave the fans a son to watch play ball.

Every home game, fans would pile into Joe Davis Stadium to watch "their" Jose, and the next day get the early morning paper to read what they witnessed the night before. As if seeing his accomplishments in black and white would prove that it wasn't a dream.

You would almost see the stages of the Canseco-Huntsville relationship develop.

After 10 games, people were saying, "That Canseco, he's going to turn into a good ball player."

After 20 games, people were saying,

"That Canseco, he's one helluva ball player."

After 40 games, they were calling him by his first name and talking about him like he was one of their good ol' buddies from the war.

Then, he was gone. He headed to the Oakland A's AAA club in Tacoma where he performed so well that by the end of the season he was playing in the Oakland A's outfield. The next year he won rookie of the year, and two years later he became the first and only player to hit 40 homeruns and steal 40 bases in one year.

But, the Huntsville fans seemed to resent the A's taking their son from them. But, like in the old days when someone's son got drafted, it was accepted and life went on.

This year Jose Canseco has had a few personal problems and has been out with injuries. But, about two weeks ago, he went down to Huntsville to play for rehabilitation purposes. Needless to say he packed the house for the first time in a while.

Huntsvillians were beaming with pride because their son had come home from a successful war in the big leagues. Even though he had a rough night (his only hit, a single, resulted in a reinjury to his wrist), the fans were just glad to have him home.

The night ended in frustration because they lost him so quickly from the injury. But, they know he'll be back. If not in Huntsville, at least back on top of Major League baseball.

news briefs

YS summer camp

The Robinson Barracks Youth Services will start summer camp registration, June 1, YS membership required. Our summer camp program will start June 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We are looking for two qualified summer camp counselors to help our program run smoothly. If you have any background in youth counseling, please contact the RBYS, Bldg. 120.

Roll models, parents and volunteers, the RBYS is for a Booster Club President, Piano teacher, Youth looking for a sponsorship director, a career counselor, and a Lifeguard. We need your help so that your children get good quality care.

For more information, contact Margie Moore, 420-6140/6016.

Golf tourney

The GSMC Military Golf Tournament is coming up. This tournament is a qualifier for the V Corps Golf Tournament.

On June 27, there is a mandatory meeting at 10 a.m. for participants and a practice round will follow. On June 28-29, the 36-hole tournament will be played.

For more information, call the GSMC Sports Office, 420-6315/7055.

Martial arts classes

Summer will soon be here, school will be out and your children will be looking for something to do. Wouldn't it be nice if they were already involved in an activity?

Taekwon-do is a sport that offers discipline, camaraderie, a sense of achievement, and it is enjoyable. The instructor, Lesek Krusink, is a second degree black belt holder.

Classes are held at the Pattonville YS on Monday and Wednesday, and the RB YS on Tuesday and Thursday. There are classes offered for children 6-12 years of age, and adult classes, also. The cost is \$26 per month.

For more information, call Pattonville YS, 4282-550, or RB YS at 420-6140.

AFRC tennis deal

It's two sets in one at the Armed Forces Recreation Center this spring in Garmisch!

From now until June 1, you can get two Tennis Weeks for the price of one — just \$159. (Hotel room not included.)

The program includes five days of instruction, transportation to and from your hotel, welcome buffet, awards dinner and video analysis of your game. Classroom sessions will cover strategy and tactics, nutrition, conditioning and weight training for tennis players.

Whether you're a beginner or an expert, AFRC offers this bargain to you and your family (12 years and older). For reservations, call ETS 440-2575 or civilian 08821-750575. Or write the Central Reservations Office, HQ, AFRC, APO 09053. The civilian address is Central Reservations Office, HQ, AFRC, Gernackerstrasse 2, 8100 Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Stepping Out With Evi Hofielen

May 22- May 28

DAILY SALVADOR
Exhibition, State Gallery, Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 30-32, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tue, Thu 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DAY BY DAY
Monday, May 22
SALOME - Opera by Richard Strauss, Württemberg State Opera House, 8 p.m.

"SIMPLY RED" IN CONCERT - Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

CLASSICAL CONCERT - Liederhalle, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23

DON GIOVANNI - Opera by Mozart, Württemberg State Opera House, 7:30 p.m. also Friday, May 26.

STUTTGART NEW ORLEANS SOCIETY - Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

SANTANA IN CONCERT - Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Hall, 8 p.m.

SOCCER - VfB Stuttgart vs 1. FC Kaiserslautern, Neckarstadion, 8 p.m.

KONSTANTIN WECKER IN CONCERT - City Hall Leonberg, 8 p.m.

WARREN E. VACHE SENIORS SYNCOPATIN SEVEN, NEW YORK - Swing and hot Jazz, Musikhalle Ludwigsburg, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24
HAPPY WINE CRUISE ON NECKAR RIVER - Departure: Across from Wilhelma, 6:30 p.m.

JUMPIN' HORSE JAZZMEN - Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

VICTOR LAZLO - Concert, Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

"THE KERLS" - "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 25
Corpus Christi Day (German Holiday)

HORSE MARKET LUDWIGSBURG - Baerenwiese. Amusement park, fest tent, music, entertainment, horse show with prizes, thru Tuesday, May 30.

SWING MAIL SPECIAL - Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"CORNICHON" - "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Friday, May 26
"INTO THE NIGHT" - Feature film in English, Amerika Haus, Friedrichstr. 23A, 6 p.m.

JUST FRIENDS - Jazz at Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

ROBER CHAPMAN - Concert at Theaterhaus Stuttgart-Wangen, Ulmerstr. 241, 8:30 p.m.

"EUPHORIA" - "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
RIVERBOAT PARTY ON NECKAR RIVER - Departure: Across from Wilhelma, 7:30 p.m.

"SYNCOPTIN SEVEN", USA - Dixieland Hall, Marienstr. 3, 7:30 p.m.

MADAME BUTTERFLY - Opera by Puccini (in Italian), Württemberg State Opera House, 8 p.m.

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW - Liederhalle, 8 p.m.

"FANCLUB" - "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 28
THE CROWN JEWELS - Guided tour in English, Württemberg State Museum, Old Castle, Schillerplatz 6, 11 a.m.

OPEN-AIR CONCERT - Musikpavillon Schlossplatz, 11 a.m.

FOLKLORE - Dance, musical entertainment, Open-Air theater, Killesberg, 2 p.m.

STUTTGART BALLET - "Giselle", Forum am Schlosspark, Ludwigsburg, 7 p.m.

"DALTONS" - "Roehre", Wagenburgtunnel, Neckarstr. 34, 9 p.m.

VOLKSMARCH
Saturday & Sunday: Pforzheim, POC: Hagen Rieth, Turnstr. 52, 7536 Ispringen, tel: 07231-81920.

Saturday & Sunday: OTTENDORF, County of Schwäbisch Hall, POC: Helmut Bersch, Bahnhofstr. 95, 7160 Gaildorf, tel: 07971-6927.

DATES, INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE!



Vet clinic hotline

The GSMC Animal Care Clinic has available an emergency on-call listing of area veterinarians for evenings and weekends. Pet owners can pick up a copy at the Vet Clinic, bldg. 138, at Robinson Barracks. This information is also available daily by calling 420-6038, which is a recorded message of the on-call information.

For details, call or drop by the Vet Clinic, 420-6099/6038.

Stuttgart HS registration

Registration for next school year for sponsors of Stuttgart High School will be held the following dates: May 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

For more information, contact 4282-843.

Patch picnic & concert

The Patch Barracks Chapel's God's Gumdrops, Kids of the Kingdom, and V.I.K. Ringers are holding their annual spring picnic and concert on Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the Patch Barracks Chapel grounds. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a main dish.

For further information, call 0711-6877818.

Rod & Gun Club rendezvous

The Neckar Rod & Gun Club will sponsor the 7th annual Mountain Man Rendezvous from May 26-29 at the Panzer Rifle Range in Boeblingen. An entry fee will be charged. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact 07031-273490 or 4216-416/0711-3488416.

Singles only dinner

The Krabbenlock Community Rec center will throw a Singles Only dinner at a popular Zuffenhausen bar-b-q restaurant June 3 at 7 p.m. Register NLT May 29. A \$2 fee will be charged, extra DM's must be brought for the meal.

For further information, call 4282-553.

Panzer talent contest

The Panzer Community Rec center is looking for people with talent for a "star search talent contest" to be held May 28 at the center at 7 p.m.

For more information, drop by the center, bldg. 2949, or call 07031-25015 or 4312-760.

USAREUR AG ball

The annual USAREUR Adjutant General Ball will be held June 24 at the Heidelberg Officers and Civilians Club at Patrick-Henry Village. Invited to attend are both active duty and retired Adjutant General Corps Officers, Sergeants Major and AG civilians in the grade of GS-7 and above.

The receiving line for this the 214th AG Ball will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the formal program at 6:45 p.m. Cost for the evening is \$24.50 per person.

Letters with information about the event, billeting, and childcare services are being sent to all AG officers and sergeants major.

AG officers who do not receive the material about the ball may call Maj. Perry at 379-6440/6151.

GSMC YS programs

The Panzer Youth Services (YS) center will host the 1989 "Best Friends" GSMC YS pet show. Community youth are invited to bring their pets for judging on May 27 at 11 a.m. A \$2 fee per pet will be charged. For more information, call Panzer YS, 4312-568/495.

The Robinson Barracks YS is having an Exceptional Family Member Program June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. For details, call 420-6140-6016.

GSMC YS is announcing a new family photo service. All GSMC YS (except RB) will offer this service. Photos will be taken from May 27 through July 9; dates vary at each YS. Appointments are necessary so contact your local YS early.

June 1 marks the beginning of registration for the 1989 YS Magic Moments Summer Camp. Three sessions will be held from June 26 through August 18, each lasting one week. All YS members 6 to 12 years of

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age are invited to attend. For details, call you local YS center.

GSMC YS invites community youth to experience high adventure with five separate outdoor summer camps, running from July 6 through August 3, each camp lasting one week. All youth participating must be 12 years or older and be able to swim. Space is limited, and registration, beginning June 1, is mandatory. For additional information, contact your local YS center.

USO tours

Friday — Wine tasting tour through the second largest winery in Germany.

May 27 — Zurich tour: Tour the famous Swiss city of Zurich, known for its wide boulevards lined with banks and jewelry stores.

May 28 — Holiday Park: Have fun at one of Germany's larger amusement parks with your entire family.

May 29 — Dinkelacker Brewery: Learn everything about brewing good German beer, and taste it.

May 29 — Baden-Württemberg's Parliament: Tour the Council Chambers, have lunch at the Parliament restaurant.

For more information, contact the USO Information & Referral Booth at RB, 420-6241 or 0711-856102.

Chess championship

The best military chess players are being sought for places in the 1989 USAREUR chess championship to be held June 23-25 at the Karlsruhe conference center.

Individuals wishing to enter must be uncertified members; players who do not hold membership may join the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) June 23 during registration.

To apply, interested people should complete DA Form 4878-r, "Army Chess Tournament Application," and submit it to Ch (Cpt.) Frietas, HMB, 6/3 ADA, APO 09227 NLT Tuesday.

Vacation bible school

Robinson Barracks Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held daily July 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chapel and Chapel center. Preregistration at the RB Chapel will be on June 25, July 2 and 9 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; at the Main Exchange on June 25 from noon to 6 p.m., June 29 and July 6 from noon to 8 p.m.

VBS will begin with an open house at the RB Chapel center July 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

All Christian parents wishing to help with VBS are invited to contact Ann McKibben at 0711-859424 or Charlie Hahn at 420-6219/07141-80587.

If you would like to learn more about the Gospel of Luke, join us in the upstairs classroom of the RB Chapel center; we meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call the center.

Detective Tails

