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Garrison welcomes new commander



Washington

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U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden welcomed a new commander July 17 during a change of command ceremony on Clay Kaserne that was streamed live to minimize in-

person gathering.

During the ceremony, Col. Noah C. Cloud relinquished command of USAG Wiesbaden to Col. Mario A. Washington by salute, rather than passing a guidon, to comply with COVID-19 regulations.

Tommy R. Mize, director of Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe, thanked Cloud and his family for their contributions to the community and welcomed Washington and his family.

“Col. Cloud has led this gar-

arrison with absolute distinction,” Mize said, noting his contributions to hosting the Berlin Airlift 70th anniversary event, addressing Army Family Housing challenges and establishing community help

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A U.S. Air Force Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft transports two AH-64D Apache helicopters from Alaska to Wiesbaden Army Airfield July 23 for replacement in Ansbach.

Safety tops CDC priorities

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Child development centers at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden have implemented safety measures as they provide care to the children of mission-critical personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDCs reopened June 15 for limited cases, those who don't have the ability to telework and single or dual military families.

“This is a new environment,” said Rashunda Clement, coordinator, Child and Youth Services. “So it's really important for us to provide for and maintain the safety of children while providing quality of care and keeping staff safe.”

In order to do that, staff implemented a number of procedures to reduce the possibility of anyone getting sick.

Hand washing stations are set up outside every facility. Children are screened and have their temperatures taken, and parents are asked ques-

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EFMP provides support, connection

USAG Wiesbaden Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program is made

up of three pillars – EFMP Coordination, EFMP Assignments and EFMP Family Support.

EFMP Coordination,

also commonly referred to as EFMP Medical, is attached to the Wiesbaden Army Health Clinic and deals with enrollments into

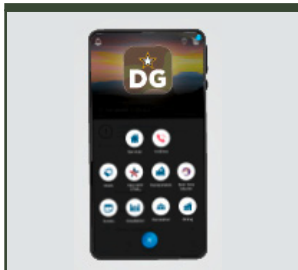
the program, updates and disenrollments.

EFMP Assignments is the part of the program

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Written request must be submitted to housing office. **Page 2**



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The new app can now be downloaded from Google Play and Apple App Store.

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Customers are encouraged to check their vehicles before inspection to avoid issues.

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A/Cs OK with written approval

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A local air conditioning policy was signed July 15 by the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden commander. Under the local policy, residents must submit written requests to use portable air conditioning units to the housing office. Residents are allowed to operate portable units in Army family housing and unaccompanied personnel housing between May 15 and Sept. 15 each year.

The cost for the A/C unit will be paid by the resident, and residents will be respon-

sible for any damages caused by an A/C unit. Units must be no larger than 9,000 BTU/h and have a European Union Energy Label designation of at least "A+."

Residents must submit the "Registration to own and operate personal air-conditioning" form to housing before operating an A/C unit. The form and policy memo, No. 17, are available on the garrison website at <https://home.army.mil/wiesbaden/index.php/about/us-army-garrison-policy-memorandums>.



Housing residents may submit a written request to use a portable air conditioning unit between May 15 and Sept. 15 each year. The form and policy memo can be found by going to the garrison website, home.army.mil/wiesbaden, and clicking on "Policies" under the "TOP LINKS" header.

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Col. Mario Washington salutes Tommy Mize, director of Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe, during a change of command ceremony July 17 at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden in which Washington assumed command of the garrison.

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centers staffed by spouses. "Noah and his team fundamentally changed the housing culture here in Wiesbaden," he said. He added that while there is still progress to be made over the next decade, "thanks to Noah's leadership, this garrison is on the right path."

He credited Cloud's "calm, even-keeled leadership" in response to the COVID-19 crisis. "Truly, truly exceptional service by Noah and his entire team," he said.

"Noah's a thoughtful leader," Mize said. "He genuinely cares for this community, he genuinely cares for those he leads, and he genuinely cares for those he serves, and as a result, this great garrison has flourished under his leadership."

Cloud thanked everyone he had worked with throughout the Army and host nation, as

well as his wife and children. He said his time in Wiesbaden had been a highlight of his career.

"It's been a source of great joy for me personally," he said. "It's been wonderful professionally to grow and experience those things associated with this command."

Cloud goes to Camp Humphreys, Korea, where he will serve as deputy director J8 for U.S. Forces Korea.

Washington, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, called this the best transition of his Army career. He thanked the garrison team for their support during the difficult task of an overseas move during a global pandemic. He said he felt blessed and looked forward to the challenge and opportunity.

"I know I have a lot to learn," he said. "But with this team around me, I really have no concerns."

The U.S. Army Europe Band performed at the ceremony, which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/usagwiesbaden.

Hand sanitation required



Anna Morelock/USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

The Directorate of Public Works has been installing hand sanitizer pumps at some customer service locations across the garrison and will continue to do so during the coming weeks. Not all hand-washing stations will be removed at this time, but those that are will be replaced with hand sanitizer stations. Pumps will not be filled until the contracted hand-washing stations are removed toward the end of August, and customers should continue to use the hand-washing stations while they are in place. As a long-term hand-sanitation solution and COVID prevention measure, no-touch pumps will replace the manual sanitizer pumps as supplies are received.

Customs forms

The Wiesbaden Postal Service Center has extended indefinitely the deadline to require online customs forms for mailing packages. Customers can prepare the forms ahead of time at <https://cfo.usps.com/cfo-web/labelnformation.html> or fill them out by hand as before.

Chaplains reflect on legacy of their corps

Anna Morelock

USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

Chaplains and community members from across U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden gathered July 29 in the shade of the trees behind Clay Chapel to reflect on the foundations and legacy of the Chaplain Corps on its 245th anniversary.

U.S. Army Europe Command Chaplain Col. Timothy Mallard kicked off the event with a prayer and brief history of the chaplaincy and the branch's patron saint, St. Martin

of Tours.

The chaplaincy's heritage is built on the concept of selfless service and sacrifice, just as our patron saint demonstrated for all of us, he said, adding that chaplains serve in garrisons and mission units across the Army.

"Wherever Soldiers are, we are there with them," Mallard said.

Other chaplains and religious affairs specialists shared vignettes about inspiring Army chaplains and chaplain assistants throughout the years who served in war and peacetime, in

the U.S. and around the world.

The ceremony ended with the youngest and oldest members of the Chaplain Corps present, Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sorenson, command chaplain for Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe, and Pfc. John Thompson, a religious support specialist with the 24th Military Intelligence Battalion, cutting the anniversary cake.

For more information on the Chaplain Corps, visit www.army.mil/chaplaincorps.



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Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sorenson, command chaplain for Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe, closes out a ceremony July 29 on Clay Kaserne in honor of the 245th anniversary of the Chaplain Corps.

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tions each morning at drop off. Anyone showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 is not allowed to enter.

After children wash their hands, staff, who wear face coverings, escort the children into the building. Parents must remain outside.

Deep cleaning was done before reopening to ensure the environment could be disinfected easily and frequently.

"We had to remove all of the soft toys; anything that was not easy to clean or launder," Clement said. "We removed carpets, soft pillows. We reduced the number of toys. One, because class sizes are much smaller, but two because the more things you have out, the more things children can touch and need to be disinfected."

They also doubled the staff in each classroom. Now, one person cares for the children and a second person is responsible for cleaning the room throughout the day, she said. After a child handles a toy, the cleaning person removes it and disinfects it.

Smaller class sizes allow for more distance between each child and fewer children being exposed to one another. For example, a classroom with three infants now has one caregiver and one cleaner.

In addition, the CDCs still have contractors who come in to clean and disinfect the facilities.

Another safety measure the CDCs take is requiring that caregivers remain with the same groups of kids every day in the same classroom. If a staff member is out sick or on leave, another staff member is brought in, but then they can't go into another classroom for 24 hours, Clement said.

At the School Age Center, the children also remain with the same staff member the entire day and even eat lunch together, she said. Buffet and family-style dining has been stopped. Now, staff prepare meals away from the table and serve them to each child individually.

Children are spending more time outside and can even bring books that would normally stay inside, she said. Hand sanitizers have been placed at all of the playgrounds.

"We encourage lots of time outside so children can get that fresh air — basically take the classroom outside," Clement said.

As things evolve, any changes will be made deliberately and with safety in mind, she said, while stressing the importance of staff and parents feeling confident about the procedures and children and staff being safe and healthy.

"We want to do it slowly, and we want to do it right," she said. "It's important we re-establish routines as we invite new children into the program as we go back to full capacity."



Photos by Emily Jennings/USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

Sgt. Luis Steven Pineda helps daughter Daniella wash her hands before dropping her off at the Child Development Center July 24 on Clay Kaserne. CDCs at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden have implemented safety measures as they provide care to the children of mission-critical personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.



ABOVE: Laura Johnson helps her son Abel wash his hands before dropping him off at the Child Development Center July 24 on Clay Kaserne. CDCs at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden have implemented safety measures as they provide care to the children of mission-critical personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. After children wash their hands, staff, who wear face coverings, escort the children into the building. Parents must remain outside.

LEFT: Hazel Ann Swan, supervisory program specialist at the Child Development Center, takes a child's temperature July 24 during morning drop-off.

News flash

Upcoming holidays

Community members should be aware of the following U.S. federal and training holidays, which may affect some garrison services.

Sept. 4 — Training holiday

Sept. 7 — Labor Day

On holidays, call before you go. Find the garrison phonebook at home.army.mil/wiesbaden. For holidays, go to www.eur.army.mil and click the “Employee Resources” tab.

Soldiers should confirm with their local chain of command whether they have a federal or training holiday off.

Mental health resources

- 24/7 On-Call Duty Chaplain — (0611)143-548-7777 or 7778
- Behavioral Health Clinic — 06371-94641320 or DSN 590-1320
- 24/7 Military Crisis Line www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/military-crisis-line, DSN 118, or Civ. 001-800-273-8255
- Employee Assistance Program (0611)143-548-1402 or john.w.kaiser.civ@mail.mil
- Military Family Life Counselors — Hainerberg Elementary: 0152-2390-2413/2498; Wiesbaden Middle School: 0152-0269-8526; Wiesbaden High School: 0151-4558-3637

Electrical testing

The electrical supply in the Clay Troop Store needs to be tested to ensure the output is adequate to support what is being drawn. For this process, the Directorate of Public Works needs to conduct testing while the facility is closed. The Troop Store is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. Sept. 8-13. Signage to advise the community will be in place in advance.

Drivers test appointments

The Drivers Testing and Training Service is by appointment only.

Only the individual that requires the service (NTV Training/Licensing, USAREUR License, International Driver's License application, etc.) will be seen. Sponsors, family, friends, etc. will be asked to leave the building so that physical distancing can be maintained in the hallway leading to DTTS.

Appointments can be made by contacting the DTTS at DSN: (0611)143-546-6074/6075/6076/6077. The DTTS is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

International license required outside Germany

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Defense Department personnel stationed in Germany need an international driver's license, in addition to a U.S. Forces Certificate of License (also known as a USAREUR license) and a valid stateside driver's license to drive outside the country.

Applicants should ensure they have the proper documentation in hand when they go to the Wiesbaden Driver's Training and Testing Station before their next road trip.

“For incoming personnel and family members the priority is to get a U.S. Forces Certificate of License, to operate a (privately owned vehicle) on and off installations in Germany,” said Hans-Peter Moosberger, driver's training instructor at the DTTS.

“Every student who completes the POV orientation here, passes the written test and receives their permanent certificate of license should return to our offices for an IDL application if they plan to drive outside Germany's borders,” Moosberger said.

An IDL can't be obtained using the temporary certificate of license issued immediately after passing the written test.

The Wiesbaden DTTS is currently serving customers by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (0611) 143-546-6074/6075/6076/6077. Applicants are asked to not bring friends, family or sponsors along to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. DTTS

is located on Clay Kaserne, Bldg. 1023W, Room 324, and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:45 p.m. Applicants should bring their USAREUR license and a valid stateside license. The application must be completed in person and signed by DTTS personnel. It takes approximately 10 minutes.

Next, bring the signed application, a single passport photo, your USAREUR license, official or tourist passport (red or blue), valid stateside driver's license, Department of Defense ID card and 15 euros to the off-post KFZ-Zulassungsstelle facility (the German equivalent of the Department of Motor Vehicles) located in Wiesbaden-Schierstein.

Due to COVID restrictions, applicants must make an appointment online with Führerscheinstelle Wiesbaden at http://netapoint.de/ot/wiesbaden-sta/index.php?company=wiesbaden-sta&cur_cause=1 to obtain their license. Other precautions include keeping 1.5 meters of distance between customers, having only one person at a time at the counter and requiring mask use. Payment is only accepted via credit or debit card.

“No additional driver's test is required to get an IDL. Just some paperwork, valid documentation and 15 euros,” said Michael Leyba, transportation specialist at the DTTS.

Some navigation systems may direct drivers past the facility to the

“Federal Mogul” building; however, the vehicle entrance to the KFZ-Zulassungsstelle is immediately past the blue sign for “TÜV Hessen Service Center” on the right-hand side of the street. Free parking is available.

When entering the building, get a number from the small electronic kiosk in the waiting area. The kiosk screen will read, “Warteticket.” Press the orange button with the word “Fahrerlaubnisbehörde.” A paper ticket will print with a customer number that begins with the letter “F.” Pay attention to the screens on the wall. When the number comes up on the screen, the appointment will be upstairs on the first floor (1. Stock) in the room (Raum) indicated on the screen.

After processing, applicants return downstairs to pay at the “Kassenautomat” before the IDL will be issued. The self-service pay station works like a parking meter or “Parkschein Automat.” An international driver's license costs 15 euros.

Passport photos can be taken at self-service photo booths located at the food court on Clay Kaserne and the Hainerberg Exchange Mall. A booth is also located in the entrance of the KFZ-Zulassungsstelle facility, for those who forget to bring one. Four photos cost 5 euros. Don't forget scissors to cut one photo from the page.

The IDL is valid for a maximum of three years, or as long as the accompanying stateside license is valid.

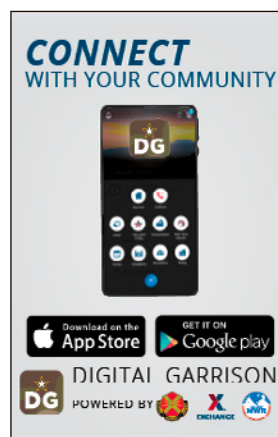
New app keeps community up-to-date

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The Digital Garrison app, a one-stop information source for Army communities, is now available for download and use across most Army garrisons, including U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden.

The app puts real-time information into Soldiers', families', and civilians' hands and keeps military communities connected, a key part of readiness and resiliency. Information on the app includes Army and Air Force Exchange Service retail facilities and sales; local



Army announcements; the garrison telephone directory; Wiesbaden weather; and the FMWR events calendar.

AAFES and the U.S. Army partnered to bring

this tool to 62 garrisons around the world, integrating AAFES and two Installation Management Command-operated website networks. Work began in 2019 with beta testing completed this spring at several garrisons, including Wiesbaden.

“We are excited to see this app roll out and provide another information forum for our garrison,” said Laurri Garcia, director of Public Affairs at USAG Wiesbaden. “Digital Garrison is a valuable communications platform for our community. We will monitor its progress

and capture community feedback to ensure the app continues to improve as it evolves.”

In addition, there are planned upgrades to integrate partners including the Defense Commissary Agency.

Members of the Army family can download the Digital Garrison app to their personal mobile device now from app stores, including Google Play and the Apple App Store. Once installed, users can create an account or use the application as a guest, selecting Wiesbaden as their local garrison.

Motorcycle courses help hone Soldiers' skills

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WACKERNHEIM, Germany — The U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Safety Office offers motorcycle courses to help Soldiers stationed in Europe drive safely and legally.

Soldiers who possess a motorcycle license and want to ride a motorcycle in Europe must first pass the Basic Rider Course. The course is geared toward beginners and is required for Soldiers, even experienced riders.

“During a long break from riding, the feeling for the motorcycle and a driver’s reflexes tend to vanish,” said Helmut Schartel, USAG Wiesbaden safety specialist. “Riders can

get complacent, and in order to react fast, they must be re-trained to safely master difficult traffic situations.”

Once a Soldier passes the BRC, he or she can then take the Experienced Rider Course within 12 months. If it’s been more than 12 months since the basic course, they will have to take it again. The ERC card is valid for up to five years.

Courses are conducted at McCully Barracks in Wackernheim. Motorcyclists can register online for the BRC or ERC through the U.S. Army IMCOM Traffic Safety Training Program at https://imc.army.mil/airs/usg_disclaimer.aspx. A motorcycle is provided for the basic course.

Riders are tested on four

skills, followed by a 50-question written test, said instructor Stefan Bockisch. They must demonstrate mastery of limited space maneuvers, braking, cornering and swerving around an obstacle under the observation of instructors.

“Soldiers who are stationed in Europe who want to ride a motorbike again must come to this class, and they must have a motorcycle license prior to the class,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Queen, with the 212th Combat Support Hospital in Kaiserlautern, took the course for the third time July 28 after losing his previous card during a move. He said he wanted to get certified with the Army to ride a motorcycle, and he enjoyed the course. “The instructor is extremely knowledgeable, and it’s been a good time,” he said.

Second Lt. Mike DeRosa, with the 525th Military Working Dog Detachment, also took the BRC July 28. He said he hadn’t ridden a motorcycle in years and wanted a refresher. “I’m re-learning what I used to know,” he said.

Bockisch, who travels as far as Belgium and Italy to teach the course at other garrisons, pointed out different requirements for personal protective equipment in Europe versus the U.S. For example, he said, the U.S. Department of Transportation-approved hel-



Photos by Emily Jennings/USAG Wiesbaden

Stefan Bockisch, instructor for the Army’s motorcycle safety courses, gives feedback to 2nd Lt. Mike DeRosa, with the 525th Military Working Dog Detachment, as he completes maneuvers during the Basic Rider Course July 28 at McCully Barracks.



Stefan Bockisch, instructor for the Army’s motorcycle safety courses, demonstrates how to lean the bike when making a turn during the Basic Rider Course July 28 at McCully Barracks. Soldiers must pass the BRC to be able to operate a motorcycle while stationed in Europe.

mets do not meet the European standards.

Bockisch pointed to the high number of off-duty traffic fatalities among Soldiers as an important reason to improve skills and knowledge around

motorcycle usage.

Find tools and best practices critical to safe riding at safety.army.mil. For more information about motorcycle safety contact the USAG Wiesbaden Safety Office at (0611) 143-548-2303.

Motorcycle safety courses

Courses held at McCully Barracks in Wackernheim

Basic Rider Course, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; Sept. 2-3; and Sept. 29-30: Soldiers stationed in Europe are required to take the BRC before operating a motorcycle the first time. This two-day course provides classroom and hands-on training. Soldiers must have a U.S. motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement and must have attended classroom training at a local driver’s training school and passed the test to obtain a temporary U.S. Army Europe Motorcycle driver’s license.

Experienced Rider Course, Aug. 3; Aug. 10; Aug. 20; Sept. 15 and Oct. 19: Soldiers must take this course within 12 months after taking the BRC. This is a one-day course with classroom and hands-on training. Soldiers are required to take this course using their own motorcycle. After completion, this course must be repeated every five years.

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that manages the assignments of EFMP families and determines whether a location can meet the needs of that family.

Then there’s EFMP Family Support located within Army Community Service at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. They are available to help families navigate the system, advocate for them and make sure they get the support they need while they are at USAG Wiesbaden, as well as to provide warm hand-offs to their gaining installations. EFMP Support’s biggest challenge is dispelling the myths and fighting the stigma associated with EFMP.

“I think if we have learned anything from these past few years, it’s that talking openly about our struggles and realities is actually a good thing and a conversation we should be having openly with one another,” said Laura Johnson, EFMP manager.

EFMP Family Support has noticed a big challenge in getting the EFMP community to participate in events and activities hosted by the program, Johnson said, adding that she believes some of the lack of participation has to do with the fear of being associated with the program as they see the same pattern across other overseas installations.

The Exceptional Family Member Program doesn’t just include the severe diagnoses many people think of when they think of special needs, but it ranges

from medical diagnoses such as asthma to educational enrollments like dyslexia.

“These are not things to be ashamed of; no diagnosis is,” Johnson said. “Our ACS EFMP Family Support events are for every single EFMP family no matter the reason for enrollment into the program. Not only are we here to ensure that medical, educational and other needs are taken care of for members of our community that have special needs, but we are here to make their time at USAG Wiesbaden a positive one and we want all of our EFMP families to come out, support each other and just have fun.”

The ACS EFMP Family Support staff have both virtual and in-person options for networking with other EFMP

families and providing stress-free family fun activities. To find out more, call ACS EFMP Family Support at (0611) 143-548-9201 or follow their Facebook page at EFMP USAG Wiesbaden.



LN's donate blood after rules changed

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Local nationals were able to donate blood for the first time during an Armed Services Blood Program drive, July 13 and 14 at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden.

The blood drive was the first in Europe where people who have lived on the continent for more than five years could donate.

Local national employees Daniela Kerz and Dagmar Gordon donated blood during the drive July 14. Kerz was on her way to the gym and saw the blood drive and was able to fill in for someone who canceled.

"The reason we did this is because we work for the Soldiers," Kerz said. "Without them being here we wouldn't have a job. That's why I'm donating here instead of on the economy."

The drive brought in 185 people, 149 of whom were able to successfully donate, said Stacy Sanning, ASBP blood donor recruiter.

"The blood drives were a huge success and will help us continue meeting the needs of forward-deployed troops and patients in military medical facilities," Sanning said. "This was an historic event for the Armed Services Blood Program, as it marked the first time in decades that many donors were eligible to give blood with us, thanks to the FDA's wide sweeping eligibility updates."

Sanning credited the support from the Wiesbaden Red Cross in making the event a success.

"We could not have done this without the dedicated support from your local Red Cross team, especially their awesome leads, Ms. Chris

O'Brien and Ms. Kaitie Himmelberger," Sanning said. "They worked incredibly hard to spread the word and encourage the community to schedule blood donation appointments. Appointments were key in maintaining physical distancing measures, especially with completely full schedules both days."

The ASBP reached 149% of their COVID-19 adjusted goal of 100 donations over the two-day blood drive, Sanning said, which translates to up to 477 lives saved or improved.

The donated blood will go to deployed military units, forward and U.S. European Command medical facilities to help service members and families.

The next ASBP blood drive in Wiesbaden is scheduled for Oct. 13. To sign up, go to militarydonor.com and enter sponsor code "Europe."



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U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden local national employees Daniela Kerz (left) and Dagmar Gordon donated blood for the first time July 14 during the ASBP Blood Drive at the fitness center on Clay Kaserne.

Future Eagle Scout installs agility course at Clay dog park

Story and photos by Lisa Bishop

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Dogs (and their owners) are the beneficiaries of Tyler Houk's recently completed Eagle Scout project, a dog obstacle course at the dog park on Clay Kaserne.

"The whole point of the Eagle Scout project is to learn how to plan and use leadership skills," he said. Houk, a high school senior, coordinated with the Directorate of Public Works and the Military Police K-9 unit for the planning and approval of the course.

He used a CAD program to design the course in consultation with the K-9 unit. The K-9 unit also donated one of the three course elements, the tunnel. The other two pieces, a ramp and platform, were built by volunteer scouts and adults on Aug. 12 under Houk's supervision.

Jennifer Fligor's dog, a golden retriever named Beau, was the first to test out the new course. "As an avid dog park goer, I am extremely happy the Scouts have undertaken this



project to add the dog agility training pieces," Fligor said. "Beau is always happy to go to the dog park but now there is an added bonus of some agility training as well."

Jaime Nairn visited the park with her small dog, Korea. "I love it; she loves it," Nairn said. "It gives her a bit of exercise and we have two German shepherds to bring over."

Houk intentionally designed the course to be small-dog friendly, with a lower platform and a moderate rise to the ramp.



ABOVE: Tyler Houk (red shirt) works with volunteer scouts to build the obstacles for the dog park Aug. 12 on Clay Kaserne. TOP LEFT: Korea chases a ball through a portion of the newly completed obstacles. RIGHT: Jennifer Fligor encourages her dog, Beau, to navigate the ramp portion of the newly-built ramp.



Community notes

Gate access

In general, those entering USAG Wiesbaden facilities should be prepared with two forms of proper ID.

Passport office closure

The USAG Wiesbaden Passport Section, Bldg. 1023E, will be closed for all passport application acceptance processes from Aug. 24-31. The office will remain open to issue passports that have already been processed and are ready for pick up.

Celina's Kitchen Corner

Join Chef Celina in the USO kitchen via video conferencing for creative tips around the kitchen and simple recipes that will change with the seasons. Ask questions live, learn new skills and create recipes together. A video conferencing link and list of ingredients will be sent to participants a few days before the event. Her program will continue every 4th Friday of the month. The Aug. 28 class will cover knife safety and skills, which knives to use for what and cutting up a few vegetables and fruits together. The class will also make a dip for veggies and one for fruits.

Those who can't join virtually may still post questions on the USO's Facebook Event page for Celina to answer, and all recipes will be posted as well after

the program. Register for this event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celinas-kitchen-corner-tickets-114511870086>.

Rise and stride

The USO Wiesbaden's Rise & Stride casual walking program will be held every Thursday at 8 a.m., starting at the USO Cottage on Hainberg. Light stretching and other workout options will also be included. This is a casual group for people who want to get moving, make friends and receive positive motivation to get active. Participants are asked to register at <https://riseandstrideusowiesbaden.eventbrite.com> to help organizers keep

numbers manageable and for COVID tracking reasons. Please no children at this time, unless babywearing.

Fitness classes

Join fellow community members for classes at the fitness center in August. All classes are held outside. They are 45 minutes in length to allow for proper sanitation before and after class. Bring water, your own yoga mat and towel. Wear sunscreen if necessary, and dress accordingly. Classes include: Yoga, Pound, Strong Nation, Tabata, Functional Fitness Training, Zumba, Yoga with Weights, Zumba Gold, Fuse and Barre.

Also, please note: Golden Sage Martial Arts classes return in August. See the schedule at wiesbaden.armymwr.com/promos/

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3.

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4.

Malfunctioning brakes

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Oil or antifreeze leaks

5.

Window tint

The window tint on the windshield and the front door windows has to be removed in accordance with German law.

9.

Windshield wiper/washer system

The washer system must be filled, windshield wipers must be operational and the wiper blades must be serviceable to ensure visibility. If installed, defrosters must be functional.

10.

ABS/Airbag lights

Airbags must be operational. A vehicle will be rejected if the light that indicates the airbag has been activated stays illuminated or is missing.

2.

Worn tires

The tread depth must be at least 1/32 (1.6 mm). Tires must not have any chunking, breaks, bulges, or separation from the other adjacent

12.

U.S. license plate brackets

U.S. license plate brackets have to be removed. of 95 decibels will be rejected.

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David Mozisek, automotive inspector with the vehicle inspection point on Mainz-Kastel Station, makes sure that a car on a lifting device complies with all necessary requirements.



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USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

Community members have to make sure their vehicles are in safe conditions. Regular vehicle inspections are therefore mandatory.

Vehicle owners should not forget to bring their vehicle registration, Army in Europe form 190-1A, along with AE form 190-1AA (downloadable at <https://www.aepubs.eur.army.mil/AE-Forms/>), said Jürgen Nisi, maintenance manager with 405th Army Field Support Brigade.

On-post vehicle inspection is free, Nisi said. Any person listed on the registration (AE form 190-1A) can take the car to be inspected.

Appointments are not necessary, however, walk-in customers might have to wait for some time, he said. Common Access Card holders can make an appointment in advance at https://army.deps.mil/army/cmds/imcom_eur-usag/wiesbaden/des/SitePages/vehicleinspection.aspx.

“We highly recommend to get an online appointment to avoid waiting,” said Stephanie Kramer, director of Base Operations Maintenance with 405th Army Field Support Brigade.

Even with an appointment, customers should plan for an inspection to take at least 30 minutes, Nisi said.

Depending on the registration, the inspection is good for one or two years, Kramer said.

Customers should check their vehicles beforehand and take care of obvious defects. POV inspectors recommend not to wait until the last week of permanent registration to have the vehicle inspected. Inspection and registration can be renewed up to 75 days in advance. There will be no loss of days on the current registration if inspected early.

For more information on vehicle inspection, visit <https://www.afsbeurope.army.mil/BASOPS/BASOPS-Maintenance/Vehicle-Inspection-Copy/>. For information on Vehicle Registration, which falls under the Directorate of Emergency Services, visit <https://home.army.mil/wiesbaden/index.php/about/Garrison/DES/vehicle-registration>.

8.

Windshield damage

On the driver's side in the windshield wiper area, even small cracks will cause the vehicle to fail inspection. Cracks outside the driver's view that are over an inch (25 mm) in diameter, star-shaped fractures over 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) in diameter and some other conditions specified in AR 190-1 will cause the vehicle to be rejected.

7.

Body/frame corrosion/ ride height

Body and frame of the vehicle will be checked on deterioration, missing parts, etc. In addition, the minimum ground clearance must not be less than approximately 3.5 inches (90 mm).

U.S. and Department of Defense affiliated decals

All U.S. and DOD associated decals have to be removed for operations security reasons.

6.

Exhaust leaks/high noise levels

All exhaust systems of motorcycles and automobiles will be inspected for their noise levels. Motor vehicles exceeding a level of 95 decibels will be rejected.



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Fender benders in Germany: What to do

It happens so fast! Your bumper scrapes another car while you are trying to fit your American-sized vehicle into a tiny German parking spot. What next? Do you act like nothing happened, because you're sure that nobody saw it, or do you wait around, risking that it may take hours for the owner of the damaged vehicle to appear? Do you leave a note on the other car, because you have an urgent appointment to get to?

"The worst thing you can do is to drive off," said Birthe Fink, Police Senior Inspector with the Westessen Police Directorate, 4th Precinct. "Driving off without notifying the German Police, the U.S. Military Police or the owner of the damaged vehicle is a criminal offense and can be punished with a monetary fine, depending on the circumstances a prison sentence." Even if the damage is very minor and if you cannot find the owner of the vehicle, you should call the local German police, and they will let you know what to do. "Here in Wiesbaden, you can call the non-emergency number of the police, which is 0611-3450 and they will notify the responsible precinct," Fink

said. However, if you don't have this number handy, Fink emphasized that it is never wrong to call the emergency line, "110."

In most cases, the police will send a vehicle to check out the damage, but sometimes they might just ask you for your information and the details of the accident and allow you to leave. However, if you do not speak German or if the police operator on the phone does not speak enough English, you can also call your local U.S. Military Police station. "It is very important that you actively try to report the accident either to the German police or to the MPs," Fink said. "The MPs will establish the connection to the German Polizei." Looking for witnesses and documenting their names and contact information can also help.

Important documents that you should always have with you besides your driver's license are your vehicle registration and your vehicle inspection paperwork, said Rick Dutkiewicz, Deputy Director of the USAG Wiesbaden Directorate of Emergency Services.

"U.S Forces drivers should also carry the Army in Europe Form 190-1Y with their registration," he



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Always have the emergency phone number of the German police and the U.S. Military Police programmed in your phone and call them — even when in doubt. The German police phone number is 0611-3450 for non-emergencies, or 110 for emergencies.

said. "This single-page form provides drivers with basic instructions of what to do if involved in a traffic accident and has a place to fill in local emergency numbers. If leaving Germany, drivers should also carry their green proof of insurance cards provided by their insurance company." AER 190-1, para 4-7 b also states that drivers must report the accident to the MP or SF within 72 hours. "This will help drivers if they have to appear in court and when insurance companies need information," Dutkiewicz said.

Accidents of any kind al-

ways have to be reported to the German police and the U.S. Military Police. However, when you are involved in an accident, make sure you properly secure the accident site, so that you or others are not in danger. When there is only minor damage, move your vehicle to the side after taking detailed pictures of the accident. In all cases, drivers and passengers must wear reflective vests and move to the side of the road in a safe location. "The driver must turn on their hazard lights and place their warning triangle 200 meters behind the vehicle on the Autobahn or

100 meters behind their vehicle on all other roads," Dutkiewicz explained. "Also keep in mind that German law requires everyone on and near the scene to help the injured to the best of their abilities."

Always make sure that you have the emergency phone number of the German police (Polizei) and the U.S. Military Police programmed in your phone and call them — even when in doubt.

This column was written by Nadine Bower, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs.

Become a volunteer to provide vital community services

Kristen Beckman

Special to the Herald Union

Volunteers in the USAG Wiesbaden community are a crucial support system, even in the best of times. From stocking commissary shelves, to assisting with food deliveries, to making face masks and more, volunteers continue to provide countless essential services. For newcomers who are interested in playing a vital role, or are just looking for something to do, now is a great time to volunteer.

There are many benefits of volunteering, such as: enhancing job opportunities; gaining work experience; learning new skills; networking with others; adding to a resume; becoming part of a team; being challenged and staying motivated; and building self-confidence.

For those interested in volunteering,

the best place to begin is the Volunteer Management Information System accessible at www.myarmyonesource.com. VMIS lists available opportunities and is easy and necessary for volunteers to use. Not only is VMIS the search, application, and registration website, but it is also where volunteers must log their hours.

"Documenting hours is one of the most tedious aspects of volunteering but the most important," said Wiesbaden Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Hellen Mpundu-Fakolujo. "Volunteer hours can build your personal portfolio, provide employment opportunities, and justify existing community programs. Without documentation valuable community programs can be affected."

To register to become a volunteer, visit www.myarmyonesource.com and

select "Register" at the top right. After filling out the application, click on "Volunteer Tools" in the top right corner. Select "Switch to OCONUS," then select "Germany," then select "Opportunity Locator" then select "USAG Wiesbaden." Use the drop down menu for "Organization" to choose your organization and the position(s) that you are interested in. From there, the Organization Point of Contact should contact you within five working days to confirm your organization and position. The OPOC can help volunteers determine which opportunities suit an individual's needs and professional goals, and, if needed, they can also help create new volunteer positions.

Each volunteer position has different requirements and limitations, which are listed under the job description on

VMIS. There is no limit on the number of organizations that individuals can volunteer with, so the program is entirely adaptable to personal schedules.

"The great thing about volunteering is how flexible it can be," Mpundu-Fakolujo said. "It is up to you to decide what works with your schedule and to what organizations you wish to donate your time. Volunteers provide a very special link between installation organizations, Army communities and the civilian community. When resources are stretched and stressed, volunteers sustain and add vitality to programs that support Soldiers and their families."

If you have questions about the Wiesbaden Army Volunteer Program, Mpundu-Fakolujo can be reached at hel-len.fakolujo.ln@mail.mil or (0611)143-548-9201/02.

Keep Germany beautiful — dispose of trash properly

Emily Jennings

USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

In Germany, virtually everything that can be recycled, is.

Properly sorting waste into recyclable fractions saves energy, reduces air pollution, decreases greenhouse gas emissions and saves money.

Personnel new to the area will need to learn how to sort their household garbage for recycling. That task is made easier with the use of color-coded garbage bins—yellow for plastic and metal packaging, blue for paper and cardboard, brown or green for biodegradable waste (not available in all areas) and black for non-recyclable items.

Items that do not fit into one of these categories, i.e., hazardous waste, batteries, bulk waste, electronics, clothing and shoes can be taken to the Recycling Center on Clay Kaserne for on-post residents or to public ELW Recycling Centers in

the city for those living off post. Recycling containers for glass, separated by color, can be found in housing areas and at the Recycling Center.

Besides benefitting the environment, recycling saves money, said Heinz Peter Schneider, solid waste manager with the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Directorate of Public Works.

“If we don’t recycle, we have to pay much more,” he said, explaining that the garrison receives refunds for certain types of recyclable material and when not properly separated, that money is lost.

If trash is found improperly separated, bins will not be picked up, Schneider said. This applies both on and off post.

For on-post trash pick-up schedules and a list of city of Wiesbaden recycling centers, visit <https://home.army.mil/wiesbaden/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/trash-and-recycling>.

Trash separation quick reference guide

PAPER

- Books
- Brochures
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Catalogues
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Office paper
- Paper packaging

BIO

- Coffee grounds with filter paper
- Tea bags
- Food leftovers
- Eggshells, bones, hair
- Fruits and vegetables
- Leaves and grass
- Tree/hedge cuttings
- Paper towels/napkins

PLASTICS

- Aluminum foil
- Beverage cans
- Plastic bottles and cups
- Plastic bags
- Cling wrap
- Styrofoam
- Tetra packs
- Tins and cans

Bulk trash items, such as untreated wood, clothing, shoes, electronics, furniture, household batteries, etc., can be dropped off at the recycling center, Bldg. 2450 on Clay Kaserne, or with the city of Wiesbaden.

Clothing and shoes still in usable condition can be dropped off in Aukamm at Hessenstr. 10, Westfalenstr. 25 or Württembergstr. 31; in Crestview at Plutoweg 17 or Saturnstr. 13; on Hainerberg at the Chapel (Bldg. 7779) or at the Wiesbaden Community Spouses' Club Thrift Shop, Bldg. 2450 on Mainz-Kastel Station.

Hazardous waste, such as antifreeze, cleaning agents, energy-saving light bulbs, old medicine and chemicals can be dropped off at the Hazardous Waste Storage Area, Bldg. 1224 on Clay Kaserne.

Find the on-post pick-up schedules

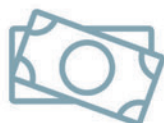
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Pet registration at VTF mandatory

USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

Anyone who's brought a pet overseas has already jumped through several hoops — making sure they're microchipped and vaccinated, obtaining a health certificate and complying with airline regulations. But once here, there are still some things pet owners must take care of and some laws to be aware of.

Pet owners living on post or off must register their pets at the Veterinary Treatment Facility on Clay Kaserne within two weeks of arriving in Germany, said Capt. Kathleen Stewart, DVM, officer in charge at the VTF. The good news is, it's free to register pets with the garrison and it only needs to be done once at the duty station where the pet resides.

"To register a pet, the owner needs to bring all vaccination records to the VTF and fill out a registration form in person,"

Stewart said. "An appointment is not necessary to complete registration, and the animal is not required to be present."

Pets must have been vaccinated for rabies at least 21 days before arriving in the EU, she said. A pet purchased outside of Germany in the EU will need a pet passport with current rabies vaccine and microchip information. Airlines may have additional requirements.

"Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the pet's owner to ensure it meets all requirements for entering Germany or the country the owner may be traveling to," she said.

The VTF is open to all DoDID card holders, however, services are limited at this time. Personal pets are secondary to the military working dog mission. The VTF can administer vaccines and health certificates, and see patients for minor sick call appointments, but is not



Ashley Keasler/TSAE

Capt. Kathleen Stewart, officer in charge at the Veterinary Treatment Facility, takes care of an injured boxer. The VTF is staffed by Army Veterinary Corps personnel with the primary mission of providing veterinary care for government-owned animals.

doing surgeries or boarding.

When registering a pet, the VTF provides an in-briefing for pet owners, which includes information on off-post veterinarians, boarding, grooming, obedience training and other services.

The clinic is open Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1-4 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed the last Friday of every month and on federal holidays. Call 06371 9464 1544 or DSN 590 1544 to make an appointment.

Turnstile under construction at Newman Village

Construction for the new exit-only pedestrian gate in Newman village is in progress. The turnstile is expected to be operational by the end of August.



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Handlers learn to read their dogs' behavior

Lena Stange

USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

Military working dog handlers were trained to better understand their dogs' behavior during a MWD Conflict Management Training July 7 in Wiesbaden to prevent dog bites.

Bites occur mainly due to two reasons, said Duane Stinson, U.S. Army Europe MWD program manager. New handlers are sometimes overly confident and have trouble interpreting dog behavior correctly, while also a handler's lack of confidence with the dogs and an inability to react properly can lead to dog bites.

Stinson and his team provide personnel at seven different kennels throughout Europe with a one-day MWD Conflict Management Training, which comprises working dog psychology, understanding instinctive drives and behaviors, communication and canine



Lena Stange/USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

The four military working dogs of the Wiesbaden kennel take part in a socialization exercise, the so-called pack walk, during a MWD Conflict Management Training July 7 at Mainz Kastel Station.

body language, bite incident analysis, canine stress management and socialization, and a socialization exercise, the so-called pack walk.

"The more we understand them, the more we can cater our training and our treatment of them so that they are more

resilient," said Maj. Desiree Broach, Public Health Command Europe.

All of the U.S. Army dogs are patrol dogs, Stinson said, and they are either bomb or drug dogs. They are never trained on both.

The Army expects a very



Lena Stange/USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

A military working dog stands next to the handler during a socialization exercise July 7 at Mainz Kastel Station. A lot of time and effort go into the training with the handler because the bond with the handler is essential for their mission.

high level of performance of the dogs, said Broach. They are put in stressful situations, and they have to learn things that are not natural to them.

During the pack walk, the four working dogs at the Wiesbaden kennel were able to have a good time being taken for a walk

in a controlled environment with the trainers and the handlers present and ready to de-escalate any kind of conflict among the dogs. Muzzles and leashes were additional precautions.

"We hope to sustain these kinds of events," Stinson said. "Socializing is a need."



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Registration required for small businesses

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Earning income from teleworking, a small business or a multi-level marketing venture in Germany is accompanied by the requirement to register with the host nation and as a home-based business with U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden.

The HBB process for USAG Wiesbaden has three primary requirements: obtain a German tax identification number, register the business with the local German government and complete the garrison HBB application. Each of these steps has a series of requirements.

“Businesses that do 100% online business and have no clients in person only need to register with the host nation,” said Rick Iglesias, home based business and private organizations liaison. This applies to teleworkers, even if the employer has no physical presence

in Germany.

“If you sell products or offer services in person, you have to register with the host nation and the garrison,” Iglesias added. This requirement even applies to multi-level marketing companies where individuals host parties for the sale of products.

For the German government, the tax identification and registration addresses tax liability and potential regulatory requirements. “Depending on the type of business, there might be a license or certification requirement,” Iglesias said. For example, food businesses must be inspected and doulas need German certification. SOFA status does not exempt an individual from host nation rules according to Iglesias. Owners are also required to file and pay German taxes.

Once a business owner has established the German credentials, the garrison approval process allows the individual to

solicit sales to the garrison community and ensures compliance to garrison regulations and Living Quarters Allowance rules.

The garrison application requires business owners to submit a business plan, agree to restrictions on the use of the Army Post Office, Commissary and Exchange services within business operations and to carry liability insurance.

Teenagers who babysit, tutor, walk dogs or cut lawns to earn a few extra dollars are the only exemption to the HBB requirement, according to Iglesias. Adults who perform the same services must register.

New transfer policies ensure that when a military family PCS moves, their HBB information can be sent to the new garrison to make the transition easier, Iglesias said.

Earl McFarland, the employment readiness program manager at Army Community Service, views home-based

businesses as a viable employment option, especially to spouses. Within the military, spouses experience up to a 24% unemployment rate and are often underemployed. “Getting started can be challenging,” McFarland said.

McFarland and Iglesias encourage potential HBB operators to take their time, review the application packet and seek assistance in the process. “There is a lot of additional information and samples included in it to help you get started,” Iglesias said. “If you are unsure where to start or what to do next, you can contact either Earl McFarland at ACS or myself. Additionally, there are HBB groups online that also provide advice and help.”

While it is tempting for newcomers to skip the process and operate quietly without approvals, there are consequences to conducting income-generating work without proper

authorizations. “For not registering on the host nation side, you can be faced with severe fines and penalties from the German government along with having to pay back taxes,” Iglesias said. “For the garrison, you and your business could be barred from post, affect your LQA for civilians, and the unauthorized HBB would be turned in to the customs office for investigation.”

For more information regarding HBB rules, Army Regulation 210-70 and Army in Europe Regulation 210-70 address regulations. Iglesias and McFarland can be reached for the application packet and assistance via email at ricardo.iglesias.civ@mail.mil and earl.j.mcfarland.civ@mail.mil.

A list of currently approved home-based businesses is available on the garrison website at <https://homeadmin.army.mil/wiesbaden/index.php/about/Garrison/HBB>.

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