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Singing Soldiers

Members of Baumholder's BOSS program, Girl Scouts and Mary Jane Spreier, BOSS coordinator, bring some holiday cheer to residents at Baumholder's senior residence when they dropped in and entertained them with several holiday tunes.

Soldiers sing their way into hearts of elderly

BOSS goes Christmas caroling at senior residence

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"Jingle Bells" and other popular holiday tunes echoed through Baumholder's senior residence recently when Soldiers of the Baumholder BOSS program dropped in to entertain residents of the home. The Soldiers, accompanied by two Girl Scouts, visited the home to entertain the residents and introduce the American tradition of "Christmas caroling" to the elderly Germans.

"We want to intensify our presence in German daily life at Baumholder," said Spc. Katarus Moore, president of the Baumholder BOSS

program. "We also want to introduce American traditions to our host nation and want to do good things as often as possible," said Moore.

The performance was coordinated by BOSS Soldiers with the support of Nicole Bier, who organized the visit with officials of the senior residence. The idea for this event came about at the German-American Stammtisch, which is held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel "Zum Stern." Everyone is invited to participate in this weekly event designed to bring The German and U.S. communities together.

All residents of the senior home who were able to attend, assembled

in the foyer to listen to the U.S. Christmas singers. Mary Jane Spreier, BOSS coordinator, introduced the choir to the audience before they sang their first Christmas song "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer." The singers had a surprise for the senior residents when they sang "Silent Night." They first sang in English and then encouraged the senior residents to sing along as they sang their second version in German.

The BOSS Soldiers ended their performance by singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Taking the message of their last song to heart, Moore and Spreier wished each of the residents a merry Christmas before departing.