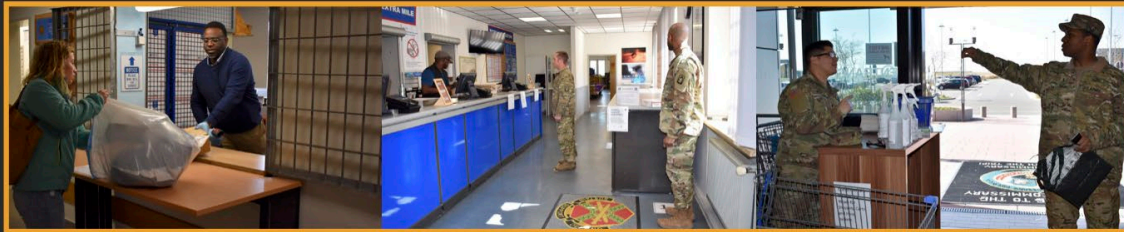




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Community Newsletter # 5

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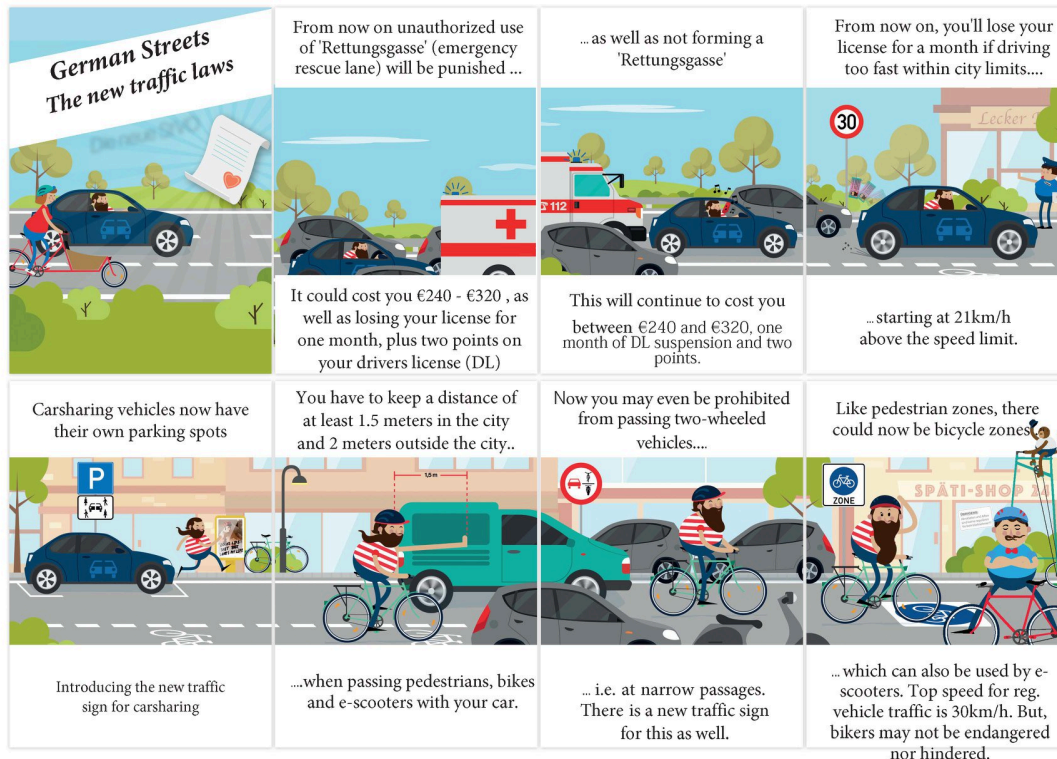
## News You Can Use From Our Garrison Facebook Feed

1. CLOSURES for Health Clinic & Dental Clinic: On Friday, May 8, the **Ansbach Army Health Clinic** and the **Ansbach Army Dental Clinic** will have a Safety Stand Down from 12-4:30 p.m.
2. A profession that requires compassion and patience, nurses do so much more than care for those who are sick. They provide support to their fellow nurses and the doctors they work for. **#NursesWeek**  
[https://www.army.mil/article/235267?fbclid=IwAR1Ex6w-5xRd92E292Cu9rAbphtox7rGgSLNLeF9\\_-k0k7aIQhXheuNKNc](https://www.army.mil/article/235267?fbclid=IwAR1Ex6w-5xRd92E292Cu9rAbphtox7rGgSLNLeF9_-k0k7aIQhXheuNKNc)
3. Keep your foot light on the gas pedal when driving through German cities. Fines for speeding can range from 30 to 680 euros, along with a three-month suspension of your drivers license.

NEW SPEEDING VIOLATIONS IN GERMANY						
Km/h over Speed Limit	WITHIN city limits			OUTSIDE of city limits		
	Fine (€)	Driving Ban	Points	Fine (€)	Driving Ban	Points
under 10 km/h	30	---	---	20	---	---
11 - 15 km/h	50	---	---	40	---	---
16 - 20 km/h	70	---	---	60	---	---
21 - 25 km/h	80	1 month	1	70	---	1
26 - 30 km/h	100	1 month	1	80	1 month	1
31 - 40 km/h	160	1 month	2	120	1 month	1
41 - 50 km/h	200	1 month	2	160	1 month	2
51 - 60 km/h	280	2 months	2	240	1 month	2
61 - 70 km/h	480	3 months	2	440	2 month	2
over 70 km/h	680	3 months	2	600	3 month	2

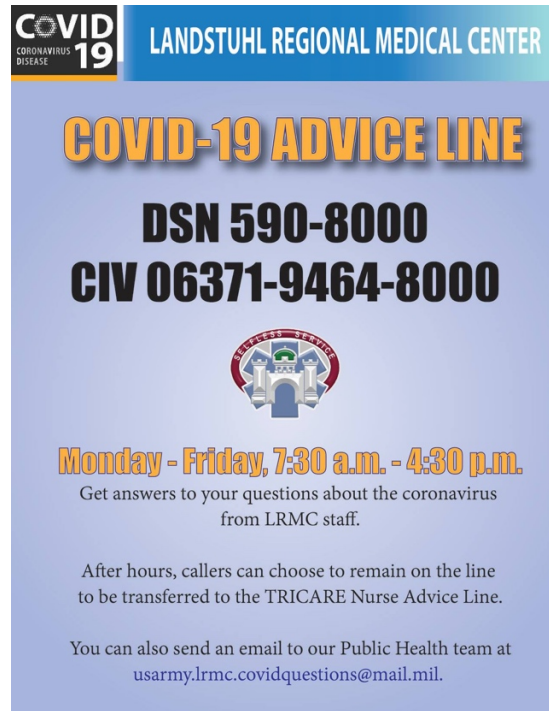
4. Strassenverkehrsordnungnovelle is the German word that describes the latest changes in German traffic law that went into effect April 28, 2020 and includes penalty increases, changes of urban traffic rules, and new traffic signs.  
<https://www.army.mil/article/235175?fbclid=IwAR0eMvdfuq8QjhiCp9cpLwXs7y-Mh-ZPTyE4taUxyw9zz0ptPapSY18jxpg>

Graphic courtesy of the Bavarian Ministry of Traffic



5. REMINDER: Motorcycles are motor vehicles and as such should be parked in an approved parking spots in ALL parking lots. They are not to be driven past the bollards and parked in the pedestrian only area at the PX/Commissary area. Doing so is a violation of physical security and force protection standards for standoff distance.
6. Here is a special message from IMCOM CG Lt. Gen. Doug Gabram thanking the folks who keep things running smoothly at JBSA during the coronavirus pandemic:  
[https://www.dvidshub.net/video/750725/gabram-sends-thanks-our-heroes?fbclid=IwAR3OyeoHcyrifPm6WWVhr\\_Tqodgrvev4EjEF4uMxzeIBNICHXy3nrkawRd8](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/750725/gabram-sends-thanks-our-heroes?fbclid=IwAR3OyeoHcyrifPm6WWVhr_Tqodgrvev4EjEF4uMxzeIBNICHXy3nrkawRd8)
7. Just as academics and other aspects of cadet life have gone virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the professional development program designed to prepare first class cadets to transition to the aviation branch has had to adjust this semester.  
<https://www.army.mil/article/234945/?fbclid=IwAR2nUBO0H-oAJqQJP3NAVnzyDGdHf3BqPMJM-XN5kD1LLhbEcGxrXrEOsGE>

8. In GEN Perna's latest message to the workforce, he talks about what he's doing to stay healthy, what AMC is doing to continue to support the warfighter, and most importantly what his mom asked him to do in this video.  
"It's our foundation that has created our ability to be flexible, agile and adaptable and most of all our ability to be innovative. Being innovative is what's going to win the day, our ability to think differently but yet achieve the effects we want," said Perna. "Dig in, do what's right. Take care of yourself, take care of your families and remember there are Soldiers in harm's way and it is our responsibility to make sure they have what they need."
9. Family Advocacy Programs across Installation Management Command-Europe are here to provide support and encouragement, especially during these challenging COVID-19 times.  
[https://www.dvidshub.net/video/749117/family-advocacy-program-managers-offer-words-encouragement?fbclid=IwAR2wnrJBWSo5ZLpnWyK9B20gYkMPFH\\_OP-7CGVIHIIcGdFmmJGjnIJRprYE](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/749117/family-advocacy-program-managers-offer-words-encouragement?fbclid=IwAR2wnrJBWSo5ZLpnWyK9B20gYkMPFH_OP-7CGVIHIIcGdFmmJGjnIJRprYE)
10. To make the community better we need your valuable input!  
Please participate in an assessment of our community in the areas of quality of life, and health, wellness and resiliency efforts. This is your chance to tell the Garrison Commander what is important to you. We want input from all segments of the community (active duty, Family members, DA Civilians, Local National employees, contractors, and retirees) in order to capture the best picture of where we stand on health and resiliency issues.  
  
The assessment is an online survey and is called the Community Strengths and Themes Assessment (CSTA). The anonymous results will be tabulated and evaluated by the Army Public Health Center and then USAG Ansbach will be provided with actionable feedback. There is both a link and a QR code on the attached flyer in order to access the survey. The survey takes 15-20 minutes and the survey window will be open until 30 June. We need the surveys completed in order to have a valid assessment for our USAG-Ansbach community. Please participate. We need your voice!  
  
Link for the 2020 survey:  
<https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se.ashx?s=25113745218B31B9>
11. GOT COVID-19 QUESTIONS? Landstuhl Regional Medical Center established an advice line to provide answers. Nurses are standing by Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., to give medical advice.



## 12. DoDEA Europe schools closed for remainder of year

SEMBACH, GERMANY — In direct and close coordination with senior military partners, the decision was made to keep school buildings closed to students for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year and to maintain digital teaching and learning in all DoDEA schools across Europe.

While our schools will remain closed, our teachers and administrators will continue to work diligently to maintain our digital learning programs in order to ensure continuity of education for our amazing students. These programs continue to evolve and differ slightly for each community and school, but the goal is the same: provide “Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere”.

We know that this decision is disappointing to our staff, students and families alike. The COVID 19 pandemic continues to affect every community across the European theater. While some host nations are making decisions to slowly open up aspects of their economies, given the relatively short amount of time remaining in the current school year, DoDEA and military leadership agree that this was the prudent decision for our schools. The health and safety of our staff, students and communities is our highest priority. This is obviously an incredibly challenging, frustrating and concerning time for all of us. Watching our teachers, students and communities come together to ensure continuity of education for our military-connected students in these challenging circumstances has been incredibly inspiring. Please continue to work diligently and cohesively to ensure that we build upon our successes to this point.

Communication, moving forward, will be critical to ensuring the maintenance and evolution of these digital learning programs. Please feel free to communicate all needs and

concerns related to these programs to your teachers and principals. This type of feedback is important to the education process.

Thank you again for your continued support and diligence.

For more information regarding DoDEA's response to COVID 19, go to:

<https://www.dodea.edu/Coronavirus.cfm>

13. Learning continues for DOD school system students despite COVID-19 restrictions.  
[https://www.army.mil/article/235049/?fbclid=IwAR0IMy4K05xFqaINkdLXTcqUOpAFP\\_aocVbgnYY8FXMcwXRNzcmnhsodRY](https://www.army.mil/article/235049/?fbclid=IwAR0IMy4K05xFqaINkdLXTcqUOpAFP_aocVbgnYY8FXMcwXRNzcmnhsodRY)
14. The Ansbach Army Health Clinic implemented new procedures due to the COVID-19 crisis. The clinic is still highly functional and is a fundamental part of the readiness for USAG Ansbach. (U.S. Army video by Pfc. Hunter Garcia)  
[https://www.dvidshub.net/video/750247/usag-ansbachs-health-clinic-adapts-changes-caused-covid-19-usag-ansbach?fbclid=IwAR3FywR0fiFKLoBoB-lhRVfElo9B53zeS9otFk8h1N9plCXp\\_ficJ5rc-ao](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/750247/usag-ansbachs-health-clinic-adapts-changes-caused-covid-19-usag-ansbach?fbclid=IwAR3FywR0fiFKLoBoB-lhRVfElo9B53zeS9otFk8h1N9plCXp_ficJ5rc-ao)
15. MASK WEAR WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE: When alone in a vehicle, or with members of your household, do not wear a mask while driving! Driving with other persons in the car should only be a rare exception. Then the driver is also allowed to wear a face mask, however, only to protect their health, not their driver's license. The mask may only cover mouth and nose; the upper part of the face must be visible, which means no sunglasses, no ball cap, etc. Also, be aware that glasses with corrective lenses may fog up and impair vision while wearing a mask.

The Bavarian Ministry of Interior has issued specific guidance: "During the current corona situation, health protection has priority. Wearing mouth and nose protection hides the area around the nose and mouth, but still allows the eyes to be recognized. This is usually sufficient to determine the driver's identity. Of course, this does not mean that as a driver you are allowed to be "completely masked" in the car so that you can no longer be recognized; then police will step in. Also important: wearing a protective mask must not impair your vision, for example because this is too large or if, for example, the glasses wear on the glasses due to the way they are worn."

16. Face-coverings are now mandatory when using public transportation and while shopping in any Bavarian establishment for everyone 6 years and older. The fine is 150 euros if you don't wear mouth and nose covering. Nose and mouth coverings are not mandatory in cars. If you wear a nose and mouth covering in cars please consider not to cover the full face (face still needs to be recognizable, no sunglasses, etc.).



17. Travel restrictions made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in the Defense Department providing leave leniency for service members who accrue too much leave and might otherwise lose it.

Each year, active-duty Service Members are granted 30 days of leave, but at the end of each fiscal year, they normally lose any unused leave exceeding 60 days. With the leniency granted due to the pandemic travel restrictions, Service Members can now accrue a leave balance of up to 120 days until Sept. 30, 2023.

[https://www.army.mil/article/234769/?fbclid=IwAR3J\\_rCk-y40Bro0vFkebL4T0Uq7UeYI\\_roFEYtjhtp2o98450m8oce0vuk](https://www.army.mil/article/234769/?fbclid=IwAR3J_rCk-y40Bro0vFkebL4T0Uq7UeYI_roFEYtjhtp2o98450m8oce0vuk)

18. Absentee ballot voting message by Army Colonel Andrew Morgan orbiting earth aboard the International Space Station. Check it out!

[https://www.dvidshub.net/video/748079/americans-can-vote-whenever-they?fbclid=IwAR0UgE3aWdtKR2QFXTZmWyQLpwu\\_qrTuGqvy4aZHcVyAH-eTUfmN14R\\_6\\_M](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/748079/americans-can-vote-whenever-they?fbclid=IwAR0UgE3aWdtKR2QFXTZmWyQLpwu_qrTuGqvy4aZHcVyAH-eTUfmN14R_6_M)

19. Desse, the Physical Distancing Fairy, brought her sidekick, Hesse, to the USAG Ansbach community to spread the word of maintaining social connectedness while physically distanced in our fight to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 virus.

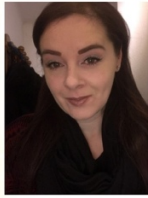






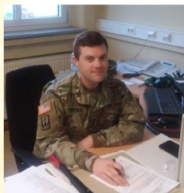
20. For military shoppers who need to make a return but are hesitant to visit the USAG Ansbach Post Exchange during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is extending its return policy. All purchases made since March 16, 2020, are eligible for returns through July 1, 2020.
21. USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended the permanent registrations of Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs) set to expire between March 21 through April 20 by 60 days; extended expiration dates now fall between May 21 and June 20. The RMV is currently extending a second batch of registrations with expiration dates between April 21 and May 20; extended expiration dates now fall between June 21 and July 20. New permanent registration forms will not be provided to customers until normal operations resume. Local Military Police desks will verify the owner's POV registration if required (German Police traffic stop, etc.). AAFES ESSO fuel card officials are aware and will continue to honor expired registration forms. All expiring temporary and non-operational registrations are extended until further notice. Until RMV is able to be updated, all vehicle registrations should be considered valid except cancellations due to lack of insurance coverage. Individuals in this situation should visit the Exchange Customer Service desk to get their ESSO cards extended 60 days until they can renew their registration.
22. During the COVID-19 pandemic, more people have turned to video-teleconferencing to stay in touch. The increase in video-conferencing browsing trends has garnered the attention of hackers who are looking for innovative ways to infiltrate computer software systems.  
To learn more, visit <https://ansbachhometownherald.com/video-conference-calls-a.../>
23. The face behind the action - learn about the USAG Ansbach COVID-19 heroes.

#### THE FACE BEHIND THE ACTION — USAG ANSBACH HEROES



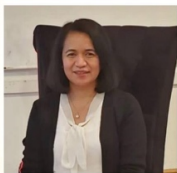
Jasmine Gangl, lead vehicle registrar at USAG Ansbach Vehicle Registration, has been working closely with customers ensuring they have at least one vehicle registered. By coordinating with the Vehicle Processing Center she has made it possible for individuals, who shipped their vehicles here prior to the COVID-19 closures, to claim and register them in the USAREUR system, thus greatly enhancing the quality of life for the new arrivals.

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Sgt. 1st Class Jason Snyder of S3/5/7 is responsible for operations and coordination for isolation facilities at Bleidorn and Storck Barracks. He ensures they are fully equipped and prepared in the event task forces need to send personnel to quarantine or isolation. He coordinates with DPW to ensure facilities are ready for habitation, makes sure DSN lines are provided to enable communications with the garrison, and maintains key control, ready to distribute to each task force when needed.

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Mary Ann Schloetterer, part-time employee at the Central Processing Facility (CPF), provides continuity and outstanding customer service to Soldiers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the absence of other employees, her overall contributions and efforts are truly invaluable during these challenging times.



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Sabine Hausleithner, chief of fire prevention, is responsible for making sure the entire Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), which includes fire services, police and physical security, has sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), decontamination (DECON) solutions, disinfecting material, and available. In these times, this is a challenge and she is proactive in getting the required material delivered in time. By executing the process from start to finish, she ensures continued safety for all first responders at USAG Ansbach.