

Friday, Feb. 7, 2025

**Better in Bavaria Community Update:** From Col. Stephen C. Flanagan.

I hope you are all getting ready to watch the big game Sunday night! If you do not know where to cheer on your favorite team yet check out our USAG Bavaria website and social media where we have a list of locations and opportunities all over the USAG Bavaria footprint for you.

And don't forget service members have a late report date Monday, Jan. 10!

**Here are a few updates for your Friday:**

- **Gate Maintenance:** Gate maintenance will be conducted at Tower Barracks Gate 6 and Hohenfels Gate 4, starting Monday, Feb. 10 and will go through March 27. Please allow extra time for your commute, use alternate gates, and follow detour signs.
- **Commissary Update:** Grafenwoehr Commissary shoppers, the Commissary is currently working on a solution to repair their freezers. Please be aware that items like fresh beef, pork and chicken are available but may be located in different locations around the store. Also, if you have accidentally taken home a Commissary shopping basket, please return it to the store.
- **Recreational Drone Reminder:** Recreational drones cannot be used on or around military installations. That includes U.S. Army installations, Navy bases, Air Force Bases, German Military Kaserne's, other government facilities (U.S. or otherwise) as well as no flight zones. For more information on drone/RC aircraft regulations in Germany, visit: [www.bmvi.de/drohnen](http://www.bmvi.de/drohnen). Be vigilant. If you see a drone, report it to the MPs <https://home.army.mil/bavaria/Directorates/DES> or at iSalute at <https://www.inscom.army.mil/isalute/default.aspx>.
- **Value-Added Tax (VAT) App:** Great news from Installation Management Command-Europe! Following the successful completion of a pilot program that began in March, IMCOM-Europe will transition to full implementation of the new micro-purchase Value-Added Tax (VAT) App program across Germany at the beginning of the year. For more information visit <https://www.army.mil/article/281357>.
- **Presidents Day:** As a reminder, Monday, Feb. 17 as a U.S. federal holiday, some services on the installation will be closed.
- **It is officially Fasching season!** Fasching is a pre-Lent celebration like Mardi Gras or Carnival. In northern Germany, they call it Fastnacht or Carnival, but Fasching is the most common name in Bavaria. Although the carnival season officially begins Nov. 11 at 11:11 a.m., February is the time when all of Germany goes crazy and the true celebration begins. While most the events will be held the end of February this year, a lot of cities are already provide Fasching events. We have created a list with Fasching events in your area. Check out the USAG Bavaria website and social media channels!

## **Tower Barracks and Rose Barracks:**

### **On-post events to check out:**

- The Big Game Event, The Zone Bar, Rose Barracks, Feb. 9, 9 p.m.
- EFMP Kindness Karaoke
  - Feb. 14 at Rose Barracks 4-8 p.m. at the Zone Bar
  - Feb. 28 at Tower Barracks 4-8 p.m. at the Tower View Conference Center
- The Zone Smoothie Bar will open at the Rose Barracks Fitness Center, Feb. 24.

### **Off-post events to check out:**

- Super Bowl at Happy's Sports Bar, Grafenwoehr, Feb. 9, 4 p.m.
- Super Bowl LIX, Berger's Lounge and Sports bar, Grafenwoehr, Feb. 9, 12:30 a.m.

## **What's happening at Hohenfels and Garmisch:**

### **Hohenfels:**

- Hohenfels Outdoor Recreation will host a weekend ski trip Feb. 14-17 to the Sella Ronda region of the Italian Dolomites for skiing and snowboarding
- EFMP Kindness Karaoke Feb. 20 from 4-8 p.m. at USO Camp Albertshof

### **Garmisch:**

- French Market on Feb. 8-15 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Richard-Strauss-Platz in Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- Disco Ice Skating Feb. 8 from 8-10 p.m. at the Olympic Ice Stadium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- Banff Mountain Film Festival, Feb. 9 at 7.30 p.m. at the Kongresshaus in Garmisch
- Garmisch Town Hall on Tue. Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pete Burke Community Center
- Night Skiing Feb. 11 & 12 from 6.30-9 p.m. at the Wettersteinbahn in Ehrwald/Tirol
- Deer Feeding Feb. 11, 13 and 20 at 4 p.m. at the Maximilianshoehe in Garmisch
- Grand Opening of the Carnevale di Venezia, Feb. 14 at the Piazza San Marco in Venice/Italy