

Friday, April 18, 2025

Better in Bavaria Community Update

For those living in barracks or Army Family housing, we need your feedback on the Tenant Satisfaction Survey. The Army wants to hear from its Soldiers and their Families so they can better invest in barracks, unaccompanied housing, and Army Family Housing. **The survey is open now through May 1**, and those eligible to take the survey will receive an email from ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com. To learn more, contact the Army Housing Office.

Here are a few updates for your Friday:

- **Vehicle Registration:** The FAST TRACK Pilot Program, which allowed same day permanent plate registration to VPC shipped vehicles, was successful and will transition to permanent basis. Starting in May, Grafenwöhr Vehicle Registration will transition to a daily walk-in basis while still maintaining dedicated clerks for appointments.
- **Military Police Uniform Change:** Military Police Patrols will transition from the black MP vests to the new Multicam SPS plate carrier variant. There will be some overlap to where Military Police arrive at an incident with the black vest or Multicam vest.
- **Reminder: Gate maintenance at Tower Barracks Gate 6 continues the month of April.** Please allow extra time for your commute, use alternate gates, and follow detour signs. Garrison has temporarily disabled the traffic lights (treat as 4-way stop) and have MP patrol conduct traffic control during lunch hours.
- **Traffic Alert:** The road coming in from Gate 3 on Tower Barracks will be partially closed due to crane work on Monday, April 28, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please follow detour signs.
- **April is Sexual Assault and Prevention Month and Alcohol Awareness Month.** The next ASAP/SHARP/FAP Prevention Color Run is Thursday, April 24 at Hohenfels at 6:30 a.m.
- **Community Huddle:** The Next USAG Bavaria-wide Community Huddle will take place at Hohenfels, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hohenfels Community Activity Center.
- **Construction at the Tower Barracks Post Office Parking:** Construction continues through May 30. During this time, the entryway to the post office will be blocked for vehicles. Please use alternate routes and parking.
- **School Year 2025-2026 Spring Re-registration:** Re-Registration is now open! DoDEA is encouraging families to re-register students who will be returning as soon as possible. All new families can also head to the DoDEA website to begin the registration process: <https://www.dodea.edu/registration>. More information can be found here: <https://www.dodea.edu/registration/europe-region>.
- **Teaching Vacancies Available in Bavaria:** Apply Now! DoDEA is working to fill several half time and potential full time teaching positions in the USAG Bavaria footprint for

SY25-26. They are specifically looking for individuals with certifications in art, music, and PE. Please visit the DoDEA website to begin the application process:

<https://www.dodea.edu/offices/human-resources/work-dodea/teaching-application-requirements>

- **My Army Post App:** Have you downloaded the new My Army Post app? The app offers customizable home screens, real-time notifications, and tailored updates to ensure that each user receives only the most relevant information for their needs. Download the My Army Post App today from Google Play or the Apple App Store!
- **Stay Safe Reminder:** Elevated Threat: Ongoing conflicts and political instability in and around Europe pose a risk to DoD personnel. Be vigilant and maintain situational awareness.
 - Potential Targets: Religious sites, public events, and areas with large crowds could be targets. Exercise caution and avoid predictable patterns.
 - Demonstrations: Peaceful protests can escalate rapidly. Avoid large gatherings and stay informed about local events.
 - OPSEC is Crucial: Limit sharing sensitive information online and be mindful of conversations in public. Protect yourself and your unit.
<https://www.europeafrica.army.mil/StaySafe/>
- **Good news stories:**
 - Bavaria public affairs officer receives accolade, honors during retirement event
<https://www.army.mil/article/284695>

Tower Barracks and Rose Barracks:

On-post events to check out:

- Stuttgart Spring Festival – Dive into Europe’s Largest Spring Festival with Wild B.O.A.R. Outdoor Recreation! April 19 & May 3
- Spring Craft, MWR Library, Tower Barracks, April 23
- Spring Craft, MWR Library, Rose Barracks, April 24
- Kinderfest, Tower Barracks Field House, April 26
- Wellness Wednesday: A partnership between the Red Cross and the Employee Assistance Program. Join a free workout every Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at the Tower Barracks Fitness Center! April 23, try Mindful Movement, a class focused on gentle stretching and breathing techniques. April 30, try Zumba.
- School Support Services—Parent Workshop, Building Positivity & Connections with Resiliency Skills, April 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Tower View Conference Center, Bldg. 209 at Tower Barracks
- Registration is open now for the B.O.S.S. Europe Park Trip, April 25

- Berlin Awaits – Discover the vibrant capital of Germany with its countless facets with Wild B.O.A.R. Outdoor Recreation, April 26
- Healthcare Champions Network meeting, April 29 from noon-1 p.m. This monthly meeting at the Red Cross Grafenwöhr (Bldg. 124, Classroom #8) is open to anyone in or interested in healthcare to network, grow professionally, and discuss community service projects.
- School Support Services—Advocating for your Child During School Transition, informative workshop, April 29 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg. 322.
- Hiking meets Climbing, Klettersteig, Outdoor Recreation, May 3
- IMCOM-Europe Army 10 Miler-Virtual Qualification Race, May 3, 7-9 a.m.
- Bavaria Performing Arts presents: Charlotte’s Web, May 9-11, B124 Get your tickets here: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>
- Bavaria Performing Arts presents: Mean Girls Junior, May 16-18, B124 Get your tickets here: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>
- Military Academic Achievement Awards: U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Education Centers are scheduled to host the annual Military Academic Achievement Award June 24 at the Tower Barracks Conference Center. The MAAA recognizes outstanding community members who are working toward a post-secondary degree. To nominate someone for this honor, submit a package by May 22 visit <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/2uR4AKwami>.

Off-post events to check out:

- Bayreuth Spring Festival, April 19 to April 27
- Ammersrichter Kirwa/ Maypole Event, April 26-28
- Open Shop Sunday, Amberg, April 27
- Maypole Event in Grafenwoehr, City Park, April 30, 6 p.m.
- Weiden Spring Festival, Festplatz, April 25 to May 4
- Stuttgart Spring Festival, April 19 to May 11
- Pottery market, Amberg, April 26, 27: Several pottery artisans display their wares during Stadt Amberg’s Krüglmarkt (pottery or jug market) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 26 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 at Georgenstraße and Malteserplatz. Visit [the website here \(external link, auf Deutsch, no endorsement implied\)](#).
- Open-shop Sunday, Parsberg, April 27: Several shops in Parsberg open Sunday for Verkaufsoffener Sonntag. [visit the link here \(external link, auf Deutsch, no endorsement implied\)](#).

What's happening at Hohenfels and Garmisch:

Hohenfels:

- **Hohenfels quarterly Community Huddle, April 24:** Leaders in the Hohenfels Military Community are hosting a community huddle 10:30 a.m. to noon April 24 at the Community Activity Center (Bldg. 40). All community members are invited.
- **Kinderfest, April 26:** The Parent Central Services office celebrates military children during the 2025 Kinderfest from noon to 4 p.m. April 26 at the School Age Center. There will be equipment displays, carnival games, informational booths, inflatables, and much more! To learn more, [visit the event page here](#).
- **51st annual Hohenfels German-American Volksfest, April 30 – May 4:** The annual German-American Volksfest is scheduled to return to the Hohenfels Military Community April 30 to May 4 with special events every day. There will be carnival rides, traditional American and German food and beverages, live music, military vehicle displays and much, much more. To learn more, visit <https://hohenfels.armymwr.com/calendar/event/51st-annual-german-american-volksfest/6837349/98103>.
- **Traffic diversion, now:** Until further notice, all drivers coming from Gate 3 (with access from Markt Schmidmühlen) should continue to drive with caution and follow traffic pattern. Once construction is complete and traffic has resumed its normal pattern, a further message will go out to the community.
- **Gate maintenance, now:** Maintenance work has begun at Hohenfels Military Community guard points 4 and 6. The project is expected to last three to four weeks. Clearly marked detours will be in place around the vicinity of the guard point.
- **Gate 3 (Schmidmühlen) closure, May 13-25:** Gate 3 with access from Markt Schmidmühlen is scheduled to close from 12:01 a.m. May 13 to 11:59 p.m. May 25. During these times, Gate 1 will be open to vehicular traffic.
- **Try Scuba Pool, April 23:** Take your first breath underwater and experience the thrill of scuba diving in a safe pool from 5 to 10 p.m. No experience needed! Call 09472-708-2060 or DSN 522-2060.

Garmisch:

On-post events to check out:

- Easter Event, Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m. (Easter Egg hunt and Bounce Castles)
- Kinderfest, Pete Burke Community Center, Fri, April 25, 4-6 p.m.
- USAG Bavaria Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, April 29, 3 p.m., Pete Burke Community Center

Off-post events to check out:

- Easter Market, Innsbruck/Austria, Old Town, April 11-21, 11 a.m. - 7p.m.
- Garmisch Flea Market, Hausberg Parking Lot, April 19, 7-11 a.m.
- Osterplarrer – Folk Festival, Augsburg, April 20 - May 4, 12-11 p.m.
- [59th Annual Spring Festival](#), Munich, Theresienwiese, Fri, April 25 – Sun, May 11
- [Pottery & Handcrafted Art Market](#), Bad Tölz, Marktstrasse, Sat & Sun, April 26 & 27, 8 a.m.
- [Auer Mai Dult – Outdoor Market](#), Munich, Mariahilfplatz, Sat, April 26 - Sun, May 4
- Radieschenfest – Radish Fest, Hall/Tirol, Stiftsplatz, Sat, April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Georgi Ride, blessing of the horses at the Lautersee Chapel, Mittenwald, from Obermarkt to Lautersee, Sun, April 27, 10 a.m.