

Friday, May 2, 2025

Better in Bavaria Community Update

- **Tenant Satisfaction Survey:** The Army wants to hear from its Soldiers and their Families so they can better invest in barracks and unaccompanied housing improvements. The survey deadline has been extended to May 15. Those eligible to take the survey should have received an email from ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com. To learn more, contact the Army Housing Office.
- **Military Academic Achievement Awards:** U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Education Centers will 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>.
- **AER Campaign:** The Army Emergency Relief (AER) Annual Campaign is going on now until June 14! AER was created to help soldiers and their family members who experience financial emergencies. Donate today! For more information visit: [https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Army-Emergency-Relief-\(AER\)](https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Army-Emergency-Relief-(AER))
- **Vehicle Registration Updates:**
 - Vehicle Registration is now located on the **third floor of Bldg. 301, Monday, April 28** – to increase our capacity and increase throughput.
 - **Expanding Walk-ins to Every Day:** Starting Monday, May 5, Tower Barracks Vehicle Registration will transition to supporting walk-in appointments every day, while still maintaining dedicated clerks for appointments each day. The purpose of this is to increase throughput (higher on walk-in days) and alleviate the long lines on “walk-in Wednesdays.”
 - Our FAST TRACK Pilot Program, which allows uploading documents online and same day permanent plate registration to VPC shipped vehicles, was successful and will transition to a permanent basis.
- **Extended operating hours for services at Hohenfels:** Starting May 1, 19, and June 1, new operating hours will be implemented at the following locations:
 - May 1: **Bun-D** will open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and will close Sundays.
 - May 19: **Burger King** will open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and will close Sundays.
 - June 1: **Warrior Hill Express** will open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.
- **Gate Maintenance Reminder:** Due to maintenance delays on the vehicle barrier system, gate maintenance at Tower Barracks Gate 6 will continue through the month of May. Our team is working to get the gate back open as soon as possible, we will provide you with an update once it's reopened. 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 TCP during lunch hours.

- **Spring Cleanup:** Attached is information on our annual Spring Cleanup to include information on bulk pickup dates and expanded Recycling Center hours. For abandoned vehicles, continue to report possible abandoned vehicles to Military Police. For more information visit <https://home.army.mil/bavaria/trash>.
- **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.
- **Transition Assistance Program:** Are you 18 months out from your ETS date or retiring in the next 24 months? If so, don't delay and enroll today! See flyer attached for more information or visit <https://home.army.mil/bavaria/Directorates/dhr/TAP>.
- **Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED:** Registration is now open for CPR/First Aid/AED classes, May 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Grafenwoehr Office and May 21 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Vilseck location. Both are blended learning classes, with an online prerequisite needing to be completed before attending the in-person course on these dates. The price of these classes are \$18.00 per person and registration for classes closes 72 hours before the class is scheduled.
- **Veterans Affairs Outreach Event,** June 3 and 4, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Grafenwoehr, Camp Normandy, Bldg. 3104, rooms 3 and 4. See flyer attached for more information.
- **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>
- **USAG Bavaria Family Advocacy Program (FAP):** "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Domestic Abuse and Child Abuse incidents can have devastating impacts on overall unit warfighter readiness as they drain manpower and resources. FAP Prevention is here to mitigate risk factors and reduce instances of family violence on the installation. Request FAP courses such as Stress Management & Conflict Resolution, Marriage Enrichment, Effective Communication, and Child Abuse Identification and Reporting to support the overall health of your unit. A healthy and happy family life means a more effective and lethal warfighter. For more information visit <https://grafenwoehr.armymwr.com/programs/acs/family-advocacy>.
- **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!

- **Good news stories:**

- USAG Bavaria TAP counselors bring help turn Soldiers civilian
<https://www.army.mil/article/285161>
- Kinderfest brings laughs, smiles, community to Hohenfels Families
<https://www.army.mil/article/284978>

Tower Barracks and Rose Barracks:

On-post events to check out:

- **National Military Spouse Appreciation Day**, Rose Barracks Library, May 5-9
- **National Military Spouse Appreciation Day**, Tower Barracks Library, May 6-10
- **Waterfall Hike**, BOSS Bavaria, May 8
- **Wild B.O.A.R. Mother's Day Fishing**, May 10, 8 a.m.-noon
- **Journaling Workshop**, Tower Barracks Library, May 13, 3-4 p.m.
- **Spring Sidewalk Sale**, Grafenwoehr Commissary, May 16-18
- **Regensburg Awaits**, explore Regensburg with Wild B.O.A.R., May 17
- **Annual Run to Honor**, Tower Barracks Physical Fitness Center, May 26
- **Bavaria Performing Arts presents:**
 - Charlotte's Web, May 9-11, Bldg. 124 Get your tickets here:
<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>
 - Mean Girls Junior, May 16-18, Bldg. 124 Get your tickets here:
<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>

Off-post events to check out:

- **Medieval Market**, Guteneck, May 1-4
- **Food Truck Festival**, Amberg, May 1-4
- **Springfest**, Nuremberg, April 19 – May 4
- **Garden and Art & Crafts Market**, Karlsplatz Eschenbach, May 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Maidult**, Regensburg, May 9-25
- **Open Market Sunday**, Auerbach i. d. Opf., May 11
- **Springfest**, Theresienwiese Munich, now through May 11
- **Stuttgart Spring Festival**, now through May 11
- **Open-shop Sunday**, Weiden, Jubilatemarkt, May 18
- **Rock(k)night**, Burg Dagestein Vilseck, May 30

What's happening at Hohenfels and Garmisch:

Hohenfels:

On-post happenings to check out:

- **Traffic diversion, now:** Until further notice, all drivers coming from Gate 3 (with access from Markt Schmidmühlen) and from Gate 5 should continue to drive with caution and follow the new traffic diversions. Once construction is complete and

traffic has resumed its normal pattern, a further message will go out to the community.

- **Fitness center schedule change, through May:** Front-door services at Rodney J. Harris Sports and Fitness Center are unavailable Saturdays and Sundays throughout May, and are scheduled to resume in June. Patrons who have already registered during open hours can still use the fitness center's 24-hour access.
- **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.
- **White water kayaking, May 17:** Outdoor Recreation brings kayakers 18 and older out to "Little Switzerland" in Franconia May 17. Trip costs \$79. To learn more, <https://hohenfels.armymwr.com/calendar/event/white-water-kayak/6870165/98896>
- **Planning financial future, May 14:** The Financial Readiness Program teaches everything money in a class at 3 p.m. May 14 at the ACS classroom and online. The class is free, but participants must register two days in advance by calling 09472-708-4860 or DSN 522-4860.

Off-post events to check out:

- **Burglengenfeld:** WWII 80th anniversary exhibit now through June 9
- **Regensburg:** Maidult, May 9-25
- **Neumarkt i.d. Opf.:** Night of experiences (Nacht der Sinne) May 10
- **Parsberg:** Open-air music fest May 30-31

Garmisch:

On-post events to check out:

- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**, Operation Unwind, May 9, noon-2.30 p.m., Community Library
- **Mother's Day Brunch**, Edelweiss Lodge & Resort, May 11, 6.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **On-Post Spring Clean-Up**, May 16-27

Off-post events to check out:

- **Family Day at the Reptile House**, May 7, Oberammergau, Reptile House Lüftlmalereck 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Blütenzauber – Garden Fair**, May 9-11, Schloss Kaltenberg (Ammersee), 9.30 a.m.
- **Long Night of Music – one Night**, May 10, Munich, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., Live performances at over a hundred locations, including cafés, theaters and galleries, will range from classical recitals to avant-garde noise shows.
- **International Museums Day**, May 18, special guided tours, some even for free