

Friday, March 21, 2025

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

Thank you to everyone who attended to our Community Huddle on Wednesday. We will work on the issues you brought forward and I encourage everyone who has ideas, suggestions or issues they want to address to join us for our next Community Huddle or send us an email: usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.mbx.pao@army.mil or usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.paio@army.mil

Here are a few updates for your Friday:

- **Reminders:**
 - **Gate maintenance** continues at Tower Barracks Gate 6. Please allow extra time for your commute, use alternate gates, and follow detour signs.
 - **Construction at the Tower Barracks Post office parking lot** until March 30 the entryway to the post office will be blocked for vehicles. Please use the parking lot at the chapel across from USO or the parking behind the DFAC during this time and follow detour signs.
 - **Construction going on downtown Grafewoehr.** The Unterer Torgraben, the street going from the market square to the park, is completely blocked until the bridge. Please follow detour signs to get to the market square.
- **Overseas Housing Allowance Survey open now until March 31.** The annual Overseas Housing Allowance Survey takes place now until March 31 and is open to service members and their spouses assigned throughout Germany. Participants must have been assigned to Germany for at least six months and reside in privately leased quarters (neither a homeowner nor a sharer be). **The results of this survey help the Department of Defense better cover the living expenses of service members and their Families!** If eligible to take the survey, visit <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Housing-Allowance/OHA-Data-Collection-Surveys/>

- It's time for **School Year 2025-2026 Spring Re-registration!** Parents must submit a re-registration to indicate whether each student is staying in DoDEA or leaving their current location. Parents should log into the DoDEA Student Information System (DSIS) Family Portal at <https://dodeasis.myfollett.com/aspden/logon.do> to submit each student re-registration request. The re-registration process also provides a quick and easy way for families to update information (contacts, Sponsor's employment status, student health) if the student is returning.
- The Army wants to hear from its Soldiers and their Families so they can better invest in housing improvements to ensure quality living conditions are provided to our Soldiers and Families. The survey is also open to those in barracks and unaccompanied housing! The **Tenant Satisfaction 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.
- **Set clocks forward March 30:** Germany and many other countries in Europe move their clocks forward one hour at 1 a.m. March 30 as the Central European Time zone begins "summer time." Remember to set all clocks not connected to the internet forward one hour.
- Army Emergency Relief offers scholarships to dependent children of active-duty or retired Soldiers. The children must be unmarried, younger than 24, and be enrolled full-time for the entire academic year. Applications are open now through April 1 for the coming academic year. To apply, visit the link here.
- Volunteer Youth Sports coaches and instructors are needed on all our installations. Reach out to your CYS team for more information!

Tower Barracks and Rose Barracks:

On-post events to check out:

- Bavarian Performing Arts presents “Mamma Mia” March 20-23
- Healthcare Champions Network meeting, March 25 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.
- 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! March 26, try Mindful Movement, a class focused on gentle stretching and breathing techniques
- St. Patrick’s Day Craft for children 3 years and older
 - March 26 at the Tower Barracks library
 - March 27 at the Rose Barracks library
- Civilian Awards Ceremony on March 28 at 1 p.m. at the Tower View Conference Center.
- Fishing Course at Wild B.O.A.R, March 28-30.
- Vietnam Veterans Ceremony March 29, 11 a.m. in front of the Tower Barracks Commissary.
- Prague Awaits! Day trip on March 29, register online [here](#), or call Wild B.O.A.R., at 09641-70-526-2628.
- Spring Break at CYS, March 31-April 4: Contact CYS for a detailed activity schedule.
- Naturalization Ceremony, April 1 at 3 p.m. at the Tower View Conference Center.
- Alcohol Awareness Month Color Run April 4 on Tower Barracks at 6:30 a.m.
- Visit Rabenstein Castle with Wild B.O.A.R, April 5. Sign up online [here](#).
- Wild B.O.A.R. Outdoor Recreation Youth Rock Climbing Special from March 28-April 6

- Tower Barracks Blood Drive April 7-8 at the Tower Barracks USO from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS) class: April 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Tower Barracks Red Cross Classroom. Sign up online [here](#).
- Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders visit April 11, 4 p.m. at the Tower Barracks Field House, B547
- Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED class: April 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Rose Barracks Red Cross Office. Sign up online [here](#).
- Passover Seder April 13. For more information call; DSN (314) 569-7070
- Registration is open now for the B.O.S.S. Europe Park Trip, April 25
- Kinderfest, April 26, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Tower Barracks Physical Fitness Center.

Off-post events to check out:

- Starkbierfest (beer fest) in Eschenbach at the SCE Halle, March 22.
- Weiden Flea Market, Festplatz Weiden, March 28.
- American Dance Night in Bayreuth March 29 in the Herzogkeller in Bayreuth
- Easter Market in Weiden April 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Easter Market at the museum in Grafenwoehr, April 6.

What's happening at Hohenfels and Garmisch:

Hohenfels:

- After Hours at the Library: the Turnbull Memorial Library opens its doors after hours for an evening of adult programming from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 21. Patrons 18 and older can test their knowledge on a variety of topics with trivia night. The event is free, but participants must register 24 hours in advance by calling or visiting the library. To learn more, call 09472-708-1740 or DSN 522-1740 or visit the event page [here](#).
- Tax Prep for Service Members, March 26. The Financial Readiness Program provides the know-how for service members to take care of

their federal and state taxes. The one-hour hybrid course takes place at 3 p.m. March 26 in the ACS classroom of Bldg. 10 and online. To learn more or register, call 09472-708-4860 or DSN 522-4860.

- Pickelball session March 29 at the Rodney J. Harris Sports and Fitness Center from 9 -11 a.m. The event is free to participate. To learn more, visit the event page here.
- Stadt Berching (in Landkreis Neumarkt) commodities market (Warenmarkt) on April 1 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in downtown Berching. Visitors can find flavorful cheeses, spices, regionally produced meat, baked goods and much more.
- Stop by the Bowling & Entertainment Center, for Game Night, April 1, 5 – 22 p.m., Karaoke Night and Cosmic Bowling, April 5, 7 p.m.
- Army Community Service is offering Kids Connection and Financial Readiness, April 1, Mom to Mom, April 3. For more classes, check out this website: <https://hohenfels.armymwr.com/programs/acs>.
- Library is inviting families with young children to enjoy a delightful hour of stories, songs and creativity, April 4, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Freie Waldorfschule Regensburg (Free Waldorf School Regensburg) hosts an Ostermarkt (Easter market) from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. April 5 at its location Unterislinger Weg 32, Regensburg. Anyone interested in German Easter crafts can purchase handmade decorations and more.
- The Parsberg symphonic wind orchestra (Symphonisches Blasorchester Parsberg) holds its spring concert (Frühjahrskonzert) at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at the Mehrzweckhalle Parsberg. Entrance is free.
- Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders visit April 10, 4-5 p.m. at the Hohenfels Bowling and entertainment Center, B14
- Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED class: April 12 from 0900-1200 at Hohenfels Red Cross Office, sign up online at American Red Cross- Hohenfels: Hohenfels American Red Cross Classes
- Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS) class: April 10 from 1700-2000 at Tower Barracks Red Cross Classroom, sign up online at American Red Cross- Hohenfels: Hohenfels American Red Cross Classes

Garmisch:

- Hourly Child Care available at our beautiful Child Development Center, Monday through Friday, even if you're just visiting town!
- Join us to play, learn and socialize with your fellow chess mates at the Library, every Tuesday, 4 -6 p.m.
- Tiroler Frühjahrsmesse Spring Fair, March 20-23, Innsbruck, Messe Innsbruck.
- Clothes & Flea Market, Sat & Sun, March 22-23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Garmisch, Kolpingheim
- Flea Market, Sat, March 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oberammergau, Festplatz, Am Labergraben.
- ACS Financial Readiness Program, March 26, 3-4 p.m., Tax Preparation for Service members, offered online. More information and classes are available at: <https://garmisch.armymwr.com/programs/acs>.
- Youth Sports, join us for days of exploring and skiing with friends, March 27, 28, 1:45-5 p.m., register with Parent Central Services, 2 days in advance.
- Start of the round trip (boat) season with the MS Seehausen, Fri, March 28 at 10 a.m. Seehausen/Staffelsee, Boat landing, More info, tickets and schedule at <http://www.staffelsee.org/english.php>
- April is Month of the Military Child (MOMC). Celebrating Military Child and Youth: Building Stronger Character & Relationships. Kickoff Event/Singing of Proclamation on April 1. School Age MOMC Dance, April 4, 6 – 8 p.m., Week of the Young Child activities, April 5-11, Purple Up!, April 9, CYS Annual Field Day, April 11, 10 a.m., Kinderfest, April 25, 4-6 p.m., Operation Megaphone, April 25-26, Closing Ceremonies, April 30.
- Car Service weekend, April 4-6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., B257, Artillery Kaserne, call 521-3702 to reserve a spot.
- Movie Matinee at the Library, April 5, 2 p.m., Bring your own popcorn and drinks.

