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MESSAGE FROM THE HHC COMMANDER

These past few months the Garrison community has lost too many good Soldiers. My deepest condolences go out to their family and friends. Let us all find someone to talk to, a battle buddy. Let no one endure hardships alone.

Take the time to really know those we work with. The path to getting to know someone can start with a simple question "What's new". Providing a listening ear can really alleviate someone's worry. In overwhelming times I consult my 1SG, HHC USAG Bavaria 1SG Imari Jackson.

He helps me in times of stress. I ask that we all find a friend with whom to talk too. If you prefer, you could share specific concerns with one of your friends and share other concerns with another friend. I will conclude with this, we are all influenced by circumstances and situations. In the upcoming year I will tackle my challenges with the help of my battle, 1SG, and strive for a safer organization. I challenge you to find a battle buddy who you can consult with in times of stress.

-Guardian 6

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

SSG GLEN W. HAMBRICK 4TH
MAJ JEFFREY L. ROTHSTEIN 8TH
JACOB D. FRYKHOLM 8TH
CSM MICHEAL D. SUTTERFIELD 8TH
MAJ DAVID L. MONTGOMERY 9TH MSG
LATISSA L. BUTLER 11TH
CPT CHARLIE M. FOWLER 18TH
PFC GRIFFEN J. JOHNSON 30TH
1SG STUART N. SWORD 30TH
LTC TERRY L. SIMMONS 31TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AND BEST WISHES!!!!



HHC USAG BAVARIA WELCOMES OUR NEW ARRIVALS

" No matter what 'home' means to you, there is surely something nostalgic about the place we call home. It's the place of comfort that we share with friends and family. " T.S. Eliot

COL Adam J. Boyd

MAJ David Christensen

SGT Cody A. Mortimore

PFC Steven W. Lewis

HHC USAG BAVARIA DEPARTURES

" You and I will meet again, When we're least expecting it, One day in some far off place, I will recognize your face, I won't say goodbye my friend, For you and I will meet again. " Tom Petty

COL Lance Varney

SSG Daniel Moates

SGT Alexander Tom

SGT Gary Smith



HHC USAG AND DES SURVIVORS OF THE 6th ANNUAL GRAF RUGGED TERRAIN OBSTACLE RUN APRIL 2018, TOWERS BARRACKS, USAG BAVARIA

These highly skilled warriors, put their bodies to the test through 16 kilometer cross-country run filled with steep hills and hardcore obstacle course. The event was met by a beautiful sunny Bavarian day with a light breeze to keep the competitors cool. Great team building event!



SOLDIERS SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to newly promoted SSG Carter, SSG Pate and SSG Brown. The Army is heading in the right direction.



In April, SGT Lucena represented IMCOM-Europe in Joint Base San Antonio for the Best Warrior Competition. After winning the competition here in Europe he went on to compete and win runner-up for the Noncommissioned Officers. We want to wish him a well-deserved congratulations for his accomplishment.



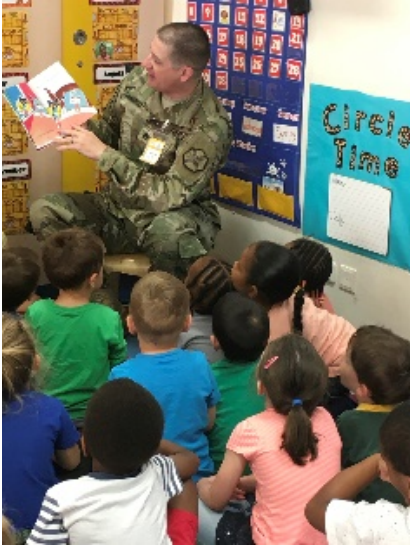


April was the Month of the Military Child. The Soldiers here in the DES supported the Child Youth Services for their Kinderfest. SPC Spencer conducted a PT session with the kids, gave them a demonstration of one of the patrol vehicles, and showed them some of the equipment that the patrols use. The event turned out to be a great partnership event between the DES and Child Youth Services.



On 11 April 18, SFC Charlie Fields was selected for promotion to Master Sergeant. The results were posted from the FY18 promotion board. SFC Charlie Fields was the only NCO selected within the 56M CMF (Religious Affairs NCO) in the Army for the FY18 Master Sergeant board. He now represents the top 3% within his career field which by enlarge represents his professionalism and dedication to Army. Well done!





SSG HAMBRICK



PV2 GRUPP



SSG CARTER AND PV2 CARTER

The RSO provided their team for the book reading program at the Child Development Center (CDC) in Netzbarg in support of the Month of the Military Child from 23-27 April 18. The Soldiers read to children of all age groups. Soldiers expressed their enjoyment reading to the children. The CDC continues to seek Soldiers and Family members who can help and bring joy to the children by taking time out and reading to them.





MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

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NEW TDY APPROVAL DOCUMENT

Effective 1 July 2018, USAG Bavaria will be using a new form to approve DAC TDY travel. Since 2016, written approval of either the GC or DGC has been required to go TDY. We have been handling this in an informal way via email up to this point, but questions have come up that require us to codify and simplify this process to ensure that command knows the basic details of the TDY and agree to the TDY as proposed.

- **Easy to use Adobe form:**

The form can easily be filled out, signed and emailed (eventually submitted to a TDY workflow) to your supervisor for presentation to command for approval. It basically tells command where, when, purpose, special needs and

who will be paying for it. Oh, and an estimate of the cost as well. It will also ask if you have a GTCC and remind you to call your DTA to make sure your GTCC is activated prior to starting orders in DTS.

- **Do your homework first!**

There are a lot of issues to work out and information to gather prior to any TDY. The new form helps you remember to get all that info, before you start to build orders in DTS. Yes, we know that you are an experienced traveler and you don't need reminding, but before you became the savvy world traveler you are today, you had to start somewhere—this form will help novices as well as remind road warriors of all the info required.

- **Funding Travel:**

You need to tell Command who is paying for the travel. Is it centrally-funded by your DA Proponency, or 7ATC, MTSA, or will your Directorate be footing the bill? This is important information for the Command Staff in the approval process.

- **Rental Car Approval**

No more separate forms for getting your rental car approved! The reversal of the TDY form is the rental car approval form you need to be authorized a rental car on your TDY. Travel orders containing rental vehicles, but without a signed/approved rental request form, will be rejected and returned to the traveler.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Travel, Travel, Travel—new form fits all!*
- *DTS Changes*
- *Restricted Airfares & DTS*
- *ILPP*
- *New employee news*

BUDGET TERMS DEFINED

ILPP— Integrated Lodging Pilot Program

GTCC — Government Travel Charge Card

TDY— Temporary Duty

DTS — Defense Travel System

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America's Continued Commitment to

**EUROPEAN
SECURITY**

Operation Atlantic Resolve

**US TRAVEL—ILPP—INTEGRATED LODGING PILOT PROGRAM**

The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) requires travelers (Service members and civilians) TDY to a pilot site to use government (DoD lodging), DoD privatized, or DoD Preferred lodging before other commercial lodging options. If a traveler's orders list the TDY location as a U.S. military installation at a pilot site, the traveler is directed to book DoD lodging if available. If available, and the traveler chooses other accommodations, lodging reimbursement is limited to the cost of available DoD lodging. If

DoD Lodging is not available, DTS directs travelers to privatized lodging. If the traveler was first directed to privatized lodging, reimbursement will be limited to the amount the government would have paid if privatized lodging was used. Orders list TDY location as pilot site city or metropolitan area: If a traveler's orders list the TDY location as a pilot site city or surrounding metropolitan area, the traveler is directed to book DoD Preferred commercial lodging if available. If

lodging is available but not used, lodging cost reimbursement is limited to the negotiated rate for Preferred commercial lodging. In advance of travel, an Approving Official may authorize exceptions to Integrated Lodging Program Pilot use based on mission, distance, lower rate, and other exceptions listed in the JTR. Bottom line is that if lodging can be booked in DTS, it should be, unless the mission requires an exception. Contact your DTA for a list of the ILP locations.

**MEET YOUR ANALYST**

My name is Jennifer Sanchez. I came to Grafenwoehr from Orlando, Florida. I am originally from Miami, FL. We wanted a change and new experiences, so we went drastic (big city to now living in a rural area- we have horses as next door neighbors,

and cows across the street, and why do roosters get up so early?!) I was a Budget Analyst at the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO STRI). I worked on several tank training programs which are fielded here

in Graf ! (DRTS, CTIA, CTC LFM, and MILES)

I am now your Garrison Defense Travel Administrator and GTCC Area Program Coordinator!

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UPCOMING TRAINING AND MEETINGS**DTS /GTCC Training:**

Graf/Vilseck: 10 JULY 18

Hohenfels: 12 JUL 18

Garmisch: 23 JUL 18

Topics covered: recent DTS changes, how to create correct DTS authorizations/ vouchers, and common errors (how to avoid them!). Upcoming GTCC changes will also be discussed.

PBAC: Scheduled for the end of July (date TBD).



DTS & RESTRICTED AIRFARE—SAVE MONEY BUT BEWARE!

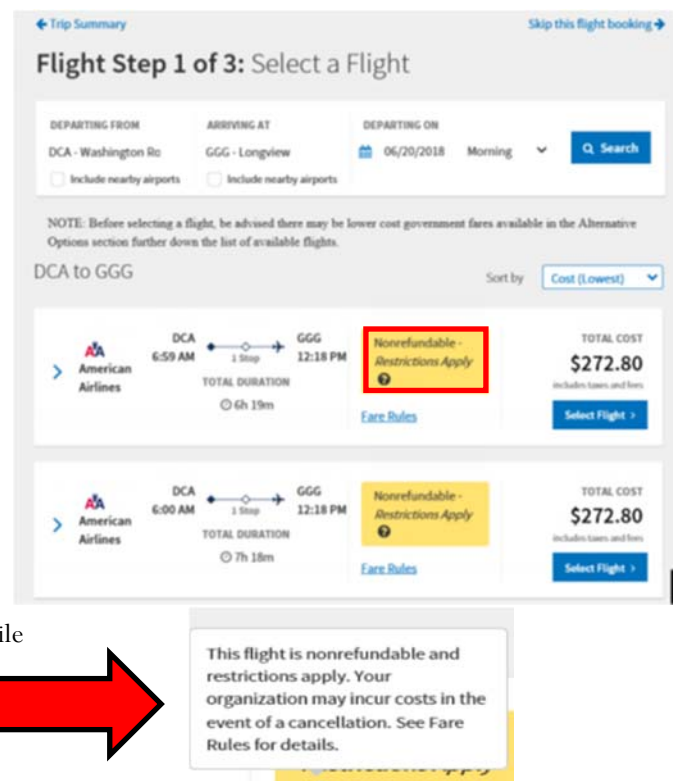
Again -more big changes are again coming to DTS starting in June. One of the most important is Restricted Airfare. Beginning on June 22nd, DTS will display less-expensive airfare options at reservation time, along with the fully-refundable and fully changeable government airfares like GSA City Pair fares.

The new airfare screens introduced last winter now include these fares as an option for certain travel opportunities. This is your opportunity to get more travel for your budget dollar and go with those lower fares you may have used for your personal travel. Keep in mind: *you must have a fixed schedule not likely to change.*

REMEMBER—THIS IS A DUAL EDGED SWORD!

If you need to cancel or change your dates/times/locations after booking the fare, you will incur a change fee costing the government more money, not less. These fares should only be used when there is a fixed schedule with little chance for change or cancellation.

Many of these fares require payment at the time of booking—so if you are looking to use these, please insure your GTCC is activated and in your DTS profile before venturing down this path..



Flight Step 1 of 3: Select a Flight

DEPARTING FROM: DCA - Washington Rn
ARRIVING AT: GGG - Longview
DEPARTING ON: 06/20/2018 Morning

NOTE: Before selecting a flight, be advised there may be lower cost government fares available in the Alternative Options section further down the list of available flights.

DCA to GGG

Sort by: Cost (Lowest)

Flight 1: American Airlines, DCA 6:59 AM, 1 Stop, GGG 12:18 PM, TOTAL DURATION 6h 19m, TOTAL COST \$272.80 (includes taxes and fees). **Nonrefundable - Restrictions Apply**

Flight 2: American Airlines, DCA 6:00 AM, 1 Stop, GGG 12:18 PM, TOTAL DURATION 7h 18m, TOTAL COST \$272.80 (includes taxes and fees). **Nonrefundable - Restrictions Apply**

This flight is nonrefundable and restrictions apply. Your organization may incur costs in the event of a cancellation. See Fare Rules for details.

OCONUS LODGING IN DTS

If you have ever attempted to use DTS to book lodging locally in Germany, you will quickly notice that the choices are not always logical. You may be directed to Austria for Garmisch. You will never get a room in Army Lodging in some locations. This is a known problem in DTS. Friends don't let friends book lodging in DTS without a common sense review! In general, travelers should look to book a

room at DoD lodging as the preferred first choice, then reasonably priced local lodging if those are not available (ie, within the allowed rate).

DO NOT JUST BOOK THE FIRST LODGING CHOICE IN DTS FOR OCONUS.

We have multiple examples of excessive rates, prepayments being required but not noted in DTS, amongst many other is-

sues. Use common sense.



USAG BAVARIA DRM

TOWER BARRACKS
BLDG 433

Plan, control and execute the USAG-Bavaria command's budget with coordinated financial management, budget services, manpower/management analysis, program management, and commercial activity programs integrated and designed to promote efficiency and economy in execution of the Garrison's mission and programs.

WE ARE THE
ARMY'S HOME

RMO—THE PEOPLE

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