

## LOCAL DRIVING HAZARDS FOR MANNHEIM GARRISON

The USAG Mannheim Military Police and German Police Liaison Officer have not identified any specific “local driving hazard” areas within the Mannheim area where an increased rate of privately owned vehicle or Army motor vehicle accidents occur involving US Forces personnel. However, based on past experience, the MPs indicated that the following areas offer an “increased accident potential” if vehicle operators don’t stay “safety focused” and practice defensive driving techniques.

1. **Friendship Circle.** (Traffic circles can be very confusing for newcomers to Europe). This traffic circle at Fuerther Platz (commonly referred to as Friendship Circle) is one of the most traveled traffic circles used by US Forces personnel within the Mannheim Military Community. Always remember that **traffic on the circle has the right of way** and vehicles are required to **signal upon leaving the circle**).



2. **All On & Off Ramps for Autobahn A6** to roads accessing Mannheim Military Facilities. Traffic using this A6 off-ramp must merge with traffic traveling west bound on Autobahn A659. Always check your blind spot (left and rear) as you merge with A659 westbound traffic that is attempting to enter the entry ramp for Autobahn A6 southbound traffic.



**3. Merging Lanes on Autobahns & Highways** within the Mannheim Military Community. Use caution and always check your blind spot (left and rear) anytime you are entering any of the major highways throughout the Mannheim Military Community from feeder roads. The picture on the left is entering Autobahn A659 traveling westbound from the feeder street of Gorxheimer Strasse. The picture on the right is approaching the entrance to Autobahn A659 traveling eastbound (to Viernheim, Weinheim) from the feeder street of Havelland Strasse.



**4. All parking lots** within the military installations (PX, Commissary, Housing areas, etc.) These areas are notorious for minor “fender bender” accidents resulting from improper backing. Property damage accidents on military installations must be reported to the Military Police. IAW UR 190-1, vehicle operators may be assessed six traffic points for not reporting or fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in property damage.

