

# ACES ABROAD

*Army Continuing Education Systems in Europe*



***Congratulations Class of 2024!***



**USAG Wiesbaden**



**USAG Rheinland Pfalz**



**USAG Ansbach**

*Upcoming Celebrations- Italy's Graduation - 10 October  
Bavaria's Graduation- 15 November*

## Education Center Spotlight

### USAG Italy

*We interviewed our Education Services Officer, Carol Hall, and asked her a few questions about her Education Center.*

**What makes your education center unique?**

"USAG-ITALY-ACES-Education Center has a culturally diverse staff. Italy's education team is so very professionally enriching. Working across cultures is a truly enriching experience, allowing others to learn about perspectives and traditions from around the world. Bonding over similarities and differences help us to become a global citizen, abandoning prejudices or an ethnocentric world view—something that is increasingly valuable in any workplace."

**What makes you happy at work?**

"A Soldier being the first in their family to attend college and/or be the family's first to graduate. The look in a Soldier's eyes and the smile on their face while walking across the stage to receive her/his Certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's degree. And the proud family members and friends cheering the graduate on at that moment."



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## BSEP

Highest scores across  
Europe

Ansbach - 127

Bavaria - 141

Benelux - 126

Wiesbaden - 134

Stuttgart - 140

Rheinland-Pfalz - 144

Italy - 132

*Contact your Education Center  
for information on upcoming  
BSEP classes*

# Army Personnel Testing



## Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT)

### What is the SIFT?

The SIFT is a computer-based test battery that was developed using industry standard scientific methods to predict the success of students in aviation training programs. The SIFT is an army personnel test required for acceptance to the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Flight Training (WOFT) program. The complete test battery is used as a primary selection instrument for the army aviation program.

### What are the eligibility requirements to take the SIFT?

- An examinee who wishes to take the SIFT battery as part of the application process for selection to Initial Entry Rotary Wing (IERW)
- The service member must possess a GT score of 110 or higher
- Completed and commander digitally signed DA4187 requesting the SIFT

### Passing scores and retest policies

- A passing score is equal to or higher than 40/80. If a passing score of 40 is achieved, the candidate cannot retest. Applicants who fail to achieve the minimum score may only retest once. The second attempt must be no sooner than 46 days after the first test.

### Did you know?

You are authorized to use Tuition Assistance for required pre-requisite courses for Army medical programs, graduate school, and more!



### USAG Bavaria 2024 Military Academic Achievement Award Ceremony

The ceremony honored 36 students for their outstanding academic performance and success in addition to the demands of their military life.

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*USAG Bavaria showing team spirit!*



Carolina Panthers' Cheerleaders cheering on the Ed Center counselors

### Important Reminders:

- ❖ 30 July is last day to request Credentialing Assistance for FY24
- ❖ 6 September is the last day to request Tuition Assistance for FY24

Contact your nearest Education Center for more details.

### Benelux-Brunssum Monthly Education Expo - May 2024

Contact BENELUX Education Center for upcoming dates and times







#### **Assigned Installation: USAG Italy**

SGT Bergeron-Ryan speaks four (4) languages: English, Spanish, Levantine-Arabic and Italian. He has taken the DLPT and obtained passing scores in the Arabic dialects, French and Vietnamese languages. He has taken DLPTs in a total of 12 different languages and dialects. He is an outstanding Soldier, mentor and a wearer of many hats. He is deserving to be spotlighted as Italy's Soldier of the Month June 2024.

#### **Unit/Position:**

307th FCB Command Language Program Manager

HHD, 307th MI BN (FCB), 207th MIB (T) Vicenza, Italy.

**Academic Institution:** University of Maryland Global Campus- Europe

**Major:** General Studies with concentrations in Business Administration and Arabic

#### **What motivates SGT Bergeron-Ryan?**

"My love of exploration and meeting new people from different cultural backgrounds is what motivates me. I am passionate about learning foreign languages and cultures, and my dream is to travel the world which I am blessed to do now in Europe."

#### **How he uses the education center?**

"I am frequently at the Education Center either to take Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPTs) or to sign-up for college classes through the University of Maryland Global Campus. Additionally, as the 307th Military Intelligence Battalion's Command Language Program Manager (CLPM), I coordinate DLPTs for other linguists with our test examiner, Mrs. Marisol. My education center has enabled me to pursue my love of learning and put me on the path to obtain a Bachelor's degree. It has also allowed me to demonstrate my foreign language skills through DLPTs in 12 different languages or dialects, which has helped advance my military career."



**USAG Stuttgart – Job Fair**

### **Giving a warm welcome to Majella Lanham, the new ESO USAG-Poland**



*University of Maryland  
Global Campus  
is celebrating 75 years  
of educating Service  
Members across the  
Globe!*



**7th MSC Community Fair**

**Upcoming Event!**  
Embry-Riddle  
Aeronautical  
University's  
Graduation  
Ceremony is  
September 28<sup>th</sup> in  
Frankfurt,  
Germany

# EXPLORE VA

## Education Benefits

Information for Soldiers on available veteran education benefits, the qualifying criteria to use benefits, and eligibility to transfer education benefits to eligible dependents.

### Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)

#### Eligibility?

- Be honorably discharged, served at least 2 years on Active Duty and meet additional requirements
- Education/Training program is approved

#### Benefits?

- A monthly stipend based on how many courses taken
- Additional amount through optional participation in the \$600 Buy-Up Program

### Post 9/11 GI Bill

#### Eligibility?

- Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying Active Duty on or after September 11, 2001
- Serve for 30 continuous days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury

#### Benefits?

- Tuition & Fees
- Books & Supplies
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)
- Payments are pro-rated based on qualifying service

### Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)

#### Eligibility?

- Be on Active Duty or in the Selected Reserve
- Completed at least 6 years of service on the date the request is approved
- Agree to add 4 more years of service
- Dependents receiving benefits are enrolled in DEERS

#### How?

- Request TEB at [milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect](https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect)

#### Benefits?

- Dependents receive same benefits as the Soldier
- Spouses may use benefits right away (MHA excluded)
- Children may use benefits only after the Soldier has completed 10 years of service
- Tuition & Fees
- MHA
- Books & Supplies
- Fees for National Standardized Tests
- Fees for Licensing & Certifications

