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# 9 November 2011

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

U.S. ARMY GARRISON - MAIN POST (GRAFENWOEHR) / ROSE BARRACKS (VILSECK)

# All Star Football Game

November 12

DoDDS Europe

Kick off 7 p.m.  
USAG Grafenwoehr  
Main Post Physical Fitness Center  
BLDG. 170

Food & Halftime Entertainment



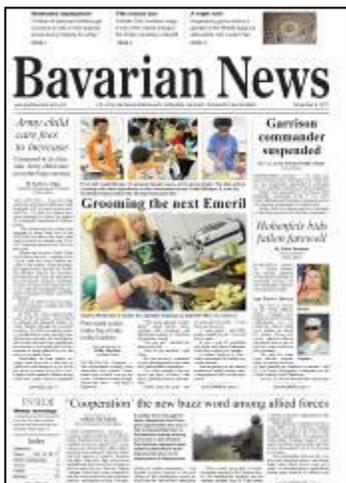
For more information contact  
DSN 475-1770, CIV 09641-83-1770  
<http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/>



Gate 20 (Netzberg) will be open for non-id card holders vehicular traffic  
Gate 2 will be open for non-id card holder pedestrian traffic

# Community Highlights

Special programs, updates, community campaigns, classes and more



## Bavarian News: On Stands Today!

Read all about it! **The next Emeril:** As part of an after-school cooking class at Netzaberg Elementary School, pint-sized chefs make big strides in the kitchen and learn about safety, as well; **Building the future:** German and U.S. Soldiers bolster their relationship through realistic training and exercises in Schweinfurt; **On the rise:** Child care fees are set to increase by \$4 to \$8 per week between now and Dec. 1. Despite the changes, which are part of a three-year program to align Army fees to DoD policy, families still pay only half the cost of child care; the Army pays the remainder; **Their first deployment:** Children of deployed Soldiers from the 172nd Infantry Brigade get a taste deployment, including everything from land navigation to physical fitness and even in-processing, during the unit's "Deploy for a Day" event in Grafenwoehr; **This means war:** In Hohenfels, Kontakt Club members wage a war of the weeds and give the Polish cemetery a facelift; **Resplendent Regensburg:** Just an hour south of Grafenwoehr, Regensburg gives visitors a glimpse into the Middle Ages but still bustles with contemporary flair; and **Winter warnings:** The chill is in the air and soon snow will be on the ground. Experts provide tried-and-true tips for staying safe before the schnee hits the strasse.

## Estate Claim, Spc. Pasion

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Ronnie V. Pasion of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Joint Multinational Readiness Command, should contact 1st Lt. Bruce Rosenbloom at DSN 520-5185 or e-mail [bruce.rosenbloom@eur.army.mil](mailto:bruce.rosenbloom@eur.army.mil).

## Garrison recall

**Nov. 10:** The next Garrison Recall is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Main Post Tower Theater. All garrison managers and supervisors are required to attend.

## Employee town hall

**Nov. 23:** All garrison employees are invited to attend one of two upcoming employee town hall meetings. The first town hall will be at 9 a.m. at the Rose Barracks Theater. The second will be at the Main Post Tower Theater at 1:30 p.m.

## Overseas Service Photography Project Announced

The Department of Defense announced today that it seeks donations of photographs of U.S. military service life overseas from current and former service members for use in a photo recognition exhibition planned in conjunction with the State Department.

The project called "**Serving Abroad...Through Their Eyes**" will choose images that depict six specific categories: daily life, friendship, places, faces, loss or triumph. Selected images may be used for display in a special photography exhibition planned for the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Pentagon and other prominent venues, stateside and overseas. **Submissions will be accepted beginning Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2011, through Presidents Day, Feb 20, 2012.** Rules, entry form and submission guidelines may be found at <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/their-eyes/serving-abroad-through-their-eyes>. For more, contact Lt. Col. Robert Ditchey at [Robert.Ditchey@osd.mil](mailto:Robert.Ditchey@osd.mil).

## Gift Wrapping Table

**25 Nov – 24 Dec:** The American Red Cross is sponsoring gift wrapping tables at both the Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Main PXs throughout this holiday shopping season. All donations directly benefit your community organizations in the Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Hohenfels area. For more, contact your garrison Red Cross.

## Soldier Show now excepting nomination

The U.S. Army Entertainment Division is accepting nominations for the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show until Dec. 30. Nominations are being accepted for technicians, performers, lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technicians. Selections for the U.S. Army Soldier Show will begin in January and are completed by February of each calendar year. Send nomination packets to: U.S. Army Soldier Show, Attn: 2012 Selection Committee, IMCOM G9, 2455 Reynolds Road, Bldg 2266, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7588.

All nomination packets must include the following: Name, rank, SSN, unit address, duty phone, e-mail address, and area(s) of specialty for performer (singer, dancer, etc.) or areas of specialty for technician (lighting, audio, carpentry, electrical work, etc.). Ensure this information is current and accurate.

\*Official DA photo or similar photo in uniform.

\*Copy of current enlisted or officer record brief.

\*Copy of latest NCOER/OER

Complete details on the nomination process are available at [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com).

## **Road conditions**

For up-to-date weather information, click on the following [link](#).

## **Guests must be signed in through Gate 6**

**Currently effective:** Personnel will no longer be able to sign in visitors at Gate 3. All personnel wishing to sign someone in to Main Post will be required to use the 24 hour Visitor Center at Gate 6. The entrance to Gate 6 is located on B299, adjacent to the Army airfield.

## **2011 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas**

The 2011 CFC-Overseas program, the world's largest charity campaign impacting the lives of military personnel and Family members, starts **Oct. 4 and runs through Dec. 2**.

CFC, the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces, raises millions of dollars annually and features more than 2,300 charities.

During last year's campaign, U.S. Army in Europe Soldiers and civilian employees contributed approximately \$2.4 million, with more than \$97,000 designated for the family support and youth programs. CFC-O offers contributors the opportunity to give using the traditional paper pledge card or through e-giving at [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).

## **Meter Reading, Army Housing**

**November timeframe:** The Hausmeister must do the yearly meter reading in each leased house.

While he needs access to the utility room, nobody needs to stay home during this action.

For more information call Housing Division Grafenwoehr, DSN: 475-8783 or CIV: 09641-83-8783.

## **Best Junior Officer Competition**

**14 – 18 Nov:** The U.S. Army in Europe is hosting a Best Junior Officer competition at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. Officers, grades 01-03, can compete in a grueling, three-day, scenario-driven competition testing warrior-task and drills and common-leader combat skills, including day and night land navigation, patrolling, small arms qualifications and medical evacuation. Officers interested in competing should contact their unit leadership for nomination or see their Brigade Operations officer for more information.

## **European Seminar**

**17 – 18 Nov:** The Bavarian State Government sponsors the 30th annual European Seminar, near Bamberg, focusing on security issues of the transatlantic partnership. The Seminar is geared towards Field Grade Officers (but not limited to) and their civilian counterparts and spouses stationed in Bavaria. We only have 25 slots, space is limited and nominees will be selected on a first come first serve basis. The Bavarian Government provides room and board.

For details, call 089-2805583/84 or 0171-3076906.

## **Holiday mailing deadlines for U.S. Army Post Offices in Germany**

SAM Parcels: **Friday, 25 Nov.**

PAL Parcels: **Friday, 2 Dec.**

PRIORITY Parcels: **Friday, 9 Dec.**

FIRST CLASS letters and cards: **Friday, 9 Dec.**

EXPRESS Mail: **Friday, 16 Dec.**

## **Customs pamphlet eases holiday mail rush**

Mailing packages stateside from Europe involves many prohibitions, restrictions and import duty rules. U.S. personnel can avoid the pitfalls by getting the "International Mail Imports" pamphlet from a military customs office.

Banned products include canned meats, pâté, salami, sausage and soup mixes containing meat. It is also illegal to mail handguns, alcoholic beverages and a whole list of other items to the United States. Other articles may need special import permits.

A customs declaration must be fixed to every parcel going to the States and falsifying it is a federal crime. The International Mail Imports pamphlet is available at any military customs office and [online](#).

## Community Retirement Ceremony

**30 Nov:** USAG Grafenwoehr will host a quarterly retirement ceremony at Grafenwoehr Field House (Main Post Bldg. 547), that will recognize the many years of service and sacrifice that our Soldiers and Civilians (U.S. and local nationals) have given to the United States Army and the Nation. Soldiers and Civilian members of the Grafenwoehr military community are welcome to participate in this event.

For more, Keith Harry at [email](#); DSN 475-8539 and Jorge J. Morel at [email](#); DSN 475-8821.

## Educational Scholarships Available

The Vilseck Community and Spouses Club (VCSC) wants to help you go to college. Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors, spouses/dependents of active duty military and DOD civilians. The application deadline is **March 16**. For more or an application, visit [vcsonline.com](#).



## Winter's coming, prepare your vehicle

Every year in October U.S. Forces in Germany participate in the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign.

German garages, Exchange Car Care Centers and most U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations will be conducting courtesy (cost free) inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights and turn signals.

In addition to the lighting inspection, AAFES Car Care Centers will also inspect windshield wipers, exhaust systems and tires.

The International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign is part of the U.S. Army Europe and Germany Fight the Risk joint traffic safety campaign. For more, [www.fight-the-risk.army.mil](http://www.fight-the-risk.army.mil).

## DPW Energy Saving Tip of the Week

Follow your Garrison computer shut-off policy and turn off your Gov computer at the end of the day (except Wednesdays for security scan/update).

## Video helps Soldiers prepare for centralized selection boards

The Department of the Army Secretariat released a 10-minute instructional video to assist officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers with preparing for centralized selection boards. The video explains the overall selection board process and shows Soldiers where on the Army Human Resources Command website to find selection boards and their specific convening dates during the fiscal year. The video explains how to navigate the My Board File and prepare military records for those being considered for promotion. It also provides information about what board members look for during the board file review process. The instructional video can be viewed at <http://goo.gl/gEy4v> by logging-on with an Army Knowledge Online username and password.



## AFN Bavaria/The Exchange Photo Contest

Share your photos of Bavaria with us on the AFN Bavaria [Facebook](#) page. Post pictures you take of places you've visited, or people you've met in **Bavaria** and you can win! Monthly winners will win a \$25 Exchange Gift Card. The grand prize winner who takes the photo of the year will win a \$100 gift card toward a new digital camera.

### **Contest Rules:**

- Photos may be uploaded to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/afnbavaria](http://www.facebook.com/afnbavaria)) at anytime.
- Winners will be selected based on the number of likes their photo receives from our Facebook fans.
- Monthly winners will be selected no later than the end of the first week of the month.
- Monthly winners will automatically be entered into the photo of the year competition. No additional submissions will be accepted.
- Only one photo entry will be accepted per person during contest month; however, you can resubmit the same photo the following month, if it has not already won. The exception is the photo of the year contest. The grand prize winner will be selected no later than the end of January.
- Photos must be suitable for sharing in a public forum (G rated).
- AFN reserves the right to re-publish your photo for use within the contest or for promotional purposes.
- By submitting a photo you are verifying that it is a photo you took.
- Prizes will be provided by The Exchange.

## Suicide prevention hotline now available in Europe

Installation Management Command Europe officials announced toll-free European access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line on Oct. 5.



All active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can reach the Lifeline by dialing DSN 118 from any Army garrison DSN phone or commercially via a toll-free European number, 00800-1273-TALK (8255).

The toll-free number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones and most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The toll-free number may not be reachable from all prepaid cell phones and some cell phone callers may incur charges.

A live Internet-based chat service is also available at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

All calls are confidential and will be answered by trained crisis counselors. If you, or someone you know, is considering suicide -- Get Help! For more, contact Scott Harris, IMCOM-Europe through [email](#).



### Just scan it!

Now it's even easier to submit ICE - Interactive Customer Comments. Through your Smart Phones, you can provide immediate feedback on services received.

If you have a Smart phone or iPhone, download a QR decoder app. Take a snapshot of the code with your phone, and the code automatically directs you to ICE.

## Your voice, your vote

### **Ohio keeps military voters informed with new website**

The State of Ohio recently launched [www.OhioMilitaryVotes.com](http://www.OhioMilitaryVotes.com) and the Military Ready-to-Vote program to help make voting while on Active Duty as straightforward and hassle free as possible. Through email reminders and social media, they'll keep you up-to-date on important deadlines and other relevant information.

### **Elections information for the 8 November 2011 general elections**

If you are an Active Duty or overseas voter and you have not yet done so, fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), print it and mail it back or use FVAP's online wizard at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). By filling out the FPCA you are both registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot for the upcoming November election. This form also serves to update your voting address if it has changed since you last voted.

### **Submit your ballot request now for the November 2011 statewide general elections for the following states:**

Arkansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio and Virginia will hold general statewide elections on November 8, 2011. New York will hold general statewide elections on November 11, 2011. Louisiana will hold their general statewide election on November 19, 2011.

## Suicide Prevention Awareness

**Call the suicide prevention hotline number at DSN 475-LIFE. Visit our [website](#) for more on suicide prevention.** Suicide prevention, sexual assault or just a friendly ear... you are never alone.

Professionals are available to counsel you in confidence. **Getting help is a sign of strength.**

**24 Hour Community Hotlines:** Chaplain Hotline 0162-296-0838, Military Police Hotline 09662-83-114, Sexual Assault Hotline 0162-296-0661 and Emergency Services 09641-83-117.



## Find us on Facebook

[USAG Grafenwoehr](#), [Army Community Service](#), [VFW Tower Post 10692](#), [MWR](#), [Main Post](#) and [Rose Barracks](#) Postal Service Centers, [Graf Dog community](#), [the EXCHANGE](#), [AFN Bavaria](#), [Performing Arts Center](#) [Grafenwoehr Chaplains](#), [Main Post DFAC](#), [172 Infantry Brigade](#), [BMEDDAC](#), and [2SCR](#).

# Army Community Service (ACS)

## Contact Army Community Service (ACS)

Main Post, DSN 475-8371, CIV 09641-83-8371. Rose Barracks, DSN 476-2650 CIV 09662-83-2650.

ACS is now on Facebook and Twitter (Follow GRAF ACS) or email [graf.acs@eur.army.mil](mailto:graf.acs@eur.army.mil) for info.

\*\*\*The Army Volunteer Corps, AFTB & AFAP programs have moved back into the Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg. 322.



### ACS QR CODE

If you have a Smartphone or iPhone, download a QR decoder app. Take a snapshot of the code with your phone, and the code automatically direct you to the ACS section of the Garrison webpage. This is a quick and easy way to access our information and that of the USAG Grafenwoehr Garrison.

## Army Family Action Plan

AFAP affects all of us. Without your input of issues we cannot improve the way things. Change can happen only with your voice! Submit your issues by sending an [email](#) (include what the issue is, who it affects, and what solution you may have to the issue), by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/afap> or call AFAP at DSN 476-2237 or CIV 09662-83-2237.

## ACS Readiness, classes

### Employment Readiness

\*\*NEW CLASSES FOR EMPLOYMENT READINESS\*\*

**15 Nov & 20 Dec: USAJobs: Learn the new Federal Application Process**, 10-11 a.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322

**13 Dec: Career Fairs 101: Learn Career Fairs Basics**, 10-11 a.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322

### Financial Readiness

**23 Nov & 12 Dec: Checking Account Maintenance**, 1-2 p.m., ACS Rose Barracks, Bldg 322.

**30 Nov: Investing 101-103**, 1-4 p.m., ACS Rose Barracks, Bldg 322.

**5 Dec: Money Management**, 1-3 p.m., ACS Rose Barracks, Bldg 322.

### Relocation Readiness

**14 Nov: Goodbye and Hello**, Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322, 4-5 p.m. Prepare yourself for a stress free transition during your next move! Learn about your future duty station, schools, and more! Pre-registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

**29 Nov-1 Dec: Welcome to Bavaria Level I: Welcome to Bavaria**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Main Post Chapel Annex.

**9 Dec: Welcome to Bavaria Level II: Discover Weiden**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,

### International Spouses Club

**Every Tuesday at Main Post Chapel & every Thursday at Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322: English as a Second Language**, 10 a.m.-noon. This class is for Spouses of active duty military, retirees and civilians whose native language is other than English. This class is free of charge and ongoing. Learn and embrace the American culture by starting with the language and meet new friends! For more information call DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

**16 Nov: Immigration & Citizenship**, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Join us and our panel of experts to answer your questions about immigration, citizenship and paperwork. Service members are not required to attend with their Spouses. Pre-registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

**18 Nov: German Holiday Baking with Chef Sven**, noon-3 p.m. Learn how to bake traditional Germany holiday cookies! Pre-registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

### Hearts Apart: A Program for Spouses of Deployed Soldiers

**2 Dec: German Holiday Baking with Chef Sven**, noon-3 p.m. Learn how to bake traditional Germany holiday cookies! Pre-registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

**6 Dec: Discover Bayreuth**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Take a break and visit unusual places during our treasure hunt. Discover the history, traditions, shopping, restaurants and nightlife! Pre-registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

## Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

Have questions? [Email](#) EFMP directly.

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**16 Nov: EFMP Support Group**, 3-4 p.m., Main Post, Bldg 244, Room 219.

**8 Dec: EFMP Movie Bash: Happy Feet 2**, 4-6 p.m., Main Post Movie Theater.

**14 Dec: EFMP Support Group**, 3-4 p.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322.

**15 Dec: EFMP Free Bowling**, 4-6 p.m., Main Post Bowling Center.

## Mobilization and Deployment

**19 Nov: Super Saturday FRG Training**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322.

**30 Nov: Care Team Training**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322.

## Resilience Training

Resilience Training offers strength-based, positive psychology tools to aid Soldiers, and Family members in their ability to grow and flourish in the face of challenges. Resilience Training gives you the skills to bounce back from difficulties affiliated with the military life and beyond. For childcare, please register your child through CYSS. **Registration is required.**

### Full Resilience Training (4 day class)

**14-17 Nov:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Main Post, Camp Normandy, Bldg 3144.

### Condensed Resilience Training (2 day class)

**24-25 Jan:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322 .

## New Parent Support Program

**Newborn Network for parents with babies ages 0 through 3**

**Every Tuesday:** Rose Barracks ACS, bldg 322, 1-3 p.m.

**Playgroup for parents and children ages 0 through 3**

**Every Tuesday:** Main Post Chapel, 9:30-11 a.m.

**Every Wednesday:** Rose Barracks Chapel, 9:30-11 a.m.

**Pre and Post Natal Yoga \*Free\***

**Every Friday:** Pre Natal Yoga, Rose Barracks, bldg 221, 9-10 a.m.

**\*\*Starting in December\*\*Every Friday:** Post Natal Yoga, Rose Barracks, bldg 221, 10-11a.m.

**Positive Parenting for parents of infants and toddlers \*\*NEW!\*\***

**9 Dec:** Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322, noon-1:30 p.m. This is Group meeting for parents looking for new ways to enjoy their time and relationships with their children.

For more information about NPSP new classes, call ACS at DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650, [email](#)

**Hospital Tours**

**13 Dec:** Visit Amberg, meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Amberg hospital lobby.

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:** Visit Weiden, meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Weiden hospital lobby.

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** Visit Sulzbach-Rosenberg, meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Sulzbach-Rosenberg hospital lobby.

**Love & Logic for parents with children ages 0 through 6**

**\*\* EVENING SESSION\*\*16 Nov: 5-6 p.m., Rose Barracks CDC**

This is a 5 session class where parents can learn how to discipline, communicate, and establish positive boundaries with their children. This class is free of charge and ACS offers childcare.

**Love & Logic for parents with children ages 7 through 12**

**23, 30 Nov, 7 & 14 Dec: 12:30-2 p.m., Main Post Chapel Annex**

This is a 7 session class where parents can learn how to discipline, communicate, and establish positive boundaries with their children. This class is free of charge and ACS offers childcare.

**Hotlines to help:** Sexual Assault Reporting 09662-83-3217 and Domestic Violence 09662-83-3218 or 09641-83-5130.

Please contact us for a complete listing of programs and services offered.

## Family Advocacy Program

**2 through 4 Nov: About Face a Divorce Recovery Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon, Rose Barracks Bldg 221, Room 207. Pre-registration is required. The workshop is for community members who have made the decision that divorce is the next step for them and they need more information to make educated decisions about moving forward. The workshop includes topics such as Emotional Divorce, Co-Parenting and Legal/Financial aspects. Please register by calling DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650.

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## “Dress for less to Impress”

**22 Nov:** 10 a.m. – noon, Rose Barracks, Bldg 322

Come and have some fun with your ACS Family! ACS is hosting an educational fashion show to teach you how to dress for success when on a budget. Your Financial and Employment Readiness will be on the spot to assist you in ensuring you get the latest trends in the workforce and how to balance work clothes and money. We will have food, fun and music. In addition, we are raffling off a \$50 gift certificate for the Commissary and a complete Thanksgiving Basket with all trimmings to include a Turkey! Put your name in for the drawing by stopping by ACS Rose Barracks, Bldg 322. Nov 22, 10 a.m.-noon when will call the winner. You must be present to win. For details, please email [graf.acs@eur.army.mil](mailto:graf.acs@eur.army.mil).

## Military Life Consultants are here for you

Military Life Consultants provide solution-oriented consultations to individuals, couples, families, and groups. They are designed to provide anonymous, confidential support to Soldiers and their family members, especially those returning from deployments. To contact a military life consultant, call Rose Barracks 0152-0294-0761 or Main Post 0152-0293-4290 / 0152-0241-5226, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

# Volunteers and other help needed

## Volunteers needed at the USO Grafenwoehr.

If you'd like to help your USO, the military and their family members, come by the USO center in Main Post5 Bldg. 150 and sign up to volunteer. You can go to our volunteer website at [www.usovolunteer.org](http://www.usovolunteer.org) and create your profile, post your

own hours and keep track of your hours. For the soldiers, the hours spent volunteering goes towards promotion points and a community service ribbon. For more, CIV 09641 605 2946.

## Army Family Action Plan, volunteers needed

We are still seeking volunteers to be part of global change! Be part of the ACS AFAP team and improve the quality of life that affects you, your Soldiers, your Families and the entire military community! Without your input of issues we cannot improve the way things. Change can happen only with your voice! Submit your issues by sending an [email](#) (include what the issue is, who it affects, and what solution you may have to the issue), by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/afap> or call AFAP at DSN 476-2237 or CIV 09662-83-2237.

## Army Volunteer Corps

**\*\*Office has changed to Rose Barracks ACS, Bldg 322. The scheduled classes will remain in the old location, Rose Barracks, Bldg 221, Room 207\*\***

Becoming a volunteer is easy and fun! Meet new people, network, gain experience and support your community. Volunteers are the heart of every military community.

**30 Nov & 14 Dec: VMIS & OPOC Training**, 9 -11 a.m.

**16 Nov & 21 Dec: Basics of Volunteer Management**, 9 -11 a.m.

## Learn over Lunch with the AVC!

Get together with your Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator during lunch time! Get hands-on experience on how to navigate the Volunteer system, uploading files, entering awards and much more!

**9 Nov: Writing Position Descriptions**, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

**23 Nov: Nominations**, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

**7 Dec: Attendees Choice (What is on your mind?)**, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

**28 Dec: VMIS Navigation & Registration**, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.



## VFW seeks Christmas support for orphan program

Members of VFW Post 9334 conduct a toy and clothing drive for the Orphans in the Czech Republic each year and are assisted by the Torch Club Dragons and the Keystone Tigers from the Netzaberg Youth Center. Persons who are interested in contributing to our Annual Christmas Program can sign for cards, purchase a present, and return it to the Netzaberg Youth Center or the Vilseck Commissary starting 1 November 11. Our youth clubs will wrap the present for you if it is not gift wrapped. Once the card and gift is returned you may keep the picture as a memoir. We support the Detsky Domov Orphanage and the Most Baby

Clinic. There will be two collection points. Persons residing in the Vilseck Community may make donations at the Vilseck Commissary during normal operating hours and the Netzaberg Youth Center building 9080 Monday thru Saturday from 2 – 6 p.m. If you have any questions concerning the program please contact Jim Dicks DSN 475-9393 or 0171 710 6647. Both communities have responded well to this program for the last 10 years. Please assist our organization with making children happy for Christmas because they have no one else to count on but you.

## Seeking Emergency Placement Care Providers

The children in the USAGG need you. The Emergency Placement Care (EPC) Program trains individuals to become 24 hour providers for at risk children. The community is in need of more providers as the number of children in imminent danger increased due to the deployment rotation of family members. The training you receive will last you a lifetime and help you build your experience and resume. Call ACS 476-2650 or 09662-83-2650.

## PAC needs volunteers!

The Performing Arts Center needs you! From folding programs, building sets, painting, seating people, running lights, keeping cast in check in the green rooms, writing signboards, setting up or tearing down, playing an instrument, sewing a costume, hair/make-up or acting - the choices are endless! Contact Bekki Madden at [email](#) or call: CIV 0176-609-232-63.

# Sports, Fitness, Hobbies & Recreation



**AAFES Movie Listing** \*\*\*Inquire within for a "Movie Card," and gain stamps for admission and concession purchases. Receive a free popcorn combo after 9 stamps.

Main Post			Rose Barracks	
Wed. Nov 9	7 p.m.	Paranormal Activity 3 (R)	7 p.m.	Fright Night (R)
Thurs. Nov 10	7 p.m.	Real Steel (PG-13)	7 p.m.	The Smurfs (PG)
Fri. Nov 11	6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	In Time (PG-13) Apollo 18 (PG-13)	6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Apollo 18 (PG-13) Warrior (PG-13)
Sat. Nov 12	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	The Big Year (PG) Warrior (PG-13)	7 p.m.	In Time (PG-13)
Sun. Nov 13	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) In Time (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	The Big Year (PG) Warrior (PG-13)
Wed. Nov 16	7 p.m.	Apollo 18 (PG-13)	7 p.m.	In Time (PG-13)
Thurs. Nov 17	7 p.m.	Bucky Larson: Born To Be A Star (R)	7 p.m.	Apollo 18 (PG-13)
Fri. Nov 18	6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Tower Heist (PG-13) Colombiana (PG-13)	6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Puss In Boots (PG) The Help (PG-13)
Sat. Nov 19	7 p.m.	Puss In Boots (PG)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Puss In Boots (PG) The Help (PG-13)
Sun. Nov 20	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Puss In Boots (PG) The Debt (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Colombiana (PG-13)

## FREE German Language Classes

**Tues. & Thurs:** 6 – 8 p.m. in the USO Conference room. Claudia Romero will teach you how to communicate with your neighbors in Germany. The class is ongoing, you can join anytime. For more, CIV 09641 605 2946.

## Child, Youth and School Services - SKIESUnlimited

We are currently offering classes in Karate, Tang So Do Korean Martial Arts, Piano Private Lessons, Private & Group Guitar or Violin Lessons, Kindermusik Sign & Sing, Kindermusik ABC Music & Me, English Style, Horseback riding, Western Horseback Riding, Creative Movements, Gymnastics Mommy & Me, Gymnastics, Saturday Art Workshops, Saturday Mommy & Me Painting Workshop, Drama, Food Fun & Fitness, Community Theater "The Little Red Hen," and more. Please contact CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 476-2760, CIV 09662-83-2760 or [online](#).

## Spouses' Club

The Grafenwoehr Community and Spouses Club is a great place to meet people, develop new interests and get involved in the community. Exciting monthly events, special activities, special events such as Crystal Bingo, Hexanagger, Christmas Market Bus Trip, Bunco, Lunch Bunch and more. For more, visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page or [email](#).

## GCSC Welfare

**Deadline 18 Nov:** Last year the GCSC distributed more than \$14,500 in welfare grants to organizations within our community. In October, the GCSC gave over \$6,000 back to our community. Applications may be found at [www.gcsonline.com](http://www.gcsonline.com). Just click on the Welfare tab. Please have your applications postmarked by the deadline.

## Home cooked meals

**Tues., Wed., & Thurs evenings:** If you'd be interested in volunteering to cook for the Soldiers, call or come by the USO. Let us know what you'd like to prepare and when. All menus welcome. Meals are free to all. Dinner starts about 5:30 p.m. each night. For more, CIV 09641 605 2946.

## DJ/Karaoke nights at the Zone Sports bar

**10 Nov:** Country & western.

**16 Dec:** Hip/Hop, R&B.

## **EDGE News**

### **Leaders Wanted!**

The Edge! program is looking for community leaders who would be willing to meet with the Netzaberg Middle School Student Council on the third Thursday of the month to discuss the importance of true leadership. The Council meets from 2:40-4 p.m. Contact Dan Fraizer at DSN 475-5101 or [email](#).

## **Munich Beer Tour**

**12 Nov:** Enjoy the morning on an original Double Decker London bus as you tour around Munich to see some of the important beer sights in Munich. You will tour the Spaten Brewery, enjoy a little lunch in the highest snuggery with a great view over Munich, taste the beer and also receive a beer glass. After the beer tour you will have free time to enjoy some of the other sites on your own. For more, DSN 475-7402, CIV 09641-83-7402 or DSN 476-2563, CIV 09662-83-2563 Sign up online - <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Grafenwoehrrectrac.html>.

## **KINGZ MC Motorcycle club**

**Thursdays:** The KINGZ MC Clubhouse has opened on Main Post Bldg. 441. Meet every Thursday from 6 – 9 p.m. and interact with other fellow motorcyclists. For more, 0171-9357830.

## **Support the Cub Scouts**

**12 Nov:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Cub Scout Hut, Main Post Bldg 439 (next to baseball fields). Drop off excess Halloween Candy and enjoy hot cocoa with some cookies. All donations will go downrange to our deployed single Soldiers.

**25 - 26 Nov:** 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. in front of the Exchange. Cub Scouts will be selling popcorn as a fundraising event. Please show your support by purchasing some popcorn. For more, [email](#) or “Like” us at **Graf Cub Scouts** on Facebook.

## **Leisure Travel/Outdoor Recreation Daytrips**

**13 Nov:** Dachau & Munich National Museum

**18 Nov:** Two Castle Tour

**20 Nov:** Kristall Palm Beach

For more, DSN 475-7402, CIV 09641-83-7402 or DSN 476-2563, CIV 09662-83-2563 or sign up [online](#).

## **German Class for Beginners**

**Starts 14 Nov:** Lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30 - 8 p.m. at Volksschule Grafenwoehr, Schulstrasse 22 (opposite the Mexican restaurant Tortuga). The class costs 58 Euro for 10 evening sessions. Registrations and more information by calling CIV 09645-8283, e-mail: [here](#) or [here](#).

## **Libraries Holiday Recipe Exchange**

**14 Nov. – 24 Dec:** Your Libraries are hosting a Holiday Recipe Exchange. Bring in a copy of your favorite holiday dish – main course, appetizer, vegetable, dessert, beverage, traditional family Jell-O mold, whatever you like – and we'll make copies to share. Looking for ideas? Stop in and take a copy. We also have a great selection of cookbooks for all tastes and skill levels. For more, Main Post Library: DSN 475-1740, CIV 09641-83-1740 or Rose Barracks Library: DSN 476-1740, CIV 09662-83-1740.

## **National American Indian Heritage Month at the library**

Your libraries will have special displays of materials by and about American Indians and we can help you find materials that will meet your needs and interest.

## **French Beaded Flowers – Christmas Tree**

**15 Nov: 9 – 11 a.m.**

**16 Nov: 5 – 7 p.m.**

Heart & Home Craft Shop Bldg. 607.

Learn the Art of French Beaded Flowers. The evolution of the beaded flower is not well documented, but seems to back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The techniques were passed through families, each generation teaching the next. The French beaded flower technique is only one of several, and it is not exclusively French, but is believed to have been born in France and in Italy, enjoying great popularity throughout Europe for centuries. Each class will cost \$7 after a one-time fee of \$25.

Contact Info: DSN 475-6101, CIV 09641-83-6101 or sign up [online](#).

## **BINGO**

**17 Nov:** Doors Open 5p.m., Early Bird Bingo – 6p.m., Regular Bingo – 7p.m. CASH PRIZES & FUN!!

Test your luck with an inexpensive game of bingo, open to all military personnel, retirees, family members and DoD civilians. Get out your daubers and join us for bingo fun, once a month at the Patton Fireside Lounge. Earlier Bird Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. Regular Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. and Play 13 games. For more, DSN 475-6200 or CIV 09641-83-6200.

## **Boxing Clinic and Invitational at Rose Barracks**

**17-18 Nov:** Boxing Clinic

**19 Nov:** Amateur Boxing Event

The Memorial Fitness Center, Bldg. 616 will open the doors at 6 p.m., Event starts at 7 p.m., Entrance Fee: \$4. Children 12 and under: Free Intermission: Brazilian Jujitsu and Combative Arts Demonstration; Weigh-Ins: 9 a.m. – Noon.

For more, contact: Rose Barracks: DSN 476-2214, CIV 09662-83-2214; Main Post: DSN 475-9007, CIV 09641-83-9007 or USAG Grafenwoehr Sports Office: DSN 475-8207/7576, CIV 09641-83-8207/7576.

## **Kids cheer clinic**

**18 Nov:** The Vilseck High School Cheerleaders are hosting a Kids Cheer Clinic, for kids ages 3 and up, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the VHS Events Center. The cost is \$20 in advance, and \$25 dollars at the door. Please send payments, with the parent's and participant's name, to VHS, Unit 20841, APO AE 09112, Attn: Megan Medsker. Please make all checks payable to VHS Student Activity Fund-Cheer. For more, [email](#).

## **Country & Western Night w/DJ MCM**

**18 Nov:** Karaoke & Dancing at The Zone Sports Bar, Bldg. 607. DSN 476-3733 or CIV 09662-83-3733.

## **Dinner at the Patton Lounge**

**18 Nov:** Dinner in the Patton, Main Post Bldg. 209, 5 – 8 p.m. – Where we are always cooking something great, join us! For more, DSN 475-6200 or CIV 09641-83-6200.

## **Upcoming PAC events**

**18 Nov:** Life Unscripted! Improv Show. Doors open at 7 p.m.; Show begins at 8 p.m. Admissions is free. No one under age 18 will be admitted to show. For more, DSN 475-6426 / CIV 09641-836426 or [email](#).

Interested in joining the troop? Everyone is welcome, wear comfortable clothing and be age 18+. We will be meeting the following dates: Oct. 27; Nov. 3 & 17; Jan 5 & 19; Feb. 2 & 15; Mar. 1 & 15; Apr. 5 & 19; May 3 & 17. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

**16 & 17 Dec: Auditions for Evita** are held on both days starting at 6:30 p.m. with callbacks January 18, 6:30 p.m. Evita is a musical production with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. It concentrates on the life of Argentine political leader Eva Perón, the second wife of Argentinean president Juan Perón. The story follows Evita's early life, rise to power, charity work, and eventual death.

**Performances are scheduled for March 22-24, 29-31 and April 5-7.**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and shows begin at 7 p.m. for all performance dates. Show may not be appropriate for children until age 13. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evita\\_\(musical\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evita_(musical))

For more, DSN 475-6426 / CIV 09641-836426 or [email](#).

## **2011 Turkey Trot held at Little Mike Softball Field**

**19 Nov:** Join us! Registration will be from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m., distance is 5 km. For more information contact the Rose Barracks Fitness Center at DSN 476-2214, CIV 09662-83-2214.

\* Event sponsored by BMW (no federal endorsement implied).

## **Wrestling referees needed**

**19 Nov:** DoDDS high school wrestling starts in December, and the schools need trained, certified referees. Travel to all parts of Germany/Benelux countries, and get paid. KOA will train you!

Officials wishing to call DoDDS weekly tournaments and also prepare for CYSS matches can certify and learn of changes to the 2011-2012 rules.

Clinician Al Shaff will cover rule changes, referee techniques and complete registration of experienced officials as well as rookies. This clinic will be the last chance for wrestling officials to certify for calling DoDDS high school matches for the 2011-2012 season.

Kaiserslautern Officials Association wrestling rules clinic at Vilseck High School on November 19, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration and training sessions on site. Call 06371-946084 for information or [email](#)

## Vilseck Rugby Club Looking for Players

The Vilseck RC is a Rugby Union Club that competes in the Bavarian Verbands League against other local national teams. The team is primarily 2 SCR Soldiers, a few civilians and local national players. For more info about the Vilseck RC [email](#) or call Joseph Duran at CIV 0160-6643533. They are always looking for new talent.

## Native American Indian Heritage Month

**22 Nov:** 3-5:30 p.m. at the Rose Barracks Memorial Fitness Center (Bldg 616).

Increase your knowledge of the culture and diversity of Native American Indians at this free, festive event open to all community members. **Please RSVP by 15 Nov.** For more, contact SFC Yolanda King at DSN 475-8038 or [email](#).



## Bowling Centers

Want to do something different for your birthday? Try a Cosmic Birthday Bowling Party. The fun parties are available from 2 p.m. until closing on Saturdays at both Bowling Centers. Call your local center for pricing details.

## Java Cafe's Monthly Drink Specials

**November:** Hot Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate - Just like Starbucks! - This is a new drink using Starbucks ingredients and their original recipe **December:** Peppermint Mocha - Mint up your Mocha with a little holiday peppermint syrup!

## Visit and explore the Christmas Markets of Germany

Get some Christmas shopping done while enjoying Lebkuchen and Gluehwein. Leisure Travel Services has trips to various Christmas Markets scheduled. Ask for our BONUS CARD: One FREE Daytrip if you take 5 daytrips with us! Contact us by phone, DSN 475-7402 or go [online](#) for more details.

## Basketball Officials & Coaches Clinic & Tournament

**29 Nov. – 4 Dec:** Main Post Physical Fitness Center Bldg. 170 This event is FREE. Awards are 1st-3rd team trophies. Contact Main Post Physical Fitness Center: DSN 475-9007, CIV 09641-83-9007, Rose Barracks Fitness Center: DSN 476-2998, CIV 09662-83-2998 for more.

## BOSS New Year's Trip to Berlin

**30 Dec. - 2 Jan:** Travel with us to Berlin and bring in the New Year. Price of 275 Euro includes transportation and lodging. Contact your BOSS Representative for more information. USAG Grafenwoehr BOSS Program: DSN 475-8822, CIV 09641-83-8822.

## Hidden Treasures Thrift Shop

Shop **Happy Thanksgiving!** Bring your gently used items to Hidden Treasures Thrift Shop, Bldg 221 on Rose Barracks. The **November sale** buy 1 article of clothing, get 1 free (equal or less value); buy 5 books, get 5 free; and buy 1 VHS, get 2 free. Color tags only. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tues, Wed & Thurs. Open Sept. 10. For more, DSN 476-2649, CIV 09662-83-2649 or [email](#). Volunteers and donations are always welcome!



## Framing classes are back at Arts & Crafts

Offered the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6 – 9 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. – Noon (in December it will be the 2nd week). Bring in a 5x7 photo to frame and take home! The cost of this class is \$35 all supplies is included. After taken this class you will be able to come to our facility or any MWR Frame Shop and work on your projects.

## MWR needs your feedback

The LINK magazine published by MWR is on the street since Oct. 1. We, the Family and MWR Marketing office are very interested to find out what our readers have to say. Whether you like or dislike the new magazine, we appreciate your comments. Send an email to [grafmwr.marketing@eur.army.mil](mailto:grafmwr.marketing@eur.army.mil) or leave a comment on [here](#).

## Grafenwoehr Thrift Shop, something for everyone

Are you new to the community or just looking to find that one special item? Come and visit the Grafenwoehr Thrift Shop. PCSing, ETSing, Deploying, Retiring, or simply want to get rid of your unwanted clutter, help the community by donating your items to the Thrift Shop. Volunteers and donations are always welcome and appreciated!

Grafenwoehr Thrift Shop located on Main Post at Bldg. 508

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thursdays 2-6 p.m., 1st Saturday of the month 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Consignments, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CIV 09641-9260377.

## Be in the know this winter with MWR

The Family and MWR and its partner Grafenwoehr Exchange are proud to announce the Passport Travel Guide Winter Edition. The Passport Travel Guide provides many opportunities for you, your family and friends to discover the wonders of living in Europe. The Guide has information for Leisure Travels and Outdoor Recreational Trips, and information on the Hunting, Fishing and Shooting programs. Pickup your Free Passport Travel Guide at your nearest Outdoor Recreation Facility in Grafenwoehr or Vilseck or stop by the Grafenwoehr Exchange between 11:30am – 1 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the Family & MWR Highlights table for your free copy while supplies last. This is your Pocket Guide for trips and more...

## Catch TOUR OF BAVARIA on AFN Radio for Local Events

**Wednesdays:** Tune in 2-4 p.m., every Wednesday to AFN FM 98.5 and catch TOUR OF BAVARIA, a radio show that talks about important up-and-coming events on the host economy!

# Adult Education / Training

## National Education Week Information Table

**16 Nov:** The USAG Grafenwoehr Education Centers are joining forces with educators from across the country to celebrate National Education Week, 13-19 Nov. Stop by our information table located at the Main Post PX between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wed, 16 Nov for information on available education programs to assist Soldiers and Family Members in obtaining their college degree, GED, certification or licensure. Central Texas College (CTC), University of Maryland University College (UMUC), University of Phoenix (UoP) and The University of Oklahoma (OU) will also be there to answer your questions about their on-post college programs. For more, contact the Main Post Education Center at 475-6786 or 09641-83-6786.

## Quarterly TARP, SETA, OPSEC, and Anti-terrorism Level 1 Training

**30 Nov:** Main Post, Tower Theater, Bldg. 620. 10:30-11:30 a.m. (LN employees), 1:30 – 4 p.m. (US employees).

**1 Dec:** Rose Barracks, Post Theater, Bldg. 354. 9 – 11:30 a.m. (US employees), 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (LN employees). Together with the 66th Military Intelligence Group, JMTC Intelligence and Security, and the United States Army Garrison Grafenwoehr (Antiterrorism and Security Divisions) will be conducting the quarterly community Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (TARP), Security Education Training Awareness (SETA), Operation Security (OPSEC), and Anti-terrorism Level 1 Refresher Training.

This training is a mandatory annual requirement for all DoD personnel including Military, AF/NAF (both US and LN); U.S. Contractor employees are welcome.

## Interactive Customer Evaluation training

**18 Nov:** ICE training will be located on Camp Normandy Distant Learning Center Bldg. 3144. Training sessions are 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. For more, DSN 475-6034.

## FAST Classes

**28 Nov - 9 Dec:** Rose Barracks (Vilseck) Education Center, Bldg. 223, 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) provides Soldiers with instruction in reading, mathematics, and language skills and is an excellent tool to prepare Soldiers to raise their GT score. This class is a 60-hour long course and is limited to twenty students. For more information please contact Rose Barracks Education Center at DSN 476-2653/3292 or Main Post (Grafenwoehr) Education Center at DSN 475-6219/6786.

## Food Handlers course

**2 Dec:** Rose Barracks Education Center, Bldg. 223, Room 1.3, 11:30 a.m.

A food safety class required for food service personnel who prepare or serve food to the public within the Graf/Vilseck community. Certification is intended for individuals involved in fund raising food sales such as, boss, FRG, clubs or bazaars, and also to CYS personnel such as CYPA's. The class may also supplement required refresher training for regular food service employees.

Class is free, lasts approx. 1 hour, and registration is not required. For more, Sgt. Thompson, DSN: 476-2041/2138, CIV 0152-29587133, [email](#).

## Army Mentorship Program

### Program helps Soldiers with professional development

The Army Mentorship Program is a voluntary, web-based program that promotes mentorship by linking mentors and mentees and providing training videos and literature that teaches the concepts of mentorship.

Army mentorship is the voluntary and developmental relationship that exists between a person of greater experience and a person of lesser experience that is characterized by mutual trust and respect. Studies have shown that mentoring relationships can help individuals with personal and professional growth by improving their leadership and interpersonal and technical skills.

## Religious

### 2:42 Bible study

Join other singles and young couples in studying the Bible Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the Graf Chapel Annex. Enjoy fellowship, prayer, teaching, and worship in a coffee shop atmosphere. Sorry, no childcare provided. Sponsored by the Garrison Chaplains Office. For more information, contact Brian Kleager 0151-54678686 ([brian.kleager@cadence.org](mailto:brian.kleager@cadence.org)) or Laurel Hoyt 0151-14991395 ([laurel.hoyt@cadence.org](mailto:laurel.hoyt@cadence.org)). "And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42.

### Single Women's trip to Seiffen, Germany

**12 Nov:** Shop for Christmas souvenirs in Germany's "Toy Village". This little town is well-known for its handmade wooden crafts - nativities, pyramids, nutcrackers, ornaments and much more. Also visit demonstration workshops, museums, and an octagonal church. Meet at Graf Chapel at 7am to carpool. Sponsored by the Garrison Chaplain's Office. For more information, a ride from Rose Barracks, or to sign up, contact Laurel Hoyt 0151-14991395; [email](#).

### Journey through deployment

**17 Nov:** 9 a.m. – noon, Main Post Chapel annex. Join Protestant Women of the Chapel as they host well renowned authors of HOW TO LOVE YOUR MILITARY MAN and DEFENDING MILITARY MARRIAGE. Jim and Bea Fishback, a retired military couple, will speak on "Journey through Deployment, Creating Hope as your community journeys together". Learn how to love your military man with a "PLAN," with a "WIN WIN" approach, and learn what "Every Man Needs." For more, and to reserve space- available care for children 12 and below, contact Jenn Tilley through [email](#).

### Chaplain Crisis Line

**After duty hours, please call: MP STATION** CIV 09662-83-2490 or 09662-83-3397 / DSN 476-2490 or 476-3397.

**USAG-Grafenwoehr IOC** CIV 09641-83-7226 / DSN 475-7226. **CHAPLAIN CRISIS LINE** CIV 0162-296-0838.

**During business hours:** Main Post Chapel: DSN 475-1570, CIV 09641-83-1570. Rose Barracks Chapel: DSN 476-1570, CIV 09662-83-1570.

## Health & Medical, Red Cross, VET Corner

### American Red Cross

#### **American Red Cross Gives Military Families Easier Access to Emergency Communication Services**

As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross has moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services. Now a call to **877-272-7337**, while either stateside or overseas, allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling **877-272-7337** direct, accessing the number through a military operator, or calling the local Red Cross station. **For more, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).**

## Walk-in Flu Vaccination for Family Members, DoD Civilians

Vilseck Health Clinic is now offering the Flu Vaccination to all beneficiaries Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

## Facility & Road / Construction / Closures

### Longer waits expected at the Main Post Vehicle Registration Office

Due to manpower issues, the wait time at the Grafenwoehr Vehicle Registration Office may be longer than normal. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the community.

### Main Post Mall Bakery, closed for renovations

**Current:** The bakery will reopen in January 2012. Additionally, a NEW bakery in the Rose Barracks Food Court will open in January 2012.

### Main Post Parking lots to be blocked

**10 Nov:** Parking lots next to Bldg 105 (Community Bank) will be blocked for unloading of a construction crane. During this time traffic flow from the bank towards the Community Mail room might be hindered. Alternate route/parking for customers can be via Childers Street to reach the big Consolidated Parking Area.

### New hours of operation for housing offices

**Effective 14 Nov:** Both Rose Barracks and Main Post hours are as follows:

Walk-ins Mon. - Fri. 8 – 11:30 a.m. Appointments only, Mon. – Fri., 1 – 3:30 p.m.

The offices are closed everyday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., the morning of every 3rd Wednesday for training and all American and German holidays.

### Community Bank, hours of operation, closure of activity

**16 Nov:** The Community Bank, Vilseck will be closed for staff training on a newly installed teller system.

**24 Nov:** All Community Bank banking centers will be open from 9 a.m. – noon on Thanksgiving.

### Closure for HNLFOA-Maintenance Division

**17 Nov:** The HNLFOA-Maintenance Division in Bldg. 301 including CST Grafenwoehr Bldg. 319 and CST Vilseck in Bldg 144 will be closed due to their work force assembly from 7:15 a.m. until noon. The POV Inspection Station Grafenwoehr in Bldg. 301 remain open.

**25 Nov:** The HNLFOA-Maintenance Division including the POV Inspection Station in Bldg 301, CST Grafenwoehr in Bldg 319 and CST Vilseck in Bldg 144, will be closed on 25th November due to their Shop Agreement/Garrisons Agreement.

For more, DSN 475-6120.

### Thanksgiving closure

**24 & 25 Nov:** The Rose Barracks (Vilseck) and Main Post (Grafenwoehr) **Education Centers** will be closed for the training and Thanksgiving holidays. For more information please contact Rose Barracks Education Center at DSN 476-2653/3292 or Main Post (Grafenwoehr) Education Center at DSN 475-6219/6786.

The Grafenwoehr and Vilseck **Health Clinics** will be also closed on the aforementioned dates. For more, DSN 476-2438.

## School News

### Driver's Education Program for High School Students

IMCOM-Europe is proud to announce the availability of a comprehensive driver's education program for teens in Europe. It is made possible through a collaborative effort and contract with the German National Federation of Driving Instructors (Fahlehrerverband). Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for teens!

If you wish to enroll, please contact Parent Central Services: Rose Barracks CIV 09662-83-2760, Main Post CIV 09641-83-6656 or CYSS Website <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Grafenwoehrcyms.html>.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

**16 & 17 Nov:** All Schools will participate.

### Grafenwoehr Elementary School

**11 Nov:** No School Veterans Day  
**16-17 Nov:** No School Parent Teacher Conferences  
**24-25 Nov:** No School Thanksgiving

The Grafenwoehr Elementary PTA has received great support so far this year from our parents. We would like to remind you that if you intended to join the PTA, it is not too late. Contact DSN 475-7133 or [email](#) for more information.

School Office Hours	School Hours Important	Phone Numbers
Mon.- Fri. 7 a.m.–4 p.m.	Mon.- Fri. 8:15 a.m.-2:35 p.m.	CIV 09641-837133 DSN 475-7133

### Vilseck Elementary School

**9 Nov:** Family Library Night- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**11 Nov:** NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day  
**15 Nov:** Kindergarten Building Book-Swap  
**16-17 Nov:** NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences  
**18 Nov:** Popcorn Friday  
**21 Nov:** Awards Ceremony Grades 4-5  
**22 Nov:** Main Building Book-Swap 9 -11a.m.  
**24-25 Nov:** No School- Thanksgiving Holidays  
**29 Nov:** Kindergarten Building Book-Swap 9 -11a.m.  
**30 Nov:** Family Library Night- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**1 Dec:** Family Fun & Fitness Night 4:30-6:30pm. PTSA General Membership Meeting at 5:30pm  
**6 Dec:** Main Building Book-Swap 9 -11a.m.

#### **VES Vision: Vilseck Expects Success**

Continuous School Progress Goals:

**Goal 1:** By 2016 all students will improve competency with numbers and operations as measured by increased performance on assessments.

**Goal 2:** By 2016 all students will demonstrate improved reading comprehension through written and oral communication as measured by increased performance on assessments.

School Office Hours	School Hours	Important Phone Numbers
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.–4 p.m.	Mon.-Fri. 8:25 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.	CIV 09662-832812 / 832673 DSN 476-2812/2673

### Netzaberg Elementary School

**10 Nov:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly; MPR; 8:30a.m.-9:30a.m.

**11 Nov:** Veteran's Day; **No school.**

**16-17 Nov:** Parent Teacher Conferences; **No school for students.**

**18 Nov:** Movie Night; MPR; 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.; POC: [Email](#)

**24-25 Nov:** Thanksgiving Break; **No school.**

**30 Nov:** Spelling Bee; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; MPR; 8:30a.m.; POC: [Email](#)

**Parent Volunteers:** We need and appreciate all of our parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at Netzaberg Elementary School, please contact the school. We welcome your support. POC: [Email](#)

**Attendance Reminder:** It's the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report student absences to the front office before 9:00a.m.

**Child Find:** Netzaberg Elementary School's Preschool Services for Child Development (PSCD) program is conducting screenings to identify strengths and concerns in a young child's development. The free Child Find developmental screenings are provided for command sponsored children from age three to five years. Professional staff will screen motor, language, problem solving, social, and self-help skills, plus the child's vision and hearing. In addition, parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about their child's development. For further information on Child Find developmental screenings at Netzaberg Elementary School, please call CIV 09645-917-9184 or DSN 472-9184. Child Find developmental screenings are held at DoDEA schools to assist parents in identifying the early warning signs that put young children at risk for learning delays and provide crucial early diagnosis and intervention.

**Netzaberg Elementary School Needs YOU. Netzaberg Elementary School partners with our parents and community to support the success of all students. Goal 1: Reading** By 2016, all students will improve targeted reading comprehension skills across the curriculum as measured by local and system-wide assessments. The targeted reading skills are: Pre-reading skills in Pre-K—Kindergarten; Retelling and inferring in grades 1 – 2; and Summarizing and drawing conclusions in grades 3 – 5. **Intervention:** Explicitly teach targeted reading comprehension strategies through Think Alouds. **Goal 2: Math** By 2016, all students will improve their understanding of number sense and operational

concepts across the curriculum as measured by local and system-wide assessments. **Intervention:** Explicitly teach students to think and talk about numbers through Number Talks.

#### School Office Hours

#### School Hours

#### Important Phone Numbers

Mon.- Fri. 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Mon.- Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:35 p.m. CIV 09645-917-9185/9184/9313/DSN 472-9184/9313

## Netzaberg Middle School

**09 Nov:** SILT Meetings (2nd Wednesdays) 3 – 4 p.m.

**11 Nov:** No School – Veterans Day

**14 Nov:** NMS Native American Heritage Month Celebration

**16 Nov:** No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences @ VHS 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**17 Nov:** No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences @ NMS 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**24-25 Nov:** No School – Thanksgiving Break

**After School Activities:** After School clubs have begun. Ask your student which clubs are available and contact the school for permission slips.

**New Vision:** Recently, the faculty at Netzaberg Middle School discussed changing the school's vision statement. The vision statement up for discussion is "**NMS, Nurturing Minds Successfully.**" Netzaberg Middle School would like to hear your input. Please send your feedback to [rebecca.parker@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:rebecca.parker@eu.dodea.edu) by October 28th.

**Find us on Facebook:** Like our page and you will always have access to the most update information about your student's school. We will also be able to upload photos from the various activities.

**Netzaberg Middle School CSI 4-Step Problem Solving Method=** 1) Understand the Problem 2) Make a Plan 3) Carry Out the Plan 4) Look Back – Ask, "Does the solution make sense?"

**Parent volunteers:** If you are interested in volunteering for the PTSA or other school committees, please contact the school. We welcome your support. POC: [Email](#)

**Lunch accounts:** To use the online service you will need to set up an account at <http://www.mealpayplus.com/>. If you are new to the area you will need to open a Horizon account at the PX or the school cafeteria.

All lunch concerns need to be addressed to AAFES. You can also logon to [www.odin.aafes.com/nutrition/08/index.html](http://www.odin.aafes.com/nutrition/08/index.html) to set up your child's account.

**Attendance:** If your son/daughter is going to be absent from school – notify us via the attendance mailbox:

[#NetzabergMSAttendanceStaff@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:#NetzabergMSAttendanceStaff@eu.dodea.edu) or call the attendance phone line: DSN 472-9233 (CIV 09645 917 9233)

**the email notification is the preferred method as this gives us an easy to refer to record.**

#### School Office Hours

#### School Hours

#### Important Phone Numbers

Mon - Fri 7:30am–4:00 pm

Mon-Fri 7:55am-2:40 pm

CIV 09645-917-9232/9233/9229 DSN 472-9232

## Vilseck High School

**11 Nov: NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day

**12 Nov: All-Star Football Game**

**16 Nov: NO SCHOOL** – Parent Teacher Conferences – Day 1 (@ Vilseck HS)

**17 Nov: NO SCHOOL** – Parent Teacher Conferences – Day 2 (@ Netzaberg MS)

**24 Nov: NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Day

**25 Nov: NO SCHOOL** – Recess Day

**Seminar on Life After High School** VHS is offering a post-secondary planning seminar, for students and their parents, on **Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.**. Refreshments will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Come join us in the Multipurpose Room to get practical tips and advice about the journey after life at VHS.

**DoDDS Europe All-Star Football Game** USAG Grafenwoehr is hosting the High School American Football All-Star Game, **Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning at 7 a.m.** This exciting game will be offered with food and halftime entertainment, at the Main Post Fitness Center, building 170. Please call DSN 475-1770 or 09641-83-1770 for more information.

**Combined Parent Teacher Conferences** To encourage all parents to meet with their children's teachers, Vilseck High School and Netzaberg Middle School are holding combined parent-teacher conferences. The first session is **Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Vilseck High School:** parents with children at Netzaberg Middle can meet with teachers from 9 – 11 a.m. and noon - 2:30 p.m.; parents with children at Vilseck High can meet with teachers from 8 – 1 a.m. and noon – 3 p.m. The second session is **Thursday, Nov. 17, at Netzaberg Middle School:** parents with children at Netzaberg Middle can meet with teachers from 8 – 11 a.m. and noon – 3 p.m.; parents with children at Vilseck High can meet with teachers from 9 – 11 a.m. and noon – 2:30 p.m. Please call NMS at 09645-917-9229 or VHS at 09662-83-2864, for more information.

**Cheerleading Clinic** The VHS Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Cheer Clinic on **Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 – 9 p.m.**, in the VHS Gymnasium. Participants will learn the proper motions, cheers, jumps, dance routines and stunts, and HAVE FUN! The cost for this event is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. To register, please contact Ms. Medsker at [email](#).

**Vilseck High School Tutoring Services for Students** Free after-school tutoring is offered at VHS every Tuesday and Thursday. Student tutors are always needed to help out – all volunteers are eligible for service hours.

**Attendance E-Mail** It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school when their child will be absent. If your child will be absent, please call DSN 476-2573 or 09662-83-2573. You can also e-mail the attendance clerk at

[vilshs-attendance@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:vilshs-attendance@eu.dodea.edu).

**Free, Online Tutoring** All U.S. military families can receive free online tutoring, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to <http://www.tutor.com/military> for more information.

**School Office Hours**

**School Hours**

**Important Phone Numbers**

Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CIV 09662-832864 / Fax 09662-832480 DSN 476-2864

## Was ist Los?

### Get involved in the local scene



### Flea markets

**Every Sat.**, 6 a.m. - 4 p.m., in 93059 **Regensburg** inside the building at [Am Protzenweiher 27](#), ph 0941-82-933. The market will not take place on German holidays.

**Every second Sat. of the month:** 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.: in 90443 **Nuremberg**, [Großparkplatz](#) (large car park) on Gugelstraße, corner Humboldtstraße.

**Every third Sat. of the month:** 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg**, [Kaufland-Parkplatz](#), An den Franzosenaeckern

**Every third Sun. of the month:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: [Trödel- & Jahrmarkt](#) in 93073 Neutraubling (next to Regensburg), at the "Globus" DITY store, [Pommernstraße 4](#)

#### Sat., 12 Nov:

- 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.: in 90443 **Nuremberg** at the [Großparkplatz](#) (large car park) on Gugelstraße, corner Humboldtstraße.

- 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg** at the Dultplatz on [Bruno-Hofer-Straße](#).

#### Sat., 19 Nov:

- 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg** at the [Kaufland car park](#), An den Franzosenaeckern

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden** at the Volksfestplatz on [Leuchtenberger Straße](#)

**Sun., 20 Nov:** 8 a.m. - midday: in 92339 **Beilngries**, Volksfestplatz, [Sandstraße](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles SW of Hohenfels)

#### Sat., 26 Nov:

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in **Raiering** on the outskirts of 92224 Amberg, car park at the "Sterk" brewery, [Hofmark 2](#)

- 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.: in 92421 **Schwandorf** at the Festplatz along [Angerring](#) / Nürnberger Straße (ca. 45 km / 28 miles north of Regensburg).

#### Sat., 03 Dec:

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden** at the Volksfestplatz on [Leuchtenberger Straße](#)

- 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 91054 **Erlangen**, [Bohlenplatz](#). [Homepage](#).

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: [Trödel- & Jahrmarkt](#) in 93055 **Regensburg**, at the "Globus" DITY market, [Sulzfeldstr. 3](#). Visitors can park for free at the car park of "Hiendl" furniture store.

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 92318 **Neumarkt**, [Volksfestplatz](#) and Jurahallen, Festplatz 1 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels). A large selection of everything you do and don't need: toys, antiques, collectibles (coins, stamps etc.), clothes and much more. Kids can enjoy themselves on the inflatable jumping castle during the summer months (Apr. - Oct.) - only when the weather is good! The next couple of [dates](#) are online.

**Sun., 04 Dec:** 8 a.m. - midday: in 92339 **Beilngries**, Volksfestplatz, [Sandstraße](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles SW of Hohenfels).

#### Sat., 10 Dec:

- 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.: in 90443 **Nürnberg** at the [Großparkplatz](#) (large car park) on Gugelstraße, corner Humboldtstraße.

- 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg** at the Dultplatz on [Bruno-Hofer-Straße](#).

#### Sat., 17 Dec:

- 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: in 92224 **Amberg** at the [Kaufland car park](#), An den Franzosenäckern

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.: in 92637 **Weiden** at the Volksfestplatz on [Leuchtenberger Straße](#)

**Sun., 18 Dec:** 8 a.m. - midday: in 92339 **Beilngries**, Volksfestplatz, [Sandstraße](#) (ca. 45 km / 28 miles SW of Hohenfels)

All flea markets are [listed here](#) by zip code.



### Upcoming ski trips with the Bavarian Ski Club!

**Spaces are limited, reserve your spot early!**

**23 –27 Nov:** On this Thanksgiving trip, snow bunnies will be lodge at a 4 Star ([hotel](#) and ski/board the [Kitzsteinhorn Glacier](#)). Bus departs at 4:30 on Wed. the 23<sup>rd</sup> with skiing and boarding ski/board Thurs., Fri., Sat. After breakfast on Sunday stop at the [Christmas Market](#) in Salzburg for lunch and shopping. Bus returns to Vilseck at approximately 9 p.m. Sunday night.

9 – 11 Dec: [Obergurgl/Hochgurgl](#) is the European home of the U.S. Ski Team. This

trips departs Friday the 9th and returns Sunday around 9 p.m. We will be staying at nice [hotel](#) on the mountain that you can ski in, ski out! After a hard day on the slopes there is an excellent après ski opportunity at the [Nederhütte](#).

Visit the [Facebook](#) page for more information.

## Winterdorf (Winter Village)

**Now - 31 Dec:** in 95444 Bayreuth, city center. It's like a small Christmas market (but only FIVE stalls), where they sell food and drinks and provide entertainment. For more, [website](#).

## St. Martin Parade

**11 Nov:** 4:30 p.m., in 92249 Vilseck, [Marktplatz](#) = market square. Please be careful driving through the city.

## Markt der Ideen (Market of Ideas)

**13 Nov:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 90762 Fürth, [Stadthalle](#), [Rosenstraße 50](#), ph 0911-749-120. [Homepage](#)

**27 Nov:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in 91052 Erlangen, Heinrich-Lades-Halle, [Rathausplatz 1](#), ph 09131-862-490. [Homepage](#)

Over 200 exhibitors will present their hand-crafted goods and culinary delicacies. Walk along the various booths and choose from their interesting displays which include decorations; clothes; art objects and paintings; delicacies; and creative ideas for recreational activities. Or would you rather have exclusive, high-quality and unusual clothing, hats, handbags and silk cloths? Take a look at intriguing jewelry from artistic goldsmith, or creative fashion jewelry. Collectors will love the unique dolls and teddies on sale. And after you're done with your shopping, enjoy some of the delicacies. Take a deep breath and smell the cookie and waffle fragrance, or get some unusual jams, herbal pastes, hearty delicacies, and berry wine. Of course all the foods are unique and home-made.

## Michaeli-Jahrmarkt (Street Market)

**13 Nov:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in 92318 Neumarkt, [Volksfestplatz](#), Festplatz 1 (ca. 45 km / 28 miles west of Hohenfels).

## Meteor Shower

**17 - 18 Nov:** Peak nights for the Lenoids meteor shower. [Viewing tips](#).



## Open Stores on Sunday

All stores in Germany usually remain closed on Sundays and German holidays - but for special dates and occasions, pre-determined by local authorities, exceptions are granted. Usually, these "open store" dates coincide with either street market days or some type of citizens fest (such as Volksfest or Bürgerfest). Opening hours differ from city to city but in general, stores open around midday or very early afternoon, and stay open until 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

**20 Nov:** 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., in 92637 Weiden, [Altstadt](#) = old city. Plus an exhibition of nativity scenes in the Altes Rathaus (historical city hall) in the pedestrian zone.

**27 Nov:** in 97337 Dettelbach, Altstadt = old city / [Rathausplatz](#) (ca.8 km / 5 miles north of Kitzingen).

Opening hours: Sat. 4 - 10 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**27 Nov:** in 63916 Amorbach on [Marktplatz](#) (ca. 95 km / 60 miles west of Kitzingen).

## Minerals and Gems exhibition

**19 Nov:** in 90478 Nuremberg, at the Meistersingerhalle Nürnberg, Kleiner Saal, Muenchner Str. 20. More info in German [here](#).

## Dog Sled Race

**19 & 20 Nov:** Dog Sled Race in Schoenberg near Lauf (you pass by the exit for Lauf when you're on the A6 to Nuremberg); supposedly it's the biggest dog sled race in southern Germany. More info in German [here](#).

## Wine Fair

**19 & 20 Nov:** noon - 7 p.m. in 90762 Fuerth, at the Stadthalle, Rosenstrasse 50. International exhibitors with "hundreds of different wines" to sample. More info [here](#).

## Advent Bazaar

**26 Nov:** 4 p.m., in 92286 Rieden, [Marktplatz](#) = market square, around the church (ca. 26 km / 16 miles north of Hohenfels).

## Visit from St. Nikolaus, the German Santa Claus

**27 Nov:** 4 p.m., in [Sorghof](#), playground on Hans-Ohorn-Platz (part of 92249 Vilseck, just outside the gate)

## Maximum Rock Night

**Every first Saturday of the month:** in 90441 Nuremberg, at the [Hirsch](#), [Vogelweiherstraße 66](#), ph 0911-429-414. Two DJs will rock the "Hirsch". Every party offers special surprises and different music styles on the second floor. Admission is only 6 Euros pp.

## Waldweihnacht = Christmas in the Forest

**17 Dec:** 5 p.m., in [Sorghof](#) (part of 92249 Vilseck).

This very special event starts at the "Dorfplatz" (yard next to the Sorghof church) in the center of Sorghof. Parking is available there. Warm your hands at the crackling fire while you listen to a brass band play. Then visitors and shepherds will walk 300 meters to the nearby forest in a torchlight procession, following the "Star of Bethlehem" which shows them the way.

Here they will find a live "Weihnachtskrippe" (nativity scene), wooden booths with food and refreshments, and another big crackling bonfire. The live nativity scene is very unique because it's really "live", i.e. with real animals and a real baby in the manger. When the procession has arrived, the actors will perform a musical about the search of St. Joseph and St. Mary for shelter.

It's a real pleasure to listen to these great voices. Christmas Songs in English language is also a contribution to all American guest. As the Waldweihnacht draws to a close after about one hour, Christmas sparklers will be passed out (or bring your own) to the kids and the whole scene will end in a "big sparkle"!

At the wooden huts you will find various food and refreshments, such as "Glühwein" = mulled wine (comes in "strong" and "stronger"), "Kinderpunsch" (without alcohol), "Dotsch" (potato pancake), "Hirtengulasch" (Shepherd's goulash), and of course "Bratwurst". All proceeds will go to local charity events. No entry fee!

**18 Dec:** 4 p.m., in 92287 **Schmidmühlen**, at the Hammerkapelle (chapel), [Hammerstr. 30](#) (ca. 20 km / 12.5 miles NW of Hohenfels).

**18 Dec:** 5 p.m., in 92670 **Windischeschenbach**, [Johannisthal](#) (ca. 20 km / 13 miles north of Weiden).

## Stallweihnacht (Christmas in a Barn)

**18 Dec:** 5 p.m., at "Sepp's Arche-Noah-Hof" (farm) bei 92709 [Moosbach](#) (ca. 25 km / 15.5 miles SE of Weiden).

Participants will gather at 16:15 at the Rathaus (town hall) and walk to the farm together. Torches are welcome, especially on the way back. Musical pieces and poems will support this Christmas panto. After the performance with live animals, Gluehwein (mulled wine) and cookies are on sale.



# German-American Kontakt Club

## Event Calendar for Vilseck Kontakt

If you are interested in participating in one of the events, please register with [Daniel Koenig](#) or sign up with the Vilseck Kontakt Club at the [website](#) by filling out the Mitgliedsantrag. (Member registration form)

<b>Every Friday</b>
<b>7 p.m.</b>
Stammtisch at the Clubhouse.

## Event Calendar for Grafenwoehr Kontakt

More information, Call CIV 09641-83-7878, DSN 475-7878 or [email](#).

<b>Every Monday</b>
<b>7 p.m.</b>
Bowling at the Grafenwoehr Bowling Center.
<b>Every Wednesday</b>
<b>7 p.m.</b>
Stammtisch at the Clubhouse.