



Total Army Sponsorship Program (TASP) USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Rodeo

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Total Army Sponsorship Program (TASP)



• References:

- AR 600-8-8, The Total Army Sponsorship Program
- AER 600-8-8, Military and Civilian Sponsorship
- HQDA EXORD 18-12
- USAREUR OPORD 43-12
- IMCOM OPORD 12-065
- IMCOM-E OPORD 0006-12
- CHRA TASP SOP (For Civilian Sponsorship)
- USAG R-P TASP SOP



What is TASP?



- **The Total Army Sponsorship Program (TASP) is:**
 - A program that helps commanders exercise their basic responsibility to assist Soldiers, Civilian employees and Family Members relocating into and out of their commands.
 - A program that provides trained and available sponsors equipped with the information and resources needed during times of transition.
 - A commander's program whose success is contingent upon the level of involvement provided by commanders and unit leaders.



Why is Sponsorship Important?





Roles and Responsibilities



Garrison Commander

- Establish an Installation Sponsorship Liaison (ISL) for management and oversight of the TASP for all Soldiers, Civilians, Spouses and Youth.
- Ensure ISL monitors, coordinates, and manages the sponsorship program at the garrison level and work with all local commanders to ensure a successful sponsorship program for the community.
- Provide sponsor training and relocation-assistance program services on request using Army Community Service (ACS) assets.
- Maintain and provide community information packages and online information including standardized welcome packets.



Roles and Responsibilities



Garrison Commander (cont'd)

- Provide garrison newcomer orientations in accordance with AR 608-1.
- Establish a sponsorship link on the local garrison webpage to connect newcomers with the garrison sponsorship program monitor.
- Develop an installation specific welcome video and post to the garrison website.
- Establish a Sponsorship Oversight Committee which falls under the Relocation Assistance Coordinating Committee (RACC).



Roles and Responsibilities



Installation Sponsorship Liaison (ISL)

- Monitor automated personnel systems to track inbound and outbound Soldiers.
- Establish a generic garrison sponsorship e-mail address
 - usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-r-p-sponsorship@mail.mil
- Publicize important telephone numbers on the local garrison webpage and monitor and direct inquiries to the appropriate unit or support activity.
- Direct information on and assist with sponsorship questions, issues, or concerns regarding the gaining unit and the appropriate garrison or installation support activity.
- Coordinate with CPAC for information on incoming civilian employees.



Roles and Responsibilities



Installation Sponsorship Liaison (ISL) (cont'd)

- Ensure outbound personnel complete DA Form 5434 during out-processing and help them contact their gaining unit's garrison ISL or the gaining unit S1.
- Conduct unit staff assistance visits to review internal operating procedures for compliance with standard requirements, identify systemic failures, and develop improved operational procedures and concepts for increased efficiency.
- Collect, compile, and analyze sponsorship program surveys and garrison sponsorship reports to determine the effectiveness of the TASP across the garrison.
- Regularly brief senior commanders and garrison commanders on the status of the TASP in their units, recommend changes and improvements, and obtain their guidance and direction for implementing changes and enhancements.



Roles and Responsibilities



Installation Sponsorship Liaison (ISL) (cont'd)

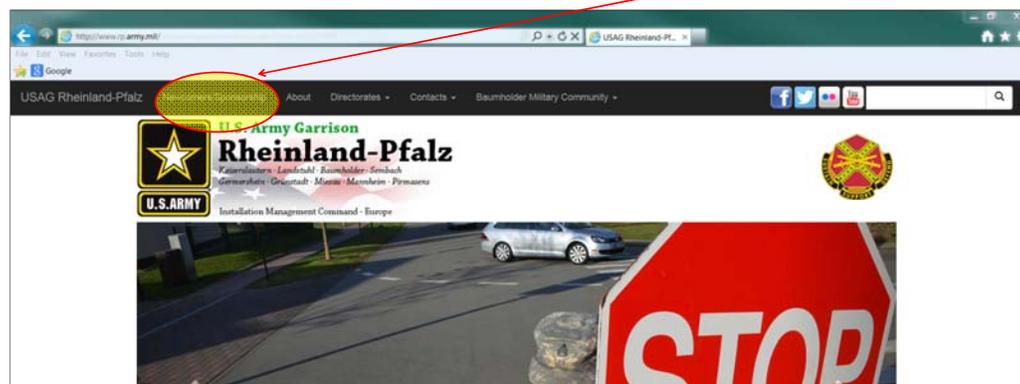
- Assists units with recognition/award programs for deserving sponsors such as Sponsor of the Quarter, Year, etc.
- Maintains the USAG Rheinland-Pfalz SharePoint site and ensures all templates and resources are up to date and accurate.
- Ensure all Soldiers complete the Sponsorship Survey through the Sponsorship Module as the last station of in- processing.



Garrison Sponsorship Webpage



The garrison's Sponsorship webpage can be accessed at <http://www.rp.army.mil/sponsorship/index.html>, or from the garrison's homepage at: <http://www.rp.army.mil>, then click on "**Newcomers/Sponsorship**".



** Recommend units include the link to the garrison's Sponsorship webpage in their welcome letters **

Garrison Sponsorship "HOME"

Links to various topics of interest to newcomers

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz | HOME | PRIOR TO ARRIVAL | ARRIVAL | SETTLING IN | CONTACT

Welcome to U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz

Welcome!

On behalf of all Soldiers, family members and civilian employees, I would like to welcome you to United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz. We are honored to welcome you as new team members and look forward to bringing you into the fold of our community. U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz and Ramstein Air Base form the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC), which is the largest military community outside the United States. The KMC is a premier assignment, and we know you will enjoy working and living in this vibrant and culturally rich community.

The leadership and employees of U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz are dedicated to ensuring your time with us is a rewarding and positive experience. We want you to be proud of your unit, your leaders and yourself, and we have developed opportunities for every Soldier, civilian and family member to become a great part of the team. Here in U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, we have laid the ground work for a very successful European tour.

PCSing overseas can be a challenge, even if you have done it multiple times. I strongly encourage you to utilize the tools, tips and resources we provide you in this site and leverage your sponsor to ensure you and your family have a safe, happy and healthy transition to our community.

Kaiserslautern is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz offers enormous opportunities to have fun, build meaningful relationships and serve your nation with distinction. Remember, your tour is what you make of it – so I challenge you to strive to make it the best experience possible.

On behalf of every service member, civilian and family member in the KMC, welcome to U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz!

G. SPAHN WELLS JR.
COL, SC
Garrison Commander

[Click to visit the USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Main Website](#)

So I just got my orders...
Congratulations! PCSing to Germany is a unique experience that is different than PCSing within the States. Follow the link below to find out more about what you'll need to know to make your PCS as smooth as possible.
[View details >](#)

I'm here... now what?
So you've arrived on ground and gotten out of the airport. Follow the link below to find out more about how you'll spend your first few weeks in the Rheinland-Pfalz footprint.
[View details >](#)

OK, I'm done with my first few days...
So you've finished your processing and you're ready to start settling in. Need to know about housing and what to do with your pets? Maybe you're trying to figure out when your POV is going to get here and what your spouse is going to do for a job. Follow the link below for all the details.
[View details >](#)

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Garrison Sponsorship "ABOUT"

Newcomers can learn about the community

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About USAG Rheinland-Pfalz

From the Commander

Welcome to the Kaiserslautern Military Community, a joint environment with Army and Air Force components that work together to provide the best possible services.

About Kaiserslautern

Welcome to the County of Kaiserslautern

Landkreis Kaiserslautern
Free Time

County Commissioner Paul Junker cordially welcomes you to the County of Kaiserslautern. We are responsible for strengthening the county, while constantly undergoing changes to ensure it stays a sustainable market. Our mandate in the County Administration is: You, the citizens are at the very center of all of our activities and efforts. We continually strive to improve the quality in all of our services.

[Host City Website](#)

Community Policies

The following are a few of the policy letters that apply to all the installations in the Rheinland-Pfalz footprint:

- Open Door Policy
- Supervision of Children
- Civilian Sponsorship
- Safety

[See More >](#)

Community Policies

Kaiserslautern City Website in English

Video about Kaiserslautern in English

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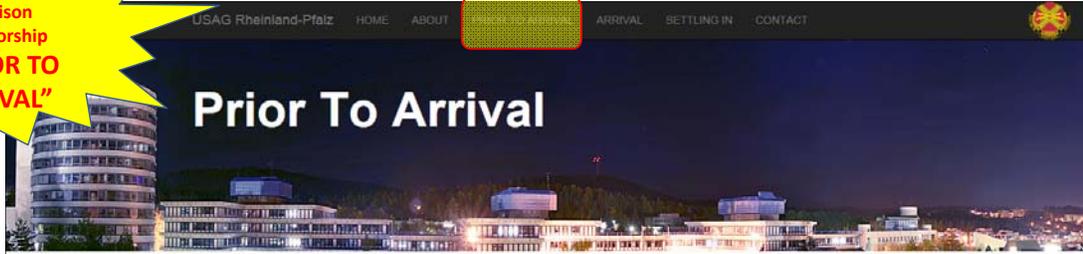
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Garrison Sponsorship Webpage



Garrison Sponsorship "PRIOR TO ARRIVAL"



Prior To About the KMC TASP Lodging Arrangements Household Goods Vehicle/Driver's Information CMR Box Setup Pet Shipping

Total Army Sponsorship Program

No matter how many times you've PCS'd or even if you've been assigned to United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz before, you need to make contact with your sponsor to make sure you're aware of the latest in-processing policies and requirements BEFORE you arrive. Not only is it a good idea, it is a DA requirement for all Soldiers, O-6 and below, to be assigned a sponsor prior to their arrival at their new duty station.

Important info to know prior to arriving to the KMC

Your sponsor is the key to your successful PCS! He or she will save you valuable time and hassle before, during and after your arrival. To assist Soldiers sponsoring incoming families, we have established youth and spouse sponsorship programs. These programs work with your Soldier sponsor to provide a comprehensive sponsorship experience and ensure the entire family is welcomed appropriately. Talk to your Soldier sponsor about the youth and spouse sponsorship programs today!

Your assigned unit will appoint you a sponsor through the USAREUR EASIGATE online sponsorship assignment system. You will need to log on to EASIGATE from a government computer and complete required information in order to help your unit assign an appropriate sponsor. To log on to EASIGATE, go to: <http://www.eur.army.mil/EASIGATE/>

If your sponsor hasn't contacted you within a week after you completed EASIGATE, please contact the Sponsorship Liaison Office at usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.incom-europe.mbx.usag-r-p-sponsorship@mail.mil or call them at DSN 314-483-7333, civ. 011-49-631-411-7333.



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Garrison Sponsorship "ARRIVAL"



Arrival In-Processing Advances, Allowances, and Entitlements Financial Institutions Finance ID Cards Local Currency Travel Documents

What to Expect Upon Arrival

All Soldiers and most families arriving in Germany on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves will arrive at the Ramstein Gateway Reception Center via Air Mobility Command's military chartered airlift, The Patriot Express. Flights depart from DFW Airport, A.M.C. Terminal and arrive at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. USAREUR Command Policy requires that all personnel and accompanying family members process through the Soldier and Family Reception Center. Personnel will be evaluated in the baggage claims to expedite this process.

Your sponsor and/or unit representatives will be present to pick you up upon arrival. If not, you will be transported by the "3 Blue" to the Garrison Personnel Office, where you will be met by Garrison staff.

If you are a Soldier and are scheduled to fly into Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) instead of Ramstein Air Base, contact your travel office immediately to arrange your flight to a Patriot Express flight. For only as it is USAREUR policy that no Soldiers fly into FRA during a PCS move, there is also no support nor oversight at FRA to track your arrival.

AER 612.1, Community Central In-and Out-processing, stipulates that all Soldiers, O-6 and below, and DA civilians, GS-15 and below, will complete all portions of in-processing in-processing typically last between 12-15 days after arrival. Please plan accordingly, especially if you are a senior leader, as your unit may schedule appointments for you when you are required to be at in-processing. Below is a breakdown of what to expect during the first few days of in-processing.

Arrival Day

- Arrival Day is the following duty day if your arrive after close of business:
- Report to the Central In-Processing Office, Room 112, Bldg. 3245, Kaserne Passau
 - In-process and receive an in-processing training schedule
 - Receive CIP issue appointment
 - Begin in-processing stations

Second Duty Day

- Report to your unit S-1 or personnel division:
 - Receive duty position memorandum (if applicable)
 - Complete Security In-Processing
 - Complete DD90 (SGLI) documentation
 - Complete eADLPD arrival requirements
- You need to bring the following forms with you:
 - Duty position memo (if applicable)
 - Copy of orders and any amendments
 - DA Form 34 (leave form)

ITC

- Refer to your schedule, and be on time. Many classes, including USAREUR driver's training and the housing office, will not allow you to arrive late. Driver's training and testing will usually be scheduled for you within the first week of your arrival. The driver's test in Germany is not easy, and most individuals who do not study prior to the training fail the test on the first try. Study ahead of time using the following link: [Driver's Training](#)

If you are planning to live off post, and you are authorized to do so, you will be provided time during in-processing to search for a home. However, it is important to note that you must adhere to the schedule provided to you to the greatest extent possible. If you find yourself having issues with your schedule, contact your sponsor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE ACS RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM AT <https://www.facebook.com/USAGacw79ref-hs> or call them at DSN 314-483-4025, civ. 011-49-631-3436-4025.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE CONTACTING YOUR SPONSOR/UNIT, CONTACT THE INSTALLATION SPONSORSHIP LIAISON AT usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.incom-europe.mbx.usag-r-p-sponsorship@mail.mil or call them at DSN 314-483-7333, civ. 011-49-631-411-7333.

Important info to know about arriving into the KMC

Garrison Sponsorship "SETTLING IN"

Important info to help newcomers settle into their new community

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Settling In

Settling In Facilities Culture, Customs & Laws Education Employment Housing Pets Vehicle Registration KMC Supervision Policy

Base Facilities

Wilson Barracks, Landstuhl

- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Hospital
- Car Care Clinic
- Express/Gas Station
- Community Center
- Childcare Center
- Elementary/Middle School
- Teen Center
- Dental Clinic

Ramstein Air Base

- Air Terminal
- Kaiserslautern Military Community Center (KMCC)
 - The Exchange
 - Restaurants
 - Movie theater
 - Concessionaires
 - Lodging
- Commissary
- Express/Gas Station
- Golf Course
- Officer & Enlisted Clubs
- Car Care Center
- High School & Elementary/Middle School
- Adult Education Center
- Bowling Alley

Vogelweh Air Base/Kapaun Air Station/Putaski Barracks

- Garrison Headquarters
- FMWR Outdoor Rec
- Commissary

** Website continues with more information about other KMC and BMC facilities/installations, and links to more information.

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Garrison Sponsorship "CONTACT US"

Newcomers or anyone else can contact the garrison Installation Sponsorship Liaison (ISL)

Garrison Sponsorship Webpage

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Welcome to USAG Rheinland-Pfalz!

Contact Us

You can use the form below to contact a member of the sponsorship team for US Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz. Alternatively, you can contact them at the following numbers:

- DSN 463-7333
- Civ: 0631-411-7333

If you don't want to use the form below, you may send an email to the follow address. Be sure to include a return email or phone number. usarmy.rheinland.pfalz.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-r-p-sponsorship@mail.mil

Your Name

Your Email Address

Your Phone Number (Optional)

Message

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Same Sex Spouse Assignments



- In Germany, Same Sex Spouses of Active Duty Soldiers are not presently authorized command sponsorship and SOFA Status.
- Accompanied tours for Same Sex Spouses are therefore not authorized.
- If a Same Sex Spouse without command sponsorship arrives in Germany he/she is essentially on their own, not sponsored by the sending Force, and considered a tourist. He/she may remain in country for up to 90 days under immigration laws - unless they can obtain some sort of legal status, e.g. would not apply to a EU citizen.

ALARACT 250/2014, Extending Benefits to Same Sex Spouses of Soldiers, addresses OCONUS assignment of Soldiers and states, "Command Sponsorship that violates an applicable SOFA will not be approved." It also directs Soldiers to "consult his/her installation legal office...for information regarding how the host nation laws and applicable SOFA could impact the command sponsorship..."



Same Sex Spouse Assignments



- Same Sex Spouses are NOT authorized the following Individual Logistic Support (ILS) items:
 - Armed Forces Recreation Center facilities
 - Military banking facilities
 - Army and Air Force Exchange Service
 - Military postal services
 - Commissary
 - Status of Forces Agreement identification
 - Credit union (AE Form 600-77C)
 - Customs exemption
 - Pet and firearms registration and control
 - Rationed items with ration card
 - Tax-free petroleum, oils, and lubricants
 - U.S. Forces privately owned vehicle license
 - Value-added tax form (Abwicklungsschein)



Same Sex Spouse Assignments



- The benefits and privileges authorized to Same Sex Spouses are:
 - Army Continuing Education System
 - Housing & Housing referral services
 - Legal assistance
 - Local government transportation (shuttle bus)
 - Local morale, welfare, and recreation services (except for purchase of goods and services, use of ARMP machines, or participation in Bingo or similar activities)
 - Medical and dental services
 - DODDS Schools (Space Availableonly)
 - Transient Billets
 - Mortuary services
 - Installation Access
 - Dependent ID Card
 - Temporary Lodging Allowance (at the without dependents rate)

**** Consult your legal office for assistance on same sex assignments, SOFA / ILS and command sponsorship.**



END OF BRIEF



INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND

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