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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison Schweinfurt Water Safety Program 2009

1. Reference: Army in Europe Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off-Limits Areas, Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations.

2. Purpose: To outline the procedures for the Water Safety Program in the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt.

3. USAREUR Reg. 385-2, requires commanders to emphasize recreational water safety prior to and during the summer season. Water safety is important because drowning is historically the second leading cause of off-duty accidental deaths within USAREUR. Responsibilities are as follows:

a. Unit Commanders:

(1) Ensure the enclosed Schweinfurt listing of authorized swimming areas is posted on unit bulletin boards.

(2) Brief all Soldiers on water safety. You can use the lesson plan outlined in USAREUR Reg. 385-2 and sign out a videotape about water safety "Why People Drown" or "European Water Safety" at the US Army Garrison Schweinfurt Safety Office. Emphasize that Soldiers and their Families may only use authorized swimming pools. All other open bodies of water like rivers, lakes, quarries and canals, etc., are off limits. Certified instructors must be available if units conduct hands on "Drown proofing" training in a local swimming pool.

(3) Promote water safety awareness by posting water safety posters on unit bulletin boards.

b. US Army Garrison Schweinfurt Safety Office:

(1) Publishes and distributes a list of authorized and unauthorized swimming areas (see enclosure).

(2) Provides water safety training at the Inprocessing Training Center (ITC).

(3) Provides water safety video to all Schweinfurt units.

c. US Army Garrison Schweinfurt DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Division:

(1) Provides boating safety briefings to customers renting boats or canoes. Advises customers on locations of German approved boating, windsurfing and water skiing areas.

(2) Provides serviceable Coast Guard approved life preservers. All boat occupants, windsurfers and water skiers must wear life preservers.

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4. The proponent for this policy memorandum is US Army Garrison Schweinfurt, Safety Manager, 354-1670 or CIV 09721-961670.



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AUTHORIZED/UNAUTHORIZED SWIMMING AREAS

- a. All swimming pools are authorized swimming areas.
- b. Unless specifically placed off limits, all ocean and sea borders are approved provided life guards are on duty.
- c. All other bodies of water, to include lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, and quarries are off limits. In the Schweinfurt area, following lakes/streams, which are used for swimming by the Germans, are **not authorized** for Soldiers, Family members, and US civilians:

Lake Ellertshausen
Lake Grafenrheinfeld and lakes in the vicinity
Lake Horhausen
Lake Sennfeld and lakes in the vicinity
Lake Wipfeld
Knetzgauer Bucht
Schonunger Bucht
Main River

- d. Windsurfing requires the use of approved life preservers. In the Schweinfurt area, only Lake Ellertshausen or Lake Horhausen is authorized for windsurfing. For other lakes or rivers outside of Schweinfurt area, follow the local rules concerning the use of surfboards.

- e. Boating requires the use of approved life preservers. Boating is possible on the Main river, Saale river and on most of the lakes with the exception of lake Sennfeld and lake Grafenrheinfeld.

- f. Scuba diving is only authorized in organized and approved diving clubs or -schools (US or German), provided the club diving rules are followed.

- g. It is additionally emphasized that sponsors are responsible for informing their Family members of the authorized and unauthorized areas in the vicinity of Schweinfurt and Bad Kissingen.

SCHWEINFURT AREA POOLS:

- a. Outdoor City Pools: Gerolzhofen, Hassfurt, Volkach
- b. Indoor Pools Schweinfurt: Silvana, (Indoor/outdoor) pool, An den Eichen
- c. Other Indoor City Pools: Werneck, Schonungen, Schwebheim, Gochsheim, Gerolzhofen, Sennfeld, and Dittelbrunn.

BAD KISSINGEN AND BAD NEUSTADT POOLS

- a. Outdoor City Pool: Bad Kissingen, Ballingheim
- b. Indoor Pools: Hotel, Sonnenhuegel Hotel (Reiterswiesen), Hallenbad Salinenstrasse, KissSalis Therme (Garitz), Triamare Sport- und Erlebnisbad (Bad Neustadt)