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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Ansbach, Command Policy Safety Memorandum #31, Water Recreational Areas for the Ansbach Area

1. References:

a. DA Pamphlet 385-10, Army Safety Program, 23 May 08, Rapid Action Review (RAR) 19 Jan 10.

b. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 23 Aug 07, 27 Nov 13.

c. AE Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off-Limit Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations, 3 Mar 14.

2. Purpose: Provide a listing of authorized and off-limits water recreational areas within the USAG Ansbach vicinity (enclosure).

3. Applicability: All military members, DOD civilians, and their Family members assigned, attached, employed by or living in the USAG Ansbach footprint.

4. General: During the past two years, the Army has lost eight (8) Soldiers to drowning and water related activities. In most of the incidents, the Soldiers were surrounded by friends, fellow Soldiers or Family members. The Family members, co-workers and friends are victims too, as they bear the burden of contemplating whether they could have prevented the accident. We can and must act to prevent the senseless and needless loss of life and human suffering surrounding water-related accidents. The first step is to identify authorized and off-limits water recreational areas.

5. Authorized Water Recreational Areas: Drowning accidents can occur anywhere (beaches, lakes, pools, etc.). Even the most ardent swimmer can encounter difficulties in the water; especially, when they swim in unsafe or unhealthy waters.

a. Swimming Pools: Unless otherwise noted all public pools, indoor and outdoor, are authorized swimming areas. Ansbach community members and their families are advised that although the pools have a Bademeister (pool supervisor) or trained rescuers from Deutsche-Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft (DLRG) on site, they do not provide continuous surveillance of the pool. Therefore it is imperative that parents and guardians monitor their children at all times. Weak swimmers should never be left ALONE.

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b. Lakes and Ponds: The enclosure provides a listing of authorized and off-limits lakes and ponds. Although authorized, members are advised that water quality in lakes and ponds may vary during the swimming season, 15 May -6 September 2016. Members should always check the USAG Ansbach webpage for the latest water quality test result before heading out to their favorite lake or pond. Community members are advised to avoid swimming in lakes and ponds after a period of significant rainfall.

c. Rivers. Rivers will generally not be used as swimming areas unless as part of a supervised sporting activity or similar event where qualified lifeguards are on duty and sufficient lifesaving equipment, communications equipment, first-aid facilities, and protective devices are available.

6. Responsibilities: The next two steps are probably the most critical – distribution of the information and accountability.

a. Commanders will:

- (1) Direct personnel to swim only in authorized water recreational areas.
- (2) Inform personnel about safe swimming and boating practices.
- (3) Ensure the list of authorized/off limits water recreational areas is posted on unit safety bulletin boards until 30 Sep 16.
- (4) Ensure the listing is provided to our new Soldiers and DOD civilians as part of unit in-processing.
- (5) Ensure Soldiers understand the differences between German lifesavers and the traditional lifeguards who provide supervision at U.S. pools and beaches. Soldiers must understand that lifesavers do not provide continuous oversight over personnel in the water. Also, a lifesaver may or may not have the same skill set as a lifeguard. In some instances, lifesavers may only be capable of performing elementary assists (e.g., reaching, throwing, wading or rowing – not by a swimming rescue), provide basic first aid, and lay-responder CPR.
- (6) Ensure first line supervisors discuss water safety in one-on-one briefing sessions.

b. Soldiers and DOD civilians will:

- (1) Ensure all family members are aware of off-limits water recreational area and comply with this policy letter.
- (2) Swim in only approved swimming areas and “never swim alone.”

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(3) Avoid the terrible “toos” when it comes to water safety: too tired, too cold, too far away from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity, too much alcohol.

(4) Refrain from participating in water-related activities after consumption of alcohol. Alcohol and water do not mix. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

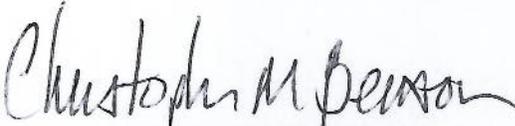
(5) Maintain constant supervision of children whenever around water. Never leave a young child unattended near water and don't trust a child's life to another child.

(6) When using public swimming facilities ensure proper and safe behavior of themselves, their family members, and guest.

(7) Remember we are ambassadors of our government and must act accordingly.

7. The proponent of this policy is the USAG Ansbach Safety Office, email: [usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.safety-office@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.safety-office@mail.mil), DSN 468-7780/1670, or commercial 09802-83-7780/1670.

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## USAG ANSBACH AUTHORIZED SWIMMING AREAS

### Ansbach Area:

Ansbach Aquella (in and outdoor)  
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Dinkelsbuehl City - Woernitzbad  
Feuchtwangen City Pool (in-/outdoor)  
Flachslanden Local Pool (outdoor)  
Gunzenhausen Freibad (outdoor)  
Gunzenhausen Hallenbad (indoor)  
Gunzenhausen Altmuehlsee (lake)\*  
Gunzenhausen Brombachsee (lake)\*  
Heilsbronn Local Pool (outdoor)  
Herrieden Local Pool (outdoor)  
Leutershausen Local Pool (outdoor)  
Lichtenau Local Pool (outdoor)  
Neuendettelsau NOVAMARE (in-and outdoor)  
Rothenburg City – Hallenbad and Waldschwimmbad  
Weihezell Local Pool (outdoor)  
Windsbach Local Pool (outdoor)

### Storck Barracks (Illesheim) Area:

Bad Windsheim Local Pool  
Bad Windsheim Franken Therme (in-and outdoor)  
Burgbernheim Waldbad (outdoor)  
Colmberg Local Pool (outdoor)  
Neustadt/Aisch City Pool (outdoor)  
Uffenheim Local Pool (outdoor)

\* Approved outdoor recreational area with swimming/bathing lakes. Only authorized on weekends and German holidays when lifeguards are present.

### **Off-Limits Water Recreational Areas**

All other lakes, canals and sand pits are “off limits” to US Army personnel and family members. The Soldiers Lake at Urlas (Ansbach area) is not an authorized swimming area. Rivers will generally not be used as swimming areas unless as part of a supervised sporting activity or similar event where qualified lifeguards are on duty and sufficient lifesaving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, and protective devices are available.