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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter # 31 - United States Army Garrison (USAG) Ansbach, Designated Water Recreational Areas for the Ansbach Area

1. References:

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

b. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 27 Nov 13, RAR 4 Oct 11.

c. AE Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off -Limit Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations, 18 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 six Soldiers to drowning. 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 15 -2 Sep 15. 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 15.

(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, and too much strenuous activity.

(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.

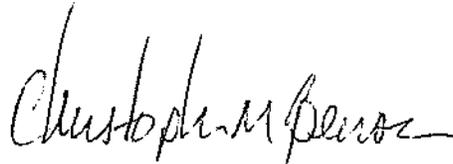
(5) Maintain constant supervision of children whenever around water. Never leave a young child unattended near water and don't trust a child's life to another child.

(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 (2015)**

**A. Ansbach Area:**

**1. Pools (indoor and outdoor)**

Ansbach Aquella (in and outdoor)  
Feuchtwangen City Pool (in-/outdoor)  
Flachslanden Local Pool (outdoor)  
Gunzenhausen Freibad (outdoor)  
Gunzenhausen Hallenbad (indoor)  
Heilsbronn Local Pool (outdoor)  
Herrieden Local Pool (outdoor)  
Leutershausen Local Pool (outdoor)  
Lichtenau Local Pool (outdoor)  
Neuendettelsau NOVAMARE (in-/outdoor)  
Rothenburg City – Hallenbad and  
Waldschwimmbad  
Weiherzell Local Pool (outdoor)  
Windsbach Local Pool (outdoor)

**2. Lakes**

Bechhofen - Krummweiher  
Dinkelsbuehl - Woernitzbad (river/pools)  
Enderndorf/Pleinfeld - Grosser Brombachsee  
- Allmannsdorf Beach  
- Pleinfeld Beach  
- Ramsberg Beach  
Enderndorf/Pleinfeld - Kleiner Brombachsee  
- Langlau Beach  
- Absberg Badehalbinsel  
- Absberg Seespitz Beach Center  
Enderndorf/Pleinfeld - Igelsbachsee  
Nuernberg/Feucht - Jaegersee  
Nuernberg/Schwaig - Birkensee  
Roth – Rothsee  
- Birkach Beach  
- Grashof Beach  
- Heuberg Seezentrum Beach  
Unterschwaningen - Dennenloher See  
Weissenburg/Gunzenhausen - Hahnenkammsee

**B. Storck Barracks (Illesheim) Area:**

**1. Pools (indoor and outdoor)**

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

**2. Lakes**

Schnelldorf - Erlensee  
Schornweisach - Schornweisacher Weiher  
Oberzenn - Oberzenner See

All pools and lakes listed above are periodically monitored/tested by local German health offices. Pools have to meet EU water quality standards when open to the public. Note: Lifeguards are available at the lake beaches on weekends and German holidays only.

**All other lakes, canals and sand pits are “off limits” to US Army personnel and family members.**

Note: The Soldiers Lake at Urlas (USAG Ansbach) is not an authorized swimming area.