

End-of-Tax-Season Reminders

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Deadline Reminders: June 15th is the filing deadline for Americans who were outside the U.S. on April 18th to file their federal income tax returns. If you haven't filed yet, come see us!

June 30th is the deadline for U.S. persons to report financial interests or signature authority over non-U.S. financial accounts. U.S. persons are defined as citizens or residents of the U.S. (including Green Card holders). Accounts in foreign countries include banks or other financial institutions in Germany, but do not include military banking facilities such as Service Credit Union or Community Bank. The June 30, 2011 deadline is for reporting a financial account or accounts which, in the aggregate, had a converted value exceeding \$10,000 on any day in 2010. The required form is Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts, at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f90221.pdf>, and it is not filed with a tax return. It is filed separately with the U.S. Treasury Department office in Detroit. Married couples with joint non-U.S. accounts should each file the report. Contact the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center at tax@eur.army.mil if you have questions. The penalties for not reporting can be 25% to 50% of the value of the accounts, and currently all German banks report U.S. accounts to the IRS. There is no cost associated with filing the report, unless the IRS finds out you did not disclose your off-shore interests!

Tax Assistance Center Operations: Due to loss of personnel we closed our Landstuhl Tax Assistance Center at the end of May. Tax services continue to be available at the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center on Kleber Kaserne, as they are all year long. Landstuhl clients who need tax assistance should contact the Kaiserslautern Tax Assistance Center at DSN 483-7688/8848, Civilian 0631-411-7688/8848, or by e-mail at tax@eur.army.mil. We are always available to assist in preparing or amending federal and state tax returns, to advise taxpayers who are facing IRS examinations or audits, or to answer federal and state income tax questions. Thanks to everyone for their support of our Tax Assistance Centers this year. The 2011 tax season saw a marked increase in the number of clients using our services, and an increase in the complexity of returns. These free professional tax services continue to be among the most popular benefits in the Kaiserslautern Military Community; the value of the services is immediate and relevant to each and every Soldier, civilian employee, retiree, and family member. The numbers in the yellow box to the right tell the rest of the story.



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* for tax help after 15 June 2011,
call DSN 483-8848

USAREUR-WIDE TAX CENTER REPORT 31 JAN — 20 MAY 2011

Total Returns Prepared:

26,507

**Total Amount of Tax
Preparer Fees Saved:**

\$3,950,355

Total Amount of Refunds:

\$52,936,711

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use it or lose it!*