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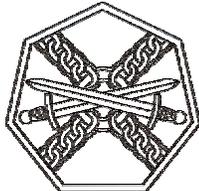
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Summary. This publication—

- Prescribes policy for the U.S. Forces to participate in German traffic safety activities.
- Lists German traffic safety organizations (app A) and members of the *Kavalier der Straße* Association (app C).
- Provides information on the annual International Motor Vehicle Lighting Program (app B).
- Provides criteria and procedures for earning and awarding the *Kavalier der Straße* award (app D).
- Implements Air Force Policy Directive 91-2.

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1. PURPOSE

This publication—

- a. Prescribes policy and procedures for the U.S. Forces to participate in German traffic safety activities.
- b. Establishes the U.S. Forces contribution to motor-vehicle traffic management in Germany. U.S. Forces participation in German traffic safety activities may—
 - (1) Help reduce highway deaths, injuries, and property damage.
 - (2) Provide new ideas, techniques, and methods for the U.S. Forces Traffic Accident Prevention Program.

2. REFERENCES

a. Publications.

- (1) AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS).
- (2) AE Regulation 190-1/USNAVEUR Instruction 11240.60/USAFE Instruction 31-202, Registering and Operating Privately Owned Motor Vehicles in Germany.
- (3) Air Force Manual 37-123, Management of Records.

b. Forms.

- (1) DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms.
- (2) AE Form 385-8A, Confirmation by Person Recommended for the *Kavalier der Straße* Award.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AAFES-Eur	Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe
AE	Army in Europe
ASG	area support group
BSB	base support battalion
BSG	base support group
e.V.	<i>eingetragener Verein</i>
HQ	headquarters
HQ USAREUR/7A	Headquarters, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army
IMA-E	United States Army Installation Management Agency, Europe Region Office
POV	privately owned vehicle
U.S.	United States
USAFE	United States Air Forces in Europe
USBMC-E	United States Army Base Operations Maintenance Center - Europe

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. HQ USAREUR/7A, HQ USAFE, and IMA-E will maintain contact with the German Federal Ministry of Transport through their respective liaison channels. Designated representatives will meet as needed with representatives of the German Traffic Safety Council and participate in conferences and other activities to which they are invited.

b. Commanders and safety officials will publicize—

- (1) Information on the purpose and activities of the *Kavalier der Straße* Association to members of the U.S. Forces.
- (2) U.S. Forces participation in German traffic safety activities.

c. Area support group (ASG), base support battalion (BSB), and base support group (BSG) commanders will cooperate with *Kreisverkehrswachten* and *örtliche Verkehrswachten* (local road safety groups) in matters of mutual interest as appropriate.

d. ASG, BSB, and BSG safety officers will head committees at their respective headquarters to review *Kavalier der Straße* award nominations and to ensure nomination criteria are met. Committees must have at least one representative each from the local safety office, the provost marshal office, and the public affairs office.

e. U.S. Forces personnel will—

- (1) Participate in German traffic safety activities, from the German Federal to the local level, when participation is practical and appropriate. Special program directives will be issued each year.
- (2) Nominate individuals for the *Kavalier der Straße* award when appropriate.

5. GERMAN ORGANIZATION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

a. **The *Deutscher Verkehrssicherheitsrat e.V.* (German Traffic Safety Council).** The *Deutscher Verkehrssicherheitsrat e.V.*—

- (1) Is a semi-private organization that operates under the patronage and with the financial support of the German Federal Ministry of Transport.
- (2) Is the focal point of traffic safety in Germany.

(3) Coordinates the traffic-accident prevention efforts of its members.

(4) Includes in its membership automobile clubs, insurance companies, research institutions, the school system, the *Deutsche Verkehrswacht e.V.* (German Road Safety Group), the *Kavalier der Straße* Association, and church, industrial, and occupational groups.

b. *Verkehrswachten* (German Road Safety Groups).

(1) *Verkehrswachten*—

(a) Are organized at the *Deutsche Verkehrswacht* (national), *Landesverkehrswacht* (State), and *Kreisverkehrswacht* (county or city) levels.

(b) Maintain a small, professional staff at the national level and one professional *Geschäftsführer* (safety director) in each *Land* (State).

(c) Are composed of interested citizens who work without compensation.

(d) Teach the general public about safe and courteous driving habits and techniques.

(e) Sponsor educational traffic programs for school children.

(f) Sponsor the annual International Motor Vehicle Lighting Program.

(g) Organize school patrols in Germany.

(2) Appendix A lists German traffic safety organizations of national and State councils. Appendix B prescribes guidance for U.S. Forces participation in the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Program.

c. *Kavalier der Straße* Association. The *Kavalier der Straße* Association is a Germany-wide association of newspapers that publicizes exceptional deeds by individuals on German highways. Exceptional deeds are recognized with awards, ceremonies, and news coverage. Appendix C lists members of the *Kavalier der Straße* Association. Appendix D provides procedures for nominating individuals for awards.

APPENDIX A

GERMAN TRAFFIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS OF NATIONAL AND STATE COUNCILS

A-1. NATIONAL LEVEL

Deutsche Verkehrswacht e.V.
Am Pannacker 2
53340 Bonn-Meckenheim
Telephone: 02225-8840
Fax: 02225-9162200

A-2. STATE LEVEL

Landesverkehrswacht Baden-Württemberg e.V.
Ulmer Str. 261
70327 Stuttgart
Telephone: 0711-407030

Landesverkehrswacht Berlin e.V.
Reichsst. 100
14052 Berlin
Telephone: 030-3040161

Landesverkehrswacht Hessen e.V.
Walldorfer Straße 4 - 6
60598 Frankfurt/Main
Telephone: 069-634027

Landesverkehrswacht Saar e.V.
Metzer Str. 19
66119 Saarbrücken
Telephone: 0681-57589

Landesverkehrswacht Niedersachsen e.V.
Arndtstr. 19
30167 Hannover
Telephone: 0511-17580

Landesverkehrswacht Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V.
Friedenstr. 4
40219 Düsseldorf
Telephone: 0211-394025

Landesverkehrswacht Bayern e.V.
Ridlerstr. 35A
80339 München
Telephone: 089-540133-0

Landesverkehrswacht Bremen e.V.
Hollerallee 6
28209 Bremen
Telephone: 0421-343536

Landesverkehrswacht Rheinland-Pfalz e.V.
Bahnhofplatz 2
55116 Mainz
Telephone: 06131-222510

Landesverkehrswacht Hamburg e.V.
Großmannstr. 210
20539 Hamburg
Telephone: 040-7898376

Landesverkehrswacht Schleswig-Holstein e.V.
Westring 260
24116 Kiel
Telephone: 0431-17333

Landesverkehrswacht Thüringen e.V.
St. Christophorus-Str. 3
99092 Erfurt
Telephone: 0361-77886

Landesverkehrswacht Sachsen e.V.
Unterer Kreuzweg 1
01097 Dresden
Telephone: 0351-56330-40

Landesverkehrswacht Sachsen-Anhalt
Klosterwuhne 40
39124 Magdeburg
Telephone: 0391-2515297

Landesverkehrswacht Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Medeweger Str. 20
19057 Schwerin
Telephone: 0385-4868345

Landesverkehrswacht Brandenburg
Max-Eyth-Allee 2
14469 Potsdam
Telephone: 0331-504023

APPENDIX B
ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE LIGHTING PROGRAM

B-1. GENERAL

The International Motor Vehicle Lighting Program is for motor vehicle owners to have their vehicles inspected 1 through 31 October. This is the time when the hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin.

B-2. PROCEDURES

a. Commanders will encourage maximum, voluntary participation in the program.

b. Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES-Eur), repair shop personnel in Germany will—

(1) Check the following free of charge on privately owned vehicles (POVs) of U.S. Forces personnel:

(a) Headlights, brake lights, taillights, and turn indicators.

(b) Brakes.

(c) Exhaust systems.

(d) Tires.

(e) Windshield wipers.

(2) Inspect brake systems (including brake pedal play and cushion, cables, fluid levels, hoses, and tubes; and for external leaks).

(3) Not remove wheels.

(4) Not drive cars to test braking action.

(5) Inspect POVs in the program as they are brought in for service.

(6) Schedule inspections individually at the earliest possible time when the workload prevents immediate inspection.

(7) Charge persons at a normal rate for extra work or parts.

(8) Inspect POVs according to AE Regulation 190-1/USNAVEUR Instruction 11240.60/USAFE Instruction 31-202.

(9) Affix a German safety sticker to the top center of the windshield in the blind spot behind the rearview mirror of POVs that pass the inspection.

c. United States Army Base Operations Maintenance Center - Europe (USBMC-E) POV inspection stations will—

(1) Conduct the inspection as prescribed in subparagraph b above.

(2) Inspect POVs not going through normal pre-registration inspections as normal workload permits.

(3) Affix a German safety sticker on POVs that pass the inspection according to b(9) above.

d. The IMA-E Safety Office will procure and send German safety stickers to the USBMC-E and AAFES-Eur for distribution to POV inspection stations and AAFES-Eur repair shops.

e. POV owners—

(1) Are encouraged to have their POVs inspected.

(2) Will remove the German safety sticker before 31 December of the year of inspection.

f. Chiefs of public affairs offices will provide public information support for U.S. Forces participation in the program.

g. Provost marshals and chiefs of security police should—

(1) Work with local civilian police, in the limits of their authority, to enforce actions connected with this program.

(2) Increase spot-checks of POVs for safety violations.

B-3. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

Personnel at AAFES-Eur repair shops and USBMC-E POV inspection stations are not able to inspect many POVs at one time. Commanders should—

a. Not organize unit POV inspections.

b. Encourage individual participation.

APPENDIX C
MEMBERS OF THE *KAVALIER DER STRAÙE* ASSOCIATION

Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Tageszeitungen
"Kavalier der Straße"
Postfach 330746
80067 München
Telephone: 089-2183493

Aachener Volkszeitung	Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung
Aalener Volkszeitung	Neue Presse (Coburg)
Allgemeine Zeitung (Mainz)	Neue Westfälische Zeitung (Bielefeld)
Augsburger Allgemeine	Nordbayern Kurier (Bayreuth)
Badische Zeitung (Freiburg)	Passauer Neue Presse
Bayerische Rundschau (Kulmbach)	Remscheider Generalanzeiger
Darmstädter Tagblatt	Rems-Zeitung (Schwäbisch-Gmünd)
Der Neue Tag (Weiden)	Rhein-Zeitung (Koblenz)
Donau Kurier (Ingolstadt)	Rheinpfalz (Ludwigshafen)
Frankenpost Hof	Saarbrücker Zeitung
Frankfurter Neue Presse	Schorndorfer Nachrichten
Fränkisches Volksblatt (Würzburg)	Schweinfurter Tagblatt
Fuldaer Zeitung	Segeberger Zeitung
Heidenheimer Zeitung	Sindelfinger Zeitung
Heilbronner Stimme	Süddeutsche Zeitung (München)
Hessische Allgemeine (Kassel)	Südkurier (Konstanz)
Kölnisch Rundschau	Südwest Presse (Ulm)
Leonberger Kreiszeitung	Vaihinger Kreiszeitung
Main-Post (Würzburg)	Waiblinger Kreiszeitung
Mainspitze (Mainz)	Welzheimer Zeitung
Mannheimer Morgen	Wiesbadener Tagblatt
Mittelbayerische Zeitung (Regensburg)	Wilhelmshavener Zeitung
Mühlacker Tagblatt	Winnender Zeitung
Münstersche Zeitung	Wormser Tagblatt

APPENDIX D
KAVALIER DER STRASSE AWARD NOMINATION PROCEDURES

D-1. GENERAL

Individuals may nominate persons who perform exceptional deeds on German highways (para D-2) for *Kavalier der Straße* awards. Only actual witnesses to the deed may submit nominations. Nominees may be Americans, host-nation citizens, and foreign nationals. Members of the *Kavalier der Straße* Association (app C) will review and approve or disapprove award nominations. The *Kavalier der Straße* Web site (<http://www.kavalier-der-strasse.com>) provides more information.

D-2. AWARDS

Awards are based on the following categories:

- a. Being considerate to or doing something commendable for vehicle operators in relation to children or handicapped persons.
- b. Helping at traffic accidents in which the proposed recipients of an award were not involved.
- c. Supporting successful searches for hit-and-run drivers.
- d. Reporting and removing dangerous traffic obstacles immediately.
- e. Preventing accidents that appeared to be inevitable.

D-3. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominating individuals (para D-1) should send *Kavalier der Straße* award nominations to the servicing area support group, base support battalion, or base support group safety officer. Figure D-1 provides the nomination format.

SUBJECT: Nomination for the “Kavalier der Straße” Award *date*

TO: *(Name and address of appropriate newspaper)*

- 1. I nominate the driver of the vehicle with license plate number _____ for the “Kavalier der Straße” Award.
- 2. *(Nominee’s address, if known (military address for U.S. Forces personnel; civilian address for non-U.S. Forces personnel).)*
- 3. *(Brief description of the deed that justifies the award.)*

(Full name and military address of the individual making the nomination)

Figure D-1. Nomination Format for the *Kavalier der Straße* Award

a. When a U.S. civilian or military member of the U.S. Forces is nominated for the *Kavalier der Straße* award, the safety officer will do the following:

(1) Contact the nominee's unit commander to check whether or not the nominee has a good driving record.

(2) Ask the unit commander to—

(a) Have the nominee complete AE Form 385-8A.

(b) Provide the completed AE Form 385-8A, the nomination, and any supporting documentation.

b. The safety officer will send—

(1) The award nomination to the appropriate member of the *Kavalier der Straße* Association (app B).

(2) A copy of the award nomination to IMA-E (SFIM-EU-ZS) Unit 29353, Box 200, APO AE 09014-0200.