

U.S. Army Tax Centers Remain Open Filing or Amending Returns can Result in Refunds

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The eight U.S. Army tax assistance centers in Bavaria are remaining open beyond April 17th to assist taxpayers with filing current and past year returns and amending tax returns. This free service is available to all Soldiers, spouses, DOD civilians and authorized I.D. cardholders. Americans living in Germany can file their tax returns until June 15 if they do not owe money or penalties.

The Bamberg, Garmish, Hohenfels, Illesheim, Katterbach and Rose Barracks tax centers are scheduled to remain open through June. The Grafenwoehr and Schweinfurt tax centers are scheduled to remain open until 30 September in anticipation of the redeploying 172d Soldiers. Soldiers serving in a combat zone, and their spouses, have at least 180 days upon return from combat to file and pay any taxes. There is an automatic freeze on any payments or filing actions while a soldier is deployed in a combat zone.

Amending returns when there was an initial filing error by you or another preparer may increase your refund. For example, sometimes taxpayers file their return without a newborn child's Social Security number, or forget to exclude Social Security income from their taxes. Our offices can help fix these errors, as well as help with new tax return preparation.

As of 23 April 2012, the eight 7A JMTC tax centers have prepared 8,004 federal and 3,563 state returns, for 11,567 total returns. This is an almost 7 percent increase from last year. The centers saved clients \$1.6 million in preparation fees and generated over \$20.8 million in refunds thus far.

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