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USAREUR to commemorate “Fall of the Wall”

HEIDELBERG, Germany— U.S. Army Europe is launching a series of events and initiatives to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the inner German border.

As part of the campaign, USAREUR will establish a You Tube site for Soldiers and Veterans who were serving in Germany on November 9, 1989, to post videos with their personal recollections of the events surrounding what was arguably the beginning of the end of the Cold War.

USAREUR also plans to participate in German and U.S. commemoration events in Washington D.C., Berlin, and across Europe. USAREUR units and leaders will also be encouraged to conduct commemorative events at their installations November 9.

In addition, Cold War veterans currently serving in USAREUR will be available to media outlets who wish to interview them as part of the coverage of the anniversary.

In 1989, USAREUR Soldiers were standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our NATO allies, guarding freedom along the Iron Curtain. Although the USAREUR Area of Operations is now much larger than in 1989, encompassing all of Europe and Eurasia, and our forces are reduced in number, USAREUR is still working closely with our partners and allies all across that Area of Operations. By the end of 2009, USAREUR will have conducted more than 30 exercises with 38 nations.

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About us: The U.S. Army in Europe, with NATO and other coalition partners from throughout its 51-country area of responsibility, trains for, conducts, and supports contingency operations. Headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany, USAREUR has forces throughout Germany as well as in Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, and Romania, and in Afghanistan and Iraq.