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USAREUR Announces FY09 transformation actions

HEIDELBERG, Germany— The U.S. Army, Europe announced today its Fiscal Year 2009 force structure changes, which will convert, inactivate and relocate numerous units stationed in Germany and Italy to support Army Transformation and the Department of Defense's overall Global Defense Posture and to increase strategic responsiveness in the face of threats posed by the Global War on Terrorism.

USAREUR continues to support the Global War on Terrorism while simultaneously transforming units and consolidating into our enduring Main Operating Bases.

In Germany, as a result of these unit actions, there will be an overall reduction of 390 U.S. personnel to include an increase of approximately 30 Soldiers, and a decrease of approximately 234 Family members, 186 U.S. Civilians and 111 Local National Civilian employees.

In Italy there will be a decrease of 28 Soldiers and 26 Family members, an increase of 11 U.S. Civilians, and no change to the number of Local National employees.

These numbers reflect the total personnel associated with the units and organizations in this announcement. The impact on both military and civilian personnel will vary, based on the disposition of their units and the status of individual Soldiers and employees.

United States Army in Europe (USAREUR) Headquarters

USAREUR Headquarters converts to the 7th Army Headquarters, capable of expeditionary full-spectrum operations, and command and control, while continuing to serve as the Army Service Component Command to USEUCOM.

- V Corps Headquarters will inactivate.

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Signal Command

- The 5th Signal Command located in Mannheim will convert to a Theater Signal Command that supports both strategic and theater communications requirements. The unit's designation is to be determined. It will relocate to Wiesbaden pending facilities availability.
- The 7th Tactical Theater Signal Brigade (TTSB) in Mannheim relocate to Schweinfurt.
- The 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB) in Mannheim relocate to Schweinfurt.

Base Operations Signal Support Organizations

- Headquarters, 2nd Signal Brigade in Mannheim converts to a new structure and will relocate to Wiesbaden pending facilities availability.

Military Intelligence

Military Intelligence continues the conversion to an enduring Military Intelligence Brigade (MIB). This is a continuation of the transformation process which began in FY08.

- The 66th Military Intelligence (MI) Group headquarters converts to the 66th MI Brigade (MIB) at Wiesbaden.
- The 302nd MI Battalion Headquarters in Wiesbaden converts to the 24th MI Operations Battalion.
- The 2nd MI (Collection and Exploitation) Battalion in Wiesbaden converts to the 2nd MI (Forward Collection) Battalion.

Engineer

- The 596th Engineer Company (Horizontal) activates in Schweinfurt, completing the activation of the 15th Engineer Battalion which began in 2007.
- The 535th Engineer Company in Grafenwoehr relocates to Schweinfurt.

The following Combat Support and Combat Service Support changes will occur:

The following units convert:

- Headquarters, 7th Army Reserve Command in Kaiserslautern converts to the 7th Civil Support Command.
- The 720th Ordnance Company in Mannheim converts to a modular company.

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The following units relocate:

- The 405th Army Field Support Brigade Europe Headquarters and associated logistics assistance representatives in Seckenheim to Kaiserslautern.
- The 409th Contracting Support Brigade Headquarters in Seckenheim to Kaiserslautern.
- The Civilian Human Resources Agency-Europe Region in Seckenheim to Kaiserslautern.
- The United States Army Contracting Command in Seckenheim to Kaiserslautern.
- The Regional Contracting Office-Wiesbaden to Kaiserslautern.
- The 635th Movement Control Team (MCT), Wiesbaden to Kaiserslautern

The following units activate:

- The 517th Medical Company, Baumholder.

The following units inactivate:

- The 1st Armored Division Support Command (DISCOM), Wiesbaden.
- The 76th Army Band, Mannheim.
- The 147th AG Postal Company, Baumholder.
- The 566th AG Postal Company, Mannheim.

The following units return to CONUS:

- The 109th Transportation Company, Mannheim.
- The 495th Movement Control Team, Vicenza.
- The 606th Movement Control Team, Mannheim.

Military Police Actions:

- Military Police Augmentation Platoons will be activated to provide dedicated community military police support in the communities listed:
 - 516th Augmentation Platoon, Ansbach.
 - 23rd Augmentation Platoon, Baumholder.
 - 146th Augmentation Platoon, Stuttgart.
 - 148th Augmentation Platoon, Wiesbaden.
 - 512th and 514th Augmentation Platoons, Grafenwoehr.
 - 545th Augmentation Platoon, Kaiserslautern.
 - 522nd Augmentation Platoon, Schweinfurt.
 - 820th Augmentation Platoon, Hohenfels.
- Additionally, the 2nd Platoon, 615th Military Police Company, Ansbach relocates to Grafenwoehr.

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PERSONNEL IMPACT:

Germany:

As a result of these actions, the U.S. Army's total population in Germany will decrease by approximately 390 people, including an approximate increase of 30 Soldiers, decrease of 186 government Civilian employees and 234 Family Members. In Germany, there will also be a decrease of approximately 111 Local National personnel employees.

- Ansbach: Decrease of one Soldier and approximately two Family members for a total decrease of approximately three U.S. personnel.
- Baumholder: Increase of 65 Soldiers and approximately 98 Family members for a total increase of 163 U.S. personnel.
- Grafenwoehr: Increase of 32 Soldiers and approximately 48 Family members for a total increase of 80 U.S. personnel.
- Heidelberg: Population decrease of 31 Soldiers, 266 Government Service Civilians and approximately 446 Family members; approximate total decrease of 743 U.S. personnel. There will be an approximate decrease of 105 Local National positions.
- Hohenfels: Increase of 42 Soldiers and approximately 63 Family members for an approximate total increase of 105 U.S. personnel.
- Kaiserslautern: Increase of 94 Soldiers, 156 Government Service Civilian employees and approximately 375 Family members for an approximate total increase of 625 U.S. personnel. There will be an approximate increase of 97 Local National employee positions.
- Mannheim: Decrease of 1,131 Soldiers, 265 Government Service Civilian employees and approximately 2,094 Family members for an approximate total decrease of 3,490 U.S. personnel. There will be an approximate decrease of 73 Local National employee positions.
- Schweinfurt: Increase of 949 Soldiers, six Government Service Civilian employees and approximately 1,433 Family members for an approximate total increase of 2,388 U.S. personnel.
- Stuttgart: Increase of 42 Soldiers and approximately 63 Family members for an approximate total increase of 105 U.S. personnel.
- Wiesbaden: Decrease of 31 Soldiers, increase of 183 Government Service Civilian employees and approximately increase of 228 Family members for an approximate total increase of 380 U.S. personnel. There will be an approximate decrease of 30 Local National employee positions.

Italy:

- As a result of these actions, the U.S. Army total population in Vicenza, Italy, will decrease by 28 Soldiers, increase of 11 government Civilians and a decrease by 26 Family members for an approximate decrease of 43 people.