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DOD announces next round of base closures

HEIDELBERG, Germany— As announced today by the Department of Defense, 10 U.S. Army, Europe sites in Idar-Oberstein, the Baumholder and Wiesbaden areas, and other locations will be closed and returned to the host nation in 2008 and 2009 with five additional sites to be returned at a date to be determined.

Closure of these sites impacts approximately 49 Soldiers, 74 Family members, 350 U.S. civilian employees and 140 local national civilian employees with agencies such as Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe, Defense Commissary Agency-Europe, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Installation Management Command-Europe.

The sites and timeframes for return are:

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder

- Strassburg Kaserne (Idar-Oberstein), no later than summer 2009
- Idar-Oberstein Family Housing (Idar-Oberstein), no later than summer 2009
- Birkenfeld Family Housing Area (Baumholder area), no later than summer 2008
- Neubruecke Hospital Kaserne (Baumholder area), no later than summer 2009

USAG Wiesbaden

- American Arms Hotel, return date to be determined
- Dexheim Family Housing, no later than 1st Quarter 2009
- Dexheim Missile Facility, no later than 1st Quarter 2009
- Anderson Barracks, no later than 1st Quarter 2009
- Camp Oppenheim, no later than summer 2008

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USAG Mannheim

Friedrichsfeld Quartermaster Service Center, return date to be determined

Friedrichsfeld Storage Area, return date to be determined

Dannenfels Communications Station, return date to be determined

USAG Heidelberg

Stem Kaserne, return date to be determined

USAG Giessen

Dautphe Boy Scout Camp, no later than 1st Quarter 2009

Hommertshausen Girl Scout Camp, no later than 1st Quarter 2009

As a result of these actions, the Installation Management Command-Europe will close the sub-garrison at Dexheim no later than the first quarter of 2009, impacting approximately 159 of the military personnel and civilian employees already noted above.

The return of installations is in keeping with the August 2004 Presidential announcement to return forces from Europe to the United States, and U.S. European Command's Strategic Theater Transformation plan. Every effort will be made to retain civilian personnel in continuing positions. Coordination with German officials was conducted prior to this announcement.