

Fact Sheet

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U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder

U.S. Army facilities in Baumholder, Germany are a vital training and deployment platform and a critical part of U.S. Army in Europe stationing plans. Soon to be a sub-post of USAG Kaiserslautern, Baumholder is located in the wooded hills of western Germany, only 20 miles north of Kaiserslautern and Ramstein Air Base.

FORCE POSTURE: In 2008, the U.S. Dept. of Defense identified Baumholder as one of the communities that would remain in Europe as, even under the two-BCT USAREUR concept, its capacity and operational value were recognized as critical. Currently home to the 170th Brigade Combat Team, which DoD recently announced is inactivating this year, Baumholder provides stationing/operational capacity now, which enables us to begin closing the Bamberg and Schweinfurt garrisons immediately. ~2,300 Soldiers from units on those inactivating garrisons, as well as from Mannheim, begin backfilling 170th BCT facilities this summer.



Baumholder MOUT Site

TRAINING: The joint combined training facilities are second in size and usefulness only to Grafenwöhr, and are regularly used by the ~30,000 US military personnel, including U.S. Air Force and US Special Forces, stationed in the western Germany/Benelux area. The post has indoor and outdoor ranges, as well as adaptive live, virtual, constructive and gaming capabilities. The on-post 500-acre local training area has training camp capacity for 2K personnel and perhaps the best military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT) training area in the European region. The adjacent 31,000-acre German Bundeswehr major training area supports joint and combined maneuver, use of our unmanned aerial vehicles, and

live fire of all major U.S. weapon systems, including Strykers, tanks, and field artillery. Furthermore, units at Baumholder regularly conduct off-post exercises in the huge Maneuver Rights Areas throughout the Western Palatinate.

DEPLOYMENT: Baumholder is a superb deployment platform, with an efficient military-only railhead, a new deployment center, and forces there are only 30-minutes from the U.S. Air Force's premier European base, Ramstein, the most modern military passenger and aerial cargo port in the world with a state-of-the-art Joint Mobility Processing Center.

EFFICIENCIES: Forces stationed there will utilize facilities investments made in 1994-2004 of approx. \$400M, including more than 2,000 1+1 barracks, modern operational unit motor pools, and brigade/battalion/company headquarters facilities. Those facilities increase the efficiency and quality of life of our Soldiers. As the 170th Brigade Combat team inactivates, we are right-sizing the footprint and overhead throughout Europe and gaining additional efficiencies and cost savings. Baumholder still offers flexibility for other component growth, in a great location, at minimal cost.



Baumholder Railhead