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Info expo apprises troops and families

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – Knowledge is possibly one of the most important tools that any soldier can possess and use in today's Army.

The U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a Soldier Information Exposition Dec. 13 at Rose Barracks, Germany

The exposition featured 52 agencies from on and off-post locations from the surrounding areas of USAG Grafenwoehr. The Rose Barracks Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Special Forces Recruiting and the Training Aid Production Center of Grafenwoehr were among the organizations that participated in the exposition, as well as representatives from the cities of Amberg, Vilseck, Regensburg and Grafenwoehr.

The intent of the expo was to inform troops and families about the many things Germany has to offer and provide information that can be helpful to anyone who attended.

"We are hoping that this information exposition exposes a lot of people to some of the things in the surrounding area, not just on post but off-post, and activities they can do as a group, as a family or as an individual," said Neville Paschall, FMWR special events coordinator for Grafenwoehr and native of Indianapolis. "There are some beautiful displays and a lot of information that will be beneficial to anybody that comes."

The event was also geared toward helping Troops and Families learn about the activities and events that are offered in the towns and cities in the surrounding areas and the organizational services offered on USAG Grafenwoehr.

"It's all about taking care of Soldiers, Families and civilians," said Col. James E. Saenz, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr. "It's a great feeling to know that we are helping people find some valuable, constructive and fun things to do with their time."

The exposition was a chance for some agencies that are not well-known to inform Troops of the services they offered.

"We actually got to talk to the commanders and first sergeants face-to-face and pass on information first-hand," said Staff Sgt. Pablo Piedra, noncommissioned officer in charge of the garrison Training Support Center and native of Greensboro, N.C. "Most people don't know that we're here and it's nice to be able to show some of our products and get that exposure."

Even senior personnel learned of services offered that they were not aware of before the exposition.

“There are some things out there that I didn’t realize were going on in our cities and surrounding towns and I’m looking forward to getting my family out there,” said Saenz.

Being stationed in Germany allows Soldiers and Families a rare chance to see what a foreign country has to offer.

“People need to get out and enjoy themselves and actually take advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity.” said Paschall