



# U.S. Forces Europe Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program

## Guide to Hunting in Germany

### 16 – U.S. FORCES PROCEDURES (U.S. STREITKRÄFTE VORSCHRIFTEN)

Under authority from the German states of *Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Hessen, and Rheinland-Pfalz*, members of the U.S. Forces who are at least 18 years of age may take the U.S. Forces hunting exam and gain certification for the German foreigner's hunting license (*Ausländerjagdschein*).

#### Hunting license application process

With their successful hunting course test certificate (AE Form 215-145E), the applicant completes their application for issuance/renewal of a German Foreigners Hunting License (AE Form 215-145A).

<p>APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE/RENEWAL OF A GERMAN FOREIGNERS HUNTING LICENSE FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN GERMANY / ANTRAG AUF ERTEILUNG/VERLÄNGERUNG EINES AUSLÄNDERJAGDSCHEINS FÜR IN DEUTSCHLAND STATIONIERTE MITGLIEDER DER US-STREITKRÄFTE (AE Reg 215-145/USAFE-AF/AFRICA Inst 34-104)</p> <p>ÜBER / THROUGH U.S. FORCES HUNTING, FISHING, AND SPORT-SHOOTING PROGRAM EXECUTIVE AGENT OFFICE</p> <p>Ich beantrage / Request: <input type="checkbox"/> Ausstellung / Issuance <input type="checkbox"/> Verlängerung / Renewal eines / of a</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ausländerjahresjagdschein / Foreigners Annual Hunting License <input type="checkbox"/> Ausländer-Dreijahresjagdschein / Foreigners 3-Year Hunting License <input type="checkbox"/> Ausländertagesjagdschein / Foreigners Daily Hunting License</p> <p>1. Antragsteller(in) / Applicant:</p> <p>Rang, Name, Vorname, bei Zivilisten Arbeitstitel: GS, UA, NF, WG, oder Ehefrau, Ehemann, Tochter, Sohn, weitere Familienmitglieder / Grade, last name, first name. If civilian grade: GS, UA, NF, WG, or wife, husband, daughter, son, other family member</p> <p>Geburtsort / Place of birth (city, state, country)      Geburtsdatum / Date of birth (day month year)</p> <p>US-Streitkräfte HFSS (AE Form 215-145F oder gleichwertige Kaiserslautern Rod &amp; Gun Club) Mitgliedsnummer / U.S. Forces HFSS (AE Form 215-145F or equivalent Kaiserslautern Rod &amp; Gun Club) membership card number:      Gültig bis / Valid until</p> <p>Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationality: _____</p> <p>Dienstanschrift und Standort / Duty address (unit, office, APO, name of duty station)</p> <p>Diensttelefon / Duty telephone (with civilian prefix for the military network)</p> <p>Anschrift in Deutschland (Straße, Hausnummer, PLZ, Ort) / German civilian address (street, house number, postal code and city)</p> <p>Bei Zivilisten ausgeübte Tätigkeit, Anschrift des Arbeitgebers / If civilian, job title, address of employing agency</p> <p>Voraussichtlicher Aufenthalt in Deutschland bis / Expected DEROS (day month year)</p> <p>AE FORM 215-145A, MAR 17      Previous editions are obsolete.      LCD Vers. 01.00      Page 1 of 2</p>	<p>Dieser Antrag wurde vom U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport-Shooting Program Executive Agent Office (Telefon: 0611-143-544-9888) geprüft und für richtig befunden. / This application was reviewed by the U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport-Shooting Program Executive Agent Office (telephone: 0611-143-544-9888) and found to be correct.</p> <p>Überprüft von: Name, Dienststellung, Unterschrift, Stempel / Checked by: name, position title, signature, stamp</p> <p>Weitergeleitet an die Untere Jagdbehörde / Forwarded to the Lower Hunting Authority in: _____</p> <p>Datum / Date: _____ Tag Monat Jahr / day month year</p> <p>Vorzulegende Nachweise / The following documents are required by the German authorities serving the area where the applicant is domiciled in Germany:</p> <p>2.1 Bereits erteilte Jagdscheine für US-Streitkräfte, die auf Grund AE Regulation 215-145/USAFE Instruction 34-104, Anhang A bis spätestens 31.3.1999 ausgestellt worden sind. / Hunting licenses for members of the U.S. Forces already issued under AE Regulation 215-145/USAFE Instruction 34-104, appendix A, on or before 31 March 1999.</p> <p>2.2 Ab 01.04.1999 ein "Examination Certificate" das von einem Vertreter des U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program Executive Agent Office als auch von einem offiziell benannten Prüfungsbeobachter beurkundet sein muss. / Effective 1 April 1999, a "Examination Certificate" signed by a representative of the U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Program Executive Agent Office and the officially nominated State proctor.</p> <p>2.3 Bescheinigung des Kommandeurs oder entsprechenden zivilen Vorgesetzten, dass gegen den Antragstellerin keine Tatsachen vorliegen, die nach Par. 17 BJagdG zu einer Versagung des Jagdscheins führen müssen. Diese Bescheinigung muss sich (auch) auf Familienangehörige erstrecken, falls diese als Antragsteller auftreten. / Statement from the commander or civilian-equivalent supervisor that no facts exist that prohibit the issuance of a German foreigners hunting license as stated in section 17, Federal Hunting Law. This statement applies equally to applicants who are family members.</p> <p><b>UNBEDENKLICHKEITSBESCHENIGUNG DURCH DEN KOMMANDEUR ODER ENTSPRECHENDEN ZIVILN VORGESETZTEN / COMMANDER'S OR CIVILIAN-EQUIVALENT SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF RELIABILITY</b></p> <p>Mit meiner Unterschrift erkläre ich, dass der Antragsteller Angehöriger bei der o.g. Einheit ist und gegen ihn keine Gründe vorliegen, die seine Zuverlässigkeit nach Par. 17 des BJagdG (in Verbindung mit Par. 5 und Par. 6 des WaffG) in Frage stellen. / With my signature I certify that the applicant is assigned to the above unit and that nothing is known to doubt his or her "reliability" as stated in paragraph 17 of the Federal Hunting Law, together with paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Federal Weapons Law (WaffG).</p> <p>Rang, Name und Anschrift, Tel. Nr. des zuständigen Kommandeurs (Oberstleutnant oder höher) oder entsprechenden zivilen Vorgesetzten / Grade, name, address, and telephone number of the responsible unit commander (LTJ or above) or civilian-equivalent supervisor.</p> <p>2.4 Nachweis einer ausreichenden Jagdhafthpflichtversicherung (500.000 Euro für Personenschäden und 50.000 Euro für Sachschäden) nach Par. 17 Abs. 1 Satz 1 Nr. 4 BJagdG. Die Versicherung kann nur bei einem Versicherungsunternehmen mit Sitz in der Europäischen Union oder mit Niederlassung im Geltungsbereich des Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetzes genommen werden. / As required in section 17, paragraph 1, sentence 1, number 4, Federal Hunting law, adequate insurance coverage (500,000 euros personal damage and 50,000 euros property damage). The insurance can be accepted only from a company authorized to do business in the European Union or through their auxiliary companies established as authorized under the Insurance Supervision Law.</p> <p>2.5 bei der erstmaligen Ausstellung des Jagdscheins 2 farbige Passbilder (4x5 cm) / Two color passport-size pictures (4x5 cm) for the first issuance of the license.</p> <p>Unterschrift des Antragstellers / Signature of applicant</p> <p>AE FORM 215-145A, MAR 17      LCD Vers. 01.00      Page 2 of 2</p>
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During their completion of their application, the applicant gains signature/approval of their reliability on page 2 of the application from a lieutenant colonel (O5) or above within the Army in Europe or USAFE, or from a civilian-equivalent supervisor.

After gaining approval for their reliability, the applicant sends their application to the U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting office for validation.

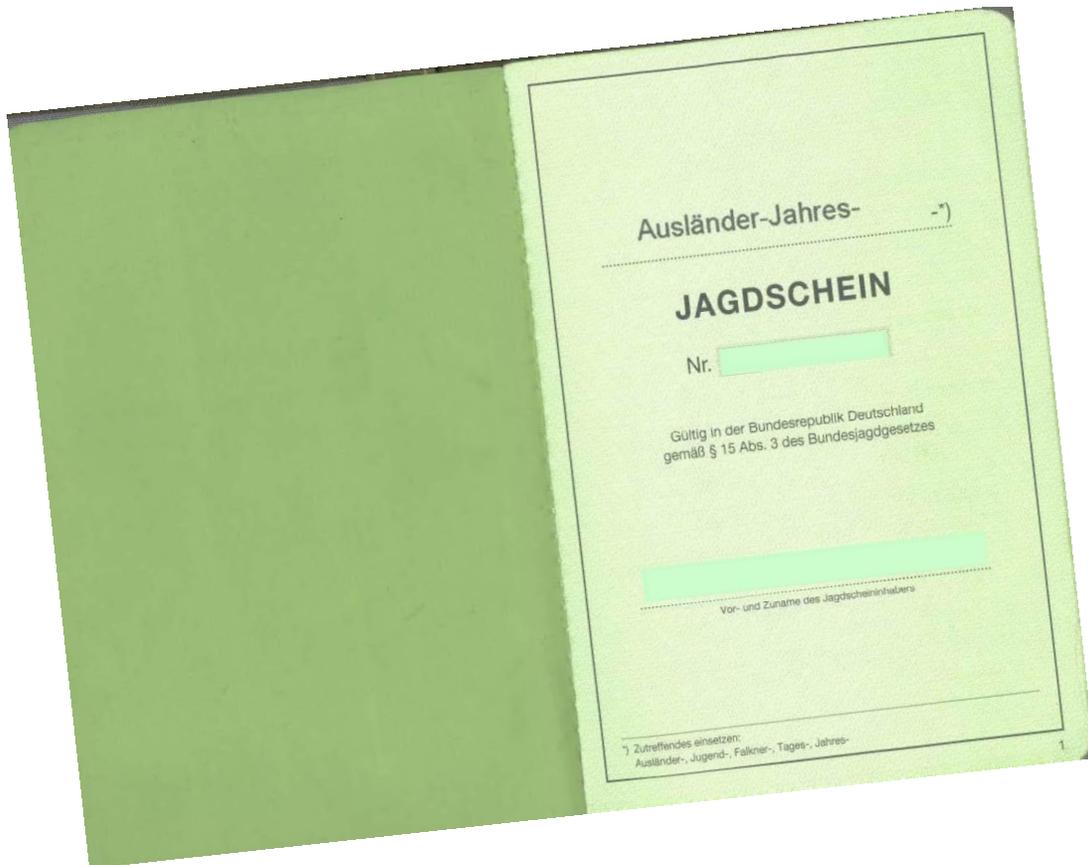


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During validation, in accordance with Army Europe Regulation 215-145, the responsible office confirms that the applicant's U.S. Forces hunting, fishing, and sport shooting membership will be valid during the length of the hunting license that they are seeking. In addition, the responsible office validates the authority for the applicant's reliability approval.

After gaining validation, the applicant takes their application, original documents that confirm sufficient liability insurance, two passport-sized photos, and a copy of their hunting course test certificate to the lower hunting authority (*Untere Jagdbehörde*) for the county (*Landkreis*) or the City (*Stadt*) where the applicant lives.



\* **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All documentation for German hunting license, weapons possession card, etc. requires a **German mailing address** (not an APO address). Individuals who live in housing within U.S. installations can contact their housing office or public affairs office to confirm the German address for their building.



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### Weapons registration process

In accordance with the German weapons law, firearms registration is required in Germany. All procedures for U.S. Forces personnel to register firearms are provided in AE Regulation 190-6 / USAFE Instruction 31-205 / CNE-CAN-C6F Instruction 5300.15R.

Sport Shooter	<i>The proponent for the hunting and shooting programs for the U.S. Forces in Europe is IMCOM-Europe.</i>	Hunter
Request FBI criminal-background check (AE Form 190-6D, Part A). Turn in at local Field Registry Station (FRS) field office or mail to USAREUR Registry (RMV), Unit 29230, APO AE 09136-9230.		
Join a U.S. Forces hunting, fishing, and sport-shooting program or German shooting club.	Complete a U.S. Forces hunting course.	
Participate in a shooting program for a minimum of 18 times over 12 months. Outdoor recreation (hunting/sport-shooting) facilities or rod-and-gun clubs issue certificates of need (AE Form 190-6L).	After the FBI background check is completed, the applicant approved to proceed requests O5 (or higher) approval on the statement of reliability (AE Form 190-6H), application for hunting license (AE Form 215-145A), and the application for a weapons possession card (AE Form 190-6H).	
Study online U.S. Forces Guide to Sport Shooting, participate in basic knowledge training and pass examination at a USAG sport-shooting program outdoor recreation (hunting/sport-shooting) facility or USAFE rod-and-gun club. Applicant receives certificate of examination regarding technical knowledge (AE Form 190-6K).	Obtain validation from IMCOM-Europe G9 on AE Form 215-145A. Take this form to local German <i>Landratsamt (Untere Jagdbehörde)</i> . Apply for and receive German hunting license.	
After the FBI background check is completed, the applicant approved to proceed requests O5 (or higher) approval on statement of reliability (AE Form 190-6H) and attaches the statement to the application for a permit (AE Form 190-6D, Part B, for initial application only).	Attach statement of reliability (AE Form 190-6H) to application for permit pursuant to German Weapons Law (AE Form 190-6D, Part B, for initial application only).  After receiving <i>Bundesverwaltungsamt (BVA)</i> invoice, and paying for registration, email copy of payment receipt to USAREUR Registry and to the BVA POC.	
Applicant submits application and supporting documents to local FRS or mails them to the RMV. The RMV verifies contents and sends them to <i>BVA</i> for approval. After review, <i>BVA</i> notifies applicant that application has been approved and the amount of fees the applicant must pay. Once <i>BVA</i> has been informed of payment, <i>BVA</i> sends the <i>WBK</i> to the applicant.		

AER 190-6, Figure 1, Firearm Registration Requirements



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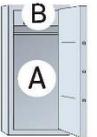
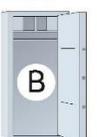
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### Privately owned weapons storage requirements:

**Hier sind die aktuellen Regelungen:**

<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 5/10*</p> <p><b>WIDERSTANDSGRAD 0</b> Mehr als 10 Langwaffen und bis zu 5/10 Kurzaffen* und Munition</p>	<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  über 10</p> <p><b>WIDERSTANDSGRAD 1</b> Mehr als 10 Langwaffen und mehr als 10 Kurzaffen und Munition</p>
<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b> </p> <p><b>STAHLBLECHSCHRANK</b> (ohne Klassifizierung mit Schwenkriegelschloss oder gleichwertiges Behältnis)</p>	<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b> </p> <p><b>VERSCHLOSSENES BEHÄLTNIS</b> (ohne Klassifizierung)</p>

**Für erforderliche Aufbewahrungsbehältnisse der Sicherheitsstufe A und B, die vor dem 06.07.2017 angeschafft und bei der zuständigen Behörde angezeigt (!) waren, gilt ein Bestandsschutz. Diese können weiter wie folgt verwendet werden:**

<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 10</p> <p><b>SICHERHEITSTUFE A</b> Bis zu 10 Langwaffen, keine Munition</p>	<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 10</p> <p><b>SICHERHEITSTUFE A ■ MIT INNENTRESOR AUS STAHLBLECH</b> (Innentresor ohne Ladung mit Schwenkriegelschloss oder gleichwertiger Verschlussartform) Bis zu 10 Langwaffen, Munition im Innentresor</p>
<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 10</p> <p><b>SICHERHEITSTUFE A ■ MIT INNENTRESOR B ■</b> Bis zu 10 Langwaffen im A-Teil und bis zu 5 Kurzaffen sowie Lang- und Kurzaffenmunition im B-Teil</p>	<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 5/10*</p> <p><b>SICHERHEITSTUFE B ■</b> Mehr als 10 Langwaffen und bis zu 5/10 Kurzaffen*, keine Munition</p>
<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  bis 5/10*</p> <p><b>SICHERHEITSTUFE B ■ MIT INNENTRESOR AUS STAHLBLECH</b> (Innentresor ohne Ladung mit Schwenkriegelschloss oder gleichwertiger Verschlussartform) Mehr als 10 Langwaffen und bis zu 5/10 Kurzaffen* im B-Teil und Munition im Innentresor</p>	<p><b>Sie haben:</b> </p> <p><b>Das dürfen Sie unterbringen:</b>  im Innentresor</p>

**Erklärung:**

								
A-Schrank	A-Schrank mit Innentresor	A-Schrank mit Innentresor B-Schrank	B-Schrank	B-Schrank mit Innentresor	0-Schrank	1-Schrank	M Stahlblechschrank ohne Klassifizierung mit Schwenkriegelschloss oder gleichwertiges Behältnis	V Verschlossenes Behältnis ohne Klassifizierung

Installation outdoor recreation program hunting instruction staff can advise on weapons storage safes.



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### Borrowing or loaning a firearm to another U.S. Forces hunter

This is possible between U.S. Forces hunters who both have a valid *Jagdschein*.

This is only possible for owned & registered long guns (rifles and/or shotguns).  
Borrowing or loaning a handgun is illegal.

Please refer to Guide 16a for the printable document that is required for loaning/borrowing.

### German Weapons Possession Card (*Waffenbesitzkarte / WBK*)

After receiving issuance of a *WBK* from the German Federal Administrative Office (*Bundesverwaltungsamt / BVA*), the U.S. Forces hunter (or sport shooter) is responsible for keeping their *WBK* with them at all times when they are transporting or using their registered firearm(s).

As they prepare for their permanent change of station (PCS) move away from Germany, all U.S. Forces hunters (and sport shooters) are responsible for initiating de-registration of their firearms with the USAREUR Registry and initiating ATF Form 6 (Application and Permit for Importation of Firearms and Ammunition) for any firearms and ammo that they intend to ship or transport to the United States. ATF registration process requires as much as six or more months.

Before departing from Germany, all U.S. Forces hunters (and sport shooters) are responsible for turning in their *WBK* to the USAREUR Registry. All hunters and sport shooters are encouraged to keep a copy of their *WBK*, as it could be very useful in re-registration if/when they have an opportunity to be stationed in Germany again.





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### Hunting in Germany (*Jagd in Deutschland*)

#### Now it happens! (*Jetzt gehts los!*)

After acquiring a German hunting license, permission to hunt is still required.

#### Government land & forests

It is possible for U.S. Forces hunters to gain permission for hunting via federal (*Bundesforstverwaltung*), state (*Landesverwaltung*), or local (*Stadtverwaltung*) government authorities. For hunting, these authorities are normally based in the main forest office (*Hauptforstamt*) or *Forstamt* for the area of responsibility.

Normally, if the *Forstamt* has an opening for a hunter within local government land, they offer the hunter an opportunity to buy a permit to hunt within a specific area. These permits are known as *Begehungsschein* or *Erlaubnisschein*. The contract associated with the permit explains the costs associated with hunting, the available game, and procedures for processing harvested game.

#### Private Reviere

It is also possible for U.S. Forces hunters to gain permission for hunting via private reviers. Many U.S. Forces hunters have been successful with this possibility by meeting with the Revier rights-holder (*Revierpächter*) via another U.S. Forces hunter or via the local U.S. Forces installation hunting program coordinator.

As with all aspects of hunting in Germany, it is extremely helpful for a U.S. Forces hunter to have mastered some basics in German language and *Jägersprache* before seeking a *Begehungsschein* or an opportunity to hunt in a private revier.

#### Federal Training Areas

An aspect of the U.S. Forces program that remains viable since the Cold War era, U.S. Forces hunters can seek opportunities for red deer stag hunts (*Rothirschjagd*) in the federal training areas. During each hunting year, the entire range of red deer stags can be available.

For class I and class II red deer stags, hunters should submit a request by using the following form (available from the U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting documents and publications website):



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### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT OF 1974

**AUTHORITY:** Army Europe Regulation 215-145  
**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):** This form is a U.S. Forces form that, when completed, provides pertinent information about a request from the initiator  
**ROUTINE USE(S):** Information furnished will not be disclosed to agencies outside of U.S. DoD and German Forest Offices  
**DISCLOSURE:** Disclosure of personally identifiable information is voluntary. However, this form cannot be processed without providing the requested information.

### HUNTING REQUEST FOR CLOVEN HOOFED GAME

ANTRAG FUER DEN ABSCHUSS VON SCHALENWILD

**Please send request(s) no later than the published deadline**

To/An  
 IMCOM-Europe  
 Hunting, Fishing & Sport Shooting Office  
 Sembach Kaserne, Geb 151  
 67681 Sembach  
 DSN: 544-9888 Commercial +49-061143-544-9888

Date/Datum \_\_\_\_\_  
 YYYY / MM / DD

I request a hunt for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examples: (Red stag I, II, III/fallow stag I, II, III/mouflon ram/chamois).

Hiermit beantrage ich eine Jagd wie Oben angedeutet.  
 Beispiel: Examples: (Hirsch der Klasse I, II, III/Damhirsch der Klasse I, II, III/Muffel Widder/Gamswild Abschuss)

Preferred hunting date (range) / Bevorzugte Jagdzeit: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Forest Office/State / Bevorzugtes Forstamt/Land: \_\_\_\_\_

My rank, name and German address including German Postal Zip Code / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mein Rang, Name und deutsche Anschrift mit PLZ \_\_\_\_\_

My Military Address /  
 Meine Militaer Anschrift: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

My E-mail Address /  
 Meine E-mail Adresse: \_\_\_\_\_

My Duty Phone with German Prefix  
 Mein Diensttelefon mit Vorwahl: \_\_\_\_\_

My cell phone and home phone with prefix  
 Mein Handy und Privattelefon mit Vorwahl: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

My HFSS Membership Card # / Meine HFSS Mitglieds #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date / Gültig bis \_\_\_\_\_  
 YYYY / MM / DD

I am a member of the US Forces stationed in Germany  
 Ich bin Mitglied der in Deutschland stationierten US Streitkräfte: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes / Ja No / Nein

I am a member or family member of below listed Military Forces stationed in Germany / Ich bin Mitglied folgender in Deutschland stationierten Streitkräfte.  
 US Forces  Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

I possess a valid German Foreigners Hunting License. / Ich bin im Besitz eines gültigen deutschen Ausländer-Jagdscheins.

Valid from / Gültig von: \_\_\_\_\_ until / bis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 YYYY/MM/DD YYYY/MM/DD

Issued from the Lower Hunting Authority in / Ausgestellt von der Unteren Jagdbehörde in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature / Unterschrift Date/Datum

**Instructions:** Complete all information requested above. Sign, date, and scan this request, and send the scanned document via email to: [rafael.s.wunsch.naf@mail.mil](mailto:rafael.s.wunsch.naf@mail.mil) and [Ulrich.g.sibbers.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Ulrich.g.sibbers.ctr@mail.mil)



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### ***IIB / IIIB Hirschjagd***

In addition to hunts for class I and class II red deer, the federal forest offices at *Grafenwöhr* and *Hohenfels* often work with the U.S. Forces office to schedule hunts for U.S. Forces hunters to help complete the forest conservation plan for class IIB and IIIB *Abschusswild*.

Here are some important points that can help U.S. Forces hunters enjoy these opportunities:

- Understand that there is never a firm date for the forest office or for the U.S. Forces office to announce these hunting opportunities. Ensuring that the U.S. Forces office has an unofficial email address is a good way to be informed of the most current info.

- When requesting an invitation for these hunts, **the hunter is not invited until they receive a written invitation from the Forstamt.**

- Per Army Regulation 215-1, priority for invitations goes to U.S. Forces active duty personnel. The U.S. Forces office also makes opportunities available for U.S. Forces hunters who are civilians or family members, but priority remains as stated in chapter 7-1 of the referenced regulation.

- The U.S. Forces Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting Office is the information source for U.S. Forces hunters who wish to receive an invitation for the subject IIB / IIIB red deer hunts. U.S. Forces hunters who directly contact the *Grafenwöhr Forstamt* or the *Hohenfels Forstamt* will lessen their chances of receiving an invitation to these hunts.

- After receiving an invitation, the invited hunter is obligated to RSVP (send their acceptance confirmation, or send their regrets in not being able to hunt) ASAP.

- Invitations to these hunts are non-transferrable. U.S. Forces hunters who have accepted an invitation are obligated to inform both the U.S. Forces office and the applicable Forstamt if they become unavailable to participate in their scheduled hunt.



The above maps show the location of *Forstamt Grafenwöhr* in relation to the town of Grafenwöhr and the 7<sup>th</sup> Army JMTC Training Area.