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JOINT MULTINATIONAL READINESS CENTER
U.S. ARMY'S MULTINATIONAL CENTER
OF EXCELLENCE



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History of the Hohenfels Training Area & the JMRC

The Hohenfels Training Area is located in the Free State of Bavaria in the Oberpfalz (Upper Palatinate) and is named after the market town of Hohenfels.

Throughout Bavaria's history, there were many armies that roamed this region. The city of Regensburg was founded by the Romans in 179 A.D. and maintained an outpost here at this location. In 788, Charlemagne pulled Bavaria into his empire. In the 1600s, the Swedes occupied Regensburg, and Napoleon was based in Regensburg in 1809 during his fight with the Austrians.

The Hohenfels Training Area was originally founded by the German Army for military training April 1, 1938. From late 1939 to early spring 1940, more than 3,000 Polish noncommissioned officers and soldiers were interned at Unteroedenhart (location of today's 1-4 Infantry Regiment). This was one of the Wehrmacht's prime training areas where they rehearsed breaching the Maginot Line and invading France.

During the fall of 1942, approximately 7,000 prisoners of war from the British Empire and the United States were permanently billeted in Camp Unteroedenhart. It is rumored that a book of their experiences provided the inspiration for the TV series "Hogan's Heroes."

On April 22, 1945, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment of Patton's Third Army entered the training area with only nine tanks and limited resistance from German and Hungarian troops, liberated the POWs.

The training area was opened for the resettlement of refugees and expellees from Soviet-occupied German territories in 1948. These settlers were integrated in the community of "Hohenfels-Nainhof," which became one of the largest rural communities in Bavaria. However, three years later, U.S. forces claimed the area for military training purposes and requested its expansion to the west.

In a meeting hosted August 17, 1951 in Parsberg among the German government, the State Government of Bavaria, the Land Commissioner of Bavaria, and U.S. Army representatives, an agreement was reached to extend the training area to its current size of 40,017 acres.



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By 1984, the training area had 52 ranges within its firing and maneuver area and a MILES warehouse that held enough equipment for 15 companies. REFORGER exercises and HAWK missile sites became primary missions for HTA. Due to increasing training requirements, United States Army Europe (USAREUR) in 1987 formed the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) at Hohenfels Training Area, creating the Army's third combat training center.

In 1990, an Opposing Force was added, the First Battalion, Fourth Infantry Regiment (1-4 IN). With the opening of CMTC, Hohenfels Training Area became the primary maneuver training area for USAREUR Soldiers, leaders, staffs and units.

In 2005, the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) transformed and became the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC).

Since the end of the Cold War, JMRC and the HTA have become USAREUR's main proponent and training area for the full spectrum of Army operations ranging from peace keeping and enforcement operations in the Balkans to high intensity conflict and counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. JMRC leads the combat training centers of the Army in recreating the complex battlefields of today due largely to our multinational partners. Units preparing to deploy to conflicts regularly deploy to Hohenfels first to gain experience in the challenges of their planned area of operations.

JMRC continues to lead the Army in training in the 21st century with our ability to take our operations anywhere in the world. JMRC conducts training wherever it is required and fully supports the USAREUR Commander's concept of "Any mission, anywhere." This has taken the form of a deployable Operations Group that has deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Republic of Georgia, Poland, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, and even the continental United States. Additionally, one infantry company from JMRC's 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment has deployed to support the war in Afghanistan every six months since 2004. JMRC will continue to lead the Army in training as we transform to a lighter, more deployable Army of the future, supported and sustained by our great Hohenfels community.

After 72 years, the tradition of highly realistic military training continues at JMRC with multinational training exercises as we train USAREUR units and our multinational partners to dominate across the tactical and operational levels of Full Spectrum Operations.

Mission

The Joint Multinational Readiness Center, the Europe-based combat training center with a world-wide mobile training capability, trains leaders, staffs, units up to Brigade Combat Teams (+), and multinational partners to dominate in the conduct of Full Spectrum Operations anywhere in the world, now and in the future.

Key Tasks

Support USAREUR training – Train USAREUR leaders, staffs and units to expertly execute Full Spectrum Operations.

Focus on operations in Afghanistan – Train USAREUR and multinational leaders, staffs and units to succeed in their designated mission upon deployment to Afghanistan.

Provide world-class specialty training – Enhance JMRC’s Leader Training Program, media and engagement skills training, counter-improvised explosive device training, situational training exercises and live fire exercises to better prepare leaders, staffs and units.

Provide world’s premier Multinational Training Center – Train NATO and other multinational forces to support combined operations, especially those of ISAF, while continuing to build multinational partnerships and capacity.

Enhance “The Great Little Place” – Continue to improve our Hohenfels community and our host nation relations.

Prepare for the future – Maintain Hohenfels and JMRC as the premier readiness center for USAREUR, NATO, and multinational forces, no matter the mission, operational environment, or training location.

Endstate

Trained USAREUR leaders, staffs, units and multinational partners that dominate across the tactical and operational levels of Full Spectrum Operations anywhere in the world. An enduring, adaptive, and dynamic installation that supports our world-class state-of-the-art maneuver combat training center and our strong and resilient Soldiers, Civilians, and Families.

Operational Environment Replication

The Joint Multinational Readiness Center is more than a “dirt” combat training center.

The center provides units conducting ISAF, OIF, KFOR and other mission rehearsal exercises with realistic and relevant scenarios that include simulated combat conditions, state-of-the-art simulation equipment and professional, experienced observer-controller trainers. The resulting training is challenging, dynamic and as close to combat as a unit can get without actually being in harm's way.

The JMRC replicates the operational environment by incorporating facilities, equipment, civilians on the battlefield and foreign-language speakers into its scenarios to simulate local civilian populations, as well as a free-thinking, opportunities-based Opposing Force that use lessons learned from its deployments to Afghanistan to challenge the training units' use of the tactical decision-making process and ability to execute and succeed in their operations.



Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Training

JMRC's Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) training capability encompasses all aspects of the IED environment from replicating IED network operations through post-blast IED residue exploitation. The training environment enables units to prepare to defeat IEDs, attack IED networks, and partner with coalition and Host Nation forces in C-IED operations. JMRC provides an extensive array of training aids and effects replicators that enhance the realism of the IED training environment.

The C-IED training curriculum is consistently reviewed and updated by the Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC) C-IED training synchronization working group. Adjustments are made based on training feedback, current operations and availability of new technologies. Live, Virtual and Constructive training resources from across JMTC are leveraged to train individual, leader and collective tasks for all units.

Instrumental to sustaining the skills and knowledge required to successfully train units to execute complex C-IED operations is a solid foundation of trainers. The JMRC C-IED trainers remain engaged with leading U.S. and NATO C-IED training organizations in order to maintain awareness regarding IED environmental factors, relevancy on current C-IED best practices, and proficiency with existing and new IED and C-IED technologies.

Training units to effectively attack the IED network is by far the most challenging of the efforts we undertake within our C-IED training program. This includes making available the many assets and capabilities that reside outside of the training unit's organization and focusing on training such as: Targeting the Network, Persistent Surveillance and Targeting Command and Control.



Operational Mentor and Liaison Team Training

Another key component of JMRC is the NATO Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) training. Each quarter, soldiers from partner nations and the Afghan National Army conduct OMLT training at the Hohenfels Training Area to prepare teams for successful advisor tours with the ANA. During each of these two-week long rigorous training events, up to 18 battalion-level OMLTs from various NATO and European Nations are trained to execute NATO's most pressing ISAF requirement--training and advising the ANA.

Unique to this training are Afghan National Army soldiers, who enable the OMLTs to gain an extensive understanding of the Afghan military culture and to practice their training and advising techniques in the training environment prior to their deployment into the combat theater. Within weeks, many of these teams will be in Afghanistan providing ANA commanders and soldiers with professional and much-needed assistance in their fight against the Taliban.



Observer Controller Trainer Teams

The JMRC Observer Controller Trainer (OC-T) teams provide coaching, teaching, mentoring and After Action Reviews (AAR) to training units. OC-Ts also provide exercise control and manual adjudication of instrumentation systems, and assist the training unit chain of command in enforcing safety and mitigating risk. OC-Ts provide informal and formal feedback through doctrinally correct AARs from platoon through Brigade Combat Team level using the JMRC Instrumentation System and written take-home packages.



MUSTANGS Brigade OC-T Team

Develops scenarios for Brigade Combat Teams and KFOR mission rehearsal exercises. Observes, controls, and trains the Brigade C2 and staff functional areas; facilitates unit achievement of training objectives, prepares units for future operations and provides feedback on all staff activities, orders, rehearsals and missions to the unit leadership in the form of the After Action Reviews (AAR).



TIMBERWOLVES Maneuver OC-T Team

Observes and controls Maneuver Task Forces and selected Allied Forces using live and constructive simulation systems. The team controls realistic battlefield effects and scenarios, enforces Exercise Procedures (EXPRO) and provides coaching and mentoring to unit leaders to maximize their training experience at JMRC. Is JMRC's lead team for working and training with Romanian Land Forces, 1/4 Infantry Regiment and proponent for the Infantry BCT Warfighters' Forum.



WARHOGS Maneuver OC-T Team

Observes and controls Maneuver Task Forces and selected Allied Forces using live and constructive simulation systems. The team controls realistic battlefield effects and scenarios, enforces Exercise Procedures (EXPRO) and provides coaching and mentoring to unit leaders to maximize their training experience at JMRC. Is JMRC's lead team for working and training with Georgian Land Forces and proponent for the Stryker BCT Warfighters' Forum.



GRIZZLIES Reconnaissance and Armor OC-T Team

Observes and controls Reconnaissance and Armor Task Forces and selected Allied Forces using live and constructive simulation systems. The team controls realistic battlefield effects and scenarios, enforces Exercise Procedures (EXPRO) and provides coaching and mentoring to unit leaders to maximize their training experience at JMRC. Is JMRC's lead team for working and training Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLTs) and proponent for the Heavy BCT Warfighters' Forum.



FALCONS Aviation Support OC-T Team

Observes and controls Aviation Task Forces and provides a tough, realistic training environment for aviation units to rehearse and conduct combined arms and joint force-on-force operations. Additionally, the team replicates attack, lift and MEDEVAC capabilities.



VAMPIRES Fire Support OC-T Team

Observes and controls Field Artillery Battalions and Multinational Partners performing both METL and non-standard tasks during simulated Major Combat Operations (MCO), Counter-Insurgency Operations (COIN), and Stability Operations. Provide observations to the Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL) for doctrinal validation, incorporation and modification. The team also provides Negotiations Engagement Skills Training (NEST) and Liaison Monitoring Team (LMT) training.



RAPTORS Combat Service Support OC-T Team

Observes, controls, trains and provides feedback to USAREUR Special Troop Battalions, Engineer Battalions and multinational forces performing both METL and non-standard engineer tasks. The Raptor Team also conducts counter-IED training for deploying units to ensure they are prepared to operate within an IED threat environment.

ADLERS Service Support OC-T Team

Observes, controls and trains heavy, light and Airborne Service Support units using live and constructive simulation systems. Supervises and enforces realistic battlefield effects, rules of engagement (ROE), scenario execution and provides convoy and recovery training. Provides coaching and mentoring to unit leaders to maximize their training experience at the JMRC.



BULLSEYE Tactical Air Control OC-T Team

Trains and exercises Mission Ready TACP personnel in deployment preparatory, theater-focused exercises that realistically employ CAS TTP. Provides meaningful feedback to help commanders assess TACP strengths/weaknesses for additional emphasis. Additionally provides CAS expertise and training for Operational Mentor and Liaison Team training.



Enablers

GRIFFINS Instrumentation System Team

Responsible for the JMRC Instrumentation System (JMRC-IS) for company to BCT level situational training exercises, force-on-force training, live fire rotations, mission rehearsal exercises and Training Analysis and Feedback (TAF).



OSCARS COB Team

The Civilians on the Battlefield contribute to the JMRC realistic training environment by adding the complexity and challenges of dealing with a civilian presence on the battlefield through replication of infrastructures to include villages, populace, political and ethnic diversities thus maximizing the training experience at JMRC.



DRAGONS Battlefield Effects Team

Provides battlefield effects through the use of smoke generators and pyrotechnics to enhance the replication of the operational environment to include IED replication.



VIPERS Visual Information Personnel Team

The eyes and ears of JMRC, VIPERS are the dedicated Combat Camera team supporting JMRC using top-of-the-line digital video and still cameras, and professional quality editing capabilities. Highly trained photographers and videographers who capture rotational training imagery in support of AARs and to fulfill Combat Camera requirements.



MINUTEMAN ARNG Affairs Team

The ARNG Affairs Office coordinates the Overseas Deployment Training program which provides the Joint Multinational Readiness Center and the Hohenfels community with Reserve Component support while ensuring the RC's METL training supports pre-deployment objectives.



RAMS Maintenance Support Team

Provides vehicles and weapons maintenance support to JMRC units.



DUAL

1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment “Warriors”

1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment is a tailored, dual-mission infantry battalion renowned for its ability to support the JMRC training regimen according to published Joint and Army doctrine for the operational environment.



MISSION OPFOR

By deploying its companies to Afghanistan in support of the NATO International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) and working with and for Romanian battalions, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment has developed a unique relationship and gained experience from current combat operations that enhance their ability to perform their OPFOR mission.

1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment is also capable of performing mounted and/or dismounted missions across the full spectrum of operations.



ARNG Affairs “Minuteman”

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More than 3,500 ARNG/USAR Soldiers conduct training annually at JMRC. Additionally, the ARNG Affairs office provides Soldiers from specialty MOS's such as Civil Affairs, PSYOP, Medical, Public Affairs and Special Forces, which adds value and realism to the BCT rotations, and augments the garrison with Military Police support.



The ARNG Affairs Office also provides Reserve and National Guard engineers for the Troop Construction Program which construct training area improvements from urban/village sites to IED lanes. The TCP saves JMRC more than \$6.5 million annually in design and troop labor costs.



USAG Hohenfels Community Highlights

Welcome to Hohenfels, the best-kept secret in the U.S. Army. Nestled in the hills of the Bavarian Upper Palatinate, our location combines the advantages of small village Bavarian living with easy access to major German cities of Regensburg, Nuremberg and Munich, and the Czech Republic capitol, Prague.

Hohenfels is a fantastic place to live. Consisting of nearly 2,000 Soldiers and 4,000 civilians and family members, a sense of community has developed and strengthened over the past 60 years on the installation and in the local communities with our German neighbors.

Our unparalleled access to training with multinational forces and an outstanding quality of life combine to make Hohenfels an assignment destination of choice. Hohenfels is a great place for Leaders to lead, Soldiers to soldier and Families to grow.

The Army's "Great Little Place."



Medical and Dental Support

The Hohenfels Health and Dental clinics provide quality outpatient care, sick call, flight medicine, physical therapy, optometry, behavioral health and routine primary care appointments.

The Health Clinic primary system is augmented by a robust Preferred Provider Network (PPN), which offers specialty care of every sort by outstanding host nation physicians and state-of-the-art hospitals. Patient Liaison and appointment services are available for non-German speakers using PPN.

The Dental Clinic ensures the oral health, readiness and deployability of the Hohenfels community. The clinic provides the highest quality dental care, delivered in the safest and most efficient manner.



DODEA Schools

Hohenfels Elementary School wishes to help all students become life-long learners by achieving their highest potential through a safe, nurturing and challenging environment. Our vision is for students to learn the knowledge and skills necessary for success in a technology-based world.

The Hohenfels combined Middle and High School provides a family-like atmosphere with a full range of curricular and extra-curricular offerings, that demonstrate excellence in learning through excellence in teaching. Students consistently demonstrate excellence in academic achievement, athletics and performing arts.

Hohenfels
Middle / High
School



Area Highlights



Regensburg Christmas Market



Regensburg Bridge



Nuremberg Christmas Market



Nuremberg Castle

Nestled between the cities of Regensburg and Nuremberg in the heart of Bavaria, Hohenfels is in the perfect location for travel opportunities, cultural enrichment and entertainment for single Soldiers and Families alike.

Regensburg

Founded by the Romans in 179 AD as Casta Regina (meaning Fortress by the River Regen), Regensburg is one of Germany's oldest towns. It was relatively spared from Allied bombings during World War II. Today, many flock to see the wonderfully intact old city and its many medieval structures. The 12th-century Stone Bridge was used by Crusaders en route to the Holy Land. The Regensburg Cathedral (or Dom St. Peter) is one of southern Germany's finest examples of Gothic architecture. The old town of Regensburg is also one of the 890 properties worldwide on the UNESCO World Heritage list for its universal cultural and natural history value.

Nuremberg

With about a half a million people, Nuremberg is Bavaria's second largest city after Munich. While its history dates to the 11th century, Nuremberg is tied in most minds to the 20th century and more specifically to World War II. It first served as the site of many pre-war Nazi rallies, then was nearly leveled by Allied bombing, then was the site of the famous post-war Nuremberg Trials. The city has much to offer today's visitor, including the rebuilt Nuremberg Castle and the famed gingerbread at Hauptmarkt.



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