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Training noise in Grafenwoehr part of U.S. Army exercise Combined Resolve VII

GRAFENWOEHR TRAINING AREA, Germany (Aug. 18, 2016) – The increased level of training noise this week here is the result of U.S. Army rotational forces conducting the live-fire portion of exercise Combined Resolve VII.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (1/3 ID) is the training unit conducting the exercise.

The combined arms live fire exercise, or CALFEX, includes tanks, artillery, aviation and infantry forces. It is a routine part of the Combined Resolve exercise series here, which began in 2014.

The main training noise last night was 1/3 ID artillery in support of the CALFEX. All firing of large caliber weapons ended at 0100.

According to the Status of Forces agreement, the Grafenwoehr Training Area operates range operations from 0800 to 0130 in the month of August using munitions of 20mm and larger, and 24 hours daily using munitions smaller than 20mm.

Community members may have also heard increased aviation noise near the northern borders of the training area this morning due to a small unmanned aerial system aircraft. The unmanned aircraft is within the borders of the training area and is providing aerial reconnaissance for the exercise. It will continue flying through Thursday afternoon.

The CALFEX is scheduled to be completed today by 1800.

The U.S. Army is conscious of the impact that training activities have on the local community. We strive to be good members of the community. The Grafenwoehr Training Area serves a wide variety of customers, Bundeswehr, Luftwaffe, U.S. military, other NATO Allies, and more. While it is necessary to occasionally train at night, we schedule the majority of our training events during weekdays and normal working hours.



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