



GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF MIDDLE FRANCONIA

To: The Members of the Club

12. April 2012

Dear Friends,

We are sad to inform you that our **Honorary President Abdella E. Simon** died on 14. March 2012. Abbie was member of the club since 1990 and from 2001 to 2012 President. During that time he made vital contributions for the club. After he fell seriously ill in February 2012 he was appointed Honorary President. His funeral was attended by several members of the club. Our president, Marco Frömter, gave a moving address in behalf of the club at the funeral ceremony. We will miss Abbie.

On 24 March 2012 a bus brought 22 members and guests to the "Black Horse Museum" at Fulda. We were introduced in the history of the 11th ACR. Afterwards we had a delicious lunch at the Brauereigasthof Wiesenmühle followed by a guided tour through "Barockstadt Fulda". The day before Marco had found out that "Point Alpha" would be close by. So we skipped the shopping-hour and with the cooperation of the bus driver visited the observation point of the 11th ACR directly at the former German-German border, the center of the "Fulda Gap". We are grateful to Bernd Jesussek for organizing the trip. We think he found a sound concept for trips of the GAMC which satisfies the entire spectrum of our membership: entertainment, contact to American traces in Germany and appreciation of local culture. Well done, Bernd!

Our next event was initiated by our member Georg Barth who is President of the local Baseball Club, the Fürth Pirates. He was so kind as to extended an invitation to the GAMC to attend their

Opening of the Baseball-season 2012

with the match **Fürth Pirates vs. Baldham Boars**

on Sunday, **29. April 2012** at **12:30h**

at the Baseball field in **Fürth- Burgfarrnbach** Würzburger Straße 700.



Before, during and after the game you will have ample opportunities to enjoy Franconian and American food.

We hope to meet many of you there and we are sure to have an enjoyable afternoon and to leave the scene as freshly born baseball experts.

We would like to draw your attention to one of this season's highlights, which requires some advance planning. We will make a 3-day trip to the

Mosel Valley

from Sunday – Tuesday

09. - 11. September 2012

Departure at **8:00 h**

from **Nürnberg Busbahnhof**
(ZOB, Käthe-Strobel-Straße)



It is again at this trip our intention to cover the scope of interest of the entire membership with the following program items:

- Wine-tasting party to explore the famous Mosel wines.
- Mosel tour by boat to enjoy the landscape.
- Visit of the town of Cochem and other cultural highlights of the region
- Visit of the US Garrison and Airbase at Spangdahlem

The schedule will be as follows:

Sunday, 09. September 2012

- 8:00 h Departure by Bus from Nürnberg Busbahnhof
- 13:00 h Arrival at **Beilstein** / Mosel, check-in at "Hotel **Burgfrieden**"
- 14:00 h Walk to nearby castle ruin "Metternich" with lunch and coffee
- 16:00 h On return to hotel visit of historic church "St. Peter" at Beilstein
- 18:00 h Evening meal (5-course dinner)
- 20:30 h Wine-tasting at a vinery at Beilstein

Monday, 10. September 2012

- 12:00 h Boat trip on the river Mosel to Cochem,
- 14:00 h Tour of Cochem with the **Mosel-Wein-Express**
- 14:30 h Coffee break
- 16:15 h Boat trip back to Beilstein, Arrival at 17:15 h
- 18:00 h Evening meal (5-course dinner),
after dinner social get-together



Tuesday, 11. September 2012

- 8:30 h Departure by bus to **US Airbase Spangdahlem**
- 10:00 h Tour of Airbase, after tour lunch at Airbase-Cafeteria
- 13:00 h Return trip to Nürnberg
- ca. 18:00 h Arrival at Nürnberg Busbahnhof

Beilstein is a cosy romantic wine village at the banks of the Mosel river, about 10 km upstream of the town of Cochem. **Cochem** is a historic place since roman times with a number of sightseeing items. The town is with it's 5000 inhabitants the second smallest county seat (Kreisstadt) in Germany.

Hotel Burgfrieden is a family-run nice hotel where our boardmember Peter Wahl has made tentative reservation for 8 double and max.6 single rooms. He also made more than satisfying tests on breakfast buffet and dinner.

The **US Airbase Spangdahlem** is located in the Eifel region near Bitburg.

Spangdahlem is part of the 3rd Airforce which is headquartered in Ramstein. At the airbase are working about 5000 Americans and Canadian Airforce soldiers.



As attachment you will find the registering form for the trip. Please register with Peter Wahl. He will organize the trip. For additional information contact him under tel.0911-758120 or wahl-peter@t-online.de The cost will be **EUR 240,00 per person for single room** and **EUR 225,00 per person for double room** accommodation. The price will include 2 nights with breakfast and 5-course dinner, the wine-tasting, the boat trip, the Cochem city tour and the bus tour from and to Nürnberg.

In March 2012 the local newspapers “Nürnberger Nachrichten” and “Wochenanzeiger” (Roth-Schwabach-Weißenburg) featured an **article about the GAMC** and our new president Marco Frömter. We are pleased to give you a copy as attachment.

On **Wednesday, 25 April** the ladies of the GAWC will walk through the Old Town of Nuremberg following on the trail of the **“Amis in Nuremberg since 1945”**. Guide will be our member Susanne Rieger, transiturs München – Nürnberg, and she will show spots that were connected to with the US Army since 1945. The tour promises to be good, and our members are invited by the GAWC.

The tour in German will last ca. 1 ½ hours an will cost € 5. Meeting point is the Fleischbrücke and participants will gather at 10:00 am under the ox. **Please make reservations with Luise Kießling of the GAWC tel. 0911-367683.**

There will be several German-American Volksfeste this year. Please mark the following dates:

Hohenfels: 27. April bis 1. Mai 2012

Vilseck: 14. bis 17. Juni 2012

Grafenwöhr: 3. bis 5. August 2012

Forthcoming events:

Sun/Monday	06./07. May 2012	Garmisch Partenkirchen and US-post (2-day bus tour)
Thursday	31. May 2012	Albrecht Dürer exhibition
Sunday	01. July 2012	Family Picnic
Friday	06. July 2012	Fourth of July Party of DAI at Tucher-Schloss
Sun/Tuesday	09./11. Sep 2012	Mosel tour , Wine tasting and Spangdalen Barracks (change from last newsletter)
Thursday,	25. Oct 2012	Fürth Stadtmuseum
Sunday,	25. Nov 2012	Fürth Mercure Thanksgiving Dinner

Sincerely

Your Board of Governors