

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR THE US-SOLDIERS IN KATTERBACH

In the meeting of the City Council of the City of Ansbach on May 26th 2009 was decided of one voice that:

“The City of Ansbach, in the interests of protecting its population from the aviation noise and exhaust fumes of US military helicopters, will act to amend the "General Regulations for Helicopter Flights at Military Helicopter Bases in the Federal Republic of Germany of Nov. 6, 1995" in regards to the "Special Regulations of Helicopter Flights at the Military Helicopter Bases in Ansbach-Katterbach, Erlensee, Illesheim and Wiesbaden-Erbenheim of Nov. 6, 1995".

The city of Ansbach's objective therein is to reach a binding flight ordinance for the use of military helicopters of the US Army's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade that would include both the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" between an earlier US base commander and the city of Ansbach, being transformed into binding regulations, as well as establish more extensive measures for a tangible abatement of the effects of military helicopter operations on the population.

These more extensive regulations should particularly include, on the one hand, a ban on night-flights between the hours of 22:00 and 06:00 for the military helicopter base in Ansbach-Katterbach, and on the other, a categorical over-flight ban for all residential and mixed areas within the municipal perimeters of Ansbach. No flights will be allowed within a radius of at least 600 meters – measured from the outermost settlement limits of these areas.

The city of Ansbach will emphatically exert its influence at all political and judicial levels to have the federal government of Germany enact a corresponding regulation.”

Statement of Grounds:

The bodily integrity is a German constitutional right (Art. 2. Para. 2 of the German Basic Law). It is our duty to be engaged in insuring the protection of our citizens. Aviation noise has reached an intolerable level over the past few months. Talks between the city and the US Army have not led to the desired improvements.