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## **Press Release**

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## **German-American Friendship Festival**

Welcome! From June 29 to July 4, 2023, the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden will once again welcome its German guests to the Wiesbaden U.S. residential area Hainerberg. Grand finale fireworks to celebrate American Independence Day on July 4, 2023, starting around 10:45 p.m..

"I'm very happy to continue this U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden celebration of the partnership between America and Germany. We Americans have had close ties with the people of Wiesbaden, and our surrounding communities, for decades, and it's an honor to open the German-American Friendship Festival to the public once again. I hope that our neighbors can join us and discover the fun rides and delicious food alongside their American friends," says Colonel David W. Mayfield, Commander U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden.

The festival entrance is located on New-York-Strasse. Guests can look forward to numerous rides, attractions, and sales booths. The physical well-being of visitors is well catered for with snack stands, offering both German and American specialties. There will also be a beer garden!

"The German-American Friendship Festival is a beautiful tradition that is enormously popular far beyond the borders of our city. We celebrate not only the important friendship between two countries, but also the good neighborly relations that we Wiesbaden residents have with our American neighbors. The fact that we can celebrate together, peacefully, is unfortunately not a matter of course in Europe today. I am therefore all the more pleased that numerous visitors will once again meet peacefully at this festival to celebrate friendship together," says Mayor Gert-Uwe Mende, Lord Mayor of Wiesbaden.



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The festival will be open daily from June 29 to July 4 from noon to midnight. The end marks the already traditional '4th-of-July' fireworks.

For the safety of all, dogs and the following items may not be brought onto the festival grounds: glass bottles or alcoholic beverages not purchased at the festival, pocket knives or box cutters with locking blades, knives with blades longer than 5 inches, any type of fireworks or pyrotechnics, any type of firearms, any type of sprays that can be used for self-defense, no highly explosive or flammable materials, spray or aerosol cans, large/unwieldy items such as camping chairs, large camping backpacks and bicycles.

It is pointed out that bags and/or backpacks will be checked before entering the festival area. Furthermore, the organizer asks to make use of public transportation or to come on foot or by bicycle.

Further details on the event schedule, as well as a separate invitation for the media will follow in the coming weeks.

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