

Oktoberfest

Why Oktoberfest at Carlisle Barracks?

Rain kicked the start date to Saturday, Oct 12. Now a two-day event, **Oktoberfest at Carlisle Barracks will go on. All proceeds will be used locally, directly supporting the military communities of Carlisle Barracks, Fort Indiantown Gap, and Letterkenny Army Depot.**

WHEN: SAT, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m -- AND -- SUN, Oct. 13 from noon to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Army Heritage & Education Center (AHEC) 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013

*** Carnival rides and games for all ages AND food and beverage vendors

Sat. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m: Volksmarch

Sat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Arts and Crafts inside

Sat. noon SOCCER: International Fellows vs the Chester County Businessmen, on AHEC campus

*** Fest tent with LIVE music, both days, featuring --

Sat. at 11 am. THE HAPPY WANDERERS, *live*

Sat. at 4 p.m LEVI ROAD, *live*

Sat at 6:30 p.m. MATT PLEVER, *live*

Sun. at Noon. BLASKAPELLE SHIPPENSBURG GERMAN BAND, *live*

Sun. at 4 p.m. BUCK'n'CHET, *live/*

WHAT NOT to BRING: Pets, bicycles, weapons, illegal drugs or personal alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Oktoberfest.

The attraction of Oktoberfest reaches across the military base and into surrounding communities with a Fall-in-Germany recreation theme for all ages. Oktoberfest is open to the public with free admission and

free parking. The days are filled with a variety of entertainment, games, activities, friendship, and the traditions of Oktoberfest. Many service members have spent countless tours of duty in Germany and remember fondly the culture and traditions.

The Army's Morale-Welfare-Recreation organizations exist to enhance quality of life and foster a sense of community for Soldiers, Family members, and Civilian employees. Oktoberfest is a great community event for them -- and, equally, an important source of funds for programs such as Summer Camps for children, Children's and Youth programs, recreational activities for Soldiers and Families throughout the year.

MWR employees man the Child Development Center, Youth Services, recreational programs such as fitness centers, bowling, golf, etc., which are fee-supported. Because they are 'non-appropriated funds' employees, they are not part of the emergency furlough linked to the lapse in federal budget appropriations.

"We give back to our Soldiers a quality of life that they have pledged to defend for us all," said Liz Knouse, MWR director for Carlisle Barracks and its associated programs at Indiantown Gap and Letterkenny.