



GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF MIDDLE FRANCONIA

To: The Members of the Club

12. March 2015

Dear Friends,

The annual **General Membership Meeting** on 20 January 2015 was attended by 18 members and 1 guest. Even considering that 6 members informed us in advance of their absence, the board would be happy to enjoy an increase of member participation next year.

The meeting was directed by our President Marco Frömter. After opening remarks Marco held a **moment of silence** for our late Member **Barbara Halbritter** who died since the last membership meeting. Then he gave us a report about the numerous **events in 2014**. Norbert Friemelt as treasurer submitted his **report on the figures of 2014**. Dietmar Lehmann confirmed the correctness of the balance. The report was accepted by the audience unanimously together with thanks for Norbert's efforts as treasurer.

Marco reported on the club-statistics: The **number of members** decreased, per 31 December 2013, by 6 to 54 members. The list of members was distributed at the meeting and is attached for the member distribution of this newsletter.

The following Board Members were **re-elected** unanimously: **Georg Barth** (Board Member), **Norbert Friemelt** (Treasurer), **Peter Baumann** (Board Member), **Marco Frömter** (President). The following Board Members are in the middle of their 2-years term: Eva Flasche (Board Member), Helmut Humm (Board Member), Bernd Jesussek (Vice President), Heinz Stahlschmidt (Secretary).

The Board's ideas for the **2015 program of events** were accepted by the audience. The results of the subsequent planning you will find under "Forthcoming events" at the end of this newsletter.

Our next event will be arranged by our member Susanne Rieger. She is expert in tracking down of special topics in German-American history of our region. This time she will follow the path of the US-Army in taking of the city of Nürnberg in 1945. Why don't you follow her on a

City tour :

20-04-1945
G.I. Joe befreit Nürnberg"

on Sunday , **19 April 2015**,
14:00h

Start at Königstorturm, Nürnberg
duration appr. 120 min.



In no other German city than Nürnberg the US-Army faced such fanatic resistance in the final phase of the second world war. The tour will follow the traces of a simple American soldier of the 45th Infantry Division, between debris fields and snipers, through the southern Old City. Together with his comrades of the 3rd ID north of the Pegnitz river, he once again had to risk everything to enable us to live in peace for 70 years now.

At authentic sites and locations you can re-experience the last act of these historic events. Numerous historic documents and photos will be shown. The tour will be free of charge thanks to sponsoring of the "Nürnberger Zeitung". The event will be organized by *transiturs Städtereisen Nürnberg – München* under the direction of Mrs. Susanne Rieger.

Please **register at Tel. (0162) 75 15 840 or E-Mail info@testimon.de**.

After the tour there will be a possibility for our members to take part in a commemorative meeting on the occasion of Nuremberg's liberation at the **Zeppelfeld** in Nürnberg at 18:30h. Afterwards (ca. 7 p.m.) they will have a get-together in **Gaststätte Bahnhof Dutzendteich (Zeppelinstraße 5 in Nürnberg)** as an opportunity to talk about German-American relations in past and present. If members are interested, please see attachment for details.

Preannouncement:

O'Brien Barracks - Then and Now 18th of July 2015



The US-Army Nuernberg Military Community left O'Brien Barracks in Schwabach in 1992. Ever since the Army gave up O'Brien, the City of Schwabach is busy working on transforming the former military post into a lovely housing and industrial area. Still, 23 years later, a lot of remaining relicts from the Americans are there. GAMC President Marco Froemter will offer a tour "on post". He will bring old pictures and stories from the "good old days". After a walking tour we will visit the "Schwabach Stadtmuseum". The museum features artifacts from World War II and the city's gold industry, among other items, like toys, art and of course the American history in Schwabach. Please visit schwabach.de for more information. A cafeteria is available for a social get-together. The tour will be free, the admission to the museum must be paid on own expense (5 Euro).

Our GAMC-President Marco Froemter created a special page available on the social network „Facebook“, along with Stephanie Spindler. The platform is dedicated to bring back memories of the “Kalb Housing Area” in the southern part of Fuerth. After 20 years of the deactivation of the Nuernberg Military Community the interest is still very strong in this special part of German-American friendship and history.



In no time this group found more than 1.000 registered members. Most come from the United States! The page offers hundreds of pictures from all decades the US-Army was present in this area with lots of anecdotes and stories. The site has become sort of a virtual class meeting. 90 percent of the users are Americans who had lived in Fuerth. Communication is almost exclusively in the English language and each

photo which is uploaded, will be celebrated.

The daily newspaper "Fürther Nachrichten" published a great article on this special project some weeks ago (check www.nordbayern.de/region/fuerth). The best way to have a look at the platform is to follow the link on www.gamc-nuernberg.de that leads you directly to Facebook.

Forthcoming events:

Sunday	17. May 2015 12:30h	Fuerth Pirates Baseball Club Season Opening at Burgfarnbach
Saturday	13. June 2015	Garden Party with the Friemelts
Friday	03. July 2015	Fourth of July Reception with the DAI Nürnberg
Saturday	18. July 2015	Schwabach Stadtmuseum and O'Brian Barracks. Guided Tour
Saturday	<i>12. Sept.2015</i> <i>*)</i>	<i>Franconian Wine Tour</i>
Saturday	17. Oct. 2015	Shepherd Museum Hersbruck
Sunday	22. Nov. 2015	Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday	04. Dec. 2015	Christmas Tree Lighting Grafenwöhr

**) in the planning stage !*

Sincerely

Your Board of Governors