



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 69TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRIGADE**  
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Office of the Brigade Commander

Dear Soldier,

Welcome to the 69<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade and Germany. We are the only forward deployed U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Brigade - 6-52 ADA (PATRIOT) in Ansbach; 5-7 ADA (PATRIOT) in Hanau; and our Headquarters Battery located at Giebelstadt Army Airfield. Organic to the V (U.S.) CORPS, we are the Army's only forward deployed PATRIOT equipped Air Defense Artillery Brigade supporting NATO, CENTCOM, EUCOM and V CORPS missions.

Our surrounding communities offer vast opportunities to soldiers and their families for traveling and experiencing different cultures. Taking an active part in the community will make your tour here both personally and professionally rewarding.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade offers a multitude of opportunities for promotion upon merit, leadership development, and career advancement to deserving soldiers. You must bring energy, enthusiasm, initiative and perseverance to this team. These qualities are essential to your success as well as ours. You can expect a challenging, fast-paced environment.

Your sponsor will contact you and provide details concerning your projected assignment as well as additional information that will facilitate your reception. To expedite contact with your sponsor please utilize the Sponsorship Gateway to Europe (S-Gate) web site located at: <https://www.sgate.hqusareur.mil>. I also invite you to browse our website to obtain additional information about our units and the area.

I wish you every success in your upcoming assignment and I am confident that your expectations of this command will be fulfilled.

*"Team of Winners!"*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Kirk Lawrence", is positioned above the typed name.

**R. KIRK LAWRENCE**  
COL, AD  
Commanding