

NATO and Non-US Participant Silver Flag Frequently Asked Questions  
(current as of 20 Sept 2022)

Q: How are the classes conducted during the exercise?

A: Silver Flag training is structured around small craft specific teams which includes hands-on training as well as in classroom portions. NATO team members will be integrated into the class with our other Air Force students. Before class begins, we would like to know what each member's engineering experience and area of expertise is (electrical, water or fuels systems maintenance, structural (such as carpentry, masonry, etc), or heavy equipment operator) so we can ensure they are placed in appropriate training sessions with our engineers.

Q: Where do personnel stay overnight?

A: If personnel attend the full, 5-day course, they will be staying in tents on our training site so no cost is required for lodging. For observation, we can provide recommendations for hotels in the local area nearby Ramstein Air Base.

Q: When should students arrive when attending the full 5-day Silver Flag course?

A: In-processing times begin at 1300 on SUNDAY for a given SF course, so they can arrive any time before then. Departure on the last day of class will take place between 1200 and 1400. Note the SF schedule shows the course starts on a Saturday, this is for Personalist only (PERCO team).

Q: Where and how will personnel get meals?

A: International students that attend the full training are required to pay for their own meals (\$10.05 USD per Meal Ready to Eat (MRE)). Students also have access to optional breakfast at the on-site dining facility with expenses paid by student (approximately \$5.00 USD per day, the dining facility is closed on Saturday and Sundays and not available on exercise days). Additionally, optional social events are hosted during the course for an additional fee. For observation, there are numerous restaurants and lunch options on Ramstein AB. The primary currency accepted on base is US Dollars however many establishments will accept Euro on a one-for-one exchange rate. Restaurants also accept major credit cards, primarily Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

Q: What equipment is required?

A: As the final exercise is designed to be in a simulated combat environment, please bring combat helmet, protective vest/chest rig, and CBRN mask and protective suit. Additionally, sleeping bags and personal protective equipment is required (steel toe boots, gloves, eye, and ear protection). Cots will be provided in the tents.

Q: What is the level security clearance needed to attend?

A: Courses are conducted at the UNCLASSIFIED level while there a few classified courses for the EOD portion.

Q: What else are partner nations responsible for?

A: Partners are responsible for transportation of their personnel to and from the Silver Flag site at Ramstein Air Base. Additionally, for observation, partners will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Ramstein Air Base as well as their own lodging and meals.

Q: How many personnel should we send?

A: For observation, we recommend sending 2-4 personnel that are familiar with your unique training requirements to understand if what we can offer works for you and your units. We recommend either Senior NCOs (NATO equivalent OR-7 to OR-9) and/or mid-grade officers (NATO equivalent OF-2 to OF-4) but we are flexible and can support whoever you choose to send. We can generally support a team size up to 25 to 30 personnel to attend the full training. However, please contact us directly for further coordination prior to committing resources or finalizing travel/training schedules.

Q: Where is Ramstein Air Base located?

A: Ramstein Air Base is located near the town of Ramstein-Miesenbach in Rhineland-Palatinate, a state in southwestern Germany. The primary meeting point will be at the base Visitor's Control Center for issuance of temporary base access passes (Google Maps link to Visitors Control Center [here](#)). More information can also be found on the Ramstein Air Base official website at <https://www.ramstein.af.mil>.

Q: What are each craft or skill set duties and responsibilities during a Silver Flag?

A: See below table for list of primary duties by craft and their Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RADR) associated responsibilities.

Craft	Primary Duty	RADR Responsibility(ies) – ADR MEET Course
C2 (Command and Control)	Plan & execute base activities Communicate with higher headquarters w/situation reports	Communicate with higher headquarters w/situation reports Track & prioritize damage and repairs after attacks Approve Minimum Operating Strip
Electrical	Run & maintain electrical distribution infrastructure	Expeditionary Airfield Lighting, FOD removal equipment
Power Production (Power Pro)	Run & maintain electrical production systems Run & maintain mobile aircraft arresting systems	Operate Asphalt recycling plant
HVAC/R (Heating/Air Conditioning)	Run & maintain heating & cooling systems	Operate Telehandler forklift
Heavy Equipment Operators (H&E)	Operate earth moving/heavy equipment	Operate earth moving/heavy equipment, concrete mixer
Structural	Build & maintain vertical structures/tents; carpentry, masonry, etc.	Operate paint striping equipment Operate walk-behind concrete saw
WFSM (Water/Utilities)	Build & maintain water & fuel distribution systems Build & maintain latrines Run & maintain water filtration systems	Operate compact track loader w/concrete saw & other attachments
EA (Engineer Assistants)	Run & maintain base maps (electronic & paper)	Inspect airfield after attack for damage Measure size of craters on airfield

	Design camp bed down before, during and after arrival	Plot damage on maps Recommend Minimum Operating Strip (MOS) Layout airfield lighting and marking for other crafts Certify airfield upon completion of all repairs
Ops (Operations Management)	Manage unit control center Manage/track unit resources Maintain unit accountability	Manage/track airfield repair resources/warehouse operations Operate telehandler forklift
Veh Ops (Vehicle Operations)	Manage and Operate vehicle fleet	Manage/run warehouse operations Transport airfield damage repair materials to airfield Operate telehandler forklift

Q: What is the closest airport to the base?

A: The closest international airports are Frankfurt am Main (approximately 1-hour, 15-min drive), Frankfurt-Hahn (approximately 1-hour, 10-min drive), and Luxembourg Airport (approximately 1-hour, 25-min drive).

Q: What are the current Germany COVID travel restrictions?

A: As COVID travel regulations are constantly changing, please review the latest German COVID guidance at the following links:

Current Germany Entry Requirements:

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/service/gesetze-und-verordnungen/guv-19-lp/coronaeinreisev/coronaeinreisev-en.html>

Germany Risk Area Designations:

[https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges\\_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete\\_neu.html](https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html)

Germany Digital Registration Entry Form: <http://www.einreiseanmeldung.de/>