

**From:** Bell, Nat

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**Subject:** Scheduling Request (9/30) [German Delegation from Rheinland Pfalz]

Hi,

I hope you've been well.

We have a client (German state of Rheinland Pfalz) which is home to many key U.S. military installations such as **Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Base, Landstuhl Hospital**, and Army installations in **Baumholder and Kaiserslautern**. With a population of more than **50,000 American** inhabitants.

I would like to submit a formal meeting request for the delegation from Rheinland Pfalz delegation to have a meeting with the Senator on **September 30<sup>th</sup> or Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** when they come to DC.

Rheinland Pfalz has worked closely with the Senate Armed Services Committee and German-US issues over the years. Additional background information on this delegation is pasted below.

Many thanks,

-Nat

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**Here is some additional background info:**

Delegation from Rhineland-Palatinate: The State will send a high-level delegation to further strengthen the already close German-American relations, led by the Minister President (equivalent to the post of Governor), Gero Schweitzer, who will be accompanied by Cabinet members and Parliamentary representatives. During this time, the Governor and his Delegation would welcome the chance for a meeting with key Members of Congress interested in furthering the German-American partnership.

Timing: The date that works best is **September 30<sup>th</sup>, but the Oct 1 may work too.** We are very flexible as to the timing of a meeting.

Background: Rhineland-Palatinate (also known as Rheinland Pfalz) hosts key U.S. military installations, **including Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Base, Landstuhl Hospital,** and Army installations in **Baumholder and Kaiserslautern** – nicknamed “K-town”. With a population of more than **50,000 American** inhabitants, both military service members and their families, Rhineland-Palatinate is proud to act as their “home away from home.” These installations are vital components of the NATO alliance’s military infrastructure and provide forward operating bases for the U.S. to project its forces to eastern Europe, the Middle East and other regions. The State is also the home to some key companies and “global players” such as Biontec (Pfizer), Mercedes-Benz Trucks, Boehringer Medical, Bitburger Brewery; BASF Chemical.

Topics: The delegation would be glad to talk about the defense issues, the importance of the U.S. bases in the State and the Milcon funded projects at those bases, as well a trade and other transatlantic issues of interest.

**Members of the delegation:** (principals in bold, staff non-bolded; and not all the staff would attend. **We expect a group of 7-9 max** )

State Chancellery / Governor` s Office:

**Alexander Schweitzer, Minister President of Rheinland-Pfalz /** Governor of our state (head of state)

**Heike Raab, State Secretary for European and International Affairs** within the State Chancellery

Andrea Böhner, government spokesperson Rheinland-Pfalz

Dr. Heike Bauer, department chief in the State Chancellery for International Affairs

Ministry of the Interior

**Michael Ebling, Secretary of the Interior Rheinland-Pfalz**, (Security Policy, Homeland Security, US bases, Member of Federal Chamber of the “Bundesrat”)

Joschka Frech division chief in the Minister’s office

Carsten Göller, division chief for Military Affairs, US-Support Program

Dr. Jörg Zorbach, coordinator for RLP transatlantic programs in the Mdl

*(maybe) Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Agriculture and the Wine Sector*

**Daniela Schmitt, Secretary of Trade, Commerce, Agriculture and the Wine Sector**

*(maybe) Ministry of Culture, Family, Integration*

**Katharina Binz, Secretary of Culture, Deputy Governor of Rhineland-Palatinate**