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Interesting information from TWIG: Most everyone knows that the US has a strong military presence in Germany, but did you know that Germany also has a military presence in the US? More than 1,000 German service members are stationed in the US—a large number in El Paso, Texas.

The first German soldiers arrived in El Paso eleven years after the end of WWII to start air-defense training with the US Army in Ft. Bliss. In over 60 years more than 60,000 German students have been trained in El Paso in various weapon systems. The German Air Force Air Defense Center at Ft. Bliss trains every aspect of the PATRIOT air defense system. At its peak in the 1980s, this Center had 2,000 German soldiers, civilians and students. Many soldiers have fallen in love with El Paso, fell in love, gotten married and founded families. Some have stayed and enjoy their retirement in El Paso. The Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the German Air Force stated "The feeling of being an integral part of the El Paso community is priceless." German-American friendship is strong in El Paso. The German Air Force Air Defense organized under part of **WUNDERBAR TOGETHER** a gathering on May 21 at the Southwestern University Ballpark. Color Guards of both countries participated, the national anthems were sung and the Mayor and City Council of El Paso proclaimed May 21 to be known hereafter as GermanAmerican day-



HEAR YE! HEAR!

Bulletin No. 1 regarding our **NEW** and **RENAMED** event for 2020. Since we will be widening out and reaching to other German oriented clubs, we will now be featuring a **MAIFEST** as opposed to a Heritage Day. Be sure to watch for further upgraded information in coming editions of ***DER BOTSCHAFTER***.



Event for 2020 scheduled:

Sunday, 3 May

Place: Hofbräuhaus, St. Petersburg

Cost of Tickets: \$35 per person

Which includes:

Buffet luncheon consisting of

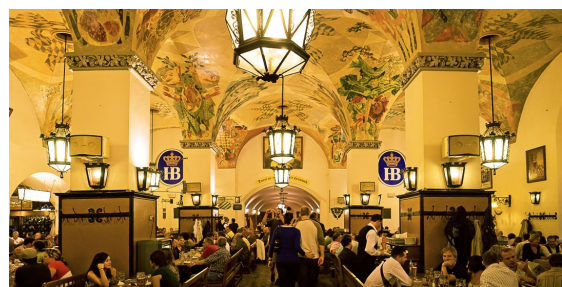
Salad, 3 meat options, 2 vegetables

Dessert

Drinks of coffee, soda, tea included

Alcoholic beverages offered as a cash bar

Music presently being investigated by board



German Club Happenings Around Town:

Cape Coral:

Friday, Oct 11—German American Day Celebration

Oktoberfest Oct 18, 19, 20 & Oct 25, 26, 27

- ⇒ Carnival Area for the kids of rides & games
- ⇒ Hand made crafts
- ⇒ Vendors & exhibitors
- ⇒ Local bands as well as bands from Germany
- ⇒ Free parking
- ⇒ Advance tickets = \$5.00; at Gate = \$6.00

Greater Hollywood:

Sat Sept 28—**Oktoberfest I**—Bob Houston & Auerhahn Schuhplattler

Sat Oct 12—**Oktoberfest II**—Bob Houston
Miss Oktoberfest Contest

Sat Oct 26—**Oktoberfest III**—Bob Houston & Auerhahn Schuhplattler

Marion County:

22nd Anniversary Dinner Dance on

Sun Aug 11—Marion Oaks Community Center
Featuring Alex Meixner; \$25 p.m. tickets

Naples Harmonie: hiatus until November

New Port Richey: Summer hiatus until September;
October 13 day of Oktoberfest

Palm Beaches: Aug 10—Search for Miss Oktoberfest
September 15—Winefest

Oktoberfest: Oct 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 featuring:

2 bands from Munich; Black Thorne bagpipers, AGC Volkstanzgruppe, Casselberry Volkstanzgruppe, Sea Turtle Tappers, parade of flags and keg tapping ceremonies plus more TBA.



Sarasota: September 28—Sommerfest/Oktoberfest
12-4; DJ playing; Farm Bureau on Palm Blvd; Sarasota

Spring Hill: September 13—Welcome Back with DJ Herb

October 11—Oktoberfest with Manni Daum Trio

Sun City Center: October 10—Oktoberfest with Martin Gross and his Sonnenschein Express

REMINDER: A few seats are still available for the trip to Germany departing Tampa September 17 and returning September 26. Enjoy the **Oberammergau Passion Play, Oktoberfest** in Munich and other highlights. For more information: 727-376-5913.

Tampa Bay Cultural Center: Florida Orchestra Season opening featuring Beethoven and the Masterworks concert series at the Straz Center, Mahaffey in Tampa Bay. www.Floridaorchestra.org

Treasure Coast: All day Oktoberfest at the Civic Center October 4 & 5

As of September, the club has moved to their new location at the Knights of Columbus in Port St. Lucie

Venice: October 19 Fallfest starring Peter Mueller at the Yacht Club in Venice.



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