

Congratulations on your assignment selection to the 702d Munitions Support Squadron at Büchel Air Base, Germany! As a geographically separated unit (GSU), embedded with the German Air Force's Tactical Air Wing 33, this assignment is a unique opportunity you'll be hard to match throughout the rest of your time in the Air Force. The 702d consists of approximately 170 personnel across 26 different Air Force Specialties, responsible for maintaining, operating, and securing \$6B in Protection Level-1 assets and \$50M in Weapons Storage & Security Systems enabling NATO's Strike mission. Our success is predicated on the support and relationships we maintain with our host, not just on Büchel Air Base but throughout the community as well.



As the 52d Fighter Wing's closest GSU, we are in the unique position to find ourselves regularly on Spangdahlem Air Base (approximately 45 minutes from Büchel on the autobahn). We go there for the Commissary and BX, gas station, schools, and youth programs. Many of our personnel with families and children elect to live closer to Spangdahlem, while those without children live closer to Büchel and its surrounding villages and cities. There is no housing on Büchel, and housing on Spangdahlem Air Base in very limited, so almost all of us live off base.



Because of the unit's mission and our position as an overseas GSU, there are two processes you must complete before you will receive your PCS orders. All personnel are screened through the Personnel Reliability and Assurance Program (PRAP) and the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) before they receive their final set of orders. Our selection-to-arrival rate is around 90%, meaning 10% of those selected for an assignment with the 702 MUNSS ultimately PCS someplace else. These processes can be time consuming, and so I ask that you fulfill your responsibilities for each of them as quickly as possible, and I promise you that I will do the same.

As I did, I am certain that you and your family have many questions as you prepare for this assignment. If someone hasn't reached out to you already, soon your sponsor will. Your sponsor is a great resource and will find many, if not all the answers to your questions. As your sponsor about our Facebook groups to connect quickly with the unit. We have one for active-duty members, and another for our families. Spangdahlem Air Base also has a variety of Facebook groups that can be useful as you prepare for your new life in Germany.

Again, congratulations on your assignment selection. We're excited and looking forward to your arrival.