

Appeal of the Campaign
Stop Air Base Ramstein
and its 2019 protest actions
against war and drones



5 YEARS OF PROTEST

PROTEST WITH US AGAINST

The drone wars

launched from German soil on a daily basis and on the purchase of killer drones by the German government

The axis of war

aka the US Air Base at Ramstein. The logistical and structural functions of the Air Base enable it to be used as the central link for international military interventions and deployments of the US and NATO. In addition, it is the headquarters of the US Air Force and its missions in Europe and Africa. Thus, the US commands, organizes and conducts war from Ramstein;

The confrontational policies

especially those aimed at Russia, which are spread from Ramstein. The air base is also the control centre of the missile defence system, which is aimed at against Russia. Ramstein Air Base also coordinates military manoeuvres involving NATO troops up to the Russian border;

The increasing amount of pollution

of the environment by the base that is leading to grave health problems for people living in the region of Kaiserslautern;

“Peace is not everything, but even

The Ramstein Air Base is the embodiment of militarism, the arms race and warfare, not just coming from the US and NATO, but also from Germany, to whom we are also directing this protest.

We simply say no! Repeatedly, loud and clear. What has been said a thousand times before, must be said again, but even louder.

What we want is peace and disarmament for everyone on this planet. „**For the many and not for the few**“. We stand for the vast majority of people and against the few pro making arms- and war profiteers.

We demand that the following steps be taken immediately:

- **Close the Air Base Ramstein**
- **Close down Ramstein's satellite relay station**
- **Ban the US from using Ramstein as for their drone wars by law**

All this would contribute to an increased quality of life for millions of people. However, it would not eliminate the death and suffering inflicted by weapons and war.

We are resolute and determined in our demands for peace through:

- the closing of the Air Base Ramstein, combined with a comprehensive programme of conversion, which will consequently create jobs for civilians. Replacing the deadly activities of the Air Base and creating more useful and beneficial occupations will result in a much higher quality of life for the people in this region.
- Withdrawing from the Convention on the Presence of Foreign Forces in the Federal Republic of Germany. We demand that the government and parliament officially rescind from this convention in accordance with the official withdrawal notice of 24 months. This would mean that in two years the military facilities of the US and NATO will be dissolved, including the central pivot of the US Air Base Ramstein, with its satellite relay station, EUCOM, AFRICOM, the command centre of NATO in Kalkar as well as the storage facilities for US nuclear weapons. This would then put an end to the illegal war operations being conducted by the US from German soil.

Nothing is nothing without peace.

(Willy Brandt, Bonn, 3. November 1981)

We have been resisting the war rhetoric of the Ramstein Air Base for a long time. We have been initiating and implementing broad ranging, inclusive, colorful and peaceful actions at the gates of the military base for over four years now and we have become a movement. However, we know that we have to become more. Not just in the region of Ramstein, but everywhere.

Therefore, we are calling for every single person to join us:

- to those who hesitate to engage or who retreated/departed from the movement - please come and join our actions in 2019. Join our protests because you can play an important part in an important movement that is so crucial to our future survival;
- to those who were part of the impressive actions of the civil society last year, who stood up against racism and for solidarity, for migrants, for action against climate change, against coal mining, against the disintegration of democratic values and to those who were part of the actions against the military base last year

Demonstrate with us in Ramstein in June 2019 - for our common goals of peace and security without war.

Come to Ramstein und take part in our action, in the peace camp, in the many activities and in the big demonstrations and the actions of non-violent civil disobedience.

We have to make this protest against the Ramstein Air Base in 2019 an outstanding and noteworthy statement for peace – these dangerous times call for serious, persistent and insistent measures.



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