

## Basic Points of Elvis Presley's Army Days in Germany

**October 1st 1958**

Elvis Presley arrived by train from Bremerhaven in Friedberg around 7:30 p.m.



**October 2nd 1958**

The arrival press conference in the building 3628 in the "Ray Barracks" in Friedberg.

**October 11th 1958**

Elvis, his friends and relatives moved into the hotel "Villa Grunewald" in Bad Nauheim, Terrassenstraße 10.

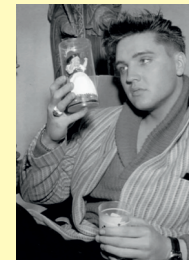


**December 20th 1958**

Elvis bought his white "BMW 507" at a car dealership in Frankfurt am Main.

**February 3rd 1959**

Elvis, his relatives and friends moved into a private home in Bad Nauheim, Goethestrasse 14.



**March 2nd 1959**

Elvis traveled to Munich for one week. He visited Vera Tschechowa in Munich, Geiseltasteig and the Starnberger Lake.

**April 14th 1959**

Elvis is one of the members of the military unit that moved the "World War One Monument" to another place in Steinfurth.



**August 1959**

Elvis visited the local lake "Gederner See". Photo, on the left, Mrs. Rosemarie Praß

**August 18th 1959**

The start of the shooting for the movie "G.I. Blues" in Friedberg. Elvis was doubled by Mr. T. W. Creel (in the photo with the film producer Mr. Hal Wallis).



**September 14th 1959**

Mr. Currie Grant the manager of the "Eagle's Club" in Wiesbaden, took Miss Priscilla Beaulieu from her home in Wiesbaden to Bad Nauheim where she first met Elvis at his private home.

**December 19th 1959**

Elvis joined a Christmas party at the "Turnhalle" in Bad Nauheim, a gym that later became the "Sportheim", before it was closed in 2015 for humanitarian reasons.



**January 24th 1960**

Last participation during the winter maneuver "Operation Wintershield" in Grafenwöhr, where Elvis received his promotion to sergeant (E5) on February 11th, 1960.

**March 1st 1960**

Press conference for Elvis farewell at the "Ray Barracks".



**March 2nd 1960**

Departure from the "Rhein-Main Air Base" to Fort Dix, New Jersey, USA.

## Contemporary Witnesses in the EPV

Members in the "EPV" that met Elvis in person while he was in Germany for his military service. Listen to their personal stories with Elvis at our club meetings for members and non members. We are looking forward to see you ...



Claus-Kurt Ilge



Dr. Peter Weidemann



Karl-Heinz Stein



Bernd Basting



Angelika Springauf

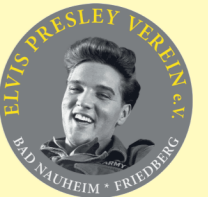
## Map of Germany with red marked whereabouts of Elvis Presley



## Friedberg (Hesse) Army Home of Elvis Presley



**ELVIS**  
in Germany



**Bad Nauheim**  
Private Home of Elvis Presley

## ELVIS IN GERMANY

*We would like to introduce you to the "Elvis Presley Verein e. V. Bad Nauheim - Friedberg", the most authentic Elvis Presley fan club in all of Europe.*  
*The "Elvis Presley Verein e. V. Bad Nauheim - Friedberg", abbreviated EPV, is the only local Elvis fan club in the area where Elvis Presley served in the Army and where he moved into a private home.*

### August 26th 1995

The official opening of the "Elvis Presley Stele" in Bad Nauheim, next to the hotel "Villa Grunewald".

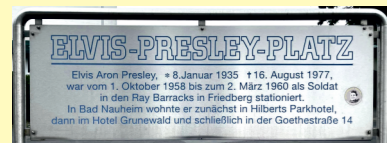


### September 2nd 1995

The official opening of the "Elvis Presley Plaza" in Friedberg.

### March 13th 1998

The founding day of the EPV fan club, in the premises of the hotel "Villa Grunewald", the historic hotel where Elvis, his relatives and friends stayed from October 11th 1958 to February 2nd 1959.



### October 18th 1998

The official opening of the "Elvis Presley Plaza" in Bad Nauheim.

### From September 30th to October 3rd 2000

We celebrated the "Elvis Presley Remember Weekend" in Bad Nauheim which was joined by Mr. Scotty Moore, Elvis guitar player and first manager. Mr. Scotty Moore became an honorary member of the EPV.



### October 20th 2000

We had a great concert event with the "Shadows of Elvis" and special guest "The King" Mr. James Brown at the "Memphis Dancing Bar" in Bad Nauheim.

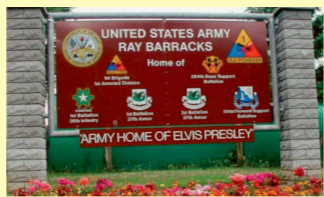


### June 1st 2001

The "Let's Have a Party" event with Mrs. Wanda Jackson at the "Hall of Roses" in Steinfurth.

### July 14th 2001

The sign of the Army location "Ray Barracks" in Friedberg was added with the lettering "ARMY HOME OF ELVIS PRESLEY", the work of Colonel Michael Tucker.



### February 9th 2002

The official opening of the new "Capri Club" at the "Ray Barracks" which became the new club house.

### April 20th 2002

Mr. Scotty Moore and his band "All The King's Men" played at the "Capri Club", a great event of the EPV.

### From August 15th to August 18th 2002

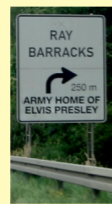
The EPV organized the first "EUROPEAN ELVIS FESTIVAL" in Bad Nauheim and in Friedberg.

### August 16th 2002

A concert event with Mr. Helmut Lotti in memory of the 25th anniversary of Elvis death.

### From August 14th to August 17th 2003

The second "EUROPEAN ELVIS FESTIVAL" was organized, starring Mr. Ted Herold, Mr. Paul Casey and Mr. Sonny West.



### From August 16th to September 16th 2007

The exhibition "Friedberg - Army Home of Elvis Presley" was on display at the "Capri Club" at the Ray Barracks (amazing 9000 visitors).

### From August 14th to August 17th 2008

The first "ELVIS WEEKEND" in Friedberg was organized.

### From October 1st to October 5th 2008

Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Elvis Presley in Germany (October 1st 1959) at the Capri Club.

### October 30th 2008

The official opening of the "Walk of Fame" in Bad Nauheim with a bronze memorial plaque of Elvis.



### August 12th 2009

The official opening of the "Elvis - Presley - Monument" in Friedberg.



### December 1st 2013

The official opening of the Elvis Presley photo exhibition at the Sportheim in Bad Nauheim (till 2015).



### August 8th 2015

The official opening of the information columns at the "Elvis Presley Plaza" in Friedberg, a joint project of the city administration in Friedberg and the EPV.

### August 12th 2015

Official opening of the sign post at "Elvis Presley Plaza" in Friedberg, showing the directions and the distances to places of great interest.



### August 16th 2016

Official opening of the replaced bronze memorial plaque at the "Walk of Fame" in Bad Nauheim. The first memorial plaque from the year 2008 was stolen on January 9th 2015.



### From August 16th to August 21st 2017

The 10th "Elvis Weekend" in memory of the 40th anniversary of Elvis death, with special guest Mrs. Linda Gail Lewis (USA), the sister of Jerry Lee Lewis. Musically supported by Ike and the Capers (DE) and Piano Sam (DE), as well as many top class musicians and entertainers.

### March 24th 2018

The 20th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the "Elvis Presley Verein e. V. Bad Nauheim - Friedberg".

### From June 29th to July 4th 2018

The EPV took part for the 4th time at the celebration of the "German - American - Friendship- Festival" in Wiesbaden.

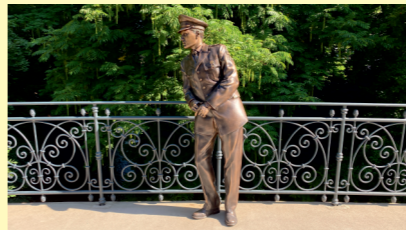


### From June 10th to June 11th 2019

The EPV took part in the 70th anniversary celebration of the "Airlift of Berlin" at the Airbase in Wiesbaden - Erbenheim.

### From August 15th to August 18th 2019

The 12th "ELVIS WEEKEND" starring Mr. Michael Aden, Mr. Sigi "The King of Memphis" Oster and Mr. Bill "Superfoot" Wallace was organized by the EPV. Mr. B. Wallace was Elvis trainer in martial arts. Also we offered two organized tours the "G. I. Blues Tour" and the "Ray Barracks Tour".



### August 13th 2021

Official opening of the Elvis bronze statue on the bridge over the Usa creek.

## ELVIS Presley VEREIN e. V. Bad Nauheim - Friedberg

### The purpose of the Elvis Presley Verein ...

... is to support and preserve the treasure we have in the musik and legacy of Mr. Elvis Presley, the conservation and recognition of the precious memories of the traces Elvis left behind.

### Tasks of the EPV

- Establishment and preservation of an Elvis Presley Museum
- Creation and maintenance of an Elvis Presley meeting place
- Organization of Elvis Presley music meetings
- Maintenance of the Elvis-Presley-Platz in Friedberg (Hesse) and the memorial stele in Bad Nauheim



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### Regular events of the EPV

- Monthly club meetings on the first Saturday of the month from 4:00 p.m. at various locations. Information on the next club evening check [www.elvis-presley-verein.de](http://www.elvis-presley-verein.de) or via Facebook
- Annual participation in the "Wetterauer Narrenexpress" in FB.
- Annual participation in "Friedberg spielt".
- Annual participation in the "Platanenhoffest" in Bad Nauheim.
- Annual **Elvis Weekend in Friedberg** (Hesse) organized by the EPV kindly supported by the district town of Friedberg.



The picture on the right was taken on the bridge over the Usa creek, at the spot, where the Elvis bronze statue currently stands.

