

## **Kurzinformation Reply of the German Bundestag** Housing Assistance for Veterans

## 1. What is your country's policy on providing housing assistance to ex-Service personnel?

The principal responsibility for providing housing information and advice to German service personnel lies with the armed forces (Bundeswehr) up to the point of discharge. These services are delivered through the so-called "Wohnungsfürsorge" (housing assistance) of the Bundeswehr Service Centres.

Task of the Wohnungsfürsorge is to strongly support service members entitled to housing assistance in their search for family-friendly resp. disability-friendly housing by offering available state-owned housing or communicating available and affordable living space of the real estate market. At this, precedence is given to those service members who are transferred to another garrison, and their families. However, the Wohnungsfürsorge also assists already retired service members in their search for living space even by providing information about facilities for disability-friendly and elder-friendly housing.<sup>1</sup>

Beyond this, there are no measures in place in Germany to provide special or preferential housing assistance to ex-service personnel.

## 2. How many veterans own their own home in comparison to the general population?

No data available.

## 3. How many veterans have accessed housing/ welfare benefits or assistance?

No data available.

See Teilkonzeption "Vereinbarkeit von Familie und Dienst in den Streitkräften", issued by the Federal Ministry of Defence / Inspector General of the Bundeswehr on 21 May 2007. Retrieved from <u>http://www.bundeswehr.de/</u> <u>resource/MzEzNTM4MmUzMzMyMmUzMTM1MzMyZTM2MzIzMDMwMzAzMDMwMzAzMDY4Mz</u> <u>U2Zjc4Nzg2NDY2NzQyMDIwMjAyMDIw/Teilkonzeption.pdf</u> on 1 March 2016.