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Brunhilde M. Künne



“A sound mind in a sound body” is truly Brunhilde Künne’s maxim for life, as exemplified by her avid love of the outdoors and her consistent excellence in the classroom. For over 30 years, Frau Künne, as her German students know her, has been creating “sound minds” in the Kaiserslautern Military Community through German language and culture courses.

A collegiate associate professor, Ms. Künne’s bilingual upbringing in Germany and her advanced studies in the United States make her particularly suited for teaching Americans living in Germany. “My task,” she says, “is to facilitate the students’ course of studies so they are not overwhelmed by the strangeness of their journey, but rather enticed by the novelty of their

perspectives.” Teaching in Germany affords Ms. Künne additional opportunities outside of the classroom to offer fellow faculty and students her personal knowledge and expertise of local culture to enhance their learning experience.

When Ms. Künne isn’t busy with her academic and political work, she gives free German lessons to fellow colleagues and women from foreign countries, such as Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan who are currently living in her community.

She earned a BA from University of Colorado, an MS in education from University of Southern California, and an MS in international relations from Troy State University.