

## AROUND EUROPE

### Vision 2025: USACE, Sembach develop net-zero energy master plan

SEMBACH, Germany – Representatives from Sembach Kaserne, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and Parsons, an architecture and engineering firm, met earlier this month to kick off an energy master planning project aimed at achieving net zero energy installation status by 2025.

A net zero energy installation, as defined by the Army, is an installation that produces as much energy as it uses on site, over the course of a year. Sembach is focused on and dedicated to reducing energy consumption throughout the entire base.

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### US Army awards fire station renovation contracts in Latvia

WIESBADEN, Germany – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District recently awarded three contracts in Latvia to upgrade eight existing fire and rescue stations throughout the country. The contracts, awarded to Koger un Partneri and Ekers SIA, are part of a U.S. European Command-sponsored program to assist Latvia's State Fire and Rescue Service modernize its facilities.

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### Collocation helps USACE build strong

WIESBADEN, Germany -- You can't just put people together and expect it to work ... or can you?

In 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District delivered a \$1 billion program of more than 150 projects over 10 years on time and on budget. Its success was largely contributed to the collocation of members from the district, the local garrison and their German counterparts.

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### USACE customer workshop update

WIESBADEN, Germany – It has been nearly a year since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District held its first customer service workshop in recent years that was designed to answer one question, "How can we better serve you?"

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### Message from the Commander

#### Taking Care of People

As the commander of Europe District, my priorities are to take care of People, support our Partners, and deliver quality Projects. I would like to share with you why taking care of people is important, and what it means to me.

People are the heart of the Army, and it could not exist without them. There is no amount of technology that can compensate for good judgment. Soldiers and Army civilians, on the ground in dynamic situations, must build relationships, support team goals, measure risks, and make sound decisions. Combining their numerous skills and abilities in battle can produce inspirational results. The same holds true of the people in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, be they Army civilians, local nationals, contractors, or Soldiers. People are the heart of our organization, and their skills and abilities can be multiplied to tremendous effect in project delivery teams. The Corps of Engineers is the world's largest public engineering organization. Its tremendous capabilities, and reputation, are made up of people.

My mission is to empower our people to perform at their best. Taking care of people means ensuring they have the proper guidance, training, and resources necessary to conduct their jobs. It also means they understand the value of their work, receive honest and constructive feedback, have opportunities for professional growth, and work in a safe climate free of harassment and discrimination. Taking care of people also means that their families are secure and informed. I believe that by taking care of people, they will pass it on to others and build great teams with extraordinary results.

Europe District has great people. My vision is that we become one of the best districts in USACE at project delivery, as measured by customer satisfaction. I want our team members to be proud of their accomplishments, personally make a difference, grow to their full potential, and take good care of one another. I will know we are successful if people want to serve in the district again, and would recommend it to others.

Each week, we recognize the outstanding efforts of people within Europe District, and designate them as a Hero of the Battle. Our most recent heroes are Kevin Anderson, Monica Zayas, Dave Colberg, Kevin Raposa, Keith Odberg, Lisa Abernathy, Mitzie Hollis, and Robert Shulka. Please join me in thanking them.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger



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## FEATURE

### USACE employee retires after 44 years

WIESBADEN, Germany – When Wolfgang Kuhl, a German local national, began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Europe, he could not have imagined the impact his 44 years of service would have on generations of U.S. Soldiers.



Photo by Carol E. Davis

Over a span of more than four decades, Kuhl's work led to the successful completion of numerous multi-million dollar construction projects in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Turkey.

His latest projects were design modifications that will improve the quality-of-life for the Soldiers and their families as they move into the Wiesbaden townhouses in late 2012.

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Merry Christmas from Santa, Tom Moore, who made an early appearance during the district's Children's Holiday Party Dec. 8, 2011 at the Amelia Earhart Center.

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**Franconia News**, USACE, Ansbach turns MWR funds into new auto skills center

**Public Works Digest**, Europe District wraps up FY11

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