

## AROUND EUROPE

### USACE builds to new heights

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany – High atop the trees on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation High Ropes Park, representatives from the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr, Family MWR, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District gathered to cut a ribbon and showcase part of the project for Outdoor Recreation Destination at Dickhaueter Lake Park, here.

During a July 25 ribbon cutting ceremony, the district and some of its Grafenwöhr partners harnessed in and swung, ascended, traversed and balanced their way across several roped obstacles as the first to test their agility on the new high ropes course.

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### Renovation project in world's second largest building

BUCHAREST, Romania – Through a partnership with the U.S. European Command, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District will oversee renovation of the basement of the world's second largest office building – Romania's Palace of the Parliament – remodeling it to be able to accommodate a new training classroom and conference room.

When completed in fall 2012, the new facilities will be used by SELEC, the Southeastern European Law Enforcement Center, an international law enforcement organization formed in 2011 from the successes of its predecessor, the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative Center.

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### USACE introduces cadets to European engineering

Wiesbaden, Germany – Europe is filled with backpacking college students traveling from one country to the next at this time of year. Before entering the real world, they embark on nomadic adventures in new cities, with new people, trekking as far as the Eurail pass will permit. But United States Military Academy at West Point Cadets Alex Cansler and Timothy Ko traveled to Europe this summer wearing construction boots rather than backpacks, ready to apply classroom lessons to real work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.

Cansler, a rising West Point junior, and Ko, a rising senior, took part in the school's Academic Individual Advanced Development program.

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### Message from the Commander



#### Commitment to Sustainability

Europe District is committed to supporting the Army, and all of our partners, in meeting sustainability goals through green-building practices. This is accomplished by delivering facilities that use less energy and water, reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions, and provide a healthier working and living environment for Soldiers, families and civilians. These goals are described in Executive Order 13514: [Federal Leadership in Environment, Energy and Economic Performance](#). Accomplishing these goals will ultimately increase our Nation's prosperity and security, now and for future generations.

We recently completed two key projects – the U.S. Army Europe headquarters building and the Urlas Passive House neighborhood – earning environmental certifications.

The newly constructed USAREUR headquarters building in Wiesbaden received the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for a U.S. facility in Germany. The 285,000-square-foot building is also USACE's first international LEED certified project. LEED, established by the U.S. Green Building Council, is a globally recognized program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

In addition to the LEED Silver certification, the district also obtained the first German Passivhaus Institut certification of the Urlas townhouses in Ansbach, Germany this summer. The ultra low-energy Passivhäuser, or Passive Houses are the first set of U.S. government homes worldwide to receive PHI certification.

While we continue to assist our customers in becoming more sustainable and energy-efficient, we are also obliged to examine our internal operations and efforts towards sustainability.

It was recently reported in the [federal FY 2011 scorecard](#) that USACE was "red" on sustainability and energy metrics. In the future, our organization will continue to place additional focus on meeting our own sustainability goals in the areas of energy, water, waste, petroleum and greenhouse gas emissions. Sustainability should become more than part of our design processes. It should be part of our organizational culture.

The district is taking measures to improve our performance and elevate the scorecard rating for the current fiscal year. The district has recently had its own "green" successes including installing additional bike racks to enable green commuting, switching to high efficiency fluorescent bulbs and streamlining the vehicle fleet. We are committed to improving sustainability to meet our mission today and into the future.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Our latest Europe District Heroes of the Battle are Karl Klein, Jennifer Aldridge, MSG John Walls, and Loran Baxter. Thank you for a job well done!

## SPOTLIGHT on the Stuttgart Resident Office



Project engineers, Akemi Herrick, Rudy Zink, and Susan Kil enjoy a summer festival in downtown Stuttgart.

As the winner of the 2011 Installation Support Program of the Year for the Europe Region, the Stuttgart Resident Office provides construction support to USAG Stuttgart and its tenants. With four installations, an airfield, and various ranges, Stuttgart is also home to U.S. Europe Command headquarters and U.S. Africa Command headquarters.

Our three project engineers are able to manage the diversity of requirements by working together and utilizing the team's own diverse international experiences.

As military spouses who have lived and worked at various installations, Akemi Herrick and Susan Kil are able to provide input into projects from the users' perspective.

Since 2003, Rudy Zink continues to provide local support with indirect contracts working with the Bauamt.

It is this team's combination of skills and communication that enable us to successfully manage over \$25 million of Military Construction and Operations and Maintenance projects such as secured office renovations, replacing the commissary roof, and building a dental clinic.

Zink said working at the Stuttgart Resident Office offers many professional awards.

"I especially like the satisfaction of overcoming challenges or seeing the completion of a project knowing how many hurdles we had jump to complete it," Zink said.

Herrick enjoys the benefit of having a limited staff.

"As a small office, we support each other with daily project discussions. Everyone is aware of all the project issues and we share ideas to resolve them," she said.

Kil appreciates the level of support, respect and confidence the office shares, and she appreciates the cultural opportunities that the Stuttgart area offers her family.

"Living in Stuttgart with a young family is a wonderful experience with so many local activities like the Mercedes Museum, Legoland, Sensapolis, and the Wilhelma Zoo," Kil said.

## WORK FOR USACE

There are currently no job opportunities with the district.

Jobs can be found at [USAJobs](http://USAJobs).

## WORK WITH USACE

Information Technology Services Contract,  
Wiesbaden, Germany  
Solicitation Number: W912GB-12-001

Y--Construction of Vocational Training  
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## Operations Security

### August is Army Anti-terrorism Awareness Month

The Department of the Army has announced intentions to conduct antiterrorism training, education, and awareness throughout the month of August. During this month, Army installations, standalone facilities, and units will focus their efforts to heighten awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect Army communities from acts of terrorism.

The Army recognizes that installations, standalone facilities, and operational units must be capable of deterring and defending against the full range of threats including terrorist attack. By integrating antiterrorism principles with persistent antiterrorism awareness the Army ensures the safety and security of its Soldiers, DA civilians, and family members while ensuring mission success.

The Army's antiterrorism plans and programs provide the defensive element in a broader combating terrorism program. Effective antiterrorism measures integrate a multitude of security programs which ensure the protection of people, information, infrastructure, installations, facilities, and forces.

As such, antiterrorism training, education and awareness support the entire Army community and are a critical part of our overall protection. Antiterrorism awareness month reinforces the importance of protecting Army communities against a persistent threat. Help protect YOUR Army community. See Something Suspicious, Say Something Immediately!

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