

AROUND EUROPE

USACE earns first LEED certification in Germany

WIESBADEN, Germany -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District announced today that it has been awarded the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification of a U.S. facility in Germany. LEED, established by the U.S. Green Building Council, is an internationally recognized program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The district's LEED-certified project, a 285,000-square-foot U.S. Army Europe headquarters building recently named the Gen. Shalikashvili Mission Command Center, achieved more than one first today. The building is also the Corps of Engineers' first international LEED-certified project at any level.

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Industrious dialogue in Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania – Representatives from the U.S. European Command, Missile Defense Agency, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District came together to host two industry days in Bucharest and Caracal, Romania, to discuss information supporting contracts for the Aegis Ashore program June 13 – 14.

The objective of these industry days were to provide information on the general scope of work, the required infrastructures and facilities, and potential construction and services opportunities to support a planned U.S. missile defense asset deployment in Deveselu, Romania.

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AMIE Interns Gain Career Experience

WIESBADEN, Germany – The Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has entered its 16th year with Europe District. This year, four seniors from historically black colleges and universities have arrived here to put their educational background to practical use.

The AMIE program provides the interns with a definite real world experience explains AMIE program director Darren Walls, a district project manager, who has been with the Corps ever since his two summers as an AMIE intern when he attended North Carolina A&T University.

"They get to work in their chosen field, as well as, see how the government works versus private industry," Walls said.

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Message from the Commander

Leadership

Summer is traditionally a time of leadership transitions around the Army, and this year is no different. In Europe District, I'd like to welcome our new Chief of Engineering & Construction, Donna L. Street, PE PMP. In North Atlantic Division, we look forward to the assumption of command of COL Kent D. Savre July 31. At USACE Headquarters, LTG Thomas P. Bostick became the 53rd Chief of Engineers in May.

LTG Bostick recently shared some of his thoughts on leadership:

1. It's always a team effort
2. Diverse teams make us stronger.
3. We must train, teach, coach and mentor our workforce every day.
4. Education and professional development is essential to building a stronger USACE and Army.
5. Change is always inevitable. We must lead and shape it.
6. Communicate not just so that people understand, but so that there is no possible way to misunderstand. Shared information is power.
7. Tell the USACE and the Army story. All of us play a role in strategic engagement.
8. It's never about what's in it for us. It's always about what we can do for the Army and the Nation...that is the true meaning of Selfless Service.
9. It's truly an honor and a privilege to serve the Army and the Nation.
10. Stay fit and healthy (mind, body and spirit), and take care of your family.

So what is a "leader"? There are many definitions. Europe District hosts a Leadership Development Workshop every summer, and the participants in 2011 developed these definitions:

"A leader is a person you will follow to a place you wouldn't go by yourself."

"A leader inspires and empowers their team by communicating their vision, providing clear guidance and using assets wisely to accomplish the organization's goal, while training future leaders."

This month, the Europe District Leadership Development Program Class of 2012 will graduate. My congratulations go out to Khrystina Campana, Christina Moore, Michael Tarpey, and Natalie Watsek. They completed a rigorous one year program to enrich their leadership skills, and they have demonstrated strong potential to lead organizations, create effective teams, and build partnering relationships.

This July marks my first year in command, and I am still humbled and inspired by the dedicated people that comprise the district. I hope we are achieving my vision, where team members are proud of their accomplishments, personally make a difference, grow to their full potential, and take good care of one another.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our recent Europe District Heroes of the Battle: Jefferey Ball, Rich Gifaldi, and Nancy Van Noortwijk.



SPOTLIGHT on the Romania Resident Office



Left to right: Gloria Cantaragiu, management assistant/translator; Gabriel-Sabin Ene, mechanical engineer; Robert Matei, electrical engineer; Gabriel Enache, civil engineer

The Romania Resident Office, located on Mihail Kogalniceanu Forward Operating Site near Constanta, Romania provides construction oversight for the Black Sea Area Support Team, U.S. Army Europe and Missile Defense Agency customers. Before the Permanent Forward Operation Site was built, the office provided Quality Assurance for the construction of the Temporary Forward Operation Site situated on the nearby Romanian airbase. Starting in 2007, this office completed the TFOS, PFOS and several Job Order Contract projects. These facilities include barracks, a small Post Exchange, physical fitness center, dining facility, company operations, vehicle maintenance, and headquarters buildings. A four-megawatt power line for the installation was recently completed. The resident office is currently overseeing PFOS warranty items and construction of a new base access road.

The office is made up of Romanian contract employee engineers and support staff.

Gloria Cantaragiu, a management assistant and translator, said Romania is a beautiful and strong country with a rich history. Mainly Christian Orthodox, Romania was Christianized by Apostle Andrew, therefore, Romanians respect religious holidays. Easter and Christmas are important holidays, rich with traditions and very treasured. According to Cantaragiu, family is everything in Romania and she equates working at the resident office with working with family.

"It's like a gift from God," Cantaragiu said. "He brought us all together. We started out as friends and have moved to family. Ever since we started working together here, we have gathered for an early Christmas dinner. You can say that Romanian tradition has actually helped us to bond."

Gabriel-Sabin Ene, a mechanical engineer, agrees they are all bonded to each other, work and to the country.

"Romanians are really connected to their country," Ene said. "One of the reasons we are so happy to work in this office is we get to work and learn from great people coming from another country and culture without leaving Romania. Working here has also been interesting, surprising, and challenging which is why, of all places, we like working here."

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Do you know what to report?

Reporting suspicious activity is a responsibility we all share because it takes the entire community to protect the community. While it's important that you DO report, there are three DON'Ts that you should remember:

- 1) DON'T assume that what you saw was insignificant or normal.
- 2) DON'T assume that someone else will report it.
- 3) DON'T put yourself in a position to regret later that you didn't report something now.

The two most important aspects of reporting suspicious activity are accuracy and timeliness. Law enforcement and investigative personnel need detailed descriptions to act upon. Reporting immediately is important, however that doesn't mean that it's ever too late to report suspicious activity.

The following are examples of the types of activities one should report to the Military Police at 337-5096 or 0611-705-5096

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left behind.
- Vehicles left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Intruders in secure areas where they do not belong.
- Persons wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location.
- People asking questions beyond reasonable curiosity about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security procedures, or military deployments without a need to know.
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

Comments? Corrections?

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