

## AROUND EUROPE

### US, NATO camp design concepts

WIESBADEN, Germany --More than 50 students from six NATO countries attended a four-day engineering course, the week of May 15 at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center, designed to teach the basic development, planning, execution, and closure processes of a base camp downrange.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Base Camp Development Planning Course combined lectures and practical exercises to teach students to, as Lt. Col. David Wong, instructor, said think holistically when it comes to base camp development.

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### USACE forward engineering team supports USAREUR-led exercises

SLUNJ, Croatia – A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Forward Engineering Support Team-Advance traveled to Latvia, Estonia and Croatia May 8-19 to provide technical engineering expertise including route reconnaissance and structural assessments in support of U.S. Army Europe-led Saber Strike and Immediate Response exercises.

As the structure of U.S. forces in Europe transforms, participation in exercises with NATO allies and other partners is expected to increase, according to Navy Vice Adm. Charles Martoglio, U.S. European Command deputy commander. The exercise program will become key to maintaining combat edge.

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### Using magic to help teach science

WIESBADEN, Germany - Two classes of Aukamm Elementary School first-graders unanimously turned their thumbs up for Brian Temple after he lit a piece of flash paper on fire and magically made it reappear as a \$100 bill.

"Flashpaper's my favorite," Temple told the classes, and it quickly became a favorite of the students as well. One student wanted to know if Temple could perform the trick a few more times so he could get the money to buy an iPad.

Temple visited the school May 11 to give students in every grade a magic show in the music room and teach them about science in the process.

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### Message from the Commander

Supporting our partners requires a change in mindset



The Corps of Engineers exists to support our partners which, in turn, support our Nation. Our partners' engineering needs have changed. In the past decade, speed of project delivery was paramount to support the war effort and support base transformation. We are now in an era of budget constraints where accountability, energy security, and sustainability are priorities. To remain relevant to our partners, Europe District must change as well. Much of this change is in mindset. To continue to provide value to our partners, we must understand their holistic missions and develop integrated solutions. These solutions should reach across functional areas, rather than staying within "stove pipes" that do not leverage the full capabilities of the District or the Corps. This concept is described in the USACE Military Missions Strategic Direction 2012. You can learn more about it at <http://1.usa.gov/KeDE9m>.

Based on this strategic concept, we have updated the District's mission statement to the following:

**Europe District provides premier engineering, construction, stability operations, and environmental management products and services for the Army, Air Force, other US Government agencies, and foreign governments throughout the US European Command and US Africa Command areas of operation.**

The core competencies that our partners expect and deserve from Europe District are:

**Execution Focus** - The capability to execute complex programs.

**Integrated Project Delivery** - The capability to marshal interdisciplinary teams.

**Accountability** - The ability to maintain public trust and meet customer requirements.

**Diverse Technical Knowledge** - The ability to leverage expertise from a broad spectrum of scientific areas.

The critical success factors where Europe District can excel and provide exceptional value to our partners are:

**Systems Thinking** - Understanding the big picture and identifying interrelationships, rather than focusing on individual components.

**Organizational Learning** - Continually improving and gaining efficiencies by a commitment to learning.

**Partnership Development** - Sharing knowledge and expertise to reduce risk and costs.

The bottom line is that we must change our mindset. Europe District has a long history of exceptional service to the Nation. To continue that great support in this new era, each member of Europe District must understand our partners' missions and know how our actions impact them. We must then integrate broadly to leverage the great strengths of the District and USACE to find the solutions that best meet our partners' needs.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our Europe District Heroes of the Battle from the last month: Akemi Herrick, Susan Kil, and Dan Bradley. Thank you for a job well done!

## SPOTLIGHT on the Bavaria Area Office



Left to right: Dhanvir Aujla, Walt Bogdanow, LT Paul Gapinski (Intern), Manfred Koenig, Brad Smudzinski, Sylvia Royster, Herman Mueller, Gary Jones, Danielle Brooks. Not pictured: Stefan Brunner, Landon Steuck, Steven Pautz, and Peter Barth.

The Grafenwöhr Resident Office is located in beautiful eastern Bavaria and provides construction oversight for the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr and Vilseck Rose Barracks communities. The team recently completed a \$1 billion construction management effort for Efficient Basing Grafenwöhr. This dynamic seven-year building initiative provided the community with brand new and renovated facilities. These facilities include barracks, a combined Commissary-PX shopping center, a state-of-the-art physical fitness center, modern dining facility, elementary and middle schools, and a host of company ops, vehicle maintenance, and headquarters buildings. Additionally, the office supported construction of 836-units of build-to-lease family housing just off main post with initial master planning, coordination efforts and laying the base infrastructure. The resident office continues to support both communities with ongoing projects such as the \$10-million outdoor recreation center and soon-to-be awarded projects such as the Netzaberg Chapel and the Vilseck Clinic.

"My favorite project with the office has been the EFG program in general. Coordinating the utility connections among the various stakeholders for the dozens of projects was a huge undertaking and a great challenge for me," Manfred Koenig, a project engineer, said.

The resident office works in partnership and is co-located with the Bauamt and the garrison.

Walt Bogdanow, area engineer, said being co-located has contributed greatly to his team's success and the strong relationships they have built with their counterparts.

Sylvia Royster, project assistant, came from a retail management background.

"I expected a construction office involved in a major building effort would be equally hectic," Royster said. "However, this is one of the least stressful atmospheres I've worked in. While some days are more demanding than others, the office is generally easy-going. We're like a small family here."

She adds, "What I like most about working in this area is the natural beauty. I'm from the country and favor the countryside. What better way to experience Germany, than to live, work, and play in Bavaria."

## WORK FOR USACE

There are currently no job opportunities with the district.

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

## WORK WITH USACE

Z--Storck Barracks Renovations,  
Illesheim, Germany  
Solicitation Number: W912GB-12-R-0017

Y--Construction of a Joint Operations  
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Y--Construction of Vocational Training  
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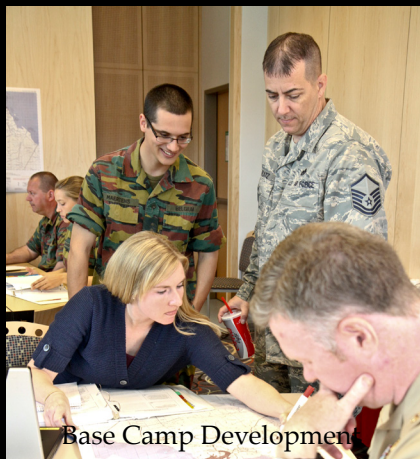
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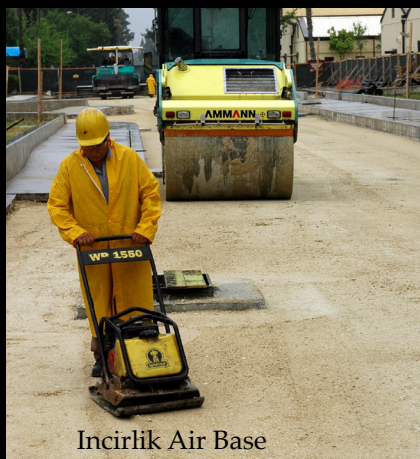
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### Operations Security

#### Europe District Current Threat Level Information

FPCON Level: BRAVO

Terrorist threat Level is: SIGNIFICANT

Homeland Security current threat Level is: YELLOW

#### Europe District Threat Assessment

The current assessment for Europe District is as follows:

Criminal threat is LOW

Gang threat is LOW

Direct protester threat is LOW

Subversive threat is LOW

The probability that a Cyber Attack would incapacitate Europe District mission is LOW

### Comments? Corrections?

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