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AROUND EUROPE

Europe District trains with Italians



AVIANO, Italy- A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Forward Engineering Support Team-Advance (FEST-A) conducted training and remote engineering missions in partnership with Italian Army Reconnaissance

Engineers here September 9-21, 2012.

"It is no understatement to say that this event is the 'Super Bowl' of FEST-A training," said Master Sergeant Steve Frank, FEST exercise planner.

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US honors Serbian friendship

PRANJANI, Serbia- The cheers of more than 520 World War II Allied airmen being evacuated from Pranjani is a 68-year-old memory for the residents of this rural, farming village. The town is home to the greatest rescue operation behind enemy lines during the Second World War. The people of Pranjani risked their lives to care for downed American aviators until their eventual evacuation in 1944.



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Powering the future of IMCOM Europe



HEIDELBERG, Germany- Installation Management Command Europe garrisons consume 5,263,221 kilowatt-hours of energy each day; roughly enough to power Yankee Stadium five times.

Staggering statistics, have led top Department of Defense leaders to seek out secure, uninterrupted access to power, energy and water to improve military installation security and conserve natural resources.

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Message from the Commander

Happy Fiscal New Year



Fiscal Year 2013 promises to be an exciting year for Europe District as we continue to provide premier engineering support to the enduring U.S. Army and Air Force installations in Europe. We are enhancing programs to meet our Partners' needs, including energy security and sustainability, foreign military sales, humanitarian assistance, DoDDS, Missile Defense Agency support, and the Kaiserslautern Military Community Medical Center. FY12 was a benchmark year for the district. We executed the 13th largest program of USACE's 41 districts by completing \$740 million of design and construction. We finished on a very high note and processed 1,777 contract actions for a total obligated amount in new work over \$1 billion spread over multiple years. More than 31 percent of these actions were executed in the month of September alone. I would like to thank our team members for their extraordinary efforts meeting the needs of our Partners. Last month I referred to the end of fiscal year as our Superbowl. It was a decisive win – win for all. Our workload in future years is not likely to be as high, but it will remain strategically important to our Nation and allies.

The Chief of Engineers, Lt. General Thomas Bostick, elegantly summed up FY12 accomplishments for the entire U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

"Even more important than the numbers are the people – our hard-working professionals who ensure delivery and management of USACE programs and the people around the world who depend upon our projects for safety, security, economic prosperity and quality-of-life. I want to thank our entire team for the herculean efforts associated with year-end execution and close-out. You worked diligently throughout the year and into the late hours of the night over the last few weeks, wrapping up FY12 and getting FY13 off to a good start. I'm very proud of you – well done!"

On a somber note, we lost a dear team member with the passing Ms. Doris Stanush from the Kaiserslautern Resident Office in September. She faithfully served the district as a Project Engineer Assistant for the past five years. Her efforts helped make a difference improving the facilities and quality-of-life for Soldiers and Airmen within the community. Her death, as a result of natural causes, at the far too young age of 61 has diminished us all, and she will be sorely missed.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations Europe District Heroes of the Battle: Stan Young, Sallie Donahue, Mike Carney, Amanda McMaster, Dan Wentzel!

SPOTLIGHT on the Benelux Resident Office



Left to Right: Jonathan Carr, Dennis Mayer, Stephen Mahan, Michael Oliver
Not pictured: Jessica Reath, Jennifer Know Baker

Benelux is the area of Europe consisting of Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. The Resident Office is located at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium. SHAPE serves as the military arm of NATO. The resident office also supports smaller project offices in Brunssum and Chievers Airbase.

At SHAPE, the team is working on the DoDDS elementary, middle, and high schools and an international school. A new NATO Special Operation Headquarters building will also be complete this month. Mike Oliver, project engineer, covers the DoDDS work while Steve Mahan, PE, focuses on the NATO headquarters. Mahan and the entire office team work diligently to incorporate European standards, Belgium norms, NATO requirements and U.S. requirements into the projects they execute.

Jonathan Carr, the resident engineer, highlights the unique aspects of working with NATO at SHAPE.

"The best part about working and living in the BENELUX is the amount of interaction you have with NATO countries. To coordinate projects, we talk to a British Major for public works, a Turkish soldier for traffic issues and an American Major for security issues. While this creates challenges, it also creates great opportunities."

The office supports a Child Development Center project in Brunssum, the Netherlands. When complete, it will provide child and youth services for the children of NATO Joint Forces Command personnel. Jessica Reath, project engineer, manages the construction and enjoys life in the Tri-Border area.

"Brunssum is a picturesque town with well maintained streets, sidewalks and bike paths. The people are very friendly and there are lots of open fields that make great places to let the dogs run free. Although small, Brunssum is just a quick train ride from Maastricht or Aachen and ideally situated between Amsterdam, Brussels and many German cities," Reath said.

In addition, JOC projects in Benelux are executed by Jennifer Baker and Dennis Mayer. Mayer enjoys the European educational environment his children are immersed in.

Bob Sommer, regional program manager says Belgium can be a great place to live and travel from.

"Its world-renowned beer, French fries, mussels, and chocolate make it a gastronomical delight," Sommer said. "Two airports, Charlois and Brussels, make it easy to maintain a wanderlust lifestyle."

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Operations Security

Social Networking Sites and OPSEC

Social Networking Sites (SNS) are a great way to stay connected with family and friends, collaborate and network. However, SNS sites can also provide adversaries with sensitive information they need to disrupt your mission or to do harm to yourself, coworkers or even your family. Here are some tips to help practice good OPSEC on SNS sites:

- Know your organization's Critical Information List to know what not to post
- Educate family members on the risks of SNS
- Be suspicious! People are not always who they say they are
- Verify "real" friends
- Lock down your profile/make it private
- Review information and photos before posting to include metadata
- Be aware of what your family and friends are posting to ensure you're not giving sensitive information directly to the "bad guy." Remember, data aggregated from different sources could reveal sensitive information when pieced together
- Incorporate protecting OPSEC sensitive information into SNS awareness and training

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