



# EIE EXPRESS

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## AROUND EUROPE

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### U.S. schools at SHAPE set to open in 2014



MONS, Belgium – Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe is inching closer to unveiling brand new elementary, middle and high schools here. Progress continues on the three American facilities at this NATO base, which is home to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Work is expected to wrap up on the elementary and middle schools next July, while the high school should be finished by December 2014 – and possibly open up for use shortly after that Christmas and New Year's holiday.

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### Tomorrow's engineers tackle internships

WIESBADEN, Germany – The 17th class of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District interns took the civilian service oath of office in early June as the district welcomed Michael Gray-Lewis, Yillian Rivera, Donatello Barrett and Tiffany Williams – this year's Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering students.



Before departing earlier this month, they discussed their fields, the AMIE program and a bit about themselves.

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### Deputy bids farewell to Europe District



WIESBADEN, Germany – For two years, Lt. Col. Michelle Garcia made a top command priority her personal mission. In her role as Europe District deputy commander, Garcia guided the organization's general and administrative branch chiefs and also was responsible for program and activity management throughout this area of operations. During a farewell last month, district leaders and officials praised her ability to transcend the job description and bridge divides.

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### Message from the Commander

Benefits of SAME



My priorities as district commander are to take care of People, support Partners and deliver Projects. One association that supports all three of these priorities is the Society of American Military Engineers.

SAME's mission is to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private-sector engineers, and related professionals. It also develops future engineers through outreach and mentoring.

Membership is open to all in the public and private-sector architecture, engineering, construction, facility management and environmental communities. If you are member of Europe District – or one of our valued customers, stakeholders, contractors or AEs – the local SAME Rhein Main Post needs you!

SAME provides a regular, accessible and transparent forum to learn about upcoming USACE project opportunities, which leads to increased competition and better value for the U.S. government. The association also provides professional development, networking and STEM outreach opportunities, with the common goal of supporting military readiness and national security challenges.

If you would like to learn more about SAME, you can attend an upcoming meeting. Rhein Main Post meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Amelia Earhart Center in Wiesbaden, Germany. The sessions take place in the eighth-floor conference room.

For more than 60 years, SAME has been a leader in the professional military engineer community in Europe, promoting integrity, patriotism, public service, national security, technical competence, excellence and environmental stewardship. With your involvement in the Rhein Main Post, it will continue to shape the future of Engineering in Europe.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

I am pleased to announce our most recent Europe District Heroes of the Battle. Congratulations to Vince Little, Vanessa Pepi, Erika McCormick, Nicole Silva, Josh Ireland, Karl Fleischman and Kiel Kurkowski!

I am also pleased to announce that Department of Defense-directed furloughs were reduced from 11 days to six. Therefore, the final Europe District-wide furlough day was Aug. 16.

## SPOTLIGHT on the Mediterranean Area Office



From left: Howard Mosley, Italy Resident Office project engineer; Ximena Williams, project assistant; and Mark Nedzbala, area engineer.

The Mediterranean Area Office, located on Caserma Ederle in historic Vicenza, Italy, provides construction oversight and support for resident and project office personnel in Italy, Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and Romania.

Current and recently completed projects include forward operating sites, Military Operations on Urban Terrain facilities, airfield pavement construction, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle conversion and training complexes, schools, military housing, and access control point and security work. The team also builds orphanages and medical facilities as part of humanitarian-assistance projects.

The office serves a wide range of military units, organizations and agencies. Among its customers are European Command, U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Army Materiel Command, the Black Sea Area Support Team, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Multinational Training Command, Missile Defense Agency, Office of Defense Cooperation, Regional Training Support Division, multiple U.S. embassies and the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Project assistant Ximena Williams said she appreciates the opportunities that come with working for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.

"Since I joined the Mediterranean Area Office, I've been learning many new things about the Construction Branch," she added. "I had the challenge of organizing files and created a Mediterranean Area Office SharePoint site."

Williams recently joined the staff, returning to USACE after a stint with another DOD agency. She enjoys navigating databases.

"I like working with CEFMS, and I am learning RMS [Resident Management System]," she said.

Area Engineer Mark Nedzbala said advantages can be found through collaboration with contractors and partners on job sites.

"The diverse range of working methods, requirements and regulations throughout the various countries provide opportunities to improve design and construction," he said.

Staffers say the Mediterranean region also offers a unique blend of European culture, food, wine and travel.

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- The Bavarian News, USACE employee shares 'passion' for fishing – article
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The Army Antiterrorism Vision

The Army accepts as reality the intent of those who would use terrorism as a tool to destroy people, disrupt the mission and deter us from our responsibilities. In turn, we accept the obligations to not only prevent terrorist attacks targeting the Army community but respond effectively to any incident should an enemy discover and exploit a gap or seam in our protective posture.

The entire Army will be involved in this important work so that every organization, unit and individual that is part of the Army community understands their role and responsibilities. All leaders will insist on effective antiterrorism measures.

Through resourcefulness and careful planning, we will pit the Army strengths against terrorists' intent. In turn, there is little doubt that we will successfully prevent terrorist attacks and are ready to respond to an attack if necessary.

For more information about response and preventive measures, contact Otis Hawes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District antiterrorism officer. He can be reached at [otis.hawes@usace.army.mil](mailto:otis.hawes@usace.army.mil) or DSN 570-2633.

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