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Net Zero study earns national award



KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – A U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern energy study for Sembach Kaserne has won an American Planning Association's Federal Planning Division award in the Outstanding Sustainable Planning, Design, or

Development category.

The Sembach Net Zero Energy Installation Plan, sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and prepared by Parsons, a contracted firm, guides the garrison on Sembach's on-site energy generation and energy conservation.

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WMS students 'geeked' about Earth Day

WIESBADEN, Germany – Earth Day, or "Green Day," as Wiesbaden Middle School student Jona Cardenas calls it, is a day to celebrate and honor the environment. On April 22, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District Environmental Branch colleagues Vanessa Pepi, Erika McCormick and Nicole Silva presented Earth Day topics to more than 200 students here.



The three environmentalists spoke about natural resources, green energy, deforestation and the Endangered Species Act.

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LDP hosts 'Take Your Child to Work Day'



WIESBADEN, Germany – Some Wiesbaden Middle School students saw what happens when military working dogs "attack" and also got a peek at engineer life recently during "Take Your Child to Work Day"

at the Amelia Earhart Center.

More than 30 students attended, including four with a deployed parent and 10 children of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District personnel. The annual event took place April 25.

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Message from the Commander

Taking care of people: Safety ALWAYS



Congratulations to all Europe District team members and partners for winning the FY 2012 North Atlantic Division safety award! The district is approaching its "6th Year of Life," with zero construction fatalities in more than five years. With your vigilance, we will have many more safe years ahead for our contractors, employees and families. It is important to know *why* we won the safety award:

The diversity of culture – and safety culture – in the places we do construction is unparalleled. Helping our partners learn the "USACE way" is what distinguishes our incredible field professionals. You in the field emphasize the importance of worker training, effective inspection and leadership commitment – and it works. You are lifesavers!

We also are recognized for success on the "homefront," where we have had very few accidents. Our professionalism and maturity surely plays a part – but I see more than that. Europe District is a "family," and we look out for each other. We may not think of it as "safety," but we each do our part when we simply care enough to say something. You are lifesavers!

What now? Keep growing, keep improving, keep mentoring and keep leading by example.

The current Army safety campaign, "Know the Signs" – available at <https://safety.army.mil> – is built on the idea that someone always knows when a co-worker, friend or family member is at risk for an accident. You and I can save a friend or loved one's life, or our own, when we lead by example, and speak up because we care.

Do you know someone on a tough schedule with a habit of pushing themselves too hard? Of course, and that person might be you! Driving while sleepy, making calls or distracted in any way is perhaps our biggest personal threat. Keep speaking up and leading by example. Put enough time for rest in your schedule, and encourage your team to do the same. Tell them you don't expect them to answer your call while driving. Set the example and pull over before making a call.

A gorgeous summer is finally here, just in time for Motorcycle Safety Month. All too often, a vehicle driver turns into the path of a biker because "they didn't see them." The next time we drive, let's each look twice before making a turn.

I'd like to thank Jonathan Bach, our district chief of safety and occupational health, and YOU for keeping safety in the forefront of all we do. Safety is the single-most important part of my priority to take care of people. Have a safe and memory-filled summer in Europe.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our Europe District Heroes of the Battle: O.H. Hawes, Jason Cade, Joerg Waldhofer, Phil Cohen and Rich Gifaldi.

SPOTLIGHT on the Turkey Resident Office



Staff members (from left), pictured recently at the construction site for the Combined Community Center at Incirlik Air Base, are: David Vernon, Francisco Colon, Volkan Tunay, Orkun Dincer, Nilay Yardimci, Tommy Rose, Charles Truesdell and Maj. Josh Sturgill. The new facility is set for completion in 2014.

The TUSEG Resident Office at Incirlik Air Base, which traces its roots to 1950, provides construction administration and inspection functions for projects throughout Turkey. It executes both military construction and operations and maintenance work — from Incirlik down south and the Turkish capital of Ankara to eastern locations in the nation’s apricot-growing region. The office also supervises project offices in Tbilisi, Georgia, and Novo Selo, Bulgaria.

It supports the Air Force, U.S. Army Europe, NATO, Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe, Office of Defense Cooperation and Missile Defense Agency with contract, engineering and construction management of various projects.

Current ventures at Incirlik include renovation of 336 family housing units, construction of a Combined Community Center; overhaul of the elementary school’s heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems; and an upgrade to the base medical clinic’s HVAC and electrical systems.

In addition, the staff is supporting the NATO mission to provide Patriot missiles to Turkey and building a remote forward operating site, which will serve both the Army and local military forces.

The TUSEG Resident Office is comprised of a small but effective and dedicated staff — four Army civilians, three local nationals and a U.S. military engineer.

With work at three active locations in Turkey, the office personnel are always on the move. From construction in the mountains, to work in Ankara, to the multiple projects at Incirlik, the staff is always mobile.

Resident Engineer Tommy Rose said working in Turkey offers the unique challenge of executing construction and engineering projects dedicated to improving security, quality of life and mission capabilities within the country.

Turkey is a vibrant place to work and live. The local nationals and Army civilians enjoy the moderate Mediterranean climate, rich cuisine, strong coffee, vast historical sites and beaches of the Turquoise Coast.

The transcontinental country, which borders southeastern Europe and western Asia, features a diverse culture and blend of various elements and influences. It strives to be a contemporary state while maintaining traditional religious and historical values.

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Operations Security

Everyone plays a role in force protection

Recent events serve as a reminder that everyone plays a role in force protection and personal safety.

Being consistently aware of one's surroundings, immediately reporting anything that looks suspicious, and keeping vehicles and residences secured are all important ways individuals contribute to everyone's safety and well-being. While not every situation can be prevented or predicted – recent incidents in Boston and Newtown, Conn., are grim reminders – they underscore the very real threat that requires everyone to be aware of one's surroundings.

An April 12 incident at the Hainerberg Shopping Center in Wiesbaden, Germany, is a good example. While it turned out to be a false alarm – Pond Security guards and emergency responders quickly reacted to remarks by a delivery driver about a possible bomb – it was a reminder of the need for vigilance.

In this case, the gate was closed, a safe zone was established around the suspected vehicle and military police evacuated people to a safe area. Explosives dogs also were called to the scene, and the German polizei assisted with traffic control and questioning the suspect. After the vehicle and area were deemed safe by emergency responders, the garrison commander gave the "all clear" and the gate was reopened.

Whether at home or work, if you see anything out of the ordinary, suspicious or just not quite right, don't keep it to yourself – call the MPs immediately at 0611-705-5096/5097 or DSN 337-5096/5097.

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