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Division commander talks STEM in Italy



VICENZA, Italy – Students at Vicenza middle and high schools heard from one of the Army's top engineer leaders this month about the importance of developing their interests and abilities in mathematics and science.

Brig. Gen. Kent Savre, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division commander, spoke about the connection between science, technology, engineering and math to the Army and nation. Most of all, he wanted to highlight STEM as a great vocational choice for young people today.

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Engineer provides lift to youth baseball

WIESBADEN, Germany – Lawrence Carabajal is among a growing contingent of Americans volunteering their time to give baseball a push in Germany.



At the end of last summer, the longtime structural engineer for Europe District helped lead a German youth team to its third straight Hessen state championship. He's returning for a third season in the Hünstetten Storm baseball club, this time as an assistant with the Jugend Vergandsliga.

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School construction highlighted at forum



REGENSBURG, Germany – Lessons learned during the planning and design phases of several school projects around the state of Rhineland-Palatinate will pave the way to greater efficiencies in what remains an active

recapitalization program by DODEA in Europe, U.S. and German officials said recently at their annual Partnering Conference.

It was among numerous topics discussed here March 26-27 as Europe District leaders got together with key counterparts from German federal and state ministries.

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Message from the Commander

Command philosophies blend well



We were honored to host BG Kent Savre, North Atlantic Division commander, as he returned to Europe District earlier this month. During his engagements with our team members, he shared his command philosophy: Mission First, People Always, Team of Teams. His philosophy integrates well with my priorities to take care of People, support Partners and deliver Projects.

Mission First = Deliver Projects. Our mission in Europe District is to provide premier engineering, construction, stability operations and environmental-management products and services to the Army, Air Force, other U.S. agencies, and foreign governments throughout the European Command and Africa Command areas of operation. Our success is based upon our ability to deliver quality projects – on schedule, within budget, safely and transparently. Some of our key programs include the Missile Defense Agency, Rhine Ordnance Barracks Medical Center Replacement, Department of Defense Dependents Schools recapitalization, AFRICOM and EUCom theater security cooperation, USAREUR support contract, Israel foreign military sales, Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern garrison transformations, as well as our mainstay installation support and environmental programs.

People Always = Take Care of People. We can only accomplish the mission through the dedication, talent and hard work of our team members. People are our most important asset. Everyone deserves to be part of a proud organization where they are treated fairly with dignity and respect. This includes equal opportunity and elimination of sexual assault and harassment. Taking care of People also means ensuring they have the resources, training, and empowerment to perform their mission and have opportunities for professional development. Effective, innovative and inspiring leaders are necessary to build trust and open communication so that people can perform at their best.

Team of Teams = Support Partners. We can't be successful unless our customers are successful. Teamwork and cooperation are critical at every level. We are a matrixed Team of Teams from project-delivery teams to USACE headquarters, and with the many customers and stakeholders we support. Together, we are achieving excellence and success.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our recent District Heroes of the Battle: Penny Irwin, Joy Fernandez, Xolani Santos, Jenna Jones, Brett Howard, Wendy Fields, Tommy Rose, Tony Oby, Oscar Pagan-Santana, Nick Bordlemay, Gary Jones and Cyril Sawyer. Well done!

SPOTLIGHT on the Bulgaria Project Office



The Bulgaria Project Office continues work at Novo Selo Training Area, a Permanent Forward Operating Site near Mokren, Bulgaria. The office is currently administering contracts to construct a new entrance road for the PFOS and provide a medium-voltage connection point.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District's Bulgaria Project Office has become a one-man show.

A year ago, it consisted of five staff members. As priorities shifted, however, adjustments were made and three contracted Bulgarian engineers and an administrative assistant moved on, leaving only Ronald Rhea, an American project engineer.

The Bulgaria Project Office was established in 2008 to build the Permanent Forward Operating Site Novo Selo Training Area. The PFOS, located near Mokren, was contracted by U.S. Army Europe as a venue to carry out joint training with Bulgarian military and multinational forces. The use of this exercise area demonstrates a continued peaceful relationship with the partner nation.

Construction of the fully contained, self-sufficient base camp for roughly 2,500 Soldiers was completed in December 2012. USACE managed the construction and renovation of more than 75 buildings, roads and maintenance areas. The training area includes 19 barracks, headquarters buildings, a chapel, dining facility, combined fire and military police station, and post exchange.

Shortly after major work on the training facility ended, the then-resident office was downsized to a project office. It now falls under the TUSEG Resident Office at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

In addition to resolving the few remaining warranty issues, the Bulgaria Project Office is currently administering contracts to provide a medium-voltage connection point and construct a new entrance road for the Novo Selo PFOS.

The project office also is responsible for building a new administrative space for the Bulgaria Joint Drug Task Force Administration in Sofia, Rhea said.

"Being a one-man team, I have been working in close coordination with our partners at USAREUR to resolve the remaining warranty items," he added. "The installation is now ready and prepared to meet mission requirements."

When Rhea has a chance to take a break from work, he explores many of Bulgaria's top attractions. As the weather gets warmer, he can be found relaxing along the 130 kilometers (80 miles) of golden, sandy beaches on the Black Sea.

Bulgarian cuisine is similar to other Balkan countries and features a strong Turkish and Greek influence. Yogurt, lukanka, banitsa, shopska salad, lyutenitsa and kozunak are among the best-known local foods. The country also is renowned for its wine — Bulgaria was the world's second-largest producer up until 1989.

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NAU in the News

- 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, STEMposium fair held at Incirlik — article
- AFN Vicenza, BG Savre talks with Vicenza students about the importance of STEM — news report
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Operations Security

Antiterrorism principles

Preventing insider threats or terrorist attacks involves much more than physical security measures. Recognizing indicators of high-risk behavior that may lead to an escalation of violence and addressing those issues may reduce the potential for violent acts committed against the Army community.

Here are the Army Antiterrorism principles:

Assess — Educate the community on indicators of potential violence and encourage suspicious-activity reporting. Monitor adaptation of active-shooter tactics to include targeting of first responders.

Detect — When multiple attackers are present or “pulse” to new locations, methods to track and maintain a common operating picture are necessary to engage or re-engage the threat.

Warn — Plan the use of mass warning systems such as a “giant voice” on installations, public service announcements, and social networks, including Twitter or Facebook, to alert the community about the threat.

Defend — Increase force-protection conditions to isolate the scene and posture for any potential follow-on attacks.

Recover — Implement mass-casualty plans, preserve evidence and manage release of public information while protecting sensitive investigative data.

To learn more about antiterrorism measures, contact Otis Hawes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District antiterrorism officer, at otis.hawes@usace.army.mil or DSN 570-2633.

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