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AROUND EUROPE

District engineer team home from Liberia



WIESBADEN, Germany – The remaining military members on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team sent to Liberia for Operation United Assistance made it back to Germany earlier this month, just as the West African nation was

declared Ebola-free.

Europe District's FEST-A assisted lead U.S. and Liberian engineers with the construction of 10 Ebola treatment units across the country. The team also helped sustain a DOD presence that numbered 2,800 personnel at its peak.

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Students share STEM goals with USACE

WIESBADEN, Germany – Europe District personnel hosted six STEM Essay Contest winners from Wiesbaden and Sembach middle schools May 7 at the Amelia Earhart Center.



The group participated in a day of hands-on activities, presentations, a mock ribbon-cutting ceremony and construction-site scavenger hunt. In the essays, each student explained why he or she is interested in science, technology, engineering and math.

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Aegis Ashore gets portable power boost



NSF DEVESELU, Romania – A Navy base under construction in Romania is using Soldiers to ensure the second stage of the European Phased Adaptive Approach to ballistic missile defense for U.S. and allied

interests becomes operational on time.

USACE's 249th Engineer Battalion deployed a team and equipment here on less than a week's notice in early April. It provided an instant solution to a knotty schedule problem at the first Aegis Ashore facility being built.

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Commander's Corner

NAD commander gets mission snapshot



Many thanks to everyone for all your hard work and dedicated efforts throughout May, and during the countless months past when Europe District has been equally as busy. I especially want to thank our district teams in Deveselu, Romania; and Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern, Ramstein and Wiesbaden, Germany, for your efforts to host our new North Atlantic Division commander, COL William "Butch" Graham.

COL Graham was thoroughly impressed with the district and left here confident our many partners receive an amazing level of professional construction and engineering support that can only be provided by a comprehensive team of teams covering a multitude of career fields. In his most recent update to our Chief of Engineers, LTG Thomas Bostick, he stated: "I'm completing my initial 10-day visit with COL Tyler and Europe District. Matt has a tremendous team of outstanding USACE professionals doing amazing work throughout EUCOM and AFRICOM."

The NAD commander's extended visit allowed him to meet with key partners from U.S. Army Europe, EUCOM, AFRICOM, IMCOM-Europe, USAFE and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center. He also gained a tremendous amount of insight into programs ranging from: ballistic missile defense in Europe to foreign military sales in Israel, the European Reassurance Initiative to DODDS-Europe schools, European Infrastructure Consolidation to Army and Air Force military construction, the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Medical Center Replacement to small projects throughout Europe and Africa, and many more. The simple takeaway from this brief snapshot is that our partners are pleased with the support we provide and COL Graham truly understands just how complex our district is.

COL Graham's visit also allowed him time to share aspects of his philosophy as it pertains to Europe District. First, he is committed to ensuring we have the necessary resources that enable us to execute the mission and best support our partners. In addition, he promotes serving in Germany as a career enhancement where the experience gained will significantly benefit USACE overall. He also believes in USACE's Project Management Business Process and its other core business practices, and is dedicated to protecting them when others may push us to skip steps, cut corners or engage in what he likes to call "fairytale engineering." Finally, he will challenge us and the entire division to always look for even better methods.

Thanks for your commitment and dedication each and every day.

Army Strong ... Building Strong!

COL Matt Tyler

Congratulations to our recent Heroes of the District: Iwona Jeanbaptiste, Aurora Williamson and Susanne Kelly.

SPOTLIGHT on the Engineering Branch



The Engineering Branch in Wiesbaden is comprised of 46 employees. About 35 are either U.S.-registered professional engineers or diplom-engineers, the German equivalent.

The Engineering Branch delivers a full spectrum of engineering activities in support of Europe District's mission. It prepares in-house designs, develops requests for proposal in design-build solicitations, conducts independent technical reviews, provides construction field office and cost-estimating support, and acquires and manages architect-engineer design contracts.

The branch operates within the district's Engineering and Construction Division. The professional engineering disciplines on staff are varied and include: civil, structural, electrical, mechanical, nuclear architectural, fire, cost and LEED sustainability. Many personnel are also registered Project Management Professionals. The team is divided into four sections, each supporting design execution in differing ways.

The Technical Engineering Section provides quality assurance, construction support, codes and standards evaluations, and assistance to the hospital program. The Special Projects Section is tasked with backing the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe and Missile Defense Branch. This effort includes design charrettes, quality-assurance reviews and associated construction-phase support. The Design Section prepares design-build requests for proposal and planning charrettes, while the Architect-Engineer/Cost Section is focused on acquiring design services from outside contractors, as well as preparing cost estimates to aid the district's design and construction work.

"We have a nice variety of technically challenging jobs here in Europe," said Brit Rockafellow, a fire-protection engineer.

Dhanvir Aujla, a mechanical engineer, enjoys the different types of district projects — from border stations in Georgia to hospitals, schools and clinics in Eastern Europe and across Africa.

The people and culture in Germany are great, said Brian Ballweg, an architect. "My colleagues are always fun to come to work with," he added.

Jim Hogenson, another fire-protection engineer, says the travel opportunities here are unmatched.

"I enjoy traveling to different countries with my job — Romania, Israel, Bulgaria and Turkey," he said.

Engineering Branch members also take advantage of the multitude of leisure destinations around Europe.

"Being able to travel easily to different countries, meet different people and eat different food is spectacular," Aujla said.

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Operations Security Mitigating the insider threat

According to a recent Department of Defense Inspector General report, 87 percent of identified intruders into DOD information systems were either employees or others internal to the organization. Basic sources of insider-security problems are maliciousness, disdain for protective practices, carelessness, and ignorance of security policy, measures and proper information-system use.

To properly mitigate insider threats, personnel must understand how to recognize the warning signs. Indicators of suspicious behavior include: unreported foreign travel, a sudden reversal in financial fortunes or repayment of large debts, displaying questionable U.S. government loyalty, unexplained absenteeism, decline in work performance, conflicts with supervisors or colleagues, seeking to obtain access to critical assets inconsistent with present duty requirements, acquiring use of automated information systems without authorization, improper handling or removing of document-classification markings, working odds hours, and disregarding security procedures, policies and requirements.

Investigations of insider-threat breaches often reveal that others were suspicious of the employee but did not report him or her for various reasons. If you are a civilian or military member, please report any suspicious behavior to your organization's security manager, who will coordinate with counterintelligence elements if required.

Failing to report suspicious behavior has serious consequences. Among them are punitive actions for service members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, disciplinary steps up to termination for civilians, and loss of employment or criminal charges against contractors.

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