



photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Robert Williams, project manager for the collocated club (left) gives Brig. Gen. (select) Stephen Mueller, Commander, 52d Fighter Wing, a ceremonial shovel.

# EXPANDING The Eifel

dormitories, a lodging facility, fire station, and the addition of a troop and passenger processing center.

Design of the club was a cooperative effort between the 52d Services Squadron, the club managers, and USAFE services, said Glenn Garrison, chief, Business Operations Flight, 52d Services

Squadron. "We also had coordination with the Air Force Services Agency, which is based in San Antonio. They weighed in with their inputs as well, part of that is they have two Air Force signature brands, J.R. Rockers sports café and N.Y. Pizza and Deli being rolled out from the agency. That was a very big piece integrated into the design."

The process started almost four years ago with a needs assessment, Garrison said, and will be a vast improvement when finished. "We're operating now out of two very old buildings, ... they're dilapidated, falling down, just not able to serve the needs of our community," he said. "They are too small. We're forced to take some of our larger catering events such as the Air Force Ball and Noncommissioned Officer Inductions over to the Fitness Center, which just makes it a logistical nightmare."

Garrison said the new ballroom will hold the large functions and divides into five rooms to provide needed meeting space on the base. The collocation of food service and club

operations into one facility will also be more economical. "The bottom line is we will be better able to take care of our customers, our members," he said.

Commander of the 52d Fighter Wing, Brig. Gen. (select) Stephen Mueller said teamwork has been key to the start of Eifel Evolution. "...We couldn't do without the great teamwork and partnership that we have between the Corps and our folks here on the base."

Mueller thanked Spangdahlem Mayor Klaus Rodens and the people of Spangdahlem for providing land for the expansion. "We really have a world-class base, but we've been constrained by land issues for 50 years. Thanks to everybody who has taken part to this point."

**THE CONSTRUCTION START FOR** a new collocated club facility on Spangdahlem Air Base marks the first of an array of buildings sited on the base's northwest expansion. The 40,700 square foot building will replace the current separate officer and enlisted club facilities built in 1953.

Base leaders, local German dignitaries, and representatives from the construction community gathered to break ground Nov. 13 for the \$7.6 million project, a cornerstone for quality of life projects being billed as Eifel Expansion.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District, is managing several projects for the expansion. These include the collocated club, infrastructure, a hospital, kindergarten classrooms, a health and wellness center, and an air control squadron maintenance and support facility. Other projects are scheduled to expand the installation's airlift mission capability, especially because Rhein Main AB near Frankfurt is closing, said Robert Williams, project manager for the collocated club. The Rhein Main Initiative expansion includes new

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