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Warfighter support at heart of mission



STUTT GART, Germany – Support to American and coalition warfighters remains a top priority at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the chief of engineers told service component commanders during a weeklong visit to Europe.

From GPS capabilities for small tactical units to battlefield robotics and combat vehicle designs, USACE is constantly researching, developing and advancing technologies to bolster troops in operational environments around the globe, said Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the commanding general.

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STEM agreement boosts DODEA support

STUTT GART, Germany – The USACE commanding general made a pitch to spur more interest in science, technology, engineering and math among American students during a visit May 14 to Patch High School.



Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, the 53rd chief of engineers, talked about USACE's expanded support to the Department of Defense Education Activity just days before signing a new partnership agreement between the two organizations.

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Students learn science behind the magic



WIESBADEN, Germany – For Brian Temple, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District public affairs chief, magic is a passion.

On May 10, Temple integrated his hobby into his day job and

taught students from Department of Defense Education Activity's Aukamm Elementary School about the science behind the magic as part of the district's science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, educational outreach program.

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Message from the Commander

Support to the warfighter



The Chief of Engineers' **top priority is supporting the warfighter** to defend and protect our nation and allies. Europe District was honored to host a visit in May by the Chief, Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick. While in Europe, he met with key strategic leaders from AFRICOM, EUCOM, U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Installation Management Command-Europe. He also visited many district team members and projects.

When asked his impression of Europe District, LTG Bostick said, "Europe District, first and foremost, is wonderful people. ... They are technically competent and highly motivated, and it's clear they're working as a well-oiled team." He added, "They've got a huge mission, one of the most significant missions in the entire Corps of Engineers."

Warfighting roles are to **Prevent, Shape and Win**. Europe District helps **Prevent Conflict** with premier MILCON and installation support across IMCOM-E and USAFE, facilitating the basing of modern, ready forces. Our work with the European Phased Adaptive Approach for Ballistic Missile Defense also will help prevent conflict in the future. The district helps **Shape the Environment** with International Engineering Center support to EUCOM and AFRICOM theater security cooperation and humanitarian-assistance programs, which builds capacity in other countries, sustains strong relationships and facilitates strategic access. Finally, Europe District helps **Win Decisively**, if prevention fails, by augmenting deploying forces with Field Force Engineering support and individual volunteers. In fact, Europe District deployment volunteers to Afghanistan have averaged 3 percent of our eligible workforce, among the highest in the Corps.

LTG Bostick added, "The transformation that's going on in Europe today is unprecedented. A lot of that is going to occur because of the Corps of Engineers and the work they do in partnership with IMCOM and the other leaders throughout U.S. Army Europe. They're not only doing work for the installation that supports the warfighter, they're doing work for the combatant commanders it supports."

It's clear that Europe District is well nested in warfighter efforts to **Prevent, Shape and Win**. To our district team members, rest assured that you are making a significant difference each and every day to defend and protect our nation and allies.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our most recent District Heroes of the Battle: Jeff Coulter, Erika McCormick, Mike Tuttle and Connie French.

SPOTLIGHT on Grafenwöhr Resident Office



Team members, from left: Peter Barth, Klaus Fiedler, Faith Lahmon-Martin, Brad Smudzinski, Hermann Mueller, Walter Bogdanow, Ben Lazo, Steven Pautz, Stefan Brunner and Danielle Brooks. Not pictured: Manfred Koenig.

The Grafenwöhr Resident Office — located in beautiful eastern Germany state of Bavaria — provides construction oversight for the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr and Rose Barracks (Vilseck) communities.

After wrapping up a \$1 billion construction management effort for Efficient Basing Grafenwöhr, the team is now focused on building six new barracks at a total project cost of \$112 million.

A Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation outdoor recreation facility, located along a lakefront in a forested area, is near completion and will offer various activities, including a high-ropes course and indoor climbing. The \$10 million facility will bring an adventure course to Soldiers and their families, as well as campsites, cabins, a paintball field, picnic area, recreation grounds and a boat dock.

Brad Smudzinski, Grafenwöhr's administrative officer, also serves as a fishing instructor and fish warden on the installation. He said he loves the abundance of pure nature that can be found throughout the area.

"There are seven lakes and three streams right on post, which I can fish from before or after work," he said. "There is no better way to start or end the day than with some time out on the water."

Elsewhere, the staff is close to completing a maintenance facility for unmanned aerial systems that will support the consolidation of various units at the Grafenwöhr Training Area. The Vilseck Health Clinic renovation and expansion just started, while upgrades to the Vilseck Dental Clinic will soon begin.

In addition to the ongoing projects, the team anticipates various Army family housing projects to be awarded this summer. A construction award also is expected for the Netzaberg chapel complex, a quality-of-life project being built to serve the needs of the Grafenwöhr community.

Bavaria is Germany's largest state, covering 27,200 square miles and forming almost 20 percent of the total land area in the country. It's also the nation's second-most populous state with 12.5 million residents.

USAG Grafenwöhr is located in a scenic, rural section about 60 miles from Nuernberg. The local communities of Grafenwöhr and Vilseck are rich in history and offer an opportunity to experience both old and new German traditions.

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Operations Security

Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Terrorism is an enduring, persistent, worldwide threat to our nation and armed forces in deployed environments, the continental U.S. and overseas. Army forces must seek to understand the threat, detect and deter terrorist activities, warn and defend against the full range of terrorist tactics.

Antiterrorism is the defensive element in our fight against terrorists. Army senior leadership has proclaimed August as AT Awareness Month. USACE will conduct AT training, education and awareness activities in both July and August. Army installations, standalone facilities and units will focus efforts to heighten awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect their communities from acts of terrorism. The Army says those components must be capable of deterring and defending against the full range of threats, including terrorist attack. By integrating antiterrorism principles with persistent awareness, the Army ensures the safety and security of its Soldiers, civilians and family members while ensuring mission success.

The service's AT plans and programs provide the defensive element in a broader combating terrorism program. Effective antiterrorism measures incorporate a multitude of security programs, which protect people, information, infrastructure, installations, facilities and forces. Training, education and awareness support the entire Army community and are a critical part of our overall protection.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month reinforces the importance of safeguarding Army communities against a persistent threat. For more information, contact Otis Hawes, the Europe District antiterrorism officer, at DSN 570-2633.

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