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Corrections facility moving to Sembach



SEMBACH, Germany – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District is playing a key role in transferring the last Cold War vestige in Mannheim to the revamped Army garrison here.

Officials have targeted late July for completion of U.S. Army Regional Correctional Facility-Europe, which is among numerous functions being shifted to Sembach Kaserne as part of the Coleman Barracks closure. The jail is the only active element left at U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim.

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USACE trio tackles Ironman event in Israel

Three Europe District employees showed some game last month as the only American entry at the 2014 Israman.



Capt. Joseph Sawruk, Brian Finn and Jason Eckstein formed Team Tripod in the annual event, covering the swim, bike and run segments in a combined 6 hours, 21 minutes to place ninth in the Half-Ironman Distance Triathlon relay division for men under a combined age of 119. They finished 32nd overall out of 91 teams.

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District hosts annual customer workshop



WIESBADEN, Germany – Prioritizing needs and planning ahead will be crucial for stakeholders and project-delivery teams in Europe and Africa to maximize efficiencies under the fiscal reality of tighter budgets and

funding, officials said at the 2014 USACE Customer Workshop. The fourth annual forum brought together top Europe District leaders and their key partners from military agencies around EUCOM and AFRICOM to discuss challenges, strategies and opportunities for refining the way they do business.

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Message from the Commander

Partnering



Europe District's success is measured by the success of our partners, customers and stakeholders. We can't win unless we all win. That is the fundamental premise of partnering. We have many interests, but our common goal is to support the warfighter by delivering quality projects within budget, on schedule, safely and transparently.

During our fourth annual Customer Workshop on Feb. 6, we heard from many of our partners, including Installation Management Command-Europe and Directorate of Public Works leaders from Army garrisons at Benelux, Wiesbaden, Rheinland-Pfalz, Stuttgart, Ansbach, Bavaria and Vicenza. We also heard from U.S. Army Europe, the Defense Logistics Agency, Network Enterprise Technology Command, Special Operations Command Africa, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe Africa Southwest Asia. Some other valued partners were not able to attend due to travel limitations, but the workshop was beneficial to share lessons learned and sustain and improve engineering support for our warfighters across Europe and Africa.

During the workshop, we also reviewed feedback from our fiscal year 2013 MILCON Customer Survey. We received responses from 56 customers, with an average satisfaction rating of 3.93, up slightly compared to fiscal year 2012. Our two biggest areas to sustain are "end-user satisfaction with the facility" and "treating you as an important team member." Our biggest areas for improvement are "delivering products and services at a reasonable cost" and "timely completion of construction."

The German Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Defense and Bauamts (regional construction offices) from Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg, Rheinland-Pfalz and Hessen are also our indispensable partners for most projects within Germany. We will gather for our annual Partnering Meeting in March to build a stronger understanding and find mutually beneficial solutions to meet our engineering challenges, within the limits of the ABG-75 supplement to our Status of Forces Agreement.

Supporting Partners, customers and stakeholders remains a top priority, along with taking care of People and delivering Projects. Thank you for partnering to find win-win solutions that support our warfighters.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Please join me in congratulating our District Heroes of the Battle: Isabel Howard, Aurora Williamson, Andrea Faublas, Susanne Kelly and Kimberly Harrington.

SPOTLIGHT on the Central Europe Area Office



From left (front row): Kurt Glockengiesser, Siegfried Schaefer, Kaitlyn Peacock, Kevin Anderson, Martin Rothaar, Catherine Nilsen, Drew White; (back): Rudi Mehrmann, Chris Laziak. *Not pictured:* Dave Nichols, Dan Wentzel, Ruben Cruz, Dennis McEleney, Bettina Reinhard, Joerg Waldhofer, Karen Junker, Gay Lauer-Wiengarth and Markus Kessler.

The Central Europe Area Office in Kaiserslautern, Germany, is one of five area offices in the Engineering and Construction Division. It's responsible for executing projects in the Kaiserslautern and Ramstein areas, Stuttgart and Benelux, Belgium.

The team's mission is to support its resident offices through contracting actions, field assistance and logistics support. The area office also is the interface between those resident staffs and Europe District's major divisions.

"We're a small team focused on making work more efficient for the resident offices," said Area Engineer Drew White. "Whether we're processing contract modifications or assisting in hiring new staff, we want to let field engineers focus on field issues."

The area office is collocated with the Kaiserslautern Resident Office, led by Dave Nichols. Much of the resident office workload is focused on Job Order Contracting and Multiple Award Task Order Contracts for the Directorate of Public Works at U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz. It handles projects in Baumholder, Landstuhl, Kaiserslautern, Sembach, Gruenstadt and Germersheim.

The projects span both construction and contracting actions. A typical day in the Kaiserslautern office might involve discussions about high school, hospital or barracks construction with Army, Air Force or civilian customers.

"Whether we're working on ABG-75 [requirements] for an indirectly contracted high school at Stuttgart or processing a MATOC or JOC contract modification for a renovation at Sembach, we have to stay flexible," said office engineer Dan Wentzel.

Kaiserslautern's project engineers work "all over the map," White said. The DPW for USAG Rheinland-Pfalz keeps district staff busy with numerous renovations. Several of those jobs, along with the area's remaining military construction projects, are part of the European Infrastructure Consolidation effort and include the new disciplinary barracks at Sembach and a compound at Rhine Ordnance Barracks.

The Central Europe Area Office has a solid track record in project delivery.

"The key to our success is our relationships with customers by our hardworking team," Nichols said.

Kaiserslautern personnel are in a region renowned for its natural beauty and fertile landscape. City dwellers often visit for hiking, fresh air, recreation and the famous European black panther sightings.

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Operations Security

Report suspicious activity

Indicators of potential terrorist behavior or activities should be reported to military police, local law enforcement, security forces or the chain of command immediately. Examples of suspicious activities include:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- People asking questions about security forces, security measures or sensitive information.
- Briefcase, backpack, suitcase or package left unattended.
- Vehicle parked in NO PARKING ZONE in front of an important building.
- People in restricted areas where they are not supposed to be.
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs.

• Individuals purchasing weapons or uniforms without proper credentials.

When reporting an incident, remember to note where the activity occurred, the day and time; how many people were involved, along with the number and types of vehicles; describe what you saw or heard, and provide any photos, if taken.

iWATCH Army, a terrorist-focused neighborhood watch program, is a vital element of the antiterrorism community awareness program. You can find more information on AKO at www.us.army.mil/suite/page/605757.

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