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Engineers celebrate 40 years in Europe



WIESBADEN, Germany – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reached a milestone in Europe this month, marking its fourth decade on the Continent.

On July 1, 1974, U.S. Army Europe transferred engineering responsibilities in theater to the Corps of Engineers, creating U.S. Army Engineer Division Europe in Frankfurt. It was the first time the chief of engineers, rather than the theater commander, controlled contract construction for U.S. forces in Europe.

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Europe District collects top DPW award

WIESBADEN, Germany – Europe District has claimed a top honor for its contributions to the public works mission at U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, Installation Management Command announced recently.



The agency was named Installation Support Program of the Year on the list of 2013 Directorate of Public Works annual award winners. The district consistently “made the impossible possible,” according to the local command.

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US officials deliver helping hand in Togo



LOME, Togo – While Togo is a relatively small country, the U.S. Embassy here supports an active humanitarian-assistance program, due in large part to its unique partnership with Africa Command.

With no U.S. Agency for International Development presence in Togo, and therefore no duplication of development work, AFRICOM and USACE Europe District have partnered to execute projects ranging from schools and medical clinics to garbage depots and office buildings.

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Message from the Commander

Professional success and leadership



Thank you all for welcoming my family and me to the district in so many gracious ways. I've enjoyed learning more about the intricate workings of Europe District, and even more importantly, getting to know everyone better. It's actually hard to believe it has been almost two months since the change-of-command ceremony.

Now that we've had this introductory step, I want to share a portion of my philosophy on professional success and leadership. Please do not confuse this with our district's priorities or goals. I have several thoughts about adjustments to them, but I'm still in somewhat of an “observe” phase.

As for professional success and leadership, some of you have already heard me talk about my four “P’s”: passion, presence, partnership and perseverance. These characteristics are the same I strive to espouse and hope to inspire in others to further their lives both professionally and personally. Consider this a primer, though, since I plan to use future Commander's Columns to expand on what each of the four “P’s” mean to me.

Although more meaningful definitions, examples and life stories in future columns will provide greater depth to my thoughts on passion, presence, partnership and perseverance, I'll briefly share some basic ideas for each:

- **Passion:** A conviction in one's role within an organization and the organization itself. A champion for an organization's goals, vision and mission. One who is filled with energy and energizes those around him or her.

- **Presence:** Every member of our district team must be “in the room.” They must be focused and able to think, interact and collaborate. Presence is being proud to be part of this organization because it's self-fulfilling, self-respecting and filled with self-enjoyment.

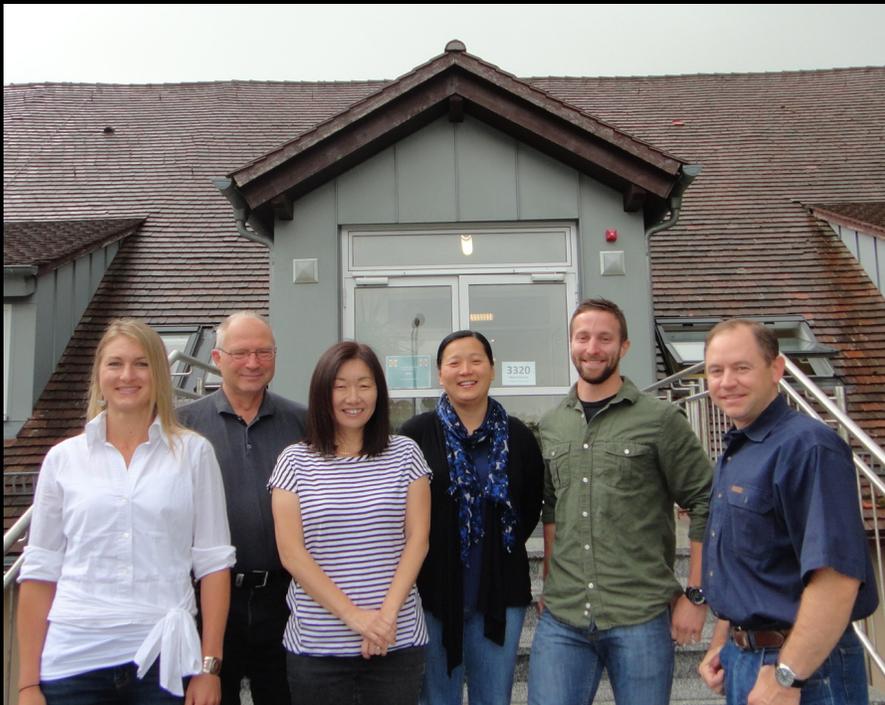
- **Partnership:** Building positive relationships internally and externally to the district. It's a commitment to help create an environment where others truly enjoy coming to work every day; an environment absent of harassment, discrimination, inappropriate treatment or actions incongruent with our professional values.

- **Perseverance:** The dedication and commitment to carry out actions, despite the challenges and difficulties one may encounter in achieving success. It's the mental fortitude and personal strength to overcome barriers placed in our paths and accomplish our goals.

I hope everyone will find value in my four “P’s” and either embrace elements of this philosophy or use a similar approach to achieve your most desired objectives in life.

My very best to the entire team,
COL Matt Tyler

SPOTLIGHT on the Stuttgart Resident Office



From left: Jennifer Regel, Rudi Zink, Akemi Herrick, Susan Kil, Jason Riharb (all project engineers) and Resident Engineer Darrick Godfrey. *Not pictured:* Project engineer Laura Gaffney.

The Stuttgart Resident Office in Germany provides construction support to U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and its tenant units. With four installations, an airfield and various ranges, the military community is home to the headquarters of European Command and Africa Command.

The office has faced some personnel turnover this summer. Susan Kil departed in late June for San Antonio, while Akemi Herrick — a staff member since October 2007 — is set to leave this month for a position at Fort Meade, Maryland. The two project engineers received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service at a going-away luncheon June 26.

"Susan and Akemi leave behind many successful projects and will be greatly missed by their friends and co-workers," said Resident Engineer Darrick Godfrey, who came on board last July.

In the past year, the Stuttgart team also got three other new additions, all project engineers. Laura Gaffney arrived last December, followed by Jason Riharb in February and Jennifer Regel two months ago.

Regel joins Rudi Zink in managing the new Stuttgart High School and Stuttgart Elementary School project near Panzer Kaserne in Boeblingen. Gaffney and Riharb will oversee projects for the garrison, as well as tenant organizations such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, Defense Information Systems Agency, AFRICOM, EUCOM; the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and various other agencies around the Stuttgart community.

An old office building on Kelley Barracks is being converted into the future AFRICOM Joint Operations Center. It's among the office's top priorities.

Staffers say they also enjoy living in Stuttgart, Germany's sixth-largest city.

The world-famous annual "Volksfest," which began as a traditional agricultural fair, is now a three-week festival featuring large beer tents and a French village. It kicks off in late September. In terms of magnitude, it's second only to Oktoberfest in Munich and often called the "Stuttgart Beer Festival" by foreign visitors.

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Operations Security

'Organization and Individual Protective Measures'

The Army antiterrorism awareness theme for the last quarter of this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, is "Organization and Individual Protective Measures" to prevent and counter the terrorist threat.

Organization and individual protective measures represent the first line of defense against terrorist activities. Examples of active steps include random antiterrorism measures at entry control points and critical facilities, awareness training, exercises to assess installation or unit readiness for dealing with a terrorist attack, and protective procedures for personnel traveling to high-threat areas.

This quarter, Army antiterrorism leaders are focused on efforts such as antiterrorism assessments; training and exercises intended to address evolving-threat tactics, including active-shooter and swarm attacks; awareness and outreach aimed at all community members; and suspicious-activity reporting through iWATCH Army, set up as a neighborhood watch program across installations, commands and organizations.

For more information 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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