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Europe District delivers landmark chapel



GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — On the 74th anniversary of the sinking of the *Dorchester* during World War II when the heroic actions of four Army chaplains are commemorated, U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the first chapel built for Soldiers in Europe in more than 17 years. Described as the BMW of chapels by Chaplain (Col.) Kevin Pies, USAG Bavaria chaplain, the 115-foot steeple can be seen for many miles and is now a landmark for the area.

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Engineers build, improve academic facilities

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Educating leaders, current and future, is a mission shared by a pair of DoD tenant organizations here. The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies and the Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe are building, renovating and expanding facilities to promote student engagement and success with the support of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.



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NEW: USACE supports STEM education



WIESBADEN, Germany — When architect Tyler Bush presented a design class to sixth-graders building a community using computer software, he noted he would have used a hammer not Minecraft, Education Edition when

he was in school. Participating in Europe District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' National Engineers Week, Bush talked about new technology used in David Bruce's Wiesbaden Middle School classroom.

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Commander's Corner

A fond farewell, until we meet again — Building Strong

It feels as if just a few, short months ago I wrote my welcome message as the newest Europe District commander. Now, almost three years later, it's hard to believe how fast time has flown and how much I've witnessed our district accomplish. Moreover, Michelle and I feel extremely fortunate to have worked and developed professional and personal friendships with so many past and present members of the team. Projects will start and finish, some more easily than others (and some definitely more challenging), but it's the memories of the wonderful people — USACE employees and the bauamts, our many stakeholders, and the contractors with whom we work — that will stick with Michelle and me for a lifetime.



Looking back, I'm profoundly honored to have served with such an amazing organization consisting of some of the most dedicated and hardworking professionals. I am also honored to have been associated with an organization that does so much to assist in advancing U.S. and regional security objectives throughout Europe, Africa and Israel. We averaged over 2,000 contract actions valued at almost a billion dollars annually and physically placed \$700 - \$800 million in construction each year. Further, we did this with a diverse and talented workforce of about 450 located in offices in 12 countries with projects in more than 40 countries.

We built the first new Navy base in almost three decades and delivered critical ballistic missile defense systems to the U.S. and NATO. We helped DoDEA-Europe recapitalize dozens of schools in Belgium and Germany. Service members and other beneficiaries have access to medical care in modern facilities built by the district and in a few years will also see a world-class hospital replace the aging Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Our projects in Eastern Europe support the readiness and rapid deployment of U.S. and NATO forces, which is critical to deterring threats to European security. In Africa, the district's work strengthens governance in a region where democracy is ever so fragile. In Israel, we help bolster defense and ensure Israel maintains a qualitative edge over others in the region through the facilities we build. And, there is so much more, big and small, that has a deep positive impact on so many who benefit from our work.

The foreseeable future of the district remains healthy with a large and demanding program. For you and the district to be successful, remember to define yourself as a respected professional through your passion, presence, partnership and perseverance. If you are true to these attributes, you, and Europe District or any organization in which you serve, will achieve more than imaginable. I will relinquish command to Col. John Baker May 24th and know John brings a tremendous depth and breadth of military and USACE experience that will allow him to lead the district to even greater accomplishments.

Army Strong ... Building Strong!

COL Matt Tyler

SPOTLIGHT on Information Management Office



The Information Management Office is a mixture of civilians, local nationals and contract employees working together with a focus on mission support and customer service.

The Information Management Office provides support to employees at the district headquarters and 36 field offices across nine countries. IMO supports these locations through remote service and site visits. Assisting in the opening, relocating and closing of field sites is both challenging and rewarding, said Donna Casey, IMO chief.

Information Management is comprised of 11 government personnel, 10 located here and one in Israel, and presently 13 contract employees with two more contractors will be on board by the end of the month.

The Help Desk is the face of IMO. The team supports customers through phone calls, online tickets, and walk-ins. The Help Desk supports users by troubleshooting issues (everything from sign-in errors to problems with local applications and Enterprise Automated Information Systems such as CEFMS and RMS); issuing and repairing equipment; installing software; and providing end-user training.

Behind the scenes, the server and network teams ensure the district's robust IT infrastructure is reliable and secure. The network remains operational over 99 percent of the time.

The Mailroom provides official mail services and commercial shipping like FedEx, DHL and UPS; and local Deutsche Post. Many of the parcels processed are time sensitive or required for deployments and CENAU's 36 field sites. The staff Aaron Schroeder and Dean Blegan were recognized as Heroes of the District for processing 3,755 packages and more than 22,500 letters and card.

Computer Aided Design and Drafting is another essential operation. John Rice, CADD manager, oversees all support aspects including plotter acquisition, setup, calibration and maintenance. This includes onsite customer training with customized visual reference guides to include video training. The office provides support in high resolution photography, scanning and printing.

The District's Records manager, Trisha Davis, supports 33 Records coordinators and is responsible for all electronic and hardcopy records maintained for the district. She was recognized as a Hero of the District in March because she beat the deadline for the 2017 Army Records Information Management System Office Records List.

The programming team, comprised of Laura Bender, Holly Sherman and William Kissenger, provides three internal SharePoint portals and the tools that accompany them: the Projects and Acquisitions (PnA) portal and PnA Reporting (Pulse); Work Request portal; and the NAU portal, the main collaboration tool for the district.

Diana Boger and Lisa Henninger make up the procurement team. They manage the \$9 million annual budget. The oversight includes the IM contracts and MIPRs, IT acquisitions (hardware, software, licenses and maintenance agreements), over 500 cell phones, DAPS/DLA reproduction and forms ordering.

"After the IT contract transition, the IM team is coming together as a cohesive team to support Europe District's critical missions.

Upcoming work for IMO includes setting up new field offices in the Netherlands, Poland and other countries and the implementation of Windows10 Operating System.

WORK WITH USACE

Sources sought for indefinite delivery, indefinite quality MATOC to provide real property repair and maintenance, environmental work, force protection and construction services, including design-build in Norway.

Solicitation number:
W912GB-17-R-0016

Sources sought for 2 \$49M indefinite delivery, indefinite quality general Architect-Engineer contract for Germany, Poland and Czech Republic

Solicitation number:
W912GB-17-X-0037

Click announcement or visit FBO.gov for more solicitations.

NAU in the News

- U.S. Ambassador to Armenia Richard Mills made remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Zar Training Renovation Project. [Click to read the speech.](#)
- Spangdahlem breaks ground on new middle/high school — [article](#)
- Europe District's Danny Olivas, a project manager overseeing the Navy and MDA projects in Poland, interviewed about project — [article](#)

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Groundbreaking ceremony on Spangdahlem project
On the Road: LTG Semonite visits Middle East District

Around the District

A snapshot of events, activities and points of interest

- **Change of Command** — Col. Matthew Tyler relinquishes command of Europe District to Col. John Baker during a change of command ceremony 10 a.m. May 24 at the Amelia Earhart Center. Check the portal for the inclement weather plan.
- **Earth Day** — The Army has participated in Earth Day since it was first observed in 1970. The Army's observance of Earth Day shares what the Army does for the environment and how that directly supports the ability of the Army to train, test and operate. Army Earth Day supports the Army's mission by preserving the natural environment on Army installations and contributes to the well-being of its communities. Earth Day is a time for everyone — Soldiers, families, civilians, and contractors — to consider the environmental footprint they make, and the influence they have on natural resources whether they are on installations, deployed overseas or in their homes. By wisely using resources, the Army can assure its strength and quality of life now and for generations to come. The Army's Earth Day theme was celebrated April 20. Its theme — "Sustain the Mission/Secure the Future" embodies the Army's commitment to the protection of the environment.
- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** — During May, the Army joins the nation in honoring Americans of Asian and Pacific Island descent for their military and civilian service within the department. They have served in America's Army from the Civil War to current operations all around the world. The observance began when Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America in 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad. This year's theme is "Unite Our Voices by Speaking Together."

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