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Teamwork yields on-time, on-budget **USACE** project delivery

WIESBADEN, Germany -- Building the new mission command center on the Wiesbaden Army Airfield was an exercise in complex construction and teambuilding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and its partners. The completion of the 285,000-square-foot, stateof-the-art, environmentally sustainable MCC was accomplished on time and on budget by a project delivery team with common goals and a shared vision. ... Read More

Soldier pushes for new facilities, turns dirt at ceremony

ANSBACH, Germany -- U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Soldiers participated, via video teleconference, in a Commanding General Community Forum Feb. 2 hosted by U.S. Army Europe.

"I was lucky enough to be one of the people in attendance," said Sgt. Jeremiah Rich with the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade.

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Europe District engineers work to improve delivery at workshop

WIESBADEN, Germany -- Engineers from across the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District gathered together to discuss priorities, process improvements and future workload at the district's annual Area Engineer/ Resident Engineer Workshop here Feb. 14-16.

"We use this time to gather all the AEs and REs together in one room to discuss priorities and issues brought up during the [German-American] partnering and customer workshops," said Michael Bosley, chief of the district's Contract Administration Branch.

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People, Partners, Projects: it's about communication

WIESBADEN, Germany -- Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and dozens of their customers came together for the district's second annual Customer Partnering Workshop Jan. 25 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

More than 50 customers from the Departments of Public Works, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, and other agencies discussed district processes, German construction policies, and environmental practices.

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Message from the Commander

Project Delivery: The USACE Hedgehog



My priorities are to take care of People, support our Partners, and deliver Projects. Over the past two months, I have shared what taking care of people means to me, and why supporting our partners is important. This month, I will share the

value of delivering projects. Project delivery is the core competency of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is our Hedgehog, as described by Jim Collins in "Good to Great". It is the one big thing we do; we can be the best in world at it, we are passionate about, and it drives our economic engine -- funds our services. The reputation of the Corps is built on successful project delivery, and it is the reason we receive additional non-Military Construction work from organizations such as U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Europe, the Air Force, U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and many others. Organizations trust us to deliver what we say.

Project delivery has five major components: quality, cost, schedule, safety, and transparency. All five are equally important. In part, they can be described as follows:

Quality: Delight the user; ensure a project's inherent characteristics fulfill the requirements; reduce warranty related issues.

Cost: Provide the best monetary value while controlling variances and changes to ensure price that remains within the customer's budget or Program Amount.

Schedule: Set dates and control changes to ensure planned activities and milestones are met; meet the agreed upon Beneficial Occupancy Date by minimizing by government caused delays.

Safety: Utilize proper risk management and enforce the Safety and Health Requirement, EM 385-1-1, to ensure no accidents on the job.

Transparency: Openly communicate with all stakeholders; develop a Project Management Plan for each project; keep the customer informed and involved in all major decisions that will impact project delivery.

My vision is that Europe District becomes one of the best in USACE at project delivery, as measured by customer satisfaction. To do this, we must work as a team to remain focused on our Hedgehog. We must deliver quality projects, within budget, on time, safely, and transparently. It is the one big thing we do.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects COL Pete Helmlinger

Please join me in congratulating our most recent Europe District Heroes of the Battle. They are Ofer Davidi, Rachel Goodspeed, Paul Farley, and Yvette Teal.







FEATURE

NAU employee helps deliver donation to orphans

KABUL – Europe District employee Raelene Hampton helped a group of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees distribute two dozen boxes of donated jackets, hats, gloves and other winter clothes to a large orphanage on Jan. 14, a day when heavy snow fell and the temperature reached 35 degrees in the Afghan capital.

The delivery, which was made using armored vehicles, was the first of several planned deliveries ina program the employees have dubbed Operation Warmth.

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