

AROUND EUROPE

USACE, Bauamts -- Sustaining through the challenges

BAD DURKHEIM, Germany -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and Landesbetrieb Liegenschafts -- und Baubetreuung Neiderlassung Landau co-hosted representatives from the German state and federal ministries, and various regional German construction offices at a Feb. 22-23 partnering workshop in Bad Dürkheim.

The annual event is an opportunity to continue to cultivate our partnerships with the Bauamts, German ministries, introduce new district and ministry employees, and say farewell to those retiring.

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More numbers equal success for USACE, its customers

WIESBADEN, Germany -- When agencies are already using a numbering system to track their projects, implementing a new multi-agency system with more numbers does not seem very innovative, however, for a group of project managers at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District and their customers -- additional numbers into the equation equals success.

For years, each agency tracked projects with a numbering system that for its internal use seemed effective. The problem -- the customer, the contractor and the district use different numbers for the same project.

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Partnership helps show how classroom work helps in real world

WIESBADEN, Germany - A partnership at one Wiesbaden school is bringing the study of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) classes to life for middle school students. As the unit partner for Wiesbaden Middle School, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District, shares its experience, expertise and know-how -- helping underscore the real-world applications of those subject areas.

"We work closely with the principal at the beginning of the year to see what students need," said Jennifer Aldridge with the USACE, Europe District, Public Affairs Office. "We want to tie in to what the students are doing in the classroom and be relevant.

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Message from the Commander



Taking Care of People: Future Workload in Europe District

We've all heard the news - U.S. forces are downsizing in Europe, and it was recently announced that two Brigade Combat Teams will depart Germany. So, how does that impact the district? I want to tell you that Europe District still has a healthy workload for the foreseeable future. However, our type and location of work are shifting. This is the cyclic nature of military construction, and we will adjust with the times to remain relevant.

I've reviewed our workload through fiscal year 2014 and have listed my assessment of the trends below:

While the new MILCON design starts will decrease, this will be offset by growing Medical Command, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and Missile Defense Agency programs. In particular, the Kaiserslautern Military Community Medical Center project and recapitalization of schools in Germany and Belgium will represent a substantial portion of our workload. These projects demonstrate a commitment by Congress to world-class health care and education.

Regionally, our work associated with the Wiesbaden transformation is slowing down, and Baumholder work may be placed on hold. However, Belgium, Stuttgart, and Spangdahlem construction will increase, while Grafenwoehr, Ansbach, and Kaiserslautern construction will remain stable.

Our installation support and environmental programs may reduce slightly with declining Installation Management Command Europe budgets, but we will continue to fully support U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Air Forces in Europe's enduring communities.

Our support for others, including humanitarian assistance in European Command and U.S. Africa Command, as well as Foreign Military Sales in Israel, are strategically important to build stability and capacity, and are potential opportunities for growth.

What does this mean to you? We will have a slight realignment of our workforce to ensure we have the people with the right skills in the right locations, and we will perform more engineering work in-house to ensure we retain our engineering expertise. The overall trend is good, and the district will continue to deliver first class support to our customers. We will retain the workforce required to be one of the best districts in USACE at project delivery, as measured by customer satisfaction, and we will remain affordable for our customers.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects
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Our most recent Europe District Heroes of the Battle are Matt Ludwig, Sheri Valente, Theresa Gomes, CPT Josh Sturgill, and Pat Brady. Congratulations for a job well done.

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FEATURE

USACE People: Engineer reflects on somber, gratifying experiences in Afghanistan

TBILISI, Georgia -- As John Gerlach visits the pathology lab renovation site here, no longer do children run up to him looking for candy and soda. At night, the sound of incoming fire is replaced with that of cars passing by.

In February, the resident engineer returned from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan.

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