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## AROUND EUROPE

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### USACE heads up Air Force assessment



WIESBADEN, Germany- The Air Force has launched a two-year evaluation of facilities and equipment on bases worldwide to gain a clearer picture of energy and space efficiencies within its inventory.

Called a Sustainable Infrastructure Assessment Program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-led effort is aimed at developing a comprehensive account that will support decision making, financial management and reporting requirements on future capital investments and audits.

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### From punch cards to iPads

WIESBADEN, Germany- When Evelyn Bugla first went to work for the U.S. Army in 1970 as a data processor, large computers churned in massive server rooms that felt more like saunas because of the heat they generated. She also had to sort through trays of IBM punch cards containing data files to run through a machine – and each had to be entered correctly or it would disrupt the whole batch.



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### DoDDS students explore STEM fields



WIESBADEN, Germany- More than 150 prospective scientists, techies, engineers and mathematicians, who happen to be ninth-grade students, spoke with Maj. David Dake, a U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers Europe District project engineer, during Wiesbaden High School's Career Day Oct. 17.

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### Message from the Commander

A time for Thanksgiving



November is a traditional time of Thanksgiving in the United States. Some Europeans may not be familiar with its origins, but Thanksgiving dates back to 1621 when the first Plymouth colonists shared a feast with the Native Americans who helped them survive their first year in a new land. The tradition was solidified as a national holiday during the intense and trying times of the American Civil War. We had much to be thankful for as a nation then, and now, including freedom, democracy, prosperity and compassion. Today I am thankful for the strong alliances and friendship between the United States and our host nation partners. As with the very first Thanksgiving, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District could not succeed without the shared values and support of our hosts in more than 35 countries, including our strongest programs in Germany, Israel, Turkey, Georgia, Bulgaria, Romania, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. As Adm. Stravridis, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe, frequently states, we are truly "stronger together."

During this time, we must also remember the battered victims of Hurricane Sandy. This perfect storm hit in the center of our five North Atlantic Division sister districts on the U.S. northeastern seaboard. It is difficult to imagine the destruction. In the finest tradition of USACE, NAD is deeply involved in the disaster-recovery efforts. USACE priorities continue to be temporary emergency power, de-watering and debris removal, disaster-recovery missions and conducting post-storm site assessments. Please keep our NAD co-workers and those impacted by the storm in your thoughts during this intense and trying time. Many Europe District team members, both American and German, have volunteered to support the recovery as debris removal quality assurance representatives. I am truly proud and thankful for their efforts supporting our NAD family.

November will soon roll into the holiday season of December. I hope to see many of our team members and partners at the district's Holiday Ball on Dec. 15 at Clay Caserne in Wiesbaden.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to our most recent Europe District Heroes of the Battle: Keith Martin, Tim Nauman, Michael Scheer, Horst Engelke and Rich Ulrich!

## SPOTLIGHT on the Wiesbaden Resident Office



Left to Right: Jens Mueller, Ferdi Durmazel, Maj. David Dake, Kimberly Harrington, Neil Ravensbergen, Ron Mollohan *Not pictured:* Kevin Raposa, Karl Klein, Patrick Brady, Solomon Zerihun, Jaime McCormick, Ben Peschke, Jay Martinek, Dieter Beyer

The Wiesbaden Resident Office is located on Clay Kaserne, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, Germany. The office is staffed with a diverse and experienced team executing some of the district's largest and most complex projects.

"We have marvelous team spirit. Everybody is ready to help the others," said Ferdi Durmazel, a resident office engineer.

Bringing recently completed projects - including the U.S. Army Europe headquarters building, Newman Village family housing area and Wiesbaden Lodge - to fruition could not have been accomplished without a team effort.

"Working with architects, engineers and administrative personnel to successfully complete a \$150 million Army Family Housing project on-time, under the PA and to the satisfaction of the customer has been a great achievement," said Jay Martinek, a project engineer.

Currently, the office is managing construction a new Information Processing Center in support of 5th Signal Command and USAREUR. The 59,000-sq.-ft. IPC will improve information technology capabilities and contains numerous sustainable design elements. The team is also renovating the Wiesbaden Community Activity Center, Aukumm Housing Area and Clay Kaserne ring road.

"Wiesbaden is a great place to work for USACE," said Maj. David Dake, deputy resident engineer. "The projects are rewarding, the customers are easy to work with and there is a great team atmosphere with our contractors."

For Neil Ravensbergen, the office resident engineer, hearing community members say they loved staying in the lodge or seeing them at the bowling center enjoying hours of fun is the most satisfying part of the job.

"We have had some challenges but we work together to get the projects done right," Ravensbergen said.

On a day-to-day basis the team is busy managing contract modifications, site inspections and invoices. When Kimberly Harrington, the resident office managerial assistant, is not in the office she likes to spend her free time exploring local attractions.

"I like living in Wiesbaden because of all the historical sites, like castles, that are within an hour's drive," said Harrington.

Similar to a family, the Wiesbaden office works as one unit. We are pulling on the same side of the rope, Jens Mueller, a resident office civil engineer said.

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#### Threat Fusion

Threat fusion is the compilation of a variety of different law enforcement and intelligence threat reporting to provide a single overall threat picture.

The primary areas to focus on throughout the remainder of the year include: understanding the threat environment, understanding the capabilities and tools available to support threat fusion and assessments, understanding the various organizations available to support threat assessments and threat fusion, and the process to complete an organization's annual threat assessment.

Ultimately, the outcome of effective threat information fusion is the prevention of terrorist activities.

For more information on threat fusion please visit:

<http://www.army.mil/standto/archive/issue.php?issue=2012-10-01>

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