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### US, Ghana to build nutrition rehab center



ACCRA, Ghana – The U.S. and Ghana are teaming up to ease hunger in the West Africa nation. The project, a joint effort by Africa Command, USAID, the U.S. Embassy and the Ghanaian Ministry of Health, is designed to

improve the health and prosperity of children in the Volta region. On Sept. 12, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District awarded a Multiple Award Task Order Contract to construction contractor, CNaf-SET, to build a \$489,700 nutritional rehabilitation center in Nkwanta.

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### USACE delivers ODR center in Germany

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – It was an idyllic fall day for the grand opening of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation Complex at Grafenwoehr Training Area.



Military and civilian leaders gathered here Sept. 24 to cut the ribbon on the new Wild B.O.A.R., which stands for Bavaria Outdoor Adventure & Recreation. They hailed the \$11.6 million facility as a showcase spot and significant feat in sustainability and engineering expertise.

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### Future 'NATO leaders' get new CYSS facility



BRUNSSUM, Netherlands – Local children sent bubbles skyward, marking the official opening of the combined Child, Youth and School Services Center with military leaders and community representatives

during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 17.

"We are developing the next generation of NATO leaders here in this facility," said Lt. Gen. Richard Tieskens, the Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum chief of staff.

The new CYSS Center is the first of its kind in Europe.

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### Message from the Commander

My utmost appreciation



"Grace under pressure" was Ernest Hemingway's definition of character. Europe District team members and our partners have demonstrated this grace and character in the face of fiscal uncertainty, while unwaveringly delivering premier engineer support for our warfighters.

Fiscal year 2013 was a record year for Europe District. The district completed 1,994 contract actions for a total value of \$660 million. Because of turbulence caused by last year's federal budget delay, sequestration and furloughs, 22 percent of our contract workload was deferred until the last month of the fiscal year. Despite this challenge, district team members rose to the occasion to deliver a big win for our partners. Throughout the year, we met the Chief of Engineers' top goal to Support the Warfighter by delivering innovative solutions for COCOM theater security cooperation programs, partnering with IMCOM-Europe and U.S. Army Europe to maintain garrisons and contingency bases, and helping the Army achieve energy and sustainability targets.

Fiscal year 2014 had a stumbled start due to the partial government shutdown. However, this should in no way diminish the importance of our projects, or the value and quality of our work. We are fortunate within the district to have available prior-year funds, and therefore expect only a minor disruption of work and temporary duty travel until new appropriations are received. As we were able to overcome the challenges of uncertainty last year, I am confident we will this year as well. Fiscal year 2014 will be exciting. Our Forward Engineer Support Team-Advanced is supporting refugee planning while deployed to the kingdom of Jordan, and we have started construction on the Romania Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Complex. We also expect to begin work on the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Medical Center Replacement, as well as continue building 21st Century Education schools for DODDS and delivering robust installation, environmental, humanitarian assistance and foreign military sales support.

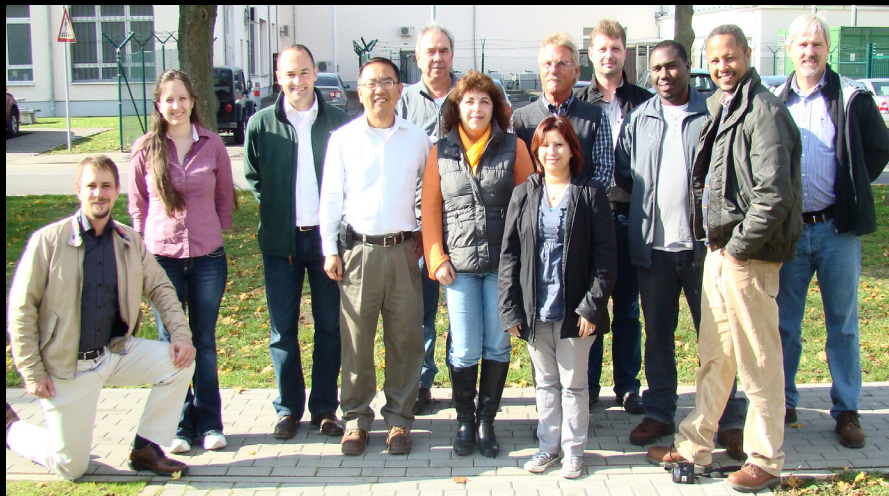
These are challenging but rewarding times. I would like to thank the many Europe District team members and partners for your professionalism, commitment and resilience. You have borne a heavy burden, taken care of one another and risen to every challenge asked of you. I am humbled and inspired by your grace under pressure.

Building Strong! People, Partners, Projects

COL Pete Helmlinger

Congratulations to Ray Sullivan, Ben Peschke and Neil Ravensbergen – Europe District Heroes of the Battle. Well done!

## SPOTLIGHT on the Hessen Area Office



From left: Benjamin Peschke, Kimberly Harrington, Bryce Jones, David Peng, Patrick Brady, Luesiye Loveland, Natika Tsinnie (front), Karl Klein (back), Jens Mueller, Ricky Philizaire, Solomon Zerihun and Neil Ravensbergen. *Not pictured:* Katie Archer, Jay Martinek, Kevin Raposa, Dieter Beyer, Jeanine Molloy and Joerg Waldhofer.

Hessen Area Office team members have tackled several projects and seen many changes in the past year at Clay Kaserne in Wiesbaden, Germany. The Housing Project Office was closed and its container office building relocated to the Directorate of Public Works area on post. In July, the Hessen Area Office and Wiesbaden Resident Office moved out of their original locations and now share the container office building with HBM, the host-nation partner.

The office's major achievement was completing various renovation projects under very tight schedules in support of U.S. Army Europe's relocation from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden. In partnership with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., the team furnished the Shalikhshvili Mission Command Center, which allowed facility occupation in February without delay. The Building 1042 renovation also was finished for the USAREUR command group. It achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification, joining the MCC as the only two Department of Defense buildings in Germany to earn that LEED distinction.

The Wiesbaden Resident Office is currently managing the Information Processing Center construction for USAREUR and the 5th Signal Command. The 59,000-square-foot building will improve information technology capabilities and contains numerous sustainable-design elements to reach LEED Silver certification. The office also oversees various sustain, repair and maintenance projects within Wiesbaden garrison's footprint to include renovation of Aukamm and Crestview housing units, the Community Activity Center, and other buildings at Clay Kaserne and McCully Barracks.

This past spring, the CIC Project Office was established to supervise the Consolidated Intelligence Center, adjacent parking garage and sports complex ventures on Clay Kaserne. The \$90 million, 134,000-square-foot facility — which combines tactical and theater functions — is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2015. The CIC garage will have about 500 spaces and should greatly reduce the post's congested parking problem when it opens next spring. The sports project is a combination baseball and soccer field that will be located on Clay's north side.

The Hessen Area Office is made up of 11 Americans and seven Germans who bring solid experience and diversity to the team, staffers say.

"Another year, another program, new contractors," said Jay Martinek, a CIC Project Office engineer. "We're managing new labyrinths to successfully execute the mission at hand."

The region is known for its arts and wine festivals and features an abundance of cultural attractions, historic sites and nightlife — with close proximity to Frankfurt.

"I have been amazed since I joined the team to be working with such a friendly and professional staff," said project assistant Ricky Philizaire. "I believe we have a great staff and team leader with worldwide knowledge. Many other stakeholders have only positive things to say about the team here."

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- JFC Brunssum Community, Future 'NATO leaders' receive new CYSS Centre — article
- Kurzemnieks, District engineer leads tour of dispatch center project in Latvia — local newspaper front page
- The Bavarian News, FMWR highlights new ODR complex — article

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### Operations Security Antiterrorism risk management

The Army antiterrorism theme for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 is antiterrorism risk management.

The service branch's antiterrorism efforts are built around a risk-based protection program. At the heart of the risk-assessment process is analysis of the threat, vulnerability and criticality as it relates to an organization's mission and the ability to defend against a terrorist threat. Army doctrine, published under FM 3-37.2, establishes antiterrorism risk-assessment methodologies. These relatively complex concepts must integrate with the broader Army Protection Program.

As the Defense Department and Army continue to improve program and mission integration with synchronization, risk-assessment measures from the installation to strategic levels apply a tailorable framework, allowing an ability to consolidate risk visibility and support mitigation decision-making.

Focus areas throughout the quarter include: understanding the terrorist threat, vulnerability, vital assessment processes and how critical-infrastructure protection is tied into an installation's critical-assets list.

To learn more about antiterrorism risk management, contact Otis Hawes, the USACE Europe District antiterrorism officer, at [otis.hawes@usace.army.mil](mailto:otis.hawes@usace.army.mil) or DSN 570-2633.

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