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## AROUND EUROPE

### Branch chief's dad honored at Normandy



Like many of his comrades, Gene Noble got the celebrity treatment upon returning to France earlier this month for the 70th anniversary of D-Day along the Normandy coast.

The 92-year-old veteran pilot received the French Legion of Honour medal at a June 7 ceremony in Merville-Franceville. On June 6, 1944, Noble dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines near Utah Beach. More recently, he played a role in the restoration of a C-47 that served as lead plane in his formation that day.

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### USACE marks milestone as Tyler arrives

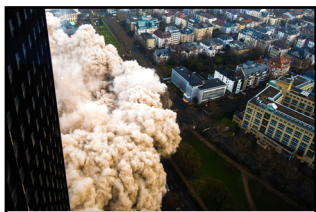
WIESBADEN, Germany – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebrates 40 years in Europe and welcomed a new commander, Col. Matthew Tyler, to Europe District during a change-of-command ceremony June 6 at the Amelia Earhart Center in Wiesbaden.



Tyler becomes the district's 20th commander. He succeeds Col. Peter Helmlinger, who is deploying to take command of USACE's Transatlantic Afghanistan District.

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### Europe District tackles demolition work



WIESBADEN, Germany – Turns out, building and renovation aren't the only things going on at Europe District.

The military agency responsible for design and construction of major facilities for U.S. forces across Europe and Africa also is engaged in an active controlled-demolition program. Set up under a Multiple Award Task Order Contract with partner firms, the venture is aimed at removing outdated infrastructure and abandoned facilities or overhauling specific areas for other purposes.

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### Message from the Commander

Grateful, honored to join this team



Michelle and I are thrilled to be part of Europe District. Quite frankly, we are blown away by the opportunity to serve with such a wonderful organization that is also possibly the most sought-after district in all of USACE. I'm proud to state that Europe District was my top choice when I submitted my "wish list" almost two years ago, and my family and I are still somewhat in a state of shock that we are so fortunate to join such a talented and important district.

Since arriving in Germany almost a year ago, I've had the unique opportunity to be on the "customer" side and directly witness the exceptional professionalism you all have afforded U.S. Army Europe. Furthermore, I have indirectly seen that same professionalism and passion extended to the many other valuable customers and stakeholders throughout Europe and Africa. I'm confident that organizations supported by this district know they are receiving innovative and creative engineering solutions to tough challenges.

I'm excited to be part of the Europe District team as we continue to deliver top-quality engineer support and services. Moreover, you have my commitment that I will work hard each and every day for this organization and those it touches. Just as important as diligence, I plan to have fun while here and hope to maintain the district's current environment of being a great place to work. Of course, working hard and having fun will always be done with safety as a cornerstone.

For now, I plan to get to know the district and its employees better and not make any drastic changes to our processes. We will maintain an effective strategy and build a district blueprint that nests well with Brig. Gen. Kent Savre's philosophy of mission first, people always and team of teams. However, the district's equally important priorities will continue to capture the essence of what a USACE district must do, and also directly support and enhance those of North Atlantic Division. Furthermore, over time, I'm certain I will add more of my own personal touch and substantive meaning to Europe District's collective mission and priorities.

As I conclude this short note, I extend my sincere gratitude to Col. Pete Helmlinger and Claudia for truly a "job well done." We all wish him the best as he assumes command of Transatlantic Afghanistan District and takes on a challenging workload in an extremely dynamic combat environment.

BUILDING STRONG!

COL Matt Tyler

## SPOTLIGHT on Grafenwöhr Resident Office



Site preparation continues for the future Netzaberg Chapel at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria in Germany, the final project under Efficient Basing Grafenwöhr. The 600-person facility will include an activity center, kitchen, religious education areas, resource center, sacristy room and administrative spaces. (Courtesy of Andrea Hoesl/USAG Bavaria, DPW)

The Grafenwöhr Resident Office provides engineering, construction, and environmental-management products and services to U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria in eastern Germany, including the Grafenwöhr and Rose Barracks communities.

In 2013, the office wrapped up a \$1 billion construction effort for Efficient Basing Grafenwöhr, a U.S. Army Europe initiative consisting of more than 150 projects over 10 years. Now, the team is focused on building two new barracks, three townhouse projects and a chapel at Netzaberg; renovating Vilseck Dental Clinic; and adding on to Vilseck Health Clinic and Netzaberg Middle School. This amounts to more than \$95 million in current construction.

Since EBG's completion, there has been a slight reduction in work at USAG Bavaria. Still, it remains an interesting and rewarding time to manage projects at the largest multinational training area in Europe, the team says.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District anticipates several new projects to be awarded or begin construction in the coming year. They include a new Consolidated Furniture Management Warehouse, for which site work has already begun. Also in the design phases are a replacement Grafenwöhr Elementary School, an addition to Grafenwöhr Middle School, Vilseck housing community renovations, and various operations and maintenance support projects.

The office also is taking on a greater mission as Steven Pautz deploys to Afghanistan. Pautz, the Bavaria Area Office engineer, was set to leave June 14 for Kandahar, where he'll serve as the office engineer for USACE's Afghanistan Southern Area Office. He is expected to return next spring. Pautz's duties in Germany will be assumed by Kaitlin Peacock, a Kaiserslautern Resident Office engineer, whose husband serves with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck.

For engineers interested in new opportunities, Grafenwöhr might be the right place. The Free State of Bavaria is perfectly situated — sharing borders with Austria, the Czech Republic and Switzerland. Neighboring states within Germany are Baden-Württemberg, Hesse, Thuringia and Saxony.

Bavaria has a rich cultural heritage with unique dress, music, food and drink. Bavarians celebrate special events wearing lederhosen and dirndl while listening and dancing to centuries-old folk music. They're also known for their lively beer gardens, delicious Weisswurst, or white sausage, and world-famous Oktoberfest.

USAG Bavaria is roughly two hours south of Munich, the capital of Bavaria; an hour east of Bamberg, the home of smoked beer; and an hour from the Zugspitze, Germany's tallest mountain.

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### Operations Security

Antiterrorism synchronization: What it means to us all

Given the persistent threat of terrorism, the Army's antiterrorism efforts must remain proactive as the entire Army community maintains vigilance.

As part of this awareness campaign, the Army's antiterrorism theme for the third quarter of fiscal year 2014, which runs through June, is "Antiterrorism Synchronization."

Synchronization is defined by *Joint Intelligence*, or Joint Publication 2.0, as the arrangement of military actions in time, space and purpose to produce maximum relative combat power at a decisive place and time.

From an antiterrorism perspective, maximizing relative combat power equates to the application of available resources that, when taken together, aim to prevent a terrorist attack and effectively respond if necessary. An antiterrorism plan is the physical outcome of this synchronization. Synchronization occurs across the antiterrorism community at all levels of command, every location and across the full range of military operations.

To learn more about antiterrorism measures, contact Otis Hawes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District antiterrorism officer, at [otis.hawes@usace.army.mil](mailto:otis.hawes@usace.army.mil) or DSN 570-2633.

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