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Engineer goes from Alabama to Estonia



TALLINN, Estonia — Chris Bailey grew up in Alabama and saw snow so infrequently he thought it was a Christmas miracle. Now serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District in Estonia, snow is a daily reality at

least in the winter months when average temperatures hover around freezing in the Baltic country. As a one-man project office, Bailey is the engineer responsible for managing more than 20 European Reassurance Initiative infrastructure and construction projects for U.S. Army and Air Force partners.

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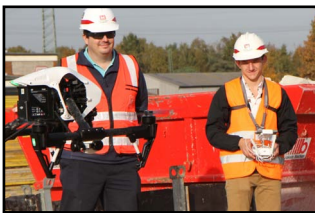
Construction begins on 2 DoDEA-E schools

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District, Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe, German Ministry of Construction and Bauamt, and project partners broke ground on two 21st-century schools in late 2016. The future Wiesbaden Middle and Vogelweh Elementary schools are part of more than 30 school projects in current and future years valued at more than \$1 billion throughout Germany and Belgium. Both ceremonies featured speeches by district, garrison, bauamt and school officials.



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Students use aerial camera for STEM project



KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Two Kaiserslautern High School seniors and a teacher helped the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District get construction pictures of the new 21st-century high school in late 2016. They used the school's

aerial camera to help the district's senior project engineer, Bernhard Ochsenreither, get video and still photos of the high school's construction.

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Commander's Corner

Supporting EUCOM transition to deterrence

"As a result of the changing environment, EUCOM together with NATO, has instituted a comprehensive shift from assurance to deterrence." – **General Curtis M. Scaparrotti**, the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and commander of U.S. European Command



Europe District plays an integral role in U.S. European Command's comprehensive shift from "assurance" to a more active and dynamic role of "deterrence." During the 2016 Warsaw Summit, NATO, the world's strongest and most effective alliance, agreed to build on the strategy of assurance and implement one of deterrence. Supporting NATO, EUCOM continues to assure our allies while deterring aggression from any country attempting to destabilize Europe or challenge its security. This new strategy of deterrence is critical to protecting the security interests of the United States, our NATO allies and other partner nations, and the support from the district and our many, many contractors is important to implementing this strategy.

Essential components of the deterrence posture include: an enhanced forward presence of U.S. and NATO forces in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania; multinational training and exercises; speed of assembly, mission command; and the ability to create space and time for political leaders to make decisions, all which require construction and engineering services from Europe District to be successful. District projects, some recently completed and many ongoing for U.S. Army Europe and U.S. Air Forces in Europe, provide essential military infrastructure upgrades to support NATO's combat formations in Eastern European locations previously only used by host nation forces. For example, a British battle group with support from Italy, France and Denmark, will soon call Tapa, Estonia, its new home.

Moreover, the district's work to upgrade training areas and ranges allows multinational training and readiness in greater numbers, greater frequency and along a NATO border with Russia that is 750 miles farther east than it was 13 years ago. We also continue to assist with engineering and construction requirements for sites storing U.S. brigade combat team vehicle and equipment sets in forward locations to facilitate the speed of assembly. Further, our efforts to increase airfield capacity at bases in 14 countries strengthens NATO's air power and add in shaping the region to provide sufficient time for political decision making should conflict emerge.

Not only do our efforts in Eastern Europe support the new deterrence posture, but so does much of our work at enduring bases in Western Europe. Whether a key intelligence analysis facility in Wiesbaden, barracks and dorms in Kaiserslautern, or command and control facilities in Stuttgart, our support enables EUCOM forces to "fight tonight" and, if necessary, win in a complex environment.

As I often state, Europe District's work in support of our many stakeholders enables U.S. policy abroad.

Army Strong ... Building Strong!
COL Matt Tyler

SPOTLIGHT on Construction Support Services



Construction Support Services section is a 12-person section that supports Construction Branch. Pictured are: Tim Ruhland, left, Aaron Edmonson, Jose Gonzalez, Todd McGalliard, Daniella Yi, Bill Thievon, Heather Wells, AndyDutil, Mike Mazerat, Ferdi Durmazel and Bruce Tappmeyer. Not pictured is Sharon Thomas, who is deployed to Afghanistan.

Europe District's Construction Support Services Section, within the Construction Branch, has grown quite a bit over the last year and half and has added additional services, said Dave Manka, branch chief who brought his 18 years of experience to Europe District a little more than a year ago. Headed by section chief Aaron Edmonson, the office is divided into two teams: construction contract administration and quality assurance.

Edmonson, a former active-duty Army officer, has worked for the district for one and a half years. Relocating to Germany from Jacksonville District, he said the group delivers a variety of services that are vital to district operations. The section's workforce has degrees in civil and electrical engineering and architecture and focuses their skills on construction project delivery.

The section supports construction field offices, contract administration and quality assurance, Edmonson explained. It provides technical expertise related to the district's resident management system, contractor performance assessment reporting, and offers technical support to field offices and performs quality assurance assistance in the field.

Todd McGalliard, team lead for construction contract administration, is one of the district's new hires. A huge War Eagle fan (that's Auburn University in the Southeastern Conference), McGalliard worked for Savannah District since 2009. Prior to that he served as a resident engineer while deployed in Afghanistan. His team consists of Andy Dutil, Heather Wells, Tim Ruhland, Bill Thievon and Sharon Thomas, who is deployed to Afghanistan.

As a newcomer, McGalliard noted the district seems to have a family atmosphere. "Everybody is really very outgoing, helpful and willing to give advice ... from transitioning and getting settled in the job to touring Europe. It seems like family," he said.

Coming from the Jacksonville District, Jose Gonzalez, the quality assurance team lead, has been here for two and a half years. The majority of the team's day-to-day work is devoted to Biddability, Constructability, Operability, Environmental and Sustainability reviews, construction management services contracts coordination, and now that the section is fully staffed, site visits to the projects in Europe and Africa, Gonzalez said.

"BCOES reviews are sanity checks before jobs go out," Gonzalez explained. "We're the last set of eyes on the complete contract package — if the contract has everything needed for it to be bid and managed successfully."

Gonzalez said he likes the district's pace. "It's fast and it's challenging."

Edmonson said since the section is fully staffed, more than 150 Construction Branch personnel have a single point of contact at the district comprising of a comprehensive and dedicated team to assist the district in the delivery of our construction projects on time, within budget and within the established quality standards.

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Around the District

A snapshot of upcoming events, activities and points of interest

- **National Engineers Week** — is usually the week in February that includes George Washington's birthday, which is Feb. 22. Why? Because Washington is considered the nation's first engineer because he was a land surveyor. His first known survey, in 1747, was of his Virginia boyhood home. According to pointtopointsurvey.com, between 1747 and 1799 Washington surveyed more than 200 tracts of land. The purpose of National Engineers Week is to recognize the contributions engineers make and for engineers to emphasize the importance of learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This year Europe District will work with Hainerberg Middle School on designing sustainable energy and design software programs. To volunteer, call James Noble at 314-570-2299.

- **Blood Drive** — Put it on your calendar — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Amelia Earhart Center.

- **Black History Month** — The Army finds its strength not only in its diversity, but in its ability to weave together people of different faiths, cultures and races who share common values like duty, honor, selfless service, loyalty and respect. The district will commemorate diversity Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. This year's theme is Success Always Leaves Footprint.

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