

Farewell N-17 – Farewell Legacy

By Heidi Soerensen

Component members gathered at the flight line in front of Hangar IV on 9 July to view the very last Legacy E-3A taking off. Before take-off, E-3A Component Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt met the maintenance and flight crew at the flight line to mark this historical event.

At 0935 N-17, tail number 446, departed for its NATO Mid-Term (NMT) upgrade in Manching, Germany. During its four-month stay in Manching, EADS Military Air Systems and the Boeing Company in cooperation with the E-3A Component are responsible for the NMT upgrade work. N-17 is expected to return to the Component on 3 November this year.

Since 1982, the Legacy E-3A has successfully been part of historic NATO operations, flying for peace and security. After more than 25 years, the Legacy era is about to come to an end as the entire E-3A fleet will be NMT retrofitted this year. Also the Component's mission simulators will be completely NMT upgraded before the year is over. But the work does not stop there, and maybe it is even more appropriate to say that



Last Legacy aircraft takes off for its NMT upgrade in Manching, Germany

most of the Component has been NMT retrofitted. This major upgrade is affecting not only the Flying Squadrons and Operations Wing (OW), but also Training Wing (TW), Logistic Wing (LW) and Information Technology Wing (IW), which are heavily involved in the NMT transformation too.

After three years of planning, the NMT Programme commenced in 1997 to enhance the capabilities of the E-3A fleet as a force multiplier

and to enable it to face the new challenges of the coming years by improving its overall combat capabilities. The NMT Programme has been treated as a single-block upgrade consisting of nine integrated system enhancements, including modern software architecture for future growth.

Plans and Programmes Division (PPC) is one of the NMT key players and a good place to start taking a closer look at the NMT upgrade process at the Component. PPC are

the organizers and planners of NMT and other requirements for the Component's aircraft. As I enter PPC, my eye catches a Winston Churchill quote on the wall, "There is only one thing more difficult than getting a new idea into the military mind... and that is getting the old one out."

"Looking back, the NMT upgrade has been an extensive process. In November 1999 N-01 (tail number 453) departed to Boeing Wichita Maintenance & Modification Center in Kansas for the very first NMT upgrade. After six months N-01 transferred to Boeing Seattle for its test phase. More than 100 test flights were made in order to meet the specifications and requirements. Each flight focused on various details and functionalities, such as data transmission link, communications, jamming and even flight vibrations," explains Assistant Program Manager MSgt. Toine Kuipers, who was stationed for 3 years as a Component representative at the Boeing site in Seattle.

Four years later, N-01 returned to the Component and the first NMT AWACS was a reality. "

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Flight crew (from left to right): First Pilot Capt. Chris Lak, Flight Engineer TSgt. David Stoner, Aircraft Commander Maj. Fabio Incagli, Navigator Lt. Col. Ekkehard Heinichen, Passive Controller, Capt. Gary Sandt.



Maintenance crew (from left to right): Crew Chief Mr. Michael Webb, Crew Chief SSgt. Scott Albee, Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor 1Lt. Markus Michels and Crew Chief CMSgt. Luigi Grazioli.

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The first upgrade was very challenging and we all learned to be patient. Even though the E-3A is handed over to Boeing during the NMT upgrade, we work in very close collaboration, especially for the test flights and ground acceptance tests," says Kuipers. In November 2005 N-02 (tail number 458) departed to the EADS Manching site in Germany and completed its NMT upgrade in less than a year. The following upgrades all took place in EADS Manching and lasted an average of four months per aircraft, including test flights.

The NMT upgrade provides an expanded command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability. Among many major updates the NMT includes new IFF interrogators and transponders, five additional display consoles and a digital audio system. Last but not least is the hallmark

of NMT, the new Human Machine Interface (HMI) flat-panel display, which was mainly developed with input from AWACS operators. It allows a user-friendly set-up providing the crewmembers with improved situational awareness.

"Understandably, a program of this magnitude has presented many challenges, and even though the entire E-3A fleet will be NMT retrofitted by the end of the year, the work will continue," says Component NMT Program Manager Maj. Joe Dillis.

"We will continue to rely on Component expertise to integrate hardware and software enhancements, while operators will apply best practices and lessons learned to optimize how we train with and employ the many new NMT capabilities. In the end, no one will ever claim that NMT was easy, but we can all take great pride in knowing we helped to develop the most formidable Airborne Command and Control platform in the world."

Maintenance working day and night to get N-17 ready

Maintenance of the E-3A is sometimes overlooked but nevertheless crucial for mission accomplishment. Before the NMT modification work, special preparations and inspections are required. In the case of N-17 this work began on 24 June this year with N-17's return from Depot Level Maintenance (DLM).

DLM involves a Major Inspection of the Aircraft Structure and takes place every six years for the E-3A. After an aircraft returns from DLM, Logistics Wing (LW) performs a Receiving Inspection, which includes the reinstallation of several parts, such as all mission seats, all ESM antennas, all crypto equipment and the radar transmitter. Ten working days with two shifts per day are scheduled for accomplishing that inspection. Before an E-3A leaves for NMT upgrade, LW performs a Transfer Inspection, starting with a demodification part, followed by the official handover to Boeing. The duration of a normal Transfer Inspection is 12 working days.

"To get N-17 ready for its NMT upgrade was a challenge due to

the fact that the return from DLM was delayed by more than a month. The aircraft was originally scheduled to return on 14 May, but returned on 24 June. The NMT input day was scheduled for 9 July, and every day of delay would cost NATO €40,000. Since we had only 12 working days (normally 22 are needed) between receiving the aircraft from DLM and transferring it to Boeing, Capt. Frank Lorek and I created a work flow for a combined Receiving and Transfer Inspection, which was based on 24 hours duty (for some Maintenance Shops) including the weekends. Now we had a lot of pressure to keep to what we promised. MSgt. Bernd Schreiber and MSgt. Mike Weisbecker were assigned as Dock Chiefs to cover the shifts. They managed the shops to ensure all maintenance requirements were accomplished. With very good planning, coordination between all the agencies involved, plus motivated people, we were successful, and N-17 took off as scheduled," explains the proud LW Plans & Scheduling Branch Chief, Capt. Harry Walter.

NATEX adds 458m² to its successful business



Upon completion of the new warehouse and accounts building, NATEX has funded more than 4,200 m² new building space on the Component, and approximately 780 m² in parking lots.

Photo Amn Daniel Schmitz

By Heidi Soerensen

The building site next to the NATEX retail store can no longer escape curious looks from Component members. The NATEX retail store is a popular shopping outlet and the current centralized warehouse facility in building 75 is no longer sufficient to meet the customers demand. Consequently NATEX decided to build a 222m² new retail warehouse.

"The new retail warehouse will improve overall efficiencies through the added convenience of being adjacent to the actual store. This will expedite the merchandise replenishment process, ultimately being in a better 'in-stock' position, and improving our overall customer service. Having more retail (warehouse) space will also enable us to buy more strategically, extending the savings/better prices to the customer," explains NATEX Vice President, Ms Diana Sousa.

Besides taking good care of the customers, NATEX is also nursing its

employees and prioritizing a better work environment. With the high demand for office space on base, NATEX is also building an additional 236m² office building next to the new warehouse and will house the NATEX Accounting Department's 15 employees.

"We also took this opportunity to better accommodate our employees; the Accounting Department is currently located in building 99 and they too require more space and a better overall work environment. It is a priority for us to continue to ensure a high level of job satisfaction and well-being for our employees," says Ms Sousa.

The planning of the building activities started several years ago and was endorsed by the Base Support Wing. Thereafter the Base Infrastructure Office sends the project particulars out for tender and ultimately arranges all construction requirements. The new retail warehouse and the accounts building will be completed by approximately October this year and is 100% funded by the NATEX.

CSA holds quarterly Hail and Farewell

By Mark Beauchamp

The Component Civilian Staff Association held its Quarterly Hail and Farewell on 9 July at the Frisbee Club. E-3A Component Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt was on hand to congratulate Mr. Eckhard Lippe (pictured) who retired from the Component after serving since May 1986 as a Civil Engineer (Infrastructure - Base Support Wing).

Brig. Gen. Schmidt also presented Component Certificates of Appreciation for 25 years of faithful service to the Component mission to Mr. Peter Stredder, Mr. Joseph Heerings, Mr. Friedrich Franken, Mr. Frans Snackers, Mr. Hermann Roth

and Mr. Karel van 't Hoog. Members present were privileged to hear an update on a number of important issues by the E-3A Component Commander, as well as enjoy the company of many retired former Component members who also attended the event.



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Spanish NCO Spotlight

By Col. Angel Burgos

Sargento (OR6) Fernando Alonso joined the Spanish Air Force in July 1994, at the Command, Control and Telecommunications School in Madrid. After his graduation as an electronics technician, he was posted to the Air Combat Command, where he held appointments in Electronic Warfare (EW) & Communications Branch. His commitment to the job, and his passion for technology made it possible for him to be selected to train as a Satellite Maintainer and Operator by Indra Space Corporation.

His international career began shortly thereafter at the CAOC 8 as a crypto custodian; and continued in the aftermath of 11 September, 2001, when he deployed to Peter Ganci AFB, located in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, with a squadron of Spanish C-130s.

“Working in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, 6,000 kms away from Zaragoza, our home station, was really remarkable”, says Fernando.

“We had to fly those aircraft no matter what; there was no such thing as a working schedule or time-off for the coalition troops fighting in Afghanistan, and it was up to us to deliver the supplies and provide the air medical evacuation they required to carry on the mission”.



Sargento Fernando Alonso in front of the NAEW&CF E-3A Component welcome sign.
Photo courtesy NSESP

With this background, Sargento Alonso arrived at MOB Geilenkirchen in 2003 as a Display Technician in Squadron 1. His unwavering ‘can do’ attitude, ability to quickly grasp new concepts, and inherent talent to prioritize multiple taskings, put him in the Component nucleus of highly dedicated personnel operating under high tempo. “Two years later I was faced with the possibility of going to Seattle and training for the

NATO Mid Term; a challenge I fully embraced without hesitation,” says Fernando. “Integrated in the NMT Squadron 1 team, we completed our own training on the modified E-3A and came up with the Systems Technician training package to convert the rest of the crews.” He adds: “Now that I work as an instructor in the Squadron 1 Training Section, I always keep in mind that some of the most qualified technicians around the

globe are sitting around me. Teaching is more about sharing than passing on knowledge, for me.”

As the Spanish Senior Representative, it is my privilege to wholeheartedly acknowledge this accomplished NCO. Skilled, friendly, positive, enthusiastic, he leads by example, and these qualities, coupled with his boundless energy, are an inspiration to all his NCO comrades.

Japanese Defence Attaché flies mission

Accompanied by ACOS J1 SHAPE, Brig. Gen. Jan-Peter Spijk, the Japanese Defence Attaché to Belgium, Col. Keitero Akiyama flew on an E-3A mission with Squadron 3 on 10 July. During the flight E-3A Component Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt gave a Component overview briefing about the mission and capabilities of the NATO AWACS.

Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt welcomes Japanese Defence attaché to Belgium Col. Keitero Akiyama, while Brig. Gen. Jan-Peter Spijk, ACOS J1 SHAPE, is watching.

Photo Andrea Hohenforst



July's fitness event



On Thursday, 31 July this month's fitness event will be held, a 20-km road biking on base. The start will be at the New Gym at 1100.

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Scouts gather for Intercamp 2008!

By Darlene Girod

In 1966 'Rheindahlen District' a part of British Scouts Western Europe, organized the 'Rheindahlen District Scout Camp' on an airfield near Mönchengladbach. A local German Scout Troop (DPSG Rabenhorst, Mönchengladbach) and a Dutch Scout Troop (Scouting Wellerlooi) were invited to participate. This camp was a great success and friendships were formed. The following year, the Dutch and German Troops agreed to organize a reciprocal camp at Wellerlooi, Netherlands. This camp (1967) was then named Intercamp. Since then, the idea of an annual International Scout Camp over Whitsun Weekend has been nurtured and grown into the current Intercamp.

Six Canadian youths, (including 2 Scouts, 3 Senior Cubs and 1 Girl Guide) attended this year's Intercamp from 9 to 12 May with the assistance of 3 leaders and a parent volunteer. Friday they arrived at camp, set up their tents, and had supper. Off to bed as it would be a busy weekend.

On Saturday morning we were all ready for the 0930 opening ceremony. They raised a flag for each country represented by the more than 3,000 participants. There was Canada, UK, Poland, France, the Netherlands, USA, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and of course the host Germany. Following the opening each youth was given a letter and was told to find youth from the other international groups with the other eight letters to spell out 'INTERCAMP' creating mixed teams. Once in a group, they were given a map and directions to Bernkastel-Kues (3 km walk), and a series of site pictures within the town where they had to answer questions.

A few hours later, with all the answers, they returned to the campsite and participated in eight activities, which relied on cooperation and communication to be successful. Upon completion, all participants were awarded a piece of the camp crest. Later, the winning team from each of the six sub camps competed in challenges to determine the overall winner.

Sunday, our leader came back with a map. It was a 16 km trek across the Mosel River, up the vineyard regions, over the ridge far above us, then down into the neighbouring valley to another town. Hats, sunscreen, lunches, first aid kit, snacks and water were all prepared and we were off. The first 3 km weren't too bad. But then the next 2 or 3 km were almost straight up. By the time we reached the top of the ridge, we had climbed over 400 metres. During the hike we participated in several challenges including knot tying, European knowledge, orienteering, nature knowledge, and neckerchief first aid. We all made it into the town and had time to enjoy an ice cream at a local shop. Once back at the camp, we were awarded the second piece of the camp crest. That evening, we started up a small fire to roast marshmallows and shared some with the Dutch troop camping beside us.

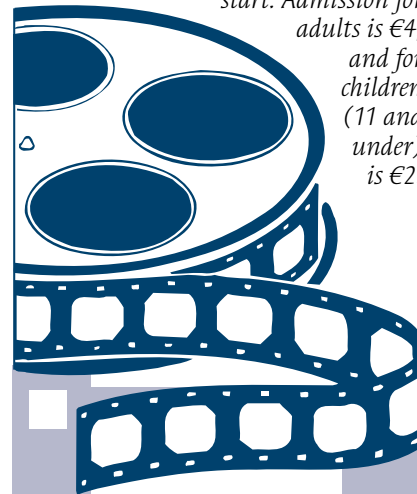
The Canadian Scouting movement is back and looking for new members boys and girls! If you would like more info for your child or to become a leader please visit www.scouts.ca or contact the 1st Geilenkirchen Scouting Group directly. Membership is open to children of all nationalities. We have already begun planning and it looks to be another great year, so why not enjoy Europe with us?



The scouts take a break during one of their hikes.
Photo courtesy Dean Parsons

JFC HQ Alliance Theatre presents

The theatre is located in Building #406, JFC HQ Brunssum, the Netherlands. Doors open 30 minutes prior to film start. Admission for adults is €4, and for children (11 and under) is €2.



The Strangers (R)

Friday, 25 July, 1930
Liv Taylor,
Scott Speedman

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)

Saturday, 26 July, 1600
Tilda Swinton,

The Ruins (PG)

Saturday, 26 July, 1900
Jonathan Tucker,
Jena Malone

Deception (R)

Friday, 1 August, 1930
Hugh Jackman,
Michelle Williams

Speed Racer (PG)

Saturday, 2 August, 1600
Emile Hirsch,
Christina Ricci

Sex and The City (R)

Saturday, 2 August, 1900
Sarah Jessica Parker,
Kim Cattrall

Individual adds add

Text and photos
Capt. Richard Komurek

The Individual Deployment Training (IDT) programme at the Component has been expanded, extending the course from three to four days in order to provide enhanced training for all Component deployable military and civilian personnel. The training is conducted in modules that cover the topics of Theatre Awareness Training, Ground Defense Capabilities, Recuperation Capabilities and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Capabilities. Some of the new topics covered in the expanded training are mine awareness training and camouflage techniques.

In addition to an overnight stay in tent-city and several hours of gas mask and other individual protective gear wear, IDT also offers participants extensive hands-on training in fire fighting and first aid skills for the deployment environment.

Once completed, IDT participants are qualified for four years with the requirement to attend a yearly refresher course as a follow-up.



Student MSgt. Torsten Woszedlo fires a P-7 9mm pistol during weapons training at the indoor shooting range.



IDT instructor TSgt. Sascha Subreg monitors the number of hits on target and the overall score while conducting weapons training during IDT.

al Deployment Training expands, ditional training scenarios



As part of firefighting training, students respond to extinguish a car fire in Tent City.



During the Mine Awareness scenario, students learn to search for landmines in order to save a person injured in a minefield.



Medical Squadron instructor Günther Hellmann directs IDT students on the proper technique for loading a patient into an ambulance.



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Fire Department instructor Jozef Gorski watches as Capt. Steven Chung practices the use of a fire blanket.



Following a simulated chemical attack, students conduct Post Attack Reconnaissance in Tent City.

Tae Bo Legend Billy Blanks visits E-3A Component for Extreme Summer 08

'Tae Bo' creator, Billy Blanks, will tour USAFE and NATO bases from 25 July to 2 August promoting the annual USAFE Services Extreme Summer program. On Monday, 28 July Billy Blanks will visit the E-3A Component.

Billy Blanks® is the creator of Tae Bo®, the revolutionary total body fitness system that has helped millions of people around the world get in shape and feel great! He has also devoted a great deal of time toward helping people through his Foundation and by travelling around the world to train the U.S.

Armed Forces. In addition, Billy's extraordinary achievements as a world karate champion, actor (The Last Boy Scout), author, motivator, philanthropist and humanitarian continue to earn him acclaim and have solidified him as a household name in America.

Please join Billy at the New Gym (bldg 206) 28 July at 0700 for a chance to experience Tae Bo® from the man himself. Autograph/photo session will follow immediately after the workout. No sign up is necessary, just show up and be ready to SWEAT! Open to all NATO ID cardholders.



Photo courtesy: USAFE Services Extreme Summer 08'

Tips for Trips with Toddlers

Ideas for day-trips and excursions for children in the Geilenkirchen area

Text Giulia Mariotti

Bad weather? Why not try the indoor "PeeWee" Playground Among many of the E-3A Component parent community the word "PeeWee" refers to much more than to just a place, but to a great emergency valve for small and large offspring alike who need to work off – or rather "play off" – their never-ending resource of steam!

The fact is that the "PeeWee" keeps young and old alike entertained, especially in bad weather. Its 400sqm of play room with plenty of climbing frames, slides, tube slides, rocking horses, bouncing and rubber mats, toddler playhouses, and hundreds of soft harmless colourful balls,

provides plenty of entertainment and running space for the little ones, while parents can decide whether to join in the fun or simply relax with a cup of coffee and a book at strategically placed tables with a good view over the play area.

For those seeking a less active kind of entertainment, there are also pay-for bumper cars which provide endless fun for drivers and passengers alike.

Entrance is free for children under 2, €1 for grandparents, €5 for children over 2, and €3 for adults. Opening Times: Mondays to Fridays: 1330-1830, Week-ends and holidays: 1000-1830. The PeeWee is located in Max Planckstr. 14 Geilenkirchen (Niederheid). For more information: www.peeweegeilenkirchen.de, or call: 02451 – 8228.

Park & Sell

By Greg Johnson

The Park & Sell - flea market/garage sale event is normally held the second Saturday of every month until October. The next one is Saturday, 9 August. It is located at the U.S. Dental Clinic Parking lot (next to the NATEX grocery store) on the Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base.

Sellers should show up and set up between 0900 and 1000 on the

morning of the event, no reservation required. Sellers pay a \$5 or €4, non-refundable fee.

Shopping lasts from 1000 to 1300. Interesting items and good bargains can be found there and it is especially good for incoming and departing personnel to buy and sell items unique to the area, for example, 220-volt items. Open to all NATO ID cardholders. For more information please call (0)2451-63-2258.

Component soccer team wins match against Dutch air base

By Michael Fohrmann

The NATO Airbase Soccer Team did it again! Coach Mr. Werner Schumm organized a friendly soccer match against the team of Gilze-Rijen Air Base, the Netherlands. All players were highly motivated to show their best soccer. The result of 8-0 for the NATO Air Base team was not as

important as the camaraderie shared between the teams. After the match all players met together and enjoyed a nice BBQ where everybody had a drink and talked together. This was another good example of friendly sports competition between the Germans and the Dutch.

Volkshochschule Language Courses

The fall session of Volkshochschule language courses is starting the week of 1 September. Classes are held in Bldg 141. Basic price for intensive courses: €72 for 24 mornings/evenings. Registration in class. Further information at ext. 4954. The following courses are offered:

German

A1 - Beginners – intensive courses, Berliner Platz 1, lesson 1: Mon & Thu, 1000-1130, instructor Tanja Rzeppa, room 109; Tue & Thu, 1900-2030, instructor Meral Alkan-Oncu, room 109; Tue & Thu, 1900-2030, instructor Christine Mertens, room 118.

A1 - Advanced – intensive courses, Berliner Platz 1: Tue & Thu, 1730-1900, instructor Meral Alkan-Oncu, starting with Lesson 7, room 109; Mon & Wed, 1000-1130, instructor Marita Brinker, starting with Lesson 7, room 118.

A2 - Intensive course, Berliner Platz 2, lesson 13: Tue & Thu, 1730-1900, instructor Christine Mertens, room 118.

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B1 – Intensive course, Headway,

intermediate, lesson 1: Tue & Thu, 1000-1130, instructor Aileen Porter, room 125.

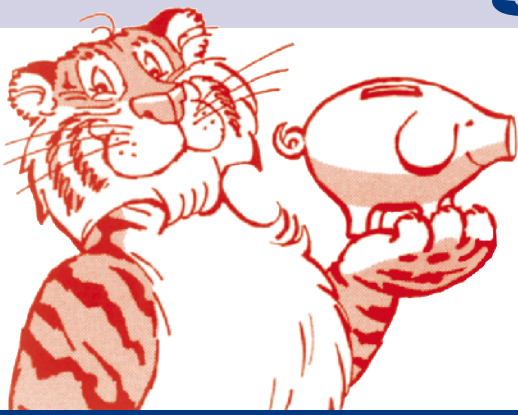
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E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Brunch prices members €10.70, guests €13, children 4-12 years half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before, Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

- 3 No brunch
- 10 Officers' Club family brunch, Frisbee Club closed.
- 17 Frisbee Club lunch, Officers' Club closed.
- 24 Officers' Club family brunch, Frisbee Club closed.
- 31 Frisbee Club brunch, Officers' Club closed.

Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating hours bar Monday-Friday 1100-1800; restaurant Monday-Friday 1130-1330; Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext. 4994). Lunch at the Officers' Club Monday through Thursday; A la Carte menu served, a vegetarian menu also available, Friday buffet style lunch.

Throughout the month membership appreciation. One time each month for each Officers' Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge, Club cards required.

Tuesdays 1700-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available; Fridays 1430-1700 Happy Hour, free snacks available.

The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call, make your reservations now.

For members living on base – if you like to watch TV and/or have a drink during the weekends while the Club is closed – collect the key for the Officers' Club Casual Bar at the Pass/Visitors' Office, Main Gate.

Officers' Club participation in Frisbee Club events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilize the Frisbee Club for breakfast, dinner and Sunday brunch (on an alternating basis between the Frisbee and Officers' Clubs). Club cards required when Officers' Club members are using the Frisbee Club.

Cancellations for Officers' Club events will be accepted up to two days prior to the event on ext. 4990. After this time, a cancellation fee of €5 per person must be charged for non-excused absences.

MWA INFORMATION August

Visit the Officers' Club Web Page on the Component Information Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.

- 11-14 Salad specials during lunchtime.
- 26 BBQ on terrace available from 1600-2000, see special flyer.
- 27-29 No lunch served due to special function.

Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required).

Every Monday-Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1800; every Friday Happy Hour from 1430 until 1900 (including snacks at 1700).

Every Monday lunch 'Bratwurst Special'. Every Tuesday lunch 'Frisbee Burger'. Every Wednesday lunch 'monthly special'. Every Thursday lunch 'Fish Special'. Every Friday lunch BBQ buffet. Every Monday and Friday steak night (normal restaurant times) - steak dinner only, reservations required.

- 4, 11, 18, 25

Country line dance, at 1930.
5 Skat, at 1800.
Bingo and International Wives Club activities will be back in September.

Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

Special information: For any food order more than €20 you will receive a bottle of wine for free! In addition to the daily special, the Sentry Club will also offer a weekend special, which will include a soup or dessert as well as the main course. The weekend special will be advertised in the Sentry Club and also on the Component information web page.

Last Pizza Order at 1930, Monday-Friday; variety of new pizzas is available now, i.e. Pizza 'Gyros', Pizza 'Calzone' and Pizza 'Spinach'. We also will add some new toppings. As soon as the preparations are finished, the details will be advertised on our Component information web page. We will also offer little rolls made from pizza dough with herb butter or garlic mayonnaise.

Take advantage of our new Salad Bar, various types of freshly prepared salads available at a reasonable price.

Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half rolls or freshly prepared



muffins.

For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management.

Need supplies for a party? The Sentry Club is your stop for Warsteiner Beer in 30 ltr and 50 ltr containers, various soft drinks in 1 ltr bottles and tables, benches and other items to help in organising your party. Please be sure to order in advance as certain items (e.g. tables, benches, beer wagons, etc.) must be ordered from the supplier.

In addition to our souvenir items, we also offer some very nice items of our 25th Anniversary: wine €4,50 per bottle (6 bottles for €24), T-Shirt child €5, T-Shirt adult €6, textile patch €3, wrist watch €65, art print of AWACS anniversary aircraft €12 (signed by artist €15).

Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

- 31 Monthly Sports Event
- 31 Closure Swimming Pool

Check our WISE page for latest classes and schedules.

International Library (SWPL/4956)

The operating hours are 1100-1500, Monday through Friday.

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International Pre-school (SWPS/4957) Summer Break!

- 1 Bokrijk Open Air Museum & Playground (Genk).

- 8 Monkeys Indoor Playground (Heinsberg).

For more information and registration, please call the school's office at ext. 4957 or visit us!

Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

Open on Thursdays only, from 1000 to 1400.

International Youth Activities (SWPY/4954/5)

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

Summer Break program

Until 15 August, 0800 to 1730, the IYA is organizing weekly sessions for children aged 6+. The program includes fun games, swimming, arts & crafts, sports, scavenger hunts, free play, special projects, and movies, but will also depend on the weather. Cost is €40 per child, including lunch on Friday, plus the cost of the field trip. The 3rd child only pays half price, and additional children are free. Slots are limited.

Summer Break trips for international Component children aged 6 and up:

Movie Park Germany, 30 July, 0800-1900, €29; Beekse Bergen Safaripark & Adventure Playground, NL, 6 August, 0800-1900, €28; Phantasieland Amusement Park, 13 August, 0800-1900, €34. Chaperones go free. Slots are limited.

Trip to Eltz Castle and Cochem on the Mosel

The IYA is offering a bus trip to the Mosel valley on Saturday, 30 August, 0800-2000. First we will visit the huge medieval fairy-tale castle Burg Eltz and its treasury. From there we will travel on to the beautiful historic town of Cochem. On the market place in the old town and along the Mosel River the local winegrowers are celebrating the annual Weinfest with music, wine booths and traditional food. Cost is €17 for adults, €15 for ages 6-17, and €10 for ages 5 and under.

Swimming courses for beginners and advanced beginners

The next IYA swimming course for children aged 5 and older at the Hallenbad Geilenkirchen is starting on 26 August. Instruction is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1645 to 1745. The program is organized according to the standards of the German Lifesaving Organization DLRG. Our certified instructors speak English and German, and work with the children in groups according to the student's individual skill level. Cost for 10 lessons is €42.

Dance classes

The IYA Dance program under the experienced and certified instruction of Mrs. Stella Schinagl is starting again at the IYA multi-purpose room the week of 25 August. We are offering various levels of Ballet and Tap&Jazz. Cost is €14 for 4 lessons. Register in class.

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