



New rescue chute provides fast escape route



By Heidi Soerensen

Personnel working in the Tower look down at the flight line from a height of more than 20 meters and are often envied for the fantastic view they have from their workplace. Needless to say, escaping from the Tower in case of an emergency requires quite a clever rescue system. In the past a Fire Department ladder truck was used to get the people out of the Tower in an emergency situation. The ladder provided the advantage of being able to bring fire fighters up to the Tower, but personnel could only be rescued one by one. Therefore, it would take up to one hour in order to rescue ten people from the Tower. "What we need is a rescue system that can be used as a fast escape route for evacuating our personnel safely from the Tower. Throughout the last year various rescue systems have been analyzed and tested. The ideal rescue system has now been selected and on Friday 28 August it was installed and tested in the Tower," explained Major Sascha Schiestel, Chief Air Traffic Control Branch.

The new rescue system is manufactured by Thoms and consists of a 20-meter tubular chute made out of light canvas. The chute is stored in a container located on the external balcony. It can be unpacked within few minutes, and personnel can then safely and quickly slide down to the ground. The inside of the chute is shaped like a spiral, which prevents users from falling down in it. It takes approximately 15 to 20 seconds to get one person down. It is even possible for more than one person to slide down at the same time.

"We believe that we have found a system providing the best solutions for our purposes. It has been easy to install, does not hamper our operations and the cost-benefit factor is great. The testing during the implementation on Friday the 28 September has just been a kick-off event. Yearly training is required, and there are some people who believe that others pay a lot of money to enjoy a ride like this in an amusement park. So it also provides a lot of fun," said Major Schiestel with a smile.



Tower personnel and Fire Brigade members had to slide through the 20-meter rescue chute as part of their training.

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Get your name on the list

By Capt. Jolene Ortiona

Fire fighting, explosive ordnance device detection, donning a gas mask...these were just a few skills practiced at the last IDT training 25 – 28 August. Tent city became a scene of frantic activity as approximately 60 Component members spent three days learning their skills and then spent a night and morning putting them to use with multiple exercise scenarios. This group of IDT'ers had the privilege of participating with Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky.

"I was impressed with the training; it was professional,

relevant, well-organized and even fun. I give many thanks to the men and women who dedicate their time to making this training run smoothly.

"To all the deployable Component members out there who haven't experienced it yet, now is the time to get your name on the list," said Brig. Gen. Pototzky.

The list of available training and instructions for signing up is advertised weekly in the base bulletin. The next scheduled training for this year is 27-30 October.

First Czech Officer joins Component



Photo: A1C Nick Baderschneider

Maj. Milan Vojacek presents his new working place to Chief of the Czech Air Force during Czech International Air Fest

By CMSgt. Claus Cohnen

Shortly after his arrival at MOB Geilenkirchen in August this year, Major Milan Vojacek had the opportunity to return to his native country to participate, as part of the Flying Squadron 3, in the Czech International Air Fest CIAF on 5 and 6 September. After 6 years at Brno Aerodrome, CIAF was relocated to Hradec Kralove airfield, close to Prague.

As at every air show, the crew enthusiastically showed the interior of the aircraft to the visitors, who often waited a long time before gaining an impression of the "hidden" flying radar system. This year the Flying Squadron 3 detachment received a special award for the best static display performance.

During the presentation of the NATO AWACS to Mr. Martin Bartak,

Czech Minister of Defense, and Brig Gen Jiri Verner, Chief of the Czech Air Force, given by deployment Commander Lt. Col. Hans Grunwald, Maj. Vojacek's language skills were very helpful and attracted media interest. "I'm amazed and surprised by the welcome given to the Component," he said with a smile. "It helps me to facilitate integration on base," he continued.

Vojacek is the first Czech Officer to be stationed at the Component and as such he is also the Senior National Representative. Ultimately the Czech Republic is expected to fully join the Base in 2010 and to have up to eight service members assigned here.

Before his assignment in Geilenkirchen Maj. Vojacek served at the 24th Transport Air Base, close to Prague, where he flew the Antonov AN 26 "Curl", a cargo aircraft.

Training Wing has new commander

On 9 September Colonel Marco F. D'Asta, ITA AF, assumed command of the Training Wing during an official ceremony at Hangar 2. Component Commander Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky handed over of the Training Wing flag from Col. Angelo Piccillo to Col. D'Asta.

The General thanked Col. Piccillo for his three years of leading the Training Wing with full dedication and wished Col. D'Asta success as the new Training Wing Commander.

The Italian flag was changed between the Cols. Piccillo and D'Asta by Maj.Gen. Leonardo Di

Marco, Commander, Italian Army Artillery Brigade, symbolizing the hand over of senior national representative responsibilities for the Italian detachment here, at the Main Operating Base.

In his speech, Col. D'Asta said, "It is an honor for me to start a new chapter in my career, here at the Main Operating Base. My previous assignments were different and I am enthusiastic and curious about this new job."

Col. D'Asta will be in command of more than 100 military and civilian personnel in the Wing and will be responsible for the training of crews on the E-3A.



Photo: Andrea Hohenforst

(From left to right) Component Commander Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky, Maj. Gen. Leonardo Di Marco, Commander ITA Artillery Brigade, departing TW Commander Col. Angelo Piccillo and the new TW Commander Col. Marco D'Asta.



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Radar on top

Text and photos SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

The windshield wipers of the car have to work regularly to wipe off the falling water. Drop by drop it falls from the rocks inside the tunnel we are driving through. The 4-kilometre uphill tunnel, which passes under two mountains, is the gateway to the Norwegian military radar site on the island of Senjain Northern Norway. "Only persons with special clearance have access," says 1Lt. Jostein Helgeland, who is driving the car and introduced himself as the communications technician of Control Reporting Centre (CRC) Sørreisa. Fortunately, I got that clearance.

The one-lane road, only accessible to military personnel, ends in a 'parking area' inside the mountain, approximately 50 metres below the top. After passing through the two steel entrance doors we enter the facilities. It consists of an office, a living area with kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom and a shower.

Capt. Tom Øien, the radar unit leader, welcomes me. He has twelve radar technicians at his disposal. "We work in shifts," he says. "We always have two technicians on the site continuously from Monday to Friday. The next week they are on duty at the CRC, followed by a week off."

The radar contributes to the production of a Recognised Air Picture for the Norwegian CRCs of Sørreisa, call sign 'VIPER', and Mågerø, call sign 'REDPIPE'. The underground installation consists of four levels under the radar silo. Above the living facilities on level 1 Øien shows me the air conditioning and cooling systems on the following level. A wide air inlet ensures that the living areas and radar equipment

receives the necessary cooling.

"On level 3 we have, among other things the power distribution supplies and an extra cooling system for the summer period. We also have three emergency power units on this level," Øien informs me. Fitness equipment can also be found here for keeping in shape.

"We perform finely accurate electrical maintenance in our offices on level 4," says Øien. "We have all the necessary calibration equipment on hand to do on-site. All the radar equipment is on this level too, including the power unit and a simulator unit that can generate real life scenarios. The radar itself is a 'Sindre' type and provides three-dimensional information: range, azimuth and height."

After years of hard work to construct the access route to the top of the mountain, the actual installation of the radar began. "The installing of the radar equipment started in 2005 and the unit achieved operational status in 2007," says Helgeland.

When we enter the silo we see that the radar equipment is currently inside it because a planned maintenance check is going on. Øien opens one of the panels and explains that the antenna consists of a transmitter and a receiver unit as well as a IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) antenna located on top of the radar equipment.

Then it's time to go out, and I suddenly realise why the fitness room is so necessary here. The stairway to the (emergency) exit has 92 steps. But it's all worthwhile. As we climb the last metres to the top of the mountain a brilliant view welcomes us, a superb mountain panorama.



The 'Sindre' radar provides sensor data to the Control Reporting Centres Sørreisa and Magerø.



Standing on the top of the radar mountain gives you an expansive view of the local landscape.

The hatches of the silo are open. A maintenance test is scheduled to take place for deploying the radar. It's magnificent to watch an almost 20-metre high radar system 'rise up' the mountain. When this has been done, the hatches close and the radar is ready to operate. The next part of the test, retracting the radar inside the silo, is probably even more impressive. As I check my watch, the radar seems to 'implode' into the mountain – a sight only seen before in a James Bond movie.



The air inlet provides the necessary cooling. Care is the keyword; don't come too close to the opening, the unit is suspended two hundred metres above the ground.

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Crew member with 25 years Component



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On 8 September 09 Component Commander Brig.Gen. Burkhard Pototzky surprised SMSgt. Richard "Richie" Nowak, DEU AF, by walking into the Squadron 3 briefing room where Nowak was attending a briefing. This special visit took place because he had reached 25 years at the Component as a Surveillance Operator, a remarkable milestone. Brig. Gen. Pototzky congratulated him on his extraordinary accomplishment and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for 25 years of loyal service to the NATO E-3A Component.



CARS

Bought a new performance car, or are new to the E-3A Component? A number of Component personnel have created an auto enthusiast club known as the Component Autosport Recreation Society (CARS) and they would like to meet you.

The goal is to promote international camaraderie amongst Component members as well as an appreciation for auto sports safety and performance automobiles. CARS is currently planning a trip to the Frankfurt International Auto Show.

They are and have been involved in a range of activities and are looking for new arrivals to the Component to join in the fun.

Recent events include safety seminars, trips to Hockenheimring, Nuerburgring, and other car racing tracks/events as well as local car dealers, detailing events and get togethers.

The CARS club is open to all military and civilian personnel assigned to/employed at the Component, and their dependants which possess a performance automobile - more details available at their Component WISE page (link available under Morale and Welfare Activities - Approved E-3A Component Clubs and Societies).

Text and photos Heidi Soerensen

The Civil Guard has a total of 23 NATO working dogs, six of which are dual trained as bomb dogs. The six bomb dogs live at the homes of their dog handlers and the 17 NATO working dogs have their home in the dog kennels here on base.

The old dog kennels date back to 1983 and were no longer in compliance with the requirements of the "Law for the protection of animals' rights." In the last few years they were used only under waiver while the new kennels were under construction. In June 2009 the new dog kennels were completed, allowing the Security Squadron's Civil Guard and their NATO dogs to move to their new home.

The sound of barking dogs helped me find the way to the new dog kennels, which are located next to the gas station and only one hundred meters from the Civil Guard building. It is a quiet area enclosed by woodland and provides perfect surroundings for the dog kennels. The facility is approximately double the size of the old dog kennels. The kennels are arranged in three rows, each with nine separate indoor rooms for the dogs. Between the rows there is an outdoor area with grass. Through flaps the dogs can be let out into this open area where four dogs can be out at the same time. Although separated by fences the dogs are able to interact with each other.

"From the first day we could see that the dogs felt more comfortable

"Who let the dogs out?"

New dog kennels offer improved living conditions for E-3A guard dogs



in the new kennels. They have much more space and spend more time in the outdoor areas than they could in the old kennels. The dogs have much more social contact and have become calmer. Another advantage is that the logistics have been improved, including the feeding and

the cleaning. And for us it is a safer environment and it is much easier to let the dogs out," said Kennel Master Mr. Paul Maassen.

"The new dog kennels are the best we could ask for and one of the most modern facilities in this region. In the near future we will also

Dog handler Mr. Marcel Brasse with two of the NATO working dogs in the new kennel facility.

establish a training area linked with the kennels and then we will have the optimum setup for the dogs and their handlers," said Commander Security Squadron Lt. Col. Udo Krein.

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Squadron 3 Norway deployment

Weapons controllers concentrating on controlling aircraft on 24 August: (from left to right) Capt. Paul Busuttill, USN Petty Officer 1st Class Marcus Fielder and Capt. Rick Schott.



At Rygge it was surprising to discover that many people already knew the E-3A aircraft from seeing it. "We live only two kilometres away from the airfield. In that direction," the elderly man says, pointing with his finger. "And then this aircraft flies over the area several times to approach the airbase. Why is that?" he asks. "For training purposes, sir." This person was not the only one who had noticed the frequent presence of an E-3A aircraft at Rygge Air Base. The crew received dozens of these questions.

Self-generated Squadron 3's deployment to Norway was a self-generated one. This means that the squadron itself made most of the arrangements. Surveillance Controller, Capt. Bengt Bergan, Plans and Programmes Division, was appointed as Squadron Liaison Officer (SLO). "When the deployment first came up in the quarterly planning I was appointed by the DC as SLO," he says. "The DC is the focal point, of course, and I was tasked with the overall coordination. As it was a deployment generated by the squadron itself, we had to establish the contacts ourselves. One of the most important issues is the security and handling of the aircraft at the deployed locations. We have to clarify how that will be organised and how we can obtain the fuel for the upcoming missions. But administrative details had to be arranged too, such as accommodation, flight meals and transportation. We had to arrange activities for the operations side. The deployment needs to involve valuable training for all sections on board. That also means that you have to gather the necessary documentation for the planned missions. Especially when you get into the detailed pre-planning phase, the coordination becomes time consuming."

Text and photos SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

Summertime is the period of the year when the NATO E-3A Component shows its flag in all kinds of places, mostly in Europe but also overseas. It's the ideal way to inform the public about our unit's capabilities and activities. In the third weekend of August an E-3A aircraft with Squadron 3 crewmembers and maintenance personnel made their appearance at the air show on Rygge Air Base, Norway. But Squadron 3 isn't Squadron 3 if they don't combine this with other activities at the same time. Besides the information given to the public at the air show they coordinated three missions with the Royal Norwegian Air Force and had a day of briefings with colleagues from Control

Reporting Centre (CRC) Sørreisa near Bardufoss Air Base.

"The next seven days will be hard work," briefed Deployment Commander (DC) Lt. Col. Ivar Rismo, Squadron 3 Mission Commander, on 20 August, the day before the actual deployment was due to begin. "But it will provide good training and interaction with colleagues from CRC Sørreisa. We will exchange experiences and visit their facilities."

The day after, during the flight to the air show in Rygge, Squadron 3 mission AC7017 took the opportunity to train a weapons control event along the west coast of Denmark. "Today we controlled Danish F-16s and German Tornados," said Tactical Director Maj. Mark Staley. "The F 16s were the blue force, the offensive aircraft, and the

Tornados were the red force, the defensive aircraft." But the training didn't just involve the weapons section. "For the surveillance section there was Link-16 training with CRC Karup and the aircraft involved," said Staley. After the mission all aspects were discussed in the debriefing, and while some of the crewmembers prepared the aircraft for the air show, the flight deck crew and some of the mission crew were already doing the planning for Monday's mission.

Rygge Air show

With no on-base International Cultural Festival organised this year, there is not much opportunity for people in the local area to experience the various national cultures here and visit an AWACS aircraft. Air shows are a normal part of the summer. Aviation enthusiasts who live near an airfield where an air show is held, or who are planning to visit that area, will often plan their leave so that they can attend the show and see the flying and static displays. The E-3A aircraft is always a hit at every air show because it's one of the few aircraft open to the public.

Like the majority of the air shows, the air show at Rygge, 60 km southeast of Oslo, was a two-day event. The gates of the airfield open at 0800. The crowd starts to come in, and the first people to do so will hurry to the waiting area at the rear door of the AWACS aircraft. The fast ones only spend a short while in the line. The slow ones have to stand in line for longer. It's always amazing to see how people wait in line, sometimes for up to two hours, for a ten-minute aircraft walkthrough. Even in bad weather!

Bardufoss

Besides the two-day air show, the Squadron 3 crew flew four sorties in the 7-day deployment, accomplishing a wide range of training objectives. In addition to the training mission over Denmark the deployment accomplished three missions with the Norwegian Air Force, operating out of Bardufoss Air Base. On the Monday after the air show, show time for the crew was 0500. On this mission and those on the following days F-16 fighter aircraft from Ørland Air Base had to be controlled and Link communications correlation training was foreseen with CRC Sørreisa in the north of Norway and CRC Magerø in the south.

On the last day before the re-deployment to Geilenkirchen a series of briefings took place at CRC Sørreisa. Lt. Col. Rismo provided an E-3A Component briefing

During the Rygge air show, Passive Control Officer Jan-Erik Henriksen provides information about the activities and capabilities of the AWACS system.



t yields multiple benefits



At the Rygge air show the AWACS aircraft was one of the greatest attractions.

covering operations between an AWACS platform and CRCs. He also briefed on Norway's contributions to the E-3A Component. A CRC representative briefed on the capabilities of the CRC and included details about Link 11 communications between ships at sea and the CRC. Also discussed was the infrastructure associated with Link 16. This very interesting visit to the CRC ended with a tour of its facilities.

"Overall, this has been a very valuable deployment. Not only have we had a chance to show the aircraft to the public during the Air show, it has also provided us with excellent training during our missions. It is always very beneficial to get the opportunity to meet the personnel that we coordinate our activities with face-to-face. This enhances the mutual understanding of the capabilities and limitations that exist both in the E-3 as well as at the CRC.

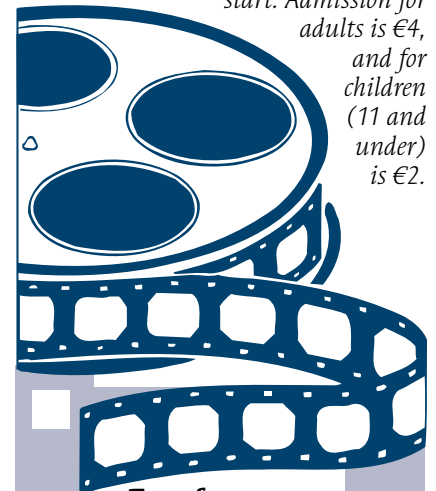
During this deployment, it also allowed some of the CRC personnel to fly a training mission with the E-3, making them more familiar with our operational capabilities, which they can benefit from the next time they are involved with E-3 operations. The crew has done a terrific job throughout this week, and again proved themselves as great ambassadors of NATO and their respective nations", concluded Lt.Col. Rismo.



It isn't often that an AWACS aircraft flies so far north in Europe. After landing at Bardufoss Air Base, Deployment Commander Lt. Col. Ivar Rismo answers questions from the media.

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Transformer: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13)

Friday, 18 September, 1930
Megan Fox, Shia LaBeouf

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG)

Saturday, 19 September, 1600
Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson

I love you Beth Cooper (PG-13)

Saturday, 19 September, 1930
Hayden Penettiere, Paul Rust

The Collector (R)

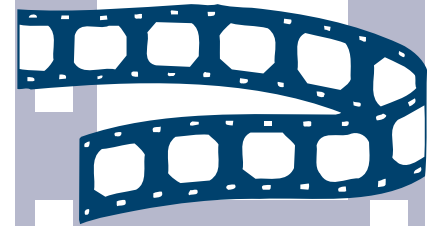
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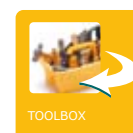
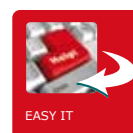
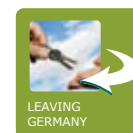
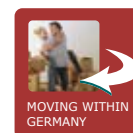
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Success for Civil Guard Biathlon Team at Woensdrecht Airbase

By Jürgen Pobehaj

The 18th International Dog-Handling Biathlon at Woensdrecht Airbase in the Netherlands took place on 2 September. 16 Different dog-handling organizations competed in this International Biathlon event. The competing teams came from the Netherlands Air Force, Swiss and Swedish Army, and from various police forces from Limburg North and South, Utrecht, Bergen op Zoom, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Osnabrück and of course a team from our own Civil Guard, NATO E-3A Component. The Component Team members for this event were Leon Brands, Marcel Brasse, Jos Hanssen, Hein Schots, and also Jürgen Pobehaj as team coach.

On 2 September at 1600, the official opening of the 18th International Biathlon took place in Woensdrecht with an informal, pleasant and festive atmosphere. The Dutch Air Force band opened the Ceremony by playing the National Anthems of all the participating teams, after which the openings speech was given by the Commander of the Air Force, Lt.Gen. J. Jansen. In his speech he expressed his respect and gratitude towards all the dog-handlers, men and women who under sometimes difficult conditions professionally conduct their work in the Police Forces and the Military. He also wished the Dutch Army's 40 Explosive Detection

Dog teams in Afghanistan the best of luck with their duties there. His last words before ending his speech were: "I would like to wish you all a sportive and successful day and may the best team win."

The highlight of the first day was a spectacular, highly accurate parachute jump by the Dutch Air Force bringing the winner's trophy to Lt. Gen. Jansen. At 1800 dinner was served, after which we had a 'meet and greet' and enjoyed a nice glass of beer. Here we met many old acquaintances again, including our good old friend Police Commissioner Detlef Boelter and his team from Niedersachsen. At the age of 59, Detlef Boelter was the oldest competitor in the Biathlon. At 2330 it was time to call it a day and get a good night of rest before the upcoming long day which would require the competitors to use all their energy and capabilities.

At 0800 on 3 September it was showtime for the dogs and trainers. The course layout, rules and points for each of the 20 individual obstacles on the 10 kilometer course were explained the previous day. Leon Brands with the dog 'Cooper' was our first competitor, starting his round at 0930. Next was Marcel Brasse with 'Jule', followed by Jos Hanssen with 'Goran', and finally Hein Schots with 'Mark'.

Around 1430 all the competitors reached the finish. My worry "will it all go well?" was unnecessary. The

handlers and their dogs completed the course amazingly well and without injury. After a refreshing shower it was time for the prize ceremony at 1600.

There were reasons for joy at the announcement of the final scores and positions gained. In this competition with 82 participants, Leon Brands finished 4th in a time of 00:54:13. Marcel Brasse finished 11th in a time of 00:59:49, Jos Hanssen 14th in a time of 01:01:30, and last but not least in a time of 01:08:08 Hein Schots finished 27th. In the age category 45 and older Leon Brands finished 1st and Marcel Brasse 3rd. In the Team category the E-3A Component team finished 3rd. All in all a great result and everyone was satisfied with their efforts.

Sadly there are still people who regard these duty trips as just for fun. They should be aware that those who compete in this Biathlon, with its 10 kilometer course and 20 difficult obstacles, deserve our respect regardless of whether they finish first or last. We wish to thank all those who back us up to enable a team from the NATO E 3A Component Civil Guard to compete in this and future International Dog-Handling Biathlons.

Teamwork: Leon Brands and his dog Cooper won the first prize during the Woensdrecht Biathlon!

Photo: Andrea Hohenforst



Fitness Week 28 Sep - 1 Oct 2009

In addition to the regular class schedule, the following will be offered during the E-3A Component Fitness Week.

28 September 2009

1100 – 1300 Cross Running, Jogging, Walking or Nordic Walking (sticks are available) The distances are 3.500 or 5000 meters.

29 September 2009

1030 -1330 Road Bike Tour (distance 60 km) Bring your own helmet and racing bike. Meeting point at New Gym. For more info call Mr. Jo Collaris, ext 4505
1100-1300 Biking Tour (2 laps of 10 km on base) Bring your own helmet and bike. Meeting point at the Fieldhouse. For more info call Mr. Fritz Stelten, ext. 4920

30 September 2009

1100-1200 Total Body Fitness Instructor Mr. Bert Hendriks (Multi Purpose Room)
1200-1300 Body Styling. Instructor Steve Foreman (Multi Purpose Room)
1100-1200 Zumba (Latin Aerobic Dance). Instructor Mrs. Joyce Ranes(Main Floor)

1 October 2009

08.30-10.00 Spinning Marathon for Dependants. Instructor Joyce Ranes
11.00-12.30 Spinning Marathon. Instructor Geoff Bucknall
12.30-14.00 Spinning Marathon. Instructor Marc Willemsen
14.00-15.00 Spinning Marathon. Instructor Helmut Stienen
Duration of class is 1,5 hrs
Component members have priority.



The German NCO Association 'DUK' invites all Component members and their family and friends to the 27th Oktoberfest on 26 and 27 September in Hangar 2. Doors will open Saturday at 1800 with an evening of delicious food, special brewed festival beer and live entertainment. On Sunday the doors are open at 1030 with the traditional 'Frühshoppen' at 1100. As Sunday is considered a family day there will be plenty of kids' entertainment also.

Tickets are on sale at the Frisbee-Club front desk and at the Sentry-Club. Each NATO ID cardholder is

entitled to purchase 4 tickets plus 1 for him/herself.

Additionally, tickets will also be available at the DUK Office, Bldg. 46, from 21 to 25 September, 0900-1500.

If you sponsor non NATO ID holders it is mandatory to sign them in with full name and national passport number when purchasing the tickets! If you have to change names on a ticket afterwards it has to be changed at the DUK-Office in Bldg. 46. For more information you can call ext. 3465.

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70 Year old retiree leaves Component

By Theo Collijn

On 2 September 09 Mrs. Anneliese Krumbach turned 70 years old. Two days later the Base Support Wing Commander, Col. Reinhard Mack, bade farewell to her at an unofficial ceremony in the conference room of Building 5.

Mrs. Krumbach started on 1 October 1981 as a cleaner in Building 20 and after the move of the BSW HQ to Building 5, she continued working there. Cleaning contractors came and went, but she became the continuity factor at the Base Support Wing Headquarters for a period of 28 years. Through the years she became more than a colleague for the many staff members she served. She became a friend and confidante and she even looked after their children, cats and dogs when asked.

During his speech, Colonel Mack mentioned Mrs. Krumbach's absence rate. During the 10,200 days of her assignment to Building 5, she had been sick only for a 14-day period!

With the retirement of Mrs. Krumbach, the Component loses a pioneering member; Building 5 loses her 'cleaning service with a smile'. Col. Mack concluded his speech by wishing Anneliese and her family a long and happy future.

A farewell tour at the Component's Fire Department was organized for the occasion of her farewell. She was presented with a picture of the Base Support Wing staff members in front of the Component's welcome sign, and it will surely get a prominent place in Anneliese's home in Scherpenseel. The short distance to the base will allow her to stay in contact with the people she enjoyed serving so much.



Autumn Ball at Officers' Club

E-3A Component Officers' Club presents the Component Autumn Ball with an exclusive Dinner Buffet on Friday, 6 November, 1900. An evening with live

music by 'a Combo of the Bundeswehr', which will play dance music. Ticket sale starts on 15 September at the Officers Club, Managers' Office

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New season of the football holiday camp of Germania Teveren in cooperation with the international youth of NATO

(German newspaper article translated by Sarah Chalmers)

Geilenkirchen. The football holiday camp, which was organised on the initiative of youth sports director Walter Marienfeld and NATO sports director Stephanie Chalmers for the children and youth of Germania Teveren and NATO families, continued to be a successful venture

in 2009.

However, the positive response we received to the Camp held in 2008 meant that many young football fans were not able to take part in this year's holiday football camp due to the limited spaces available. More than 50 young football players wanted to demonstrate and continue to improve their talent by playing in the 2009 camp under the leadership

of the graduate sports teacher and football coach Jörg Halfenberg. Stephanie Chalmers managed to enrol close to the maximum number of players and was able to offer 43 children and youth an exciting holiday period in the football camp.

For a period of five days, the youth were given the chance to participate in two daily training sessions of 150 min. each. These sessions were

organised to help the youth improve their technical and tactical skills while also working on their coordination, motor function and running skills. The young football players were able to show what they had learnt and put their newly-acquired skills to use straight away in the many friendly games.

One of the special features of the camp is the mixture of different cultures and nationalities it brings together. Many new friendships were formed between the youth, who were also able to work on their language skills as the camp was held in two languages.

The parent-children games festival, which took place on the last day of the camp, was a special highlight: parents interested in football were given the chance to learn about what the camp is all about. The youths' mothers and fathers were able to experience how their sons and daughters learned new technical and tactical elements of the game in a playful manner by playing against their children.

Germania Teveren coach Walter Marienfeld was very pleased with the successful start of the new football season of his young Germania-players and is already working on the preparation for the football camp in 2010. He has already arranged for the cooperation with Jörg Halfenberg to be continued together with NATO sports director Stephanie Chalmers. The football holiday camp will be held for the third year in a row in 2010.

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Young football fans successfully took part in the 2009 football camp organised by Jörg Halfenberg

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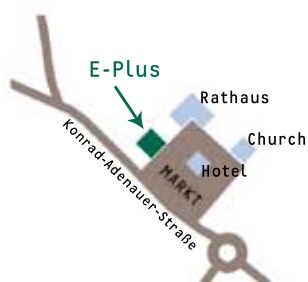
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