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Happy Holidays to you and your families

Keri and I would like to wish each of you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! We are proud to be a part of the NATO AWACS team and thank each of you for what you do to sustain the mission of this one of a kind organization.

Regardless of the assignment or location the holidays seem to bring out a little of the best in everything and everyone. This year is no different. Keri and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the many national activities and holiday events here on NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen and in our local community.

Over the past year, all of you have worked extra hours and weekends to deliver E-3A AWACS capability to support two on-going NATO missions. This hard work now gives many of us the unique opportunity to take a little extra time to enjoy the friendship and family fun the New Year's Celebrations always bring.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the holidays to do one or two of those things with your families which may have been pushed aside throughout the course of a busy year.

I recognize many organizations on-base won't be able to take full advantage of the holiday break. I want to thank those members of our team in organizations such as Civil Guards, International Military Police, Command Post, Firefighters, and many others who will tirelessly stand the watch over the holiday break to enable the rest of us to enjoy the time with our families and friends.

Finally, this year, like many before, more than 100 members of our team are deployed over the holidays. Please do not hesitate to take the opportunity to reach out

to the families of these Component members and share your New Year's spirit. Sharing the holidays with another member of our team can make it a special holiday indeed.

Happy Holidays and I look forward to a great year in the Component in 2013!



MAJ GEN ANDREW M. MUELLER

Commander hosts Component Safety Day

By Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Daniels

More than 500 members participated in November's Safety Day event, which was a resounding success.

The Safety Day campaign met its goal of effectively spreading the word on safe flight and ground operations.

During the event, General Mueller reaffirmed his support to the safety of each member of the component. He stressed the need to avoid complacency in daily operations and promoted the need for continued open communications up and down the chain of command in resolving safety concerns.

The Safety Division covered a myriad of flight, ground, and weapon safety

topics and high-lighted strategies to avoid accidents associated with winter operations. Attendees were then released to their organizations for unit led discussions on workplace safety and risk management.

The day culminated with an "all-call" at the E-3A Club where General Mueller invited all members to join an open discussion with senior leaders on the status of safety within their organization and throughout the Component.

"This was one of the best Safety Day events I have attended in my tenure on the Component, I especially liked the strategies conveyed on safe winter operations" said Lt. Col. Gero Ronneberger, Component Training Wing.

This installment of Safety Day highlighted the need for

continued vigilance in all manner of operations. In seemingly mundane or routine task it's easy to lose focus on minor details.

Each component member must do all they can to avoid complacency; each supervisor must stress the need for attention to details and adherence to standards.

As we analyzed our accident trends over the past three years we noticed an uptick in the level of ground safety incidents which warrants our focus. The good news is that our overall numbers relating to workplace incidents are trending down. We had 67 incidents in 2011 and are projected to have just 45 in 2012.

Our operations are very dynamic, complex and changing. Rushing is not always productive, in fact,

there are many situations when slow is smooth and smooth is fast. Remember take your time, do the job right the first time. Do not take shortcuts or accept unnecessary risks.

Leaders must continue to emphasize and promote safety within your organization; your support of our members is critical to mission success.

Supervisors must continue to protect employees and the workplace against hazards. Lastly, individuals must identify hazards early and upchannel concerns to their supervisor so that an immediate fix can be applied.

Finally, as we approach the end of the year and wintery conditions, let's finish wishing a safe and effective mission accomplishment.



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New Deputy Commander for the E-3A Component

By Maureen Geraets-Head

With the signing of the official handover certificate on 7 December, Colonel Marinus (René) Moerland, NLD Air Force, accepted his duties as Deputy Commander of the E-3A Component.

During a ceremony, Colonel Ton van Happen, NLD Air Force, officially relinquished his duties as Deputy Commander. Col. Van Happen had been Deputy Commander since June 2008.

Col. Van Happen reflected on his past four and a half years and concluded: "Men and women of the Component, its time to go. Much of the praise I received the last weeks is of course based on your hard work and dedication. It's you that fly, maintain, provide software and other mission support and train the newcomers. Doing that effectively, coming from so many different nations, is really magic. So it's you that made this assignment truly special and I thank you all for that."

Presiding over the handover in the E-3A Club was the E-3A Component Commander, Major General Andrew M. Mueller. High-ranking military dignitaries, distinguished guests from the local area and invited Component members attended the ceremony.

Col. Moerland said in his inaugural speech that this assignment means a lot to him. He is proud to be chosen to serve at this outstanding unit, side by side with so many great people of different nationalities.

"NATO AWACS was vital in the past, at the forefront of NATO's air campaigns. Also now, as I speak, we are supporting real world operations. I am convinced that we will be asked to do exactly that in the future. We are an indispensable and proven force



Photo by Andrea Hohenforst

to NATO, wherever and whenever. So, not only I, but also you should feel proud at this achievement," said the new Deputy Commander.

He continued, "I am also eager to get started. But there are challenging and difficult times ahead. If we want to maintain our AWACS capability, we must keep the force relevant and affordable in the eyes of our nations. The Force Review is a major instrument in achieving just that and is therefore on the top of my list. We are in good shape, but this review is a chance to get even better, regarding aircraft performance, serviceability, crews, training, exercises and governance."

"Last but not least I am thankful", Col. Moerland said. "Firstly, to the leadership of the Dutch Air Force and the leadership of the NAEW&C Force for giving me the chance – and the trust – to become the new deputy component Commander. I will not disappoint you."

"I am also thankful to all the men and women of the E-3A Component for receiving and training me well as a new tactical director and a new deputy commander."

With this assignment, Col. Moerland also becomes the new Senior National Representative for

Biography Colonel Marinus (René) Moerland

René Moerland was born in Moerdijk, the Netherlands, on November 5, 1961. He entered service with the Royal Netherlands Air Force in 1980.

He was assigned to the Control and Reporting Centre (CRC) in Nieuw-Milligen from 1981 through 1988 as Fighter Controller. In 1983 he was promoted Second Lieutenant and in 1986 First Lieutenant.

In 1988, upon promotion to Captain, he was employed in an international posting at NAEW Force Command in Mons (BEL). During Operation Desert Storm he was deployed to the Turkish Air Force headquarters in Diyarbakir as NAEW Advisor.

In 1991 he was (re-)assigned to CRC Nieuw-Milligen to receive continuation training, qualifying as Fighter Allocator, Surveillance Controller and Master Controller, and to perform various staff functions such as STANEVAL and EW Officer. During that assignment he served as Fighter Liaison at the Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) in Vicenza (ITA) in support of air operations (Deny Flight) over the former Yugoslavia.

After the middle management staff course he was promoted to



Photo by Hay Jansen

Col. René Moerland (left) accepts his Deputy Commander and Senior National Representative responsibilities from Col. Ton van Happen.

the Dutch military stationed at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.

Col. Moerland also thanked his predecessor, Col. Van Happen, for bringing him up to speed and showing him all the insights of this job. He concluded his speech by saying, "I stand

before you as a happy, proud, eager and thankful new Deputy Component Commander, tactical director and new Dutch Senior National Representative. I look forward to working with all of you, in exactly that same spirit. There is plenty of hard work ahead, but together we will make it!"

Major, and in 1994 he became a staff officer at CAOC 3 in Sembach (DEU) as Defensive Planner. In 1996 he was posted to the staff of CAOC 4 in Messtetten as Offensive & EW Planner.

Starting in 1997 he attended the Higher Command and Staff Training Course. Upon graduation in 1998 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and began an assignment as Policy Adviser on the staff of the Deputy Commander RNLAf. He was also deployed to the CAOC in Vicenza as Senior Operations Officer of the CAOC Battle Staff during air operations (Allied Forge) over the former Yugoslavia.

From 2002 he was employed in the Netherlands Defence Staff as Senior Policy Officer in the Conceptual Issues Department, where he worked on matters such as the Military Strategic Vision of the CHOD, the Ground Target Engagement Study and the Integral Helicopter Study.

In 2005, upon promotion to Colonel, he was assigned to the General Policy Directorate, where his responsibilities included parliamentary negotiation of budgets and preparation for the weekly meetings of the Council of Ministers.

At the start of 2008, Col Moerland attended the Netherlands MOD Top

Management Training course, after which he was employed from mid-2008 until the end of 2009 as Head of the Mission Support Department of the Netherlands Air Staff. The key issues under his responsibility were civil-military air traffic management, expeditionary Air Command and Control and the enhancement of the Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of the Royal Netherlands Air Force. In mid-2009 he acted as Joint Force Commander during NEC Exercise Purple Nectar.

From January 2010 through April 2012 he served as Chef de Cabinet (MA) to the Commander of the Netherlands' Armed Forces, General Peter van Uhm. During that period he deployed to Kandahar Air Base as Commander of the Netherlands Contingent Afghanistan, with particular responsibility for the build-up of 1 (NLD) Police Training Group in Kunduz, the relocation of 1 (NLD) Air Task Force to Mazar-e-Sharif, and as Red Card Holder.

In April 2012 Col Moerland was appointed to become Deputy Commander of the NATO AWACS E-3A Component in Geilenkirchen, Germany. He is qualified as an E-3A Tactical Director. He became Deputy Commander of the E-3A Component and Senior National Representative of the Netherlands on 7 December 2012.



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Foundation stone laid for new IT facility

The largest construction project currently underway at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen is officially designated the NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force (NAEW&CF) IT and Training Support Facility.

NATO is investing about 18 million Euros at NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen for the re-modeling of the existing flight simulator building and a new facility for highly technical IT equipment.

The Aachen office of Bau- und Liegenschaftsbetrieb Nordrhein-Westfalen (BLB NRW) is responsible for managing the construction of the IT centre, which will have a floor area of 3,650 square meters.

For the BLB's Deputy Head, Mrs. Ute Willems, and her colleagues

this project is a demanding task in structural and technical terms because it is essential to ensure compliance with the highest NATO standards and security criteria, and this project represents at the same time a clear expression of confidence in the continued operation of NATO Air Base and an acknowledgment of its importance for this region.

Test running of the first computers to be installed in the new building will commence in mid-2014, and the project as whole is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2015.

In future the building under construction will house the IT Support and Training Support facilities of the E-3A Component stationed here. The flight simulators housed in the existing Building 216, which is



Photos by Andrea Hohenforst

On December 10, Maj. Gen. Andrew M. Mueller, Commander of the NATO E-3A Component, the Host Nation representative Mrs. Ursula Krüger (middle), Finanzpräsidentin of the Oberfinanzdirektion Münster, and Mrs. Ute Willems, Deputy Head of the Bau- und Liegenschaftsbetrieb Nordrhein-Westfalen (BLB NRW), jointly laid the foundation stone for the new IT centre.



currently in need of refurbishment, will continue to operate.

will continue to be accommodated there.

In the meantime, part of the building will be demolished, and the whole structure is to undergo refurbishment to enhance its energy efficiency, windows and technical equipment will be replaced, and the facade and roof will be insulated. The flight simulator, mission simulator, radar simulator and their personnel

This existing structure will be connected to the new Building 320 by a bridge. This new building will house the main servers for the various on-base IT cable networks, as well as experimental laboratories, test facilities and offices for administrative services and programming.

Airpower

Text and photo Capt Wilko ter Horst

Not so long ago we visited Herman's studio at Schinveld in the Netherlands, after we heard of his excellent airbrush skills and beautiful work. Would he be able to airbrush an AWACS?

Airpower is perhaps the right word to indicate what 'airbrushing' can do. It is one of the many techniques that can be used to produce art, but it is more versatile than most other techniques.

An airbrush is a small, air-operated tool that sprays various media, such as ink or dye.

Airbrushing is a special technique and this technique can be learned by anyone. You do not need to be able to draw, because there are many ways to fill this gap.

Airbrushing can be done in a very simple way, but it can also be photo realistic. Just across the border, Herman Veltrop teaches airbrushing technique. Step by step his students learn the knowledge that comes with this technique, and slowly they develop the art of airbrushing.

Herman says, "it doesn't matter what you like to paint: animals, custom painting, or portraits. As long as you enjoy what you do, the results will follow automatically." Herman himself likes photo realism and most of all he likes planes, especially WW2 planes, but he is also known for his photo-realistic pictures of animals.

One of Herman's great works is The Beautiful Great Horned Owl or, as the Dutch call it, the Oehoe. This very realistic painting was produced by a combination of airbrush, pencil and brush and is also a model for the advanced students. It is on a 30 x 70 cm illustration board.

Herman continues: "Nothing is impossible! If you like it, and you also want to learn the beautiful art of airbrushing, than go for it!"

If you would like to visit Herman's studio at Bouwbergstr 10, Schinveld, if you would like some more information about airbrushing or how to start taking a course, then please feel free to contact him via e-mail: Airpower.55@hccnet.nl or have a look at Herman's site: www.airbrushpower.nl.

Herman speaks Dutch, German and English.



This airbrush painting by Herman Veltrop was presented to Col. Ton van Happen.

THE E-3A COMPONENT DURING

JANUARY



- One year Operation Afghan Assist
- First 2012 Operation Active Endeavour flight from FOB Aktion
- New Logistics Wing commander Col. Paul "Greg" Bell



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APRIL

- First TNT aircraft arrives



- Weather forecasts available via video conferencing



- Force Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt visits MeS

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FEBRUARY



- TCA disassembled at Aviation Competence Centre in Maastricht, NLD



- Carnival celebration on base

- TCA parts go to Deutsches museum, Munich, DEU

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MAY

- International Children's Festival



- Sports Day

- New commander Aircrew Training Squadron: Lt. Col. James Kinnear



- Personnel with 30 years of service at the E-3A Component

M

MARCH

- Fire Safety Day: education and awareness
- SACEUR meets Component leadership, personnel



M

JUNE

- LAIRCM upgrade ceremony



- 30 Year Jubilee celebrations
- Royal Norwegian Force band performs

J



- Squadron 2 crew deployed at FOL Oerland helps locate missing C-130

30 YEAR JUBILEE - IMPRESSIONS



THE YEAR 2012 - AN OVERVIEW

J U L Y



J

- ☛ Dual Change of Command Ceremony
- ☛ NATO AWACS participates in RIMPAC exercise in Hawaii
- ☛ Component team participates in the 4-day Nijmegen March
- ☛ New IT Wing commander: Col. Juan Ramon del Rio Nieto

O C T O B E R



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- ☛ New Squadron 3 commander: Lt. Col. Daniel Held
- ☛ New FOB Aktion commander: Lt. Col. Panagiotis Drakopoulos
- ☛ International Cross-country Run

☛ NATO Ambassadors visit base



A U G U S T



A

- ☛ Photo contest: winning picture by Hikmet Bastug
- ☛ New personnel attend Newcomers Briefing

N O V E M B E R



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☛ Visual Services designs the 8th limited edition MeS card

S E P T E M B E R



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- ☛ New Flight Training Device
- ☛ Red Arrows refuel at GK
- ☛ Oktoberfest
- ☛ Terry Fox Run
- ☛ New Squadron 2 commander: Lt. Col. Jose Romero

D E C E M B E R



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☛ Handover ceremony for Deputy Component Commander



☛ Foundation stone for new IT building



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A year in review...

Operations Wing

Like so many years in the past, 2012 has been a busy year for the Operations Wing. Aside from approaching the two year milestone of our flying mission in Operation Afghan Assist, we have also participated in several unique exercises outside of the European theater.

Most notably, RIMPAC 2012, which involved forces from 22 nations, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel. Keeping with the Pacific Rim theme, we also participated twice in Red Flag Alaska, a multi-service, multi-national, coordinated, aerial combat exercise. These are just a few of the many noteworthy events we used to sharpen our joint warfighter skills.

Most people do not normally see all the other activities that the Operations Wing personnel have participated in over the past 12 months.

We have donated time, manpower and money to several events, most notably the Children of Chernobyl visit, and the Terry Fox fundraising campaign which generated €16,767 for cancer research.

This year there was also the Component's 30th Jubilee, and countless airshows, static displays and visits of dignitaries. What do all the above events have in common? The amazing men and women of the Operations Wing, and their dedication to get the job done.

Headquarters

Some may call the Headquarters the Commander's right arm; others may say it is the heart of the organization. But no matter from which direction you approach it, the A Staff, BDH, SOC, CSE, LAO and PAO all work hard and intensively to provide COM with the right options and recommendations to enable him to make sound decisions.

The focus is always on the topics that affect all Wings, and with the aim of eliminating as many intersecting responsibilities as possible, so that the Wings can concentrate solely on the execution of their primary mission.

Thus, the HQ is busy with the PE fill rate, current operational planning and monitoring, proper infrastructure management, transparent requirement and performance processes, Component

training and FOB/L relations, O&S budget oversight and execution, legal advice, flight and ground safety, standardization, public affairs and all base support functions, such as security, transportation, MWA, central administration and medical services.

And certainly the ongoing Force review would fail if A1 did not provide such superb expertise in this difficult matter – an example, of course, that stands for the great work of all Headquarters personnel.

This impressively wide range of objectives is difficult to control but effectively managed by DCOM and COS. Both meet daily with COM to discuss business and policy topics to the benefit of the mission and all members of the Component alike.

So, decide for yourself, right arm or heart, ... or even both?

Logistics Wing

This was a challenging but successful year for the Logistics Wing. Our professional members generated more than 1,200 E-3A sorties – from here at the MOB, in Afghanistan, all over Europe, across North America and to the Pacific!

Their 96% launch effectiveness rate is an astonishing accomplishment which allowed the Component to fly combat and training missions in a predictable, efficient and safe manner.

Members of the Logistics Wing cared for this fleet of "Magic" aircraft through a number of expert actions – many visible and familiar, most behind the scenes, all important. And they performed their duties safely and effectively: here at the MOB, at the Forward Operating Bases and Location and other airfields.

Our Wing, like others at the Component, served every single day of 2012 in a combat zone.

Maintaining an aged fleet – flying them today and keeping them flying for 30 more years – requires professional and dedicated experts. We're fortunate to have so many of them here at the Component.

The Logistics Wing has plenty to be proud of with its extraordinary accomplishments this year. Yet we sadly bade farewell to some close colleagues – many through moves, others through retirement. And our family is deeply saddened by the passing of our long-time friend, Herr Günter Diehm.



Each of our colleagues has worked to make the Logistics Wing successful this year and prepared to overcome the challenges we will meet in the coming one!

Training Wing

2012 has been quite a busy year for Training Wing (TW). We had to cover the 2011 backlog of students as a result of the Component's concurrent participation in two operations: Unified Protector and Afghan Assist.

At the same time, TW began a complete revision of the Training Concept, moving from a pre-defined set of training provided to students to a more flexible system which recognizes actual performance.

This work meant re-thinking from scratch the procedures, evaluation system, instructor cadre preparation and skills and, last but not least, the implementation of an effective system to monitor student progress and performance.

All this was followed up by producing the related documentation. Everything was developed while we were still continuing to do our day-to-day job, and it represented an enormous amount of work and working hours. The information below speaks for itself:

- 210 Students trained
- 247 Students graduated
- 240 Flying sorties per 1,500 flying hours
- 3,331 Hours in the Flight Simulator
- 239 Mission Simulator sorties

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- 75 TW personnel on operational deployment (total of 1,714 days)
- 84 TW personnel on deployment for Operation Active Endeavour (total of 788 days)

Commander Colonel Marco F. D'Asta is proud of TW personnel efforts, capabilities and motivation. He takes this opportunity to thank them all wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IT Wing

What a year! IT Wing is on a roll and there's nothing stopping us. Force Review, Integrated Project Teams, bring it on!

While conducting a functional review of our activities as part of the Force Review we are reminded of the IT Wing core value, which is to provide cost effective support to the E-3A missions.

The A6 staff has done a phenomenal job planning and coordinating CIS support to Ops, meeting requirements to create a modern, robust, reliable and secure operating environment and towards establishing first rate management of IT services to the Component.

MSEG's ISO 9001 certification was confirmed in 2012 and its MOCPO4ACUP, the latest Mission Software version, received both Technical and Operational Airworthiness approvals for the first time.

The RN03, a new version of the E-3A radar software, was engineered which provides the capability to operate the radar system both in Narrow Band and Wide Band Klystron configuration.

The CIS Squadron improved network redundancy, mission support, and customer service. The Squadron enabled remote administration of the DMSS in Mazar-e-Sharif from the Component and a second server facility was completed to ensure network and data storage redundancy.

Additionally two major applications to automate post mission data processing and to provide an improved and accelerated operational map release process were developed. The Consolidated Service Desk and Communications Center now provide customers a single point for addressing IT related issues.

The bars on our windows are to keep the good ideas from escaping, not from keeping bad people out. Look out 2013!

Interview with new Financial Controller

The E-3A Component Public Affairs Office sat down with Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz, for a short interview to introduce him and explain what he does as the Component's new Financial Controller.

Dr. Seekatz, since July you are the new Financial Controller at the E3A Component. Can you introduce yourself to your new colleagues?

Thank very much for giving me this opportunity. I am Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz, a 49 years old German. I am married to Andrea and live with her in Koblenz. We do not have children, but the most beautiful cat of the world. My hobbies are outdoor related sport activities such as jogging, but my real passion is alpine trekking in high altitudes. I also like reading good books whenever time allows.

What was your profession before you came to the E3A Component?

After my military service, eight years as an NCO for the German Army, I studied first Public Administration and later Business Management. On top of that, I did a Doctorate in Public Management. With this background I had some very interesting jobs as a Civilian within the German Defense Administration, mostly in the fields of Economy and Finance.

What in particular qualifies you for the position as a NATO Financial Controller (FinCon)?

Surly my posts in the TORNADO and EUROFIGHTER/THYPHOON projects were very helpful. I worked for more than six years as a NATO Civ A-4 "Specialist Financial Control" at NETMA (NATO EUROFIGHTER and TORNADO Management Agency) in Munich. I directly worked for the FinCon and I learned all the challenges a NATO FinCon faces for such big projects with those large budgets.

What is the role of the Financial Controller?

There is a saying that the Financial Controller "keeps his Commander out of prison". And I think this is quiet true because I am his first advisor in all financial matters. In this field I am fully responsible and accountable by law. Therefore, I have a direct reporting line to the Commander as well as to the ACO Financial Controller at SHAPE who directly reports to SACEUR.

This is, by the way, the reason why the FinCon is not appointed by the Component. He/she is

always appointed by NATO's Budget Committee on the proposal of the local Selection Board, in which ACO FinCon is represented.

Can you please explain your roles as A8 versus FinCon?

As A8 I am a Division Leader within the Headquarter and in this role I report to Chief of Staff. This means I am responsible for my team which is divided into 4 Branches and comprises about 30 people both military and civilian. The output of the A8 Division spreads between Budgeting & Disbursing, Finance & Accounting, Procurement, Travel and Internal Reviews.

My branches support me in my roles as A8 and FinCon but sometimes there can be conflicts between these two roles. However, in the end I have to ensure that all financial decisions are compliant with policies, procedures, regulations and laws.

What are the main challenges you see with your new post here in Geilenkirchen?

The main challenge is for sure the current pressure on our budgets. As everyone is aware there are several external factors that will have a negative impact on the funding provided by the NAPMO nations. These include the decision by Canada to withdrawal from our program, the decision by the nations to implement a limited Peacetime Establishment (PE) for our program along with Allied

Ground Surveillance (AGS) and the global finance crisis resulting in nations not being able to provide additional funding to our program.

What does this really means to the Component?

There is a simple message: The golden times have gone and we have to save money! But when I say this I do not mean blindly cutting funds just to reduce the budget. As an economist I would rather look for a good value for money whenever we have to spend it.

What do you expect from the people of the Component to cope with these challenges?

I think everyone at the Component can and must help. As FinCon it is my job to insist that every single person will contribute to find cost savings within this program. My team, in particular Internal Review will help with this issue, however the Component members should not wait for A8 or their own supervisors to act.

There are already many options for more efficiency, like reviewing the need for Duty Travels (TDY) or procurements and the possibility to save energy or engine fuel. By the way, for the latter the environment, Mother Earth (also your children some day), will be very grateful.

Thank you, Dr. Seekatz, for taking the time to talk to us.



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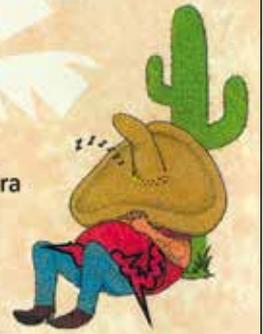
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IWC hosts Turkish cultural evening

By Laura H. Kaya
Photos courtesy IWC

Last month, the Turkish ladies of the International Women's Club hosted a cultural evening that started with a tasting of stuffed grape leaves "yaprak sarma" and red lentil koftes "mercimek kofte".

Mementos of Istanbul were presented to the many ladies who had been stationed in, or traveled to, Istanbul. Then images of Istanbul's sites, new and old, were shown and a show of Turkish dances, a mixture of modern and traditional Anatolian techniques, beats and melodies.

The audience was captivated by the passion of the dancers as they whooped and stomped to the pulse of Turkey's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

During the night, a raffle was drawn and Istanbul T-shirts were awarded to the lucky winners.

Of course, one of the highlights of IWC is always the food. The main course was Inegol kofte, pilaf and Turkish beet salad, the recipe for which will be in the IWC's International Cookbook, available for purchase in early 2013.

The evening ended in dancing the Halay, a traditional Turkish folk circle/line-dance in which the crowd links together and moves as one, before being rewarded with dessert: pistachio and walnut baklavas.



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Retirement for Orhan Yigit

By Tekin Edeer

Mr. Orhan Yigit (first row right) joined the E-3A component as an Aircraft Electrical System Technician on February 8, 1988. He retired on November 30, 2012, after more than 24 years of loyal and dedicated service.

In honor of his outstanding accomplishments, the local Turkish civilian community at the E-3A Component held a dinner at one of the fine restaurants in Mönchengladbach, to say good bye and to wish Mr. Orhan Yigit and his wife well in their retirement in Turkey.

New players welcome for handball in Übach-Palenberg

By Koos Brongers

We are looking for handball players to join our handball club in Übach-Palenberg.

We have three men's teams playing in different categories. The first team plays in the Verbandsliga and trains Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The second team plays in the Kreisliga and also trains Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The third team plays in the Kreisklasse and trains Fridays from 8 to 10 p.m.

We also have one ladies' team in the Kreisliga, which trains Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. And we have youth training at various times.

For more information or to join the club, call Koos Brongers, ext. 4666 or 0176-96634297.

Robert Burns supper night

The next Burns Supper will take place at the E-3A Club on January 25, 2013. Tickets are available at the E-3A Club Manager's Office.

The E-3A Club has hosted the traditional Burns Night Supper since 2006 as a semi-formal event for both genders. The evening centers on the entrance of the haggis (a type of sausage prepared in a sheep's stomach) on a large platter, accompanied by the sound of a piper playing bagpipes.

When the haggis is placed on the table, our "Haggis Basher", Mr. Andy Holmes, reads the "Address to a Haggis". This is an ode that Robert Burns wrote in honor of this famous Scottish dish.

At the end of the reading, the haggis is ceremonially sliced into two pieces and the meal begins. Despite what some people may think, haggis really does taste good, so please do not hesitate to come to this event and try it out.

Every year we try to add something new to make this traditional event special every time. We can promise

you that our 2013 event will be the best ever, featuring David Johnston, world champion bagpiper, and Mark Wilson, a world champion drummer, who will provide you with entertainment throughout the evening.

Burns' Night is annually celebrated in Scotland on or around January 25. It commemorates the life of the renowned bard (poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. Burns' best known work is "Auld Lang Syne", which is sung all over the world during New Year's Eve parties to say goodbye to the past year and bring in the New Year.

Many people and organizations hold a Burns Night Supper. These may be informal or formal, only for men, only for women, or for both genders. Formal events include toasts and readings of pieces written by Robert Burns. Ceremonies during a Burns Night Supper vary according to the organizing group and the location.

Don't miss this special event! "Och aye the Noo."

CIS Squadron Comms Chat

By Maj. Cort Stargell

Do you use an E-3A Component computer, access the Local Area Networks (LAN) or talk on a Component provided phone or BlackBerry? Then the CIS Squadron Comms Chat may be of interest to you. We will frequently provide valuable information on topics such as completed projects, future Communication Information System (CIS) changes, or helpful tips.

Why would you be interested in communication issues? It's hard to communicate without comms! Just imagine yourself without access to a computer for a day or two and try to complete your work!

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The CIS Squadron Comms Chat is an attempt to improve customer (your) awareness of CIS services through various media outlets and hopefully impart useful



information to improve your effectiveness in achieving mission success.

Some of the items you can expect to see include upcoming major changes that may have a significant impact on the network or information. They could include such topics as:

Updates - Why these crazy updates?

- Anti Virus & Security - Case studies? Risks?
- When? - What timeframe can we expect?
- How? - How does it affect me?
- Preparation - Backing up data, which data, how, and where to?
- Learning - How is Office 2010 different from 2003? Where can I learn more? How is Windows 7 different from Windows XP? How can I prepare?
- Deploying - What can I do to prepare prior to deploying?

Upcoming Changes

There will be major upgrades in early 2013, with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010 migrations. Keep an eye out for future Comms Chat articles in the NATO Skywatch, or visit the CIS Squadron portal under the IT Wing.

CSA Hail and Farewell event

At the Civilian Staff Association's Hail & Farewell event at the E-3A Club on 27 November, COM congratulated Senior Software Programmer Mr. André de Jong on achieving 25 years of service to NATO.

The General presented an E-3A Component Certificate of Appreciation to him to mark this important career milestone.

CSA Chairman Mr. Guy Vandebek presented Mr. De Jong with a glass cube featuring an AWACS and engraved with his name.

Maj. Gen. Andrew Mueller then addressed the Component's current situation and held a lively question and answer session. All attendees were invited by the CSA to enjoy the social gathering.



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E-3A Component Commander Major General Andrew Mueller, Mr. André de Jong (middle), CSA Chairman Mr. Guy Vandebek.

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