

Component members prepare for worst case scenario

By CMSgt Ulrich Ponssen

Eighteen members of the Logistics Wing, mainly from the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMS), and two members of the Fire Crash & Rescue Branch had the opportunity to participate in the ‘Disabled Aircraft Recovery Training’ at the Frankfurt Rhein/Main International Airport.

But what is a Disabled Aircraft all about and why do we need this training here at the Component? Any aircraft that is unable to move under its own power, or through the normal use of an appropriate tow tractor and tow bar, is considered to be a disabled aircraft.

Examples are when the landing gear is off the hard surface of the runway or taxiway, an aircraft is bogged down in mud or snow, or landing gear is collapsed or damaged, and when the aircraft is considered to be economically repairable. Disabled aircraft recovery is generally the responsibility of the registered owner or operator concerned.

The training was given by the Fraport Fire Training Center. During the five-day training course the team members learned about the basics and fundamentals of aircraft recovery. The theory covered the legal aspects, equipment,

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Team B: Lt.Col. JochenWalter, Capt. Harry Walter, Lt. Markus Michels, MSgt. Bernd Schreiber, Mr. Gerard Van den Eijnden, Mr. Karel Van 't Hoog, Mr. Bruno Malter, Mr. David Humphreys, Mr. Frank Ecker, Mr. Joerg Wellershausen.



Team A members on the control units for getting the aircraft lifted.



Team A



Team B

equipment, and principles of aircraft towing.

Basically, we had to get an aircraft out of the mud by means of shovels, large air balloons for lifting, winches,

and last but not least human muscles. These Component members are prepared and experienced in aircraft recovery but hoping that they never have to perform aircraft recovery for real.

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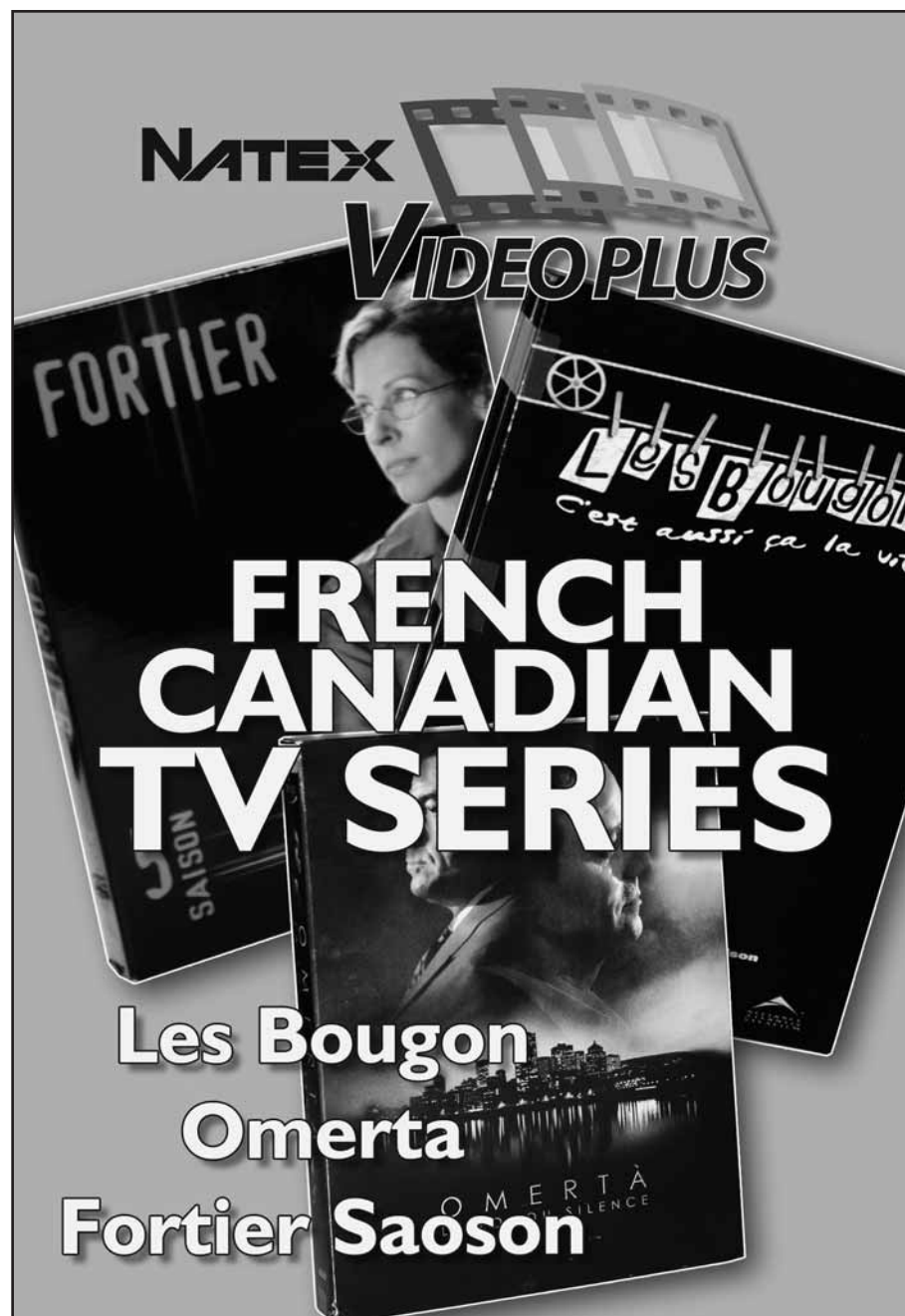
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Outstanding assessment for Crypto Security Section

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

The Crypto Security Section of the E-3A Component recently received an outstanding performance assessment for the SIGINT COINS inspection conducted by the NATO Information Technical Centre.

With the implementation of the latest Peacetime Establishment in October 2003 the Crypto Security Section became part of the newly established ND & IT Security Division within the IT Wing. This Division was formed by combining the Communications Branch, the INFOSEC Branch and the Communication Security Branch.

The Division's mission is three-fold. Firstly, its Communications Branch operates and maintains all groundbased, non-radio communications at the E-3A Component, including the Forward Operating Bases/Location (FOBs/FOL).

Secondly, and directly related to the above-mentioned tasks, the Communication Security Branch makes an essential contribution to operational security by advising and assisting on engineering aspects related to emission security. Also it develops and maintains an active program for transmission security, and provides mission-essential crypto material for

ground and airborne operations.

Last but not least, the IT Systems Security Accreditation for every IT system operated at the E-3A Component is developed, managed or coordinated by the INFOSEC Branch. Moreover, INFOSEC policy is implemented and all Media Security (formerly Document Security) is monitored and controlled by INFOSEC personnel.

The very special duties of the Crypto Security Section consist of receiving, distributing, managing, controlling and accounting for cryptographic Ground and Air Operations equipment and keymat. The Section coordinates

all the cryptographic requirements for the E-3A Component's successful mission accomplishment with the FOBs/FOL, Force Command, NATO INFOSEC Technical Centre and other external agencies.

Thus, in a nutshell, installing, maintaining and operating communication lines and IT Systems in a most secure manner is the mission of the ND&IT Security Division. The Crypto Security Section significantly contributes to this mission.

Congratulations on this exceptional performance!



NATO continued expanding its relief efforts in the air and on the ground as NATO helicopters evacuated hundreds of earthquake victims from remote villages; NATO medics treated hundreds of patients while continuing to expand their hospital facility; and NATO engineers worked with the Pakistani Army to build winterised shelters.

NATO Engineers expand relief efforts; move in water purification capability

As nighttime temperatures in the higher elevations drop, NATO engineers began building winter shelters for those left homeless in the higher elevations around Bagh. Working together with the Pakistani Army, teams of NATO and Pakistani personnel will move to areas above 5,000 feet to build critical winterised shelters.

According to the commander of the NATO relief team, Air Commodore

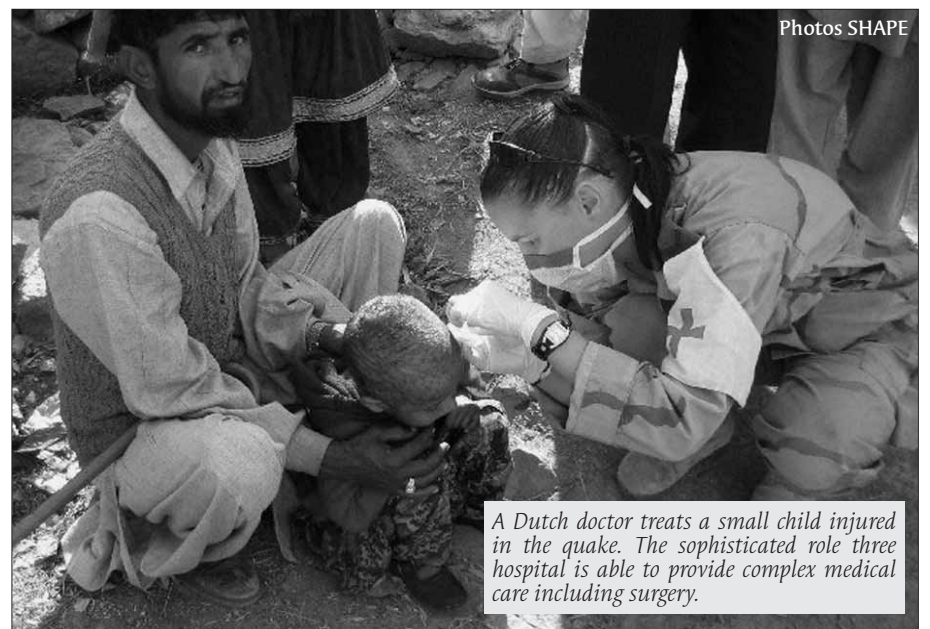
NATO teams rush to beat approaching winter

Andrew Walton, these teams will operate at high elevations until the weather makes the work impossible. "We are sending these teams up the mountains to reach those most vulnerable to the bitter winter weather rapidly descending there," Air Commodore Walton said. "Providing this kind of shelter against the elements is just one of the projects we're working in the Bagh area, and it will save lives." These temporary shelters are metal-covered wooden structures and can be quickly assembled.

NATO Air Bridge continues flow of critical relief; helicopters increase flying

Three of NATO's four CH-53 helicopters flew on 12 November more than 20 tons of food and supplies to remote mountain villages. "We have our helicopters flying as often as possible and these crews are doing a great job keeping up the pace," said Air Commodore Walton. "We're pushing hard to generate flights because time is short to bring these supplies quickly to remote areas before the snow sets in."

Also on 12 November a NATO CH-53 was able to evacuate more than



A Dutch doctor treats a small child injured in the quake. The sophisticated role three hospital is able to provide complex medical care including surgery.

70 earthquake victims from their devastated village and bring them to shelter. Meanwhile on the NATO air bridge, three C-130s flew from a NATO base at Incirlik, Turkey carrying tons of relief supplies including tents, blankets and more.

NATO hospital expands capability

NATO's medical team near Bagh, already treating hundreds of people a day, reached a new milestone today as a sophisticated 60-bed inpatient facility opened its doors.

In a race against time, NATO medics have already been caring for hundreds of people per day with medical teams combing the area by car and foot treating the injured and sick. In the mean time, work continued on the main hospital facility, which today begins providing a range of care including complex surgical procedures.

According to the multinational unit's Operations Officer, Dutch Captain Jelle Bijlsma, these teams have found many people in need. "We began sending out mobile medical teams less than two days after we got here and have been

sending four teams out each day. As of this morning we are able to start admitting people for in-patient care,' Capt. Bijlsma added.

'We're operational now, but we will continue to add more capability as we get more medical personnel. Some treatments are more complex; others can be done quickly. But on the average, we should be able to see around three hundred people per day right now,' Capt Bijlsma said.

Another 30 medical personnel from the Czech Republic joined the NATO team on 14 November. A British casualty staging team will arrive soon to treat critically ill patients. With snow expected soon, already difficult-to-reach areas will become nearly impossible – but that won't keep the NATO teams from trying.

'We've been talking to Pakistani authorities about using donkeys to get medicines and doctors out into the mountains,' Capt. Bijlsma said.

The scale of the devastation is daunting, but NATO will continue delivering relief to those in need.



A US Chinook helicopter crewmember hands out relief aid to Pakistani children.



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Elvis is alive and flying

By Maureen Geraets-Head

On the left sleeve of his flight suit you notice an attention-grabbing patch showing a performing Elvis on top of an AWACS rotodome flanked by the French flag on the left side and the NATO flag on the right, circled with the text: Don't be cruel to 'ze' French...unless necessary. With a name like Le Roi - which is French for 'The King' - the link to Elvis is almost inevitable.

Maj. Philippe Le Roi is the French Exchange Officer assigned to the E-3A Component. He arrived in August 2003 for a three-year assignment. "It turns out to be a fantastic and great experience to work in such an environment with so many people from so many nations. That's really exciting".

Le Roi continues, "Coming from the E-3F unit in Avord, France, it was quite an opportunity to come from a national unit with four aircraft and 450 people and everybody knowing each other, to the multinational E-3A Component with 3,000 personnel, 17 E-3As and, if you are lucky, personnel within a squadron who know each other".

His nametag shows the nickname Elvis. "It started when I was 20 years old, belonging to the French Air Force. I began singing in a band with enlisted members covering mainly Elvis songs. I did that for two years. Then I went to the Air Force Academy, and once I became an officer, I formed a new band consisting of eight members. In 1991, I recorded 18 rock 'n roll songs with this band. One year later, I also

had the opportunity to record three songs in the Music Row in Nashville, Tennessee, including "Love me Tender", explains the French Elvis.

"When I married and became the father of twin sons, I could not commit the time anymore to do rehearsals with any band, so I started using karaoke CDs. That way, I had more time to spend with my family", he continues. "I can practice anytime and anywhere, like in the car, driving home from work".

A special Elvis costume was hand made by his wife Gabrielle and it took her days to glue on the rhinestones, one-by-one. "One time, while I was deployed with an E-3F crew to Goose Bay, Canada, there was a karaoke contest organized by one of the clubs. I participated and won the first prize: 100 free beers! From that moment on, each time we would go on a deployment, the crew would check in advance where karaoke contests were being held," Le Roi laughs.

He has performed - always for free - at many social events in France or abroad, during events like the Main AEW Control Conference (MACC) at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, or in Baugy, which is a very

small village near Avord, for its elementary school's party.

The absolute highlight of his singing career is without doubt the International Cultural Festival that was organized on base last June. "I was delighted to perform there and represent France. For me it was a performance with the largest audience ever and I have never before had to sign that many autographs. I even signed on a bald guy's forehead and on band-aids of the Medical staff!"

As French Elvis, he still wishes to professionally record his repertoire and to visit Las Vegas to perform as an Elvis impersonator.

Le Roi's everyday work at the Component is a combination of liaising between the E-3A Component and the E-3F unit on any operational or technical subject, as well as duties at the Operations Wing Analysis Branch, working with a great team. As Tactical Director, he flies missions and deploys with the E-3A whenever required; his position is automatically attached to Squadron Two.

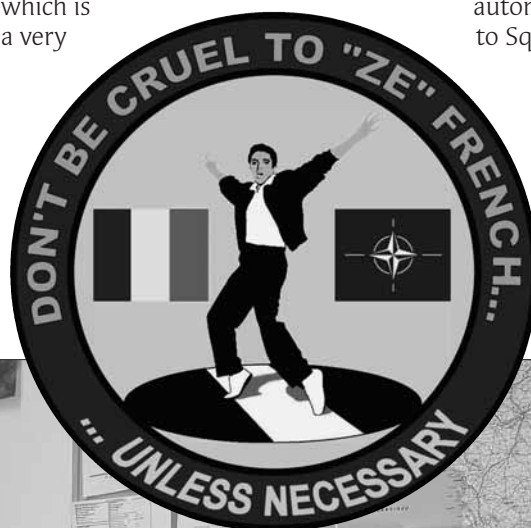
As French Exchange Officer he is the main channel for arranging visits, deployments, training days and exercises - for instance JOTM2004 or Trial Hammer - between the E-3Fs and E-3As but also he is the coordinator for French dignitary visits, for instance when the French President Jacques Chirac landed here last year. Also, training for E-3F radar technicians and surveillance controllers for the Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) was organized under Le Roi's close supervision and with the help of the Training Wing.

There is no National Support Unit (NSU) for

this Frenchman, as he is the only French military member on base. Administratively, therefore, he belongs to the Belgians' finest NSU. The Canadian CMFRC - with many French-speaking Canadians - have also offered their assistance. When he first arrived, they all gave him and his family a warm welcome, being helpful and friendly to both him and his wife to make it easier for them to get adapted to the international environment.

As he is a truly patriotic Frenchman, colleagues know where to find him when looking for travel advice for his beautiful home country. To obtain more information about the one-man French Exchange Office, check the French Exchange Officer Web page on the BASS:

<http://basses4:8080/WISE/Organizati/Operations97/AnalysisTr/AnalysisBr/FrenchLiai>



Maj. Philippe Le Roi at his office in the Operations Wing building. From his desk he has to handle all the French Exchange Officer's tasks. Here, just like on stage: a one-man show.

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The eye-catching patches are becoming a collector's item. Maj. Le Roi has designed this patch and had 150 made.



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By A1C Daniel Houben

**Aachen, a festive fair
around the Market and Town Hall**

Every year in Aachen there is one of the biggest Christmas markets, with about 1.5 million visitors. It takes place next to the 'Rathaus', with many colourful lights. It is well-known in the whole region and it always has a very familiar atmosphere. Visitors from the Netherlands, Belgium, France and England find their way to the market also.

The squares and streets around Aachen Town Hall are transformed into a paradise of lights and colours, festive sounds and seductive smells. The glorious fair in the 'Christmas City', which has been set up with great care and enthusiasm, fascinates both the young and the old. The enormous choice of original, stylish and precious goods makes small and big dreams come true. It is really no wonder that the Aachen Christmas Market has become an absolute 'must' for all the people of Aachen, and Aachen fans as well.

The Aachen Christmas Market has become famous far beyond the boundaries of the Aachen region because of its pleasant and familiar atmosphere. People come to the Christmas Market in order to meet their families, friends, acquaintances and colleagues.

This happens during the lunch break or after work, during the week or at the weekend. The carousel is a must for the children, just as the mulled wine is a must for the adults. Potato fritters are



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eaten at all times of the day.

Naturally you will find a large variety of Printen and other Christmas cakes and biscuits, 'Domino Stones', gingerbread, 'Spekulatius' and marzipan bread. These are distributed all over the world by Aachen bakeries, but at the Aachen Christmas Market

they come oven-fresh and taste particularly delicious. The tradition of the Christmas Market goes back to the seventies. Originally, when it was held around the Elisa Fountain, the 'Printen Market' was rather small. A huge change took place when it was moved to the Market Place and the Katschhof as well as the adjoining small streets. Not only visitor numbers have rocketed but also the number of exhibitors has continuously risen over recent years.

In this way the range of culinary delicacies as well as that of beautiful works of arts and crafts have increased with every year. The visitors are faced with a great deal of choice and this is why they come to see the colourful stands and stalls. But don't take too long to make up your mind what to take home because there is strong competition, especially the closer you get to Christmas.

The Aachen 'Christmas City' will finally close its gates in the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Then the Market and the small streets will remain somewhat empty, abandoned and silent. But don't be sad. You will be able to look forward to the next Christmas Market for the following eleven months.

Dates: 18 November till 23 December 2005. Opening hours 1100 until 2030.

However, on Sunday, 20 November the Christmas Market will only be open from 1800 until 2100.

Christmas Markets in Cologne

The Christmas period is almost upon us, and every year people let themselves be enticed by the radiance of the festively decorated city. With its attractive Christmas markets the Cathedral city is a popular destination, especially in the pre-Christmas period. This year four different markets will lure people to the city.

Christmas market on the Neumarkt

The oldest market is the one on the

'Neumarkt', near the Romanesque church St. Apostles. While you have a warm drink, you can enjoy your evening and be inspired by the nostalgic flair.

Christmas market on the Alter Markt

The nicest market in Cologne is the one on the 'Alter Markt'. It's in the 'Kölner Altstadt' near the 'Kölner Dom'. Children and adults can walk through a Christmas paradise with nostalgic carousel, puppet theatre and toy booths.

Cathedral Christmas market

Against the impressive backdrop formed by the landmark of Cologne, the Christmas fair in front of the cathedral with 160 admirably decorated pavilions waits for visitors.

Under the biggest Christmas tree in the Rhineland you can choose lots of different sweets, drink some 'Glühwein' (mulled wine), or watch some craftsmen working.

Christmas market on the Rudolfplatz

On the 'Rudolfsplatz' there is the Fairy Tales Christmas Market especially for the younger visitors. There are figures flying around and sitting on some booths to provide a breath of magic. With its homely cosiness and historical backdrop the Christmas fair puts the visitors into the right mood for the holidays.

The Christmas markets are open from 21 November until 23 December, daily from 1100 until 2100.

Heinsberg

This town near the Dutch border holds an enchanting, idyllic Christmas Market on the market square. The programme in the visitor tent each afternoon ranges from creative activities to a band concert. Highlights include the 'living Nativity scene' on Sundays, the St. Nicholas carriage ride on 6 December and the big children's flea market. Dates: 24 November-21 December, daily 1200-1900.



By Safety Division

Oftentimes, safety articles focus only on the mayhem and tragedy caused by accidents. The positive side of safety – accident prevention – is often overlooked in safety articles.

Former United States President John F. Kennedy was quoted once as saying, "Things just don't happen, things are made to happen." This quote can be loosely translated into safety terms as "Accidents just don't happen, but accidents are made not to happen."

Component personnel are our first line of defence in accident prevention. The Component Commander has recognized two personnel thus far in 2005 for their actions in preventing accidents.

MSgt. Ali Inal discovered a tool

that may have caused foreign object damage to an aircraft. TSgt. Frank Lesch discovered a popped circuit breaker that was beginning to smoke on an E-3A during pre-flight. Had the circuit breaker gone undiscovered, a potentially hazardous situation in flight might have occurred.

Both of these individuals demonstrated attention to detail and a professional work ethic that led to accident prevention.

Please remember accidents are normally a chain of events that culminate in property damage or injury. Each of our jobs in accident prevention is to be a "chain-breaker." As President Kennedy stated, "Things just don't happen, things are made to happen."

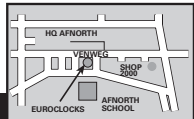


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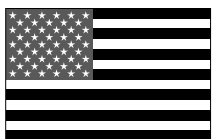
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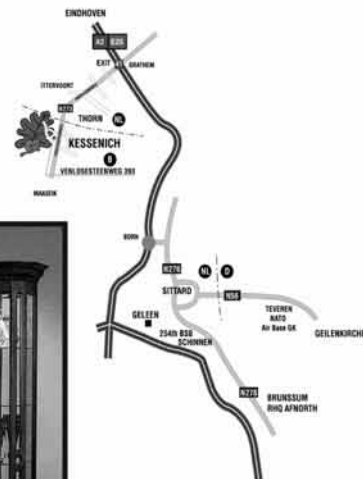
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- E-3A Component Clubs**
Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Regular prices brunch: Members €9.20, guests €10.70; lunch: Members €6.10, guests €7.65; children 4-12 years half 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.
- 4 Santa Claus brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 11 Family brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 18 Sunday lunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.

- Officers' Club** (SWPO/4990)
Operating hours bar Monday-Friday 1100-2300; 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-Thursday A la Carte menu served; Monday and Wednesday A vegetarian special 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; Fridays1600-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available.
- 31 New Year's Eve Ball with live music from 'Royal Flush' (tickets required). Tickets available from the Manager's Office. Watch for special flyer.
Special Notes: The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations or Commanders' Call. Make your reservations now.
Officers' Club Participation in Frisbee Club Events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilise 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

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December

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

- 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).* Throughout the month Happy Hour Monday-Thursday 1700-1800, Friday with free snacks 1700-1900.
Monday Nights Steak Night in the Frisbee Grill during normal restaurant times. Open for steak dinners only. Normal sized steak €6 and Large steak €8.
- 13 BINGO/SKAT.
- 15 International Wives' Club Christmas Dinner.
- 31 New Year's Eve Party (ticket required). Watch for special flyer.

- Sentry Club** (SWPJ/4997)
There will be a carpet sale in the Sentry Club Q+Q Room from Saturday, 19 November until Sunday, 4 December. 'John, the Clock Man' will be in the Q+Q Room 0900-1700, 8-9 Dec.
5 'Fioretto' Pralines (700 g) + 'Lindt' Christmas Chocolate (900 g) now available in the Souvenir Shop priced €5,50 per bag. *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.*
Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half Brötchen or freshly prepared muffins. For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management.
Take advantage of the Sentry Club off sale operation. We can provide 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 (like tables, benches, beer wagons, etc.) must be ordered from the supplier.
Visit the Souvenir Shop – new items have arrived in time for Christmas shopping.
Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

- Sports Department** (SWPT/4946)
14 Coaches' meeting for Indoor Soccer League at 1400 in the Q+Q Room of the Sentry Club.
- International Pre-school** (SWPS/4957)
16 Christmas Train Ride with SANTA and Christmas Party (parents welcome).
- 22 Dec-3 Jan Christmas break.

- 4 Jan Back to school.
We would like to wish all out customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Places are still available for afternoon programmes only. For more information call the school on ext. 4957.

- Thrift Shop** (SWPG/4919)
Tuesdays+Thursdays operating hours 1000-1400.

- International Library** (SWPL/4956)
Monday-Friday operating hours 1100-1600.
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- International Youth Activities** (SWPY/4954/5)
Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext 4954/5, opening hours Mon-Fri, 0815-1300.

- Family Christmas Market Trip to Bad Münstereifel and Monschau.*
The IYA is offering a family trip to the traditional Christmas Markets of the beautiful Eifel hills on Sunday, 27 November, 0930-2000. Our first stop will be the picturesque old town of Bad Münstereifel, from where we will travel on to the splendid historic town of Monschau. There will be musicians in costumes at the famous Christmas Market, and a nativity play will be performed in the court of the castle. Point of departure and return is the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €9,50 per participant.

- Christmas Moonlight Family Steam Train Ride*
Santa Claus and his elf are already planning to join the traditional International Youth Activities` Moonlight Ride for international Component children and their parents on the historic Selfkant Steam Train. On Friday, 2 December, at 1900 we will get on the train at Gillrath Station, and travel to Schierwaldenrath in the restored antique wagons built between 1889 and 1956. There will be one short stop on the way, though, when our two special passengers arrive in a carriage drawn by a horse. Santa and his elf will welcome all the children and present them with a bag of Christmas goodies on the journey to Schierwaldenrath. There everybody has the opportunity to enjoy refreshments in a heated tent listening to Christmas songs, before returning to Gillrath. Tickets at €6 per child and €9,50 per adult include Brötchen with coffee, Glühwein, hot chocolate or a soft drink at Schierwaldenrath, plus Christmas goodies for children, and can be purchased at the IYA Office starting 2 November.

- Christmas Party*
On Wednesday, 7 December, 1500 to 1730 the IYA is offering

a Christmas Party for all international Component children at the E-3A Component Officers Club. An adult must accompany children under the age of 6; parents of older children are also very welcome to attend. Play seasonal games, win a prize at the wheel of fortune, enjoy seasonal refreshments, and meet Santa – he even has a little gift for you. Bring your camera: children and families can have their photo taken with Santa at no cost. During the party the winners of the Christmas Colouring Contest will receive their awards. There is no fee. Please call ext.4954/5 to sign up. Children enrolled in the December IYA Afternoon Club are automatically registered.

- Advent Break Programme*
From 19 to 23 December the IYA is organizing a weekly session for children aged 6 and older with activities from 0930 to 1630. The children can be dropped off at 0800, and picked up no later than 1730. The programme offers fun games, arts & crafts, sports, free play, special projects and movies. Cost is €63 for one child, €126 for two children, and €157,50 for three or more children, including field trip to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark and Taurus Adventure World, Europe's biggest laser arena, on Wednesday and lunch on Friday.

- Trip to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark and Taurus Laser Arena*
On 21 December the IYA is offering a trip for ages 6 and older to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark and Taurus Adventure World, Europe's biggest laser arena, which offers a thrilling adventure in five mazes divided over three levels in an open arena packed with high tech gadgets. The bus departs at 0900 and gets back at about 1730. Cost is €27 per child, chaperones go free.

New Year's Run and Bike

A Run and Bike competition is being organized by Ironman, from NATO Brussels. Date of the event is 7 January 2006, starting at 1100 at the NATO Sport Centre, Boulevard Leopold III in Evere. Registration deadline is 21 December, with a maximum of 75 teams.

There are various categories: Seniors 16 km; families with 1 child under 14 years of age 8 km; and children between 8 and 14 years 8 km. One mountain bike by a team of two athletes wearing the same gear and separated by a distance of maximum 10 meters. Registration fee is €25 for seniors per team of two, two meals included. For youngsters €20. Additional meals are €9. For more information contact Rene Moreau at 0032 478 772 219 or email moreau.r@skynet.be.

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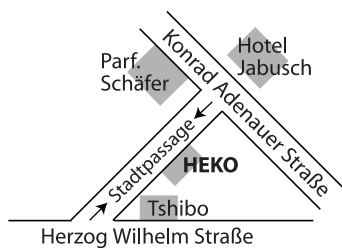
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