

First Deployment to Kecskemét, Hungary

By Capt Phyllis Kent

In 2006, Hungary joined the NATO E-3A Component as its 14th participating nation. Currently, there are four Hungarian members assigned to the E-3A Component. The week of 19-26 January 2007 marked a memorable time for the Component and the Hungarian Air Force. Squadron Two led the first deployment to the 59th Szentgyörgyi Dezső Air Base in Kecskemét, Hungary, approximately 86 kilometres southeast of Budapest. The week provided many firsts for the squadron as well as the Component.

Squadron Two crew flew five mission sorties. After arriving in Hungary, they were given a tour of the Control and Reporting Center (CRC), Silverhshark in Veszprém. Selected media personnel were able to fly on board the E-3A on the Wednesday, 24 January, flight. During this flight, the crew answered questions about NATO and their jobs on the aircraft. There were two separate media teams-one from the military media press, the other from the national Hungarian television station, MTV1. The report aired the same night in Hungary.

On Thursday, 25 January, Brig. Gen. István Peto, the base commander, introduced, Col. Jelle Zijlstra, the E-3A Component's Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, at a press conference hosted by Hungary. Zijlstra gave a



Imre Szekeres, Hungarian Minister of Defence (MoD), welcomes Colonel Jelle Zijlstra and the crew members in Kecskemét, HU.
Photo by Maj Greg Carter

briefing to more than 35 media outlets at the 59th Szentgyörgyi Dezső Air Base in Kecskemét. Zijlstra briefed the history and organization of the Component and spoke about the importance of the current deployment and the role of Hungary as the 25th Anniversary of the Component approaches.

After the briefing, Imre Szekeres, the Hungarian Minister of Defense, thanked Zijlstra. According to Lt. Col. Berec,

acting Chief of Staff of the Air Base and Hungarian translator for the event, Peto emphasized the Hungarian economic benefits of joining NATO, explaining that it creates future opportunities for personnel and for Hungarian companies to get involved in this successful organization. He recognized that NATO is a rewarding organization and shared his enthusiasm and complete support. After Peto's closing remarks, Zijlstra presented him with a personalized NATO E-3A Component plaque. It was offered in thanks for providing the impressive opportunity to further the relationship between NATO and Hungary and to commemorate the Component's first visit to Hungary.

Following the press conference, Lt. Gen. László Tombol, Commander of the Hungarian Joint Command, met with Zijlstra to discuss Hungary's current armed forces status and organization. Later the same afternoon, several members of the Hungarian senior leadership were given an E-3A familiarization flight. The personnel at the 59th Szentgyörgyi Dezső Air Base were extremely hospitable and welcomed the visiting Component members with a warm reception. They

provided the crew with a tour of their Gripen and Mig-29 hangar, making their staff available for questions and photo opportunities. The base currently has 14 operational MiG-29s, nine JAS-39 Gripen's, seven L-39 Albatros and five An-26 transport aircraft.

Hungary has been a member of the European Union since 1 May 2004 and is the newest NATO member to contribute personnel to the NATO E-3A Component. Both the Component and Hungary look forward to many future deployments and the inclusion of additional Hungarian service members to NATO AWACS to contribute to the continued success of the NATO E-3A Component.



HU MoD speaks to the Hungarian local media on 25 January 2007.
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Capt. G. Soos, Hungarian WC assigned to E-3A Component answers questions.
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COMPLEXITY OR SIMPLICITY?

A new year is here and with it, new gadgets stuffed with even more features which continues to make me wonder if we are moving towards more "complexity or simplicity?" I am never fully sure, but nevertheless, there's one thing I am sure about: technology and computers are becoming more and more complex.

For instance, look at the evolution of the telephone: telephony started with just one person at each end of the line, simply lifting the receiver. No phone numbers involved, no voice activation, no recording machines, etc. Was there anything simpler than that? And regarding computers, what is simpler: the old Commodore 64 (64kb), or the new IBM Blue-Gene/L, able to perform more than 250 T-flops/s (trillions of

By Col Angel Burgos, SPAF, IWC

floating point calculations per second)?

Of course, driving the "complexity" are the consumers, who usually expect and demand more features and eventually engineers who revel in figuring out how to do "just that", the result being, you guessed it, greater "complexity" in both hardware and software, although the "90/10 rule" applies here. The 90/10 rule being that 90 percent of the users use 10 percent of the features, or, conversely, 10 percent of the users use 90 percent of the features.

But, in any event, "simplicity" and "user-friendliness" remain one of the users' top priorities. After all, is that not why we have GUIs

(Graphics User Interface) instead of Command Line Prompts or speed dialing instead of rotary dial phones, etc. Nevertheless, there are other reasons to go for "simplicity" other than "ease of use"; reasons which manufacturers certainly understand. "Simplicity" means fewer features and fewer features imply fewer components. But fewer components means faster manufacturing process, more reliability, compact design, and... less cost, and less cost means higher profits. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

Although users and manufacturers might see "simplicity" and "ease of use" as desirable, there is a lot of complex engineering involved in making devices "simple", "small", and "inexpensive". So, what this

comes down to is: when "simplicity" is the goal, "complexity" is the unavoidable product. And if you cannot stamp out "complexity" what can you do? The answer is simple; you must manage "complexity" instead of letting it manage you.

How can you do that? Well, one key to managing "complexity" is to make a bottom-up analysis, with modularity in mind. Breaking down big problems into little ones makes it possible for you to do things in an efficient manner. Another key is collaboration, so, do not be afraid to talk to your peers and collaborators about the problems you have encountered, whether or not they are close to you or on the other side of the world, because nowadays, this former "complexity" has changed to "simplicity."



General Craddock hands over the JFC Brunssum flag to General Ramms during the Change of Command Ceremony.

Photos Andreas Steindl

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

General Gerhard W. Back, German Air Force, handed over command of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum

General Ramms succeeds General Back at JFC Brunssum

to General Egon Ramms, German Army, on 26 January at the Headquarters International Inn. Presiding over the ceremony was Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General John Craddock, US Army.

After a three notable years commanding JFC Brunssum, and more than 40 years of service, Gen. Back announced his retirement from active duty.

"These last three years have truly been a remarkable time for this headquarters," Gen. Back said in his farewell speech. "JFC Brunssum led the way for NATO by undertaking the most challenging out of area mission in NATO's history, the ISAF mission. This mission has been this headquarters' highest priority for my entire three years as Commander. Many of you have worked countless hours and deployed several times to allow NATO to expand the mission, first to the North and West and then to the South

and East of Afghanistan. I am very proud of every one of you who has helped NATO bring hope for a better future to the people of Afghanistan."

Gen. Ramms received his new command from Gen. Craddock. Before his assignment to Brunssum he served for four years as Commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast in Szczecin, Poland. In his remarks he said, "I am grateful to be selected to command this organization. I expect the next three years to be difficult but also very satisfying and rewarding. I will give my best effort to provide you with the leadership you deserve and I expect each of you to provide me with that same level of effort."

Gen. Craddock included in his speech the importance of JFC Brunssum. "I cannot stress enough how important this command is to the Alliance. Brunssum is tasked with conducting a full range of military operations

throughout NATO's areas of responsibility. As one of two Joint Forces Commands under SHAPE command - this headquarters deters aggression, defends NATO territory and forces, safeguards freedom of the seas, and preserves the security of our member nations. The men and women of this command execute this mission every day, with determination, skill and excellence."



General Back congratulates General Ramms on his new assignment.



Afghanistan and transformation on Defence Ministers' agenda

The way ahead for NATO's operation in Afghanistan and the Alliance's continuing military transformation will be the focus of informal discussions of NATO Defence Ministers in Seville, Spain, 8-9 February.

Among other issues, Ministers will review the security situation in Afghanistan, and the posture and capabilities of the NATO-led

International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Broad consultations

The Alliance is stepping up its civilian, military and economic efforts in Afghanistan, as part of a comprehensive strategy to reinforce gains made.

Ministers will also discuss NATO-Russia cooperation with Russian

Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov, and meet with their counterparts from the seven countries participating in NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue - Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia.

Informal meetings of Defence Ministers are held each year in addition to formal meetings. Informal meetings have no fixed agenda and no formal

decisions are taken; they are an opportunity for ministers to discuss freely key issues on the Alliance's agenda.



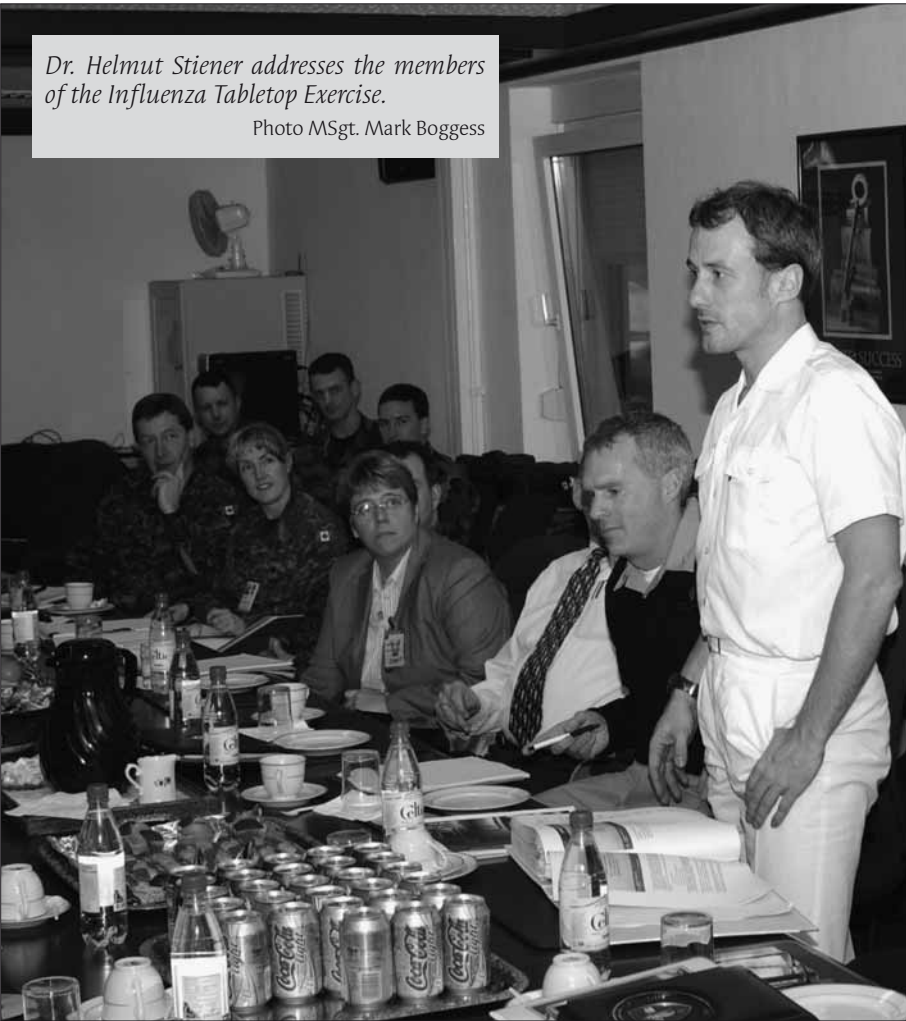
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Influenza Tabletop Exercise



Dr. Helmut Stiener addresses the members of the Influenza Tabletop Exercise.
Photo MSgt. Mark Boggess

By Capt Phyllis Kent

By invitation of Col. Eugene Mittuch, Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base United States Senior National Representative, local health officials from Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States met 1 February in the conference room at the NSUS to review plans to preserve the public health and discuss a communications plan in the unlikely event of an avian influenza pandemic.

The afternoon discussion lasted a little over four hours and addressed how best to enhance a multilateral response to and management of infectious disease. Lt. Col. Frank Allara, the US dental clinic commander, welcomed approximately 40 participants from the Component, JFC Brunssum, Schinnen, and local health and city officials from Germany and the Netherlands. He turned the floor over to Maj. (Dr) Todd Huhn, the US Public Health Emergency Officer, to lead a discussion covering several scenarios that could involve all attendees and require extensive planning.

As the discussion continued, the focus stayed on effective communication and

the best way to combine and disseminate information from public health authorities, military and civilian agencies, medical personnel and the public. Health care, security and managing misinformation were among the main topics, as well.

The exercise's scenarios were variations of real-world bird flu cases. Step by step, the participants—including representatives from the E-3A Component Medical Squadron, US Clinic, and The Netherlands Infectious Disease Control, as well as the Heinsberg District Medical Officer, public information representatives, and many others—discussed the most efficient way to handle an influenza outbreak that could affect not just the members of the Component, but those in surrounding areas.

The dedicated efforts of the medical professionals during this tabletop exercise will ensure a smooth response to the medical needs of the local community and Component personnel in the face of any infectious disease including an influenza threat.

"The coordination and networking between the agencies was immensely successful and will greatly enhance our joint response to any upcoming threats," said Dr. Huhn.

Annual Canadian Director of Flight Safety Visits NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen

By Maj. Illow Nery

Director of Flight Safety (DFS) for the Canadian Air Force, Colonel Shelley, accompanied by Chief Warrant Officer Bernier, was hosted by the Canadian Contingent 29-30 January, 2007.

During the visit, Shelley and Bernier had the opportunity to meet and talk to Canadian personnel throughout the Component. Training Wing provided an overview of how aircrews are qualified to operate on the E-3A. Captain Cote (TW) ably presented the roles, tasks and challenges faced by TW and, in particular, Aircrew Training Squadron.

The visit continued to Flying Squadron Two, where Lt. Col. Stewart and Capt. Harding explained the flight safety program in place at the unit, as well as an overview of aircrew upgrading, mission tasks, and employment processes and procedures.

Following Squadron Two, Log Wing hosted the visitors in Hangar 1 Dock 1, alongside an E-3A undergoing phase inspection. Maj. Mohtadi, Capt. Cheese-man, and Canadian maintenance personnel had an informal chat with Shelley, as well as a tour of the E-3A aircraft.

The brief morning tour ended at Component Safety, where Lt. Col. Kozian, assisted by Mr. Hess, Capt. Glatt, MSgt. Zimmerman, and Mr. Saniter, gave an overview of the Component Safety Division.

The Canadian Safety system differs from that of the Component, as DFS is

responsible solely for Flight Safety. The Component safety division, SOC, brings all aspects of safety (flight, ground and environmental) under one division chief. The SOC benefits from greater cross-exposure of procedures, lessons learned and experience; a fact DFS will be taking back to Canada for further development.

Shelley, with previous experience as a tactical aviator on CH-146 Griffon helicopters, commented positively on the multinational Component members abilities to come together and operate effectively and safely.

DFS presented an annual Flight Safety Briefing to the Canadian Contingent during the afternoon, which was also open to all Component personnel, and attended by CGC. The briefing gave an overview of the past year's significant events in Flight Safety in Canada, as well as identifying trends and new safety initiatives. The Canadian Air Force, like many others, has faced a steady decline in flying hours across all fleets.

Overall, while the number of incidents has declined slightly, the overall accident rate has begun to slowly increase. DFS is studying the causes to determine how to reduce the accident rate. During the briefing, both Shelley (discussing flight operations) and Bernier (focusing on maintenance operations) indicated many of the cause factors are being attributed to basic errors, such as inappropriate supervision in the case of flying incidents, or basic paperwork errors on the maintenance side. This leads to incorrect documentation of

maintenance carried out.

As a result, the DFS safety theme for 2007 for Canadian Air Force operations is "Back to the Basics". DFS stressed how personnel MUST ensure the baseline knowledge remains high, currency MUST also include proficiency, and personnel MUST be aware the only way to avoid catastrophic accident is to report minor incidents.

Overall, the visit was successful and Shelley passed on his sincere thanks to the Component for the hospitality.

Squadron Three moves home

The Component is excited to announce that building 212 is ready to house the members of Squadron Three once again. More than three years ago, the squadron relocated to building 62 while its offices were part of a renovation project. The estimated completion time for the project was one year, but the renovation took a bit longer and the squadron settled in quite comfortable at its temporary location in building 62.

Last week, squadron members moved back to building 212 involving a lot of back breaking work and excellent organization. Those asked said they were happy about the move because the newly renovated premises offer more possibilities to expand and all of the rooms now present a more professional appearance. Congratulations to the members of Squadron Three, and enjoy your new home.

Vacancy Announcements

Applications are invited for the following post:

Principal Technician (Maintenance Quality), AGK LXQ 1110, Advertisement Number 07001, NATO Grade B-5, assigned to the Aircraft Maintenance Inspection Branch, Maintenance Quality Assurance Division, Logistics Wing. This post will become vacant on 1 August 2007.

Closing date: 23 February 2007.

AMBULANCE CREW CHIEF, AGK SMS 0170, Advertisement Number 07002, NATO Grade C-4, assigned to the Flight Medical Branch, Medical Squadron, Base Support Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 2 March 2007.

ASSITANT (Supply), AGK LSD 1010, Advertisement Number 07003, NATO Grade B-3, assigned to the Receiving Section, Materiel Storage & Distribution Branch, Supply Squadron, Logistics Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 8 March 2007.

For further details, please visit the Component Information Portal (WISE) under Headquarters, PEC, Recruitment/ Services Section or review the advertisements posted in Building 8.

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German Sports Award Winners 2006

By Fritz Stelten

On Thursday, 14 December 2006, at the E-3A Component Officers' Club, the Base Support Wing Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Uwe Schulz, presented the German Sports Award to fifteen Component members.

Lt. Col. Douglas Kieser (US), OWTE, A1C Quinten Otto (GE), NSGE, and Mr. Ken Zembower (US), IWSSR, successfully completed the requirements for the first time and were awarded the bronze pin and certificate. Mr. Tony Hopman (NL), IWUPS, received the bronze award for the second time.

The gold award was presented to 1Lt Bruno Blaum (GE), SWAS, for the fifth time, to Mr. Reinhold Beier (GE), LWSOC, and SSgt. Marco Bleidiessel (GE), LWSFO, for the sixth time, to Mrs. Brigitte Redgwell (GE), SWCL, and Mr. Werner Titlbach (GE), SWPJ, for the eighth time, to MSgt. Sandra Dimter (GE), NSGEM, MSgt Thomas Wiza (GE), SWSP, Mrs. Carol John (UK), SWPC, and Mrs. Anne-Marie Rettkow (NL), SWC (Retired), for the tenth time, to

Maj Siegfried Czorny (GE), SWAT, for the eighteenth time and to SMSgt Claus Cohnen (GE) NSGE, for the twenty-fourth time.

In 2006, 68 awards were won: 28 bronze, 10 silver and 30 gold. Unfortunately, not all winners were able to join the presentation.

If you are interested in joining the above winners and competing to receive one of these awards, the following information will help: The 'Deutsches Sportabzeichen', a program promoted by the Deutscher Sportbund (DSB) is an annual test for men and women to assess their general overall fitness within five different categories. They must achieve satisfactory results in swimming, throwing, jumping, a long distance run and a fast run (sprint), based on their age and gender. The only category without an option is the 200 meter swim, which all must complete.

The times, distances, etc. needed to



The 2007 German Sports Award winners proudly present their certificates.

Photo MSgt Mark Boggess

certify for the award are demanding, but can be achieved by the average person with some training. One calendar year, January-December, is available in which to complete the requirements. Individuals that successfully achieve the DSB award requirements will receive a bronze pin

for their first and second year achievements, silver for their third and fourth year and gold for their fifth year on.

For more information, practice and certification, please contact Fritz Stelten, Sports Department, Bldg 206, ext. 4920 or via email.

Indoor Soccer League 2007

Text and photo A1C Florian Hueftle

The 2007 season of the Indoor Soccer League started Monday, 22 January at the New Gym on base.



The tournament consists of ten international teams; HQ/FC Bayern, Tommy-Tiger, Supply, Flying Eagles, AMS, Roth Survivors, ZVBW, TW-Trainees, San-Staffel and Balilla. Some

of them are well experienced like last year's winner, HQ/FC Bayern, while others with less experience, who took part for the first time, understandably, had tactical problems in the first matches. The league is confident that this season will be an excellent time to watch all teams meld together, overcome challenges and be

successful members of the league.

Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays at 1715, 1815 and 1915 with each game taking 25 minutes per half time. Each team consists of four field players and one goalkeeper.

Spectators are always welcome. It's an excellent display of sports in which all participants show their best possible physical abilities, which will lead to thrilling matches.

The league would like to express our thanks to Mr. Thomas Henrichs, the coordinator of the Indoor Soccer League, in which sportsmanship, camaraderie and having fun are the most important principles. We look forward to presenting the winner of the tournament, which ends 21 March, in the SKYWATCH, stay tuned.

International Youth Activities

Baseball Season

The 2007 Baseball season is coming up. The following leagues will be offered to all international Component children: Pre T-Ball for ages 4-5, T-Ball for ages 6-7, Machine Pitch for ages 8-9, Majors for ages 10-12. The program is building up Baseball skills continually. Our youngest players hit the ball from a "T". At the next level a machine pitches the ball. In Major league the players finally pitch themselves.

We are especially waiting for all you European children to take the unique opportunity to play these traditional North American sports together with the Canadian and American children here in our international community. Fee for the season is €40 per child, including T-shirt, ball cap and participation award. Registration until 16 March.



NATO and Pakistan have shared objectives, stressed the Pakistani Prime Minister, Shaukat Aziz, during his visit to NATO HQ on 30 January.

The Prime Minister said this referred both to the wider goal of world peace, but also to efforts to bring stability and prosperity to Afghanistan.

"Pakistan is committed to a strong, stable Afghanistan," said the Prime Minister, "the one country that will benefit the most, after Afghanistan itself, will be Pakistan."

The Prime Minister visited NATO HQ to meet with Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and to exchange views with the

NATO and Pakistan agree on Afghanistan approach

representatives of NATO's 26 member countries.

Common approach

Discussions focused on efforts to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan, where NATO is leading a 32,000-strong international security assistance force, ISAF.

The Ambassadors and the Prime Minister agreed that success in Afghanistan required a sustained, comprehensive approach involving economic, political and military elements.

"The answer in Afghanistan reads development, reconstruction, where Pakistan also plays a role," the Secretary General told reporters, "We should all do more, because we all don't do enough."

Among other issues, the Ambassadors and Prime Minister Aziz discussed the increasing drug cultivation in Afghanistan, refugee issues, and efforts to prevent extremist infiltration into Afghanistan via the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The Prime Minister said he hoped these consultations would be the beginning of greater political dialogue with NATO.

Closer cooperation

Pakistan and NATO have been steadily increasing cooperation since October 2005, when NATO launched a large operation to help aid victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the country.

The Alliance has opened several

courses at NATO education facilities to Pakistani officers and Pakistani, Afghan and NATO authorities are working together in a joint commission on military and security issues in Afghanistan.

Recently, a joint Afghan, ISAF and Pakistani intelligence centre was opened in Kabul.

The Prime Minister is the most senior Pakistani official to visit NATO to date.



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GKES students race to finish their spaghetti first.

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GKES Yearbook "Spaghetti Fest" a resounding success

GKES Yearbook advisors, Tiffany Stahlbaum, LaVonne Reiser and Holly Bristol pronounced last Thursday's "Spaghetti Fest" fundraiser an overwhelming success.

The advisors and their 14, 6th grade yearbook staffers set a goal of \$1,000 to defray the cost of this year's student produced, all-color yearbook. An incredible turnout actually allowed the yearbook staff to make more than double their original goal. Over-reaching the goal will allow the yearbooks to be sold for a mere \$7

each, and will include a bonus disk of additional candid photographs.

The event was attended by nearly 400 guests and offered not only a spaghetti dinner, but also a bake sale, a t-shirt sale and face-painting. The evening's highlight, along with an unexpected and short-lived fire alarm, was the spaghetti face off in which US senior personnel including Brig. Gen. Schmidt, Col. Mittuch, Lt. Col. Allara, Lt. Col. Hebert, CMSgt Torres and GKES representative, Jim Cammelocci, had competed in collecting monetary "votes". The

winners, Brig. Gen. Schmidt and Lt. Col. Hebert entertained the crowd by going face-to-face with a pile of messy spaghetti. The US senior personnel raised more than \$900 in donations.

With nearly all food and services donated, proceeds from the event can all be put towards lowering the cost of the yearbook. School families donated everything from jars of sauce to garlic bread to juice boxes. A volunteer kitchen staff of eight headed by Tim Epperson made sure the throng of hungry families was well fed.

Steel Magnolias

The Alliance Players' will host auditions for the upcoming production of 'Steel Magnolias'. The auditions will be held at the Alliance Theatre, JFC HQ Brunssum on Monday, 12 February at 1830 & Sunday, 18 February at 1600. The script calls for 6 female actors between the ages of 18 and 65.

Excerpts from the script will be available at the Family Support Centre at GK starting 1 February. We recommend actors pick up the partial script of their choice as soon as possible. Actors can audition for several characters or concentrate on one role in particular.

Actors unable to pick up a script excerpt can prepare for the audition with other material of their own choosing, such as (but not limited to): Play dialogue (please, bring copy of text), play monologue, excerpt from a book, poem. Actors are not required to learn auditioning material by heart, but should be familiar and comfortable with the text therein.

To be nervous is good, but don't be scared! We are all very nice people ready to help, coach and assist you to the very best of our ability. We are always looking for people both with and without prior acting experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Annia at anniazw@hotmail.com; mark your email 'Alliance Players'.

Volkshochschule Course

The Volkshochschule is organizing a preparation course for the 'Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung des Goethe-Instituts' in German. If you are interested in taking this exam, please call Ingrid Neuhalfen at ext. 4954 for further information.

Carnival events in GK Region

Saturday, 17 February

Costume ball party tent Teveren, at 2011
Night parade Braunsrath, at 1911

Sunday, 18 February

Tulip Sunday parade Geilenkirchen, at 1030
Parade Waldfeucht, at 1611

Vasteloves Rythm Jam Sittard, at 2000
Vasteloevensdoptoch parade Maastricht, at 1033

Monday, 19 February

Rosenmontagszug parade Cologne, at 1049
Rosenmontagszug parade Aachen, at 1130
Parade Teveren, at 1411



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To Berlin with CSA

The Civilian Staff Association (CSA) invites all members of the E-3A Component to participate in the 2007 Berlin trip from Thursday, 24 May until Monday, 28 May arranged by the Social Manager, CSA, Mr. Werner Schumm and supported by the Member of the German Parliament (M.d.B.) Mr. Leo Dautzenberg from Heinsberg.

For programme, cost and further information please contact Mr. Schumm at ext. 2477.

2 x 11 years: Special Anniversary of IKV Teveren Carnival Society

By Thomas Helmecke

This year, as usual, the IKV (Internationaler Karnevalsverein 1985 e.V. Teveren) is presenting a varied and colourful programme of Carnival events. In the midst of the celebrations will be this year's Carnival Prince and Princess, Jens I. (Jens Lässig) and Andrea II (Andrea Sturm).

Well-known Carnival performers from the Rhineland area will be on stage for the highpoint of the season, the gala event starting at 20.11 hrs on Saturday, 10 February in the heated festival tent at the Catholic Primary School in Teveren. They include 'Jürgen Beckers' (Carnival comedian), Die Brander Stiere, the group 'Hätzblatt' (previous winners of the Carnival hit parade), Hüb (IKV singer), Jens Meiers (Carnival comedian), the Oecher Prente with their Galaxy Dancers, and the Birkesdorpe Buure Band, as well as the IKV dancers and show dance groups.

On Sunday, 11 February, it is the children's turn to enjoy themselves at the children's Carnival event in the IKV's festival tent, with prizes for costumes, plus other activities that the children can actively take part in. On that day

the IKV's Junior Princess Luzie I (Luzie Gedick) will be in charge of the event, attended by her lady-in-waiting Anna (Anna Klett). The event starts in the festival tent at 14.11 hrs.

On Friday, 16 February, the IKV will make an early start by visiting the Kindergarten in Geilenkirchen and the Sparkasse in Teveren, followed by



Photo MSgt Mark Boggess.

joining forces with other local Carnival societies for the storming of the Town Hall on the Rathausplatz in Geilenkirchen at 14.30 hrs.

On Saturday, 17 February, it will be time for the Costume Ball in the festival tent, starting at 20.11 hrs. Under the motto 'The tent's gonna be full', DJ Ronny will keep the crowd dancing until the early hours of the morning, just as he does every year. The highlight of this event will be the prize giving for the best individual costumes and group costumes.

The concluding event is the Carnival Monday Parade on 27 February, starting at 14.11 hrs. This will be followed by celebrations in the festival tent. As at Saturday's event, the well-known DJ Ronny will make the tent vibrate with his music.

Would you like to take part in the Carnival Monday Parade this year? Enrolments of groups to walk in the Carnival Monday Parade are still being accepted. Contact Thomas Helmecke on 02451/952855.

Come and join the IKV's joyful Carnival celebrations in Teveren for this anniversary year 2006/2007.

Altweiberball at the Frisbee Club

This year Altweiberball will be 15 February. It is open to all Component members and their guests from 1400 until 2400.

Several artists, DJ. Ronnie and the Anderkover Band, will entertain the

crowd and push you to swing on the dance floor. The international carnival association IKV will visit the Club around 1430.

Drink coupons are only valid on the day itself. A special tropical bar is sponsored by the NATEX with the

famous 'PITU Caipirinha'. 'Imbiss' food will be available from 1400 until 2200.

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