

Official unveiling of painted aircraft #443

Dr. Ingo Wolf, Minister of the Interior North Rhine-Westphalia speaks to the gathered crowd.

Photo by A. Hohenforst



To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the NATO E-3A Component, the Minister of the Interior of North Rhine-Westphalia, Dr. Ingo Wolf and the E-3A Component Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt unveiled the aircraft decorated with the 25th Anniversary paint scheme.

The Minister of the Interior signed under the official coat of arms of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, which was affixed to the anniversary aircraft. In presenting the coat of arms, he expressed the state government's appreciation, saying "We are very glad to have been able to

give the E-3A Component a home in North Rhine-Westphalia for the past 25 years. In addition to the importance of its mission in the field of security policy, the Component provides a unique example of an ongoing spirit of international understanding and integration in North Rhine-Westphalia", declared Dr. Wolf.

General Schmidt emphasized the significance of the Component's multinationality mission: "The E-3A Component flew its first mission from Geilenkirchen Air Base on March 23rd, 1982. With that flight, NATO introduced the world's first

fully integrated, international Air Force - the only Air Force that carries the NATO markings. The unique nature of this Component is tied directly to the 15 participating nations, who contribute the funding, military personnel, and support that ensures security and stability around the world."

"Since its inception, this Component has flown over 292,000 hours in the E-3A, and over 29,000 hours in the Training Cargo Aircraft, amounting to over 321,000 flying hours. Thanks to improved technology, our newly upgraded aircraft continue to play an expanding role in providing surveillance during NATO operations."

The unveiling of the aircraft at this ceremony attended by media representatives is one of several events celebrating the Component's 25th anniversary, which will culminate in a major event on 16 and 17 June 2007, when the E-3A Component opens its gates to the public.

This event, with a static display of various aircraft and a programme of international music and dance performances, will enable visitors to experience for themselves the ongoing spirit of international cooperation at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.

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By Col. Eugene Mittuch
Commander

TACEVAL preparation - a historical primer

In 9 A.D., in an area near modern day Osnabrück (approximately 200 km northeast of Geilenkirchen) there occurred a famous battle from ancient history, the Battle of Teutoburg Forest. It was a battle that changed the course of history, potentially preventing a thousand years of warfare throughout central Europe. For had it not turned out the way it did, Germany would have become part of the Roman Empire along with France.

At the start of the new millennium in our modern day calendar of Anno Domini, Rome was consolidating an empire, which stretched from current day France, through the Netherlands and Belgium, down to Italy. What the Roman Empire did not include was Germania, the modern day state of Germany, which in 9 A.D. was a region of Germanic tribes. A Roman army led by Publius Quintilius Varus sought to change the status quo and incorporate Germania into the Roman Empire by force. Varus, with three legions (approximately 25,000 troops) of superbly drilled and disciplined Roman forces marched west from what is today the Netherlands. Crossing the Rhine, Varus met an Army of Germanic tribes led by a nobleman named Arminius.

What should have been a rout of the Germans turned into an annihilation of all three Roman legions in a defeat so catastrophic it threatened the survival of Rome itself. Rome lost all three legions with an estimated 20,000 killed, and for the next 400 years never again made a concerted effort to conquer Germania.

How did this happen? How did an army made up of distinct German tribes, more often than not waging war with each other, manage to defeat a far superior Roman army? The answer is Arminius didn't think like a Roman. Having spent his childhood in Rome and having once been a member of the Roman army, Arminius understood Roman tactics and used them against Varus. In the forest with no room to maneuver, Roman close-order drill, which made them the masters of open field warfare, was a disadvantage. Heavy forest canopy negated Roman archers making the bow ineffective. Days of torrential rain turned roads, and what little open forested space there was into bogs, neutralizing cavalry and heavy weapons. And the Roman's heavy personal armor in the dense underbrush left the average foot soldier exhausted against his lightly armored German adversary. Using innovative guerrilla tactics of "hit and run" attacks, Arminius was able to break up the Roman formations, then use locally superior numbers to defeat spread out Roman legions.

About now I'm sure you're wondering, "nice short history lesson Colonel, however what's this have to do with our up-coming Tactical Evaluation (TACEVAL) as your title suggests." Read on and with any luck you'll walk away with a few thoughts to ponder. The first lesson Arminius imparts is that every adversary is different and every battle is different; so don't fight the last war. For NATO AWACS this means the Cold War is over and we must plan and train for a new wartime mission and

environment. As there is no longer a threat of Warsaw Pact forces pouring through the Fulda Gap, there is almost no chance we will ever again fight from MOB Geilenkirchen. Rather our new wartime environment is one of expeditionary operations as part of a NATO Response Force. Expeditionary ops must become a way of life and we must all think expeditionary. What does thinking expeditionary mean? It means positioning yourself to be able to get out of town quickly with the right equipment, and be able to set up initial operations and sustain those operations from a deployed location. We will exercise that ability at FOB Trapani.

What else does the Battle of Teutoburg Forest teach us? How about know your enemy, one of the first principles in the Art of War by Sun Tzu. Now we won't really have an enemy during the TACEVAL. If it helps to visualize the CC-Air TACEVAL inspectors as the enemy though in order to get "fired up" I can live with that. And just as Arminius knew Varus' tactics, we know those of the TACEVAL team. In fact, we have their playbook--it's all in the SHAPE TACEVAL Evaluation Manual (STEM). We know exactly what we'll be evaluated against and how we'll be scored.

Given we have the playbook, beating the TACEVAL team is all about attitude. It's about performing your primary job just as you would back at the MOB--by the book and without taking shortcuts. Nothing will tube an inspection faster than

safety violations, which jeopardize personnel and equipment. It's also about taking your ICCS training seriously and falling back on that training when you're part of an exercise scenario. Attitude is conveyed through being positive and treating every scenario (even if you think it's ridiculous) like it's real world.

A successful TACEVAL is also about teamwork. There will be superior performers identified by TACEVAL inspectors, and that's a good thing for those who go "above and beyond." However, we as a Component will pass or fail as a team. Teamwork means looking out for your wingman and working together to solve problems. That being said, a team is made up of individuals, and every individual must step up and perform if the team is to succeed. On an individual level we need initiative from every participant. If you see something needs to be done, or know something isn't right, don't wait to be told to get involved to fix it. Lean forward and make things happen! This is the attitude the inspectors are looking for. Similarly, think innovatively. The response to every exercise scenario input can't be reduced to a checklist (yes, I know that's blasphemy in NATO); rather the inspectors are looking for individuals to "think outside the box" in resolving issues.

Bottom line. With teamwork, motivation and a 'we're going to show them' attitude, we will not only pass the TACEVAL, we'll show the TACEVAL team we are a force to be reckoned with - just like Arminius and his force!

Award

By Mr. Leon Koolen, IT Focal Point

During a breakfast with IT Component personnel, a Superior Performance Award was presented on 26 Apr 07 by Brig Gen Schmidt to Mrs Julie

Lewington of the IT Wing Inventory Office. Although Mrs Lewington is always very modest about her role in the Component, the IT Focal Points unanimously proposed the award as a recognition for her exceptional support, dedication, commitment and expertise. Without any doubt,

many projects at the MOB and FOBs/FOL would have been significantly more difficult, less successful or even impossible without her never ending personal commitment, dedication and admirable drive to seek solutions in the best interest of the Component.



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Our children represent our future



Ballet performed by the IYA group.
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International Children's Festival 2007



Face painting "Animals of our world" - Theme 2007.
Photo by H. Soerensen

By Heidi Soerensen
Public Information Office

The Turkish National Support Unit successfully celebrated the International Children's Festival (ICF) on 22 April 2007. The Mass Briefing Facility and its surroundings were transformed into a spectacular scene for outdoor activities, fascinating performances, artistic energy, creativity and laughter.

The ICF 2007 represents a long-standing tradition at the Component as the first ICF was celebrated in 1989. Each year, the ICF welcomes children and their families from all nations and this year more than 800 people took part in this multicultural celebration of youth.

Lt. Col. Deniz Kartepe opened the activities with a speech highlighting the historical background and meaning of the children's day.

"Unlike the Father's, Mother's or Valentine's Day, we do not have to buy anything on this day. We just encourage our children to meet different cultures and appreciate differences. We firmly believe that a better future with peace and harmony can only be achieved by bringing children from different ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds together."

Following the opening speech, spectators had the privilege to witness exquisite demonstrations of Turkish folk dances. The International Youth Activities group enriched the celebrations with their Ballet, Tapp Jazz and Cheerleading show. The Canadian Taekwondo Group showed how energy, strength and concentration can be mastered in a dynamic show.

Outdoor activities such as the F-16 simulator, bouncing castle, an

inflatable slide, face painting, a NATO train ride, clowns and magician's show, an E-3A static display, an ambulance and a fire truck stimulated both the active motor development and the endless curiosity of children. Clowns from Circus Gioco performed enthusiastically for more than two hours in a way that made everyone act like wide-eyed children.

For toddlers, teens, and all ages it was a day packed full of positive and educational entertainment that was fun to watch and be a part of. The ICF Committee wanted this particular day to be a day where all of us took pride in the joy and pleasure of hearing children's laughter, as well as celebrate the innocence of youth. Without a doubt, the mission of the day was a resounding success - "WELL DONE."

The ICF Committee would like to thank MWA, IYA, Graphics Office, NATEX, Security Squadron, Medical Squadron, Airfield Services Squadron, Fire Brigade, PIO, all the POCs from different nations and all of the NSUs for their contribution and efforts in making the International Children's Festival an outstanding success.



Turkish folk dance.
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By Capt. Ludwig Coppen,
Procurement Officer

LWPC closed the financial year (FY) 2006 with mixed feelings. Of course we were happy to close a FY without any deficiencies, on the other hand it was a very busy and stressful year.

The receiving line of the Supply Squadron indicates that, roughly 18,000 inbound packages were processed and ordered by LWPC, (compared with NAMS numbers of approx. 4500 deliveries). Received items were not the only indicator of the volume at LWPC, there were a lot of other tasks, which nobody noticed.

More than 6,500 purchase orders, 7,000 invoices with a total value of more than 64 M Euro including fuel, were processed annually by your local procurement team.

Besides those rather impressive numbers and money values, there were also multiple contracts prepared, negotiated and finally signed, with contractors based all over the world. Due to these multiple tasks and our worldwide contracting we actually think the term central procurement, or the "Octopus" (stretching tentacles out all over the world in various functions) would be more suitable.

The "Octopus" of the E-3A Component



The complete procurement team
Photo by SSgt. A. Lau

The procurement staff is made up of two procurement officers, five senior buyers and two administrators. I think we can be proud of the

workload accomplished throughout the year. Analyses for the current year reveal an even further increase of requisitions.

Some special highlights will be the 25th Anniversary of the E-3A Component as well as the upcoming TACEVAL, in which local procurement is heavily involved. For these as well as all other events the Component can count on our excellent service.

Effective 1 April 2007, Maj. Jochen Scherling will assume command over the division and lead us through the upcoming challenges.

We proudly acknowledge, that three of our five senior buyers, Anja Wolf, Helmut Roessler and Harry Ruijters received their certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of service at NATO from the Logistics Wing Commander, Col. Eugene Mittuch on 22 March 2007. Another indicator of experience and excellence in the procurement division.

After all, we are proud to serve this Component and we are lucky to have such tolerant, open minded and friendly customers. We are ready to serve the needs of our Component at any time!

The fact that the Skywatch is now published as a full-color issue is also one of the services contracted by LWPC.

Taste asparagus with the Selfkantbahn

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg,
Public Information Officer

The Selfkantbahn in the Heinsberg region has a special culinary offer: an asparagus tour with the Selfkantrain. In the old days, asparagus was defined as a medicine and was used to treat tiredness, palpitations and low blood pressure. The asparagus vegetable goes back a very long way in history and over the years, it was given many different nicknames like "white gold" and "Her Majesty." Asparagus is also reputed to be good for weight loss with a recommendation to eat it at least three times a week in order to

shed unwanted pounds. Asparagus lovers and/or train fans will enjoy it! On Sundays until 17 June, with exception of both Whitsun days, the trip starts with a 100-year old plus train at one of the destination stations, either Geilenkirchen-Gillrath (at the B-56) or Gangelt-Schierwaldenrath station. Once on the go, you will receive a welcoming drink in the buffet carriage.

The asparagus menu will be served at the restaurant zur Selfkantbahn at the railway station in Schierwaldenrath, including asparagus cr me soup, asparagus with new



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potatoes and pork fillet or ham. Of course it is asparagus from the Heinsberg region, freshly served.

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A historical journey through the E-3A Component's past



Working at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen with its diversity of nationalities gives the possibility to meet a lot of different persons, to make friends, and ... rebuild friendships from the past. During last summer CMSgt. Halil Unal (right), Flightline Maintenance, passed the Debriefing Room in Hangar 3 where he met MSgt. Thomas Borchardt, who is now Chief Fabrication Branch.

Talking about the hot weather outside Borchardt mentioned to Unal that he would like to have a cold Efes beer – a famous and high-quality Turkish beer. Going further in the Turkish subject Borchardt impressed Unal with his knowledge about his country. A lot of this information Borchardt experienced during exercises he made in the past. One of his deployments was in 1983 at Diyarbakir, Turkey. At that time he was member of the former Fighter-Bomber Wing in Oldenburg, Germany. The Wing participated that year in NATO exercise 'Adventure Express' in Diyarbakir, on the Asian part of the country not far from the

former Soviet Union and very close to the Iran and Iraq border. Sharing the hangar space with the host nation, Borchardt and his comrades met a young Turkish Sergeant, who was to be their sponsor and point-of-contact to co-ordinate the maintenance hangar requirements. But he did more. One day the young Sergeant invited his German guests to go off-base and have a sightseeing trip into the city of Diyarbakir, still surrounded with a wall built by Alexander the Great. This monument still stands as the second largest and longest ancient wall constructed in the world after the famous wall of China. The 'guide'

showed them the different customs, cultures and different way of life of his country. He also stood open for the endless questions the guests fired off to him. After a long walk the German guests took a break at a garden pub under a huge tree next to the 'Alexander wall' to drink an Efes beer with their new Turkish friend.

By telling this story Borchardt refreshed the memory of Unal, but he didn't now yet. When he finished the talking Unal said: "Thomas, I was that young Sergeant!" The guide and guest found each other again in Hangar 3. Their paths crossed again almost after nineteen years. When they see each other now they talk about the old times and both have a good feeling to have an old friend at the E-3A Component. It's really a small world!

Text SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg
Photo MSgt. Stefan Müller

By Heidi Soerensen
Public Information Office

In this issue of NATO Skywatch, we will continue to look back at the Component's heritage by publishing the second of several original articles from the past. Browsing through the large archives of Skywatch issues illustrates an almost complete picture of the E-3A Component's history. In addition to describing the extensive development of the Component, it also reflects many details about our community life, thereby proving that the multinational family really does work well together.

In January 1980, personnel started arriving at the Component and since then more than 16,000 people from 15 different nations have been working and living here. Interviews with Component members since 1985 until today have one important thing in common: they all highlight the advantages of working with different nationalities and learning about other cultures.

This original article is from 18 January 2002, and it discusses a special friendship. It tells the story of two people from two different nations meeting at the Component. For the last 25 years, relationships have been built here every day. We hope this article will remind all of us to be proud of being a part of this multicultural environment and may many friendships grow in the next 25 years.

Over the next coming weeks, we hope you will enjoy looking back at the Component's past.

New furnishings upgrade NATO Clinic Laboratory

By Lt. Col. Michael P. Kleiman
Chief, Public Information Office

the first step in updating this critical element of the NATO Clinic.

Out with the old, in with the new

A familiar phrase, which aptly describes the recent removal of 25-year old cabinets and other out-of-date furnishings from the NATO Medical Squadron Laboratory followed by the installation of new storage and desk equipment that will improve the facility's services to E-3A Component aircrews and civilian employees.

"The new furniture makes it easier to store samples, as well as simplifies the process of placing and finding items needed by the Laboratory," said Karin Heesel, senior lab technician. "After 25 years, the new furnishings were absolutely necessary due to the fact that the lab began operations in 1982 with used furnishings."

Currently, the Laboratory conducts a huge programme including glucose, lipids, liver and kidney functions, blood count and urine tests, as well as maintains the collected samples for one week.

Next on the list of Laboratory upgrades involves installing new chairs in the blood drawing room within the next year.

"I think it is very important what we do. For example, if a patient has diabetes, he needs his glucose checked to ensure he is receiving the proper medication," said Ms. Heesel. "We work very close to the patient, as well as work as a team with the other parts of the NATO Clinic."

Comprised by two Laboratory technicians and an ambulance crew chief, the Laboratory, located in Room 14, serves an average of 25 to 30 patients daily for blood and urinalysis testing. From 0730 to 0900, staff collects the samples and then, during the remainder of the workday, employs approximately five to six machines to assess the bodily fluids. Following that process, they provide the resulting data to physicians.

In addition, a few emergencies, generally heart attacks and intestinal ailments, occur each week and lab personnel always remain on alert to assist with such situations. More importantly, the Laboratory team represents the initial step in determining, for many patients, the specific illness and appropriate treatment. New furniture represents

NATO Medical Squadron Laboratory Team of Karin Heesel (left), Alexander Uhrich and Susanne Schmitz are photographed with some of the facility's new furniture.

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Soccer activities on base



A friendly gathering of the E-3A Component and German national JFC Brunssum soccer teams after the match.

Text and photo by A1C Florian Hueftle

This year's Indoor Soccer season is over, and the winner of the league is HQ/FC Bayern. After nine matches for every team, the winner of the pre-season succeeded again to dominate. The result of 27 points and 90 goals speaks for itself.

Four weeks ago, the E-3A Component Soccer Team, consisting of players from several nations, trained by Coach Werner Schumm, had an outdoor match against the German National Team from JFC Brunssum. After a thrilling 90 minutes, our Component team stood up to JFC's

team with a score of 5 - 4. At half-time, the standing was 0 - 2 for the opponent, but our team didn't capitulate, so finally the E-3A Component team could celebrate a

victory. On Wednesday, 2 May, the Outdoor Soccer League started at the sport fields on the air base. The tour-

namment consists of eleven international teams: Supply, Balilla, Littoria, Roth Survivors, Flying Eagles, AMS, San-Staffel, Tommy Tiger, FC Bayern HQ, ZVBW and a Polish team.

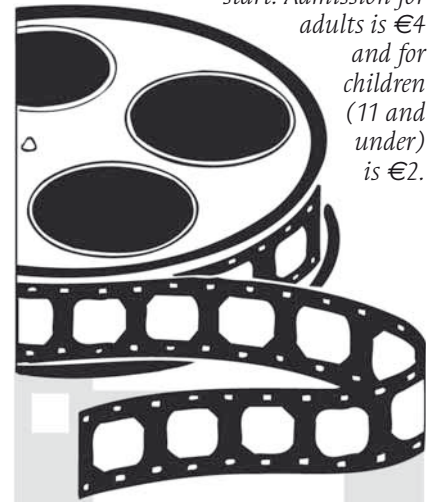
Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays at 1715 and 1815, with each game taking 25 minutes per half. We look forward to announcing the winner of the tournament, which ends 20 June, in NATO Skywatch. Stay tuned.

TEAM	Points	Games	Win	Tie	Loss	Goals +/-
Headquarter FC Bayern	27	9	9	0	0	90:15
ZVBW	21	9	7	0	2	81:30
AMS	18	9	6	0	3	53:32
Supply	16	9	5	1	3	48:27
Balilla	15	9	5	0	4	35:41
Tommy Tiger	10	9	3	1	5	25:53
Flying Eagles	9	9	3	0	6	27:55
Roth Survivors	6	9	2	0	7	30:77
San-Staffel	6	9	2	0	7	39:62
TW-Trainees	6	9	2	0	7	18:54

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Catch and Release (PG-13)

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Music and Lyrics (PG-13)

Fri 11 May 07, 1930
Hugh Grant, Drew Barrymore

The Astronaut Farmer (PG)

Sat 12 May 07, 1600
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The Number 23 (R)

Sat 12 May 07, 1900
Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen

Reno 911!: Miami (R)

Fri 18 May 07, 1930
Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen



By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg
Public Information Office

Keukenhof in The Netherlands has been an exciting destination for visitors from all over the world for 58 years. For the 2007 season, the Keukenhof has chosen the theme "Linnaeus, King of Flowers turns 300," which commemorates the birth of Swedish physician and botanist Carolus Linnaeus 300 years ago.

The Keukenhof selected this theme

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to draw attention to the tremendous significance that Linnaeus had for the bulb world. To this day, tulips are still named according to the classification that Linnaeus developed in the 18th century. Keukenhof's magnificent display of colour, created by more than seven million tulips and other bulbs in bloom, gives you that springtime feeling and lifts your spirits.

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young and old, gardening enthusiasts and individuals who just want a pleasant day out. More and more people are looking for fun and a pleasant atmosphere in a magnificent park setting, as well as for a holiday in which they can take the most beautiful photos.

Spring bulbs form the core of Keukenhof. The name says it all. These bulbs bloom in spring, and Keukenhof is therefore only open during this period.

The Keukenhof is located in the bulb-growing area between Amsterdam and The Hague. In and around the town of Lisse, the route to the Keukenhof is clearly signposted everywhere. You will find the Keukenhof at Stationsweg 166a in Lisse. The distance from Geilenkirchen is 233 kilometres.

Admission for adults is €13 and children aged 4-11 is €6. Parking is €5. Open until 20 May, from 0800 to 1940 daily.

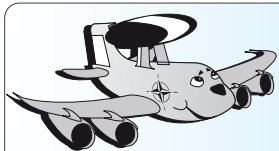


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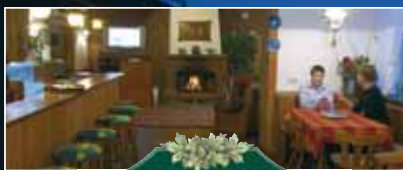
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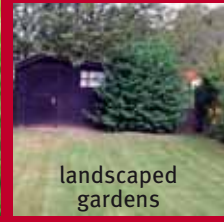
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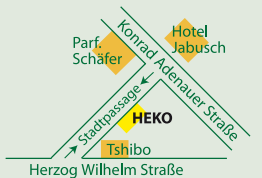
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