

Flying high over Northern Germany



The Anniversary AWACS, aircraft 443, flies over Northern Germany on 17 Sept. after spending a weekend at an airshow in Hamburg. In typical fashion, the Anniversary AWACS was a huge hit and crowds waited in long lines for the opportunity to see the inside of the E-3A and talk with crewmembers who work on the aircraft. Aircraft 443 also graced the front page of the Skywatch in March 1991 as the last aircraft to return from Operation Anchor Guard. See below story for more on Anchor Guard.

Photo by Capt. Richard Komurek

Historical journey: Operation Anchor Guard

By Heidi Soerensen

In this issue of Skywatch, we will continue to look back at the Component's history by publishing another original front page from the past.

In this article we highlight Operation Anchor Guard, which was the first and most demanding 'real world' test of the E-3A Component's mission capability.

In 1990, the Gulf crisis brought the world into a serious military confrontation and on 9 August 1990 the E-3A Component launched the first of many missions in Operation Anchor

Guard. Squadron One was the first to deploy to our Forward Operating Bases in the South of Europe, which for the next eight months were 'invaded' by a much larger than normal number of people to support and maintain equipment and to cock and operate the aircraft.

The Gulf Crisis was characterized by massive media coverage and at that time the Public Information Office (PIO) received numerous phone calls from local citizens and local news agencies asking "What are you doing in the Gulf area?" The question was relevant, since the Gulf area is beyond NATO's boundaries. But Turkey,

which has a common border with Iraq, could be threatened and NATO therefore increased its surveillance in the area by deploying the E-3A. The Component's mission was strictly to observe and not to become actively involved.

Operation Anchor Guard was a huge challenge for the dedicated crews deployed to Italy, Greece and Turkey. They were deployed for 12 to 14 days, back home for four or five days and then deployed again. They flew almost every day, with flights of ten and twelve hours being the norm.

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There were also many other, often less well-known offices back at the E-3A Component involved in ensuring that the primary mission of flying was accomplished. They performed tasks such as monetary exchange into Turkish Lira, taking care of hotel accommodation, making arrangements for cleaning and linen exchange, procuring fruit and vegetables, preparing flight meals, and much more. Every task was a prime example showing that each and every person at the E-3A Component is a necessary part of the overall team effort.

Lt. Col. Hans Brouwers from Squadron Two has been a Tactical Director for 13 years and has a total of 594 missions behind him, including 22 from Operation Anchor Guard.

Looking back he says, "Since this was the first 'real' operation, nobody knew what to expect. It was like a test of what we had been training for. Especially the first month there was a feeling of uncertainty. We flew in an orbit north of the Iraqi border and the intelligence briefing mentioned more than 700 Iraqi fighters, including MiG-29 Fulcrum, SU-24 Fencer and Mirage F-1 and you must remember, at that time we flew without the Electronic Support Measures (ESM) system. We had our NBC equipment next to us on the ground and when flying and when we were off base in Turkey we had police escort."

"In the beginning the mission was mainly air surveillance over Turkey and the Mediterranean Sea, where the coalition were building up for the intervention," Lt. Col. Brouwers continues. "After 17 January 1991, when Operation Desert Storm was launched, the mission changed more to broader air defence, including combat air patrols to protect Turkey. After the first couple of weeks with almost no resistance the initial concern went away. It was good to see,

that the training we did at the Component worked out so well in a real operation. The teamwork was just awesome and everybody was working hard. Lessons learned from Anchor Guard laid the foundation for future operations."

Operation Anchor Guard came to an end on the afternoon of 16 March 1991, as the last of three E-3As with Squadron One aircrews returned home. Between 9 August 1990 and 16 March 1991 the Component flew a total of 1,129 missions and 8,581.8 hours in support of Anchor Guard.

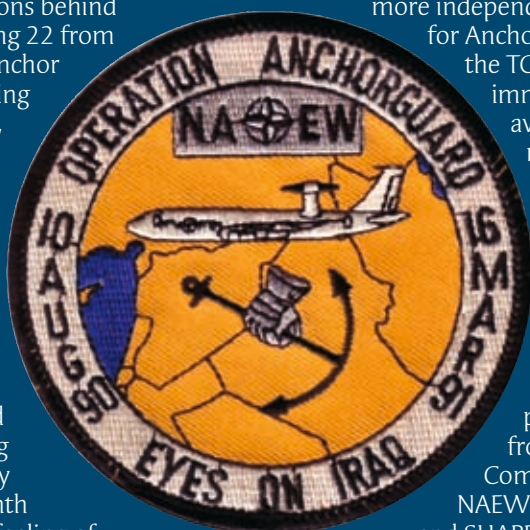
The TCA, too, played a key role in Anchor Guard, being described as the Component's 'work-horse'. Since the acquisition of the TCAs in 1988, the Component had become

more independent and for Anchor Guard the TCAs were immediately available, meeting transport requests day and night seven days a week. The total number of passengers from the Component, NAEWFC, FOB/L

and SHAPE during Operation Anchor Guard amounted to 5,527 people and the overall weight of cargo came to approximately 450 tons. The TCA flew more than 640 hours on 192 flights for Anchor Guard alone.

"These figures are impressive. They tell an important story of sacrifice, hard work and dedication that the men and women at the Component, the FOBs and FOL can be proud of," said Brig. Gen. Jay D. Blume Jr, E-3A Component Commander at that time. "NATO has indicated that the way of the future in the Alliance is more mobile, flexible, and multi-national forces. They need only look at their own E-3A Component as a unique example."

Over the next coming weeks, we will continue to publish a series of original articles, and we hope you will look forward to looking back at the Component's past.



Lt. Col. Matt Phillips says goodbye



Photo???

By Capt. Richard Komurek

Component Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen Schmidt presents a retirement certificate to Lt. Col. Matt Phillips during a retirement ceremony on 31 September.

Phillips, who worked extensively with the E-3A AWACS and E-8A/C JSTARS aircraft during his 20-years the U.S. Air Force, ended his military career here at

Geilenkirchen after serving in the Operation Wing as the Chief of the Component Standardization and Evaluation Division, Squadron 2 Deputy Commander and Operations Officer and finally, as the Commander of Squadron 1. Phillips and his family will now return to their hometown of Bloomington, Indiana where he will begin a new career as a civilian airline pilot.

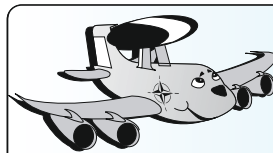
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For more information contact the Canadian representative Kyla Palin 02454 936043.

The International Women's Club

of Geilenkirchen is open to all female NATO ID cardholders stationed at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. Membership is only €40 each year and includes nine evenings with dinner and entertainment. Each month, a different country will host the night and provide food. The themes and styles change. Sometimes we dance. Sometimes we sit and visit. Sometimes we play silly games. We always enjoy the evening. You may come as a guest up to two times for €10 each visit.



PLANE SPOTTER

This aircraft landed at Geilenkirchen Air Base.

Do you know what it is?

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Occupational Health Branch helps keep employees safe, healthy

Text and photo Ms. Pia Heesel/PIO Intern

Occupational Health focuses on the interaction between people and their work and the goal is to enable employees to work without any risk to their health. For the Occupational Health Officer, this field of work is multidisciplinary because he has to unite many skills, in a similar way to a general practitioner, to master the great variety of challenges.

Occupational Health is not a discipline involving therapeutic activities. Patients do not come and see the Occupational Health Officer because they suffer from acute health problems and they will also not be treated by him, except in some special cases. Occupational Health is about prevention. "People realize that it is more sensible to invest in the area of prevention in good time than to straighten things out which have been missed before," said Dr. Helmut Stienen, the Occupational Health Officer on base. Patients are examined and given advice at early stage about any negative effects of their work, so that countermeasures can be taken. Regularly recurring noise, for example, has negative effects on hearing. Once hearing is damaged it is irreparable. That is why measures have to be taken early to protect workers from noise.

The area of Occupational Health on base is subject to the NAEW&C Force directive, which specifies that the E-3A Component has to comply with the laws of the Host Nation and must act according to German law. The Occupational Health Officer, together with the Safety Division, is responsible for the safety of all on-base workplaces in accordance with security and work medical knowledge. It is very important to prevent accidents and keep employees healthy by applying the latest technology and manpower studies. "As Occupational Health Officer you often get the chance here on base to see beyond the end of your own medical area's nose. You deal with organizational as well

as many technical fields into which you would not gain any insight elsewhere: from building technology and procedures in aircraft servicing to physical strains affecting firemen and dog trainers. It is never boring," said Stienen.

In principle, all personnel employed at the Air Base can consult the

health. Employees can consult the Occupational Health Officer for many different reasons. It makes no difference whether you have a physical health problem or a mental one. If you have problems with a colleague or even with your boss, or if working conditions trouble you, the Occupational Health Officer can help.

assistant to the Chief of the Medical Squadron. In 2000, Occupational Health became an independent branch in the Medical Squadron.

"I think there are not many people on base who can say that they know every workplace and almost every employee. But I can say that almost every one of them has sat in the chair in front of me," he said.



Staff of Medical Squadron, Occupational Health branch (from left to right)
Intern Ms. Tanja Larsen, Dr. Helmut Stienen, Ms. Inga Kurowsky and SSgt. Britta Müller.

Occupational Health Officer. Flying personnel are the only exception. They have their own Occupational Health physician, the Flight Surgeon. However, if any flying personnel are not onboard aircraft for a short time and work in an office, for example, they can also consult the Occupational Health Officer. Under Host Nation legislation relating to health and safety at work, every employee is entitled to occupational health care. In small businesses this is hard to translate into action, but the 3,000 employees on base have many advantages from the full-time availability of the Occupational Health Officer:

The Occupational Health Officer is a competent expert directly on base. He guarantees routine occupational treatment and gives advice about individual problems. Most of the patients are regularly invited to be checked. But from time to time it happens that patients come to see him for special reasons. For example, because of an illness or an incident at the workplace that might have consequences for their

"Even though I more or less said goodbye to therapeutic activities, I hope to achieve something positive for the patients, the employer and the whole organization. Hopefully, I can do this even without a prescription pad and referral forms and without a scalpel," Stienen emphasizes.

Thanks to the Occupational Health Branch, concrete ideas to keep employees healthy are constantly being developed. There is the opportunity to do back-training classes at the workplace and medical life-style coaching is offered. If you had an accident you get help to reintegrate and become fit again. There is also an advisory service about work-life balance. "The aim of these programs is to support the employees in regard to their health as well as keeping them present at the workplace. This is a prerequisite for successful mission accomplishment."

Dr. Stienen has been permanently working on base since 1993. After qualifying as a medical practitioner, he worked as a Flight Surgeon and

Dr Helmut Stienen's infinite wisdom

For most people good health is one of the most valuable things in life – but they act as if it is heaven sent. Here are a few fundamental principles for healthy working in healthy organizations:

- Healthy behavior is a mindset; awareness is a prerequisite.
- Be active in a broad sense. Take responsibility for yourself and your work environment.
- Stay in balance! Work vs. leisure activities; nutrition; physical exercise
- As a supervisor, use the knowledge and skills of your staff
- Strengthen your strengths rather than picking on weaknesses.
- Be positive! Enjoy the physical and mental capabilities you have and strive for more.
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22-28 oktober 2007: Een magische week vol Disney plezier in GaiaPark Kerkrade Zoo!

Component joins effort to support Chernobyl children

By Heidi Soerensen

A group of about 25 children aged between 8 and 10 years who live near the Chernobyl nuclear disaster site in Belarus will visit the town of Brunssum, the Netherlands, from 12 January to 4 March 2008. While in Brunssum, the Chernobyl children will also visit the Component on Tuesday, 12 February. During the visit the children will visit the fire brigade and the flight deck simulator, have an E-3A walk-through and a Component-sponsored lunch. This will be the third time in the last eight years that Chernobyl children have come to Brunssum and the first time to visit our Component.

A special committee in Brunssum is making all the arrangements for the area visit. Karen Segal, from the United States, has been living here for the last seven years. Her husband, Jack Segal, works as the Chief Political Advisor at Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Brunssum and they are both a part of the organizing committee for the visit. As part of this committee, they also serve as the central liaison between the local Dutch community and the NATO communities in Brunssum and the E-3A Component.

"It all started in the local school and the Protestant church. The teachers wanted to make the Dutch children more aware of children with problems, and one way of practicing charity at home was to host children in need," says Karen. "The idea of having the Chernobyl children here is to give them access to good food, clean air and water,

and opportunities to exercise their minds and bodies. Even two months of living in a good environment will strengthen these children for the rest of their lives!" I felt Karen's heartfelt compassion for the children and this project as I began to understand the amount of hard work that she and the event committee have to do to make all this happen.

The children all live in very poor villages that have lots of environmental problems and not much hope for a better future. To get here they will travel for three days on a bus before their local host families in the Brunssum area welcome them. The overall purpose is to make the Chernobyl children feel at home and be a part of normal everyday life. One of the opportunities they have is to attend classes at the Benjamin Elementary School in Treebeek.

With full support of the E-3A Component, the NATEX will provide each child with a brand new winter jacket and one pair of winter boots as soon as they arrive. The NATEX will also donate 'Fruitopia' juices for the children from Chernobyl during their upcoming visit to the E-3A Component.



Winter 2005, the children from Chernobyl lived in Brunssum for two months. Here the children are exploring Hoensbroek Castle. Photo courtesy: Angelene Gielkens

How to help the Chernobyl children:

- To make this whole program a reality the event committee welcomes any financial contributions by the NATO community. Donations will be used to cover expenses of bus transportation, insurance and other care for the children that are estimated to total €17,000. All donations can be made to Dresdner Bank, account number 02 883 508 01, and bank code (BLZ) 390 800 05.
- The event committee is also looking for people to sponsor one-day tours for the children. Some of the suggested tours
- are to Snow World (€300) or swimming at a local pool (€40 per session).
- If you have any items of good used clothing (size 128-176 cm/age 6-12), these items will be collected through the E-3A Component Chapel, located in building 4, from now until 16 November.
- The committee is also looking for people who speak Russian and are willing to help with communication.
- If you want to help, contact Karen Segal at 0031 45 564 2114 or jsegal_kpuschel@yahoo.com.



Chernobyl reactor number four after the disaster, showing the extensive damage to the main reactor hall (image centre) and turbine building (image lower left).

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Chernobyl - The world's worst nuclear disaster

Thousands of people have died as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Very large numbers of Russians, Ukrainians and Belarusians who live in the most contaminated regions are still alive but seriously ill.

On 26 April, 1986, the fourth reactor of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, exploded at 01:23 AM local time. The workers were performing an experiment with the reactor's safety systems. Problems occurred during the tests, the reactor did not receive enough coolant and had built up too much heat in the core, and control rods had been fully withdrawn, all of which contributed to very unstable and unpredictable reactor operation. When the control rods were reinserted in an attempt to gain control of the unstable

reactor, there was a sudden increase in reactivity and an uncontrollable runaway reaction occurred.

The reactor produced tremendous amounts of steam, eventually causing a steam break/explosion, which destroyed part of the reactor. Over 100 radioactive elements including iodine, caesium, strontium, and plutonium were released into the atmosphere. All permanent residents of Chernobyl and the 'Exclusion Zone' were evacuated because radiation levels in the area had become unsafe.

The Exclusion Zone was established soon after the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 in order to evacuate the local population and to prevent people from entering the heavily contaminated territory, the area within a radius of 30 km being the most dangerous. Any residential, civil or business activities there are legally prohibited and punishable. To this day and for the foreseeable

future, the area is considered too dangerous for human habitation, though normal radiation levels have returned to some locales.

On 17 September, 2007, it was announced that a new steel containment structure will be built to replace the aging and hastily built 'sarcophagus' that currently protects the damaged reactor. The project is being financed by an international fund managed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. A giant arch-shaped structure made from steel, measuring 190 metres wide and 200m long, will be built to cover the old crumbling concrete dome that is currently in use. It is expected to take a year to design the new building and another 2 years to build it. A separate deal has also been made to build a storage facility within the exclusion zone for the nuclear waste produced by Chernobyl.

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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 €6,90 per child and €10,80 per adult include "Brötchen" with hot chocolate, coffee, Glühwein, or a soft drink at Schierwaldenrath, plus Christmas goodies for children, and can be purchased at the IYA Office starting 5 November.

International Cross Country Run 2007

The Morale and Welfare Activities Sports Department will again host the International Cross Country Competition on Friday, 9 November 2007 between 1100-1330. About 200 participants from throughout Europe will participate.

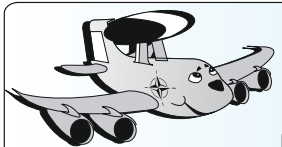
Distance will be 7,000 meters. The following categories will compete each other:

- Group A- men aged 18-29 years
 - Group B- men aged 30-39 years
 - Group C- men aged 40-49 years
 - Group D- men aged 50 years and over
 - Group E- women of all ages.
- The four best runners of each team will score for the team run.

Team coaches must enter their respective team name at the time of registration. The top three and the three best runners in each category, as well as the best team, will receive a trophy. Each participant will be awarded a certificate.

Registration is at the NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, at the New Gym on 9 November from 0900-1030. Start will be at 1100 and entry fee is €5 per participant (payable on the day).

After the race lunch will be served at 1215 in the Green Lounge of the Frisbee Club. Presentation of Trophies is at the Frisbee Club at 1300.



PLANE SPOTTER

On Monday, 15 October a Royal Air Force (RAF) BAe146 landed at The E-3A Component. Manufactured in the United Kingdom by British Aerospace, the BAe 146 is a medium-sized commercial aircraft. Besides the Royal Air Force, the Bolivian Air Force and the Royal Saudi Air Force also operate this aircraft. It has been marketed under the name Whisperjet for its very quiet operation. It sees wide usage at small city-based airports. The original design was carried out in 1973. The name 146 comes from the original de Havilland design number, DH146. The aircraft have proven to be useful on 'high' density regional and short-haul routes.

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Auto

Feb. 2002 Mercedes SLK 200, 2 Ltr, 4 cylinders, 163 HP, 6-speed manual, silver metallic, 78,000 km (as of 15 Sep 07). The car is very well maintained and in an excellent condition. An assessment of the value of the car is made by a professional German Company, and the price is adjusted to a level below of the assessment: €13,500 without any taxes paid. The Assessment Report (Bewertung) with further details and photos is on the bulletin board in Sentry Club. More info from Steen Joost at 0045 55 727227 or cell phone 0045 20482505 or email joost@mail.dk

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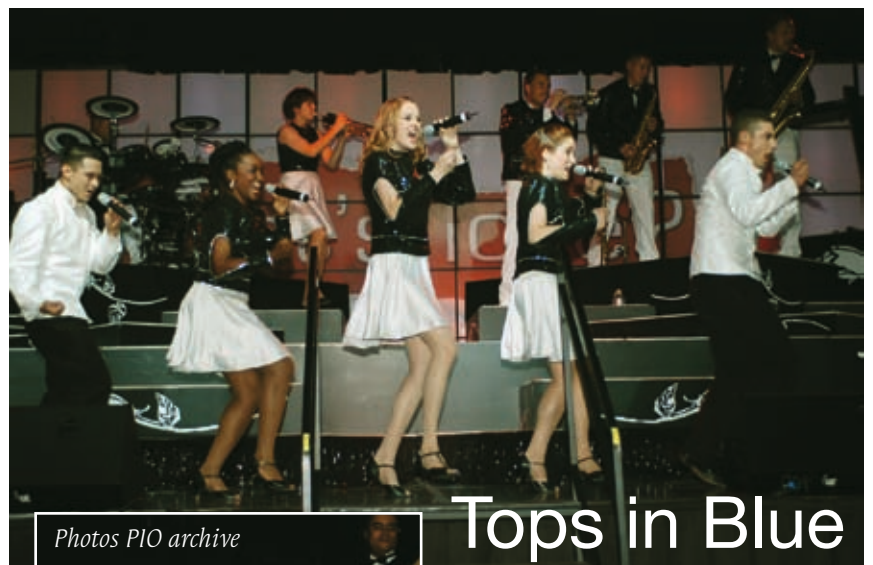
Miscellaneous

Red room rug \$20, assorted curtains \$10 each, ski suit \$25, large coffee tables \$15 each, King sheets/comforter set \$35, double sheets/comforter set \$35-Call Terry 02451-4099813 or ext. 2296.

Wanted:

The IYA is looking for instructors for Guitar and Martial Arts classes. If you are interested, or if you would like to offer an additional sports, music or crafts course, please call ext. 4954 or ext. 4955.

Volunteers for IYA Basketball Season. As usual the IYA can only offer its Basketball program with your dedicated volunteer help. Call ext. 4955 right now to get further information, and to sign up as coach, assistant coach or referee for any of our leagues!



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Tops in Blue

Tops In Blue 2007 takes centre stage 20 October 2007 at 1900 at Sporthal Rumpen in Brunssum for one performance only. The show's theme, 'The Fly By', commemorates 60 years of U.S. Air Force history through a high-tech multimedia extravaganza. Audiences will be taken back as the show visually and musically winds its way through six decades of history with historical footage laced with songs from each era.

TOPS IN BLUE 2007 is sponsored in part by AT&T and COCA-COLA. Be sure and register at the show for a chance to win a 550-unit calling card from AT&T. Admission is free and open to the public. Call ext. 4952 for more details.



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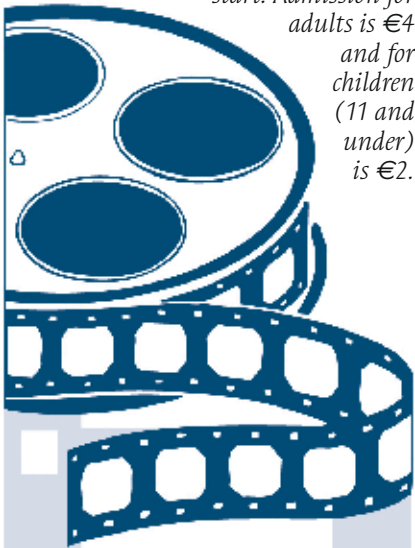
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The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)
Saturday, 20 October,
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Stardust (PG-13)
Friday, 26 October,
1930
Claire Danes, Robert
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The Simpson's Movie (PG-13)
Saturday, 27 October,
1600
Pamela Hayden, Dan
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Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
Saturday, 27 October,
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Jackie Chan, Chris
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Romantic canals send you back to medieval times.

Text and photo Heidi Soerensen

Known as the Venice of the North, Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Only 235 kilometres from Geilenkirchen it makes a perfect destination for a one-day trip. Bruges has something to offer for the whole family. Besides the historical sightseeing, you can go for a romantic hand-in-hand walk, a classical concert, or to a wonderful park for the children to play in. Bruges also gives all the gastronomic pleasures you can imagine.

Upon visiting Bruges, you will immediately notice that this city has carefully cherished its architectural and artistic treasures from the past. This splendid medieval city is one of Belgium's crown jewels. In no other European city is the feel and the look of medieval times as present as it is here in this city close to the North Sea coast.

Take your time to walk through busy squares, refreshing parks and quiet, intimate cobbled streets. Also be sure not to forget to discover the city from its canals. A boat tour gives

you a unique opportunity to explore Bruges from the same angle as they did 200 years ago. From the water side you are able to see some of the extraordinary, unknown and very old things you would never see from the roads. In the Early Middle Ages the roads were in such poor condition that the network of canals functioned as the main transportation network. Thus, almost all traffic and especially all trade to and from Bruges took place via the canals.

There are many fine medieval buildings in Bruges, including the Church of our Lady, whose brick spire - at 122m - makes it one of the world's highest brick towers. The construction of the church began in the 13th Century and lasted more than 200 years. The view from outside is spectacular, but it does not stop there. Continue going inside this church and you will find a marvellous collection of paintings, unique glass windows and probably the most expensive work of art in Bruges: Michelangelo's Madonna.

Walking around Bruges offers lots of sensory impressions and

temptations for those who enjoy the good things in life. All year round the rich aroma of chocolate wafts through the city and countless creative confectioners make hundreds of kilograms of the city's famous chocolate. And I must admit it is delicious. Bruges is also famous for its beer and local breweries, and in some cafes you can choose between more than 300 different Belgian beers.

Later in the evening, when most of the tourists have gone, Bruges reclaims its charm and quietness of old times and its beautifully illuminated canals present the viewer with fantastic scenery.

International tourism has boomed in Bruges and these efforts have resulted in Bruges being designated European Capital of Culture in 2002. Furthermore, in 2000 UNESCO included the entire historical city centre on the World Heritage list. Be aware that visiting Bruges on weekends or holidays can be a crowded experience - everybody wants to have a piece of this popular medieval city.

Foggy Fields
Bazaar

The American Women of Geilenkirchen (AWGK) are pleased to announce the 19th Annual Foggy Fields Bazaar. This year's event will be held at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Hangar 4 from Friday, 9 November through Sunday, 11 November.

Foggy Fields Bazaar is the primary source for philanthropic funds used to support a number of American as

well as NATO-nation organizations. In addition, AWGK uses monies raised at the event to provide academic college scholarships to worthy students.

Vendor products available at this year's event will include a variety of items such as antiques, clocks, furniture, rugs, collectibles, linens and much, much more! Hours of operation will be 1000 to 1800 Friday and Saturday. Sunday's hours are 1000 to 1600. Do not miss this opportunity to purchase items from all over Europe while supporting a worthy cause!

We look forward to seeing you at the Foggy Fields Bazaar!

The AWGK is a not-for-profit organization, operating as a support and social organization within the NATO Air Base and surrounding community.

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E-3A Component Clubs:

- Sunday Brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Brunch prices: Members: €10.70; guests €13.00; children 4-12 years: half price. Reservations should be made no later than 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 Brunch. Frisbee and Officers' Club closed.
- 11 Officers' Club Family Brunch, Frisbee Club closed.
- 18 Officers' Club "Hunters' Brunch", Frisbee Club closed.
- 25 Frisbee Club Brunch, Officers' Club closed.

Officers' Club (SWPO/4990):

Operating hours Bar : Monday-Friday : 1100-2100. 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 through 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. Fridays 1430-1700: Happy Hour: Free snacks available. Special: 1 and 2 November: Club closed due to Component Holiday and Down Day. As of 7 November: Tickets on sale for the New Year's Eve Ball on 31 December 2007. 9 November: Gourmet Night (See Special Flyer) Tickets on sale as of 8 October. From 19 to 22 November: Game specialties during lunch time. Special Notes: The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call. Make your reservations now.

MWA INFORMATION

November

For members living on base – if you like to watch TV and/or have a drink during the weekends while the club is closed – collect the key for the Officers' Club Casual Bar at the Pass/Visitors' Office, Main Gate. *Officers' Club Participation in Frisbee Club Events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilize 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 €5.00 per person must be charged for non-excused absences. *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 cozy atmosphere and good food ! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required). *Every Monday night: Country Line Dance, at 1930 (5, 12, 19 and 26)*

6 Skat Main Bar 1800-2300

6 Bingo Green Lounge 1900-2230

9 Bavarian Breakfast 0900. Prior reservation appreciated.

15 International Wives Club, Canadian Night

20 Bingo Green Lounge 1900-2230 *Every Monday and Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1800*

Every Friday Happy hour from 1430 until 1900 (including snacks at 1700)

Every Monday and Steak Night (Normal Restaurant times) Friday Night Steak Dinner only, reservations required. *Every Wednesday Belgian Mussels as lunch special (day price).* Closure:The Frisbee Club will be closed from 1 through 4 November 2007.

Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997):

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. *Last Pizza order at 1930, Monday through Friday. A variety of new pizzas is available now, like Pizza Gyros, Pizza Calzone and Pizza Spinach. We also will add some new toppings. As soon as the preparations are finished, the details will be advertised on our Component information web page. We will also offer little rolls made from pizza dough with herb butter or garlic mayonnaise.* Take advantage of our new Salad Bar. Various types of freshly prepared salads available at a reasonable price.

Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half rolls or freshly prepared muffins. For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management. Need supplies for a party? The Sentry Club is your stop for 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 (e.g. tables, benches, beer wagons, etc.) must be ordered from the supplier. *Visit the Souvenir Shop – a variety of nice new items have arrived! Also, many 25th anniversary articles for sale. Good quality red or white wine with 25th anniversary logo.* Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

- 9 Cross Country Run New Gym/Cross Trail
- 13 Basket Ball League/Tournament 1500, Sentry Club, Q&Q Room Coaches' Meeting
- 14 Table Tennis Tournament One-day tournament
- 23 Basketball League/Tournament. Deadline Registration
- 28 Squash Tournament. Deadline Registration Schedule of Fall Fitness

Classes now available at the Sports Department.

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International Pre-School

(SWPS/4957):

1 Component Holiday – No School

2 Down Day – No School

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8 Teacher's training, no School

23 Thanksgiving Feasts for children and their families There are still spaces available for our afternoon class. Registration at the school's office or call ext. 4957 for more information.

Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

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International Youth Activities
(SWPY/4954/5)

IYA Basketball Season

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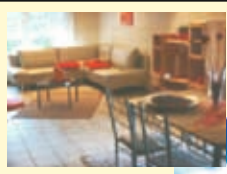


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