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Oktoberfest 2015

Brig. Gen. Karsten Stoye, NATO E-3A Component commander, tapped the first keg of 2015's Oktoberfest here at Geilenkirchen Air Base Germany.

Flight simulation training devices receive excellent result

By Component's Simulator Team

Mr. Hello, Technical Inspector, and Mr. Jacquet, Flight Inspector, from the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile in Paris, France, conducted the annual re-qualification evaluation of the E-3A Component's Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTD) on Sep. 1-3, 2015.

This wide-spectrum review by top notch experts who evaluate civilian and military flight simulators nearly across the globe, is not only a

professional and neutral assessment of how we are supporting flight simulator operations, but also a golden opportunity to exchange views and seek advice on technical, regulatory and other matters.

The fact the FSTDs are again qualified to the highest level of fidelity implies that the technical ability of the simulators as defined in the compliance document, are fully met.

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Collaborate, Cooperate and Communicate

"People have forgotten this truth," the fox said. "But you mustn't forget it. You become responsible forever for what you've tamed. You're responsible for your rose."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

Military commanders are ultimately responsible for their personnel, equipment, and overall mission accomplishment.

Moreover, commanders are responsible for the compliance of directed rules and regulations that govern mission accomplishment. The compliance of these rules and regulations is not only the responsibility of commander but rather a shared responsibility with their subordinate military and civilian leaders.

The sheer size, mission complexity and the specialty of a military organization may require a commander to delegate responsibilities to subordinate military or also civilian leaders.

For example, the E-3A Component may delegate responsibilities from the Wing level through the squadron or even section level.

Every individual in a military organization is responsible for his/her individual task. So, to reiterate Antoine de Saint-Exupéry words, the commander is responsible for the field of roses, the subordinate leaders for the bouquet of roses and the individual for the rose itself. As the responsible person, you are always

in charge and the owner of a task. Likewise you are also accountable of your individual work and the leadership.

In leadership roles, accountability is the acknowledgment and assumption of responsibility for your actions and decisions. Consequently you have the obligation to report, explain and accept resulting consequences.

Even in one's own personal affairs, there are different roles and responsibilities a person plays within a family, a group of friends, a sports club, dancing club, and many more. Each person is responsible "for" and accountable "to" something or someone.

Leadership means responsibility and accountability. Being a good leader means having the responsibility to serve others so people will want to follow you. I am sure every leader inherently knows this; however, leadership also has basic requirements. What are those requirements? What should a good leader do?

First, good leaders often follow their given mission and set achievable goals for their unit. An organization must set attainable goals while

providing some flexibility to allow the organization to improve, adapt, and change with the mission. It is a leader's duty to determine a clear vision to accomplish those goals and ultimately the mission.

Additionally, a good leader knows an organization's true assets are the people; their knowledge, experience, and passion are the foundation of a unit's success. A leader must trust and believe in his or her team; this may sometimes require a leader to accept blame and criticism or pass along praise for a job well done..

Persuade, inspire and motivate your people to follow you. It's true that you want your people to have initiative and the liberty to act on that initiative.

However, all initiatives must be in support of what you are trying to achieve as the leader. A good leader motivates by example. There are no bad soldiers under a good officer. Worry not that your people will listen to you; worry most that they will watch you!

Finally, a good leader should not hesitate to solve problems and make decisions. Remember, a goal unachieved is most of the time a problem unsolved. The only obstacles that stand between you and the unit success are problems, difficulties, hindrances, and barriers. Your ability to maneuver around these problems is key to your success.

Therefore, set priorities and focus on key tasks. In our Component, the Transition Task Force is developing a management tool with conditions, objectives and individual tasks that will allow the Component to follow the transition process through to the NAEW Force final operational capability.

Time is your scarcest resource; it is limited, perishable, irretrievable, and irreplaceable. The way you allocate your time can be the critical element of what you want to achieve - or fail to achieve.

Today, getting others to follow you takes more than command and control. You have to earn their trust, respect, and confidence. For that, your decisions need to be transparent.

The big three "C's" will assist you on that path: collaborate, cooperate and communicate. These are the keys to sustainable success as a leader as you watch your rose bloom and unit prosper!

Per aspera ad astra

Karsten Stoye

Brig Gen Karsten Stoye

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Members from **the Europe Seminar** from Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary and Germany were given an opportunity to receive further education and exchange information. Civilian participants should have academic qualifications as well as experience in executive or similarly challenging positions. The guiding theme of the seminar is the idea of a common and secure Europe more than twenty years after the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Emphasis will be placed on developments in security policy and European policy and progress in European integration.



NATO has adopted the System Life Cycle Management (SLCM) approach following the approval by the North Atlantic Council of a NATO Policy for SLCM in January 2006. The intention of the policy was to achieve an integrated approach to the delivery of defence related capabilities. In 2012, the Life Cycle Management Group (LCMG) AC/327 decided to setup **a NATO Working Group (AC/327 WG/7)** which will provide the basis for configuration management processes to be applied to NATO Nations and Organizations defence and security systems (hardware, software, services and equipment) and in multinational and cooperative programs' and projects. The activities of WG/7 reflect the priorities of the Life Cycle Management Group in the assigned areas of responsibility and other priorities collectively agreed by the participating nations.

FSTD continued from front page

Although supporting, maintaining and operating flight simulators may look and sound easy, reality is everything else but that. This was specially the case during the last year which was quite challenging for many reasons such as, renovation of Building 216, runway restoration, organizational restructuring, operational deployments and preparations for the CNS/ATM glass cockpit project.

Even with these challenges on the plate, the FSTD team left no stone unturned to deliver the highest possible standards for the FSTDs in every area such as technical, safety, processes, maintenance and support, and compliance management with the best possible training environment for the flight crew students by rigorously applying continuous improvement across the board.

"The inspectors will always find

something," said Lt. Col. Thomas Ratersmann, component simulator team member. "So to do something to make things better will be difficult. Keeping this high level will require continuous high level of dedication and professionalism."

The flexible and generous support from other entities on base such as security, transportation, Public Affairs and Log Wing Phase Dock Maintenance offices, was quite helpful and allowed

the FSTD team to focus on the flight simulators and being available throughout the evaluation.

The excellent result of this year's evaluation is the best possible motivating factor to continue on this path.

Many thanks to all Component agencies who supported the flight simulator operations, and the re-qualification evaluation.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jens Klett
Chief Master Sgt. Vincenzo Fanara, Forward Operating Base Trapani supply specialist, receives a certificate of recognition from Lt. Col. Alfredo LaBoy II, NATO E-3A Supply Squadron commander, on 10 September 2015. As the supply specialist, he exercised sound management skills for NATO property under his control. Vincenzo is responsible for a supply store consisting of over 2,200 line items with a total value in excess of €3 million and consistently maintains an inventory accuracy rate of over 98%.



Photo by André Joosten

Brig. Gen. Dawn Dunlop, Force Commander, presents the Force Command Commendation Award 2014 to Master Sgt. Jack Jones on Sep. 10, 2015 at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany. Sergeant Jones received the Commendation award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to sortie generation while assigned as the production superintendent. During this period, Sgt. Jones maintained NATO's ageing E-3A fleet generating over 7.5 thousand flying hours, 1.1 thousand sorties and remedying 1,752 pilot reported discrepancies all while supporting NATO's commitments across Europe and Afghanistan.

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AWACS interacts with the public

Story and photos by Lynn Kühn

When being at air shows or airport events, NATO AWACS never falls short of grabbing visitors' attention. This month, the E-3A Component participated in several such events, with a fly-by, a display truck, or an E-3A aircraft being present at the festivities. The high interest of the visitors once again showed the popularity of NATO's aircraft.



Captain Daniel Houtsma welcomes a visitor's group.

Berlin-Gatow Flugplatzfest

On Sept. 5 and 6, the Component took part in the annual "Berlin-Gatow Flugplatzfest". Although an AWACS could not be deployed to the military airfield and despite the bad weather, the Component's display truck attracted many interested visitors.

Dresden Flughafenfest and fly-bys at Beek for Speed, NATO Days Ostrava

Upon invitation by Dresden Airport to celebrate its 80th anniversary, an AWACS aircraft was deployed to the festivities on Sept. 18 and 19. At the "Dresden Flughafenfest", visitors were offered the unique opportunity to have a look inside an E-3A aircraft with crew members taking their time to explain the AWACS' capabilities and the different positions of the flight and mission crew.

Additionally, crew members stood ready to provide information at the display truck, resulting in an overall outstanding representation of the Component at the event.

On Sunday morning, the flight crew departed from Dresden Airport for a fly-by at "Beek for Speed" at



Major Gerardo "Cowboy" Caballero hands out Component stickers to children.

Maastricht-Aachen Airport in the Netherlands. The flight continued to Ostrava, Czech Republic, where visitors of the "NATO Days Ostrava" eagerly waited to see NATO's flagship aircraft during another fly-by. After landing back in Dresden again,

visitors excitedly approached crew members to tell them how they were enthusiastic to see an E-3A aircraft flying over their city. The weekend was busy, but a rewarding one for the multinational Component team at Dresden.

Component represents NATO at Meppen

By Senior Master Sgt. Ingo Senft, Flying Squadron 3

The E-3A Component was invited to participate in the "MEPPEN OPEN DAYS 2015", a weapons show of the WTD 91 (Weapons Test Facility 91) in Meppen, Germany, on Sept. 11-12, 2015.

Even though an E-3A could not be deployed, a small Component delegation was warmly welcomed and the presence and representation of the E-3A Component were highly appreciated by the numerous

visitors and the leadership of the test facility. On Friday, Sept. 11, two fly-bys with the NATO E-3A were conducted over the weapons range, which was certainly a very rare appearance in the skies over Meppen.

Due to the high interest, uncountable questions about the aircraft and its capabilities had to be answered at the E-3A information point.

The crew provided information about the NATO Airborne Early Warning System as well as about the current tasking of the Component.

More than 5500 information bags with handouts and other material were handed out to the visitors. Especially the kids had a lot of fun with the AWACS "Wuppies", the cute, little animals with a rotodome on top.

Around 36.000 visitors came to find out more about the Weapons Test Facility and the various weapon systems on display.

The highlights of the show were clearly the dynamic weapons show and the fly-by of different aircraft types of the German Armed Forces and NATO.

Many different live firing weapon demonstrations were performed by the LARS II Rocket Launcher, the Panzerhaubitze 2000 as well as by the newest version of the Leopard II, currently the most sophisticated tank of the German Army.

The aerial demonstration of the Keiler mine sweep tank was very impressive.

The most asked question was of course about our aircraft and when there will be a chance to see it from inside during an open day at Geilenkirchen Air Base.







Let the festivities begin

By Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Longfellow

With a cry of "O'zapft is", Brigadier General Karsten Stoye, EA-3 Component Commander, tapped the first keg of 2015's Oktoberfest festivities here at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany with maximum participation.

The annual beer festival hanger was packed on Saturday as thousands of locals took part in a tradition that is taken place in some form since 1810, and inspired imitations all around the world. Just over 200 years ago, Bavarian

Crown Prince Ludwig's celebrated his marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen with such a huge public party that it became an annual event.

Nowadays, it is known for its tall mugs of beer, men wearing traditional Bavarian Lederhosen and women in brightly, colored costumes, Dirndls. This year marks 33 years the Deutsche Unteroffizier Kameradschaft (DUK), hosted Oktoberfest.

This was Sergeant First Class Alex Gieswein's, Oktoberfest director, first time behind the scenes.

"It was about the details to ensure this event went correctly," Gieswein said. "I was surprised about the small things that are required to organize Oktoberfest."

The money raised during Oktoberfest goes back to the local community as well as the Component.

With Saturday being the start of the festivities, Sunday was a calmer, family-friendly environment. Family and friends were invited a static display of an AWACS aircraft as well as the fire brigade. Lines were filled with children waiting to get their face

painted and to receive a balloon. Visitors also enjoyed a mix of typical Bavarian food, to include Grillhaxe, Brezeln, Spießbraten and Sauerkraut.

With the traditional food there came traditional music with the Wülfershausen Band to play during the event.

"I can honestly say this year we had a great year of planning and an amazing team," Gieswein said. "I would like to thank the team of volunteers, because if it wasn't for them, this year's Oktoberfest wouldn't be as successful."

Onion Retired

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Shuck

During the afternoon of September 9th, 2015, the firewall, Onion was shut down. Onion is the nickname of one of our oldest firewalls ever operated.

Onion was put in commission 2003 and has been doing its job since.

Nowadays firewalls don't have fancy nicknames. Their names are far more boring because they are named in accordance with NATO naming conventions.

Onion was reliable and strong. It survived power cuts without problems.

Not even water dripping from the ceiling could stop it from doing its job. Onion was so far the most reliable 'work horse' we had at guard.

Unfortunately Onion has no tail number and therefore cannot join other veterans like the NATO E-3A aircraft tail 449 which retired at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, USA.

Onion for sure would deserve such a fancy retirement location.

Onion was actually Onion II.

Onion I was put in operation by 1Lt Mertens and Technical Sergeant Dietz in January 1998.

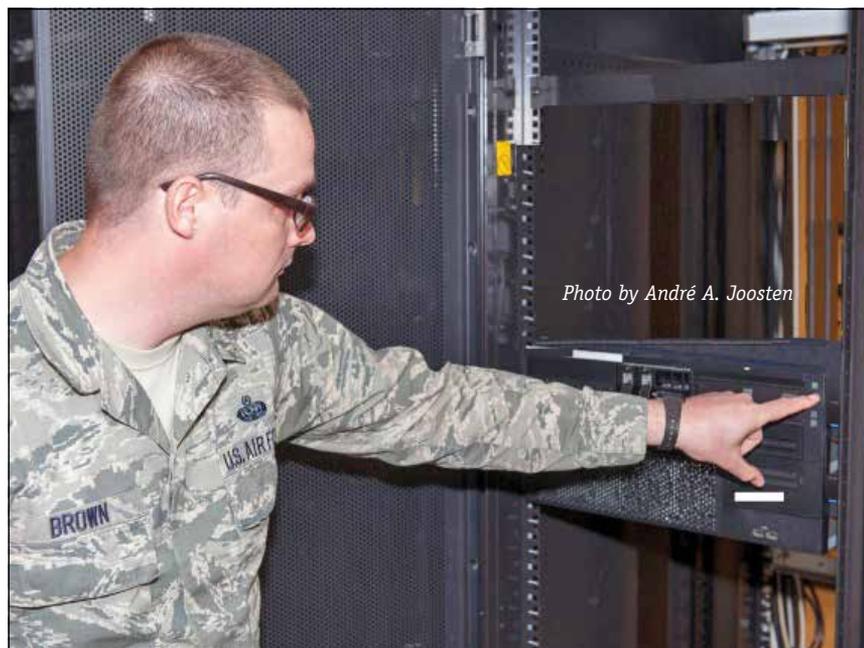


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NATO E-3A Civil Guard in action at Open Championship International Dog Handling Biathlon 2015

Story by MSgt Brian Lucas
Photos by Sgt Maj Sun Van Voorst
and www.k9action.nl

Three Civil Guard dog handling teams from the E-3A Component participated in the Open Championship International Dog Handling Biathlon on August 26, 2015 at Woensdrecht Airbase, Netherlands.

The 2015 Open Championship International biathlon fielded 105 teams of military and police working dogs and their handlers from all over Europe. The biathlon was no easy feat. The 11 kilometers of vertical, horizontal, dry, wet and mud obstacles proved challenging for all competitors. Nonetheless, the weather was great and our Component's Civil Guard teams proved their preparation was exceptional with tremendous displays of perseverance and toughness.

The biathlon competition winners were determined by the quickest completion times of the 11-kilometer obstacle course.

Leo Brands and explosive detection dog Illy placed 9th overall with a

completion time of 1 hour, 3 minutes, and 16 seconds.

Marcel Brasse and EED Jule placed 46th overall with a completion time of 1 hour, 14 minutes, and 4 seconds. Jilly Lorbach and military working dog Alpha placed 96th with a completion time of 1 hour, 37 minutes, and 8 seconds.

Team Results:

NATO E-3A Component Civil guard placed 11th of 18 teams with a team time of 3 hours, 58 minutes, and 5 seconds.

In the specific age categories for men ages 45 years and older:

Leo Brands and EED Illy placed 1st of 14 with a time of 1 hour, 3 minutes, and 16 seconds.

Marcel Brasse and EED Jule placed 6th of 14 with a time of 1 hour, 14 minutes, and 4 seconds.

In her first competition Jilly and MWD Alpha placed 12th for women aged 45 years and older.

Finally, it has been roughly eight years since the Component was able



C-5 Leo Brands and Illy cruising towards the finish line.

to host such a special event as this. Therefore, the Component will seek to re-establish the biathlon event here on base in 2016.

Although, we are excited to play host to the International dog handling community, the intention is not to replace the Woensdrecht biathlon, but too create a similar event.

LWR Jilly Lorbach is judged on her dog's ability to adhere to commands off-leash.



In Memoriam



Guntram Jurasch

July 6, 1955 - September 20, 2015

The E-3A Component received the sad news, Mr. Guntram Jurasch passed away on September 20, 2015, after a short serious illness. Mr. Jurasch was a valued member of the Motorpool Branch, where he had been working as a driver since 1982.

He was highly respected by his peers and supervisors and always performed his duties with pride and dedication. His professionalism could always be relied upon. Mr. Jurasch leaves behind a great hole in the team of the Motorpool Branch, who always appreciated his loyalty and his fine sense of humor.

For many years, he was a member of the LWR Works Council where he was very much involved and successful in looking after the interested of all the LWR employees on base, while taking the E-3A Component's mission into account.

The E-3A Component community extends its deepest sympathy to his wife, Elke, and their son, Janek, and their daughter, Maike.



Jerry Franssen

April 4, 1978 - September 14, 2015

After a long debilitating fight against cancer Jerry passed away, at home, surrounded by family, on September 14, 2015. He joined the Belgian air force when he was just 16 years old, going on to work with Sea King helicopters and F-16 fighter jets before joining the E3A Component in September 2007. He quickly established himself as a friendly person, good to be around but seriously professional when called upon.

He was recruited by the propulsion shop as a NATO civilian in 2011. Jerry became part of the jet shop family and was deployed as part of International Security Assistance Force within six weeks of becoming qualified. In total, he deployed 10 times in the three years he was here with us.

Our memories of Jerry will be of a soft spoken, kind and serious, young man and always a gentleman. To say he will be sadly missed is too weak a statement for somebody who has been taken from us all at such a tender age. His legacy lives on with his wife, Olga, and his two delightful, little princesses, Zita and Noa.



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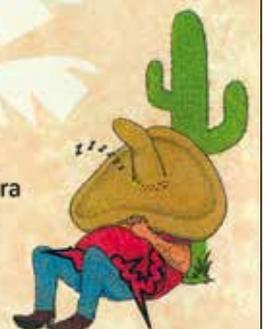
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Captain Lerat assumes office as the Component's 8th French Liaison Officer

By Lynn Kühl

Capt. Richard Lerat was previously assigned to the 36th AEW Squadron as commander of the "13.036 Operational Flight" at Avord, France. He led the E-3F Mid Life Upgrade program (Bk40-45) in coordination with Boeing staff, fully integrated with the project team.

The captain was born in 1972 in Paris and started his military career as a glider instructor in 1994 during conscription, after which he enlisted as an Air Defence Controller. Following this, he received his commission in France in June 2003 through the officer academy "école militaire de l'air" in Salon de Provence.

After having served as Air Defence Controller in two French CRCs and Air Surveillance Officer, he qualified as Tactical Director combat ready in 2010. He participated in different operations on the E-3F such as Atalanta, Unified Protector, Serval, and recently Inherent Resolve. He logged more than 2,000 hours in the E-3F, including 500 hours over theatres of operations.

Captain Lerat is now, since Aug. 24, 2015, the 8th French Liaison Officer assigned to the E-3A Component. He is stationed here with his wife, Sandrine,

and their three children.

Recently, the Public Affairs Office sat down with the Component's only French officer for a short interview.

PAO: Which tasks and responsibilities does the post of the French Liaison Officer have?

Capt. Lerat: The post has many different tasks but the main one is being an ambassador and an exchange officer of France, since I am the only Frenchman working on this base.

France has its own E-3F fleet with four aircraft of this type, all based in Avord, and I help to improve the interoperability between the E-3A and the E-3F. I share experience regarding theatres of operation, training and standardization. In exchange for this, I stay in contact with Avord to share information on the E-3A program as well. Next to being the french liaison officer, I will also work in the Operations Wing Mission Analysis Branch and as a tactical director attached to Squadron 2.

PAO: To which aspects do you look forward to the most when working for the Component?

Capt. Lerat: Being offered the opportunity to learn from other nations

and cultures, as well as to share-both professionally and personally, makes working on this base so interesting and special. Having said that, if people need information on the E-3F or on France in general, they can contact me and I'd be very happy to help!

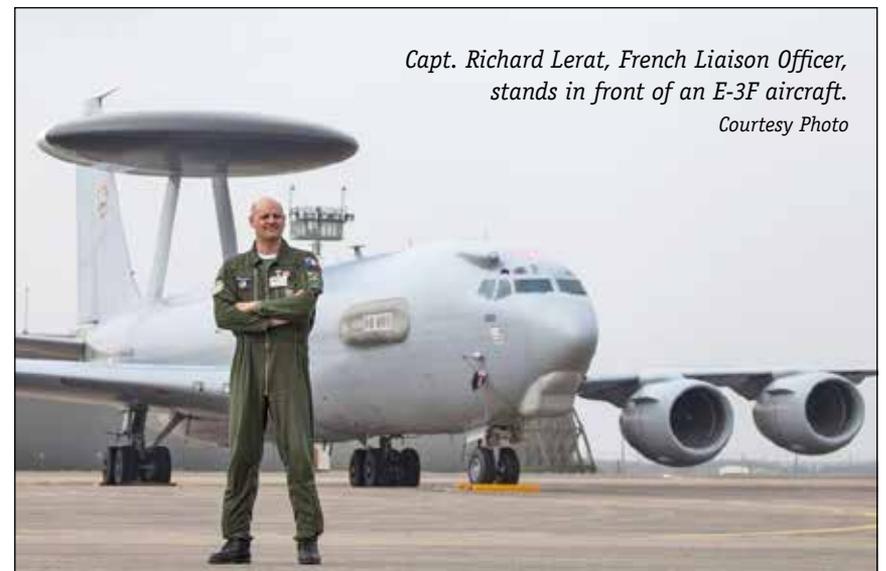
PAO: What does it feel like to be the sole representative of your country here?

Capt. Lerat: At first, it wasn't easy because I don't have a National Support Unit (NSU) here and the handover with the former french liaison

officer only lasted one week. But I had a very warm welcome from all the nations! At this point, I would also like to give a special thanks to the Belgian NSU for their ongoing support.

PAO: How do you like it at the Component so far?

Capt. Lerat: It's only been a month since I've been here now but I have enjoyed it very much. Everyone has been kind and helpful, and I really appreciate the mood of this international environment. I am looking forward to the next three years of my assignment here!



Capt. Richard Lerat, French Liaison Officer, stands in front of an E-3F aircraft. Courtesy Photo

AWACS' testers recall the early years

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. R. Michael Longoria

Retired Col. Garry M. Long, retired Lt. Col. Walter Ludwig, and retired Lt. Col. Peter von Grobbeck, toured NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, on Aug. 27, 2015.

The lieutenant colonels were part of the first NATO AWACS crew and went through initial training at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, from July 1980

to December 1980. After completing their training, they were sent to Seattle. "We spent the next eight months learning about the equipment in the standard E-3A and how to test it," explained Lt. Colonel Ludwig.

Upon returning to Germany, the two men were assigned to Dornier Airfield in Oberpfaffenhofen. This is where they met Colonel Long, who would serve as their commander. Together, with a mixed crew of Germans, Americans and

one Norwegian, they were responsible for testing all 18 NATO AWACS before they were delivered to the Component's main operating base (MOB).

All the aircraft would arrive at Dornier Airfield empty and the contractors would then install the rest of the equipment. They faced several challenges but the biggest was making sure the AWACS was mission ready. "Although the E-3As were built to the contract specifications, it was our job to make sure systems meet the needs of the operators," said Colonel Long.

To ensure the reliability of the aircraft, the team would push the AWACS to the limits. "We tried to do whatever we could," said Lt. Colonel Ludwig.

The testing of each aircraft would take approximately 200 days. Once the test conditions were fulfilled and passed, the E-3A was accepted by NATO and then delivered to the Component's MOB. The first AWACS,

N-1, was delivered to the MOB on Feb. 24, 1982, and N-18 landed on May 2, 1985. This is where their stories start to drift apart. Colonel Long, Vietnam veteran with more than 5,000 flying hours, went back to the U.S. to work on testing and development of future Air Force technology.

The lieutenant colonels would go on to serve as the Component's first two tactical directors. "He was TD number one and I was TD number two," Lt. Colonel von Grobbeck said with a smile as he pointed at his former colleague and long-time friend. While Lt. Colonel Grobbeck left the Component in 1987 to take a position at the force command, Lt. Colonel Ludwig served at NATO Air Geilenkirchen until 1993.

All three enjoyed their tour and were pressed at the upgrades inside the NATO AWACS. "With all the improved equipment, this looks like something out of a Star Wars movie compared to what we tested," said Colonel Long.



MWA INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS & IYA ACTIVITIES

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Visit the Services Branch WSS Web Page for the latest program information and upcoming events

POC: IYA Events: Mrs Neuhalfen, ext. 4954; Sports Events: Mr Stelten, ext. 4920; Food Services: Mr Peeters, ext. 4990



IMPORTANT NOTICES!

E-3A Club CLOSED due to Special Functions:
13 & 14 Oct, 21 & 22 Oct, 28 & 30 Oct.

Rotodome

Closed at 1330 hrs, Mon thru Friday, until further notice.

International Library

Due to staff training, the International Library will open one hour later than normal at 1200 hrs on Tuesday, 06 Oct

IYA Music Lessons - piano, trumpet and vocals - under the experienced and certified instruction of Mrs. Hilde Ubben, Conservatorium Maastricht: lessons are one-on-one, in English or German. Cost is € 20 for 45 minutes. One trial lesson available. Further information at x 4955 or contact Hilde Ubben at 0031 683773384, hildedirigent@hotmail.nl.

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by Mrs. Henny Jansen, experienced and certified (Gezondheidstherapeutisch Centrum voor Complimentaire gezondheidszorg), at Building 141, Room 125: Massage Therapy: cost is € 47,50 for 60 minutes, including selection of aromatic oils.

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Youth Fall Soccer League/Practice

Tue & Thu 1700-2000 hrs.

05 Oct: Winter Schedule

Starts at the Cube (Old Gym), Sportsdome (New Gym) and Multi-Purpose Room.

06 Oct: Badminton Tournament

1100-1300 hrs, New Gym. Deadline Registration: 05 Oct. Register by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call tel.ext. 4946.

12-16 Oct: IYA Fall Break Programme

For children aged 5 and older: 12 to 16 October, 0745 to 1745. Enjoy fun games,

exciting contests, arts & crafts, sports & hikes, free play, special projects, movies and much more. Cost: € 92 per child with MWA Card, € 138 without, including lunch on Friday and two field trips:
- Sea Life Aquarium and Legoland Discovery Centre with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall on Tuesday,
- Toverland Indoor and Outdoor Amusement Park on Thursday.
Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955 or 0049 2451 63 4955

IYA Fall Break Trips

For children aged 5 and older; the children can be dropped off from 0745, and picked up until 1745:

13 October, 0840-1705, Sea Life Aquarium and Legoland Discovery Centre with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall, cost is € 25 with MWA Card, € 37 without.

15 October, 0840-1705, Toverland – big indoor and outdoor amusement park with a wide variety of attractions for different age groups, cost is € 25 with MWA Card, € 37 without.

Our luxury bus leaves from the IYA. Chaperones go free. Parents with children of all ages and individual guests are welcome to join IYA field trips for a fun day out. Inquire at the IYA Office about individual rates.

14 Oct: Table Tennis Tournament

1100-1300 hrs, New Gym. Deadline Registration: 13 Oct. Register for an event by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call tel. ext. 4946.

20 Oct: Indoor Soccer Tournament

11.00-15.00 hrs, New Gym. Deadline Registration: 19 Oct. Register for an event by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call tel. ext. 4946.

Starts on 21 Oct: IYA Latin Dance

For Ladies under the experienced and certified instruction of Ebru Cantürk: IYA Multi-purpose Room, Wednesdays, 1200 – 1300. You are welcome to bring your babies and children with you. Cost is € 5 per class or € 15 for four classes. The first class is free.

23, 30, 31 Oct: The Haunted House, Bldg 93

E-3A Component Services Branch presents: The Haunted House. 23 & 30 Oct: 1900 – 2300 hrs. 31 Oct: 1800-2300 hrs. Cost for Kids and adults: Euro 5,00. Open to all citizens of NATO countries. Non-Component members must show a valid passport to enter the base.

International Spouses' Club Opening Night

Opening night for ISC was hugely successful with the enrollment of 80 members, which breaks the record for having the most registered members in all the previous years! After registration, members and guests continued on to the bar for refreshments and/or chose to purchase raffle tickets. Tickets cost €0.50, but with 25+ raffle prizes to give away, the buy-€10-get-additional-€5-tickets became a prime deal. President Malika Keval opened the night welcoming everyone, and introduced each board member who wore either pink scarves and/or pink flowers on them to distinguish them as such. From that point on, it was all about the food!

7 countries participated in highlighting dishes from their region: Canada, Germany, Greece, Spain, Turkey, UK & US all showcased samples at their respective tables set up around the E3-A club. Raffle prizes were drawn throughout the evening, and the night came to a close as the last prize was given out. Save the date for our next event, hosted by Germany, which will have an Oktoberfest theme on October 22nd starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.).

Feel free to attend dressed in a Lederhosen or dirndl (optional) to be automatically entered into a best dressed contest! RSVP in advance on our Facebook page (International Spouses Club of Geilenkirchen: ISC) or through iscofkg@gmail.com for adequate seating, and also if childcare (€4/per child, €8 without rsvp) is needed. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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For information about this workshop and to **reserve a seat** please contact Mr. Dennis Owens at info@dennisowens.com or 0175 360-4353 to sign up. Price for this two-day (16 Hour) workshop will be EUR125.00. Schedule will be 09:00-17:00 Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th of October 2015 at Kirchstr. 14 52511 Teveren, the Canadian Legion.

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