

## Exercise Collective Training

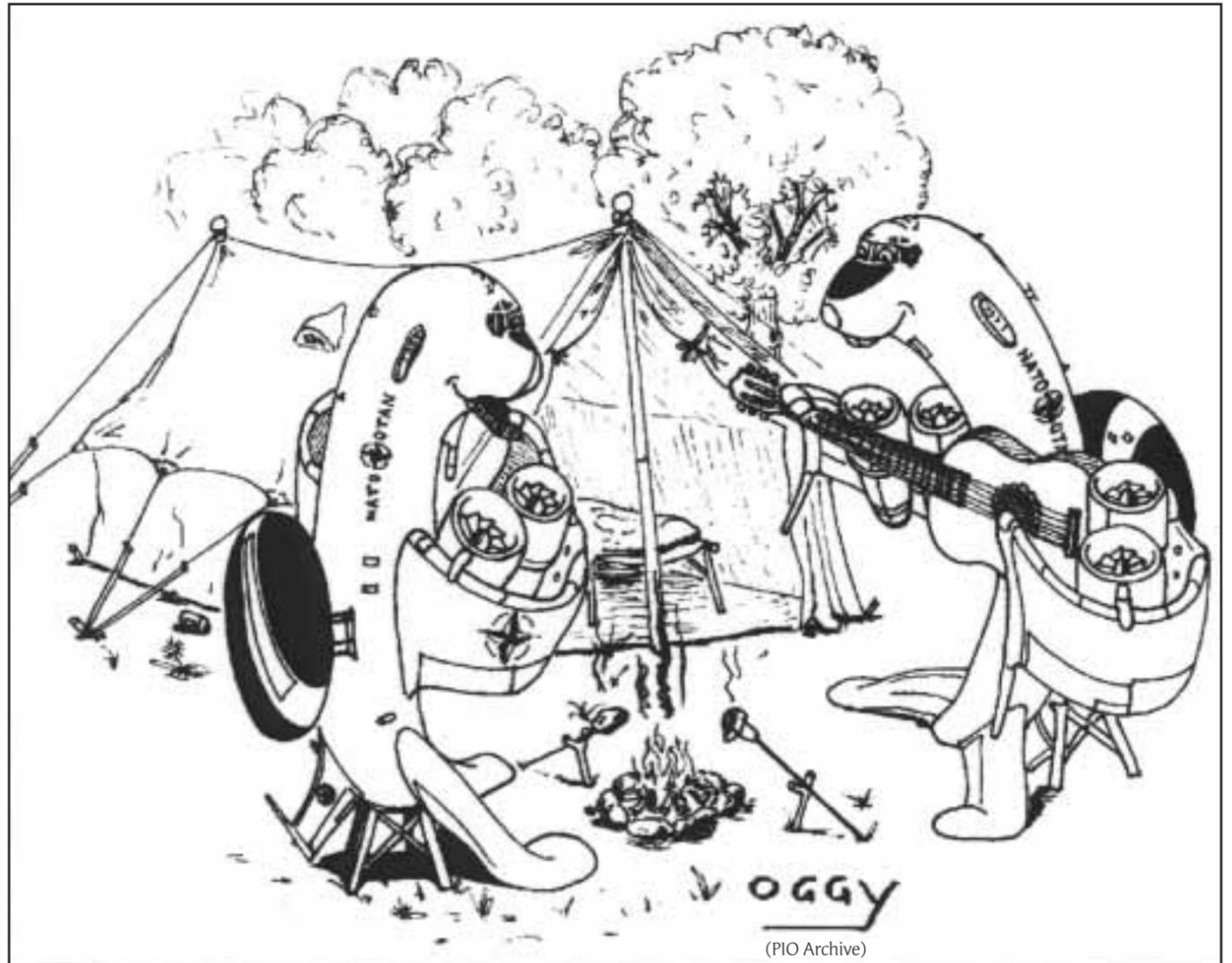
# What?..... In tents?

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

**St Mawgan... My memory goes back ten years when I explored for six weeks the southwest of England with my family. Cornwall with its coastline is a marvellous area for camping. We also passed by Royal Air Force Base St Mawgan, the home of the RAF Search & Rescue Force. With its extensive facilities the unit is an ideal base to host visiting squadrons from around the world, including soon an E-3A and sixty Component members who will join Exercise Collective Training in late September. Like the other 1,200 exercise participants, the Component members will be accommodated on base... in tents.**

Last year NATO Defence Ministers approved a historic reform of NATO's command structure and plans for a robust rapidly deployable NATO Response Force (NRF), a robust rapid reaction fighting force that can be quickly deployed anywhere in the world. The role of the NRF is to provide an integrated and fully interoperable sea, land and air capability, under one command, wherever the North Atlantic Council requires, to prevent conflict or threat from escalating into a wider dispute. The NATO Airborne Early Warning & Control Force has a permanent place in the NRF.

Collective Training (CT) is one of the RAF's biggest exercises. It simulates a mid intensity conflict, with forces deploying in support of a NRF mission and operating from a deployable operating base (DOB). The aim of the exercise is to train personnel in the establishing and operation of a DOB capable of supporting sustained air operations. The exercise will replicate the conditions and demands that personnel may encounter on deployed operations. To this end, many of those involved are accommodated in a *tent city* to add an extra level of realism to events.



(PIO Archive)

The 150 tents are based on hard-core pavement 400 by 200 metres. A deployed catering group will prepare four meals a day in their field kitchen. A recreation area is also planned. Trucks with showers and restrooms complete the camp. Exercise CT is a training opportunity and will be conducted alongside elements of the RAF, well practiced in expeditionary operations.

"During CT all elements come together", says Squadron Leader (Sqn Ldr) Sean Ward from RAF Waddington. "With almost no local support we practise living and working out of a DOB. For several years now we have gone through this level of training. The advantage is that we all gain the same experience. The tent city is an ideal

example of what people can expect when deployed. When we can do it at St Mawgan, we can do it anywhere!"

Besides the personnel training, CT also provides a unique opportunity to evaluate and validate DOB-level plans, procedures, equipment and manpower modules. Similarly, CT provides the means of exercising the complete range of assets required for an expeditionary DOB in a collective manner.

The NATO and RAF AWACS aircraft are not the only aircraft that to participate. Sqn Ldr Ward: "Tornado GR-4s from Lossiemouth, Tornado F-3s from Leeming and Nimrods from Kinloss will be also be operating from St Mawgan alongside our E-3s. On the ground, a number of Survive to

Operate tasks will be demonstrated. These are essential to enable the continued operation of the deployed aircraft in a potentially hostile, austere environment. Additionally training such as ground defence, collective protection, explosive ordnance device disposal and post-attack recovery will be performed."

Because this deployment is a totally new concept for the E-3A Component it was agreed that preparatory training would be essential for all those members of the E-3A Component and NAEW&CF Command who would be participating in CT. At the beginning of September a two-day training package based on the RAF's Individual Deployment Training Course will be provided and executed by RAF Waddington.

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# Communications Centre nearly finished with transition

By Capt. Martin Seidel

**“Call Centre, good morning, may I help you?” – This welcome belongs to the women and men serving for you in the modern Communications Centre of the NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.**

The most known and used phone number on this base is most probably extension 88, used to get in contact with the rest of the world. This number belongs to the Communications Centre, part of the Communications Branch in the IT-Wing, which works for your help and support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week without interruption since the beginning of our airbase. What you probably don't know is that the Communications Centre is offering more service than connecting phone calls.

In former times it was separated in a Switchboard area (like on the old photo) and a Distribution Centre for Teletype Messages. If you enter the Communications Centre today, you will see an operation room filled with PC's and servers used to communicate with the outside world.



1984: A switchboard area. Photo Wouter Langen

Other tasks performed by the Communications Centre are:

- Operating the Allied Information Flow System (AIFS) system, which is connected to NATO Teletype Network (TARE).
- Gateway for electronic teletype messages for 13 other NATO Headquarters in Germany like Kalkar, Bad Bergzabern, Messtetten, Münster, but also in Brunssum (NL), Szczecin (PL) and Kabul (Afghanistan).
- Non-secure fax server.
- Secure fax server.
- Large file transfer, transferring electronic information from the BASS network into the CBASS network and vice versa.
- Monitoring communications lines to FOB's/FOL, Force Command, and NAMSA.
- Intermediate between Integrated Command & Control (ICC) network and local Classified CBASS network.
- Component helpdesk (ext. 3355) for after duty assistance for any problems (e.g. power and heating problems, communications and ADP related issues).

**Thirteen civilian and ten military operators, do all this in a 12-hours shift system, supported by three System Administrators. This multinational team, lead by a German NCO, is undergoing a constant training, for a smooth and effective service.**



2004: An operation room. Photo Wiel Borghans



The NATO E-3A Component will hold its annual Oktoberfest on 25 and 26 September in Hangar 2. In good tradition the German NCO Association "DUK" will set-up and run the event that hosts about 3,500 guests every year.

Take this opportunity to bring your family, friends and/or neighbours to this unique event.

Delicious Bavarian food and beer brewed especially for this happening await you starting at 1800 on Saturday, 25 September and 1030 on Sunday, 26 September.

The program on Saturday will be the official draught of the first keg and live music/show until 0300. On Sunday we start out with the traditional 'Frühschoppen' and special kids entertainment around noon.

Tickets will be €8 each, valid for both days. Each E-3A Component ID card holder, who is allowed to sponsor guests according to the Component Directive 70-111, can get up to five tickets. Each E-3A Component ID card holder, who cannot sponsor guests, can buy her/himself a ticket and for her/his spouse as well. Tickets will be on sale at the Frisbee Club. Please print names, ID numbers and guest names clearly when purchasing tickets.

So don't be shy, jump into those 'Lederhosen' and have some fun! Hope to see you out there!

## THE 2004 Terry Fox Run

By Capt. Joe Abbott,  
Terry Fox Committee Chairman

**This year's "Terry Fox Campaign - 2004", fundraising for Cancer Research, began on 3 August with donation jars at all the NATEX outlets. The last events of the campaign are the Terry Fox 24hr Challenge, and the Annual Terry Fox Family Fun Run.**

## Family Run & 24 Hr Challenge

*Terry Fox 24hr Challenge* is an event where 5 intrepid runners, lead by MCpl Michel Boivin, will run a 24Hr relay starting at 1300 on Saturday, 11 September and will finishing during the *Family Fun Run* on 12 September. Last year they ran over 250-km. The Canadian community, on the runner's behalf, will be collecting fundraising pledges. Last year the International Community pledged over €7,000. This year when we ask for your pledge just remember it's fundraising to find a cure for cancer.

*Annual Terry Fox Family Fun Run* is a fun, non-competitive, 8.5km run/walk

or bicycle that starts from the Canadian Forces Support Unit Europe, Selfkant Kaserne, Niederheid. The run winds through bicycle/walking paths around Burg Trips and will be accessible to run, walk (suitable for big wheeled strollers) and ride.

Registration fee is €5 per person or €12.50 per family. You can start anytime between 0900 and 1400. There will be refreshments along the route and BBQ throughout the day. So come on out, bring the family and get some exercise. The run is open to everyone, military or civilian. The best

part of all is that all donations go to cancer research.

The world is closer than ever to finding a cure for cancer, and with your continued participation and support, Cancer Can Be Beaten. This year, make it a point to come out and participate. Nationality does not matter. Everyone understands the cause.

All proceeds go directly to cancer research. So...bring your family and friends, a will to succeed like Terry's, and remember, Terry ran 42 kilometres every day for cancer research. How far will you go?



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# Istanbul Summit AWACS provides security

By Jos Huntjens and MSgt Jim Creager

**The E-3A Component was tasked at the end of June to support the NATO Summit in Istanbul. Aircraft and 129 Component personnel deployed to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Konya, Turkey. The mission enforced a no-fly zone over the Turkish city of Istanbul and provided security for the Summit.**

To fulfill the operations support came from many areas including Aircraft Maintenance, Electronic Maintenance, Supply Squadron and Software Support Centre. Mission Crews from Squadron 2 were augmented with Squadron 1 personnel. The first group left Geilenkirchen with the TCA on Wednesday morning, June 23, with a brief stop in Istanbul to deliver personnel and a pallet of cargo. After delivering the TCA took off for Konya.

When we arrived at the FOB several days of rain showers had just ended and the weather started to clear. Our Turkish colleagues gave everybody a cordial welcome. After exchanging greetings, the job of downloading the equipment and supplies needed to perform our assigned mission began.

Everyone had to clear customs with the usual problems associated in coordination of personnel lists. Waiting outside the dormitories we heard the TCA start its engines to return to Geilenkirchen. The Turkish Chief Master Sergeant Kubilay Dular assigned us to our room and we all went off to settle in and prepare for work.

The first E-3A landed that evening with the rest followed over the next couple of days. By Friday we had all E-3A's cocked and ready, standing by for the Istanbul area coverage, which started Saturday morning. Chief Master Sergeant Cengiz Ercan, the resident nightshift flight line supervisor, kept everyone happy with daily midnight offerings of watermelon and fresh cherries.

Saturday morning, 24-hour coverage operation started. One of the most popular activities during off time during the NATO Summit was the European Soccer Championship going on in Portugal. Most evenings the televisions of the Morale and Welfare Area were tuned in to the tournament and surrounded by anxious supporters rooting on their nation's team. The air was alive with electricity whenever Portugal, Germany or Holland were playing in their respective qualification rounds. It must be noted that there was only one true Dutch fan present, wearing an orange shirt, and one true German fan,



To fulfill the operations, support came from many maintenance areas.

Photos courtesy Jos Huntjens

outfitted in the National German soccer team shirt, but their efforts helped little.

Tuesday afternoon, a small BBQ was organized by Maintenance and Ops members to mark the accomplishments of the MOB and FOB personnel. Steaks, shish-ka-bobs as well as an assortment of vegetables, salads and drinks were offered. Many thanks to our Turkish cooks. Col. Jos van Dam thanked everybody for their outstanding support and invited us to start with the BBQ. MSgt. Darryn Forrest of the Electronics Maintenance Squadron said, "In all my five years at Geilenkirchen this was my first trip to Konya. Had I known it was so nice I would have tried to come a long time ago."

Many old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made during the deployment. Following the end of our mission Tuesday morning first of the five E-3A's departed for GK. The rest would follow the next day with a TCA scheduled to pick up personnel and equipment. Due to unforeseen circumstances the TCA didn't arrive. All personnel were quickly assigned to the E-3A's for return to Geilenkirchen.

After a warm goodbye to our hospitable Turkish Colleagues we boarded the E-3A's. At noon the first took off. The flight was a little bumpy

but everyone was eager to return to his or her families. One person of the mission crew on the flight back to Geilenkirchen mentioned that he hoped we would be landing on time because he lived alone and had no food supplies stocked at home. I'm still wondering today if that person managed to do some shopping, went to the Star chef, or maybe he had to wait till the next morning for a meal. After a short 4-hour flight we landed back at MOB Geilenkirchen.

Overall, no major discrepancies occurred. The personnel of the Logistics Wing successfully supported all scheduled missions. Based on the pre-mission tasking the overall mission goal was 90% orbit coverage. That goal was easily surpassed with an excellent 99.996%. Only 17 minutes of on-station time were lost due to a technical problem, which was solved in-flight by the efforts of the mission crews.

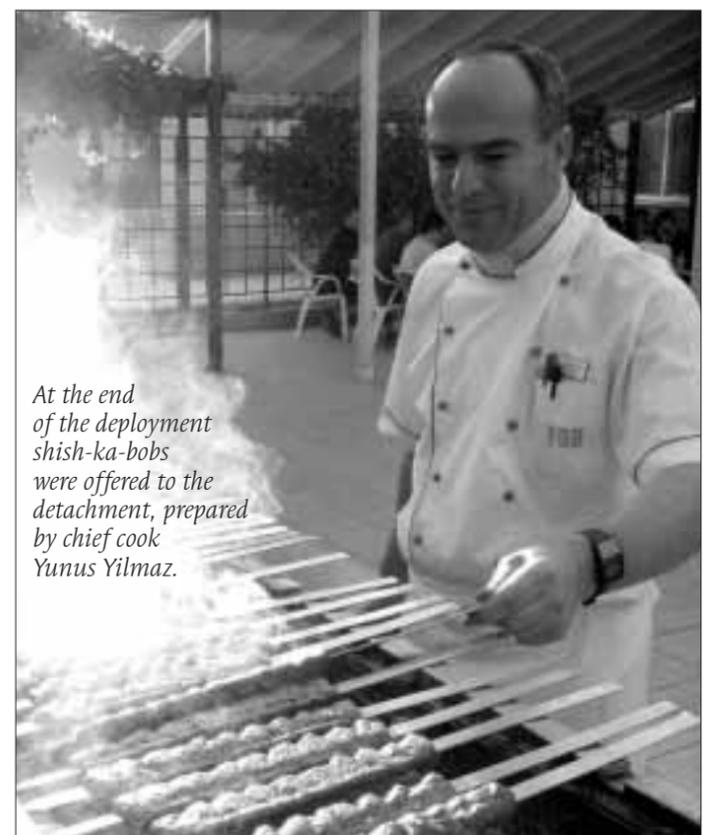
Col. Van Dam had this to say, "This deployment was executed in support of a real world mission: contributing to the security of a number of major NATO-events in Turkey.

Thanks to a great team-effort of all deployed to FOB Konya, but also those in the Combined Air Operations Centre, at the MOB and in Force Command the mission was executed very successfully. It is good to be part of a team that can work together like this!"

FOB Konya commander, Major Oguz Caglar, echoed Col. Van Dam's sentiments with his words, "The E-3A Component was tasked to contribute to another 'high visibility event-Euro 2004' as well. Although the Summit itself was only one and one-half days, the deployment period covered a whole week with 24-hour coverage for several days. Aside from regular and routine deployments it was another opportunity for FOB Konya personnel to test their skills to the limit. The test proved to be successful and the end result was also a big success thanks to that well-known teamwork from all parties. One should certainly be proud to be a part of this great team. Well done!"



FOB Morale Welfare & Activities were excellent. Thanks to Saban Donmez (left) and Osman Maleok.



At the end of the deployment shish-ka-bobs were offered to the detachment, prepared by chief cook Yunus Yilmaz.

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# Changes of Command

## The Biking Viking!

By Jo DeRemer

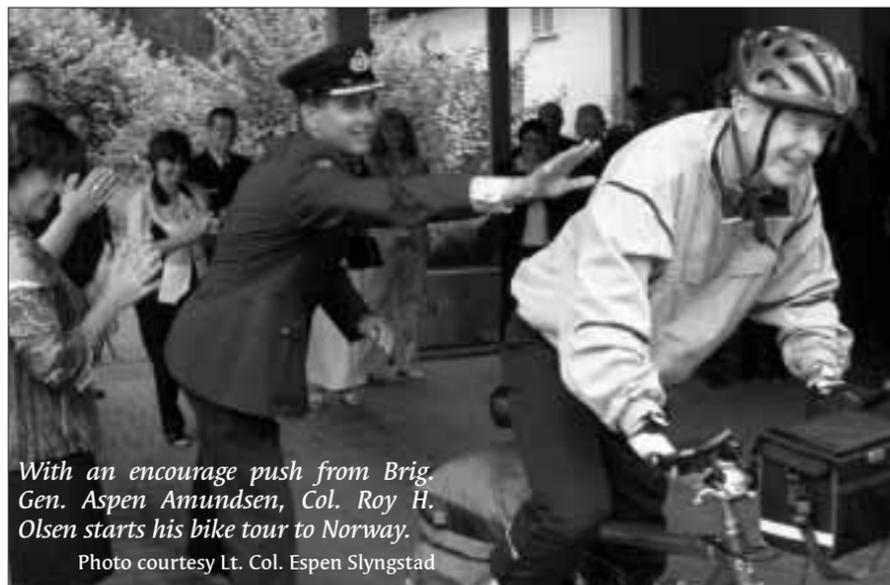
On 13 August (Vikings aren't superstitious) the Change of Command of the Information Technology Wing (IW) took place at Hangar II, followed by a reception at the Officers' Club. However, unlike previous change of command ceremonies, this one was unique for two reasons.

First, it was the first time in the history of the E-3A Component that a Wing Commander's post changed nationality, in this case from Norway to Spain. Therefore, the audience witnessed not one but three changes of command.

Attending the ceremonies were Force Commander Maj. Gen. Gary A.



Col. Ángel Burgos during his welcome speech.  
Photo Andrea Hohenforst



With an encourage push from Brig. Gen. Aspen Amundsen, Col. Roy H. Olsen starts his bike tour to Norway.

Photo courtesy Lt. Col. Espen Slyngstad

Winterberger, Secretary General of the German Armed Forces Reserve Association, Maj. Gen. (ret) Servatius Maassen, E-3A Component Commander Brig. Gen. Axel R. Tüttelmann, and the Norwegian Airforce representative Brig. Gen. Aspen Amundsen.

The ceremonies commenced with Brig. Gen. Tüttelmann, presiding over the IW change of command in which Col. Roy H. Olsen of the Royal Norwegian Air Force relinquished command of the Wing to Col. Ángel Burgos of the Spanish Air Force. This was followed by the change of command for the Norwegian contingent in which Brig. Gen. Aspen Amundsen, Chief of the Air Staff at

CHOD Norway, presided as Col. Olsen handed over command of the Norwegian contingent to the new Norwegian Senior National Representative (SNR), Lt. Col. Espen Slyngstad.

Last, but certainly not least, Col. Fernando Perez-Nicolas, Deputy Spanish National Military Representative (NMR) at SHAPE, officiated as Col. Burgos put on his 'second hat' as the new Spanish SNR, accepting command of the Spanish contingent from the outgoing SNR, Lt. Col. Juan Ramón del Rio Nieto.

With the ceremonies and speeches completed, invited guests then proceeded to the Officers' Club for refreshments generously provided by

King Harald V of Norway. It was here that the second unique aspect of this change of command ceremony was witnessed. While most outgoing commanders prefer to quietly slip away into the sunset, Col. Olsen had other ideas. After about an hour of socializing with guests, he did indeed slip away but only to reappear a few minutes later in his cycling gear.

He then explained to the surprised guests that, during Christmas last year (presumably mellowed by one or two Aquavit), he had come up with the idea to cycle back to Norway at the end of his tour. As Col. Olsen put it, "it seemed like a much better idea than it does now!" Unfortunately, other commitments in Norway meant that he now only had a four day window for his trip and he was therefore forced to adjust his plans and cycle only as far as Kiel, completing the rest of the trip to Oslo by ferry and train.

Then, to the tune of "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life", Col. Olsen went outside, climbed onto his bicycle, and, with a parting push from Brig. Gen. Amundsen and a round of applause from the guests, he set off on his journey to Kiel.

*Update:* At the time of writing (17 August), Col. Olsen has reached Kiel safely and is currently on the ferry to Norway.

*Postscript:* The new IW Commander, Col. Burgos, wishes to make it clear that this method of departure will NOT become an IW tradition!

## Welcome Col. Miller

By A1C Stefan Krüchel

Hangar 2 was on August 11 the destination for many Component members. Col. Douglas W. Freeman relinquished command of the Logistics Wing to Col. Scott A. Miller. As the new Director of Logistics of the 19th Air Force Col. Freeman is assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Among many guests, Force commander Maj. Gen. Gary A. Winterberger, E-3A Component commander Brig. Gen. Axel R. Tüttelmann, and the Mayor of Geilenkirchen, Mr Franz Beemelmans, also attended the change of command ceremony.

During his speech Gen. Tüttelmann referred to the excellent ratings the Logistics Wing achieved under the leadership of Col. Freeman during the operational evaluation. "Your contributions to successfully improve

the effectiveness of your wing and to make our aircraft technically safe for flight have been vital to the success of the Logistics Wing and this Component."

The new commander, Col. Miller, was involved in the US Air Force from his date of birth in 1959, since he was born on Johnson Airbase in Japan. Col. Miller received his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Texas A&M in May 1981 and graduated from Webster University in 1987 with a Masters Degree in Management. For much of his career, which began in April 1982 at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, Col. Miller has worked as an aircraft maintenance officer.

During his welcome speech Col. Miller referred to his two basic principles, which he says will form the basis of his work in the Logistics Wing. "My two basic values are honesty and pride", he said. "With these two traits as a primary guide, I know that together we can do great things for the Component".



The arriving, Col. Scott A. Miller (left), and leaving, Col. Douglas W. Freeman, Logistics Wing commander during the change of command ceremony.

Photo Andrea Hohenforst



Col. Charilaos Lamprou new FOB Aktion Commander

Text and photo A1C Stefan Krüchel

On 6 August a change of command took place at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Aktion. After 21 months of successful leadership Col. Dimitrios Vaxevanakis handed over the command to Col. Charilaos Lamprou.

E-3A Component commander Brig. Gen. Axel R. Tüttelmann delivered the introductory speech. "During Col. Vaxevanakis' time of command the operations tempo at Aktion has been very demanding, but he kept a strong focus on the morale and welfare of the personnel assigned to the FOB."

During his farewell speech Col. Vaxevanakis referred to the outstanding work and cooperation of the employees of the FOB: "The experiences here have been unique, the people beyond compare." As well he pointed to the great improvements at the FOB that were achieved during the Tactical Evaluation in the beginning of the year.

FOB Aktion is currently hosting AWACS aircraft for the surveillance of the Olympic Games, a unique business for the employees of the FOB and its new commander. Even though the new tasks Col. Lamprou has to face are challenging, he looks into the future. "I want to assure you that this cooperation under my command will continue in order to enhance the operational capabilities of the NATO's Airborne Early Warning and Control Force."

The 45-year-old Col. Lamprou was born in Kiato Korinthias. Having completed his military education at the Hellenic Airforce Academy as a pilot, he served several years as a fighter and instructor pilot.

Concluding his speech, Col. Lamprou said: "I am convinced that together we will prove once more that this base can get the job done in an efficient manner."

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Since 1981, instructors have trained military and civilian personnel from NATO nations in E-3A aircrew, maintenance and software. The Training Wing and Aircrew Training Squadron have a dual role of providing basic and upgrade aircrew training, as well as operational tasking.

For more than 14 years, through a NATO contract with the National Guard Bureau, the Air Guard has been deploying aerial refuelling units to provide E-3A crews with aerial refuelling during training missions. The Guard also has supported NATO summits, exercises, and tactical missions, said Maj. Steve Lippert, Liaison Officer Air National Guard.

Maj. Lippert works for the National Guard Bureau, which is the command for the Air National Guard and Army National Guard. Both are reserve branches of the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army, respectively. Typically the Air Guard deploys 'packages' of two KC-135R Stratotankers with a small group of pilots, boom operators, maintenance, supply and other support personnel.

Deployments to Germany are so highly sought after by units that once the two-year contracts are negotiated between the Bureau and NATO, units must make a bid on deployments, which normally are each two weeks in duration. Maj. Lippert, who is serving a four-year tour at Geilenkirchen to ensure the smooth deployment and redeployment of Guard air refuelling units year-round, said his job is a

challenging, yet rewarding one. Each unit arrives from a different state with unique needs. "Our first priority is to train AWACS E-3A crews. NATO can do their mission alone, but the Guard's tankers have played a tremendous role relieving their burden not only in training, but also in tactical missions."

Deployments improve combat readiness by offering the experience of working in a foreign environment, which include obstacles they don't encounter at their home bases, as well as serving international 'customers', Maj. Lippert said. To date, the Air Guard has offloaded about 7 million pounds of fuel in support of AWACS, he said.

One of the accomplishments noted during his three years here (he arrived just two weeks before 11 September, 2001) has been to overcome the restrictions on nighttime air refuelling. Altitude and quiet hours made it difficult to meet the requirements. "Soon after my arrival at the base, I was approached about forward deploying a tanker to one of the forward operating bases for night air refuelling. In no time, I was building packages and sending one jet during each two-week rotation for night air refuelling."

Royal Netherlands Air Force Col. Jos van Dam, Deputy E-3A Component commander, said the Air Guard is vital to providing training of E-3 crews. "Without the dedicated support, I'm convinced we would not be able to get our people combat-ready. There are not enough tankers without the Guard. The Guard is vital for

the training effort here to get crews current and keep them current. They also support real-world missions from time-to-time. The flexibility is very much appreciated."

Through working together in the NATO environment, each learns much about the other. Maj. Lippert: "This is a unique working environment with NATO and the many different nationalities I work with. They like the Air National Guard and the support we provide. Each time the contract is renewed, they want to make sure we continue serving and supporting their operation. When they get to know us on a more personal level, they're surprised how short our units' time is here at GK (Geilenkirchen) and that when we go home; we have different jobs to go back to. They also are amazed how quickly our cohesiveness becomes when we are TDY."

For Lt. Col. Steve Burke, Deployment Commander for Nebraska's 155th, this is the second time he's been deployed

to GK. "The deployment's going well. We're taking off on time and taking care of our customers. I like the opportunity to work with international folks and NATO operations and flying in the different air traffic system," said Burke, who in his civilian life works for Lockheed Martin Corporation as a civilian contractor exercise planner.

The flight to Germany across the Atlantic also was the Nebraska unit's first overseas deployment using the newly-installed Global Air Traffic Management (GATM) system. Along with improved accuracy in avionics, the equipment enables communication with air traffic controllers through data link and satellite. The 155th is the first KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft in the Air Guard, and second unit in the Air Force, to have its aircraft modified with the system.

"Coming over on the oceanic it worked extremely well – as advertised", Burke added. "It greatly reduced our workload. In the past, we had to give position reports with high frequency (HF) radio to air traffic controllers every 10 degrees latitude and we don't have to listen to all the static on the HF."

Though the demands of Maj. Lippert's, who is a member of the Washington Air National Guard, job are many, he said he enjoys his job as liaison with the Air Guard tanker units and NATO. "Burnout and task saturation is common with this job, but it's mostly self-inflicted as I drive for perfection. I have to be a 'jack of all trades', but also am able to seek out the help of many talented people on base. Ultimately, I remind myself that I live in Europe and vacation is always at my doorstep."

Air Guard members who've had the privilege and opportunity to serve NATO also enjoy experiencing European culture. Maj. Lippert said he and his family have enjoyed Germany very much and say they have made friends for life with people from all over the world. There may be only a few drawbacks of living in Germany. "My wife has learned she cannot keep the house as clean as Germans do. And I think all grandmothers (Oma's) are excellent bakers whose goals are to make you fat."



Nebraska Air National Guard aircrew members discuss flight plans for an upcoming aerial refuelling mission with Maj. Steve Lippert, Liaison Officer Air National Guard. From left to right are: boom operator TSgt. Andrew Thingan, Maj. Steve Lippert, aircraft commander/pilot Maj. Mark McMahon and aircraft commander/pilot Capt. Ben West.

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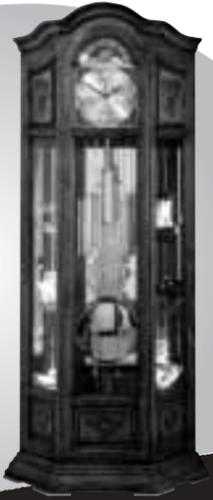
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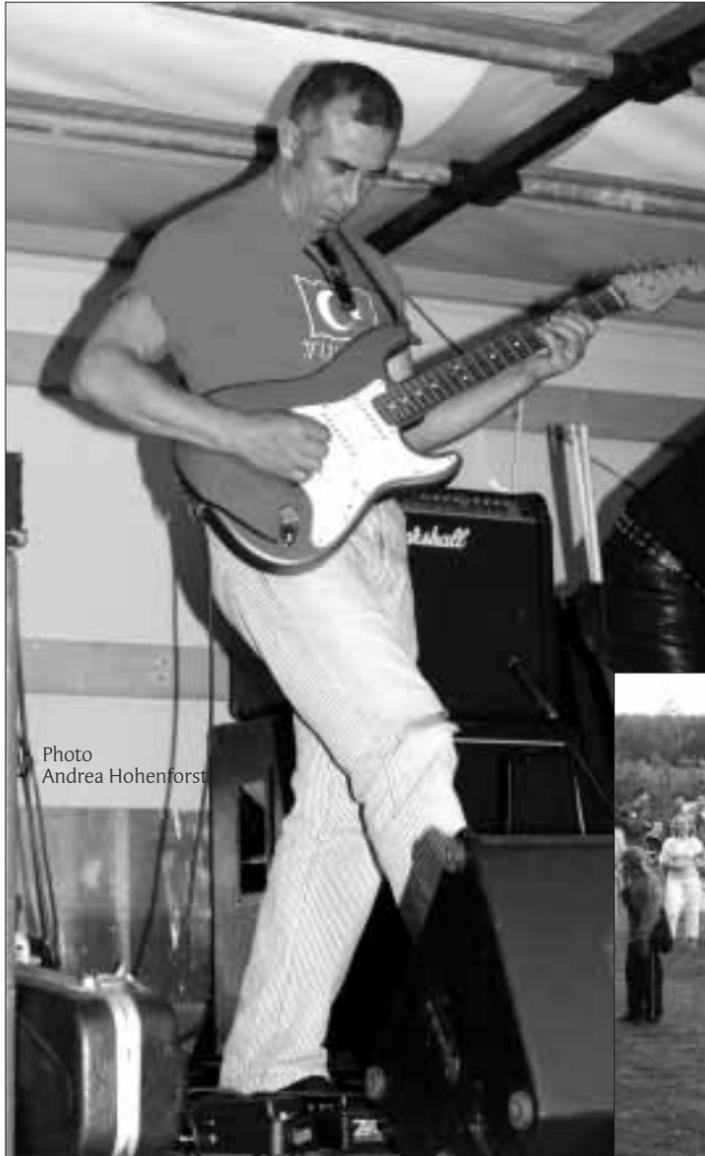


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By NSTU

For the first time in its history, the Turkish community on the E-3A Component celebrated the anniversary of the foundation of the Turkish Republic with an open-air-concert, which was held at the swimming pool area on 13 August with the participation of component members and their dependents. E-3A Component commander Brig. Gen. Axel R. Tüttelmann also attended the event.

Two bands played rock during the concert. One of them was Altin Cocuklar (Golden Boys) who played Turkish rock music and the other was DIGIT, a German band who played popular rock music. The concert started at 1500 and, despite the heavy rain, continued until midnight.

The Turkish community celebrated the 81st anniversary of the foundation of their Republic after an independence war against imperial powers in 1923. A similar event is planned next year to celebrate this national day.



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## International Youth Activities

### Yoga

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Classes are starting in September. Dress in comfortable workout clothes, and bring socks, a blanket, a pillow and a towel. Cost is €20 for a four-class package or €32 for an eight-class package. The first class is free. No prior registration necessary.

Further information at the IYA Office in Building 95, ext. 4955, office hours Monday to Friday, 0815 to 1300.

### Volkshochschule Language Courses

The fall session of the Volkshochschule language courses begins the week of 20 September. Classes will be held in Bldg 141. Basic prices: regular courses €33,60 for 12 evenings, intensive courses €67,20 for 24 mornings/evenings. Registration in class. Please call ext. 4954 for further information.

The following courses are offered:  
**German**, room 118

*Basic Level I*, beginners - intensive courses, book 1, lesson 1 Mon & Wed, 0830-1000, instructor Annemie Schindler; Mon & Wed, 1900-2030, instructor Christine Mertens; Tue & Thu, 1730-1900, instructor Christine Mertens.

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**Italian**, Room 109:

*Basic Level I*, beginners. Wed, 1730-1900, instructor Giovanna Montanaro.

*Basic Level II*, Mon, 1730-1900, instructor Giovanna Montanaro.

**Spanish**, Room 109:

*Basic Level I*, beginners - intensive courses, book 1, lesson 1, Mon & Wed 0830-1000, Tue & Thu 1900-2030, instructor Maria Mercedes Fernandez Ramos.

## Vacancy announcements

Applications are invited for the following posts:

*Senior Technician (Systems)*, post number AGK IUH 0460, advertisement number 04051, NATO Grade B-4, assigned to the Systems & Help Desk Function, Management & Facility Support Division, Information Technology Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 3 Sep 2004.

*Senior Clerk (Admin) Part-Time (50%)*, AGK OES 0020, advertisement number 04041, NATO Grade B-2, assigned to the Test & Evaluation Division, Operations Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 8 Sep 2004.

*Senior Scientific Assistant (Meteorology)*, post numbers AGK SAM 0140 - AGK SAM 0160, advertisement numbers 04023, 04024 & 04053, NATO Grade B-4, assigned to the Meteorology Branch, Airfield Services Squadron, Base Support Wing. The first two (2) posts are due to be filled as soon as possible, the third post will become vacant on 31 August 2005.

Closing date: 6 Sep 2004.

*Assistant Analyst/Programmer*, post number AGK IMT 0060, advertisement number 04050, NATO Grade B-5, assigned to the Test Management Function, Management & Facility Support Division, Information Technology Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible after 28 February 2005.

Closing date: 2 Sep 2004.

*Assistant Analyst/Programmer*, post number AGK IOP 0350, advertisement number 04046, NATO grade B-5 assigned to the Operational Programming Division, Information Technology Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 2 Sep 2004.

Due to a change in the Job Description it is deemed necessary to re-advertise this post. Therefore, applications are again invited for the post listed above:

*Senior Administrator (Fiscal)*, post number AGK CBF 0010, advertisement number 03044, NATO grade A-3.

This post is assigned to the Fiscal and Accounting Branch, Budget and Finance Division, Component Headquarters, NAEW&CF E-3A Component.

This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 20 Sep 2004.

*Note: Only applications of qualified personnel will be considered.*

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

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About 10 years ago, Clemy initiated the painter's guild Aqua Sitt under the enthusiastic lead of Roel de Kleine.

Exhibition opening hours: Monday through Friday: 1000-1200, 1400-1500 and 1900-2100. Closed Wednesday night. On Sunday from 1400 to 1700 the artist herself will be there. Free entrance.

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**Shrek 2, 27-29 August and 2-4 September.** Family/Comedy, starring Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy. Rated PG, 93 min.

**I, Robot, 9-11 September.** Thriller/Sci-Fi, starring Will Smith. Rated PG-13, 110 minutes.

IDH, Officers', Frisbee and Sentry Clubs now on the BASS LAN System. Menu information under Public Folders/Base Support Wing/Services Squadron/Clubs or IDH. Also, check out the Services Squadron web page for programme information and upcoming events.

### **E-3A Component Clubs**

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Regular prices brunch: Members €9.20, guests €10.70; lunch: Members €6.10, guests €7.65; children 4-12 years/half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

- 5 Family brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 12 Sunday brunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.
- 19 Spanish style brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 26 Oktoberfest – No brunch.

### **Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)**

Operating hours bar: Monday-Friday 1100-2300; restaurant: Monday-Friday 1130-1330, Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext 4994).

Lunch at the Officers' Club: Monday-Thursday (A la carte menu served), Monday + Wednesday a vegetarian special also available, Friday buffet style lunch.

Throughout September 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 1600-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available.

- 10 Mongolian BBQ, reservations required.

- 20-23 Mussel specialities during lunchtime.

Special notes: The Officers' Club

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### **Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)**

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members.

- 7 Bingo begins again.

- 8 Indonesian buffet 1800-2100 with traditional Indonesian food, restaurant closed.

- 13 From this date, both a la carte and buffet line available at lunchtime again.

- 15 CSA BBQ.

- 16 IWC night at the Frisbee Club.

- 20-24 Bavarian specialities during lunchtime.

Monday-Thursday Happy Hour 1700-1800; every Friday Happy Hour 1700-1900 with free snacks.

### **Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)**

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- 17 Deadline to register for back classes, the upcoming table tennis tournament and to be included in the Winter Schedule for the New/Old Gyms and Multi-Purpose Room.
- 21 Coaches' meeting for volleyball, 1400 in the Q+Q Room.
- 24 Beginners' back classes begin, 1100-1200.
- 27 Advanced back classes begin, 1530-1630.
- 30 Swimming pool closes.

### **International Pre-school (SWPS/4957)**

- 1 Welcome back to school!
- 22 Open House at 1800, parents are invited to join this event to meet staff and tour the school facility. General information about school events, calendar and curriculum will be discussed. Registration for the New School Year continues. Afternoon slots available only! For more information, please call the Pre-school at ext. 4957.

### **International Library (SWPL/4956)**

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Trip to Kinderdijk Windmills and Delft

On Saturday, 18 September, 0800-2000, join the IYA on a visit to 19 historic windmills lining a typical Dutch canal at Kinderdijk - one of the most famous tourist sights in Holland.

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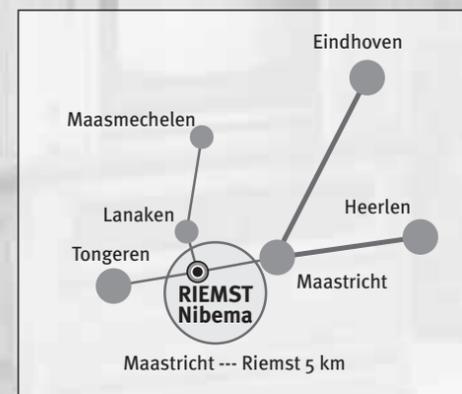
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