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## Anniversary celebrated with Italian flair

### 20 years FOB Trapani



FOB Trapani military in formation during the 20th anniversary ceremony.

Photo 2Lt. Jolene Bottor

By Mrs. Maureen Geraets-Head

**Forward Operating Base Trapani celebrated its 20th anniversary on 9 September 06. To mark the anniversary the Force Commander, Maj.Gen. Axel Tüttelmann, E-3A Component Commander Brig.Gen. Stephen Schmidt, E-3D Component Commander Group Capt. Andy Fryer, E-3A Component senior national representatives, military and dependants of FOB Trapani and invited guests gathered on the flight line.**

"We have been praying for some clouds so it would not be too hot during the ceremony", said Capt. Salvatore di Fato, FOB operations officer, while he watched the black clouds gathering over the flightline "But maybe we've prayed too much," he said.

A dynamic tune by Fanfara dei Bersaglieri di Borgo, a group of horn blowers, opened the festivities while running onto the flight line, which was coated with a bright red glow from the many Ferraris on display. The dark clouds passed with a few sprinkles of rain and the official ceremonies began.

In his speech Brig.Gen. Schmidt said, "FOB Trapani's long relationship with NATO AWACS officially began in March

1986 when the first E-3A aircraft landed here. Since those days, FOB Trapani has launched more than 4,300 sorties, accumulating more than 20,000 hours of safe flying operations. Defending against terrorism, while improving NATO's response capability worldwide means Trapani's role remains critical for all our future AWACS operations".

Lt.Col. Antonio Eramo, FOB Trapani commander, said in his address to the guests that the FOB has played a very important role from the strategic position where it is located. He thanked the 37th Wing for giving daily support to the FOB. This support is vital to accomplish the FOB's tasks.

Eramo continued, "A special thanks from the bottom of my heart to all FOB personnel for organizing such a big event with sacrifices and effort, like they always do. I am proud of you all."

The informal part of the anniversary gave visitors the opportunity to tour the NATO E-3A, the USAF KC-135 tanker aircraft and see the Training Cargo Aircraft. They also watched as a helicopter circled over their heads and a spectacular fly-by including some loops from an Italian F-16. Many had their pictures taken either in front or inside of one of the many Ferraris from Ferrari Club Ribera.

### 25th anniversary of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory

By LWEP Staff

The 25th anniversary celebration of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) took place on 7 September. NAMSA guests included Rear Admiral (Ret.) Mrs. Linda Bird, Director of Logistic Communications, and Calibration Program Manager Mr. Carlo Costa-Ramos, Calibration Branch Chief Mr. Jose Caballero-Gomez, Chief of Laboratory Mr. John Roberts,

Mr. Robert Pierre from the same laboratory, and AWACS program, Mr. Detlef Wirth. After the PMEL facilities walk-through, the group went to the flightline to visit an E-3A aircraft. Chief of Maintenance Lt.Col. Hugo Otterpohl presented a briefing about the Logistic Wing. Lt. Denis Guillaume, BEAF, weapons controller, explained the purpose and function of the mission and Mr. Daniel Verhoeven, avionics shop, gave detailed explanations of the cockpit.

The celebration finished at the Officers' Club by a ceremony and Mr. Wirth had the pleasure to present again the key he also presented on 3 August 1981 to Mr. Bob Kuzee, the first calibration technician here at the base.

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Last August, Mr. David Hazlehurst had the privilege to calibrate the 75,000th equipment item, an IFF model ANUPM137A used by Radar shop.  
Photo MSgt. Mark Boggess

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## NATO moves to acquire C-17 strategic airlift aircraft

On 12 September, the Letter of Intent (LOI) has been publicly released by 13 NATO Allies to launch contract negotiations for the purchase of C-17 transport aircraft. On behalf of these nations, the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) has begun negotiations with Boeing and the development of a formal Weapons System Partnership among the nations.

This follows six months of intense negotiations among Allies. In addition to the LOI, the 13 nations have developed a plan to create NATO Strategic Airlift Capability (SAC) based at Ramstein Air Force Base. Initially comprised of 3 to 4 C-17s, the SAC will be flown by multinational aircrews (pilots and loadmasters) and a

multinational military structure will be created to command and control the aircraft. Discussions are underway with NATO's NAEW&C Force Command, the unit which flies the NATO AWACS, to determine the appropriate military organizational structure.

Because of the urgent operational need for strategic airlift, the SAC nations intend to conclude contract negotiations this year, and have the goal of receiving the first C-17 by the middle or end of next year. Plans are already underway to identify pilots for training at US Air Force facilities. Additional planes are called for to be delivered every six months. Thus the initial operating capability is planned for third quarter, 2007 with full

operating capability in 2009. The concept behind the SAC is similar to the SALIS (Strategic Airlift Interim Solution) arrangement, which involves the chartering of An-124 aircraft. The 13 NATO nations will fly the planes based on sovereign national requirements.

While these national requirements will often be related to NATO operations, they may also be exclusively of a national character, or for UN, EU, or other international purposes, like humanitarian airlift and disaster relief.

The SAC planes will be configured in the same way as the C-17s flown by the US Air Force and the UK Royal Air Force. The air crews will be trained to the same basic standards, including air-to-air



refueling and night vision operations.

Membership in the airlift fleet remains open to other nations, and some additional nations are considering joining. LOI nations are: Republic of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Kingdom of Denmark, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Italy, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Lithuania, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Republic of Poland, Romania, The Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia, The United States of America.

*Courtesy NATO news*



## Good-bye Capt. Mellin!

By A1C André Scheibel

In January 1984, Capt. Ullrich Mellin was assigned to the NATO E-3A Component where he spent his first 13 years in Flying Squadron One, taking responsibility as surveillance controller.

He retrained as a passive controller in 1996 and one year later he moved to Force Command. He returned to Flying

Squadron One in 2000 and spent his last 6 years there as a passive controller.

Capt. Mellin served the German Air Force for 35 years of which 23 years were at the NATO E-3A Component. On 13 September he finished his last flight and received the honor of a hose down in presence of Squadron One commander, Lt.Col. Matthew Phillips, men and women of Squadron One, family and long time friends.

## AWACS PMEL

**Continued from front page**

NATO decided in the mid-1970's to buy and operate an airborne early warning radar system. The NATO AWACS was established in January 1980. To create all the offices and workshops needed to operate the E-3A, it had been decided to copy the structure of the U.S. AWACS.

Unfortunately, when this was done, the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) was missed, as the PMEL supporting Tinker Air Force Base, was not located on that base.

To solve the problem, NAPMA requested in 1979 the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA), located at Capellen, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, to create the AWACS-PMEL.

PMEL is responsible to the chief of Maintenance through the Electronic Maintenance Squadron commander to coordinate PMEL requirements generated by the various shops.

Technicians were sent to Geilenkirchen with the task to perform the calibration and repair of all Test Measurement Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) on base including the FOBs and FOL and to provide technical assistance where required.

For the last ten years, 3,500 items have been calibrated annually. Technicians calibrate mechanical, electrical and electronic equipment, from simple tire pressure gauges to more complex equipment like IFF Transponder Interrogator and Pressure Temperature Test Set. Equipment is coming from 45 workshops, including the FOBs and FOL and offices from all over the base.

The PMEL obtains its traceability for the Secondary Reference Laboratory at NAMSA Capellen (Luxembourg). For items beyond local capabilities, arrangements will be made with NAMSA, the calibration laboratory W84 of the German Air Force and civilian contractors. The PMEL will continue to provide dedicated support for many years to come.

## Turkish National Day Celebration

On 8 September, the Turkish contingent on base organized the third annual celebration for National Day (Foundation of Turkish Republic).

The celebration was open to all the nations of the Component and more than 2,500 guests participated in the event.

The celebration kicked off at 1500 and lasted until 0200. The free Döner Kebap was delicious and enjoyed by everybody.

Also part of this event was a promotion ceremony. Col. Reinhard Mack and Lt.Col. Deniz Kartepi pinned on the promotion ranks to Maj. Hakan Karahan, Maj. Volkan Yar, Maj. Murat Çetinkaya, SMSgt. Kemal Çiçek, SMSgt. İlker Erdoğdu.

Many thanks goes out to all those people who made this event happen and especially to the bands Dig-It, Altın Çocuklar, Raw and the D.J.



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## FOB Trapani history

The NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force Forward Operating Base (FOB) is located at Trapani Birgi airport, home of the 37th Wing.

It was activated on 1 January 1986 and it began its activities on 11 March

of that year when the first E-3A landed at Trapani. The FOB mission is to provide technical, operational and logistic support to the NATO AWACS fleet and E-3A Component crews, deploying from home base Geilenkirchen, Germany.

During its 20 years of activity, the FOB has provided support to countless

air operations such as Anchor Guard, Deliberate Forge and in particular those related to the former Yugoslavia and Kosovo crisis.

In the last period, beside the normal training and operational activity of the E-3A Component, the FOB has provided support to several high visibility events such as the NATO

Prague summit, Practica di Mare summit, Distinguished Games, Jupiter I e Jupiter II Nuntio Vobis and Augusta summit.

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Sunday Brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Regular prices: Brunch: members €9.20, guests €11.50. 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.

- 1 Both Clubs closed. (Official Holiday).
- 8 Family Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed
- 15 Brunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.
- 22 Lunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.
- 29 Family Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.

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*Exceptions: 2 and 3 October: Club closed due to Component Holidays. 4 and 5 October: Restaurant closed due to Official Function.*

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#### Special Notes:

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## October

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