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25th Anniversary of the NATO E-3A Component

Not just a Cultural Festival,

but a party, a celebration, a **BIRTHDAY BASH!**

On 16 and 17 June 2007 the NATO E-3A Component will host the biggest public event in its history to commemorate the last 25 years of our mission success. We are expecting approximately 100,000 visitors to come and enjoy an extraordinary weekend of events highlighting NATO's cultural and military achievements for more than two decades.

While the entire Component is preparing itself for the TACEVAL in May this year, the 25th Anniversary Committee is also planning for the celebration in June that will be the gala event of 2007. The Component, for the first time in its history, will open its doors to the general public, marking this historic occasion as a monumental aviation event of the 2007 calendar.

Public Anniversary Event

With an exhibition area more than four times bigger than the Cultural Festival's and an estimated 100,000 visitors on 16 and 17 June, the 25th Anniversary celebration will be, by far, the largest event in the history of the NATO E-3A Component.

It's not just the magnitude of this event that distinguishes it from past Cultural Festivals. Visitors will have the opportunity to view an extensive static display of numerous military and commercial aircraft assembled from the NAEW&CF, partner nations and numerous international and civilian agencies. Many have been asked to contribute to this inspiring event. Among some of the contributions are distinctive aircraft seldom seen in Geilenkirchen. Guests will be able to admire the Hungarian Air Force's new fighter, the GRIPEN, Norway's P-3 ORION, the French AWACS platforms,



The first E-3A landing at Nato Air Base Geilenkirchen on 24 February 2007

the E-3F and E-2 and the EADS Heritage Flyer Messerschmitt 109. The FLYING BULLS promise to deliver the B-25 Mitchell as well as other aircraft that will surely be a sight to see, here, in Geilenkirchen.

The large exhibition area will give our visitors an excellent opportunity to learn more about the participating nations and business partners of the Component. In front of Hangar 1, each of the Component nations will have the chance to offer visitors a selection of their national cuisine in the "Nations Corner." There's more.... On three stages, all weekend long, you will be entertained by bands and dance presentations from our nations as well as from to the local area.

Anniversary Party for the Component

The Component knows how hard its member's work, therefore, in addition to having this fantastic public event, there will be an anniversary party, exclusively for NATO ID cardholders.

On Saturday evening 16 June 2007, Hangar 2 will open its doors for the Component Anniversary Party! Live music will guarantee a party atmosphere rewarding Component members for their continuing contribution to the success of the NATO E-3A Component. The main act of this event will be an American born German singer, Sydney Youngblood, performing,

among others, his 1989 smash hits "If Only I Could" and "Sit 'n' Wait." This fun-filled evening includes a plethora of food and beverages for only 5 Euro per person. More information on how and when to purchase tickets for this event will be available soon.

Please visit www.e3a.nato.int for continuous updates on the 25th Anniversary.

Come share in the wonderful celebration of the Component's history, its aviation and mission success, great food, and more fun than one can enjoy in two days.

See you there!



AVAILABLE NOW

The new 25 Year Anniversary patches are here! at the Sentry Club Souvenir Shop.



Artist illustration of Aircraft 443.

Coming soon:
"Creating the new paint scheme on aircraft 443".
Stay Tuned

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Operation ALGONQUIN

By Capt Phyllis Kent



Squadron Three, with great support from Logistics Wing, Force Protection and many more Operations Wing personnel, deployed to Moron Air Base, Spain 7-9 February to secure the safety of the people in the local area and the attendees of the 2007 Informal Meeting of NATO Defence Ministers. Tasked with the security of the NATO Defence Ministers as well as NATO Secretary General, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, they provided direct surveillance over Seville, Spain.

The Squadron Three crew flew almost 20 hours fulfilling their tasking. The crew received support from a rainbow crew (a crew composed of members from two or more squadrons) on its way to complete training with F-18s in Las Palmas, Canary Islands. With their

support, the Squadron Three crew was not only able to complete their mission, but return to Geilenkirchen on time, returning the aircraft for scheduled flights on Monday. This coordination ensures the dynamic flying schedule of the Component stays on track. Lt. Col. Karsten Bekaen, the deployment commander, said Moron Air Base, which is shared by the host nation and a United States detachment, provided excellent support for this special mission.

On the first day of flying, take-off was delayed due to a poorly timed severe thunderstorm, but the crew stayed in good spirits and were able to launch as soon as the skies cleared. Bekaen thanks everyone who collectively made this

deployment a success with special thanks Operations Wing Scheduling Branch for coordinating a flying schedule that allowed for timely daily mission planning and flight times. He also said the efforts of Geilenkirchen's Force Protection, working closely with the local authorities, made it possible for the crew and staff to transit more easily during road diversions due to the meeting.

With a shorter planning schedule than is normally allotted for this type of support, Moron Air Base, Squadron Three and all involved joined together and not only made the deployment a success but "contributed to the security and safety of those in Seville," said Bekaen.

GKES Science Fair 2007 is proud to announce this year's project winners



Grades 1-3 Division:

First Place: Alyssa Jones' "Escaping Water Molecules"

Alyssa compared the effect of surface areas and temperatures on evaporation. Second Place: Madison Lynch's "Sour Power".

Madison used acid from lemons to power a clock. She said "It was hard to power a light bulb from lemon juice because it would take too many lemons."

Third place: Alex Quinn's "Speed Rust" Alex compared the effects of water temperature to the rusting process.

Grades 4-6 Division:

First Place: Conor Reilly's "Bed of Nails". Conor wondered if someone could actually lie on a bed of nails without getting injured. He reported using

Newton's formula of "pressure equals force divided by area" in working out his experiment.

Second Place: Adam Philips' "Popcorn Frenzy".

This experiment was designed to measure which popcorn is best in regards to the increase in volume. He said "I had to do a lot of math!"

Third Place: Trevor Moxley's "Which boat is the fastest".

Trevor found that the smallest sail with a "sloop" design provided the fastest movement.

Congratulations to these great student

In Memoriam



It is with regret that the NAEW&CF E-3A Component announces the sudden death of Mr. Johannes Aussems, who died on 11 February at the age of 51.

Mr. Aussems had been employed with the Component since 02 January 1986 as a Driver in the Vehicle Transport Section, Motorpool Squadron, Base Support Wing. He had established himself here as a very well liked and extremely responsible member of the NATO Community.

Mr. Aussems was a dear colleague and his dedication to his work will be remembered by all who had the privilege of working with him.

Mr. Aussems is survived by his wife Paula and his two sons Marco and Ricardo, to whom the Component extends its sincere condolences.

Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Schmidt
Commander NAEW&CF E-3A
Component

Effective immediately, the two inner lanes of the running track are now available. The Sports Department will advise as to the full reopening of the track.



MOB Winter Wonderland 2007



Photos by Mark Boggess



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Carnival ingredients

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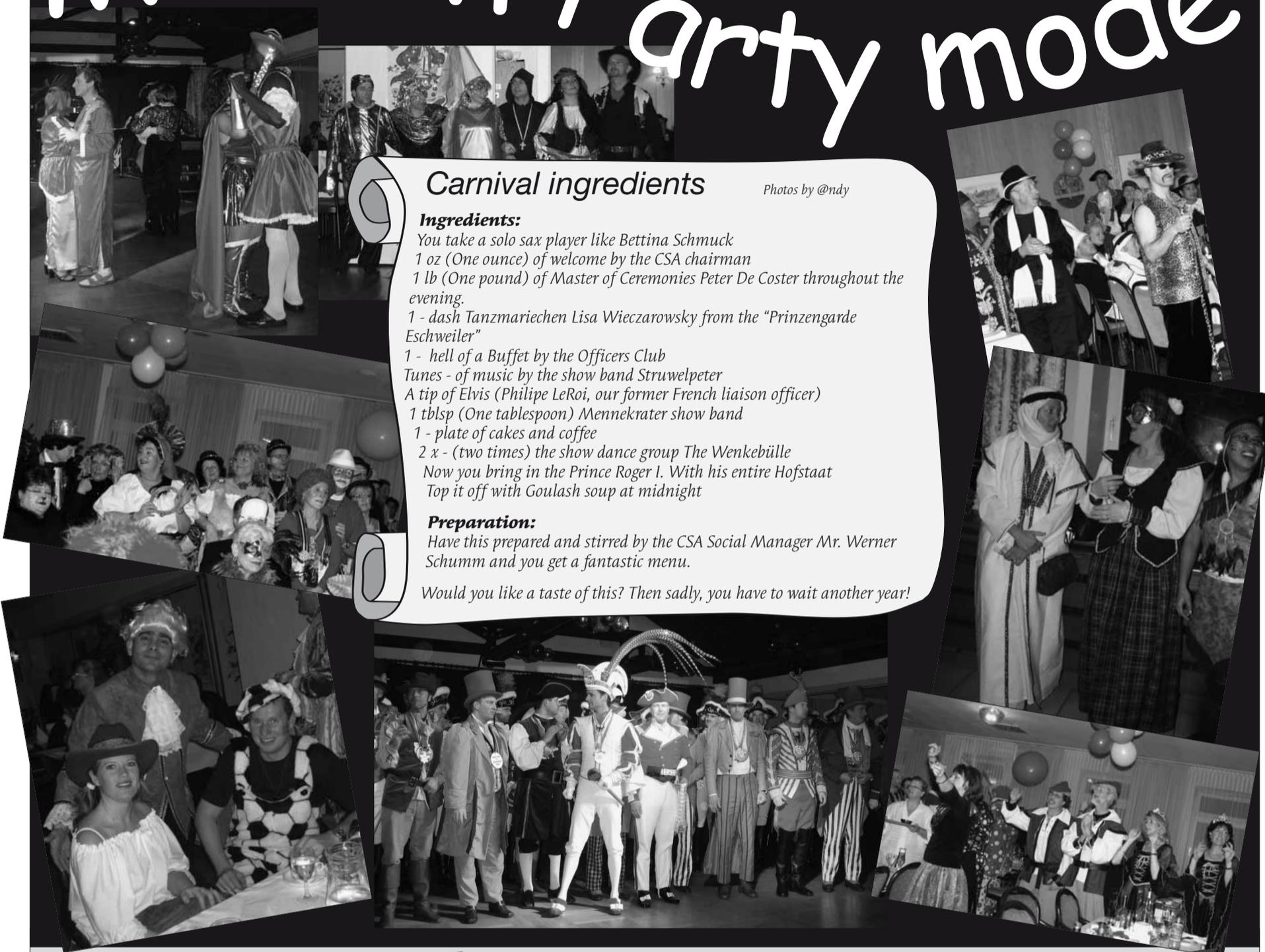
Ingredients:

- You take a solo sax player like Bettina Schmuck
- 1 oz (One ounce) of welcome by the CSA chairman
- 1 lb (One pound) of Master of Ceremonies Peter De Coster throughout the evening.
- 1 - dash Tanzmariechen Lisa Wieczarowsky from the "Prinzengarde Eschweiler"
- 1 - hell of a Buffet by the Officers Club
- Tunes - of music by the show band Struwelpeter
- A tip of Elvis (Philippe LeRoi, our former French liaison officer)
- 1 tblsp (One tablespoon) Mennekrater show band
- 1 - plate of cakes and coffee
- 2 x - (two times) the show dance group The Wenkebülle
- Now you bring in the Prince Roger I. With his entire Hofstaat
- Top it off with Goulash soup at midnight

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Monrovia, Liberia

By Lt. Col. Steve Sales

28 Jan 07

It was 1600 Friday afternoon, 26 January. The class of 23 Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) medical technician students had, only minutes before, completed a rigorous two-day practical examination on patient assessment and intervention. Specifically, they had learned how to quickly treat and transport trauma victims. Almost exactly 24 hours earlier, I had praised them for their performance. I told them, "someday soon, perhaps this weekend, you'll be traveling to visit family and you'll come across a car accident. Involved in that accident may be victims who will need immediate treatment to save their lives or prevent further injury. You will be there to give the care they need. You will be there to save lives because you are more prepared than anyone else."

At 1605 the radio call came in. Right outside the gate to the remote military barracks where eight United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) medics were conducting medical training for the AFL a single vehicle had veered off the road at high speed and rolled over, ejecting the driver from the vehicle. Immediately, the contractor's nurse and

medical technician jumped into their sports utility vehicle-turned-ambulance for the brief trip to the scene. Before they could depart, seven medics of the USAFE medical training team joined them.

The four victims of this accident were lucky that medical assistance was readily available. Leading the response team was Major (Dr) Kimberly Pietszak, the only physician within 30 miles of the scene. Joining her were MSgt Greg Reece, Independent Medical Technician (IDMT), SMSgt Daryl Webb, MSgt Randall Ivory, MSgt Satanga Brown, TSgt Elizabeth Burrell, and SSgt Kimberly Flanagan-Kelley. Upon arrival, patients were quickly assessed and triaged. Dr Pietszak and MSgt Reece quickly stabilized the most critical patient; the driver who had been ejected from the vehicle and within minutes assessed his condition, placed a cervical collar and had him on a spine board in the ambulance en-route to the nearest hospital. The remaining three patients were under the care of SMSgt Daryl Webb and the remaining technicians. Within about 20 minutes, they too were en-route to the hospital with one litter patient and two ambulatory patients.

Before departing with the first patient for the hospital, the contractor nurse



made the call for additional assistance. That assistance came from the only place possible; the new AFL medical technician students who had completed patient assessment and treatment exams only a few minutes earlier. These students would not have to wait until the weekend or beyond, they were going to use their new skills right now to help save lives. Six students were assigned to assist at the scene and within minutes were providing care to the injured. They took vital signs, helped secure a patient to a spine board, and led a litter team loading the patient into the ambulance. They performed

magnificently! Their performance is a testament both to their dedication to learn and to the skill of their instructors.

"It was awesome to watch the contractor's medical team, the Air Force medics, and the AFL medics working as a team to save lives. I couldn't believe these students had learned how to respond to a trauma scenario just this week!" "It is a once in a lifetime experience to be in another country training military medics but it is an even more rewarding experience to also have the chance to offer needed medical care to the citizens of the country," said Pietszak.

Vacancy

Announcements

Applications are invited for the following post:

AMBULANCE CREW CHIEF, AGK SMS 0170, Advertisement Number 07002, NATO Grade

C-4, assigned to the Flight Medical Branch, Medical Squadron, Base Support Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 2 March 2007.

ASSISTANT (Supply), AGK LSD 1010, Advertisement Number 07003, NATO Grade B-3, assigned to the Receiving Section, Materiel Storage & Distribution Branch, Supply Squadron, Logistics Wing. This post is due to be filled as soon as possible.

Closing date: 8 March 2007.

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

Note: Only applications of qualified personnel will be considered.

International Golf Association

GETTING READY FOR THE NEW GOLF SEASON?

The new season of golfing is around the corner and the International Golf Association (IGA) of NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen is ready to get you on the Golf Course. The 2007/8 membership meeting is scheduled for 22 March in the Frisbee Club at 1600 hrs. Joining the IGA gives you the chance to play at Openbare Golf Brunssumerheide in Brunssum, The Netherlands, located only five minutes from the back gate. Three nine-hole championship courses await you, each with distinctly different and difficult holes. There is also a nine hole Par 3 course and a nine hole executive course.

LIKE COMPETITIVE GOLF?

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Want to sharpen your short game? Play on the nine hole Par three or executive courses.

JUST A BEGINNER?

A special membership is available for playing only the Par 3 course at a very reduced rate. The membership package for the IGA is the best golfing bargain around.

Full membership costs only €320. -. That rate is reduced to €300. - If you join before March 30th. A Par Three membership is €120. - Allowing unlimited play on the Par 3 course only. Come by the Frisbee Club on 22 March 07 at 1600 hrs to join the IGA and begin signing up for tournaments. Last year 150 members enjoyed golfing with the IGA.

For more information go to our website at www.igagolf.net or visit the BASS web page.



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Tickets are available at the door: Adults €6, children 10 yrs and under €4. For questions or concerns: anniazw@hotmail.com - Mark your email 'Alliance Players'.



The IYA Cheerleaders were doing a great job supporting the Mavericks.

Photo: courtesy of Stefanie Politano

Cheerleaders Support GK Mavericks

On 27 January the IYA Senior Bantam Mavericks welcomed the AFNORTH Lions 2 for their first home game of the season at the New Gym. Dancing, chanting and swinging pom pons the IYA Cheerleaders encouraged the Mavericks, who thrilled the crowd with their play. Passing, shooting, playing defense and rebounding they ran and jumped back and forth across the court. At the end of the exciting game the Mavericks won 28:16 with four players scoring eight points each: Quélon

Hopkins, Paul Naisbitt, Jake Schmidt and Hannah Stadler. Many thanks to the volunteer referees Jed Welch, Chris Smith and Joseph Young, who ensured fair play and good sportsmanship throughout the game. Girls can still join the fun of the IYA Cheerleading & Tumbling program under the instruction of Melissa and Haley Brady. Do not miss the upcoming seasonal sports leagues for boys and girls: Spring Soccer and Baseball. Further information and registration at the IYA Office, x 4955.

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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/€11.50. Lunch: Members/€6.10, Guests/€7.65. Children 4-12 years/half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 hrs on the Friday before. Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, tel. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, tel. 4994.
- 04 Lunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed
- 11 Chinese Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed.
- 18 Lunch/Brunch at the Frisbee Club. Officers' Club closed.
- 25 Family Brunch at the Officers' Club. Frisbee Club closed

Officers' Club (SWPO/4990):

Operating Hours Bar: Monday-Friday: 1100-2300 hrs.
 Restaurant : Monday - Friday : 1130-1330 hrs. Sunday : 1100-1400 hrs (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday Brunch by 1200 hrs 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 hrs: Happy Hour: Free snacks available. Fridays 1600-1800 hrs: Happy Hour: Free snacks available.
 Specials: 05 to 08 March: Pasta Specialties during lunchtime!
 09 March: Mongolian BBQ. Reservations required!

Special Notes:

The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call. Make your reservations now. 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

MWA INFORMATION

March

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 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 19.30 hours (5h, 12h and 19th and 26th)

- 06 Bingo Green lounge 19.00-22.30
- 06 Skat Main Bar 18.00-22.30
- 14 Indian Curry Night (Restaurant closed) Dining Area 18.00-21.00
- 15 International Wives Club (Greek Night)
- 20 Bingo Green Lounge 19.00-22.30 Every Mon-Thu Happy hour from 17.00 until 18.00 hrs. Every Friday Happy hour from 14.30 until 19.00 hrs (including snacks at 17.00 hrs). Every Monday Steak Night (Normal Restaurant times) Friday Night Steak Dinner only. Normal steak €6 large steak 8. Due to the popularity of the Monday Steak Night, we will give it a try on Friday nights too. (Reservations required).

Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997):

Lindt "Fioretto" and Chocolate Mixtures on sale for 4.50 per pack at the Sentry Club Souvenir Shop or at the Cashier's Cage!
 As of 01 July 2006 the Sentry Club Main Bar is closed at 2000 hrs, Monday through Friday. Last Call will be 1930 hrs.
 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 hrs, Monday - Friday. A variety of new pizzas is available now, i.e. 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!! Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

- 05 Indoor Soccer League 17.15, New Gym
- 07 Indoor Soccer League 17.15, New Gym
- 12 Indoor Soccer League 17.15, New Gym
- 14 Indoor Soccer League 17.15, New Gym
- 15 Racquetball Tournament Deadline Registration
- 19 Indoor Soccer League 17.15, New Gym
- 21 Indoor Soccer League 17.15 hrs, New Gym
- 24 0900-1800 Indoor Soccer Tournament, New Gym
- 26 Indoor Soccer League, Last Games
- 27 Outdoor Soccer League, 15.00, Sentry Club Coaches Meeting, Q&Q Room
- 29 Racquetball Tournament, One-day event

"Fit and Fun 50-Plus"

As of 06 March 2007, the Sports Department will be offering a new class "Fit and Fun". Only Component members and their dependants older than 50 years may participate. Would you like to live your life to the full, being active and healthier? Then "Fit and Fun" is definitely for you!! "Fit and Fun" is a new method of exercise specifically for the active "50-plus" clientele. This activity features a tailored variety of gymnastics and games. The Gymnastics and floor exercises focus on muscle build-up, relaxation, suppleness and fitness improvement. The programme offers a variety of ball and racket games, which positively affect the mind and body. Fun in moving is the name of the game.
 The purpose of the "Fit and Fun 50+" is to exercise as a group activity in a healthy and responsible manner. It slows down the aging process. Every "fit and fun" lesson is taught by a licensed instructor with specific knowledge of 50+ gymnastics. The class will take place in the New Gym, every Tuesday afternoon from 14.00-15.00 hours. The first lesson starts on 06 March 2007. For registration or more info, please contact Instructor Bert Hendriks at

Ext. 4921 or email
 bhendriks@e3a.nato.int.

International Library (SWPL/4956)

The new operating hours are 1100-1500, Monday through Friday.

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International Pre-School

(SWPS/4957):

- 21 Parent - Teacher Conferences NO Regular School for kids.
- 30 Easter Parties and Egg Hunt - for Pre-School children only
- 02-13 Easter Break - No School

There are still spaces available in our Afternoon Program for children ages 3 and 4. We will not take any more registrations for the morning waiting list. For more information, please contact the School at Ext. 4957.

Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

Tuesdays + Thursdays
 Operating Hours : 1000-1400.

International Youth Activities

(SWPY/4954/5)

Further information and registration at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955, office hours: Monday - Friday, 0815 - 1300.

IYA Baseball Season

The 2007 Baseball season is coming up. The following leagues will be offered to all international Component children: Pre T-Ball for ages 4 - 5, T-Ball for ages 6 - 7, Machine Pitch for ages 8 - 9, Majors for ages 10 - 12. The program is building up Baseball skills continually. Our youngest players hit the ball from a "T". At the next level a machine pitches the ball. In Major league the players finally pitch themselves. We are especially waiting for all you European children to take the unique opportunity to play these traditional North American sports together with the Canadian and American children here in our international community. Fee for the season is €40 per child, including T-shirt, ball cap and participation award. Registration until 16 March.

IYA Spring Soccer Season

The IYA is offering Spring Soccer for international boys and girls born between 1992 and 2003 again. Children and teenagers of all nationalities are invited to learn and play this sport together. The season - full of fun-filled and exciting games and tournaments - will run from the end of March to the middle of June. Fee for the season: €25 per player, including participation award. Registration until 16 March.

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