

Flight simulator meets Level D requirements

By Lt.Col. Gero Ronneberger

On Friday 10 September at 1400, Mr. Bruno Haller, Chief Flight Inspector from the French General Aviation Agency Civil (DGAC), provided his audit findings from NATO's first initial qualification of the new upgraded full flight simulator.

A three-day evaluation period of the flight simulator took place with an eight-hour full flight test profile which demonstrated the highest quality of simulation. This was followed by an inspection of all related documentation, work safety regulations and quality system, resulting in a positive assessment.

The assessment resulted in achieving category level D, the highest ranking of civilian joint aviation

standards and operations. Five years of tremendous work effort by many branches and agencies ensured that the Force Commander's goals and objectives were achieved, originally set by former Component Commander/Force Commander, Maj.Gen. Gary Winterberger.

Now the Component has its "18th" aircraft and commanders have the best training device available for enhanced training. Simulation will be closer to replicating reality. This creates the ability to start the migration of parts of the programme's actual flight training hours and training events for qualified pilots into simulator events. The flight simulator ensures that pilots achieve part of their annual flying requirements by hours credited during simulator sessions. This transfer will be done in a step-by-step approach, always

ensuring that such a transfer of live training into the flight simulator will not jeopardize flight safety.

The new visual replacement program and the new aero package have removed past deficiencies, so more realistic control handling and enhanced visual reference training can be achieved. High resolution satellite pictures up to 1-meter in resolution allow best visual flight rules training with recognition of important landmarks around bases.

The upgraded flight simulator allows short notice, realistic training scenarios prior to operational deployments. Lastly, the flight simulator has a capability for a smoke generator installation which will enable cockpit crews to train realistically and to handle the most feared and critical situation: fire, smoke and fumes.

Of course, the level D certificate requires the highest management supervision and needs to be treated as a real fleet's aircraft. All future changes and upgrades need to be installed almost in parallel to the fleet. Still to be finalized, however, is the quality management programme, which will include next year's annual recurrent qualification by the DGAC.

In the meantime, the company CAE Stolberg works diligently to deliver and replace the old cockpit procedures trainer with the new flight training device by June 2011. This training device seeks Joint Aviation Agency level 2 qualification, which is a full flight simulator but without motion. This second device enables the Component to complete its training programme and to free up more training slots in the flight simulator.



*With the Flight Simulator at level D, the Component has its "18th" aircraft. The flight simulator team that was involved in the overall and final stage of the upgrade: (L-R) Maj. Andrea Franceschins, Mr. Patrick Desmet, Mr. Laurent Bloncourt DGAC Flight Inspector pilot, Mr. Rudi Holtappels, Lt.Col. Gero Ronneberger, Mr. Bruno Haller, DGAC Chief Flight Inspector, Mr. Leland Meyers, CAE test pilot.
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Medal award for FOB Trapani

Lt.Col. Mauro Montagnino receives from Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt the NATO medal for the support to Operation Active Endeavour.



Text and photos FOB Trapani

From 3-6 September 2010, the NAEW&CF Forward Operating Base (FOB) Trapani hosted the Force Commander's Conference, where the heads of NATO agencies involved in the AWACS programme met to discuss a broad spectrum of topics of common interest to all participants.

The conference was a great opportunity to enhance the cohesiveness of the Force's team and to discuss major issues. We would like to highlight the presence of Maj.Gen. Stephen Schmidt, Force Commander, Brig. Gen. Burkhard Pototzky, E-3A Component Commander, Air Commodore Andrew Fryer, Deputy Force Commander, Col. Chris Jones, E-3D Component Commander, and Col. Marco Francesco D'Asta, Training Wing Commander.

On the opening day, in the presence of 37 Wing's Commander Col. Bruno Strozza, Trapani FOB personnel were awarded with the NATO medal for the support to Operation Active Endeavour (OAE).

OAE was generated in response to the attack suffered by the United States on 11 September 2001 and it was authorized in accordance with Article 5 of the Atlantic Treaty.

OAE is conducted in international waters of the Mediterranean, the Straits of Gibraltar and the airspace included in the operations. In the course of the past four years, OAE has evolved from a small scale deployment providing a modest military presence in an important stretch of sea, into a comprehensive, continuously adapting, counter terrorism operation throughout the Mediterranean. Nowadays, OAE relies

on ships, submarines, aircraft and other assets. In this context, AWACS aircrafts are really appreciated for their skills in surveillance and information-sharing capabilities. Their primary task is to provide, to gather and to process information and intelligence to let all the participants be aware of the traffic in the entire Mediterranean Sea, with selective focus on particular contacts of interest. Since March 2009 the FOB Trapani has been a bastion for the deployment of NATO AWACS aircraft, from both the E-3A and E-3D Components called to support the operation.

A simple yet very significant ceremony was held at the 37th Wing Officer's Club. Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt, before personally pinning on the recipients' medals, had warm words of appreciation when he thanked the FOB Commander Lt.Col. Mauro Montagnino and his staff for the commitment and professionalism

they showed for the successful accomplishment of the mission, and also remarked that FOB Trapani is the first NATO unit to receive this medal.

At the end of the ceremony, Gen. Schmidt handed the proceedings over to Gen. Pototzky for another important event. Without a formal notice, and to the surprise of the person involved, the General awarded one of the FOB Maintenance Supervisors, CMSgt. Angelo Ruocco, with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of 25 years faithful service to the NATO. In his speech, Gen. Pototzky highlighted the importance of the job performed by Ruocco during his long service with NATO, and wished him well with his continued service at the Component and to pass his expertise on to the newcomers.

CMSgt. Angelo Ruocco, with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of 25 years faithful service to NATO.





PLANE SPOTTER

This aircraft landed at Geilenkirchen Air Base

Do you know what it is?

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Communication equipment tests during Steadfast Cobalt

Text and photos MSgt. Eric Schüren

Exercise Steadfast Cobalt is a sole NATO Response Force (NRF) joint deployable Communication Information System (CIS) interoperability exercise. This exercise incorporates CIS planning, experimentation, testing for signal troops and NRF deployability for 2011.

The Steadfast series of exercises will continuously develop the expeditionary capabilities required for future NATO missions, including sustainment and necessary logistics. The exercise will comprise of elements that test and develop NATO's expeditionary capabilities, and ensure that relevant NATO concepts are exercised across the full capability requirement spectrum.

Way ahead planning conferences took place in Command & Control Air Izmir, Turkey, Sarajevo and Budvar, Montenegro, to ensure perfect exercise information and conditions. Exercise Steadfast Cobalt 2010 is collocated to exercise-combined endeavor, which is the world's largest communication exercise, where non-NATO countries like Austria and Iraq are involved.

For the E-3A Component, exercise Steadfast Cobalt 2010 already started two weeks prior to the deployment date, since this was the first deployment with no TCA equipment flight. All cargo needed for the exercise was driven down to Grafenwöhr by trucks from our Motorpool Section. There was friendly support from Motorpool Squadron, Commander Capt. Sebastian Schoen, and personnel from the Radio, Ground Radar and Network branches were trained by SSgt. Markus Neumann from Motorpool to handle the Component's biggest truck with a trailer, to properly ensure the sensitive CIS equipment would be correctly strapped down for the 570 km journey to Grafenwöhr. Many kilometers were driven and hours were spent with SSgt. Markus Neumann to get them well trained

on this huge vehicle, that took a lot of courage to drive on German motorways. With help from the TCA Squadron everybody was trained on proper strapping and handling of the flight pallet equipped with CIS containers.

On Monday, the CIS team drove to the exercise area near Nuremberg, close to the Czech border and arrived late in the afternoon at Camp Aachen in Grafenwöhr. The team could not believe how big this exercise area is.

After in-processing for the exercise, the CIS containers were unloaded and set up for the first CIS exercise check. Everybody was encouraged to help and so it was quickly ensured that all containers got well covered by camouflage nets and an operational tent was set up, which was provided by NATO Communication Services Agency, Sector Brunssum. This tent hosted all network and telephone equipment, which was needed to execute the entire 518 tests for the Deployed Operating Base, and the same amount for the Main Operating Base in Geilenkirchen, which were expected in the two weeks and were coordinated with other exercise participants by MSgt. Predrag Vasiljevic.

Telephone and network lines provided by 1st NSB were connected by MSgt. Eric Schüren and Mr. Jürgen Ritt to the Component CIS systems and checked for compatibility with all national networks. A huge HF antenna used for communication all over the world, was built up by SMSgt. Thomas Schönecker and Mr. Jörg Lauth. The 10-meter high antenna took up an area 25 meters square and with a transmitting power of 1,000 Watts. The CIS HF team guaranteed broadcasting in was "loud and clear".

All crypto equipment, for example the security telephones and fax, and the Theatre Liaison Kit (TLK) was installed by MSgt. Christoph Vossenkaul and SSgt. Alexander Meister to ensure that all secure tests succeeded. Throughout the next ten days, MSgt. Adam Apfeld and

MSgt. Andreas Gross were involved in several thousand tests checked by checkers from all nations and validated so that CIS interoperability could be accomplished. CIS deployment commander Capt. Jörg Steinbacher and his team

proved again their excellent skills in communication between us and all other nations. Exercise leaders were very impressed with how well the E-3A CIS team was organized and prepared with their four deployable CIS containers.



SSgt. Markus Neumann unloading CIS containers at the camp site.



Capt. Jörg Steinbacher and CIS team camouflaging the container area.



CIS team MSgts. Adam Apfeld, Predrag Vasiljevic and Andreas Gross together with Capt. Jörg Steinbacher in performing operation business.



CIS team: Bottom row (l-r): MSgt. Eric Schüren, SSgt. Alexander Meister, MSgt. Predrag Vasiljevic, MSgt. Adam Apfeld. Top row (l-r): MSgt. Christoph Vossenkaul, SSgt. Markus Neumann, Capt. Jörg Steinbacher, Mr. Jürgen Ritt, Mr. Jörg Lauth, MSgt. Andreas Thomas Gross, SMSgt. Thomas Schönecker.

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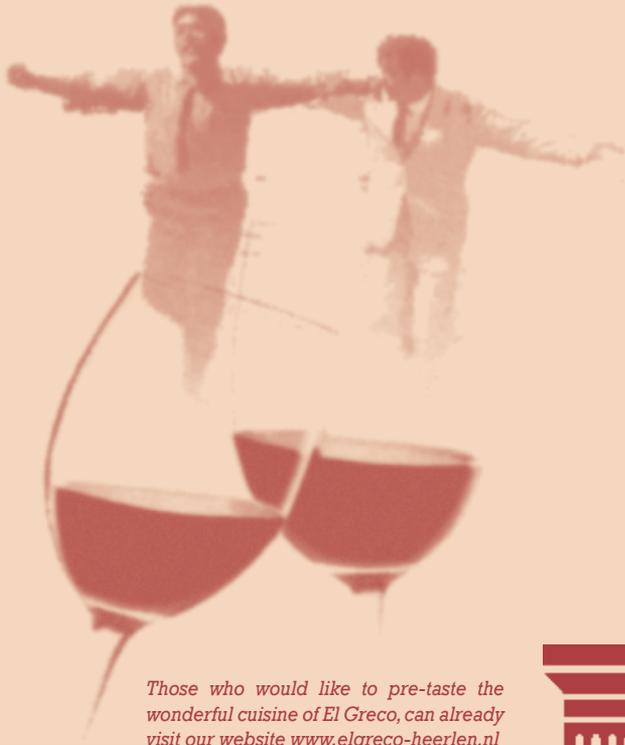
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Three Squadron 4 members receive special recognition

Text and photos OW4

On 15 September 2010, in the Hangar 4 Passenger lounge, in the presence of Col. John Backstrom, Operations Wing Commander, the following members of Squadron 4 (TCA), Cargo Movement Branch were presented with two Letters of Appreciation: SSgt. Furman Rogers, Flight Booking Specialist, and SSgt. Buenavisto Rusit, Cargo Movement Specialist. A Certificate for Superior Performance was also presented to SMSgt. Legault, Cargo Movement Branch Chief.

The TCA Squadron has been under heavy tasking since November 2009 starting with a three-month period of support for E-3D Component ISAF operations in Oman.

TCA crew, cargo movers and flight booking personnel, while supporting routine E-3A and E-3D Components tasks, were also involved in Humanitarian Relief operations for Haiti Earthquake and Pakistan Flood Relief.

During his remarks, former Squadron 4 Command Lt.Col. Massimiliano Macioce said, "The success of all TCA flights was

possible, without doubt, thanks to the hard teamwork performed throughout all Component divisions, branches and sections, down to the individual personnel who made it happen. The gentlemen who were nominated for special recognition, shone for comradeship, commitment to service and hard work despite the weather or day of the week." He continued, "The professionals mentioned above were recalled to duty several times to accommodate multiple packaging and shipment of Cargo both with TCA and with other ISAF Cargo heavy lifters. Needless to say that the very small Cargo Branch community performs at very high standards." He also mentioned, "as a reference, from 1 September 2009 until today, Cargo Movement Branch managed to get airborne a total of 2,131 tons of cargo and 5,088 passengers without missing a single goal. Cargo Movement Branch personnel often worked late hours to do the job, maintaining a very good cohesion among them all, excelling in teamwork skills as well as efficiency. I am very proud and honored to have worked with them", concluded Lt.Col. Macioce.



SMSgt. Barry Legault, Cargo Movement Branch Chief, being recognized by Lt.Col. Massimiliano Macioce.

SSgt. Furman Rogers, Flight Booking Specialist, being recognized by Lt.Col. Massimiliano Macioce.

Energy saving tips

The E-3A Component spends a small fortune of its yearly budget on heating, cooling, lighting and other energy uses. Your utility bill at home may be an inconvenient truth as well. You and your co-workers can help reduce operating costs in the office and at your home place. You have countless possibilities to save energy without putting convenience at risk and protect the environment by cutting back greenhouse gas or carbon dioxide emissions.

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fuel. Above 100 km/h (60 mph), fuel consumption increases rapidly. Clear out your car, extra weight burns fuel for nothing. Reduce drag by dismantling unneeded roof racks. Keep tires properly inflated. Check into carpooling and public transit to cut fuel consumption and car maintenance costs.



PLANE SPOTTER

This aircraft landed at Geilenkirchen Air Base 24 August 2010. This Swedish aircraft, type Saab T-17 Supporter, was originally used as a primary trainer for the Flying School in the Royal Danish Air Force since 1975. The Danish labeling is T-17, but it is also called MFI-17 Supporter. This small aircraft of 7.0 m length and only a 2.6 m height, which take-off weight amounts to 1,200 kg. It is a two or three-seat civil and military trainer type that is equipped with qualified weapons included unguided rockets, additionally by two machine-gun pods together with two guns or six Bantam wire-guided antitank missiles. The first prototype was invented in 1971 and followed by a military version, the so-called Saab-MFI 17, in 1972, which was a modified Safari type. This light attack aircraft was firstly used for artillery observation as well as forward air control and liaison. In total Saab built 250 units of that Supporter until the late 1970s and most of that aircrafts were sold to private fliers. Sources: Aviastar (http://www.aviastar.org/air/sweden/saab_safari.php) Vectorsite (<http://www.vectorsite.net/avs105.html#m5>)

Dutch military get new support unit building

By Maureen Geraets-Head

The start was made for the new building of the Netherlands Support Unit (NSU NLD) when Col. Ton van Happen, Deputy Component Commander/Senior National Representative Netherlands, took the spade to break the ground, and by doing so officially started the construction on 20 September.

The new facility for the Dutch military working at the E-3A Component will be built on Chinchuan Avenue, behind the Sentry Club building. Support Unit Commander, CMSgt. Ton Van Gastel, said, "The new building will house three offices, a 320 square

meter meeting room with terrace, a kitchen and toilets. What we didn't have at the present location and what we will get in the new building are a shower and changing rooms. Also a garage will be added to this accommodation. And new to this support unit's building is a security system that will be accessed using Dutch Defense ID cards. We are proud to mention that an environmentally friendly sun energy system will be installed. This is unique and a first at the Component."

The new home for the NSU NLD is being built by a German construction company and is scheduled to open in the summer of 2011.



Breaking the ground: Representatives from Infrastructure, construction company and Col. Ton van Happen. The start was made to the new office building for the Dutch military personnel on base.

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By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

In 2002, after twenty years of construction work, the ship lift at Strépy-Thieu near Mons, southwest of Brussels in Belgium, replaced the four old hydraulic ship lifts on the Canal du Centre, which are a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Since the start of the fifties, Belgium has been making efforts to modernize its inland waterways so that they meet the requirements of commercial navigation. The Canal du Centre, under construction until 1963, was built to link the Mons region to the North Sea. The problem lay in the 70-metre difference in height between the basin of the Schelde and the local course of the River Maas (Meuse). The solution to this is the ship lift at Strépy-Thieu, which, after years of planning and construction, rises like a futuristic monument from the peaceful landscape of Hainaut.

Until 2002, ships were able to travel the canal by passing through two locks and four hydraulic lifts, but each ship's capacity was limited to 300 tons. The new ship lift at Strépy-Thieu enables 1350-ton ships of European standard to pass through the canal.

Technological wonder

The ship lift is of imposing size, with a length of 130 metres, a

width of 81 metres and a height of 117 metres. In spite of these huge dimensions it is of very simple design. Two separate tanks filled with water transfer the ships from one level of the canal to another. The transit time, which used to be 5 hours with the old system, has now been reduced to 40 minutes. Each tank of the ship lift takes about seven minutes to travel upwards or downwards, at an average speed of 20 centimetres per second.

Each of the two separate tanks weighs 8,000 tons; it is 112 metres long, 12 metres wide and 8 metres deep. Each tank is suspended on 144 steel cables, 112 of which are connected to the eight counterweights. The remaining 32 steel cables are used for driving the system that simply moves the tanks upwards and downwards in a similar way to an ordinary passenger elevator.

The ship lift is linked to the upper reach of the canal by two bridges of 200 metres length each, providing the approach area. In the lower reach of the canal there is a mooring area of approx. 300 metres in length.

The huge structure of the ship lift is also very interesting from a tourist point of view. On its roof there is a viewing platform from which visitors can enjoy an impressive vista of the Walloon landscape. A visit to the lift is full of discoveries. A huge engine room, a wonderful panoramic



Canal du Centre.
Photo courtesy Belgium Tourist Office

view of the site as a whole and its surrounding region, and a film about the building and operation of the lift, enlivened by animated models and interactive games. Also there is an exhibition of fossils found during the excavations, and the interactive tour 'Pays des Génies' where, in the company of famous Belgians, you can experience the greatest moments in the history of Belgian creativity in such diverse fields as art, music, painting, sports or comic strips.

UNESCO has declared that the four original, hydraulically operated ship lifts are a world heritage

site. Each of these 17-metre-tall structures dating from the 19th century is a good example of a simple technical solution consisting of a counterweight system operated entirely by hydraulic power.

Distance Geilenkirchen – Mons: 210 km. Address: Rue Raymond Cordier 50, 7070 Thieu (Le Roeulx). Open daily until 31 October, from 0930 to 1830. Entry € 4.50, children under 3 free of charge. No tickets sold after 1700.

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Skywatch Classifieds are free to all NATO personnel. Advertisements must be typed, including name, office symbol and duty extension. Advertisements for services that generate a regular income will not be accepted. Submissions are due to PAO, mail Stop 33, e-mail: pao@e3a.nato.int, by noon Thursday, 7 October.

Living room wall unit, solid oak inside and out, lots of storage space. Bar on the left side and space for TV on the right side. Length 347 cm, height 215 cm,

depth 56 cm. Price EURO 1,500. Also large collection of beer mugs from 1984-2008, EURO 120. Please contact 02456 501068 or tato@online.de

Visit the Food Service System Web Page on the Component Information Portal or the Services Branch Web Page for the latest programme information and upcoming events.

MWA Membership Card Issuing Office

MWA Membership Cards are now issued in Building 80 (Services Branch Accounting Section), Room 16. Office opening hours: Mon-Thurs: 0900-1130 & 1300-1500; Fri: 0900-1130. (Existing Officers' Club/Frisbee Club membership cards will be exchanged at a later date). As a member you will receive a discount on all food/beverage items purchased at the E-3A Club/Rotodome, along with the entitlement to participate in all MWA programmes on Base. You will also receive the Food Services Newsletter and the weekly Rotodome menu per email, if you so wish.

Food Services System
(BPWF/4990)

POC: Mr. Rene Peeters, ext. 4990, email rpeeters@e3a.nato.int

Rotodome :

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday
Breakfast 0600-0900
Take away- breakfast 0600-1100
Lunch (2 menus) 1100-1330
Fast Food/Pizza/Sandwich Bar 1100-1900
Dinner (1 buffet-style menu) 1700-1900

Visit our Component's Food Services WISE page for detailed information on menus/fast food items and price structure. Customers wishing to receive the menu per email are requested to send their email address to rpeeters@e3a.nato.int for inclusion in the automatic distribution list.

E-3A Club:

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday Bar 1100-2200 (special arrangements can be organised for meetings outside of these times). Happy Hour: Tuesdays 1700-1800 and Fridays 1430-1700. Coffee & cake €3,55 is served every day as of 1100. Coffee-to-go is also available. Toasties, toast Hawaii and sandwiches are now also available. Come and enjoy a relaxing moment on the terrace which overlooks the wooded area.

The E-3A Club is equipped to cater for all special functions, official dinners, conferences, meetings, etc., on a limited basis. Please contact Mr. Peeters, ext. 4990 to arrange details.

Upcoming Events

12 Nov 1900-2300 Autumn Dance. Come and enjoy a cozy evening with live dance music by a "Combo" from the Bundeswehr. Hot and cold finger food available throughout the evening. There will also be special performances during the intervals. Dress: semi-formal, no military uniform. Tickets cost €19,50/€13,50 with MWA Card which includes

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finger food and five beverages. Ticket sales starts 4 October .

31 Dec: New Years' Eve Ball. Ticket sale starts of November

Sports Department
(BPWS/4946)

Opening hours: every day from 0600-2200. However, within the next few months, the opening hours and staff working hours will be adjusted accordingly to provide the best service possible to customers.

4 Start of the winter schedule for the old gym, new gym and multi-purpose room. POC: Hans Kicken, ext. 4987. Deadline registration: Volleyball Tournament. POC: Bert Hendriks, ext. 4921. Start registration: Table-Tennis Tournament (Tournament Day: 10 Nov). POC: Bert Hendriks, ext. 4921. Volleyball Tournament Day. The tournament will be held in the new gym between 0900-1700. Teams from Niederheid, JFC HQ and the NATO Airbase will be invited. POC: Bert Hendriks, ext. 4921. Deadline registration: Table-Tennis Tournament (Tournament Day: 10 Nov). POC: Fritz Stelten, ext. 4920. German Sports Award, 1100-1300 at the track. Long jump, high jump, shot put, sprint, long-distance runs. POC: Fritz Stelten, ext. 4920,

All Component personnel are authorised to utilise the sports facilities free of charge. However, participation in sports classes with instructor, i.e. spinning, aerobics, dance classes, etc. is restricted to personnel in possession of a valid MWA Membership Card. Dependants are required to be in possession of a valid membership card to utilise the Gym. Daily checks will be conducted.

International Library
(BPWL/4956)

Operating hours 1100-1500, Monday through Friday. Visit the Geilenkirchen International Library and see the expanded travel section, books and guides for most European countries as well as other fantastic vacation destinations! They are there to help make your holiday travel planning run smoothly. We also have compiled lists of discount airlines and hotel booking agencies to help you.

Remember to come back often, since a lot of the music and movie collections are frequently updated. We have material to help with your continuing education as well. The entire Embry Riddle section has been recently updated as well as many of the CLEP materials. We even have some CLEP material on DVD to help you make the grade.

Don't be one of those unfortunate people who visit the library only during



out-processing, only to realize how nice it would have been to use the facility while you had a chance. The friendly and helpful staff members are always available to assist you. Some brand new CDs and DVDs have arrived!

Also, a 6th Internet computer has been installed for our customers. All computers are brand-new and have 17-inch LCD monitors.

International Pre-school
(BPWP/4957)

1 Sep until 17 Dec 2010: Pre-School Class, 0745 to 1230. The cost will be €250 per month, €200 for Dec.

International Youth Activities
(BPWY/4954/5)

Information and registration at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4954, 4955.

IYA Christmas Market Trip to Trier - 27 Nov 10

Get in the mood for the season at one of the loveliest Christmas Markets on Saturday, 27 Nov, 0800-2000. Enjoy the romantic atmosphere between the enchanting Christmas booths on the medieval Main Market in front of the Cathedral. And the oldest city in Germany has much more to offer. Visit the Roman Baths, Amphitheatre, Porta Nigra, the Karl-Marx-House, or the many beautiful churches, not to forget the stores, and great places to eat and drink. Our luxury bus departs from the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €21,50 per person, pay only €15 per person with your valid MWA Card.

Mixed Martial Arts

Classes under the experienced and certified instruction of Mr. Christian Ecklé are held at the Old Gym on Mondays and Wednesdays. Instruction for ages 6 to 15 is from 1700 to 1830, instruction for ages 16 and up is from 1900 to 2030. Cost per month: €25, with a €3,50 discount for the second and each additional family member. The first class is free.

Swimming Courses for Beginners and Advanced Beginners

Instruction for children aged 5 and older at the Hallenbad Geilenkirchen is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1645 to 1745. Our certified instructors are multi-lingual and work with the children in groups according to the student's individual skill level. Cost is €78,50 per child, pay only €55 per child with your valid MWA Card.

Trip to Amsterdam

On Sat, 2 Oct, 0800-2100, you

can join the IYA to explore the historic center of Amsterdam. Take a canal cruise through its wealth of waterways along the beautiful houses built by wealthy merchants during the Golden Age of the Netherlands. You can visit the Royal Palace and famous museums like the Rijksmuseum with its paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer, the Anne Frank House, the Van Gogh Museum or Madame Tussaud's and you will find street markets and thousands of stores and restaurants. Point of departure and return is the parking lot outside the Front Gate. Cost is €21,50 per person, pay only €15 per person with your valid MWA Card.

Volkshochschule Language Courses on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen

Volkshochschule, the official German College for Adults, is starting its fall semester soon. Classes are held in Bldg 141. Register in class. Further information at x 4954. The following courses are offered:

GERMAN: starting the week of 20 September. The basic price for intensive German courses is €77 for 24 mornings / evenings. A1 - Beginners - Intensive Courses, Schritte 1. Tue & Thu, 1030-1200, instructor: Tanja Rzeppa, Room 109. Tue & Thu, 1730-1900, instructor: N.N., Room 118. Tue & Thu, 1900-2030, instructor: N.N., Room 118. A1 - Advanced Beginners - Intensive Courses, Schritte 2. Mon & Wed, 1000-1130, instructor: Meral Alkan-Oncu, Room 109. Tue & Thu, 1730-1900, instructor: Christine Mertens, Room 109. A2 - Intermediate - Intensive Course, Schritte 3. Tue & Thu, 0900-1030, instructor: Tanja Rzeppa, Room 109. German Conversation Mon & Wed, 0830-1000, instructor: Meral Alkan-Oncu, Room 109. Basic knowledge required. Increase your fluency by discussing current topics and interesting texts. B2/C1 - Advanced - Intensive Course, Aspekte 1. Tue & Thu, 1900-2030, instructor: Christine Mertens, Room 109. This course directly prepares you for the C1 exam "Mittelstufenprüfung", an internationally acknowledged degree. You will have the opportunity to take this exam.

FRENCH: starting 20 September, the basic price for the French course is €38 for 12 evenings. A1 - Beginners Mon, 1730-1900, instructor: Stéphanie Dinh-Phung, Room 109.

ENGLISH: the basic price for intensive English Beginners and Intermediate courses is €77 for 24 mornings. Starting on 14 September: A1 - Beginners - Intensive Course, Tue & Thu, 1015-1145, instructor: Janet Budzyna, Room 118.

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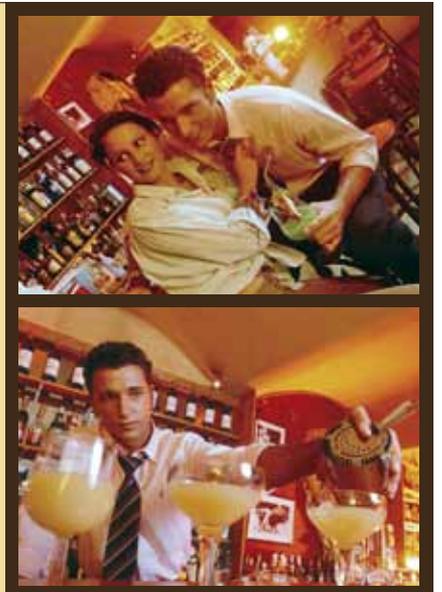
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