



## Commander's Corner

The year ahead is a period of great change within the Alliance, as the NATO Command Structure transforms to become leaner and more efficient. It will also be a challenging time for our headquarters, as we perform critical framework tasks, begin to transition Land Competency expertise to the new Land Command Izmir, and maintain a force package on NATO Response Force (NRF) Standby.

We have realigned the HQ according to functional staff directorates, posturing Force Command Heidelberg to fully achieve the Command priorities and all assigned missions. Maj. Gen. Richard Rossmanith will be the Chief of Staff Transition, and Maj. Gen. Hubert De Vos will be Chief of Staff Operations. There will be four Assistant Chiefs of Staff (ACOS): Brig. Gen. Olivier Rittiman, ACOS Transition; Brig. Gen. Wojciech Grabowski, ACOS Training and Exercises; Brig. Gen. Leo Beulen, ACOS Operations; and Brig. Gen. Salvatore Albore, ACOS Support. All FCHD personnel will work in a team or group within one of these functional areas.

Realignment will enhance our ability to begin a methodical "left seat, right seat" transition of Land Competency expertise in the summer. This is a complex task, one that requires the active participation of all FCHD personnel within their respective fields.

While we focus on the transition process, we must also plan and execute several critical framework tasks. In mid-March we will co-chair the Bi-Force Command Corps Commanders Conference in Lille, France. We will also co-chair the Allied Chiefs of Army Staff Talks and Land Commanders Conference in Tirana, Albania, in May. These forums demonstrate the Force Commands' vital role as Allied Command Operations' focal point for NATO Force Structure land HQs and Alliance land forces.

Finally, in September we will conduct a Combat Readiness Evaluation (CREVAL) of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) HQ to validate its High Readiness Force (Land) HQ capability. This will be a significant HQ effort, and will require the formation of a robust team of qualified, professional experts. The ARRC CREVAL will also be one of the first opportunities for transition of a major land expertise program to Land Command Izmir. The months ahead will be busy, and I look forward to working with each of you, and thank you for your continuing dedication and service.

## Allied Force Command Heidelberg finishes support to ISAF mission



## Reconnaissance team conducted crisis response exercise



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# Allied Force Command Heidelberg finishes support to ISAF mission



Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III greets service members as they redeploy from support to HQ International Security Assistance Force - Afghanistan on Jan. 26, 2012.

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January served as a historical month for service members of Allied Force Command Heidelberg as they completed a two-year rotation in support of International Security Assistance Forces — Afghanistan Headquarters.

“Our team did really great, providing added value to the headquarters and delivering what was expected, a highly-capable team,” said Maj. Gen. Richard Rossmanith who served as the International Security Assistance Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Stability. “The battle is fought by the troops on the ground who need the right guidance and support. We provided that. We created the right framework for our troops so they could do their job.”

Throughout the past two years, the headquarters personnel filled more than 350 duty slots with a goal of creating conditions so that Afghans can regain stability in their country. The headquarters personnel’s deployments ranged from three to sixteen months with Rossmanith being deployed the longest.

Other general officers deployed during this tenure included Belgian Maj. Gen. Hubert De Vos, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff, Resources, Dutch Brig. Gen. Leo Beulen and French Brig. Gen. Olivier Rittmann who alternatively served as Chief of Combined Joint-Operations for one year each.

While these officers served for their countries and the common good of the region, so did many others. The United States, Germany, Canada, the Czech Republic, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Norway, Italy, Belgium and Poland contributed to the headquarters role in the ISAF mission during this time. Additionally, service members from Greece, Romania, Turkey, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Bulgaria also deployed.

Furthermore, personnel from other NATO headquarters volunteered including Joint Force Command – Lisbon, FC-Madrid and JFC-Naples.

This mix of nationalities shows a commitment to peace and stability by the NATO member nations that contributed to the ISAF mission during the headquarters deployment.

“Our headquarters had to be more flexible, supporting four deployment cycles including deployments and redeployments,” said Belgium Commandant Filip De Craemer serving as a liaison

officer with the unit’s human resource office.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) issued the mission in mid-summer 2009 and Heidelberg began the mission in January 2010. Prior to the mission, service members conducted national pre-deployment training as well as international exercises over a six-month time frame and continued with this training over the past two years ensuring the headquarters personnel were battle ready.

Force Command Heidelberg (FC HD) service members were the first NATO unit to lead the ISAF mission from August 2003 to February 2004. The Headquarters personnel took over the mission again from July 2007 to August 2008. During this time, approximately 200 soldiers and civilians deployed in support of the Standing Headquarters of ISAF in order to fill core battle staff positions in support of ongoing military operations.

There will remain a small contingent of headquarters personnel in Afghanistan in support of the ISAF mission.

“Congratulations on a job well-done”, said Allied Force Command Heidelberg Commander Lt. Gen. John Morgan III. “You have a lot to be proud of.”

Article by Cpt. Tamara Gonzales  
Photo by Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney



Service members from Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg welcome the second group of Rotation 2B to return from HQ International Security Assistance Force - Afghanistan.

## *Reconnaissance team conducted crisis response exercise and explored NATO's future Deployability Concept*

A 15-person Operational Liaison Reconnaissance Team (OLRT) led by NATO's Allied Force Command Heidelberg (HQ FC Heidelberg) conducted a crisis response exercise from 27 January to 1 February 2012 at the Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) in order to prepare for the NATO Response Force (NRF) exercise STEADFAST JOIST 12 (SFJT 12), which will take place in May this year.

Under the command of Dutch Brigadier General Leo Beulen, the exercise aimed to help develop an effective Operational Plan (OPLAN) for the standing Joint Force HQ and conduct a detailed study of the mission and tasks NRF forces might undertake during SFJT 12 in the fictitious theatre of operations based on the Cerasia scenario.

The simulated OLRT deployment to JWC further highlights structural changes to the NRF concept. HQ JFC Lisbon has been leading the NRF since July 2011. In his "Commander's Vision 2012", Lieutenant General Philippe Stoltz, Commander of JFC Lisbon, states that his HQ will play a critical role in shaping NATO's future Deployability Concept, in close liaison with Joint Force Command Brunssum and Joint Force Command Naples. HQ JFC Lisbon, indeed, is tasked to develop NATO's new Deployed Joint HQ (DJHQ) model, an initiative which could become a benchmark in support of NATO's expeditionary operations in the future. The SFJT 12 will be a test-bed for the new DJHQ concept and its different steps and processes.

Brigadier General Beulen said: "Currently, Allied Joint Force Command Lisbon (HQ JFC Lisbon) is busy preparing for the exercise in May and developing the exercise OPLAN. Based on the exercise scenario, they are holding an OLRT, represented by us, a reconnaissance team deployed to identify critical regional information, as well as local challenges and risks, in order to advise the decision-making process prior to force deployment. HQ JFC Lisbon needs this information and advice for their theatre awareness and for implementation in their OPLAN. That's why we were sent to 'Cerasia', which is replicated by the JWC."

The OLRT is a small team of specialists who deploy to a theatre of operations (unstable due to political failure

or natural disaster), bilaterally or through NATO, under a usually complex mandate, in order to understand that environment, assess what is needed there and establish relationships to determine the success of a future operation or relief effort. In SFJT 12 the OLRT deployment takes place under the United Nations (UN) mandate.

In Stavanger, the JWC has set up an environment for the reconnaissance team so that they can collect data on everything "in theatre" and function as the "eyes and ears" of the Joint Force Commander before his deployment. A creation of the JWC Scenario Section, the exercise scenario, Cerasia, has been available to train the NRF since 2008. In order to train different skills for different missions, the JWC validates a wide range of role players within its Grey Cell exercise structure to include United Nations (UN) representatives as well as members of International and Non-Governmental Organizations (IOs/NGOs). The JWC will also be the venue of the SFJT 12 execution phase in May and will provide the Exercise Control (EXCON) structure.

The SFJT 12 will be directed by French Army Major General Jean Fred Berger, Commander JWC.

HQ FC Heidelberg spokesperson US Army Lieutenant Colonel Randy Martin said: "The OLRT performs a very important mission. It is one of the first elements that would deploy to a contingency area. We formed as a team in Heidelberg and then came together in Stavanger with individual roles to do the necessary research on the semi-austere environment of the fictitious country of Tytan, which is replicated by the JWC, together with the role players and Subject Matter Experts here. Simply put, we are doing the Mission Analysis before we deploy back to Lisbon and pass the crucial information to them."

JWC's Officer of Primary Responsibility for this exercise, Royal Air Force WG CDR Mark Atrill said: "In the early stages of the exercise planning process, the OLRT phase of SFJT 12 presented us with several challenges, which I am pleased to say we have been able to turn into opportunities. Foremost amongst these challenges was the need to find an operating loca-



tion for the OLRT and to conduct an early test of the new training facility at Jatta. The Norwegian military authorities kindly allowed us the use of Madla Recruit Training Centre to simulate the 'austere' environment in which an OLRT may find itself. And the physical dislocation of the training audience from EXCON (located here at Jatta) provided further realism to the exercising of the OLRT concept. There can be little doubt that these small but significant changes in the way in which we delivered this phase of SFJT 12 further improved the training experience for the OLRT"

During the After Action Review on 31 January, US Air Force Brigadier General Steven DePalmer, Chief of Staff JWC, thanked the reconnaissance team for their support to enhance the current NRF structures while underpinning potential challenges that may arise to deployability, sustainability (including Force Protection, Real Life Support, Computer and Information Systems), manning levels, logistics and other resources.

Brigadier General DePalmer said: "Your deployment to the JWC has added realism to the exercise. It has been a collaborative undertaking and I am impressed with everybody's efforts to make this deployment a success. It is, again, a step forward for us and NATO."

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Joint Warfare Center Public Affairs Office

## Allied Force Command Heidelberg Chief of Staff tells of accomplishments, expectations

Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg service members gathered together to recognize accomplishments of the past year and to learn about expectations for the upcoming year, Jan. 25.

The event began with the commander, Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, thanking everyone for the outstanding job done throughout the past year. Additionally, he presented Lt. Col. Georg Annen the NATO meritorious service medal for his performance as the commander of both Forward Support Elements.

Following the presentation, Chief of Staff, Operations, Maj. Gen. Hubert De Vos led the COS New Years Address. He detailed successes such as support of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) – Afghanistan and Operation Unified Protector. Additionally, the headquarters personnel had participated in various exercises including Brilliant Bonus, Brilliant Ledger, Steadfast Juncture Exercise 2011, Operational Liaison Reconnaissance Training, NATO Response Force Battle Staff Training, and the Rapid Reaction Corps – French,

Citadel Guibert. There were also camaraderie building events such as staff rides, Winter Warfare Training and the annual family fest.

“This headquarters has shown greatly availability and deployability,” said De Vos.

This upcoming year the headquarters personnel will focus on maintaining a constant state of readiness serving as the NATO Response Force, supporting Bilateral-Force Commands Corps Commanders’ Conference and the Allied Chief of Army Staff Talks along with various other training events. In addition, they will continue to support ISAF-Afghanistan and Kosovo Force (KFOR).

Following the presentation, several personnel within the headquarters were recognized for their individual accomplishments and contributions to the headquarters’ mission.

Article by Capt. Tamara Gonzales  
Photo by Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney



Chief of Staff, Operations, Maj. Gen. Hubert De Vos delivers the COS New Years Address at Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg, Jan. 25. During the address, De Vos detailed the previous year’s successes and told of the headquarter’s upcoming year.



Award recipients stand proudly as having just received the certificate of appreciation from Allied Force Command Heidelberg's Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Hubert De Vos, Jan. 25.

## Allied Force Command Heidelberg logistician earns limited award

Logisticians and logistic teams face a myriad of missions and, as a result, various challenges. As Commander for the Allied Force Command Heidelberg Forward Support Element (FSE), German Army Lt. Col. George Annen received the NATO Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for his accomplishments in this position.

The NATO MSM is awarded less than 50 times each year and remains the only significant award for individual personal effort for NATO staff. Its purpose is to commend staff whose personal initiative and dedication went beyond their duty to make a difference to both their colleagues and to NATO as an organization.

Annen is such an example as his commitment, expertise, professionalism, and sage advice were absolutely critical to the headquarters achieving every task.

“I wear this award proudly for my team. I wear this award for them,” said Annen.

For the past two years, the FSE has supported the headquarters missions of International Security Assistance Force



Commander Allied Force Command Heidelberg, Lt. Gen. John Morgan III, presents Lt. Col. Georg Annen with the NATO meritorious service medal for his performance as the commander of both Forward Support Elements, Jan. 25.

– Afghanistan (ISAF) and Operation Unified Protector (OUP) as well as numerous training exercises and social events plus much more. The most recent event included supporting the headquarters plus NATO Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum (JFC-BS) Headquarters in Steadfast Juncture (SFJE) 2011. This training was critical for serving as the NATO Response

Force.

Planning for SFJE 11 began January 2010, required several reconnaissance missions to Lithuania where the exercise took place and his team spent three months there in preparation, execution and recovery of the exercise. “During the exercise, the team provided a myriad of logistical requirements including food and water requirements, security, and petroleum, oil and lubricants”, Annen explained.

“I think it is all about good leadership and having a great team,” said Annen. “The commander is only as good as his team and the team is only as good as its commander.”

Article by Capt. Tamara Gonzales  
Photo by Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney

## *Training Events*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
<b>05-08 MAR</b>	<b>Reintegration Training for ISAF 2B personnel, Heidelberg</b>
<b>09-17 MAR</b>	<b>Winter Warfare Training, Füssen, Germany</b>
<b>13-15 MAR</b>	<b>Biannual-Forces Command Corps Commanders' Conference (Bi-FC CCC), Lille, France</b>
<b>19-23 MAR</b>	<b>Internal Combat Readiness Evaluation (CREVAL) Course; Heidelberg</b>
<b>05 APR</b>	<b>Non Commissioned Officers (NCO) Professional Development; Heidelberg</b>
<b>16-20 APR</b>	<b>NCO Staff Ride</b>
<b>23-27 APR</b>	<b>Operational Liaison &amp; Reconnaissance Team (OLRT) Mounting Exercise</b>

## *National Holidays*

<b>26 MAR</b>	<b>Greek Independence Day (alternate day)</b>
<b>6 APR</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>9 APR</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>

## ***FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER EVENTS***

With the end of our ISAF Mission the Family Support Centre remains still operational and main focus point for any requests or help concerning family support and privileges. There will be further events scheduled by the FSC throughout 2012 and everyone is invited and welcome to participate.

<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>EVENTS</b></i>	<i><b>LOCATION</b></i>
<b>21 March 2012 09:30 – 11:30 hrs</b>	<b>FSC Brunch</b>	<b>Campbell Barracks 31 Middle</b>

## ***BELGIAN CONCERT***

HQ FC Heidelberg is a multinational Headquarters consisting of members coming from 23 nations. The promotion of cohesion, integration and mutual understanding, both internally and towards our host nation, through social events is an essential contribution to bolster the HQ's operational capabilities.

At the same time it is time to say thank you to the city of Heidelberg and the German community for all the beautiful years we have spent here. To this end, the Belgian Participation from HQ FC Heidelberg offers a Charity concert on June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle Heidelberg.

The concert hall's address is

Neckarstaden 24 , 69114 Heidelberg.

The Royal Symphonic Bands of the Belgian Guides will perform together with Soprano Mrs. Eva Leberz-Valentin classical works from Brahms, Hindemith, Tsjaikowski, Ravel, Linette , and many others.

Everybody from the headquarters will receive an invitation and tickets to be sold from 7 Euro upwards.

Morale and Welfare will partially sponsor tickets for headquarters members.

Please join us for a very special evening and enjoy a highly famous Symphonic band together with all your family and friends.



Yves Segers (director)



# THANK YOU!

With the return of the last ISAF Rotation 2B, the Family Support Centre (FSC) officially completed its 2-years mandate regarding "ISAF deployment". Throughout this time the FSC was able to support and help the dependant families of our service members in many different ways and received a lot of positive feedback for doing so. In return, the FSC team members would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every service member and their families for the trust they placed in our services, for participating in our events and for supporting and helping other fellow dependants/family members through the exchange of experiences during deployment.

The past two years were a time full of new adventures and experiences, which we would not have wanted

to miss. New friendships were built that might even last beyond the time of service in Heidelberg. Friendships and a sense of togetherness/belonging were created that would never have been built if it hadn't been for the FSC.

The FSC would like to thank in particular Mrs Hedwig Huybrecht, President of the NATO Spouses Club, as well as all the members of the NATO Spouses Club. Without their invaluable help the FSC would never have been so efficient and strong. A great many thanks for all your support and for the fact that we could always rely on you.

Thanks also to the S4 Logistics & Services Team, lead by Sgt Yvette Hasan, who never tired of supporting us in so many different ways. Our special thanks also goes to the fabulous service team members and cooks who always created outstanding buffets for

the FSC brunches and other events.: Rene Müller, Daniel Reda, Gaele Le Lann, Patrick Neubauer, Robert Thiele, and Roberto Sasse. Their willingness and initiative to help at all times was always very much appreciated.

Last but not least, a very special thank you to all National Support Elements who so faithfully supported us in various kinds of ways on a continuous basis.

Article by Mrs . Pradel

Photo by Sgt. 1Kl. Guus Rujisbroek



*Picture shown from left to right:  
Sgt. 1 cl. Yvette Hassan, Sgt. Gaele Le Lann,  
Staff SGT. Heather Brundridge*



*Picture shown from left to right:  
Unt. Off. Roberto Sasse, Unt. Off. Robert Thiele*



*Picture shown from left to right:  
Unt. Off. Rene Muller, Unt. Off. Patrick Neubauer,  
Unt. Off. Daniel Reda*

Located on the banks of the Rhine River is the sprawling city of Köln, also known as Cologne. Long a destination for travelers from the Romans to today's GPS wielding explorers, the city has a lot to offer even during Germany's winter chill.

The city's centerpiece is its soaring gothic cathedral. With construction starting in 1248 and continuing for the next 642 years, it was nearly leveled during the Second World War. The twin spires forming the peaks of the façade were the last element to be finished and stood as the tallest building in the world until 1884 when the Washington Monument was completed. Formally called the High Cathedral of St. Peter and Mary, the church is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site and a great place to start an exploration of the city.



The flèche, or spire of the great St. Martin Church rises above the tree lined avenues of Cologne. The church, one of the city's famed 12 Romanesque cathedrals, sits on the edge of the Rhine and serves as a monastery again as it has for much of its history.

Delving further into Cologne's history, the Römischer-Germanisches Museum celebrates the city's importance as a crucial Roman garrison and provincial capitol. The museum's highlight is the Dionysian mosaic, which dates from the 3rd century A.D., as well as the burial chamber of the legionnaire Publius who died around 40 A.D.



A glass elevator only adds to the mystique of the chocolate museum, golden

For those who may not be so enthralled by things old and dusty, the Imhoff chocolate museum sits just a short walk south of the Cathedral and the Altstadt. The Wonka-esque museum abounds in free samples and has an interactive exhibit of the production of chocolate. The tour concludes with a functioning production facility where guests can, for a fee, have customized candies made.

For beer drinkers, the regional specialty is a hoppy lager called Kolsch. Traditionally served cold in 0.2 liter (6.76 oz.) glasses, this beer is a



One of Cologne's many cafes and restaurants beckons visitors to come in and enjoy a warm meal and perhaps a glass of kolsch, the city's traditional brew.

source of rivalry between residents of Cologne and the Dusseldorfers, who prefer their "Altbier". Finding a decent place to investigate the merits of Kolsch shouldn't be a problem; Cologne boasts more pubs per capita than any other city in Germany.

Getting to Cologne is a simple excursion and can be done by rail, or by car. Travelers can book rail trips for weekend getaways, and for those wishing to drive, the city is located two hours from Frankfurt on the A3.

Köln article  
By Peter J. Gonzales



A gargoyle crafted from solid chocolate sits on display at the Imhoff-Schokoladenmuseum. As part of the exhibit, artisans have recreated many famous features of the Cologne Cathedral in chocolate.

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## *IMPORTANT*

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While headquarters members completed their two-year rotation in support of the ISAF mission, some people might think that this is also the end of the FSC. But far from it! We definitely have some other commitments: there are still a couple of people in ISAF, and now also in KFOR, and of course, we have the NATO Response Force standby phase. Furthermore, due to the impending

closure of the headquarters, people might have questions regarding out-processing and/or need help concerning their relocation/repatriation like (e.g. what do I have to do to when I want to cancel my apartment/house, which notice periods I have to be respected etc.) The FSC team is here to help you and answer all those questions for you. So please do not hesitate to stop by or

give us a call!

Therefore, on 20 March 2012 the "Family Out-Processing Booklet" will be available for all HQ members which offers some tips and useful hints regarding relocation/repatriation from Germany.

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## *SURROUNDING/EVENTS*

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Matheise-Markt 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012

At the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of March, there is the annual Matheise-Markt in Schriesheim. This fest is well known throughout Germany. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> wine / spring fest at the Bergstrasse and attracts every year approx. 150.000 to 200.000

visitors throughout the region. The highlight of the Matheise-Markt is the coronation of the "wine queen" with her "princesses" and the procession. There are interesting things for everybody from children to adults and especially to mention the Radio SWR3 Dance Night:

[http://www.schriesheim.de/fileadmin/Image\\_Archive/Kultur\\_Freizeit/Matheise-Markt/PressekonferenzDanceNight.pdf](http://www.schriesheim.de/fileadmin/Image_Archive/Kultur_Freizeit/Matheise-Markt/PressekonferenzDanceNight.pdf)

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## *PRIVILEGES, LAWS / GERMAN REGULATIONS*

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Traffic Fines: Since 2012, fines exceeding the amount of 70 euros will be prosecuted and collected. So if you park your car not correctly or you if you get "blitzed", you will have to deal with the judicial authorities.

Environmental Law: The limit value of 50 microgram per cubic meter for particulate matters can be exceeded

only for 35 days per year, which was laxly controlled so far. However, for this year the city centres of Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Osnabrück and Krefeld will tighten up this law and only cars with a green emissions sticker are allowed to drive there. Also the environmental zones in Heidelberg, Freiburg, Karlsruhe and Ulm will be strengthened. This means for the city centre of Heidelberg that

only cars with yellow and/or green emissions stickers are allowed to enter.

## *Charity from the NATO Spouses Club Heidelberg to our now traditional partner Wohnoose in Wiesloch.*

For the third time the ladies of the Spouses Club supported the Wohnoose with a financial gift. This institution is specialized in taking care of seriously mentally and physically challenged persons and is located in Wiesloch.

This small homey with warmth filled place is arranged to offer professional and friendly care for a temporary stay for people with special needs whose family members need rest for some days or weeks during the year.

This is the reason that three years ago the NATO Spouses club decided to support this little institution. We were very happy to offer this year a 1000 Euro check that was the result of charity

raffles during our Opening evening in September and our Luncheon early December in Reilingen.

The check was handed out on January 31<sup>st</sup> by Mrs Hedwig Huybrechts, president of the Spouses Club, in presence of Mrs. Debby Morgan, Mrs Martine De Vos, Honorary Board Members and Mrs Ewa Robak, Mrs Silvia Redeker, Mrs Julie Ryan and Mrs. Allison Grover, board members of the Spouses Club to Mrs Arnold, director of the Wohnoose.

Article by Maj. Peter Mientus  
and Capt. Tamara Gonzales  
Photo by Sgt. 1Kl. Guus Ruijsbroek

NATO Spouses Club President Hedwig Huybrechts, along with other NSC members, donates a 1,000 euro check to Wohnoose of Wiesloch, an institution to help physical ( or mental disabled) and their families, Jan. 31. This is an annual event, one of many in which NSC members donate time and money to charities.



## *Our Bunko – evening was great! Besides Being the Best Dice Game Ever...Bunko is so much FUN!*

### **Besides Being the Best Dice Game Ever...Bunko is so much FUN!**

Whether or not they won the top prize on January 17<sup>th</sup>, the great experiences and fun 28 ladies of the Spouses Club had, while they were playing, were more important.

Although a lot of these ladies didn't know the game in advance, it was easy enough to learn in just a few minutes. Whether playing Bunko for the first time, or being a veteran, most of the players expressed their desire to play this dice game again. So we decided to have another Bunko – evening on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us to play this social dice game!

The only obligation to join our group is that you bring your best giggle muscles in order to laugh the night away. If you don't know how to play - no problem, we will teach you.

**So it's a perfect game for a spouses club like ours!!**

**Bunko Players Have Talent  
They Can Roll Dice  
And Talk At The Same Time**



## *NATO Spouse Club Upcoming Events*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
<b>15 MAR</b>	<b>Visit Winecellar/Winetasting/Lunch in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse. (bus trip) The bus will leave from the parking space at the West entrance of the PHV (Commissary location), road to Schwetzingen at 9.30Hrs. The arrival in Neustadt 10.30Hrs. For booking reasons the sign in deadline is 04. March 2012.</b>
<b>19 APR</b>	<b>Bunko evening at 31 Middle (Cambell Barracks) 19.00Hrs-21.00Hrs</b>
<b>24 APR</b>	<b>Guided Tour in Worms + Lunch (Carpooling) Meeting point 10.30Hrs in Worms in front of the Tourist Info.</b>
<b>8 MAY</b>	<b>Social Dance + Belgian Beer tasting for Spouses and partners 19.00Hrs at 31 Middle (Cambell Barracks)</b>
<b>10 MAY</b>	<b>Social Dance + Belgian Beer tasting for Spouses and partners 19.00Hrs at 31 Middle (Cambell Barracks)</b>
<b>22 MAY</b>	<b>Mini golf in Waldorf + Lunch: 10.30Hrs</b>
<b>12 JUN</b>	<b>Boat trip Neckar + Lunch</b>

You can participate in each activity as a member or guest.

Costs for each of our activities: €10 for members and €16 for guests.

When you like to participate at one of our activities you can send me an E-mail,  
so I can send you an invitation with more details.

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