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Commander's Message

To all members of the
CC-Land HQ HD Family,

This issue of The Observer lends great insight into how busy we have been over the last few months.

On the 1st of July, our headquarters said farewell to Joint Headquarters Centre in an historic ceremony that activated our new headquarters as Component Command-Land Headquarters Heidelberg. Along with a peer headquarters in Madrid, we are now one of two land-centric NATO headquarters within the NATO Command Structure.

With a new name comes new missions, and it is clear we need to be ready now to accomplish any directed task within our NATO area of operations and beyond. To that end, in addition to those important tasks that our headquarters has been renowned for, such as integration and training of the new NATO member nations, we will ready our headquarters to become a rapidly deployable joint headquarters with a robust reach back sanctuary operations centre. This means your individual responsibility lies with your ability to be rapidly deployed. You and your families should take the time now to prepare yourself for missions that may be assigned to us.

We also had some great training over these last months. Logistics Exercise Collective Effort 04, Engineer Exercise Constant Makefast 04 and Communications Exercise Cathode Emission 04, all tested NATO interoperability, and were superbly run. Congratulations to all who helped make them a success. I am also gratified to see that the officers and noncommissioned officers conducted staff rides to Tannenberg and Toulon.



Finally, I must recognize the tremendous recent transition in headquarters leadership. We farewelled: Lt. Gen. Broadwater, our DCOM; Maj. Gen. Hye, our COS; Brig. Gen. Sommerlat, our Chief FMM; and Brig. Gen. Norgard, our ACOS J3/5/9/ENG, who led us so well as the COS during our first out-of-area deployment to Afghanistan. We will miss all of them and their counsel. Along with their departures, however, Katie and I are extremely happy to welcome our newest senior members of the headquarters: our new DCOM, Lt. Gen. Lather; Brig. Gen. Svensson, our new COS; Brig. Gen. Faure, Chief FMM; Brig. Gen. Macko, DCOS Support; and Brig. Gen. Defawe, DCOS Operations. Together with them, and all of the other new arrivals to the headquarters, we will continue our tradition of success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. B. Bell".

B. B. BELL
General, US Army
Commander

Exercise Collective Effort '04 in Review

*by Cdt. Danny Verbeeck, Belgian Army
Exercise Collective Effort '04 Project Officer*

Exercise Collective Effort 2004 (EX CE 04) was a logistic Interoperability Field Training Exercise conducted from June 11-18 2004. It was directed, conducted, controlled, evaluated and supported by a 98-person DISTAFF composed mainly of Component Command-Land Headquarters Heidelberg G4 Division personnel, augmented with personnel from other NATO member nations and NATO staffs. G4 Division also received critical support from many of the other divisions from within our headquarters that made for an outstanding training exercise.

Also unique was first-time participation of members of the NATO working groups and panels responsible for standardization efforts in logistics, who served as members of the DISTAFF Analysis & Evaluation Cell. This participation was important because the NATO working groups and panels were able to take the findings and recommendations from the exercise and bring them forward to make changes in NATO Standardization Agreements (STANAGs) as required - meeting one of the prime objectives of the exercise.

Exercise Collective Effort '04 was conducted in the Czech Republic at three primary locations including the Military Training Area - Boletice in the vicinity of Cesky Krumlov, the Peace Forces Training

Base in Cesky Krumlov, and the Military Airbase Plana in the vicinity of Ceske Budejovice.

The primary aim of the exercise was to enhance overall interoperability of NATO logistic systems and to assess the standardization of equipment and procedures within the logistics functional areas of ammunition, material handling equipment (MHE), fuel, water, maintenance and recovery, helicopter operations, movement and transportation, and logistic reporting in order to support future NATO operations.

The exercise also tested the ability of a Multi-National Logistic Center (MNLCLC),

comprised of functional Multinational Integrated Logistics Units (MILUs), to support a multinational combat formation. The MNLCLC and subordinate MILUs were required to use the most current version of NATO Standardization

Agreements (STANAGs), policies, and procedures in the execution of the exercise tasks.

The tactical scenario for the exercise was a NATO led Out-of-Area Crisis Response Operation. The exercise was set in the sustainment phase of the operation scenario, with NATO troops establishing a buffer zone between two fictional warring factions. Using this tactical backdrop, the



Nine NATO member nations participated in the exercise along with three new member nations as observers resulting in one of the largest and successful NATO logistic training missions.

MNLC was placed OPCON to a NATO Headquarters Land Component Command (LCC). The LCC represented by the DISTAFF Exercise Control coordinated logistic support through the use of daily fragmentation orders. In executing these simulated missions, the MNLC assessed the missions, and supplies were organized and transported by the MILUs to a series of Forward Logistics Bases for collection and onward delivery. As part of planning these missions, the MNLC requested movement authority from the Theatre Movement Control Cell (TMCC), the core of which was made up of an actual Belgian movement control team.

Nine nations participated in the interoperability exercise with personnel and equipment including Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, and Poland. Also, three of the recently admitted new member nations: Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia, participated as observers. Lastly, France, Great Britain, and the United States, using the exercise as an opportunity, conducted an Asset Tracking demonstration.

During the exercise, 672 standardization trials were completed, and as a result of discrepancies highlighted in observation reports, approximately 72 potential standardization deficiencies have been identified as requiring further analysis. Based on find-

ings, the G4 is in the process of summarizing the results into 26 Standardization Deficiency Questionnaires (SDQ), which will be submitted to the appropriate NATO Working Groups for further consideration in the ongoing development of NATO STANAGs. The challenge will be to incorporate these potential changes to STANAGs as soon as possible in order to influence National Ministries of Defense in their development of national doctrine and equipment.

Now that the exercise is over, what did we get for our investment in time, staff, energy, and money? Most importantly experience. This training event has given each individual and each nation a new positive perspective on multi-national logistics. Additionally, one of the very basic challenges of multinational logistics is the skepticism that logistic interoperability can really work. Exercise Collective Effort '04 went a long way in removing these basic doubts, and in the end the participants came away with the feeling that with some effort, a multi-national approach to logistics can work and is effective. Undoubtedly, everyone who participated learned something, and considered it a positive experience.

Lastly, a special mention should be made regarding the outstanding support received from the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.



Sling loading was part of the exercise.

Exercise Cathode Emission 2004

by Lt. Col. Tore Ellingsberg, Norwegian Army
OPR CATHEM '04



The main exercise and living area for Cathode Emission 2004 in Peutie, Belgium.

The NATO Communication Information Systems (CIS) exercise Cathode Emission 2004 (CATHEM'04) was conducted September 6 to 17 2004 in Peutie, Belgium. During this timeframe around 400 CIS personnel from the NATO Force Structure gathered in the "home garrison" of the Belgium Signals - in Barracks Maj Housiau just a few kilometers north of Brussels. The exercise and most of the training took place at the main exercise location. Additionally, CATHEM'04 involved a number of static land-based and maritime-mobile units at remote positions throughout Europe.

Exercise CATHEM'04's mission was to provide interoperability and standardization training for NATO strategic deployable and corps level tactical CIS staff and units. This included technical interoperability trials to assess and document equipment for educational shortfalls, a parallel MAPEX part to train CIS planners based on a realistic ISAF expansion scenario, and a two-day "NRDC Study," which includes the participation of outside subject matter experts to brief on current NATO policy, procedures, and experience related to deployment of NATO Information and Communication Services (ICS).

CATHEM'04 involved CIS personnel from Corps CIS-units and Corps G-6 staff, representative CC Land HQ HD G6-staff, JFC Brunssum J-6 staff, and NATO CIS authorities at strategic (SHAPE/NCSA) level. It also provided CIS interaction to Maritime and Air component commands, as well as to NATO C3 Agency. This year troops from five deployable corps formations (NRDC IT, NRDC SP, 1st GE/NL Corps, FR Corps and EUROCORPS) conducted interoperability trials with the 1st NATO CIS battalion.

Cathode Emission '04

These five corps with the addition of the 2nd PL MECH Corps took part in the scenario play. All non-participating Corps (II GE/US Corps, V US/GE Corps, ARRC, NRDC TU, NDC GR and MNC NE) were invited as observers to the “NRDC Study” part of this training, as were also all new NATO Nations (Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia). Also two Amphibious Ships (UK and NL), up to three Submarines (GE and NL), one Frigate (PL) and one Coast Guard Vessel (NO) participated in the HF testing led by NAVNORTH. This was conducted to complete the very broad and rather complex picture of exercise participation.



Cathem 04 was a tactical and personal interoperability exercise.

Exercise CATHEM'04 is an important - and necessary - CIS preparatory training component related to NATO deployment. It includes both CIS technical interoperability training and more procedural and human interaction needed once a mission is to be executed. The aim is to “train and test as we fight” - with the regular CIS chain of command involved, based upon a realistic scenario and with the required fielded equipment. However, the future of CATHEM-exercises is currently being discussed, and the decision was taken at SHAPE-level that CATHEM'05 will be conducted with JFC South, Naples and CC-Land Headquarters Madrid in the preparation lead.

With the experience CC-Land HQ HD has achieved conducting CATHEM'04 over the last three years, it is expected that Heidelberg G6 would be tasked to support the planning process for the upcoming CATHEM'05. With deployability as its main focus, this would be an ideal coordinated effort between the two newly established Land Component Commands in Heidelberg and Madrid.



Soldiers setting up for the exercise.

CC-Land HQ HD Officers visit the Battlefields of Tannenberg

by Sgt. (P) Kellyanne Stone, U.S. Army

G2, Staff NCO

photos by Lt. Col. Henk Snijder, Dutch Army

DOS, Chief Coord Officer

This year, officers from CC-Land HQ HD visited the battlefields of Poland for a look back in history during the Headquarters' annual officer professional development Staff Ride held in July.

Thirty-one of our NATO headquarters members visited Poland to study the Battle of Tannenberg. "This was the largest battle in which circumvention was used to win," said Lt. Col. Reinhart Siebert, headquarters G2 Division.

This courageous battle was fought between Russian and German forces with the Russians having what looked to be a definite victory for their side. On the contrary, Russian commanders, Gen. Rennenkampf and A.V. Samsonov, invaded German East Prussia in August 1914 and was only successful in Gumbinnen.

Due to a serious lack of communication and planning between both Russian commanders, the Germans (led by Commanders Paul von Hindenberg and Erich

Ludendorff) were able to put the majority of their forces at Samsonov's doorstep at the city Uzdowo, just south of Tannenberg, which resulted in Samsonov losing half his army and the German forces taking 92,000 prisoners.

After this major loss for Samsonov, he shot himself on August 29. Another 30,000 in casualties, killed or wounded, followed for the Russian forces while the German forces sustained 13,000. The Battle of Tannenberg suppressed the Russian military, losing almost its entire army and much of its war equipment.

Importantly, the premature invasion by the Russians led the Germans to divert soldiers from attacking France at a decisive moment of that campaign.

After learning the history of Tannenberg, a terrain walk was conducted which led the NATO headquarter's group through 13 observation points of interest of the battle.



Sgt. Major Gervaise and Mr. Nawrat of CC-Land HQ HD touring the Battlefields of Tannenberg in Poland as part of the headquarters professional development program.



Participants from the headquarters received a detailed explanation of the Battle of Tannenberg.

To give a broader understanding of this battle, two experts, Col. (Ret) Klaus Hammel (former DCOM WBK VI, Munich) and Col. (Ret) Ulrich Quandte (former COM GE Airborne School, Altenstadt), gave detailed explanations of all aspects of the battle, the Grunwald Monument (guided by a Representative of the Polish Land Forces Command), and other ruins.

Guests from the Polish Land Forces Command also joined the group for a no-host dinner.

Conducting Staff Rides has been a general point of interest since Gen. Reinhart was commander of CC-Land HQ HD. Unfortunately, due to other engagements, Staff Rides have not been executed since 2001.

As a new era of our headquarters comes to light, a new directive in training is shared. As described by Siebert, "staff rides...are designed as an additional training tool to prepare the headquarters for upcoming exercises and to assist in maintaining a professional base of tactical and operational expertise

focused on aspects of major High Intensity War (HIW) fighting operations.

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Participants walked to each monument and battle site during the tour.

The 2004 CC-Land HQ HD Deep Operations Conference

*by Maj. Tony Fransen, Belgian Army
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Seventeen different headquarters participated in the 2004 Component Command Land-Headquarters, Heidelberg Deep Operations Conference held in Heidelberg from 2-4 June. Participants included SHAPE and our Air and Naval Northern counterparts, our colleagues from CC-Land HQ Madrid, five Corps and six Air Operations centres and

After these introductory briefings, the audience was split up into three syndicate groups comprising six topics for discussion to include:

How must a Land Component Commander conduct Time Sensitive Targeting?

What operating procedures between Corps and Combined Air Operation Centres must be further developed?

What improvements are needed for



Participants at the start of the conference held in Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg. Member came away with an improved understanding of Deep Operations.

finally representatives from the French and the Norwegian Armed Forces.

The opening briefing gave a detailed status of the recent document that contains the overall guidelines for Campaign Synchronisation and Joint Targeting, which is the ACE Directive 80-70. There is no need to stress that this document is the bible for all involved in targeting and that all other documents or manuals are derived from that one. Further on in the briefing, Deep Operations were presented from a land and an air perspective. Finally, NATO Rapid Deployable Corps - Spain gave an overview on how Deep Operations are planned, prepared and conducted in their Corps.

the Corps Shaping Operations battle rhythm and targeting process?

Is the Fire Support Coordination Line still relevant?

How can we improve Mobile Targeting?

What are the implications of the new role for the High Readiness Forces and NATO Rapid Deployable Corps as Joint Force Land Component Commander?

All topics evoked vivid discussion and led to some interesting points of view. After three days, all participants returned with an improved understanding of Deep Operations and with fine memories of the beautiful city of Heidelberg.

Joint Headquarters Centre becomes CC-Land HQ HD

by **Maj. Cynthia F. Teramae, U.S. Army**
Chief, Media Operations

Joint Headquarters Centre formally transitioned to Component Command-Land Headquarters, Heidelberg in an activation ceremony July 1 at Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg.

Over the years, the headquarters has changed names and missions. Now, with this new activation, the headquarters once again transitioned to a new structure currently represented by 15 NATO nations.

This transformation to CC-Land HQ HD is part of a major NATO restructuring, and will realize a fundamental change in mission and operations, as the headquarters turns a focus from one of seven NATO joint headquarters, to assume the mission, roles and functions as one of only two NATO land-centric headquarters designed to provide expeditionary command and control at the operational and tactical level of conflict.

To mark the historic event, Gen. B. B. Bell, Land Component Commander HD, along with the youngest member of the headquarters, Cpl Frank Delsinck unveiled the new headquarters' stone. "Our purpose is to plan, conduct, and support expeditionary command and control at the opera-

tional level of conflict to deter aggression, contribute to effective crisis management, and promote peace, security, stability and the territorial integrity of alliance member nations," Bell said.



The CC-Land HQ HD flag is hoisted by Sgt. Ladyka and HptFw Schrenk of the DOS Coord Office.



After the ceremony, the headquarters stands as one of two land-centric NATO headquarters.



To commemorate this historic event, the headquarters rock was unveiled.



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Sports Day



The annual Component Command-Land Headquarters Heidelberg Sports Day was held June 1 at the Patton Barracks' sports field.

Members of the headquarters engaged each other in competitions throughout the day to include a five kilometer run in Oftersheim, volleyball, soccer, basketball, horseshoes and the ever popular tug of war.

The overall winner was the G6/CIS Division, which scored high marks in the volleyball tournament, followed by G6 who won the five kilometer run and basketball tournament. Winners for the football meet were G3, G5, G9 and G10, and G1, G4 and G8 took honors for the horseshoe match. Winners of the tug of war were G1, G4, and G8.

CC-Land HQ Heidelberg gets a New Building



Deputy Commander Land Component Command Heidelberg assists with the Spatenstich.

by Maj. Cynthia F. Teramae, U.S. Army
Chief, Media Operations

Component Command - Land Headquarters Heidelberg, in conjunction with the main contractor Züblin AG Mannheim, and the Federal German Building Agency, celebrated the start of the new NATO headquarters building at Campbell Barracks September, 6 2004.

The ground-breaking ceremony, known as a "Spatenstich," or spade turning ceremony, was co-hosted by Züblin AG and the Heidelberg building design authority, Staatliches Hochbauamt. The new building has been in the works since 1999 and was approved by Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in July 2000.

"The new headquarters will provide much needed space for CC-Land HQ HD and bring the headquarters into compliance with NATO standards for adequate workspace for personnel," said British Army Lt. Col. Peter Riches, Chief Engineer, CC-Land HQ HD.

The new building will provide for a command operations centre, and training, exercise and conference facility. Additionally, because the current use of attics and cellars as office space is in contravention with German health and safety regulations, one aim of the new headquarters building is to provide adequate office space while

bringing the headquarters into compliance.

The new building will take approximately two years for completion and will cost 15 million Euro. Upon completion of the new building, Züblin AG will begin a second approved refurbishing project that will provide a boost to the local economy by generating an additional 15-20 million Euro in construction costs. More than 40 sub-contractors from the community will participate in the two projects.

The second refurbishing project will target the current NATO buildings at Campbell Barracks. The refurbishing will include upgrading the plumbing, lighting, and ventilation systems and installing a damp-proof basement. The construction site is expected to generate some minor inconvenience for personnel working at Campbell Barracks. To help mitigate these concerns, construction site personnel and vehicles will enter and leave the site via gate six. Flyers have been sent out to the surrounding community to announce the new project and ask residents for their patience during the building phase.

"With understanding and cooperation by all the involved agencies and personnel, CC-Land HQ HD will successfully complete this project and realize an enhanced command and training facility with all offices in both the new and refurbished buildings, which will be built to a high modern standard and fully in compliance with national health and safety regulations," said Riches.

Country Visit – Destination Denmark



Top: Gen. B. B. Bell expresses appreciation to the role players for a job well done.

Middle: Danish CSA Maj. Gen. Kaeirskou and Brig. Gen. Rokos, Cdr Danish Reaction Brigade, brief Gen. Bell.

Below: Members of the Danish Armed Forces conduct riot control training in preparation for an upcoming OIF rotation.

As part of his AOR Country Strategy for calendar year '04, Gen. B. B. Bell has visited several NATO nation and PFP countries. In August, Gen. Bell visited Denmark to include meeting with the Danish CHOD Gen. H. J. Helso and the Danish CSA Maj. Gen. P. Kaeirskou. During this country visit, Gen. Bell visited Danish troops who were in the conduct of their final train up for the OIF 3 rotation to Iraq. This training included combat skills, riot control, and house search procedures. Denmark is currently contributing to operations in support of Iraq, the Balkans, Afghanistan, Africa and the Middle East.



Having served our Alliance as Chief of Staff under this command for over three years, I would like to take this final opportunity to say farewell to CC-Land HQ HD.

During this time, it has been our constant concern and endeavor to make sure that this headquarters was keeping its “right place” in the NATO Command Structure as the *primus inter pares* for land matters and as an essential link to the force structure. This has been shown more than once through our Corps Commanders Conferences and through our various major exercises.

On the other hand, through the NATO Functional Review we showed constantly and consistently the way to reach the Peace Establishment and Crisis Establishment we deserve and definitely need to become CC-LAND HQ HEIDELBERG. And we went through the process of Future Regional Engagements (FRE) to reach an Enhanced Operational Focus (EOF), which culminated in our mission in Kabul, a highlight for the headquarters.



Brig. Gen. Sommerlat and Maj. Gen. Hye at the headquarters' activation ceremony.

Farewell Message from Maj. Gen. Frank Hye



Gen. B. B. Bell, Commander Land Component Command HD bids farewell to Maj. Gen. Frank Hye.

Besides that, NATO expansion was no empty word. Our efforts and daily work were rapt to integrate the Polish and Czech Armed Forces not only in the NATO Force Structure but also indeed in our own headquarters. At this moment, the beacons are set for our future cooperation with CC-Land HQ MADRID.

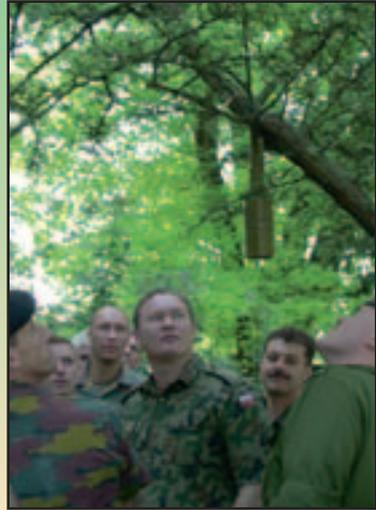
Each one of you is carefully selected by his nation for this headquarters. I saw you all working hard and giving the best of yourself to enjoy professional satisfaction, knowing that when the time had come to leave the headquarters, one could proudly say that he contributed to something valuable and that he belonged to the headquarters in Heidelberg.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the Commander and Deputy Commander for their leadership and guidance; I thank the ACOS's and G-Heads for sharing my COS responsibilities as a *collegium*; I thank the RSM and each one of you. I enjoyed working with all of you and I appreciated my time spent in beautiful Heidelberg. I wish you all the best, and for sure we will meet again on “the high ground.”

CC-Land HQ HD Mine Awareness Training



Tech. Sgt. Corneby practices one of the probing methods to detect mines.



Not just on the ground – soldiers have to be constantly aware of their surroundings.

NCOs from CC-Land HQ HD received mine awareness training from the experts. Three instructors from the French EOD team visited CC-Land HQ HD to demonstrate the different mines currently in use and their devastating and deadly effects. “It is great to see how different nations teach and the methods they use for detonation or extraction,” said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Corneby.

Regardless, of the nations involved, the aim is the same: staying alive.



The training instructor describes a commonly used fragmentary grenade.



Robots are almost always used to explode unidentified packages before they are examined by an EOD specialist.

Corps Commanders Conference II '04

Gen. B. B. Bell, Land-Component Command, HD chaired the Corps Commanders' Conference II/'04. The conference was hosted by Maj. Gen. Jan Oerding, Commanding General II GE/US Corps and was held from September 20-21, 2004 in the Hotel Maritim in Ulm.

A total of 22 general officers from 17 headquarters participated in this two-day event. A variety of subjects were discussed, most notably the emerging role on NRF issues and ISAF.



Twenty two general officers from 17 headquarters attended CC II/'04.

Nato Wine Club on Tour

The NATO Wine Club visited the Caves 'Jean-Baptiste ADAM' in ALSACE in May. A winery with four centuries of devotion and know how, tradition and experience these are the qualities, which are still upheld in ALSACE. The wines are named after the grapes from which they are made. In this winery, the most famous wines are the Riesling and the Gewurztraminer. La Route DES VINS D ALSACE is one of the tours you have to put in your calendar!

Next the Club visited Weingut Robert Weil in the Rheingau in September, a unique, self-contained region on the Rhine, where the man-made landscape and the wine are at one with nature. The estate is one of the region's younger wineries and cultivates 160 acres (65 hectares) of vineyards planted with 98 percent of Riesling and two percent of Spätburgunder.

If you are enjoying wines and you are interested in wine trips or other wine events, please contact Lt. Col. Wolfgang Dahlheim, G4 Division, Ext. 310.



Members of the NATO Wine Club enjoy a recent tour.

U.S. National Reception 5 July 2004



Throughout the year, members of CC-Land HQ HD celebrate with their colleagues by sharing their culture and traditions. In July, Gen. B. B. Bell and Katie Bell hosted an American Bar-B-Q, complete with a bucking bronco, the U.S. Army Europe Chorus, and all the "fixins."



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The overall aim of the professional development training is to improve the staff's understanding of tactical and operational requirements for conducting combat operations, improve staff cohesion and esprit de corps."

For this and other staff rides to follow, this type of professional development, for all Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers, is crucial in understanding past experiences for present and future war fighting tactics.

The Guest Book

Gen. B. B. Bell, Commander Land Component Command Heidelberg, greets Lt. Gen. David Judd, Deputy Commander Joint Forces Command, Brunssum during a recent visit to the headquarters.



Students from various Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations participated in the Advanced English Teacher Training Seminar hosted by CC-Land HQ HD at Patton Barracks. Seminars are held quarterly at different NATO headquarters.

Col. Ostermeyer awards Lt. Col. Wolfhard Schmidt the German Golden Cross of Honour, the highest German Forces Peacetime Award for his outstanding service in the preparation and execution of the short notice ISAF IV Mission. He was responsible for the planning and training for all German personnel within the ISAF IV HQ.



Farewells



Brig. Gen. Sommerlat, Chief, French Military Mission bid farewell to the headquarters and retired after 27 years of military service to his nation. ACOS G3-5-9-Eng. Brig. Gen. Norgard also bid farewell this summer and departed for his new assignment.



Col. Thaden, ACOS G-2 retired from the headquarters in a ceremony held in his honour after serving his nation for 32 years.

Family Fest 2004 a Hit with CC-Land HQ HD



CC-Land Headquarters HD hosted its annual Family Fun Fest at the International Support Kaserne in September. Each year, National Support Elements host themed stalls with displays of their culture, food and beverages. A highlight of the fest was a children's theme park with face painting, a carousel and pony rides. Headquarters Support Group provided a barbeque-style meal. This year's event proved to be fun for the whole family.



Disneyland Paris is Fun for the Whole Family

by Maj. Cynthia F. Teramae, U.S. Army

Chief, Media Operations

Located only twenty minutes from the center of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Disneyland Paris Resort makes for a fun weekend trip with something to offer the whole family.



If you have been to any of the other Disney Parks around the world, you will immediately recognize in Disney Paris all the theme parks that you remember from past visits. Disneyland-

Paris is more compact than the other Disney Parks, but you will find all your favorite rides and characters. Situated beside many luxury hotels, with its own Metro stop, you could easily spend the whole weekend just visiting the park.



But for those who want a truly memorable trip, booking a hotel in Paris central is a good way to enjoy both the fun of Disneyland Paris and the many cultural and historic sites of



Clockwise: Lines were short on favorite Disney rides like Thunder Mountain. Snow White's Castle is still the heart of Disney. The Eiffel Tower, one of the many cultural treats waiting for you in Paris.

Paris to include the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Notre Dame. Buy a 1-3 day Metro pass at the station and enjoy easy access to both Disneyland Paris, and all the local attractions.

If you go: Many tour agencies, including the USO and Enjoy Tours, offer bus trips to both Paris and Disney. Taking the train is also an easy and affordable option. Contact the Paris USO at www.usoparis.org or the French Military Mission for help in booking a room. Buy a two-day Metro ticket for less than E15, a children's ticket is less than E7. The Metro stops at the entrance to the park. Daily park tickets cost E40 for adults and E35 for children. You can also purchase daily tickets for use in all the national museums in Paris. Children under 12 years of age are free to all national museums. Disney accepts all major credit cards.



CC – LAND HQ HD
To all CC-Land HQ personnel and spouses



AUTUMN BALL

at Heidelberg Castle
will be on

20 November 2004

1830 – 2400 hrs

POC:
HSC SI Administration
MWA Section

(Invitation and
detailed information
will follow)