



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Möller

## Hello from Las Vegas...

*A pilot from the E-3A Component waves to the camera while performing a pre-flight check prior to a mission from Red Flag 15-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The Component flew nine exercise sorties over two weeks period. For more information and pictures of this exercise, see pages 8 and 9.*

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## 27th Annual International Children's Festival - your MWA in action!

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, the E-3A Component will host its annual International Children's Festival. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all the families in the Component to the base for a fun filled event for children of all ages. This is the 27th year the Component has hosted this event and I know, rain or shine, this year's Festival promises to be an enjoyable afternoon.

As your Component Commander, providing support to you and your families is important to me. A key piece of this family support is offering opportunities for programs on base to enjoy with friends and neighbors. While we can't offer a large number of programs, throughout the year we hold several events which offer you the opportunity bring your families to the base and have some fun. This

year's Children's Festival will be a highlight for sure.

This event would not be possible without the leadership of our Turkish Component members who organized the unique talents from every National Support Unit to make things happen. I want to thank all the members of the Component who contribute their time and efforts to make this day a success.

Most on-base events are organized and managed by your Morale and Welfare Activities or MWA – based on the advice provided by you – through the MWA Council. Every member of the Component has a voice into this council through their Senior National Representative (SNR), the Civilian Staff Association (CSA), or the Work Council Representative. The MWA Council meets a minimum of four times per year and is my key advisor when it

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I am confident I speak with you when I say "Thank You" to Mr. Carl Towning, Director of NATEX, and the men and women on the NATEX team for their contribution to the mission

here at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.

As the Component Commander, it is important to me that you and your families are well supported while assigned to the E-3A Component. While I turn to the NSUs to provide most of that support, I look to the MWA programs offered through the E-3A Component to provide you an opportunity to get out and have some fun. This year's Children's Festival is certain to provide a lot of fun – for children of all ages – I hope to see you there!

  
MAJ GEN ANDREW M. MUELLER

## In Memoriam Barend van Luit

It is with great sadness to announce the loss of one of our much respected colleagues employed in the Civil Guard – Mr. Barend van Luit passed away on Feb. 23, 2015, after battling with a serious illness for several years.

Barend was a valuable member of the Civil Guard and has been with the E-3A Component since 1983, and has no doubt touched many lives during his time with us. Highly respected by his peers and supervisors, Barend consistently performed his duties with pride, and always to a very high standard. Even during the past few years as his health began to decline, Barend continued to serve at his post up until the time of his passing.

On behalf of the E-3A community, all members of the Security Branch extend their deepest sympathies to Barend's wife, Elisabeth, and his children, Chaim, Esther, and Joyce, and their families.



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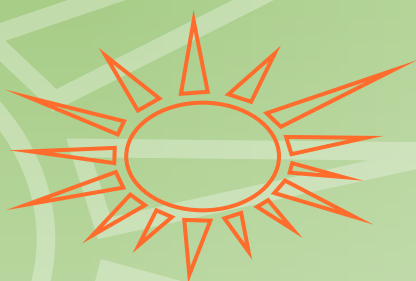
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# E-3A Component participates in multi-national exercise in Portugal

Exercise Real Thaw 15 was a Portuguese Air Force exercise designed to provide tactical training of Portuguese and allied partners for real world battlefield scenarios. One E-3A, with its multinational crew, is participating together with Danish, Spanish, Dutch and American units.

The main objectives of the exercise were the training of tactical air transport, personnel recovery and various fighter operations. The exercise was also a good opportunity to check the interoperability between the various participants, which includes Air force, Navy and Army units.

The exercise was held on Beja Airfield in the Southern part of Portugal and took place from February 23 until March 6, 2015.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jessica Callahan

## E-3A Phase Maintainers

By Senior Master Sgt.  
Klaus Josef Rudzki

Aircraft maintenance is a crucial element here on the E-3A Component, and it requires a lot of time. Maintenance actions are conducted on the flight line and in the hangar. Most of the actions performed on the flight line happen between flights; here standard tasks would include tire changes, refuelling, and minor inspections to provide our operators with an aircraft to complete their mission. However, there is more than what meets the eye on the flight line: hangar maintenance which is conducted in Hanger 1, and its longest ground times, the mighty aircraft phase inspections.

An aircraft phase can be defined as a major detailed inspection completed after certain amount of time or usage of the airframe. In simple terms an aircraft usage is documented in flight hours, so after approximately 460 hours or 270 calendar days - whichever comes first - a major phase inspection is required. In between each major inspection there is a mid-phase that is conducted every 135 days. A mid phase is a minor inspection that does not require the intense inspection compared to a normal phase.

The phase section has nationally diverse technicians that conduct the inspection process. This process has specific instructions provided thought the technical data for aircraft inspection guidelines. When the aircraft is placed in the hanger the technicians place maintenance stands all around the aircraft so even the top of the tail does not go without being inspected. The next step in the phase process is the removal of numerous panels from nose to tail which is in

detailed in the applicable technical orders. Once this is completed the inspection starts while 15 other maintenance sections from computer shop to life support have inspection criteria and actions which have to be completed. This entire process spans actions from the input to the hanger to the day the aircraft is ready to fly a mission. The phase process is completed on an average of 12 to 15 days, and it provides the aircraft 460 more flying hours. This work yields 8700 total flying hours for the year 2015.

It goes without saying: with 17 E-3A's in our fleet, when one phase is complete another is already waiting to start its phase process. And a lot of good workmanship, experienced planning and close coordination on the flight line, in the hangar, in the shops and all supporting factions is needed to get the job done on time. So next time you step to an aircraft for a mission or see the mighty E-3A soaring through the sky you now know that a lot of maintenance effort and pride was put in that aircraft to fulfil its mission.



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**Brig. Gen. Peter Braunstein**, Kommandeur Zentrum für Verifikationsaufgaben der Bundeswehr, visited Feb. 24, 2015.



**Mr. Pietro Benassi**, Ambassador of Italy to the Federal Republic of Germany, visited March 13, 2015.



**Lt. Gen. Morten Haga Lunde**, Norwegian Joint Headquarters commander, visited March 19, 2015.



The **Deputy Permanent Representatives Committee** visited the E-3A Component on March 5, 2015.

## Construction continues on new Fire Department

NATO Skywatch asked the Infrastructure Division and the Fire Department a couple of questions regarding the ongoing construction of a new, larger Fire Department building.

### Why was there a need of a new fire fighters building?

Originally, it was planned to restore and extend the existing Crash and Fire station, but due to the change regulation in the earth quake zones in Germany, the new requirement for "rescue forces" changed in a way that this could not be achieved within the old building structure. A building for emergency rescue force according to the new criteria now needs to stand through an earthquake and must be still "kind of functional" afterwards. This is the actual reason for a complete new building. Also, the old building was planned for a total of 45 fire fighters and seven fire trucks. The total number of fire fighters now will be 68 with 11 fire trucks. So, you see the old building is much too small.

### When did the construction work start?

June 2014, with the relocation of the security fencing to the aircraft maintenance apron and relocation all kind of cablings out of the construction field.

### When is the construction scheduled to be finalized?

In Dec 2016 that includes the demolishment of the nowadays crash and fire station and replacing it with an asphalt apron for the fire vehicles to run over.

### How much are the total cost?

Just short of 10 Million Euro. Some significant savings could be made as for the sub base material of the new "crash and fire station" the recycled material from the runway restoration was determined as suitable and was used. There was no need to buy new sub base material.



Photo by Hay Jansen



# EXERCISE RED FLAG

Story and photos by  
Chief Master Sgt. Michael Moeller

The NATO E-3A Component participated with significant success in Exercise Red Flag 15-2 from February 27 to March 17, 2015, at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas Nevada, USA.

The Component deployed two aircraft and Component members from 11 Component nations including all personnel necessary to operate and support two aircraft in flying successful missions. The deployment was organized in combination with the Components exercise "Magic Wicking" followed by a real deployment to the southwestern United States.

In total, more than 2,500 participants and more than 100 aircraft from 13 different U.S. Air Force squadrons; C-130Js and F-16s from the Royal Norwegian Air Force; E-3 Sentry's of the US Air Force and E-3As from NATO were involved. The exercise provided the crews and pilots, in one of the air forces premier air-to air combat exercises, the opportunity to enhance their skills and experiences.

For the first time ever, crew members from Romania took actively part in a Red Flag exercise. Capt. Bogdan Drelciuc, ROM SNR mentioned, "Eugene and I are the first Romanians ever actively

participating in a Red Flag! It was really challenging but I think, both of us managed to be at least at the level of expectations. Eugene was awarded as 'Superior Performer' and I received good feedback for my performance. In my opinion, during the entire exercise, I had never the feeling that we were representing any other flag than the NATO flag and we did it well!"

The exercise is an advanced training program administered at Nellis AFB and on the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) by organizations assigned to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center.

Red Flag is a realistic combat training exercise involving air-, space-, and cyber forces of the United States and its allies. It is hosted north of Las Vegas, at the U.S. Air Force's premier military training area with more than 15,000 square miles of airspace and 2.9 million acres of land. With 1,900 possible targets, realistic threat systems and an opposing enemy force.

More than 100 aircraft took off from Nellis AFB and several other U.S. air bases to support and provide Red Flag participants with valuable training in planning and executing a wide-variety of combat missions.

Additionally, for the first time during a Red Flag exercise, hundreds of virtual participants in simulators at

their home stations or in simulators at the Distributed Mission Operations Center in New Mexico, participated in taking down enemy Forces by providing ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting to delay, disrupt and ultimately destroy the opposition.

"During the actual flying, a rich cocktail of all the available capabilities was served in a compressed execution window, requiring everyone's full attention and the professional dedication of our E-3A crewmembers paid off. At the completion of Red Flag 15-2, we succeeded to meet the ultimate objective of the mission commander, "to be awesome"" said Maj. Kris Luyckx, Tactical Director.





The great success of flying all scheduled missions is a result of all participants as well as the great professionalism of the components logistics and maintenance team. This success would not have been possible to achieve without their contribution and dedication to the mission.

"We were told during our in-brief, that this training was 'second to none'. Red Flag 15-2 lived up to that claim. The schedule was demanding, the missions were challenging and the debriefings provided crews with honest feedback, that they were able to use to improve their planning and performance in the next mission. The experience our crews gained

here is invaluable," said Maj. Jeff Cranford, deployment commander.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of Red Flag! In early 1975 it was proposed to develop an exercise that would pit student Forces against dedicated aggressor piloted Forces in a series of combat scenarios over the vast Nellis Range in Nevada. Final orders to conduct Red Flag were given in July 1975, and in December 1975, a squadron of F-4 Phantoms were the first aircraft arriving for this kind of exercise. Since then, Red Flag expanded in the following years. Simulated electronic threats like jammers, simulated surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery guns got more and more involved. Attack packages became more complex and airframes from all services including 28 partner nations units from around the world got involved and participated in the exercise.

Red Flag allows participants to be trained on a myriad of aircraft at a very fast pace that they would not get at their home stations. Additionally the cyber and aviation areas are giving participants various opportunities to practice their skills. Since 1975, Red Flag has provided training for more than 440,000 military personnel, including more than 145,000 aircrew members flying more than 385,000 sorties and logging more than 660,000 hours of flying time.



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# Mustache March



By Staff Sgts Levi Hight and Jeremy Brennan

"Mustache March" stands as a historic tradition for U.S. Air Force (USAF) members to brandish their facial hair during this month.

This USAF Tradition started in large part to one man's defiance of facial hair regulations and in protest of some of the poor leadership he encountered in the war in Vietnam.

This man was Brigadier General Robin Olds. General Olds was a Triple-Ace pilot during the Vietnam War that was not only famous for his piloting skills, but also for his "Handlebar Mustache".

This tradition began as an aviator superstition in which they would grow a "bulletproof mustache" during the war. The idea behind this was that aviators believed that by growing an extravagant mustache,

their aircraft would be impervious to bullets. General Olds took this idea to the next level and used it as a tool in silent protest. This gesture consequently became a morale booster and so it spread throughout the 8th Wing as many others followed his example.

His actions created a new tradition that has become a staple part of the U.S. Air Force and is celebrated every year in the month of March.

Thus, it came to be known as "Mustache March. For more than 40 years, Airmen have continued this tradition in which they will grow out their mustache to follow in General Olds' footsteps. However, unlike what he did, all members must keep their facial hair within regulations at all times.

For more information about General Olds, visit [www.nationalaviation.org/olds-robin/](http://www.nationalaviation.org/olds-robin/).

## ISC keeps event season rolling with Greek and Italian nights



Photos courtesy of ISC

By Rebecca Hendrickx

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, the Greek ladies of the International Spouses' Club hosted a night filled with traditional Greek food and entertainment. The doors of the E-3A Club opened at 18:00 where the level of excitement for the night ahead was palpable.

Before entering the room, we were greeted at the door where we were presented with a beautiful handmade bracelet and a postcard which we could then trade in before leaving for a bottle of Ouzo. Decorated with Greek flags and displaying scenes and items from all over their native regions, the atmosphere was high in the anticipation for the night.

After creating several new tables to accommodate the vast numbers who came out, it was then on to the announcements, the Greek National Anthem and a short video showing the wonders of the Greek world. As the video ended, the first round

of food was brought out for us to sample. To spark our interest, we started off with tomato and feta cheese on toasted bread, tzatziki and bread. For the main course we were served delicious Moussaka and the first of the raffle tickets were read.

For the entertainment, we were treated to traditional Greek dancing performed by a very talented group of young performers. Wearing traditional Greek outfits and while dancing in unison, they danced with a passion that showed their love of traditional Greek dance and traditions and meanings behind the dances.

From here, the remainder of the raffle prizes were announced with excitement. Before leaving the event we were invited to sample the delicious dessert from the various regions in Greece. Then upon leaving, and much to the delight of the ladies, the postcards were traded in and a very generous bottle of Ouzo was handed out.



On February 26, 2015, the Italian ladies of the International Spouses' Club hosted a traditional Italian night complete with samples of traditional Italian food and entertainment.

The doors of the E-3A Club opened at 18:00 where the ladies were greeted with the theme of love. Heart shaped balloons, red and black and white romantic movie posters adorned the tables and walls.

After opening the night with the Italian National Anthem, the ladies introduced the Valentines theme and, while not inherently Italian Italian, romance has deep roots in many classical Italian movies. Playing a collection of clips from Italian cinema it was evident the crucial role romance has in cinema, perhaps the most being the Trevi fountain scene in La Dolce Vita.

Sampling the food we were treated to delicious pizza, spinach pastry pinwheels, olives, biscuits and an Italian omelet with potato. For the

entertainment, several ladies, with the markers under their seats, were selected to participate in the games.

Up first, the ladies were tasked with paring up with the aim of the game was to run a small distance connected with one piece of spaghetti one end in one mouth, the other end in the partners mouth. The catch? The spaghetti had to be intact at the finish line.

The second game, the ladies were asked to pop balloons by sitting on the balloons. The game brought out the inner child in the ladies as they laughed and raced to pop balloons. In between the games were the raffle prizes which, as with every event, was much anticipated and commanded the attention of the ladies eagerly awaiting their numbers being called.

The excitement and enjoyment of both events was felt by all. Congratulations to everyone that helped the ICS host thoroughly enjoyable evenings.

**On April 16, the Spanish ladies of the International Spouses' Club will be hosting a night of traditional Spanish entertainment. Come along and sample the food and entertainment. Doors of the E-3A Club open at 18:00 with the National Anthem starting at 1900. We hope to see you all there.**



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# Auto Show

The 27th Motor Show Geilenkirchen took place On March 21 and 22, 2015. Following tradition, the E-3A Component participated and, under the supervision of Master Sgt. Plate and Sen. Master Sgt. Rudzki, 12 volunteers were on-hand to showcase the de-icing truck and a runway sweeper as well as crash 5 and crash 9 from the Fire Brigade. These unique looking vehicles were very popular exhibits during the auto show.



KUDOS is a great opportunity to show children what their mom or dad go through whenever they prepare to deploy. Children take on the role of the active duty member for the day and go through the deployment process in grand kiddo style.

**Date: Saturday, 9 May 2015**

**Time : 1000 - 1700**

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**Registration must be made by:**

**15 April 2015**

To register or for more information, stop by or call/email the Airman & Family Readiness Center at:

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## Skate Night

On April 3, 2015, the GK Flyers are hosting an end of year family skating event and would like to extend an invitation to all NATO members, friends, and family. The event will be held from 1815 until 1945 at the Laco Sport Glanerbrook in Sittard-Geleen: Kummendastraat 45, 6165 BT Geleen.

The ice is paid for by the GK Flyers and skate rentals are available through the on-site sport shop. Come join us for a memorable event and quality time with the family.

# GK Flyers host Tri-Border Ice Hockey Classic Tournament

The Geilenkirchen (GK) Flyers Ice Hockey Team is excited to invite all NATO members, friends, and family to the 2nd annual Tri-Border Ice Hockey Classic Tournament April 24-26, 2015, at the Laco Sport Glanerbrook in Sittard-Geleen at the Kummendastraat 45, 6165 BT Geleen, The Netherlands. This is a recreational hockey tournament played by teams in the local tri-border area as well military teams from Europe.

The following teams are signed up

for the tournament and will compete for the trophy: GK Flyers; Wiesbaden Vikings; Spangdahlem Sabers; Twente Blue Caps; KMC Eagles; Stuttgart Mustangs; Bayern Rangers; and Eindhoven Haazen.

Entrance is free of charge for our tournament. Glanerbrook also has a restaurant and recreational swimming area with a kid's pool and waterslide.

More details about the schedule and games will be published to

guarantee you won't miss any further information. Also, we would like you to join our Facebook pages "GK Flyers Hockey" and "Tri Border Hockey Classic" for event updates.

Come out and support your Component team members Wolf-Soren Radtke, Gregg Brooks, Gerry van Tol, Jeremy Brennan, Kurt Nemecek, Ryan Edenstrom, Jesse Witmer, Jim McCarthy, and Danny Milazzo. We're looking forward to seeing you there and having a great time together. Go Flyers!





# MWA INFORMATION

## April

Visit the Services Branch WSS Web Page for the latest program information and upcoming events.

## Upcoming Events & IYA Activities

(Open to all US and NATO identification card holders)

Points of contact: IYA Events: Mrs Neuhaufen, ext. 4954; Sports Events: Mr Stelten, ext. 4920; Food Services: Mr Peeters, ext. 4990.



### E-3A Club CLOSED :

01 Apr: Due to special function  
02 Apr: Due to special function  
03 & 06 Apr: Easter Holidays  
10 Apr: Due to special function  
16-22 Apr: Due to special functions

### Rotodome CLOSED: 03 & 06 Apr: Easter Holidays.

Effective 7 April the Rotodome will resume normal operating hours (open again in the afternoon and evening hours).

### Restroom renovation work at the Rotodome up until mid-April

Refurbishment of the restrooms at the Rotodome will possibly continue on until mid-April. The east entrance (NATEX side) of the Rotodome will be closed during this renovation period so please use the south and west entrances to the building. Noise disturbance will be kept to a minimum during the lunchtime period (1100-1300).

Services Management apologises for any inconvenience

**IYA Easter Break Programme** for children aged 5 and older: 30 March to 10 April, 0745 to 1745. Enjoy fun games, exciting contests, egg hunt, arts & crafts, sports & hikes, free play, special projects, movies and much more.

Session I – 30 March to 2 April, including field trip to Chocolate Museum Cologne with kids' choco-school tour and Explorado Interactive Technical Exhibition and Play Park with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall on Wednesday and lunch on Thursday. Cost: € 61 per child with MWA Card, € 88 without.

Session II – 7 to 10 April, including field trip to Movie Park Germany – huge amusement park with a wide variety of attractions for different age groups on Wednesday and lunch on Friday. Cost: € 65 per child with MWA Card, € 94 without.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

**IYA Easter Break Trips** for children aged 5 and older; the children can be dropped off from 0745.

**1 April, 0830-1800, Chocolate Museum Cologne** with kids' choco-school tour and Explorado Interactive Technical Exhibition and Play Park with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall, cost is € 19 with MWA Card, € 28 without.

**8 April, 0800-1800, Movie Park Germany** – huge amusement park with a wide variety of attractions for different age groups, cost is € 23 with MWA Card, € 34 without.

Our luxury bus leaves from the IYA. Chaperones go free. Parents with children of all ages and individual guests are welcome to join IYA field trips for a fun day out. Inquire at the IYA Office about individual rates.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

### 07-10 Apr: Bilingual Easter Soccer Camp

Bilingual soccer camp for soccer playing kids aged 7 to 15 at the NATO Airbase Stadium. Registration: 2 Feb – 27 Mar 2015 at the New Gym (Bldg 206/Room 118). For more info contact: Stephanie Chalmers, Tel. +49-(0)2451/634946 or email: ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int

### 11 Apr: IYA Trip to Keukenhof Flower Park and Gouda

Enjoy famous Keukenhof Park with its colorful gardens and pavilions filled with tulips, daffodils and hyacinths on Saturday, 11 April, 0730 - 2030. We will travel on to the beautiful cheese city of Gouda with its typical market, historic buildings and picturesque canals. Our luxury bus departs from outside the Main Gate. Cost for guests without MWA-Card is € 43 for ages 12 and up, € 31 for ages 4 to 11, and € 19,50 for ages 3 and under; with your valid MWA-Card pay only € 29 for ages 12 and up, € 21 for ages 4 to 11 and € 12,50 for ages 3 and under, including entrance fee to Keukenhof.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

### Starting 13 Apr: IYA Mixed Martial Arts

classes under the experienced and certified instruction of Mr. Christian Ecklé are starting on 13 April. Instruction is at the Old Gym on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1700 to 1830 for ages 6 to 15, and 1830 to 2000 for ages 16 and up. Cost for a 1,5-months course, 13 April to 27 May, is € 37,50, with a € 3,75 discount for the second and each additional family member. The first class is free.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

### 14 Apr: Start Youth Soccer League

Register by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call .ext. 4946

### 15 Apr: Table Tennis Tournament

1100 – 1300, New Gym. Deadline Registration: 14 Apr.

Register by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call .ext. 4946

### Starting 15 Apr: IYA Dance for Kids

at the IYA Multi-purpose Room under the experienced and certified instruction of Ebru Cantürk: Wednesdays, 1515 - 1600 for ages 3 to 6, and 1615 - 1715 for ages 7 to 10. Cost is € 20 per month. The first class is free.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

### Starting 16 Apr: IYA Latin Dance for Ladies

at the IYA Multi-purpose Room under the experienced and certified instruction of Ebru Cantürk: Thursdays, 1330 - 1430. You are welcome to bring your babies and children. Cost is € 5 per class or € 15 for 4 classes. The first class is free.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

### Starting 16 Apr: Volkshochschul German Language Course for Children

The programme is especially designed to integrate children from other countries into the German Kindergarten and Grundschule. Individual tuition in small groups for children aged 5 and up in accordance with the curriculum of the German school system starts on 16 April. Classes are held at the IYA on Thursdays, 1500-1630 or 1630-1800, under the experienced and certified instruction of Manuela Beck. Cost is € 42 for an eight-week course.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

### 23 Apr: Volleyball Tournament

1300 – 1600, New Gym. Deadline Registration: 21 Apr.

Register by contacting the Sports Department: Email ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or call ext. 4946

### 09 May: IYA Trip to Luxembourg

Saturday, 9 May 2015, 0730-2030. Discover the dramatically sited charming capital city with its skylines pierced by turrets and towers, quaint riverside quarters and spectacular views of deep valleys and sheer-sided gorges. Beside interesting museums and galleries you find great stores, markets, cafés, pubs and restaurants. Optional: you can join the tour guide on an orientation walk. Our luxury bus departs from outside the Main Gate. Cost: € 18 with MWA-Card, € 27 without MWA-Card.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955.

## Geilenkirchen Riders' Association host season opening ride

The Geilenkirchen Riders' Association will be hosting a ride for all Tri-border Motorcyclists on April 11, 2015. The ride will begin at the PM Tankstelle, Sittarder Straße 120 in Geilenkirchen. Kickstands up at 1000L. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. A.J. Petrowich at apetrowich@e3a.nato.int.



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