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New helipad opens in Bamberg

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BAMBERG, Germany – Soldiers from 15th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade gathered for the official opening of the helipad they constructed at Reese Range here on May 20.

1st Lt. Marc Sterling, 3rd platoon leader, 500th Engineer Company, said teamwork displayed by all the Soldiers throughout the process made the project possible.

“Everyone wanted to get involved. Everyone wanted to be a part of this climactic event,” he said.

Although the engineers said they quickly and successfully accomplished their project in just under four weeks, there were a number of setbacks.

“The concrete bunker that was discovered in the center of the helipad location was a surprise to all, even the local historian,” said Sterling.

The final cost of the project was approximately \$45,000, but the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg was able to save \$32,000 in troop construction by having the engineers complete the helipad. The total price would have been about \$77,000 without the engineers’ assistance.

“The end result is an example of the personal dedication to mission accomplishment from everyone involved,” said Sterling.

“This project will show the local (Army and German) communities the pride that we, as American Soldiers, have in our work,” added Pfc. Lynn Queen, a heavy construction equipment operator with the 15th Eng. Bn.



Soldiers from 500th Engineer Company, 15th Engineer Battalion and civilians from Troop Support Agency Europe and Bamberg Range Control cut the ribbon during the official opening of the new helipad May 20 on Reece Range in Bamberg, Germany. Soldiers from 3rd platoon, 500th Eng. Co. spent nearly four weeks constructing the helipad, which saved U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg \$32,000 in labor costs. (Photo by Spc. Aislinn M. Amig, 18th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs)