

Crystal Chapter Convenes in Bavaria, Elects Officers

By Geert-Jan Hendriks

In October, 25 Crystal Chapter members gathered in the beautiful town of Amberg, Bavaria, to elect new chapter officers. Roland Pueschl was elected chapter president and Robert Massey was elected vice president.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the elections and I'm delighted that Crystal Chapter members continue to play an active role in supporting our membership with professional training and networking opportunities in this part of Germany. The chapter has agreed to sponsor a professional training/social event for local chapter members, along with the Franconian Chapter and European Region, in 2009. More details to follow soon.

Retirement congrats

Outgoing Crystal Chapter President Albert Schunk has retired after 46 years of service with the U.S. government. Schunk is the Housing Manager at USAG Grafenwoehr/Vilseck, and he and his staff have gone through turbulent times owing to the reshaping of the U.S. Army in Europe, restationing of units in the Grafenwoehr/Vilseck vicinity, and various deployments. Schunk is a "people person." His first priority is and always has been to take care of soldiers and their family members. He also takes great pride in supporting his housing staff in their day-to-day operations and associated challenges. With his long years of experience, professional attitude, and people skills, he was perfectly suited for the Housing Manager's position. Schunk was integral to



From left: Geert-Jan Hendriks, PHMA European Region Director; Robert Massey, PHMA Crystal Chapter Vice President (Grafenwoehr, Chief Housing Services); Roland Pueschl, PHMA Crystal Chapter President (Grafenwoehr, Supervisory Budget Analyst); and Albert Schunk, Grafenwoehr, Chief Housing.

the success of the housing program that included the Netzaberg build-to-lease project, with 830 state-of-the-art townhouses, and 770 other new build-to-lease units at various locations.

Schunk has earned a fantastic and enjoyable retirement; however, he will be sorely missed by soldiers, his housing staff, and the European Region of PHMA. I wish him and his wife, Roswitha, a most enjoyable time not only in the "Oberpfalz" but also in their second home on the beautiful island of Lanzarote, Canary Islands.

PHMA in Europe

Many local chapter members, including the Hohenfels Housing Manager Hans Motzer, took time from their busy schedules to attend

the meeting in Bavaria. This is a clear signal that there is a need for PHMA representation in Europe. In addition to the chapter officer elections, attendees discussed the proposed restructuring of PHMA chapter dues/payments; revised bylaws; 2009 hospitality night at PDS XXI in San Diego; and the restructuring of Headquarters IMCOM and IMCOM Regions. As in past years, the Region will be represented by one booth for all European chapters at the PDS hospitality night. Please come see us. As always, we will bring many unique gifts from the "Old World." ■

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