

Earth Week 2005 Events in the Heidelberg Garrison, Germany

Monday 18 April thru Friday 22 April

Defense Distribution District - Europe (DDDE) at the Germersheim Army Depot (GAD)

The Commander and senior staff members awarded workers who walk, bike, car pool or use public transportation to work. As the pictures document, they were out at the gate early in the morning, in all types of weather giving away tokens of appreciation.



Monday 18 April 2005

DoDDS Middle School, Patrick Henry Village

Kick-off of the Recycling Rally. The Heidelberg Garrison's P2 Manager invited classes to compete in collecting recyclable wastes for the duration of Earth Week.

Tuesday, 19 April 2005

Heidelberg Garrison Environmental Division (ED) staff members visited the Patrick Henry Village DoDDS Elementary School for a day of environmental games, quizzes and activities, designed to raise environmental awareness. The children brought recycled containers, decorated them and used them as flower pots for planting sunflowers.



Wednesday, 20 Apr 2005

DDDE at GAD cleaned up their area of operations to prepare for Earth Day celebrations. Reusable stone flower boxes were purchased and planted with local flowers, many corners were cleaned and hazardous materials and wastes, bulk trash and other items properly disposed of.



Thursday, 21 Apr 2005

302nd MI/529th MP reopened a renovated hazardous waste storage building that was upgraded to the latest environmental and safety standards. Photos show the newly installed safety devices that will improve Hazwaste handler work safety in the facility.



Earth Day, 22 April 2005

DDDE at GAD celebrated Earth Day. Concluding a week of activities that focused on environmental issues, the organization's leadership had invited its workers to celebrate Earth Day and their contribution to a better environment. Kick-off was an early morning breakfast for all workers coming off the night shift.



In the facility a number of environmental fact sheets are displayed for all to see.



A “Dish Mobile” was used to avoid waste generation. NO disposable plates, cups, glasses or flatware were used. The same applied for the afternoon picnic for the late shift.



However, for this final event, AAFES had donated a huge cake displaying an Earth Day theme and the crests of DDDE and the Heidelberg Garrison.



DoDDS Middle School classes had been collecting recyclable wastes for 5 days! They piled up a huge mound of recyclables in the center lane of the Recycling Center. The items were weighed and the students then sorted them into the proper recycling containers. A decisive winner was determined. Over 1 ton had been collected, netting the community a cost saving of approx. \$1500. The winning class gets to have a pizza party, the runner up an ice cream party, both compliments of our very supportive local AAFES branch.

