

## ABOUT US

For more than 60 years, the Oldenburg (Holstein) garrison has been the home of specialist engineers, whose special role in logistics is to pave the way for other forces and provide them with expert advice in an extended task spectrum. With this tradition and the expertise available on site in mind, a joint training and exercise center for all specialist engineers of the Bundeswehr was established in Schleswig-Holstein in the immediate vicinity of the Putlos Training Area on 1 October 2006. The Specialist Engineer Training and Exercise Center Putlos, which evolved from the Putlos Pipeline Engineer Training Facility, is an independent agency of the Bundeswehr Joint Support Command that is unique to the Bundeswehr. When the Bundeswehr Logistics School in Osterholz-Scharmbeck was activated, the Center was placed under its command.



~ 25

DIFFERENT TYPES OF  
TRAINING AND  
COURSES

~ 200

TRAINEES

~ 6

EXERCISE-  
ROTATIONS

~ 1.200

PARTICIPANTS

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## Specialist Engineer Training and Exercise Center Putlos



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Major Armin Weiss has served as Director of the Specialist Engineer Training and Exercise Center since 12 September 2023.

In this role he has the overall responsibility for the Center's routine and training operations.

The Specialist Engineer Training and Exercise Center Putlos (SETEC Putlos) conducts course-based and post-related training for specialist engineer forces, and elements of unit-level training for reinforced camp construction/operation platoons and pipeline construction/operation platoons.

In addition, SETEC provides special infrastructure that serves both the professional training of specialist engineers and certain training components of the handling and transport forces (especially in the area of fuel supply) within the framework of troop- and training related education.



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## CAMP OSTSEEBLICK

The Camp „OSTSEEBLICK“ offers troops up to company size the opportunity to practice the construction, conversion, and operation of systems in the areas of air-conditioning technology, power generation, electrical systems, mechanics, and water treatment as part of their preparation for a deployment.

A special feature is the drinking water bottling plant (TWAA), which is unique within the German Armed Forces. It can produce up to 1,300 bottles per hour and thus makes a significant contribution to the drinking water supply in the operational area.



## CAMP OPERATION SPECIALIST TRAINING

As part of basic training courses in field camp operations, as well as in specialized courses, the necessary technical expertise is conveyed to specialist combat engineers at training levels 6 (SNCOs), 7 (JNCOs), and 2 (officers) in a practical manner. All chief instructors, in conjunction with the course sergeants, are experts in their field and look forward to sharing their expertise and operational experience with the trainees. The goal is to provide trainees with fundamental knowledge about the integration of field camp components within their respective specialization in field camp construction and operation, as well as to acquire in-depth knowledge and skills in handling these components. The following fields of expertise are addressed:

- Mechanics
- Air-conditioning technology
- Electronics
- Power generating units

Training in the different fields of expertise as part of competencebased training, for example, includes the following contents (subject to skill level):

- Set-up of containers and peripheral equipment
- Inspection of incoming/outgoing containers
- Planning, conduct, and evaluation of maintenance activities up to and including Maintenance Level (ML) 4
- Maintaining technical documentation

After successful completion of their training, personnel are well-prepared to stand their ground when deployed on Bundeswehr operations.

## ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The engineer construction equipment pool subunit provides support services with engineer machinery for the field camp's operations group and all subunits of SETEC. Another task of the subunit is ensuring operator qualification on all military construction machinery. In addition, the subunit conducts training exercises for the engineer machinery personnel.



## MILITARY FIRE PROTECTION

As full-time military fire protection personnel of the German Armed Forces, the soldiers have specialized training (analogous to that of civilian firefighters) and, upon order, perform fire suppression during routine duty in Germany. Their primary mission is securing the pipeline training and exercise facility. Here, they provide fire suppression, technical assistance, and advanced oil spill response.



## PIPELINE TRAINING FACILITY

Since 1959, all operationally relevant scenarios for the handling and storage of fuels have been conducted on the 26-hectare training facility. With a tank capacity of over 2,000 m<sup>3</sup>, pumping stations, distribution systems, unloading areas, and delivery points, the pipeline training facility is also equipped with a laboratory container and an underground pipeline to train not only POL supply from bulkfuel installations but also to practice repairing damage to NATO pipeline systems.

The pipeline training facility is the only of its kind in Europe that is filled with real fuels, which allows trainees to apply and practice their skills under live conditions.



## PIPELINE SPECIALIST TRAINING

At SETEC, pipeline engineers are „forged“. From privates to senior officers, trainees are prepared for their specialist assignment and examined on the relevant subjects within the scope of competencybased training. Career training and pre-assignment courses provide future specialists with the necessary knowledge and skills to plan, build, operate, and manage fuel pipelines.