

## Dress Right, Dress

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BDU sleeves: Long-sleeved camouflage pattern may be rolled up; if rolled up, sleeve material must match shirt and will touch or come within one inch of forearms when arm is bent at 90-degree angle. Ensure chevron is fully visible (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council).



## News Briefs

### NATO Tactical Evaluation

Spangdahlem AB's NATO Tactical Evaluation kicked off Thursday with initial testing and evaluations. The evaluation and runs through Aug. 13. Help set the standard for USAFE by exercising the proper customs and courtesies to our NATO partners. The NATO team consists mostly of foreign NATO military officers and enlisted personnel. Go to the Intranet and click on "NATO TACEVAL info" to view the equivalent ranks. Team Eifel members are reminded that this is an inspection, and delays are possible. For details, call the wing plans staff at 452-6280.

### Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area closes Sept. 1-30 to conduct a 100 percent munitions stockpile semi-annual inventory. All munitions required for September must be requested by Aug. 9. During the inventory, only valid emergency requests approved by group commanders and submitted in applicable directives will be honored. For details, call Master Sgt. Christopher Howell or Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Johnson at 452-6230.

### Space operations assignment

The National Reconnaissance Office needs people for its advanced academic degree program. This program is an opportunity to eventually participate in the NRO's space programs, and 13 positions are now available. The majority of applicants are non-rated captains and lieutenants. Master's degrees and Ph.D.'s are available in a variety of programs. The selection process is competitive and primary criteria for interview selection is based on applicant's demonstrated and potential academic ability, job experience and performance and recommendation letters. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jodi Glassic at 898-2390 or e-mail her at safst.workforcedev@pentagon.af.mil.

### Gate closure update

The Spangdahlem AB main gate closes Aug. 13-31 to outbound lanes of traffic. The inbound lanes will be re-opened for two-way traffic. There will only be one lane for inbound and one lane for outbound vehicles.

♦ Traffic entering the base from B-50 is required to use the old main gate, and it will be open 24 hours for incoming traffic only.

♦ Traffic entering the base from A-60 is required to use the main gate. Traffic will be directed to enter the base through the inbound lane.

♦ All traffic exiting the base is authorized and encouraged to use the contractor gate, which will reduce congestion at the main gate.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Quevedo, simplified acquisition of base engineering requirements project manager, at 452-6847.

## Field of dreams

The 52nd EMS wins the intramural softball championship game for the third straight year.

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Staff Sgt. John Barton

### Change of command

Col. Dave Goldfein (right) accepts the 52nd Fighter Wing guidon from Maj. Gen. Michael C. Gould, Third Air Force commander, Friday during a change of command ceremony here, while 52nd FW Command Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly looks on. Col. Goldfein replaces Col. Stephen P. Mueller, who has been selected for the rank of brigadier general, and has been re-assigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Warfare Center Allied Command, NATO, in Stavanger, Norway.

## Pride shines throughout command

### Combat Proud base appearance inspections gives testimony to incredible people within USAFE

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** -- The 'outer cover' of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe speaks volumes of the content inside. The appearance of our installations gives testimony to the incredible people within, routinely performing critical, complex missions, every hour of every day.

Combat Proud, one of our 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs, was established in August 2003 to foster pride and productivity, improve the appearance of our bases, and ensure our long-term force protection posture.

Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of the installations across the command, from removing hundreds of temporary containers that cluttered the landscape to demolishing old, unneeded facilities. These efforts make way for an improved quality of life standard - a level we all deserve.

All USAFE bases have worked hard to make their installations a better place to live, work and play. The command-wide effort culminated in an evaluation of our seven main operating

The 2004 Combat Proud base appearance competition inspection results:

#### Overall Base Appearance:

Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England

#### Overall Base Appearance Runner Up:

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

#### Enhancement Award Winner:

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

#### Self-Help Award Winner:

Lajes Field, Azores

RAF Lakenheath was awarded \$100,000 for first place finish. The other category winners will receive \$50,000 each. The award funds will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services as per the guidance provided by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

bases by a four-person team led by Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, USAFE Plans and Programs director.

A similar evaluation of six of our geographically separated units is scheduled to be completed in August. The program has been very successful in giving USAFE main installations and GSUs an overdue facelift.

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## Wherever you are, your vote counts

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander

The most important privilege our nation provides its citizens is freedom. Our nation was built on democratic principles and one of our cherished Constitutional Rights is the right of each American to vote.

Today our men and women are globally engaged to help bring freedom, including the right to vote, to people

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around the world. By registering and voting you honor your fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who are sacrificing their personal freedoms to

provide this staple of democracy.

You also reaffirm the sacred value of this privilege to many who have yet to achieve it.

It is the right to vote that allows you to elect officials who reflect your views and will speak for you in government. Why would people choose not to exercise this right?

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## Voting

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By not voting, you abdicate that right and responsibility of citizenship that has cost so many, so much to earn. You allow others, with whom you may not agree, to select our future leadership.

The laws and policies enacted today can, and often do, influence the long-term health of our nation. And it's our nation's future -- yours and your children's -- that should concern you today.

Take the time leading into the 2004 elections to register to vote and request your absentee ballot. The deadlines for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application or turning in a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot are both fast approaching.

Our goal is for everyone to complete and mail their applications before or during Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3 to 11, to allow applications to meet all deadlines.

America is the greatest democracy in



Staff Sgt. Edward J. Braly

**Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief, fill out their Federal Post Card Applications here July 30. The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application varies from state to state. Therefore, completed applications should be sent before or during Armed Forces Voters Week from Sept. 3 to 11, allowing for all applications to meet local deadlines.**

the world. We owe it to ourselves and our great nation to get out and vote. I urge each and every one of you to make your voice heard.

I encourage you to take advantage of a privilege that people around the world

continue to fight and die for -- whether you are at a geographically separated unit, a one-deep special duty position or deployed in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation -- no matter where you are, your vote counts!

## NATO gauges Spang's air power in wing's upcoming tactical evaluation

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 100 inspectors arrive here Saturday and Sunday to begin a week-long deployed forces NATO Tactical Evaluation of the wing's air power and mission capability.

The TACEVAL measures an installation's ability to fight a war, and inspectors observe three major areas -- force protection, logistics and operations.

Scheduling conflicts and the 52nd Fighter Wing's involvement in real-world contingencies will make this inspection of wartime readiness the first of its kind in nearly eight years, said Col. Chris Chambliss, 52nd Operations Group commander.

"This will be an evaluation of our capability to carry out a mission and merge with NATO partners from other countries," said Chief Master Sergeant Steven Lage, 52nd Mission Support Group superintendent. "We should expect simulated nuclear-biological-chemical and conventional attacks, missiles, logistical taskings, written tests and flying scenarios."

Colonel Chambliss elaborated on flying scenarios and the wing's aviation focus during the TACEVAL.

"Because the 22nd Fighter Squadron is on (aerospace expeditionary force) status now and the 81st Fighter Squadron will deploy shortly, the 23rd Fighter Squadron is our primary aviation asset for the TACEVAL in our 'deployed' location," Colonel Chambliss said. "We'll be tasked to fly sorties with other NATO aircraft and simulate opposing forces in the skies."

The colonel added that, all the



1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez

**Senior Airman Luis Vargas, a weapons systems apprentice from the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, loads rounds into the cannon of an F-16CJ while wearing full chemical gear as part of the NATO Tactical Evaluation here on Thursday.**

while, various force protection inputs such as ground and air attacks and mishaps, sabotage and terrorism will occur.

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander, said the Eifel community should bear in mind that smoke and ground burst simulators will be used in the attack.

With approximately 700 individuals

bearing the brunt of injects, attacks and jet repair, everyone on base will be expected to support the effort -- from keeping the base clean to supporting the NATO NCOs and officers who may need help, directions or support from base functions, Chief Lage said.

"Officers of allied countries will be given the same full customs and courtesies that U.S. officers are given," the chief said. "There have been NATO rank insignia cards distributed and if you see a NATO officer on the street, salute just as you would a U.S. officer."

"Some might think we've been preparing for this evaluation since last fall," said Col. William Greenough, 52nd Mission Support Group commander. "In reality, we train for our wartime missions everyday and many of our Airmen have performed those missions (downrange) over the past two years. I'm confident we're ready to show our NATO allies that the 52nd Fighter Wing is ready to contribute awesome combat power to the NATO alliance."



## Pride

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Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of each of the installations across the command.

We've come a long way and accomplished a great deal over the last year, but there's still more that can be done to improve the quality of life for our hardworking professionals and our families.

It's time to take Combat Proud to the next level and begin to focus on improving facility interiors while continuing our efforts on overall base appearance.

Several locations have already begun this process, using the exceptional skills and talents of our people to revitalize facility interiors through the Self-Help Program. I encourage everyone to take the next step and continue to play an active role by improving the places we live and work.

## Pick-up trash, earn one day off of work

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The soda cans and candy bar wrappers ramble about the parking lot, past the trash receptacles and nestle into the side of the curb. It will sit there for days, or at least until a Good Samaritan walks by, takes five seconds out of his or her day and picks up the trash.

Attempting to keep floating garbage at-bay at Spangdahlem Air Base is an on-going project and could ultimately cause foreign object damage to an aircraft.

Although the Combat Proud competition is over, picking up a piece of trash never seemed so rewarding until now. Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Kelly, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief, has developed a plan to keep the trash off Spangdahlem AB indefinitely.

"We will randomly award a one-day pass to certain Team Eifel members who help keep Spangdahlem clean," said Chief Kelly. "Each week, we will place a sticker on a piece of trash we find around the base, and the sticker will instruct the lucky person to bring the marked trash to wing administration to claim his or her one-day pass."

Airmen see the incentive program as a bonus to a task many are already doing.

"It will motivate people to pick up trash, anticipating a sticker will be on it," said Airman 1st Class Selaiman Almonte, 52nd Communications Squadron, theater battle management core systems. "Getting a one-day pass for picking up trash ... where can I sign up?"

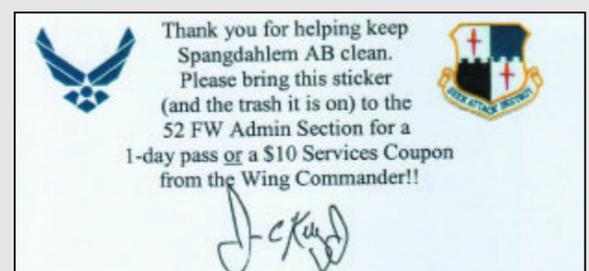
The program does not only apply to active duty Airmen, but to civilians as well.

"The one-day pass benefits active duty members assigned to the 52nd Fighter Wing, U.S. wage grade and general schedule civilians and non-appropriated fund employees," said Chief Kelly. "The wing commander does not have the authority to grant time off to everyone; however, if someone who is not eligible for a day off picks up the trash, we will award them \$10 in 52nd Services Squadron coupons."

The incentive program will help keep the base looking clean and tidy.

"A day off for picking up a piece of trash is a generous reward and should get all of us in the habit of keeping the base looking great," said Matthew Newburn, 52nd Civilian Personnel Flight, lead human resources specialist.

"Keeping the base clean is everyone's job, and we should all throw trash in authorized receptacles," said Chief Kelly. "If you're lucky, you may get a day off, but ultimately, we all ought to have pride in our base."





Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Ryan Lamb  
**Unit:** 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
**Duty title:** Support Section Craftsman  
**Hometown:** Wichita, Kansas  
**Years in Service:** 11  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Meticulously manages a 364-item equipment account valued at \$7.5 million. Sergeant Lamb reports status to squadron leadership for incorporation in a MAJCOM report of equipment status. He was recently recognized for his expertise by being selected to attend a USAFE review of all items authorized to maintain the F-16CJ.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Sergeant Lamb maintains fitness through participation in Kuk Sool Won, a Korean martial art. He supported unit activities by working a 6-hour shift over the Independence Day weekend at the 52nd FW Big Annual Summer Happening to raise \$3,400 for squadron events. He is also pursuing Bachelor of Science degree in professional aeronautics through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

**What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately?** I enjoy skiing and traveling.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I like working with people who are driven to ever higher levels of performance.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I'd like to see fitness facilities that allow more opportunities for participation by personnel who work on the flight line and in other duties with non-standard duty hours.

## Wing members garner awards

### Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements.

#### 52nd Mission Support Group second quarter winners

Airman: **Senior Airman Michelle Messer**, 52nd Services Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Steven Giffin**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; CGO: **Capt. Diana Borchardt**, 52nd Contracting Squadron; junior-level civilian: **Awilda Lozada**, 52nd CES; mid-level civilian: **Volkmar Born**, 52nd CES; senior-level civilian: **Gottfried Lowe**, 52nd CES.

#### 38th Munitions Maintenance Group second quarter winners

Airman: **Senior Airman Brooke Goodman**, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Theodore Saxman**, 703rd MUNSS, Volkel AB, The Netherlands; SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Henry Sims**, 701st MUNSS, Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium; CGO: **Capt. Gary Tucker**, 701st MUNSS, Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium

#### 52nd Maintenance Group second quarter winners

Airman: **Airman 1st Class William Eastwood**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Carrie Hoppe**, 52nd AMXS; SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Tony Stotler**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; maintenance professional Airman: **Senior Airman Roger Quicho**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; maintenance professional NCO: **Staff Sgt. Shawn Matney**, 52nd EMS; maintenance professional SNCO: **Master Sgt.**



**Richard Williams**, 52nd AMXS; dedicated crew chief: **Tech. Sgt. Dean Christopher**, 52nd AMXS; CGO: **1st Lt. Neal Wilson**, 52nd EMS; junior-level civilian: **Paul English**, 52nd EMS.

#### 52nd Medical Group second quarter winners

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Jason Privatera**, 52nd Dental Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Khalisha Savage**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; SNCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Kent McCormack**, 52nd DS; CGO: **Capt. Miklos Rozsa**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; junior-level civilian: **Topeka Rogers**, 52nd MDOS; mid-level civilian: **Manfred Kinnish**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; senior-level civilian: **Tricia Vadney**, 52nd MDG.

#### Lance P. Sijan Award winners

Junior-enlisted: **Master Sgt. Scott Holland**, 52nd CMS; senior-enlisted: **Senior Master Sgt. Johannes Mieschke**, 52nd AMXS; CGO: **Capt. Jesse Friedel**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; FGO: **Lt. Col. Kurt Kaisler**, 52nd CES.

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Squadron

En guard! **Staff Sgt. Rosa Bartols** is an Air National Guard member who's worked very hard since her arrival here July 1.

From leading Airmen to summer hires, she's been great with customers and co-workers alike!

**Staff Sgt. Barbara Schleppbach** contacted several U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to redistribute more than 300 chemical warfare assets to wing units, saving the wing more than \$3,000 in funds. She also revamped tracking and issue procedures for more than \$7.5 million in assets. Her focus is a force multiplier for Team Eifel. Showing us the money is **Airman 1st Class Anthony Storey**, who single-handedly computed more than 150 permanent change of station vouchers to ensure inbound members were paid within five business days.

### 52nd Operations Group

"Purple wave ... all in our brains" **1st Lts. Joseph Gaona, Cheryl Johnston, Chris Perkins, Olen Freeman and Capt. Kevin Lord** did outstanding work preparing for the 52nd OG's "Purple Wave." **Linda Chambliss, Sue Panfil, Emily Myers, Jessie Cox and the Club Eifel staff** made parting much more sweet than sorrow for Col. Stephen Mueller's going away dinner. The following folks made Col. Mueller's fini-flight extra special: **Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault and the fire department, Tech. Sgt. Eddie LaBar and airfield management, the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, the 52nd Security Forces Squadron, Master Sgt. Thomas Reeves, Capt. Kevin Lord and 1st Lt. Cheryl Johnston.** Move over Tom Cruise, **Capt. Matt Renbarger** was a sharp shooter as the 23rd Fighter Squadron Turkey Shoot Strafe Top Gun. Bling, "wing" for **1st Lt. Sean Penrod**, who was selected as the 52nd OG's Wingman of the Quarter. Farewell to **John Bradley**, who



retired last month and worked in wing scheduling. "Mr. B" retired as a master sergeant in 1981 and has worked with a number of organizations on base, before and after the closure of the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing on the Bitburg

Air Base. Thanks to him for outstanding, inspiration, contribution and dedication. God speed and good luck!

### 38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Hail to the (team) chief! **Staff Sgt. Chris Robertson** is the new maintenance team chief selected for the position ahead of more seasoned NCOs due to his outstanding systems knowledge and ability to lead. It's a "dutiful" thing for **Staff Sgt. Melissa Edwards**, who voluntarily responded to four after duty hours trouble calls, ensuring 100-percent uptime to the network during normal duty hours. **Staff Sgt. Jake Zapata** took the bull by the horns to coordinate a very successful assumption of command ceremony for the unit. He chapped no hides and got high marks from the new squadron commander and his distinguished guests.

### 52nd Medical Group

"Rinse charming" was **Staff Sgt. Shane Palm**, who cleaned up during a recent two-day decontamination training program. A snappy salute goes to **Tech. Sgt. Evelyn Serafica**, for her decon training team efforts. **Staff Sgt. Ernesto Otero** was on point in the honor guard during the 52nd FW change of command. Let's focus on saluting **Maj. Robert Kesead, Capt. Jeffrey Autrey, Master Sgt. Donna Walle, Staff Sgt. Schieder and Staff Sgt. Andrea Bixler** for great service to active duty, retiree and family member patients.

*Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!*

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit Support Section

**A brief description of unit responsibilities:** The team manages all equipment and provide supply support necessary to maintain 23 F-16CJs.

**Number of members:** 19

**How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission?** The logistics professionals of the "Big 22 AMU's" Support Section inspect, maintain, and control equipment to directly support F-16CJ operations. Additionally, spare parts are ordered and processed by the support section's assigned supply troops. The combined actions of the support section enable 22 AMU technicians to provide safe, mission capable F-16CJs for the wing's suppression of enemy air defenses mission.

**Team's other contributions through the year?** The 22 AMU Support Section personnel operated out of an alternate location most of the year while simultaneously renovating their primary facility. Section personnel packed equipment for deployments to the NATO Air Meet in Poland and a Weapon Training Deployment/Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev. Additionally, the section's application of the Tool Automated System was identified as a "strength" during the 2004 USAFE Unit Compliance Inspection.

# Airmen lose their locks for charity

## Wing members get new hair styles so children can do same

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Staff Sgt. Heidi Butler fancied the idea of getting a short, sporty haircut, but wasn't sure it would be worthwhile -- however a coworker and a reality show proved to her that sporting a new style would benefit more than only her.

Three other 52nd Fighter Wing airmen will join the 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron Wing Analysis NCOIC to have their ponytails snipped to donate them to the Locks of Love foundation. The charitable organization uses donations of 10-inch and longer hair to make cranial prostheses. The customized wigs benefit financially disadvantaged boys and girls suffering from long-term hair loss, most commonly as a result of severe burns or radiation therapy.

"I never thought I would ever cut my hair, but after one of the officers in my office, Capt. Alice LeMere, told me how she cut off her hair for Locks of Love, I couldn't stop thinking about doing it myself," said Sergeant Butler. "I felt selfish for having such long hair when a little kid somewhere didn't have any and I could change that."

Sergeant Butler continued vacillating on the idea of "going short" until she saw a makeover show in which the man receiving the makeover donated his long ponytail to the charitable organization. The show also featured the child who was to receive the prosthesis made from the man's hair.

"Seeing the little girl on TV who received his hair solidified my decision," she said.

When Staff Sgt. Gina Laux, Sergeant Butler's coworker, heard that others could benefit from her 10-inch tresses, she didn't hesitate. The 52nd MOS scheduler muddled through a conversation with her German hairdresser to first cut the bulk of her hair and then snip it into style.

"Right now I have her ponytail saved in an envelope in my desk, ready for shipping with the other hair donations," said Sergeant Butler, the LOL project manager.

However, for all other Team Eifel members, the cut-off date is Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in Maria's Eifel Hair Salon in Club Eifel. There, donors will stand shoulder to shoulder, ponytail-side to Maria, the beautician, who will snip the bundles of locks.

Sergeant Laux, who now sports a short, layered "pixie" hairstyle, loved the idea of "doing something good" with her hair that would have otherwise ended up in the trash. However, after bearing the weight of a bobby-pinned hair bun, she said parting can be sweet sorrow for some.

"It's not for everyone," she advises. "You definitely have it in your mind that you want to do it."

People interested in donating their ponytails that don't quite meet the 10-inch mark can also give the gift of hair, according to the Locks of Love Web site. The organization sells locks of lesser lengths, with the donor's approval, to help offset the cost of manufacturing hair prostheses. People interested in participating in this fashion should include a signed note with their hair donation.

Another way to participate in the event is to sponsor a donor. So far, sponsors include the wing Company Grade Officer's Association, the Chief's Group and the 52nd Maintenance Operations Flight, who will foot the \$25 styling bill for those who are currently scheduled for haircuts.

Locks of Love receives more than 1,000 ponytail donated from the United States and Canada annually. Qualifying applicants usually receive the gift of their handmade, customized hair prostheses, which have a retail value starting at \$3,000, within four to six months. To help cover the cost of prosthesis manufacturing, Locks of Love also accepts individual and corporate monetary donations. The organization uses approximately 90 percent of its financial contributions, hair sales, grants, and interest and program incomes to cover program expenses, according to the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance Web site.

Women and men interested in donating their hair or sponsoring hair cuts for donors can call Sergeant Butler at 452-6999 or e-mail heidi.butler@spangdahlem.af.mil. For more information about the Locks of Love organization, people can visit [www.locksoflove.com](http://www.locksoflove.com) or for BBB Wise Giving Alliance details, people can visit [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

# Team Eifel faces two DUIs over weekend, a major crash results in Airman's injury

By D. A. Barker  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

In addition to 15 car crashes last week, Team Eifel received two DUIs over the weekend. Four of the crashes were classified as a major.

The first driving-under-the-influence offense occurred when a staff sergeant was stopped at a check point in Trier. The Polizei reported the incident to the 52nd SFS.

The second DUI was discovered due to an Airman's erratic behavior. The individual struck his car repeatedly after driving it while under the influence. He later admitted to an officer that he was driving under the influence and was subsequently arrested.

The first major crash occurred in Zimmer when a local national caused



an accident by pulling into the path of a family member. The level of injuries is unknown at this time.

The second major crash occurred at Moetscherstrasse exit from the B-50 traffic circle. A local national failed to yield and a senior airmen inside the

circle collided, resulting in damage to the perimeter fence.

The third major wreck also occurred at Moetscherstrasse at the Lotus restaurant across from the Bitburg gas station. The staff sergeant crashed his motorcycle due to rear tire failure.

The fourth major crash included injuries. The accident on the A-60 between Landscheid and Hof-hau resulted in a disabled car. The driver, an airman first class, was evacuated to Homburg medical facility by ADAC helicopter due to major injuries.

There were 11 minor accidents last weeks. One for driving too fast for conditions, four from improper backing, two from inattentive driving, one with other at fault, one for failure to yield and two were following too close.

# The personnel deployment line up

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

It's time to deploy and there just don't seem to be enough hours in the day to get everything done. Fortunately, Team Eifel can take advantage of the 52nd Mission Support Squadron's personnel deployment facility line, where "one-stop shopping" happens for those final outprocessing needs.

In one building, Airmen take care of a variety of pre-deployment needs. Everything from immunizations, to clear-

ances, dog tags, legal services, mail cessation and even Office of Special Investigation briefings about handling classified information downrange is put into simple but comprehensive sessions. Pictured below are just a few of the people and organizations that will get you up to speed and mission-ready.

The next deployment line occurs in building 217 Aug. 12. For more information about the deployment line, outprocessing or future dates, contact unit deployment managers.



Col. Dave Goldfein

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

To PA in building 23.

Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

August Sortie Scoreboard

| Aircraft | Goal | Flown | Delta |
|----------|------|-------|-------|
| F-16     | 869  | 43    | +1    |
| A-10     | 349  | 18    | +1    |

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Aug. 2

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section

# Viewpoint

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## Preparedness

### The war starts tomorrow Commander shares confidence during NATO TACEVAL

By Col. Dave Goldfein  
52nd Fighter Wing commander

Let me begin my first article as your wing commander by saying thanks for making my family's welcome to the Eifel so spectacular.

We feel incredibly blessed to be members of the premier fighter wing in U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Starting tomorrow, with the arrival of a NATO Evaluation Team, we will be given another opportunity to show just what Team Eifel is made of as we participate in a NATO Tactical Evaluation.

Make no mistake -- this is NOT an exercise. This IS a test. Approximately 700 of Team Eifel's best will simulate deployment to a forward operating location where we will be tested on our ability to contribute airpower to the NATO alliance.

The scenario will be extremely stressful as the evaluation team throws numerous obstacles at our deployed warriors that will challenge their ability to survive and operate in a combat arena.

Under the leadership of Col. Chris Chambliss and Col. Bill Greenough, Team

Eifel has prepared for this test over several months. The bottom line -- we are ready.

I ask every member of Team Eifel to take part in supporting this evaluation.

Let's roll out the red carpet for the evaluation team in style.

Make sure your area of our base looks sharp. Render appropriate customs and courtesies to our allies from several NATO nations.

Cheer on our

"deployed" warriors as they take the fight to the enemy.

We are engaged today in the most important conflict of our time -- the Global War on Terrorism.

This evaluation will test our ability to contribute side by side with our NATO allies as we take the fight to determined and resourceful enemy.

I am confident that, pulling together as a wing, we will place missiles and bombs on target and WIN.

Thank you again for your service and your dedication.

I am truly honored to be your commander. The war starts tomorrow -- fight on!



1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez

Airmen 1st Class Philip Behneke and Jared Cripe, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics technicians, coordinate maintenance actions as they assist in launching an F-16CJ aircraft during the start of the NATO Tactical Evaluation here. Part of the TACEVAL is already underway, and combat turn evaluations have begun. The evaluations call for Airmen, while in nuclear-biological-chemical gear, to load live weapons on aircraft in preparation for flight, said Col. Chris Chambliss, 52nd Operations Group commander. Inspectors bring a spectrum of experience and knowledge to the evaluation. Some of the NATO inspectors have as much as 20 years experience on the team, and they range in rank from U.S. Air Force equivalent staff sergeants to lieutenant colonels.

## Direct Line

### Intranet polling limitations

Question: As stated in the Direct Line of the July 16 edition of the Eifel Times: "There is a poll on the Intranet asking people if their family would use a "Kid Zone" type operation, located in the base's former officers' club ballroom."

Why is the poll only located on the intranet that can only be accessed by military members? The bulk of community who would like this idea or who would like to give their input on the idea are mostly those who stay at home and may not have access to the Intranet. Can a slide be put on Eifel TV regarding a place where all Team Eifel members can provide inputs on this idea? I also suggest that leaders talk about the plans on the radio and take telephone polls to help determine the need for a "Kids Zone."

The idea is nice, but the marketing of the idea needs improvement. The Intranet for single and dual military parents is fine, but what about the rest of the community where the spouse at home takes care of family tasks such as this?

Answer: Thank you for taking the time to address the limitations of the "Quick Poll" system. "Quick Poll" was established by and is currently managed by the 52nd Fighter Wing Staff as a quick, informational research method, allowing decision makers to ascertain the need for additional research on a specific subject matter -- in this case, the proposed "Kids Zone" operation -- or to get a general feel from the community on last-minute initiatives -- for example, the need for a shuttle service for the B.A.S.H.

The 52nd Services Squadron currently utilizes a variety of these customer feedback/ market research methods and is currently in the process of adding two new market research tools. In September, Team Eifel will be able to log-on to http://ice.disa.mil and provide customer feedback on all Services facility as well as access survey modules designed to provide specific on projects, programs, and services. This is an Internet site accessible from any online computer, at home or at work. Additionally, the squadron is acquiring a new Opinionmeter system. This is a passive system that is placed in a high-traffic area, such as the Post Office, and allows customers to answer a short 5-10 question survey at their convenience.

Although the "Quick Poll" plays a role in our efforts to research the needs of the Spangdahlem community, please rest assured it is in no way the final authority as to opinion of the base populace. This was just their first step in our research on the "Kids Zone" facility and will be followed with more specific survey targeting those persons in community who have a vested interest in the facility and its location in the very near future. Thank you again for your concern.

## Overseas voting deadline is Aug. 15

For more information on requesting a ballot, check out the following:

- ♦ visit the 52nd Fighter Wing Intranet and click on "voting assistance"
- ♦ go to www.fvap.gov
- ♦ call Master Sgt. Jeff Barr, alternate voting assistance official, at 452-7410



## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil).



### Eifel Toastmasters

The Eifel Toastmasters Club helps develop communication and leadership skills. It's open to military members, family members and civilians. The club meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the wing conference room, building 23. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Maniccia at 452-5462.

### "Safe on my own"

The American Red Cross offers a "Safe on my Own" class Aug. 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. in building 2001, third floor. The class provides children ways to stay safe while at home alone. For more information, call Terrie Perino at 452-9440.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings take place each Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex French Caserne, building 2015. The group adheres to the principle of anonymity. For more information, call 01803-224357 or 0175-749-3695.

### Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon family groups take place each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex, building 2015. Al-Anon is a self-help program for adults who have been affected by someone else's drinking, whether or not the drinker sees a problem. This is a new program and is not affiliated with any base program. For more information about the meetings, call 0175-749-3695.

### AADD volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving constantly seeks volunteers to drive or man the CQ desks on the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex posts each weekend. Call 452-2233 or e-mail Org 52 FW/AADD to volunteer or for information and hours of operation.

### Girl scouts volunteers

The Girl Scouts of America seeks Hidden Heroes to help with the twilight camp "Down By the Bay" Aug. 24-26 from 4:45-8 p.m. Call 452-9190 or e-mail [spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com](mailto:spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com).

### Family support news

All classes meet in Spangdahlem AB building 307 unless otherwise noted. For more information or to sign up, call 452-6422.

- ♦ Monday, Pre-separation briefing, 9-10:30 a.m., Bitburg Annex, building 2001.
- ♦ Monday, Welcome to Germany, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, Pre-deployment briefings, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, Great expectations, 2-4 p.m.
- ♦ Thursday, German bills made easy, 8-9 a.m.
- ♦ Thursday, Interviewing techniques, 10 a.m. - noon, building 2001.
- ♦ Friday, Train trip to Trier, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### Sign up for FSC spring classes:

- ♦ Basic level 2 English as a Second Language, Sept. 7 - Oct. 14, each Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m., building 139.
- ♦ Intermediate ESL takes place from Sept. 7 - Oct. 14 each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in building 2001.

### Eifel singers

The Eifel Singers seeks people interested in singing the German and American National Anthems at Air Force functions. People who can sing and are willing to donate their time and talents can e-mail Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hardesty at [daniel.hardesty@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:daniel.hardesty@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Commissary closure

The Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB commissaries are closed Wednesday for an organizational day. Both commissaries will re-open Thursday at 10 a.m.

### Babysitter class

The American Red Cross offers a babysitter class Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex, building 2001, room 346. The class provides youth with information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible

care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. For more information or to sign up, call the American Red Cross at 452-9440.

### Student transportation

All students who ride the school bus must have a new bus pass for the 2004/2005 school year. Students registered with the schools before July 30 will receive the pass and information in the mail by Aug. 20. All sponsors that register their students at the schools after July 30 will need to visit the Student Transportation Office with a copy of the school registration form to register for the bus service. The office is located in building 433 at Spangdahlem Elementary School. Call the Eifel STO at 452-5340 or 452-5352 before coming in to register.

### Cub scout camp

Cub scout day camp is Aug. 16-20 in Preist. It is a week-long day camp where boys ages 6-10 can learn sports, experience the outdoors and learn about nature and arts and crafts. It runs each day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Boys can be previous cub scouts or new. Parents can participate as leaders, and permissive temporary duty is authorized for scouting activities with command permission. The cost for boys for the week is \$65. For more information, call Laralee Dalton at 06565-955941.

### Locks of love

A Locks of Love donation drive takes place Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in Maria's Eifel Hair Salon in Club Eifel. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hair pieces to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Donations must be at least 10 inches in length, and cutting fees will be paid for by sponsors from across the base community. Anyone wishing to donate their hair, or anyone or group wishing to sponsor a donor can call Staff Sgt. Heidi Butler at 452-6999 or e-mail her at [heidi.butler@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:heidi.butler@spangdahlem.af.mil). For more information, visit [www.locksoflove.com](http://www.locksoflove.com).

## Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

### Too bad!

**Maj. Joshua Kastenburg** missed out on \$225 and **Master Sgt. John Skrabal** missed out on \$450 in the weekly club drawing. Mem-



bers who aren't present when their name is called forfeit the prize and the growing cash pot carries over to the following week. Winners who weren't present can stop by the Club Eifel cashier's cage and pick up free lunch coupons as consolation prizes. **Karen Norwell**, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Jody Norwell, was Club Eifel's Hot Food n' Cold Cash winner for \$100.00.

### Today

- ☐ Red Hot Fridays is from 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- ☐ A DJ plays classic rock from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- ☐ **ECL**: Commander's social begins at 5 p.m. August is Martini Madness Month featuring cosmopolitans, blue martinis, fuzzy martinis, and red apple and sour apple Martinis. These specials are \$3.75 each and offered to club members only.

### Monday

The All U Can Eat Spaghetti Special is 5-7 p.m. It features all you can eat portions of steamy pasta and Melvin's handmade meatballs in marinara sauce served with garlic bread. Only \$2.95 for members and \$4.95 for non-members.

### Tuesday

Tn'T Tuesdays is tacos and tequila specials. Dig into our taco bar with all the fixins! It's \$1.95 for members and \$3.95 for non-members. Also, try one of our lime and tequila jell-o shots for \$1.

### Thursday

The Prime Rib Feast runs from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy a delicious, slow-cooked roast of prime rib served au jus with a garden green salad, fresh sautéed vegetables, oven-baked potatoes, freshly baked rolls and beverage. Cost for members for a medium cut is \$9.95, \$12.95 for a large cut.



## Der Markt

### Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least 10 days before the desired date of publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

**Movies**

The following movie listings are for today through Aug. 12. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

**Spangdahlem Skyline**

Today

*The Notebook* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

This is a story of a couple separated by World War II, who are passionately re-united seven years later, after they have taken different paths.

*Troy* (R, 10 p.m.)

Set in ancient Greece, the prince of Troy begins an affair with the Queen of Sparta -- uniting the people of Greece in war.

Saturday

*Godsend* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Following the death of their eight-year old son, a couple befriend a doctor on the forefront of stem cell research. They hope to bring their son back to life through an experimental and illegal cloning process.

*Breakin' all the Rules* (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Quincy writes a best-selling book after he is dumped by his fiancée, advising guys to avoid heartache by breaking up with their girlfriends before they get hurt.

Sunday

*The Notebook* (4 p.m.)

*Troy* (7 p.m.)

Monday

*Breakin' all the Rules* (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

*Godsend* (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

**Bitburg Castle**

Today

*Van Helsing* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Van Helsing, the legendary vampire hunter, is on an ongoing battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghouls.

*The Terminal* (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

An Eastern European immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased.

Saturday

*Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

The crew from locally owned Averag Joe's enters a high-stakes dodgeball tournament in order to save their cherished local gym.

*Mean Girls* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest," but the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year old enters public high school.

Sunday

*New York Minute* (PG, 4 p.m.)

Seventeen-year old sisters are on a wild romp through the streets of Manhattan, where they find unexpected romance.

*The Terminal* (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Mean Girls* (4 p.m.)

*Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* (7 p.m.)

Thursday

*Van Helsing* (7 p.m.)

**Fireworks:** Rhine River 'set in flames' during annual celebration in Koblenz

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Rhine Aflame will light up the countryside Aug. 14 in Koblenz. For the event, castles, old half-timbered houses and the Rhine River shore will be illuminated. Eight firework displays will top off the celebrations along the river.

Koblenz celebrates this annual festival with a number of special attractions, including an amusement park. Events begin at 4 p.m. Aug. 14 when entertainment will be provided near the famous Deutsche Eck, or German Corner, where the Rhine and Mosel rivers meet. Several bands from Germany and elsewhere start their performances early in the evening near the Rhine bridge.

Dance music will occur at the Rhine-Mosel hall all night.

Activities include the opening of the amusement park at 11 a.m. and music and entertainment along the Mosel shore, starting at 2 p.m.

About 80 decorated passenger ships, making up the largest flotilla of Europe with 30,000 spectators aboard, will cruise down the Rhine, passing illuminations before arriving in Koblenz at 10:30 p.m.

This spectacle can be viewed from the banks of the river or from the hillside on either side of a 17-kilometer long stretch of the Rhine. While the brightly illuminated fleet slowly glides down the Rhine, the adjacent towns with their romantic buildings, fortresses and castles are bathed in lights. Eight displays of fireworks along the way will light up the evening sky at Spay, Braubach (Marksburg castle), Brey, Rhens, Lahnstein and Koblenz.

The initial fireworks display will kick off at 9:30 p.m. in Spay, while the final and most gigantic one will start off at about 11 p.m. from the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle.

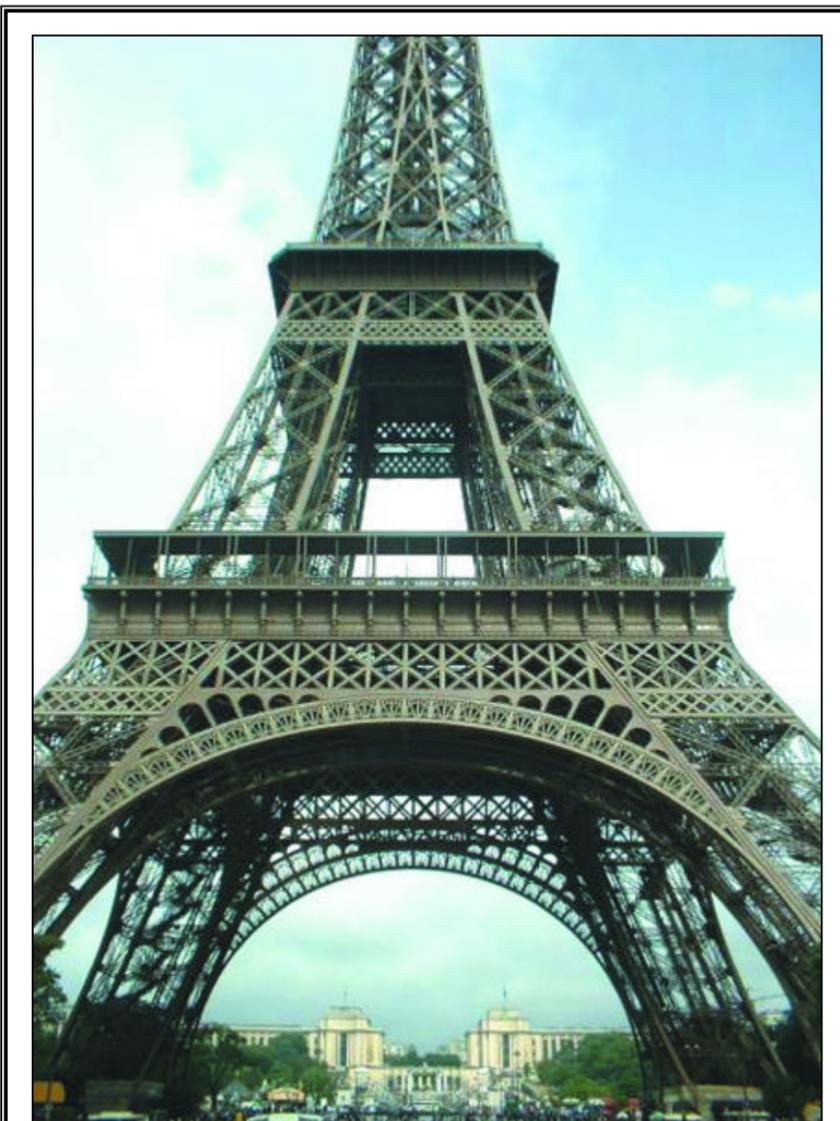


Airman Stacy Moless

Enjoy eight firework displays at the annual Rhine Aflame festival along the Rhine River, between Braubach, Spay and Koblenz Aug. 14. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. at the Deutsche Ecke, or German corner, where the Rhein and Mosel rivers meet in Koblenz.

The town and river shores will all be illuminated by this time. Food and beverages, as well as some of the finest Mosel wines, will be available at stands set up along the streets.

Nearly 500,000 spectators come to the Koblenz festival every year. People who plan to drive should arrive early to find parking and a good spot to watch the fireworks. Koblenz is about 100 kilometers northeast of Spangdahlem and can be reached via Autobahn 1/48 from Wittlich.



Gary Sakura

**Ah, Paris ...**

The Eiffel Tower in downtown Paris, France, is one of the stops on the ITT Paris Express trip. The tour visits the Louvre Museum, Sacre Coeur, Painter's Square and the famous Montmartre. Space is still available for the Aug. 28 and Oct. 23 trips. Cost is \$99 for adults and \$89 for children, ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem AB at 2 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex at 2:30 a.m. The bus returns to the Eifel region around midnight. Call the ITT office at 452-6567 for reservations and details.

**Out and About**

(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ Trittenheim invites base members to their annual wine festival **today** through **Monday**. Trittenheim has an official partnership with the base.

♦ Join in the Pruem Salvator Kirmes town celebrations **today** through **Tuesday**.

♦ The scenic town of Cochem holds its annual Reichsburg castle festival **Saturday** and **Sunday**.

♦ A wine festival and Old Timer car meeting takes place **Aug. 13-15** in Kroeve.

♦ Have fun at the annual Piesport wine and street festival **Aug 13-15**.

♦ Enjoy the annual Bernkastel wine and street festival **Aug. 13-15**. This is not the major Bernkastel wine festival.

♦ Ruwer Aktiv features a wine festival and vehicle-free day for bikers, skaters and marchers **Aug. 14-15** between Trier-Ruwer and Reveris.

♦ The local community of Fließem will sponsor its annual town festival **Aug. 14-15** with music and entertainment.

♦ The community of Preist invites the Eifel populace to their town festival **Aug. 14-15**.

♦ Participate in the "Summer Biking" event **Aug. 22** along the Nims and Sauer rivers at the German-Luxembourg nature park.

# EMS tops AMXS after see-saw struggle for softball title

2nd Lt. Shannon Collins  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron annihilated the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 15-1 to win the intramural softball championship, and a "three peat" July 29 at Spangdahlem Air Base's softball fields.

EMS used an eight-run first inning to intimidate and a four-point third inning to nail the coffin on any championship hopes AMXS might have had, but AMXS made them earn it. AMXS worked their way up through the loser's bracket and dominated the first game with solid hits and a final score of 13-9.

After defeating AMXS twice in the season and only losing one game in the season, EMS entered the championship confident of a clean sweep.

"In the first game, we were over confident and didn't have ourselves prepared mentally," said Marc Peck, EMS. "Once we got down several runs, it was as if we lost our focus; perhaps this is because we could play the if game if we lost. However, it has always been the character of this team to produce in the clutch. Most of our players have been playing tournament softball for years. The experience of these players provided the confidence necessary to win."

"The team wasn't really awake until the start of the second game," added Randy Wilhide, EMS. "They showed how bad they wanted that third championship by putting eight runs up in the first inning. They showed heart and determination."

The first game began with AMXS striking first thanks to a lead off home run by Bo Brewer in the top of the first inning. After holding EMS scoreless in the bottom of the inning, AMXS added another three runs in the top of the second to increase their lead to 4-0.

With their backs against the wall, EMS started to rally. With a score of 3-11 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Keith Wilson scored off of a clutch hit from Ray Handrich. The team continued with solid line drives, bringing the score to 7-11. But in the end, AMXS stemmed the tide and sent the two teams into a second game.

"We kept hitting more runs than they did in every inning. They were hitting the ball up in the air. If you hit it up in the air, it's just going to hang there," said AMXS coach Mel White.

Peck scored the first point of the championship match off a single from Wilson. One player after another kept the ball on the ground, hitting singles and bringing players home, leaving

AMXS in the dirt with a demanding 0-8 lead.

AMXS player Dustin Ponder dropped a few pop flies in the top of the first inning but redeemed himself by catching three pop flies in a row from EMS in the top of the second inning.

EMS refused to let AMXS score. EMS sent four across the plate to increase their lead to 12-0 in the top of the third inning.

Jake Tidwell crossed the plate with in the bottom of the third inning, keeping AMXS from getting shut out, leaving the score 12-1.

Brewer attempted another home run hit in the bottom of the fifth, but EMS player Phil Sawin caught the ball off of the back fence. Peck caught the final pop fly for the win, ending the season 12-1.

"The team did outstanding. We finally hit the ball like I knew we could," said EMS Coach Bruce Birdwell.

The AMXS team gave EMS a run for the title.

"The team did great. We played hard but made a few errors and came up short," said Ponder.

(M.P. Warner, 52nd Services Squadron, contributed to this story.)



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

Randy Wilhide Jr., 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, rips one out of the infield to help his team win the men's intramural softball championship three years in a row July 29 here.

# Women's AMXS beats LRS 17-7 in championship softball game

By M. P. Warner  
52nd Services Squadron

In a game dominated by dynamic bats and fundamental defense, the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron steam-rolled over the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, 17-7 to earn a 10 run rule decision in the fifth inning at the intramural softball championship game July 29 here.

52nd AMXS capped the championship



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

Kelly Young, wife of a 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airman, pitches the ball during the women's intramural softball game.

game with an undefeated playoff record and only one loss in the regular season.

The 52nd LRS coach Gerald Peterson felt his team was poised to take the first game and send the championships to a bumper game. "Our shortstop, Angie Campbell, is one of the best shortstops in the league. The key will be our outfield."

Peterson's assessment almost came true as 52nd LRS set the tone for the "run fest" with a leadoff in the park homerun by Amanda Buettner. Unfazed by the opening round, 52nd AMXS countered in the bottom half of the first with clutch singles and aggressive base running, taking a 4-2 lead.

In the top of the 2nd, Buettner again led off with a two run triple knotting the score at 4-4.

AMXS started the bottom of the 2nd inning with a lead off single by Natahsha Fukushima, followed by a walk. With runners on first and second and no outs, Ana Alvarez hit a single and broke through to lead 5-4.

With the bases loaded, Lynnde Boykin then cleared the bases with an in the park home run, taking a commanding 9-4 lead and never looking back.

The 52nd LRS chipped away at the lead and scored the only run of the third inning while holding the 52nd AMXS line up to their only 3 up, 3 down inning.

The 52nd LRS failed to capitalize on their momentum in the top of the 4th, while 52nd AMXS seized the shift, extending their lead to 12-7.

The fifth inning would prove to be the closer for AMXS. The inning started with an in the park homerun with back to back homers by Amy Tenney and Kara Griffith to take the score to 15-7.

With runners in scoring position and two outs, Sherrie Odom stepped to the plate and sent the ball up the middle for a championship clinching double.

"The key to the championship is fundamental softball, and hitting the ball well," said 52nd AMXS Coach Anwond Boykin. "The most important thing is to have fun!"

## Sports Briefs

### Outdoor soccer registration

It's time to kick off the youth soccer season. Sign up to play at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center now through Aug. 13. The season begins Aug. 30 and lasts through Oct. 30. Parents of the soccer players must attend a mandatory informational meeting at the Bitburg Castle Theater Aug. 17 from 5-6:30 p.m. or the Spangdahlem Skyline Theater Aug. 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. Coaches are needed to teach and inspire. Call Randall Greenfield at 452-7545 for more information.



### AFSA Golf tournament

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1681 presents the AFSA Open Golf Tournament Aug. 20 at 8 a.m. at the Lietzenhof Golf Course near Burbach. It is open to four-person teams and cost is 30 euro per person. Registration deadline is Aug. 13. There are prizes for the first, second and third place teams, as well as closest to the pin and longest drive. For more information, call Master Sgt. Boyd Middlebrook at 452-7601.

### Ski club

The Tannenbaum ski club holds its annual membership drive and picnic Aug. 14 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Seewoog in Miesenbach, near Ramstein AB. Members can take advantage of reduced club trip packages and free refreshments and entertainment at the semimonthly membership meetings. The Ski club membership is \$35 for single members and \$70 for a family membership. Enjoy a \$5-\$10 discount for signing up before Sept. 30. Visit [www.tannenbaumskiclub.com](http://www.tannenbaumskiclub.com) for directions and more information.

### Hockey team

The Spangdahlem ice hockey team needs men and women players for next season. Call Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410 or Tech. Sgt. Lane Goodnough at 452-6618 for details.

### Swim team

The Eifel Sharks Swim Team needs swimmers and coaches for the upcoming season. Swimmers should have some swimming experience and be ages 7-18. Coaching positions are open to volunteers with swimming experience until Aug. 15. Registration forms are available at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex youth centers. Call Donald and Sherry Odom at 06575-901-213 or 452-6749 or Glenn and Donna Turnbull at 06561-695-512 or 452-6790 for details.

### Muscle madness

The Strong Man Strong Woman Competition takes place Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the base fitness center. Participants challenge others at lifting, pulling and pushing in unusual events such as the tire flip, farmer's walk and truck push/pull. Cost is \$10 to register. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6251 for more information.

### Class cancellation

Mommy and Me exercise classes have been cancelled. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6251 for details.

### Martial arts

Kuk Sool Won is a martial arts system that covers Asian fighting techniques and body conditioning, as well as mental development and traditional weapons training. Classes take place each Monday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and each Friday from 5-6:30 p.m. in the base fitness center. Cost is \$25 per month. Contact Raymond Gills at 452-6540 or Sean Heard at 452-6193 to sign up.

### Twilight golf

Swing into the Eifel Mountain Golf Course for twilight golf Monday through Friday after 6 p.m. Call the golf course at 452-4653 for more information.