

## Dress Right, Dress

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Salutes between military pedestrians and officers in moving military vehicles is not mandatory. However, when officer passengers are readily identifiable -- for example, officers in appropriately marked staff cars -- the salute must be rendered.

(Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



## News Briefs

### Housing closure

The Housing Office will be closed Monday in observance of Independence Day. Regular Business hours will resume Tuesday at 8 a.m. For more information, call 452-7944.

### Paving project update

Asphalt paving takes place Monday through Thursday on Hawk Hollow Road, leading to building 108. The work will be done in two phases and blocked off with "residents only" signs for authorized personnel in those buildings.

The entrance to the large parking lot across from the 23rd Fighter Squadron headquarters will be available at all times. The overall project completion date is slated for July 16.

### Trash pick-up

The monthly housing bulk trash pick up takes place Thursday. This applies to Spangdahlem AB, the Bitburg Annex and Bitburg-Pruem county government-leased housing areas.

The pick-up will be conducted in time for the wing clean-up day Wednesday. The Combat Proud competition takes place July 9.

### New double bars

Wing officials have announced that seven Spangdahlem AB first lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain.

The selectees are: **Patrick Armstrong**, 38th Munitions Maintenance Group; **Brooke Boushon**, 52nd Medical Group; **Jason Bylow**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Jonathan Carle**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Sean Penrod**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Christopher Perkins**, 23rd FS; and **Julie Sposito**, 606th ACS.

## Fore!

The grass is greener now ... 52nd Services Squadron has revamped the golf course.

Read "Set a 'course' for adventure on Eifel greens," on Page 8.



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Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

### Last looks

Spangdahlem Air Base First Term Airmen's Center students stand ready for inspection. Tech. Sgt. Nicole Gisel, incoming 52nd Mission Support Squadron FTAC NCOIC, joins outgoing superintendent, Master Sgt. Freddie Lime, in checking new troops. The two-week program provides an avenue for new Airmen to gain a foundation of base and ancillary training. FTAC Airmen are also involved in team building by performing base retreat ceremonies, base clean-up and a local culture orientation tour to Trier. Sergeant Gisel comes from the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Sergeant Lime permanently changes station July 10 to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

## COMUSAFE shares July 4 message

**Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong**

Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** -- For 228 years, Americans have celebrated the signing of our Declaration of Independence. This document, signed by our great country's forefathers, conceived a new nation and put into writing the democratic freedoms and inalienable rights we so cherish today: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

From the Revolutionary War to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, Americans have sacrificed their sons and daughters for our coveted virtues of freedom, democracy and equality. These young men and women brought their courage to the fight, and paid the ultimate price for the liberties we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this 4th of July with traditional picnics and barbecues and holiday trips, let us remember and honor our brothers and sisters in arms who are downrange and in harm's way ensuring our freedoms at home and around the world. In addition, as you enjoy your fellowship with friends and family, reflect on Old Glory and everything she represents.

The true power of the Declaration of Independence comes from its capacity to inspire pride in our hearts. Our belief in the



Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura

**Jalesia Claxton, 7**, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Lisa Claxton, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Catelyn Slayback, 9**, daughter of Staff Sgt. Jean Slayback, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; and **Maddi Hill, 8**, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Norman Hill, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; make American flags out of construction paper at the youth center on Spangdahlem Air Base Wednesday for Independence Day.

vision it established unites us as Americans and as those in service to our nation.

Thanks for all the great work you do for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the United States of America and the world.

## USAFE surpasses goals through Combat, Special Interest Programs

**By Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong**

Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** -- We all naturally want to do well and, in our case, we set the bar high and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe team not only reached our goals, but exceeded them!

In the military, our business demands excellence and requires dedicated professionals who understand that anything less will cost people their lives. What makes our organization successful is not just all of the hard work, but our ability to work hard together toward a common purpose -- our mission.

The 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs instituted

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us translate our vision, mission and goals into concrete results and institutionalize our higher standards of excellence.

With this in mind, we developed and implemented a measurement system that covers a wide spectrum of important functions within our organization. Each month we review our CSIP metrics and some 23 other quality indicators, covering every-

within the command are intended to increase our readiness, improve our mission effectiveness and help take care of our people. They help

thing from how quickly patients are attended to at our medical facilities to how many aircraft assigned to our wings are ready to fly at any given time. The quality indicators identify strengths and weaknesses and provide a baseline to measure improvement. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the organization and our progress toward stated goals.

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments since program inception. Comparing the April 2004 results to January, USAFE has come a long way in a short time.

We've improved in 50 out of 74 metrics tracked.

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# Staff sergeant slams into traffic light pole

## Speeding, wildlife cause remaining crashes

By Iain Lotan

52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 18 car crashes last week -- five were classified as major accidents. Team Eifel had another DUI last week, which counted as one of the major accidents.

Driving-under-the-influence, speeding, wildlife, following too closely and failure to yield to the right-of-way caused the major crashes last week.

A staff sergeant who was drunk while operating a vehicle slammed into a traffic light pole after missing his turn to Speicher. Polizei arrived and assumed the investigation. Polizei

stated the accident was also caused by excessive speed. The sergeant was arrested for DUI. The car received major damage, and there were no injuries to report.

The second major crash occurred in Berlin, when a local national smashed into the back of a family member's car. Polizei responded and assumed the investigation. The vehicle received disabling damage, and there were no injuries.

The third major crash occurred on B-50,



when a senior airman lost control of his vehicle, which resulted in the vehicle spinning into the wood line. The vehicle was disabled, and there were no injuries.

The fourth major collision occurred near Maastricht in Holland. A senior airman was attempting to cross the road in his car when another vehicle slammed into the passenger side of the Airman's vehicle. The grass in the median of

the road was several feet high and blocked the Airman's vision. The senior airman's pregnant wife went to the hospital to be examined to ensure there were no injuries.

The fifth major car crash occurred on L-46. The daughter of a base civilian employee received minor injuries after she slammed into a ditch and rolled several times while trying to avoid hitting a deer. The car was totaled.

There were 13 minor accidents last week. One was from speeding, three were from improper backing, six were from inattentive driving, two were from wildlife and one was from other at-fault.

## Programs

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And, of the 24 remaining metrics, most changed marginally and still met the USAFE goal.

The examples highlighted here are truly only a peek into the overall success of the programs in total. Results clearly indicate our organization is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readiness, development, services and quality of life.

### Readiness

Combat Flightline puts maintenance experience back on the flightline where it belongs by reducing the number of people working outside of their core duties. This combat program has already returned 50 experienced Airmen back to maintenance production. And, there's more behind this program such as aircraft appearance and Combat Crew Challenge competitions which ensure our fleet reflects the expertise and professionalism of our crews. We've held three no-notice inspections with a 100 percent pass rate so far -- the results prove that we're ready.

Improving the fitness of our people to meet the demands of our combat culture is the focus of Combat Fitness. One-stop shopping at the fitness center for diet management, classes on practicing injury prevention, smoking cessation and physical therapy are but a few of the program's initiatives. Currently, out of the Airmen tested at USAFE bases, 88 percent meet or exceed the new Air Force fitness standards, well above the AF goal of 75 percent.

The nation needs our leadership more than ever before and it is the inherent responsibility of Air Force leaders to mentor our future leaders. Project Connect is designed to provide a forum for senior officer mentors to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officer protégés on a one-on-one basis. The program has two moving parts: our "Flag Talks" where General officers, prominent senior leaders and corporation chief executives visit our bases sharing their perspective on what it takes to lead today, tomorrow and into the future; and "Bright Horizons" where more than 160 of our USAFE company grade officers will visit headquarters annually to shadow our major command senior leaders. Aligning with Air Force policy for the Mission Driven Mentoring web-based program, USAFE is leading the way with almost 300 mentors registered. While our initial plan focuses on our officer corps, we expect to include our enlisted and civilian force by Fall 2004.

Through Combat Nighthawk sorties, our CGOs and senior NCOs are learning about unfamiliar elements of Air Force operations and gaining valuable experience by representing their wing commanders after duty hours. If we consider the overall goal of the program of leadership development and career-broadening and compare it to comments received by those who participated on sorties, it appears we are heading down the right track. Most comments reflect that people are getting a better understanding of functions out of their specialties.

Through Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) we embedded a safety culture that helped us manage our awareness of risk, actively combat the threats we

face, and act smartly when we see something that needs to be fixed. The program has elevated safety awareness appreciably throughout USAFE with emphasis on safety programs and work-related and personal mishap prevention. Bases are sharing ideas and communicating through a focused "Monthly Safety Topics" initiative.

Combat Proud changed the way we look at things and strengthened our commitment to improve our command's appearance. Like many successful corporations, USAFE's approach is to improve our ethos / surroundings / facilities / environment / aesthetics / efficiency by ensuring our people are proud of the areas where they live and work. Dramatic improvements in base appearance are evident across the command. The base appearance scoring model goal is 85 percent overall improvements per quarter -- the goal has been met or exceeded by every base!

### Services

Customer service in USAFE wasn't bad or in need of repair. The question became do we want to improve upon how well we are taking care of our customers? You bet!! Armed with a cutting edge five-day course curriculum, our Customer College customer-service professionals teach "excellence in service" to the rest of our front-line customer service providers. Exceeding our customer's expectations is a team effort and we plan to keep raising the bar. So far, more than 1,900 people have been trained.

With the Combat Intro / Exit program, we looked for innovative ways to facilitate inprocessing to a new duty location making the entire process as efficient as possible. We reduced the number of inprocessing stops to three at all USAFE bases -- down from as many as 15 stops at some locations. With our use of Virtual Outprocessing, we reduced the number of required outprocessing stops to an average of five per base which ensures our customers outprocess from USAFE as efficiently as we got them on board. These changes not only minimize some of the stress associated with permanent changes of station, but also maximize the amount of time a member can focus on his primary job.

Combat Education initiatives are removing barriers to education throughout USAFE. Nearly 50 percent of all college courses are now taught during non-standard times and almost 15 percent of all classes are offered outside traditional classroom locations. The result -- an 11 percent increase in enrollments since October 2003.

### Quality of life

After a command-wide survey was accomplished to decide what you wanted, our libraries stocked reading materials you desired as well as CDs and DVDs, increased their number of programs and improved their services through Project Wizard. The 13 libraries in the command are exceeding the Air Force standard of eight programs a year by two programs and the utilization rates for our books and computers are exceeding our goals.

We have more than 2,500 registered volunteers with Hidden Heroes who logged approximately 14,000 hours of service. Since we've started there has been a 30 percent

increase in volunteer opportunities and volunteer hours served.

Combat Care is about taking care of our families when the active duty member is deployed.

While units do a great job, we want to make sure we're covering all fronts, and ensuring families left behind know they are a part of our team too! The standardization of the Key Spouses program has enhanced the information flow to our families as well as heightened awareness of resource availability. Now the command is on its way to developing a standardized approach to reintegrating airmen and families.

Project CHEER (Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm, and Recreation) provided 455 high-energy events serving more than 46,000 single and unaccompanied Airmen (enlisted and officer) throughout the command during the holiday season. Bases collaborated and shared ideas for events and activities -- some of the favorites included showcases by the USAFE band, basketball tournaments, movie- and bowl-a-thons, and the Spring Fling in conjunction with safety days.

Our chaplains initiated more than 67 programs under Combat Touch, including 13 new flightline / work center offices or prayer spaces, and 2 coffee houses to reach the troops and increase personal well-being and energize individual spirituality.

Although not a formal CSIP, the Power Plant Project is an initiative designed by Airmen, for Airmen. The Airmen of the 52nd Fighter Wing got it right! They named their own unique place on base the "Brick House" which includes game systems, an Internet Café, a myriad of hall games, projection TVs, sound and night club lighting systems and lots of finger foods. We wanted to duplicate this initiative throughout the command because the concept was so fresh and exciting. Six months since the first meeting, Project Power Plant is now cruising at 140 knots at Aviano, Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Lajes, and Incirlik Air Bases with our Airmen at the helm establishing the facility activities and programs they want.

All of our programs are a way of reaching out to our people and are another mechanism for feedback. Our great USAFE team embraced the changes and transformed, leading to new processes, cross-talk among functional areas and greater sharing of best practices.

Thanks to all of you who continue to demonstrate that we are focused on getting the USAFE mission accomplished with courage, teamwork and a commitment to excellence.



## Top Saber Performer



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Joshua Conder  
**Unit:** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, F-16 Inspection Section  
**Duty title:** F-16 Inspection Section dock chief  
**Hometown:** Burns, Oregon  
**Years in Service:** 6.5

**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Staff Sgt. Joshua Conder is a superb F-16 dock chief. He keeps a tight reign on the inspection process, resources and personnel under him needed to accomplish 400-hour phase inspections on Spangdahlem's Fighting Falcons. He was selected as the 52nd EMS Maintenance Professional for the first quarter of 2004.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:**

He volunteered to raise funds for the American Red Cross and to help teach self-aid buddy care refresher training for everyone involved in the Tactical Evaluation. He also completed the last four classes for his CCAF degree.

**What do you do for fun?**

I take my wife and son on trips. We recently went to the Eifel Zoo near Prum.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?**

I like the travel opportunities.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?**

Of course parking is a big concern, but I would also like to see the agencies that deal with customer service become a little more customer-friendly.

## Wing lauds new ALS grads

### Staff Reports

Senior Airman Daniel Buettner, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, received top honors from Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School Class 04-6. During the Tuesday graduation ceremony, the Airman received the John L. Levitow award. Senior Airman Cortney Valenti, 52nd Communications Squadron, received the academic achievement award. Senior Airman Edward O'Brien III, Allied Forces Northern Europe, received the leadership award. Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen Ashley Aronovitch, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Airman O'Brien III; and Airman Valenti.

Other graduates were:

### Eagle Flight

Senior Airmen Neal Eastwood, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Shawn Flue, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Robert Harris, 52nd AMXS; Philip Hayes Jr., 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Andrew Lehman, 52nd AMXS; Roddrick Palmore, 52nd AMXS; Ryan Samson, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Terrance Washington, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; and Holly

Wilson, 52nd EMS.

### Falcon Flight

Staff Sgt. Joey Santiago, 52nd EMS; and Senior Airmen Jeremy Burdick, 52nd EMS; Andrew Clark, 52nd AMXS; Nathan Cosgrove, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Jacob Evans, 52nd EMS; Matthew Gros, 52nd CMS; Michael Leroux, 52nd EMS; Leticia Martinez, 52nd CS; Armando Luna, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Jolene Meltzer, 52nd EMS; Renisha Pool, 52nd CPTS; David Scott, 52nd CES; and William Thomas Jr., 52nd AMXS.

### Warthog Flight

Senior Airmen Shafeeq Brown, 52nd CMS; Benjamin Caldwell, 52nd AMXS; Steven Fraser II, 52nd AMXS; Thomas Hughes, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron; Zachary Melin, 52nd AMXS; Gregory Pfeiffer, 52nd Maintenance Group; Tasha Pitts, 52nd EMS; Mark Simonds, 52nd AMXS; Ryan Velarde, 52nd CES; and Shaun Welden, 52nd AMXS (Compiled by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Louk, ALS)



## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Go tell it on a mount-area ... Tech. Sgt. William Black was instrumental in coordinating the renovation of the Security Police guard mount area. Survey says ... "salute"



for Tech. Sgt. Kurt Kowaleski, who ran the requirements survey team and, through the self-help program, took it upon himself to replace the roof on four softball dugouts. Movers and shakers are Senior Airmen Matthew Osborn and Christopher Rubio, who played a critical role in supporting the successful deployment of 130 personnel. Pull over to salute Staff Sgt. Francine Bennette and Senior Airman Craig Robison, who kept the 52nd Security Forces Squadron orderly room running smoothly as the 52nd Security Forces Squadron continues to work without a personnelist. Vote for Senior Airman Robert Simpson, who designed the "Spangdahlem Quick Vote." This provides wing leadership with a great tool to gain insight from the wing populace.

### 52nd Medical Group

Wonder women are Dawn Smith and Christine Bright, who did outstanding jobs filling in as 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron and 52nd MDG administrative assistants. Master Sgt. Donna Walle was a big hit with the first 52nd MDG Airman seminar. Senior Airman Melissa Bridges may not have been over troubled waters, but she did demonstrate quick thinking in alerting the Deutsche Rotes Kreuz to respond to a pedestrian-vehicle accident in base housing. Take two salutes and call her in the morning -- Senior Airman Kristen Ramon came in on a day off to arrange medevac medications for a patient leaving on the weekend. Maj. Bryan Vyverberg and Tech. Sgts. Bernard

Kimbrough and Virginia Woodard created friendly skies for an ill patient they successfully air-evaced back to the states in spite of numerous roadblocks.

### 52nd Operations Group

A clean salute to 1st Lt. Chancey Krol, who was lethal in exercise Clean Hunter with his completion of mission qualification air combat tactics training in a demanding environment versus NATO fighters. Remember Capt. Matt Allen and Ryan Petersen, who planned and executed four missing-man flybys on Memorial Day, sacrificing their weekend to honor those who gave their lives for freedom. "Sim"ply put ... Capt. Ben Bartlett helped destroy rival pilots' F-4 Phantoms in simulated air combat during his flight-lead upgrade program.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

We're "Finding Nimmo" worthy of a salute! Staff Sgt. Wesley Nimmo gave outstanding support during air shows to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy landings. Take stock of Senior Airman William Gibson, who spearheaded the munitions flight 100-percent semi-annual inventory with an astounding 99.78-percent accuracy rate. Clear the floor to salute Tech. Sgt. Keith Wilson, who stepped up as section chief while managing floor production and clearing 70 scheduled jobs in just six days. "Weld" done! Airman 1st Class Keith Hanson completed his aircraft welding certification in five metal groups -- normally a nine to 12-month task, this first term Airman completed the course in just four months.

*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:** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Flight, F-16 phase inspection dock

**A brief description of unit responsibilities:** This team works night and day to perform phase inspections of the F-16 aircraft and 1,600-hourly landing gear time changes or overhauls, along with 2,400-hour bulkhead inspections and accessory drive gearbox time changes.

**Number of members:** The 24-member team is led by Master Sgt. Joseph Mulder; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Lane; and Staff Sgts. Edward Jett, Joshua Conder and Danny Foxworth

**How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission?** This team holds the key to the wing's F-16 combat sustainment by keeping the 22nd and 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Units stocked with serviceable aircraft needed to execute the wing's flying hour program. This ensures aircraft availability pipeline is able to meet any Aerospace Expeditionary Force contingency.

**Team's other contributions through the year?** The F-16 phase dock team has helped the flight line reduce its out-of-commission time by accomplishing numerous special inspections, time compliance technical orders and time change items in conjunction with aircraft phase inspection. The team has also replaced or repaired 20 major flight control and 16 major landing gear components, which if gone uncorrected, would have jeopardized the aircraft and aircrew safety. This team keeps Spangdahlem's Fighting Falcons fit to fly.



Airman 1st Class Joshua Coleman

### Assumption of command

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, delegates command by passing the guidon to Col. Ann Smith, during the 52nd Maintenance Group Assumption of Command ceremony, held here June 18. Colonel Smith assumed command from Lt. Col. Greg Hoffman. She and her husband, John, are joining Team Eifel from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

## Get cracking on firework safety

By Inge Lersch  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July. These dazzling, but dangerous devices can burn up to 1,200 F and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations, blindness and even death.

Fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory when children and adults are injured while using them. They are classified as hazardous substances.

Some fireworks, such as illegal firecracker-type devices and professional-display fireworks, should never be used or handled by consumers or children due to serious injuries and death than can and do occur from such use or handling.

Stay safe by always leaving fireworks to professionals.

- ♦ Stay back at least 500 feet from professional fireworks displays.
- ♦ Treat all fireworks, whether legal or illegal for consumers, as suitable only for use by trained professionals.
- ♦ If you find fireworks, do not touch them; direct authorities to them.
- ♦ Leave any area where amateurs are using fireworks.

The use of fireworks on base or in base housing areas is illegal and prohibited according to SABI 32-2001. For the safety of you, your family and your friends, obey the law. Enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals.

# Summer hire program starts off with a bang -- students learn about mission, role at Spang

Story and photo by  
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52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

From answering phones to cutting the grass, 64 Spangdahlem Air Base, Bitburg Annex and geographically-separated unit high school and middle school students started their first day of work Tuesday through the summer hire program.

"The summer hire program is an excellent introduction to the work force. It provides an insight to the day-to-day activities of the military working community and an understanding of the importance of our mission," said Ms. Rhonda Matthias, 52nd Civilian Personnel Flight, civilian personnel human resources specialist.

The six-week long program gives organizations an opportunity to complete daily tasks or special projects through the temporary employment of dependent students, said Ms. Matthias. However, all position duties are general in nature and do not require prior experience or specialized training.

"Students in clerical positions may provide customer service, process incoming mail, operate basic office equipment and perform other routine administrative duties," said Ms.

Matthias. "Laborers perform more manual-type duties, such as stocking, painting, washing vehicles and various outdoor tasks."

Lisa Burn, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Burn, 52nd Communications Squadron, said that last year, she worked in the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, packing mobility bags and this year, she'll be a clerk in the clinic.

"We're thankful she has the opportunity to gain some valuable work experience and a few basic values like responsibility, being on time, good hygiene and a positive attitude," said Sergeant Burn. "I tell her when she shows up for work, she needs to be ready to work, the same as if she would have stepped out onto a soccer field and ready to play."

The program is under authority from the Assistant Secretary of Defense and is offered Air Force-wide, said Mr. Robert Bagwell, civilian personnel human resources assistant. It is an annual program that is a teaching and learning tool, where students can have a chance to get a taste of the working world and earn a little money along the way.

This extra money helps the students fill their pockets while on summer break. Students earn \$5.14 an hour and work 40

hours a week, said Mr. Bagwell. The students participate in the program for a number of reasons.

"I'm a senior, and I wanted the money so I could get ready for college," said Ashley Price, daughter of Staff Sgt. Stanley Price, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron. "I signed up for a clerical position similar to what I had two years ago, but I am a laborer instead this year. I'll be working in the post office."

Each April, the program is announced base-wide, and applications are made available at the civilian personnel flight. They accept applications for approximately seven weeks and then begin the placement of the students into the various jobs available.

"We assign positions based on a priority system -- from oldest to youngest," said Mr. Bagwell. Ages range from 14-years to 22-years old.

The summer hire program is an annual program as long as there are funds available. The amount of funding changes from year to year, said Ms. Matthias. In 2003, the 52nd Fighter Wing funded 108 positions; however, this year it dropped to 64 positions. Eighty-two students applied for the program.



Bryan Brannock, son of Master Sgt. Philip Brannock, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, puts labels on packages at the Spangdahlem Air Base post office during his first day on-the-job with the summer hire program.



## Wanted -- Hidden Heroes!

Volunteer at Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex schools, office and support facilities. Call the family support center at 452-9491 for details.



Col. Stephen Mueller

**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.

**June Sortie Scoreboard**

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	776	724	- 4
A-10	386	350	-13

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

Through June 29

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# Viewpoint

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## Higher learning

# AFN senior NCO gives due 'credit' to pursuit of Air Force educational benefits

By Master Sgt. John Tway  
Detachment 6, AFN

**LAJES FIELD, Portugal (USAFENS)** -- If you had asked me 16 years ago why I joined the Air Force, I would've told you the main reason was for the education benefits.

So I have to ask myself why, a decade and a half later, am I just now finishing my Community College of the Air Force degree? I could probably rationalize an answer and say, "I was too busy," or, "My temporary-duty schedule was too heavy," or, "I just didn't have time."

The truth is, yes I'm ashamed to say it, I was probably just lazy and maybe just a little scared. But now after all these years of putting off my education, I am finally buckling down and finishing my CCAF degree.

You know what I've discovered? Higher education isn't all that difficult. My courses haven't taken that much time out of my schedule and actually, I'm finding out learning is kinda fun. I've gotten college credit several ways and if you don't mind, I'll share my experiences with you.

I started off this journey by asking myself what I already knew. I was pretty certain that as a career broadcaster, I could probably complete my English credit requirement through the College Level Examination Program. I was admittedly a little nervous, but thought it couldn't hurt to try. So, I took a stroll to the base library and checked out one of the test preparation guides. I spent a couple of weeks studying the material and scheduled an exam through the education center.

“ Getting college credit really isn't that tough a task. Taking courses didn't take time out of my 'busy' schedule. Don't follow my example of waiting until you're a crusty master sergeant to get your own degree. ”

Lo and behold, I passed the exam and suddenly had six semester hours under my belt! I was finally on the path to earning my CCAF degree. But there was still more to do. I re-checked my degree requirements and decided to tackle Humanities next.

I called the University of Maryland University College field office and asked what was available. The pleasant young lady I spoke with told me UMUC was offering an Elementary Portuguese class, available as a lunchtime course that would meet my Humanities requirement. What a great concept! I was stationed in the Azores; I could learn some Portuguese and earn credit while doing it. What a deal! So, I signed up.

The next eight weeks were a sheer delight. I was learning something new, I was able to better communicate with my Portuguese co-workers and friends, and when it was over, I had three more semester hours in my CCAF account.

Yes, I did go TDY during the course, but I spoke to my instructor and was able to complete some coursework while I was away without interfering with my temporary assignment. The experience kind of blew away my "heavy TDY schedule" excuse. But I still had just a bit of a fear factor when it came to my next challenge ... the dreaded math course.

I don't know about you, but math, especially algebra, has always intimidated me. I knew I'd have to pass algebra or other higher mathematics course in order to get my degree, so once again, I picked up the phone. This time I tried a distance learning course through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. For some reason, the idea of taking a class while at home in my bunny slippers just appealed to me. I'm now about halfway through the course and while it's not a cakewalk, it's not bad either. The fear factor is subsiding. I am still six semester hours from my CCAF degree, but I'm finally "making" the time to finish it.

The point I'm trying to make is that getting college credit really isn't that tough a task. Taking courses didn't take an inordinate amount of time out of my "busy" schedule. My "TDY schedule" didn't hinder my progress, and I even slayed the fear dragon. Don't follow my example of waiting until you're a crusty master sergeant to get your own degree. Pick up the phone, call the education center and get started. You might even enjoy it.

## Direct Line

### Aircraft statics look disheveled

**Q**uestion: While taking photos of our gate guardians I noticed they seem to be in need of some tender loving care. The one that concerns me most is the Thud. On the port side, the paint is peeling off pretty badly. Is there some sort of restoration schedule for these aircraft? I have been here for four years and can't recall seeing anyone even wash them. Proud Warriors like these deserve to be cared for as best as we can. If we need volunteers to care for these aircraft, count me in.

**A**nswer: Thanks for your concern! The 52nd Maintenance Group has been working to coordinate base support and an open date to provide the necessary cleaning of our gate guardians. The aircraft are cleaned on an annual basis with the last occurring in March 2003; any required paint touch-up would occur after the aircraft are free of dirt. We recently discovered several endangered bird species breeding or nesting among our guardians and, due to German law, we are unable to clean the aircraft until September when we no longer disturb them. We will assess the paint in the next few weeks to determine, what, if any, preventive measures can be taken to halt further peeling until we are able to properly wash the aircraft. We'll schedule a date as soon as possible and request volunteers to assist with the project. No special skills or training is required. Thank you for helping us highlight this community project.

## Reagan death hits close to home

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer  
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (USAFENS)** -- I danced to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" when he was still cool.

I remember a lot of things about the 1980s: nuclear attack drills, "just say no," Chernobyl and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Former President Ronald Reagan was a man whose smile I noticed every time I saw him on television. His smile was warm and real in a world where so much had grown cold, even war.

I can remember bomb drills during my first few years in school at Hahn Air Base, Germany. While the schools in the U.S. may not have been practicing anymore, we were a lot closer to the former Soviet Union than they were, and it was only a short time after the explosion of the Chernobyl nuclear power station in the Ukraine.

President Reagan made missteps during his time in office, but he had the courage to admit to them. During the Iran-Contra scandal in 1986, he admitted that there was wrong-doing and made no excuses for what happened.

He also put a spotlight on many issues during his time on earth.

His open letter to America about his battle with Alzheimer's disease expressed his hope to encourage a clear understanding of those also affected by the disease.

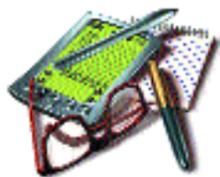
He was behind America's fighting men and women, prepared to back them with as much money as Congress would allow.

He never let his age stop him. When Reagan was inaugurated for his second term in office at age 73, he became the oldest person ever to be sworn in as America's leader.

While he wasn't in office when the Berlin Wall fell and the Iron Curtain torn away, it was his first steps toward restoring peace with the Soviets that led to the final outcome.

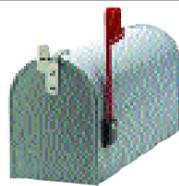
June 11 we honored another true patriot, a man who believed in America and its people. We will forever mourn the "Great Communicator."

Yes, I am a child of the '80s. Yes, I wore a ponytail on the side of my head ... and yes, I am mourning America's loss too.



## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



### B\*A\*S\*H safety

To ensure maximum safety for participants of the 2004 Big Annual Summer Happening rides, the following safety rules for all participants will be strictly enforced.

- ♦ Children must be at least 48-inches tall to ride adult rides. A child being of mandatory height requirement does not necessarily mean it is safe for them to ride.

- ♦ Children must remain seated, with all body parts inside for the entire ride.

- ♦ "High fives" exchanges with fellow riders or bystanders are not allowed.

- ♦ Safety belts or bars must be utilized at all times.

- ♦ Bystanders must stay well clear of all rides while they are in motion.

- ♦ Horse play is not allowed.

- ♦ People appearing to be intoxicated will be denied the right to purchase a ticket for the ride.

- ♦ Rides cannot be entered or exited once they begin. Observe rides for a while before getting on them or allowing children to ride them.

### Free concert

Enjoy an "Independence Day Concert" July 4. An outdoor church service is at 5 p.m., and the concert is at 7 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Bowling Alley pavilion. People are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Call Deb Dohmann at 452-6711/6281 for details.

### Clearance sale

Eifel Mountain's Pro Shop golf ball clearance sale has prices reduced on name brand golf balls -- ranging from \$26 per dozen (\$12 savings) to \$12.80 per dozen (\$7.20 savings). The Pro Shop offers golf gear, too. Call Bobby Stevens at 452-4653 for more information.

### Thrift shop

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club thrift shop is still open. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday. Although the building looks abandoned, it is still located in the old barber shop building. All thrift shop owned items are 50 percent off through Sept. 30. For

more information, call Diana Frisch at 06565-4514.

### PTA volunteers

The Parents, Teachers Association seeks volunteers to coordinate the upcoming fall book fair in November. A volunteer chairperson is also needed for the European Spelling Bee, held March 2005. For details, call Master Sgt. Bryon Grays at 452-4348/6339.

### Volunteer needed

The Spangdahlem Air Base Cub Scout Pack 165 seeks a committee chairperson for the upcoming scout year. No experience is necessary. Persons interested can call Laura Crain at 06565-942761 or e-mail her at fraucrain@yahoo.com.

### Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic needs Hidden Heroes to volunteer to sort donations. Call Lynn Luria or Angela Brunal at 452-6422 for details.

### Genealogy

A Genealogy class takes place July 12 at 6 p.m. The one-hour class covers family research. Call the Spangdahlem AB library at 452-6203 or the Bitburg Annex library at 452-9055 to sign up.

### City Grill hours

City Grill II and the All Star's Sports Lounge are now open at the Bitburg Annex, building 78. City Grill II is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 1-10 p.m. The All Star Sports Lounge is open Tuesday through Thursday from 4-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4-11 p.m. Call Fred McKenney at 452-6703 for details.

### Remote control airplanes

Spangdahlem AB has a radio control airplane club and flying site. If interested in flying or to learn more about the hobby, call Staff Sgt. Jeff Tibbitts at 06565-955952.

### Coffee Mill

The Coffee Mill of the Eifel chapels,

an alcohol-free alternative, is open Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 7-11 p.m. The Coffee Mill, located at Spangdahlem AB, building 139, offers free specialty coffees such as mochas, cappuccinos and lattes, in a non-religious setting. Call Bill Mason or Vern Salter at 452-6711/6281 for more information.

### ODR events

For information on Outdoor Recreation, call 452-7176 or stop by Spangdahlem AB, building 146, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- ♦ July 9-11, enjoy a Swiss mountain biking and hiking weekend, near Gstaadt Interlaken. Accommodations at Hotel Baeren, include transportation, tools, guide, bikes, two overnights w/breakfast and one buffet. It is limited to 15 people. Cost ranges from \$240 to \$275 per person. Earn 150 Extreme Summer points.

- ♦ July 17, enjoy a North Sea fishing trip off the coast of Belgium. It's geared toward serious anglers, desiring to catch cod, pollack, whiting, flounder, bass and sea bream on rough seas in the North Atlantic anywhere from two to 30 miles off the coast. Cost is \$125 per person. Earn 50 Extreme Summer points.

- ♦ July 24-25, Luxembourg raft and castle hiking weekend, float down the Sauer River and camp that evening along the Luxembourg border. Next morning, hike to a 12th century castle. It's limited to 20 people and is a must for history buffs and photographers.

- ♦ July 27 - Aug. 1, take an Italy scuba certification course. It includes books, dive tables and instruction to prepare for written and practical tests. Bus and lodging are included. Three pool sessions are a pre-requisite for the trip. It's limited to eight uncertified divers and four certified divers. Cost is \$550 per person. Earn 150 Extreme Summer points.

- ♦ July 31, Luxembourg cave rappel near Echternach, perform a 25 to 70 foot rappel into caves. It includes crawling, climbing and squeezing through various rooms and passages. Cost is \$35 per person. Earn 50 Extreme Summer points.

## Chapel Services

For information regarding on- and off-base chapel services, call the chapel office at 452-6711/6281/6179.

To get in contact with a chaplain after duty hours, call the Command Post at 452-6141 (06565-616141).



### Bible school

The chapel staff seeks volunteers to teach music, crafts and games, as well as scripture leaders, decorators and assistants for the 52nd Fighter Wing Joint Vacation Bible school, held July 19 - 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Adreienne Brown at 06561-946685 for details.

### OCF Bible studies

Officer's Christian Fellowship meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee Mill, located at Spangdahlem AB, building 139. There are free coffee and snacks for people interested in reading and learning Scripture. Contact 2nd Lt. Rueben Amador at 452-6141 for more information.

## Club Eifel Happenings

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

### Congratulations ...

**Miranda Hilton** was the Club Eifel's Hot Food n' Cold Cash winner last Friday. She won \$100.

### Today

☐ Malibu Madness is from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Catch the perfect wave with Malibu drink specials. Free buffet for members from 5 to 7 p.m. Freaky DJ plays variety hits from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



☐ The Tri-Continent Buffet offers the best of the seafood buffet with a touch of German and Asian cuisine from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers.

### Wednesday

☐ Try the Mongolian BBQ. Price is \$0.50/oz. (Non-members add \$3 to total).

### Holiday and B.A.S.H hours

- ♦ Today, normal hours
- ♦ Saturday and Sunday, open from noon to 10 p.m. for slot play -- beverages available. (Open for special function -- wing Fourth of July reception)
- ♦ Monday, closed
- ♦ Tuesday, open from noon to 10 p.m. for slot play -- beverages available.
- ♦ B.A.S.H., open daily at noon today through Monday at the Bitburg Annex French Caserne



## 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 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 July 8. 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.afees.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.afees.com/ems/default.asp).

### Bitburg Castle

Today

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

In the spring of 1836, Gen. Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence led 200 Texans at the Alamo into history.

*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

*Home on the Range (PG, 7 p.m.)*

A musical comedy set in the untamed West, a group of underdog animal characters face a greedy outlaw.

*Troy (10 p.m.)*

Sunday

*The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

A retired hitman, Jimmy, is asked to help out an old friend when he shows up, begging at his door, to help him rescue his wife from a Hungarian mob.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Home on the Range (4 p.m.)*

*The Whole Ten Yards (7 p.m.)*

Thursday

*Troy (7 p.m.)*

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

*Shrek 2 (PG, 7 p.m.)*

Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them for dinner. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge -- the In-Laws.

*The Girl Next Door (10 p.m.)*

Matthew is a straight-arrow, over-achiever who falls for his new neighbor. When he discovers the "girl next door" is a one-time porn star, his sheltered existence spins out of control.

Saturday

*Walking Tall (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

After returning from serving his country overseas, Chris finds out his high school rival, Jay, has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. Chris is elected sheriff and shuts down Jay's operations.

*Hellboy (10 p.m.)*

When Rasputin returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it's up to the demon, Hellboy, and his friends to stop him.

Sunday

*Shrek 2 (4 p.m.)*

*The Girl Next Door (7 p.m.)*

Monday

*Walking Tall (7 p.m.)*

Tuesday

*Hellboy (7 p.m.)*

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Antiques, castles, cycling, site-seeing ...

# Benelux countries have many activities for holiday weekend

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Once again, the Roth an der Our Fire Department, located near Vianden, Luxembourg, invites base members to their annual flea market Sunday.

This unique and popular event attracts people from Germany and the Benelux countries. More than 50 stands will be available, offering rarities such as antique furniture or ancient household items.

Arts and crafts made out of copper and tin, as well as jewelry and toys, are usually popular items that can be found at the annual Roth an der Our flea market.

Eifel region food specialties are cooked on ancient stoves at the event. One crowd favorite is potato pads. Beverages will also be available for purchase. There is a small entry fee to the market. A lift up to the Oranienburg castle makes an exciting excursion.

The Roth market takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is available, and the firemen will direct people to the designated parking areas.

For those who wish to cross the border after the flea market to explore Luxembourg, the town of Vianden is a perfect spot. Besides having a famous castle, Vianden offers a number of museums and art exhibitions, not to mention the photography museum and art at the Pumspeicherwerk.

In 1871, the great French writer, Victor Hugo, spent his voluntary exile at Vianden. The romantic poet took refuge and meditated in Vianden's magnificent surroundings.

Over the years, Vianden has become a famous tourist attraction. There are 150km of walking trails, a chairlift, a heated outdoor swimming pool, a mini-golf ground, fishing possibilities in the Our and many bicycle trails suited for mountain bike tours.

The winding, narrow and paved streets have preserved their medieval charm of this town.

The huge hydroelectric pumping works, the most powerful pumping station in Europe, witnesses the little town's opening toward modern technical progress.

Hugo's house at the bridge was arranged into the Victor Hugo Museum in 1935. The poet's manuscript letters, his



Courtesy photo

**The Vianden castle regularly hosts medieval festivals on an open-air-stage, art exhibitions and other cultural events. Historical artifacts can be found year-round. In the past, this popular castle served as the imposing home of the counts of Vianden.**

furniture and personal documents, as well as reproductions of his drawings sketched during his stay are shown. Rodin's famous bust of Victor Hugo stands on the breastwork of the bridge.

For one week in August, the Vianden castle has an open-air stage for medieval celebrations. People can experience culture and traditions of the past with music, food and crafts galore.

The inhabitants of Vianden had been clever craftsmen, and nowadays the citizens still display this originality and they have kept faithfully their old traditions alive.

To get to Roth an der Our and Vianden, located adjacent to Roth, take the Autobahn from Spangdahlem to Bitburg. Take the exit to Bitburg. After 5km, exit B-50 in the direction of Vianden. People will pass the communities of Oberweis and Sinspelt. Always follow signs to Vianden. Before crossing the border, follow a sign into the small village of Roth and the flea market parking lot.



## 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.)*

♦ The annual Loreley festival takes place today through Sunday, featuring fireworks and entertainment. A giant fireworks festival, which is part of this event, takes place in Piesport.

♦ The wine town of Saarburg holds its annual market and giant fireworks display today through Sunday.

♦ The local community of Eisen-schmitt hosts its annual music festival today through Sunday.

♦ A historical wine and castle festival takes place today through Monday in Kobern-Gondorf.

♦ The 51st International Folks festival of Kroev takes place today through Monday.

♦ Stop by the Trier-Ruwer summer festival Saturday through Monday at the Ruwer festival grounds.

♦ A special handicraft market takes place Saturday and Sunday around the Trier Porta Nigra.

♦ Help celebrate the Grandsdorf summer festival Saturday and Sunday.

♦ Participate in the 26th International Marching Days of Altrich Saturday and Sunday.

♦ The Jazz and Rock School of Trier invites everyone to a jazz and rock festival at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center.

♦ Sign up now to participate in the first German-American Friendship Run of Binsfeld Sunday. The event features a 1.7k run for children, 14-years old and below, at 9:30 a.m.; a 5k run for adults at 10 a.m. and a 10k run for adults at 10 a.m. Register at [ortsge.meinde.binsfeld@t-online.de](mailto:ortsge.meinde.binsfeld@t-online.de) or via fax at 06575-95882.

♦ Listen to organ music Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Trier Konstantin Basilica. Tickets are five euro each. For details, go to [www.trierer-rgelpunkt.de](http://www.trierer-rgelpunkt.de).

♦ The Pierre Kremer Quartett and special guest will perform jazz music at 7:30 p.m. Thursday inside the courtyard of the Trier Brunnenhof, located on Simeonstrasse 60, near the Porta Nigra. Tickets are five euro.

♦ The 19th International ADAC Truck Grand Prix, a highlight event in the Eifel area, takes place July 9-11 at the Nuerburgring race track. The event features a vast entertainment program for the entire family, including lots of action, fun and music. For details, go to [www.truck-grand-prix.de](http://www.truck-grand-prix.de).

♦ Enjoy the famous European Folk Festival of Bitburg July 9-12 at the town's Beda Platz. About 50 groups from 15 different countries will visit Bitburg and participate in the events. A parade through the center of town is scheduled for July 11. This is a high-light event in the area.

♦ Enjoy the annual "Europe a la Carte" Traben-Trarbach Mosel wine festival July 9-12.

♦ The Kesten wine and sports festival takes place July 9-12.

# Set a 'course' for adventure on Eifel greens

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The smell of the freshly cut grass and the crisp blue sky made it a perfect day for a game of golf at the newly re-opened course on Spangdahlem Air Base.

The Eifel Mountain Golf Course re-opened June 10 after nearly 18 months of renovations and construction due to the Rhein Main Transition Project, said Bobby Stevens, 52nd Services Squadron, golf course manager.

"It was more cause and effect than an actual renovation," he said.

The Eifel Mountain Golf Course was constructed in 1966, and the Pro Shop was built in 1969.

The course was not re-designed, but some of the fairways were re-shaped, and the natural areas were cut to add visual interest and challenge to golfers of all skill levels, said Mr. Stevens.

Golfers are beginning to notice the improvements to the course since the grand re-opening.

"One of the things I noticed on the new course was the sand traps. They used to have large rocks and gravel in them," said Staff Sgt. Gerald Peterson Jr., 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. "The greens are now in good shape for putting. In the past, you would have to guess on a putt, because there were many rough spots on the green, and the ball would bounce off."

While the course was being restored, there was some much needed updating done to various parts of the course.

"The number eight green was completely re-surfaced, and some parts of the number one green were replaced," added Mr. Stevens. "All 15 sand traps were re-shaped and reconstructed."

The course has not only been reconstructed, it has been beautified as well.

"There are new physical features to several of the holes that make them very appealing to the eye," said Sergeant Peterson. "Hole number two has totally changed. The tee box has been moved across the road, and it will surely become the signature hole of this course."

Team Eifel members are encouraged to come out and try the new course.

Eifel Mountain offers lessons for everyone. They have certified instructors, and club professionals can work with every skill level, said Mr. Stevens. They also have rental clubs for play and for the practice range.

"Golf is a great way to pass the time in the Eifel. The sun goes down late here, and the evenings are a wonderful time, with little or no course traffic, to come out and hit on the range or play nine holes," said Mr. Stevens. The course now offers Twilight Golf every Monday through Friday starting at 6 p.m. The fees are reduced, and it allows people to play for even less.

The next Eifel Mountain event, a four-person select shot terrible pin placement tournament, tees off July 10. Terrible pin placement is simply finding the least desirable spot on the green to place the cup, explained Mr. Stevens.

A nine-hole couple's tournament starts at 6 p.m. July 21. It is open to experienced and beginner players alike and is designed to be a fun evening out for couples.

After a long day out on the course, or for just a lunch break from the office, Team Eifel members can swing on into the restaurant and grab a bite to eat.

The restaurant at the Eifel Mountain club house is open daily from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. They serve breakfast all day and offer a wide variety of sandwiches, said Mr. Stevens.

The Pro Shop is located in the club house, and there are plans to update the clothing line and expand the children's equipment, said Mr. Stevens.

"We carry rain suits, pullovers, golf shoes, golf gloves and if there is a specific item a player is looking for, odds are we can order it for them," he said.



Airman Aaron McClure, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, putts the ball Saturday at the newly re-shaped Eifel Mountain Golf Course on Spangdahlem Air Base. The course re-opened June 10 after being closed for nearly 18 months for construction, initiated by the Rhein Main Transition Project.

"This course is a brand new course compared to the Eifel Mountain Golf Course from two years ago," said Sergeant Peterson. "The staff is extending an awesome effort, and this course offers challenges for the seasoned golfer as well as forgiveness for the new player to learn on."

Golf course focus groups are planned for July 9 at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The team at Eifel Mountain wants feedback from golfers who have played the new course, or who are interested in playing it. The feedback sessions include a lunch buffet for participants and takes place in Club Eifel. Each group is limited to 15 people. Call Lisa Stevens at 452-6466 to register.

## Eifel Mountain Golf Course

### Hours of operation

♦ **Golf course, Pro Shop and snack bar** (serving breakfast and lunch) Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

♦ **Driving range**  
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

♦ **Twilight hours**  
Dine-in, takeout and delivery, (delivery only available to flight line, ammo and the hospital), 8-11 p.m.

### Green fees

♦ **Annual green fees**  
E-5 and above, \$270 (\$245 membership); E-4 and below, \$200 (\$175 for membership)

♦ **18 holes**  
E-5 and above, \$14; E-4 and below, \$10.50; guests, \$22; juniors, 15-years old and younger, \$8

♦ **Nine holes**  
E-5 and above, \$10.50; E-4 and below, \$8; guests, \$12; juniors, 15-years old and younger, \$5

♦ **Twilight special**  
(after 6 p.m., Monday through Friday), E-5 and above, \$8; E-4 and below, \$6; guests, \$18; juniors 15-years old and younger, \$5

(\$2 discount for Club Eifel memberships)

## Sports Briefs

### Personal training certification

The deadline for the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America Personal Training Certification course is today at 4:30 p.m. The course begins July 29 and runs through Aug. 1. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6251 for details.

### Self defense class

A self defense class starts Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the base fitness center. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, and participants will learn unarmed, knife and impact weapon self defense. The cost is \$60 per person. Contact Keith Plouffee at 06527-933130 or via e-mail at plouffka@hotmail.com for more information.

### Flag football

Registration for youth flag football ends July 10. Applications for boys and girls, ages nine to 18, can be picked up at the Bitburg Annex or Spangdahlem AB youth centers. Cost is \$25 per child. Uniforms and equipment are provided by the youth centers. Call Randall Greenfield at 452-7545 for details.

### Track and field

Team Eifel members interested in the base varsity track and field program can call Master Sgt. Bryon Grays at 452-5289 for more information.

### Mountain biking

The 2004 U.S. Air Force's in Europe Mountain Bike series kicks off July 10 at the Schopp Velodrome near Vogelweh, Germany. Categories are boys/girls, ages 13-17; men's masters, age 40+; men's senior, ages 30-39; women's open 18+; and men's open, ages 18-29. For more information and to register e-mail jacqueline.habel2@ramstein.af.mil or call DSN 480-7623.



### Keyless entry system

Bitburg Annex's Ed O'Connor Conditioning Center no longer has hours of operation, but rather a 24-hour keyless entry system for the Bitburg Annex residents. Applications for entry authorization are at the front desk of the Spangdahlem AB Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

### Cheerleading clinic

A one-day cheerleading clinic takes place at the Spangdahlem AB soccer field, behind the fitness center, July 13. The Seattle Seahawk cheerleaders will host two sessions:

♦ Session one is for youth, ages 6-12; check-in time is 8:45 a.m., and the clinic is from 9-11 a.m.

♦ Session two is for youth, ages 13-18; check-in time is 12:15 p.m., and the clinic is from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per person, and the registration deadline is July 12 at either the Bitburg Annex or Spangdahlem AB youth and teen centers. Call Jake Jacobs at 452-7381 for more information.

### 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 are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Fridays 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.

### Operation Stay Fit

Run a 5k, bike a 30k and then run another 5k during the Operation Stay Fit Duathlon July 16 at noon in the base fitness center. Registration is now through the event day. The event is free for Team Eifel members. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6251 for details.