

Dress Right, Dress

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White socks may be worn with boots. During exercises and contingencies, wear black socks or black socks over the white socks to preclude white socks from showing, excluding food service.

(Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Post-deployment medicine

People returning home from a Joint Chiefs of Staff - directed deployment must complete a post-deployment health questionnaire, see a provider for a face-to-face assessment and give a blood sample no later than the second duty day upon returning to their duty section from compensatory days. The post-deployment processing Tuesday through Thursday is from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Medical Clinic, building 137. For details, call Maj. Mark Duffy at 452-8314.

Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area will be closed Sept. 1-30 to conduct the 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.

NATO Tactical Evaluation

The NATO Tactical Evaluation kicks off Aug. 5 with initial testing and evaluations and runs through Aug. 13. Exercise the proper customs and courtesies to our NATO partners. The NATO team consists mostly of foreign NATO military officers and their 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.

Gate closure update

The Spangdahlem AB main gate will be closed Aug. 13-31 to outbound lanes of traffic, and 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, SABER project manager, at 452-6847.

AF Reserve

Make the transition to civilian life easier by continuing to serve in the Air Force Reserve. Reservists can use the Air Force benefits of tuition assistance, unlimited BX and commissary privileges and earn pay to boot. Appointments for the Air Force Reserve are available each Tuesday at building 131 in the military personnel flight separations branch. Call Master Sgt. Victor Bradford at 480-2326 for more information.

Wolves beware!

Little Red Riding Hood is on the loose in the ACT Eifel youth theater production of "Into the Woods."

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Staff Sgt. John Barton

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, defends himself with a squirt gun as he gets hosed down as part of his traditional final flight here Tuesday. Participants and on-lookers are Lt. Col. Russell Quinn, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; 1st Lt. Chauncy Krol, 22nd Fighter Squadron; 1st Lt. Sean Penrod, 23rd Fighter Squadron and 1st Lt. Gerald Ferdinand, 22nd FS.

Leading Spang's Airmen has been an incredible honor ...

Col. Stephen P. Mueller
Commander, 52nd Fighter Wing

Dear warriors of the 52nd Fighter Wing and valued community members,

The only way to describe my two years as your commander is "an incredible honor." I told you at my assumption of command that I felt like I had won the lottery coming to Spangdahlem Air Base. I felt that way because it had always been my dream to be stationed in the Eifel.

Little did I know that the beauty of this location would be surpassed by the terrific people who work and support this great air base.

I have told every person that was assigned here that they had arrived at the "best base" in the Air Force; I also told them welcome to the busiest base. When I look back, I am certain that both

of those descriptions were dead accurate.

We are indeed the best base, and you have made that look easy while operating at a break-neck pace every day.

Your diligence in your pursuit of EXCELLENCE is commendable and only surpassed by your achievements: Installation Excellence Award, U.S. Air Forces in Europe unit compliance inspection "Excellent," Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations "Excellent" and Curtain Award are just a few of the many Air Force and USAFE-level recognitions YOU have earned.

Earning awards is truly a fine measure of your excellence, but I am most impressed with your day-to-day support of our nation's Global War on Terrorism. To be "Constantly Ready" is a phenomenal task, and you made it look easy. You

deployed over half of our military members to locations around the globe, showing off Team Eifel spirit wherever the mission took you.

Additionally, the folks who stayed behind worked just as hard supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom while making up for the deployed members.

I am so proud and incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to lead such fine men and women. I assure you that this assignment will carry memories that I will treasure forever. I will tell the Air Force that you can take the Muellers out of Spangdahlem but you will never take the Spangdahlem spirit out of us.

Thank you for your Excellence and God's speed to each and every one of you.

Lack of detail, safety causes USAFE mishaps

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

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- A recent rash of mishaps within U.S. Air Forces in Europe compels me to ask all USAFE personnel take a moment to step back and assess attention to detail in their work and home activities.

Several mishaps within the past two months could have been averted if individuals had paid more attention to detail in their activity at hand. We had an F-16 ingest a plastic pod cover into its engine; a KC-135 crew damage its multi-point refueling sys-

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tem; and three F-15 aircraft sustain various levels of damage from bird strikes within a two-hour period. In addition, during transport activities, a C-130 propeller unit was damaged when dropped from a forklift.

In off-duty activities, we've also had some preventable accidents. A couple was seriously injured in a head-on collision when the distracted driver drifted left of centerline, and a USAFE motorcyclist is still in serious condition after he drifted wide in a turn and struck a guardrail.

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What's in the bag?

Story and photo illustrations by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

With Aerospace Expeditionary Forces 1 and 2 just around the corner in August and September, hundreds of Team Eifel warriors begin the process of packing up to support operations downrange.

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility section gives you an idea of just what sorts of things you can expect to carry in one or more deployment bags. The bag on the right is called a class-C1 bag. There are two additional classes of bags below.

Some bag items make life easier, and some can save your life altogether. For more information about bag contents, inspections or expiration dates of items, call the 52nd LRS at 452-7115.



The class A bag contains essential goodies for eating, sleeping and bug warfare. It comes with a sleeping bag, steel mess kit, bug repellent, a rain poncho and an ammunition holder.



The class B bag is designed for extreme cold weather. Staff Sgt. Barbara Schleppebach, 52nd LRS mobility supervisor, said Airmen are issued these items even for desert territories, which can reach freezing temps in winter months.

New JSLIST chemical warfare suits have recently been issued with hoods for ease of use. The suits should be issued the same size as BDUs since they are already designed larger than regular uniforms.

Check filter canisters in their cans before use and make sure you can hear them roll around. If there is no play in the can, the can may be dented and the filter may be damaged. Consult the 52nd LRS at 452-7115 or unit deployment managers to be sure.

Mishaps

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These mishaps represent a disturbing trend that must be stopped before we lose an aircraft, or worse, a life. The investigations of these mishaps are still ongoing, but in each case there appears to have been an opportunity for an individual to pay closer attention to the task at hand.

Had they paid closer attention, they would have been able to assess the risks of their actions and make a decision that could have reduced risk and potentially averted the mishap.

The investigations will likely yield recommendations to further improve procedures. However, there is never a substitute for active leadership, at all levels, to keep everyone properly focused on completing their tasks correctly.

Whether it is a last check to remove covers before a jet

engine start, or putting off distractions to keep in the proper lane while driving, I need commanders and supervisors to emphasize the importance of keeping each individual focused on each task.

Attention to detail, following established procedures and guarding against complacency are still our best front-line defense against mishaps.

You must put forth a renewed effort to emphasize attention to detail in daily tasks. We cannot afford to lose combat capability by destroying an aircraft, aircraft parts, or other resources.

And finally, we can never replace the enthusiasm and courage each individual brings to our Air Force if they are injured or killed in a preventable mishap. Do your part to lead the charge in stopping this trend of mishaps!

Speed, wildlife cause major accidents, Team Eifel Airmen survive 17 crashes

By Iain Lotan
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 17 car crashes last week – four were classified as major. Team Eifel had no DUIs this past weekend.

Speeding, inattentive driving and wildlife were the causes for the major car crashes.

The first major crash occurred on L-34 near Kyllburg. An airman first class slammed into a deer and then crashed into the road's shoulder. The Airman complained about abdominal injuries and was transported to the

Bitburg emergency room for treatment. The vehicle was disabled.

The second major car crash occurred on A-62 near Ramstein. A staff sergeant was traveling too fast for road conditions and lost control of her vehicle, causing her car to slam into a guardrail. She received minor injuries, and the vehicle was disabled.

The third major car crash occurred on B-50. An airman first class's vehicle was totaled when his tires left the road and caused his vehicle to slam into a ditch. No

injuries were reported.

The fourth major crash occurred on L-46. While approaching a corner, a staff sergeant realized he was going too fast to make the corner and lost control. His vehicle hit an embankment and flipped over.

There were 13 minor accidents last week. Two were for speeding, four from improper backing, one from wildlife, one from inattentive driving, one from fleeing the scene of an accident, one from other at-fault and three from following too closely.



Staff Sgt. Jeanette Copeland

3rd AF change of command

Maj. Gen. Michael Gould accepts the 3rd Air Force guidon from Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, July 15 during an assumption of command ceremony at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. General Gould replaces Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, who is now the Air Force Special Operations Command commander, located at Hurlburt Field, Fla.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Alyson Miller
Unit: 52nd Fighter Wing Headquarters
Duty title: Wing Executive Officer
Hometown: Tucson, Arizona
Years in Service: Six
Nominee's contributions to 52nd FW mission success: Captain Miller has performed superbly as the wing executive officer for the past year, and her fingerprints are on every wing success. She created the wing's web-based suspense system that led to a 90 percent reduction in search time, 85 percent reduction in manual support and saved an incredible 500 man-hours annually. People focused, Captain Miller re-engineered the officer performance reports and

enlisted performance reports. This ensured that Team Eifel members had the highest quality reports in their personnel files on time. This expedience helped wing members compete well for awards, decorations, assignments and promotions. Through Captain Miller's phenomenal organizational abilities, every wing administrative process was improved, and her style earned the respect of the wing's senior officers and senior NCOs. She led the wing command section through the Unit Compliance Inspection that resulted in four noteworthy strengths and contributed to the wing's "Excellent" rating. Captain Miller is a pleasure to work with. She will be missed in building 23 as she returns to the 52nd Services Squadron.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: I love doing stuff with my church.

What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? I work-out, play softball and cook. Recently, I went camping at Lake Constance.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I love the fact that I'm stationed with my husband; he's the greatest.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? Too many people in customer service immediately say "we can't do that, or we don't do that." It's usually not as hard as something looks or seems. I'd really like it if people were more open to trying or doing something new.

702nd MUNSS breaks ground to construct new fitness center

By Capt. Jeff Brown
 702nd Munitions Support Squadron
 Mission Support flight commander

BUECHEL AIR BASE, Germany -- Construction of the Buechel Fitness Center got under way July 16.

Approximately 50 Americans and Germans gathered around the grassy field where the facility will be constructed to officially start the project.

The head architect for Landesbetrieb Liegenschafts und Baubetreuung Koblenz, Herr Christophe Strohschneider, said he was excited about the design and is ready to get the project started after many years of planning.

The German wing commander, Oberst (Col.) Olaf Von Roeder, commented that the fitness center symbolizes the commitment the U.S. Air Force has not only to its Airmen, but to the bond of "teamwork and cooperation" that is prevalent between the

base and the 702nd Munitions Support Squadron as well.

He went on to say this facility will be a place for American and German Airmen to meet and continue to build upon the outstanding working relationship they have. Lt. Col. Galen Kirchmeier, 702nd MUNSS Squadron commander, noted that the new facility supports the focus and commitment the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John G. Jumper, has placed on the physical well-being of the men, women and families throughout the Air Force. The \$620,000 project, which has been in planning since 2001, is projected to be completed in the summer of 2005.

Herr Strohschneider, Colonel Kirchmeier; Oberst von Roeder and Franz Lanser, chief of Standortverwaltung Buechel, performed the ceremonial "first spade" for the new fitness center.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Cha-ching! Civilians **Susan Brown, Ashley McClanahan, Nanea Gray, Brenda Reese, Marie Woodburn, Beth**

Caoagas and 1st Lt. Robert Reynado donated time to provide cashier support to private organizations, carnival and services activities for 14 hours a day to help control expenses for the recent Big Annual Summer Happening.

"Letter" have a big salute ... **Staff Sgt. Megan Valdepena** oversees some 6,000 boxes for more than 14,000 customers at the post office. She also trains the volunteers and the summer hires. Don't "pass" up his salute - **Airman 1st Class Shaun Arthur** scored a 92 percent on his career development course exam. He'll receive a three-day pass, and his supervisor, **Staff. Sgt. Rodney Landry**, receives a one-day pass.

52nd Operations Group

Viva las Vargas ... **Senior Airman Will Vargas** gained an extra-stripe below-the-zone and got squadron and group Airman of the Quarter nods. This captain "crunched" the competition ... **Capt. Trevor Wentlandt** is the new wing commander's executive officer. His efforts during the past two years as assistant flight commander of wing weapons and tactics have continually enabled the 52nd Operations Support Squadron members to excel at their mission. **Capt. Emily Myers** is the new 52nd Operations Group commander's executive officer. She demonstrated superior leadership as the assistant flight commander of airfield operations. An executive salute to both Captains Wentlandt and Myers! So "fly" are **Cpts. Jesse Friedel and Matt Renbarger**, who flew a historic July 4 fly-by in West Virginia. They wear the crowns ... **Cpts. Sean Rassas, Joe Locke and Jeremiah**



Reed and 1st Lt. Chris Perkins flew the Ettlbruck, Luxembourg Memorial fly-by and were praised by the Crown Duke of Luxembourg and U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

52nd Maintenance Group

For **Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Krumm**, compiling the weekly maintenance and utilization schedule is a piece of cake. His coordination with all the flying squadrons, three different maintenance squadrons and the operations and maintenance groups keeps the wing informed and in sync.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Change is good for **Staff Sgt. Andreama Watkins**, who ensured 100 percent of all suspenses, operating instructions and commander policy letters were completed prior to the Munitions Support Squadron transition from the 52nd MXG to the newly established 38th MMG. You know he makes us wanna "Shaut!" **Staff Sgt. Shawn Shaut** led the 38th MMG softball team to bragging rights. His coaching skills earned the team a 13-0 record in the base playoffs.

52nd Medical Group

A cut above the rest is **Airman 1st Class Bridget Martinez**, who volunteered to assist in an after-hours appendectomy. They got you covered ... **Staff Sgt. Jodi Rusticelli** and **Airman 1st Class Ontario Rogers** provided medic coverage during the 52nd MDG change of command ceremony. Dental's **Airman 1st Class Terah Murphy** always steps in to cover those who are feeling "down in the mouth." **Lt. Col. Billy Cecil** sends a huge Team Eifel salute to the Fighting 52nd Combat Medics: "Thanks for a fantastic two years -- you rock!"

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 Fighter Wing Command Post

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team directs wing command and control activities. They also manage receipt, authentication and dissemination of real world and exercise emergency action messages. The team complies, coordinates and transmits Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and NATO operational reports pertaining to mission results and force status.

Number of members: 21

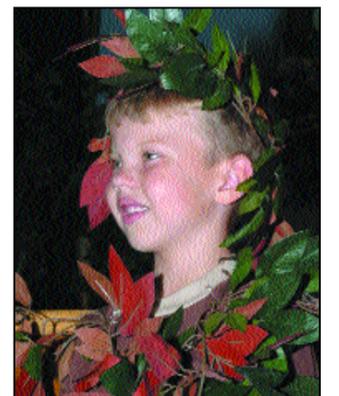
How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The 52nd FW Command Post is the wing's 24-hour presence and the first point of contact to receive calls from the President of the United States, JCS, USAFE, NATO or the Red Cross. The team disseminates critical information to base populace via personal contact or Battle Staff Directive. They also initiate base recalls and coordinate Unit Control Center activities. **Team's other contributions through the year?** The team coordinated battle staff operations and oversaw deployment of more than 1,900 personnel and 75 aircraft to more than 15 downrange locations in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Liberia. The team also developed and launched the Commander's Access Channel, which allows the 52nd FW commander a way to quickly pass information on to the base. The Command Post is always on duty and ever vigilant to the needs of Team Eifel.

Interested in a degree?

We can help! Call Spangdahlem Air Base's
 Combat Education center at 452-6063.



Colleen Doherty, 14, daughter of Lt. Col. Jay Doherty, 52nd Fighter Wing; Zoe Martin, 4, daughter of Staff Sgt. Robert Martin, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Lindy Friday, 7, daughter of Senior Airman Daniel Friday, 606th Air Control Squadron; Shakeil Kanish, 12, son of Tech. Sgt. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., 52nd FW; wait for their cue from the director and for the curtains to open during a dress rehearsal July 21 at the Spangdahlem Air Base Elementary School theater, for the musical play "Into the Woods."



Gunther Nappe, 6, son of Master Sgt. Todd Nappe, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, plays an "enchanted tree."

Children prepare to go ... **'Into the Woods'**

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

The Spangdahlem Air Base theater group ACT Eifel hosted a youth performance of "Into the Woods" at Spangdahlem Elementary School July 23 and 24.

"Into the Woods" is an original story blending five of Grimms' fairy tales. It features the stories of "Cinderella," "Rapunzel" and "Little Red Riding Hood," as it explores what happens after the "happily ever after."

The youth theater is the newest edition to ACT Eifel.

"Youth theater provides a very important, creative outlet for the children involved," said Harmony Howell-Martin, director, wife of Staff Sgt. Robert Martin, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I am continually amazed at the children involved, and we need to foster an environment that supports it."

Volunteers involved see the ACT Eifel youth theater program as a bonus to the Eifel community.

"The youth theater is an outlet for children to express themselves and hone some talents," said Mary Marchand, wife of Tech. Sgt. Gregory Marchand, 52nd Security Forces Squadron. "It enables children to overcome their fear of crowds or speaking in front of groups."



Megan Sepanski, 9, daughter of Lt. Col. John Sepanski, 22nd Fighter Squadron, plays Little Red Riding Hood.



"Into the Woods" director Harmony Howell-Martin puts make-up on Miss Doherty during a dress rehearsal July 22 at Spangdahlem Elementary School. Doherty played the role of Cinderella.



Elizabeth Hezel, 12, daughter of Master Sgt. Timothy Hezel, Armed Forces Network Detachment 9, gets help from her mother, Debra Hezel, during a costume change at the dress rehearsal July 21. Hezel played a dual role as Cinderella's mother and her stepmother.



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.

July Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	694	577	+27
A-10	333	286	+26

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through July 26

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Play hard

Services commander reminds Airmen to balance hard work with leisure time

By Maj. Lisa Hansen
52nd Services Squadron commander

Wow! It's hard to believe it's been a year since I arrived at Spangdahlem Air Base.

It's been non-stop since I got here last year just in time for the Big Annual Summer Happening 2003, and I've had a great time the entire year.

The teamwork at Spangdahlem AB is truly amazing; it's not until you've been other places that you realize what a great community we have here.

If it wasn't for all of us working together and focusing on the mission, this base wouldn't be the best fighter wing in the Air Force. I'm sure all of our new folks to Team Eifel will agree as they get settled into their new surroundings.

With that said, although the pace is fast and furious around here with inspections, exercises and AEF rotations, there still is plenty of time to get out and enjoy your surroundings. I encourage

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everyone to take advantage of the great location we have in Europe.

You're so close to so many places -- France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Poland, Austria -- you get the picture, not to mention all the wonderful places to see in Germany alone.

You owe it to yourself to enjoy your tour here. It's necessary for good mental and physical health for you to take time to relax.

Schedule quality time with your family, go on a vacation or just spend some quiet time alone. We all get our annual leave for a reason -- if you don't take leave and recharge your batteries, you won't take care of the mission. Everyone here is valuable; we need you operating at peak performance levels.

I don't say these things just because I'm a Services officer, although our Services folks have plenty of information on ways to enjoy your tour at Spangdahlem AB.

I'm sure all the commanders in the 52nd Fighter Wing will agree on the importance of taking a break, taking care of yourself and taking care of the 52nd FW mission.

You're at the best base in the Air Force -- take advantage of this opportunity because you may never get a chance like this again. Besides, you owe it to yourself. We all work extremely hard -- let's make sure we get the chance to play hard as well.

Welcome

3rd Air Force commander privileged to serve, offers insight to Airmen

By Maj. Gen. Michael C. Gould
Third Air Force commander

Greetings to my fellow Airmen of Third Air Force and your family members. I want you to know how excited Paula and I are to join your team. I've watched in amazement your many accomplishments over the past several years and can honestly say you are changing the world in which we live.

The work you're doing is hard, and the sacrifices are many.

Deployments take a toll on home station activity and family life, while those remaining at home work even harder to keep the mission moving forward -- this is the reality of our Expeditionary Air Force, and you are stepping up to the challenge. For that, I am deeply grateful.

These trying times in which we live and work require us all to keep our lives and daily activities in proper perspective.

Foremost in our minds, we should harbor the awareness that it is only because God has blessed us with talents, skills and reasoning power that we are able to serve our great nation. We need to always be thank-

ful for those blessings.

Second, we have to realize that taking care of our families takes a conscious effort.

Working hard toward that end will pay huge dividends. Whenever able, we need to tell and show our families we love them -- make the special effort to attend the ball game, recital or parent/teacher conference!

Likewise, taking care of ourselves takes a conscious effort.

We all need to make physical exercise a scheduled activity in our daily routine. Carve out the time and stick to the schedule!

Finally, we need to be passionate about our jobs and have some fun. The best way I know of to do that is to find satisfaction in our contributions. Every day we have opportunities to make a difference -- be proud of what you contribute!

I'm anxious to get out to see you all and extremely proud to be your commander. Thank you for welcoming Paula and me into the Third Air Force family and thanks for your service!



Direct Line

Household goods pick-up challenges

Question: I am in the process of having my household goods packed up and have decided not to have an unaccompanied baggage pickup. I called to notify the travel management office of my decision, but was told that I have to show up in person at TMO to cancel the unaccompanied pickup.

My problem is that the movers are at my house Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and unaccompanied baggage pickup is scheduled for Thursday.

My wife had abdominal surgery less than a month ago, and she is still in the process of recovering. I don't think it's fair to ask her to stay here by herself so I can drive to the base and fill out a form to cancel the unaccompanied baggage pickup.

I'm trying to save the government some money, but due to my circumstances, I am forced to have 100 pounds of something for the movers to pick up on Thursday.

Why can't I cancel my unaccompanied baggage pick-up over the phone?

Answer: We truly regret any inconvenience this requirement may have caused you and your family. We know that there are times when our customers may need to make last minute changes to scheduled moves and try to be sensitive to their needs.

However, in order to protect both the member and the agent's interests, it's necessary to have the member request that cancellation in writing.

Canceling a previously scheduled pick up by phone might seem to be a simpler solution; but the carrier, who accepted the initial offering in writing, must also have the cancellation in writing.

Since the carrier representatives typically don't arrive at the households until 8 a.m., TMO will see you immediately at 7:30 a.m. on any of the days prior to your scheduled unaccompanied baggage pick-up to allow you to cancel the pick-up with enough time to return home before the carrier representatives arrive.



Community Mailbox

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



Spouse tuition assistance

The spouse tuition assistance applications are due today at the education center at 4 p.m. Call Yolanda Wilson at 452-6063 for more information.

School bus registrations

All students who ride the school bus must have a new bus pass for the 2004/2005 school year. Students who register with the schools before July 30 will receive the pass and information in the mail by Aug. 20. Students who register after July 30 need to stop by the Student Transportation Office, located in building 433, with a copy of the school registration form to register for the bus service. Call the Eifel STO at 452-5340/ 5352 or 06565-61-5340/5352 before coming in to register.

Hidden Heroes hours

Volunteer hours for July are due by noon Aug. 6. Registered volunteers who turn in their hours on time with 40 or more hours in July receive a free volunteer gift. Hours can be turned in to the Hidden Heroes squadron representative or Lynn Luria at the Family Support Center. For more information, call Ms. Luria at 452-6422.

Family support news

All classes meet at Spangdahlem AB, building 307, unless otherwise noted. Call 452-6422 for details.

- ♦ Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., Pre-separation Briefings, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- ♦ Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Résumé as a Marketing Tool
- ♦ Wednesday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Pre-deployment Briefings
- ♦ Thursday, 10-11 a.m., Sponsor Training; 6-8 p.m., Home Buying
- ♦ Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Train Trip to Trier

ESL spring classes

Sign up now for English as a Second Language. Call the Family Support Center at 452-6422 to register or for more information.

- ♦ Sept. 7 - Oct. 14, 5-7 p.m., each

Tuesday and Thursday, Basic Level 2 ESL, Spangdahlem AB, building 139

- ♦ Sept. 7 - Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, each Tuesday and Thursday, Intermediate ESL, Bitburg Annex, building 2001

American Red Cross

Sign-up for American Red Cross classes. Classes are held at Bitburg Annex, building 2001, third floor. Call Terrie Perino at 06565-619440 or e-mail her at terrie.perino@spangdahlem.af.mil.

- ♦ Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Babysitter class, youth learn the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians.
- ♦ Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to noon, Safe On My Own class, provides children the steps to staying safe while on their own.

Reduced, free lunch

Parents are encouraged to renew or submit an application for the USDA Free and Reduced Lunch Program for the new school year.

Applications and eligibility guidelines for new families or those wishing to submit can be downloaded from the Intranet at http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/52fw/52msg/52msg_staff/DoDDS/docs/Lunch_Application.doc, picked up at any of the five Eifel schools or from the Schools Liaison Office, second floor of the Mission Support Group, building 151.

Eligibility notifications for applications received prior to Aug. 20 should be received at least one week prior to the start of school to allow parents to procure lunch coupons for the new school year. Applications received after that date will be processed as they are received, but there is no guarantee that eligibility notification will be received before school begins.

Parents are reminded that leave earnings statements must be submitted with their applications and that applications are welcomed and accepted throughout the school year. Call the Schools Liaison Office at 452-6942 for details.

Eifel Singers wanted

The Eifel Singers group is looking for people interested in singing the German and American National Anthems at Air Force functions. Those who can sing and are willing to donate their time and talent can e-mail Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hardesty at daniel.hardesty@spangdahlem.af.mil.

National Night Out

Team Eifel is reminded to support this year's NNO by turning on their porch lights Tuesday at 7 p.m. The event is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. For more information, visit www.nationalnightout.org.

Family fun

"Moms, Pops and Tots on the Go" is a group open to parents with children of any age who want to walk for exercise. Strollers are welcome, and families walk through the Bitburg Annex housing area for 30-45 minutes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m., except holidays and down days. The group meets outside the Bitburg Annex fitness center, building 2013. Call Mandy Baerman for details at 452-6995.

Girl scouts activities

Day at the spa

The event takes place at the French Caserne, Bitburg Annex, building 2026, Aug. 7 from 1-4 p.m. The spa is open to all girls from grades 4-12, and activities include hair and makeup sessions, nutrition and exercise. Registration is the day of the event from 12:30-1 p.m. The cost is \$3 per girl. For more information, e-mail Weis2u@t-online.de.

Down by the bay

The twilight camp is open to girls in grades K-6. The event takes place Aug. 24-26 from 4:45-8 p.m. at the main pavilion near the bowling center.

Registration takes place Aug. 24 from 4:30-5 p.m. The cost is \$20 per girl. For more information, e-mail thezel@t-online.de or spangdahlem-girlscouts@hotmail.com.

Chapel Services

Bible study

52nd Fighter Wing Chapel Services offers a five-week bible study for couples each Tuesday at the Coffee Mill, building 139, from 6-8 p.m. The study is for married or engaged couples, or for those desiring deeper commitment and better communication. Childcare and study materials are provided. Call Mary Scott at 06508-918092 or e-mail bamabelles@hotmail.com for details.

Singles dinners servers

52nd FW Chapel Services seeks groups interested in preparing and serving meals for the Singles and Unaccompanied Military members' dinners. The meals are sponsored by chapel services each month. For more information, call Birgit Schuh at 452-6711 or 452-6281.



Club Eifel Happenings

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

Too bad!

Aniela Conner missed out on \$200 and **Douglas Roberts** missed out on \$425. Drawing winners who weren't present can stop by the Club Eifel cashier's cage and pick up free lunch coupons as a consolation prize. **Lt. Col. Mark Fluker** was Club Eifel's Hot Food n' Cold Cash winner last Friday.

Today

- Red Hot Fridays is from 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- ECL: Commander's social, 5 p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Tn'T Tuesdays – Enjoy taco and tequila specials. The cost is \$1.95 for members and \$3.95 for non-members. Lime and tequila jell-o shots are \$1.



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 Aug. 5. 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.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A corporate workout center moves to town, and the locally owned fitness center, Average Joe's, loses business. The crew from Joe's enters a high-stakes dodgeball tournament in order to save their cherished local gym.

Van Helsing (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

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

Saturday

The Terminal (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

An Eastern European immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him with no political home.

Mean Girls (PG-13, 10 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

*Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (4 p.m.)**The Terminal (7 p.m.)*

Monday

Mean Girls (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

New York Minute (PG, 7 p.m.)

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

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Garfield (PG, 7 p.m.)

John's pup, Odie, is kidnapped, and Garfield feels responsible and springs into action to return the pup.

Man on Fire (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A former government operative takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of a 10-year old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings.

Saturday

13 Going on 30 (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

Jenna wishes she was all grown up and miraculously, her wish comes true. She becomes a 30-year old, successful woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. She soon learns that having it all is not enough.

Laws of Attraction (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Two New York divorce attorneys who oppose each other in court end up drawn to each other and get married.

Sunday

*Garfield (4 p.m.)**Laws of Attraction (7 p.m.)*

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Garfield (4 p.m.)**13 Going on 30 (7 p.m.)*

Thursday

Man on Fire (7 p.m.)

Fireworks, live music, wine tastings ...

End-of-summer festivals create family fun, adventure



Courtesy photo

Medieval "knights" fight for the crowd after a joust at the annual Manderscheid castle festival. This year's festival takes place Aug. 28-29.

Editor's note: Events are subject to change. To double-check event dates or obtain further details, directions or tickets, call the telephone information number from a home telephone at 11833 and ask for the phone number of the tourist office in the town that the event is held at.

- ♦ The Mosel town of Schweich celebrates its popular harbour festival **today** through **Sunday**. This is a small but nice event featuring a fireworks display.

- ♦ A popular festival featuring wine, delicious food and a giant fireworks display takes place **today** through **Monday** in Olewig, a suburb of Trier.

- ♦ The U.S. Men's Olympic basketball "Dream Team" will be in Cologne, en route to the Olympic Games in Athens, **Monday** and **Tuesday**. For more information on the Dream Team event, go to www.koelnarena.de or call Lisa Stevens at 452-6466.

- ♦ Listen to jazz music at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday** at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located near the Porta Nigra. Music will be performed by Vibe Club and a special guest. Tickets are five euro.

- ♦ The annual AvD Oldtimer Grand Prix festival takes place **Aug. 6-8** at the Nuerburgring race track.

- ♦ Attend the Bitburg Biersdorf Lake Festival **Aug. 6-8**. A fireworks display will kick off the last evening of the event. A small amusement park will be available.

- ♦ Trittenheim invites base members to their annual wine festival **Aug. 6-9**. Trittenheim has an official partnership with the base.

- ♦ Join in the Pruem Salvator Kirmes town celebrations **Aug. 6-10**.

- ♦ The wine community of Ediger-Eller sponsors the Calmont Triathlon (hiking, paddling and rowing) **Aug. 7**.

- ♦ The scenic town of Cochem holds its annual Reichsburg castle festival **Aug. 7-8**.

- ♦ "Bread and Games 2004" features a mix of entertainment, history, science, athletic acts, art and gladiator fights at the Trier amphitheater. The annual, popular event takes place **Aug. 13-15**.

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

- ♦ 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.

- ♦ Pig out at the annual Wittlich pig burners festival **Aug. 13-16**. This is a highlight event drawing large crowds of people from near and far.

- ♦ The popular Koblenz "Rhine in flames" and "Rhine aflame on the Rhine River" festivals take place **Aug. 14**. The event features giant fireworks displays along the Mosel river in the towns of Koblenz, Spay, Braubach, Rhens and Lahnstein. About 80 Rhine riverboats with 30,000 people on board glide from the Boppard Hamm to the Deutsche Eck, or German corner, in Koblenz for the spectacle. German corner is where the Rhine and Mosel rivers join. The fireworks in Koblenz start at about 11 p.m. from the Stolzenfels castle and the Koenigsbacher brewery. Fireworks are also shot off from the Ehrenbreitstein fortress, located across from the Deutsche Eck. Mosel fireworks displays take place along the Mosel throughout the summer.

- ♦ 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 Fliessen 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**.

- ♦ Enjoy the annual Kluesserath wine festival **Aug. 20-22**.

- ♦ Bicycle or run on the famous Nuerburgring race track **Aug. 21-22**.

- ♦ Stop by the Himmerod Market Days **Aug. 21-27**.

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

- ♦ See Mozart's Zauberoefloete at 8 p.m. **Aug. 22** at the Trier amphitheater.

- ♦ Listen to jazz music at 7:30 p.m. **Aug. 26** at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located on Simeonstrasse 60 near the Porta Nigra.

- ♦ The 35th Gerolstein Mineral Water festival offers a vast entertainment program for young and old **Aug. 26-29**.

- ♦ Cochem will celebrate a major wine and town festival **Aug. 26-30**.

- ♦ Trier's annual champagne and sparkling wine gala runs **Aug. 27-29**.

- ♦ The wine and street festival of Kinheim takes place **Aug. 27-29**.

- ♦ The Middle-Mosel community of Burgen holds a wine festival **Aug. 27-29**.

- ♦ The annual wine and street festival of Zeltingen-Rachtig runs **Aug. 27-29**.

- ♦ The Reil street and wine festival kicks off **Aug. 27-29**.

- ♦ Have fun at the Winningen Mosel Festival **Aug. 27** through **Sept. 5**. This is the oldest vintners' festival of Germany. It features a giant fireworks display **Sept. 5**.

- ♦ The European Championship for model helicopters takes place **Aug. 28** at the Bitburg Annex.

- ♦ The community of Manderscheid holds its annual medieval castle festival **Aug. 28-29**.

- ♦ Participate in the 39th International Volksmarch of Grolsheim **Sept. 1**.

- ♦ The Mosel town of Bremm will host a wine festival **Sept. 3-6**.

- ♦ Enjoy a Latin American night with lots of new latin pop music and dances starting at 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 4** at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located near the Porta Nigra.

- ♦ Sample wine and enjoy a nice entertainment program at the 44th Saarburg wine festival **Sept. 4-6**.

- ♦ Saarburg holds its popular wine festival **Sept. 4-6**, featuring wine sampling and entertainment throughout town.



Courtesy photo

Many Mosel River valley wine festivals feature wine royalty, where they greet their "subjects" during the festival's parade.

Spang Ammo softball team wins championship, goes undefeated

By Master Sgt. Bruce Birdwell
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The Spangdahlem Air Base Ammo softball team went undefeated to win the 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe AMMO Bowl tournament held at Aviano Air Base, Italy, July 2-4.

The team, comprised of 52nd Maintenance Group Airmen, sailed through the round-robin portion of the tournament, beating Ramstein Air Base "B" 23-9, Camp Darby, Italy "A" 20-8 and Ramstein AB "A" 25-14.

The team was excited for the win.

"It's nice to finally win the USAFE Ammo bowl," said coach Bruce Birdwell. "I have been trying to win this one for seven years."

"After 18 Ammo bowls, I finally got to drink from the cup," said Kenny Childre, 52nd EMS.

With outstanding batting from Randy Wilhide, Jr., 52nd EMS; Christopher Kurtz, 52nd EMS; Clifford Gonzalez, 52nd MXG; Marc Peck, 52nd EMS; and Ray Handrich, 52nd EMS; Spangdahlem AB ended up with the number two seed, one run behind Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, to start the double elimination portion of the tournament.

The first game of the double elimination pitted Spangdahlem AB against Aviano AB "B," and Aviano AB was routed 24-0 in four innings with nine of the 10 Spangdahlem AB batters hitting over .500 for that game.

The next game, Team Eifel put a hurting on Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, beating them 18-6. The third game of the double elimination brought Ramstein AB "A" back, and they put on a much better performance than during the round-robin game.

Spangdahlem AB Ammo went into the 5th inning down by 12 runs with time expired and batted through the lineup twice, ending that half of the inning up 15-14 with Ramstein AB "A" having last bats. They were shut down with three outs and were relegated to the losers bracket.

The championship game again pitted Spangdahlem AB against Ramstein AB "A," and it was a close game. The game see-sawed back and forth until going into the last inning with Ramstein AB up 9-8 and Spang having last sticks. The first batter for Spangdahlem AB grounded out to the pitcher, raising Ramstein AB's hope that there would be an if game.

Spangdahlem AB's big stick Wilhide came to the plate and was walked, as he had been throughout the double elimination portion, putting the tying run on first.

Next up was Gonzalez, who hit a clean double to advance Wilhide to third and the winning run on second.

Handrich was up now with six home runs under his belt. After two pitches, the Ramstein AB pitcher opted to put him on base to load them up for a chance at a double-play to end the game.

Big mistake though, as Childre stepped up and drove a hit deep into right center field, driving in two runs to clinch the championship game for Spangdahlem AB 10-9.

Gonzalez was voted as MVP of the tournament and Wilhide; Daniel Sewell, 52nd EMS; Peck and Handrich were named to the all-tournament team.

This win entitles Spangdahlem AB the opportunity to host the annual tournament next year.

"Our team put forth an outstanding effort. It was an honor to represent Ammo and the 52nd Fighter Wing," said Gonzalez. "It will be an honor to host next year's event right here in the Eifel community."

Sports Briefs

Skateboarding camp



Skatewave Extreme Camp rolls in to Spangdahlem AB Aug. 2-6. The camp teaches starting points, trick tips and proper safety for skaters of all levels. A helmet, knee pads and elbow pads, along with a personal skateboard, is required. The class is open to skateboarders and rollerbladers. Class times are 10 a.m. to noon for children ages 10-12 and 1-3 p.m. for children ages 13-16. Call Sally Fuller at 452-7545 for more information.

Outdoor soccer registration

It's time to kick off the youth soccer season. Sign up to play at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center Monday 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 details.

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. Call Donald and Sherry Odom at 06575-901-213 or 452-6749 or Glenn and Donnal 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 can 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.

Congratulations

The Heidelberg Sportsfest Track and Field meet took place July 24 in Heidelberg. The Spangdahlem Trackster's results are as follows:

- ♦ Bryon Grays placed second in the shot put
- ♦ Douglas Schmidt placed second in the 100m
- ♦ Joshua Ramos placed fourth in the 5k run and fifth in the 1500m
- ♦ Jason Privetera placed fifth in the 400m
- ♦ Aaron McClure placed fifth in the long jump and sixth in the pole vault and high jump

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.



Exercise class

Mommy and Me exercise classes are each Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. until Aug. 19 at the base fitness center. These free, interactive classes are for parents and their children, ages 5-12. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496 for more information.



All classes meet at Spangdahlem AB, building 130, unless otherwise noted. Call 452-6995 or 0656561-6995 for details.

- ♦ Tuesday, 9 a.m., healthy living workshop; 2 p.m., combat introduction
- ♦ Wednesday, 8 a.m., fitness improvement program; 9:30 a.m., body composition improvement program; 11 a.m., cholesterol; noon, tobacco cessation three

Scoreboard

The following is a list of the latest softball standings as of July 27.



Intramural softball

Men's playoff standings

Team	W	L
852 MUNNS	13	0
52 EMS C	11	1
52 EMS A	10	1
52 MDG	9	4
52 LRS A	9	4
52 SFS	8	4
52 CES A	8	4
52 AMXS	8	5
52 CMS	8	6

Women's playoff standings

Team	W	L
52 AMXS	6	1
52 LRS	7	4
52 EMS	6	4
52 MDG	3	5
81 FS	0	8



Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura

Running mates

An unidentified runner quickens his pace as Staff Sgt. John Nagy, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, closes up the distance between them, as they make their way toward the finish line during the weekly 5k run here Tuesday. The running club at Spangdahlem AB holds a 5k race every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 for a team of five, and teams must be signed up before 5:30 p.m. Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6251 for details.