

## Dress Right, Dress

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Long-sleeved camouflage pattern battle dress uniform sleeves may be rolled up; if rolled up, sleeve material must match shirt and will touch or come within 1 inch of forearms when arm is bent at a 90-degree angle. Ensure chevron is fully visible. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



## News Briefs

### Correction

In the special duty team newsbrief in the March 12 Eifel Times, Senior Master Sgt. Linda Washington's DSN should have been listed as 452-7829.

### USAFE Annual Awards Banquet

Tickets are on sale now for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Annual Awards banquet taking place April 2 at 6 p.m. at the Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Officers club. Cost is \$23 for club members and \$26 for non-members. Purchase tickets by Thursday from the wing command chief master sergeant or organization first sergeants. Guest speaker is the Air Force's fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert D. Gaylor. Civilians and military members of all ranks are welcome to attend. For more information, call unit first sergeants.

### Force Shaping link

The Air Force Personnel Center Force Shaping Decision Tool link is on <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm>. The tool is a matrix that helps determine what personnel may be released under the fiscal year 2004 Force Shaping Program by years of service and Air Force specialty code.

### ADC closed

The Area Defense Council Office is closed Tuesday and Wednesday for an official function. E-mail inquiries to [52fw.adc@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52fw.adc@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Voting assistance

Wing members can call installation voting representatives for help with voting questions through the 2004 general election. Call Maj. William McAllister at 452-8298 or Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410 for details.

### Hometown news

People who have been recently promoted, who have re-enlisted, received an award, retired or arrived to Spangdahlem AB should fill out a Hometown News Release. Forms are available by accessing <http://intranet/52FW/Agencies/PA/documents/dd2266.pdf>. Fax completed forms to the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 452-5254 for processing. Call public affairs at 452-6833 or visit <http://hn.afnews.af.mil> for more information.

### Combat Education survey

In order to optimize Spangdahlem AB's Combat Education program to the best in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, students are encouraged to visit the base education center and complete a survey available through March 26. The survey can also be completed by visiting [https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/combatedu\\_survey](https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/combatedu_survey).

## Supply and demand

The 52nd Services Squadron Business Operations Central Supply Warehouse gets goodies such as Taco Bell and Brick House food for the wing.

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Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

### Look sharp

Senior Airman Scott Huryk, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron member and Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School flight leader, records uniform discrepancies March 8 while Master Sgt. Scott Stewart, ALS instructor, teaches Senior Airman Jessica Smith, 52nd Mission Support Group, how to correctly wear a ribbon device. Uniform inspections are part of the weekly lessons at Pitsenbarger ALS here.

## It's 'Curtins' for 52nd CES team

### 'Prime Beef' crew snags ultimate Air Force-level large squadron nod

Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Sunburns, sandstorms and scuds. Those are just three of the challenges the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron overcame this past year to win an Air Force-level award recently.

About 20 airmen representing the squadron of approximately 710 airmen and civilians flew to Washington in February to receive the Maj. Gen. Robert H. Curtin award for large CE squadron. Lt. Col. Kurt Kaisler, 52nd CES commander, credits his team with the win.

"This award is for the most outstanding unit -- the ultimate 'team' award in civil engineering. It says everything about how well we work together in this squadron and with our customers to build a better base, deploy in support of our primary mission and provide unmatched emergency services to protect personnel," said Colonel Kaisler.

Throughout the past year, 52nd CES airmen deployed to build an operating base in Turkey from scratch. They also deployed to Kuwait to turn an Operation Southern Watch base into the largest operating base in the area. This base had more than 13,000 people and 300-plus aircraft. The rest of the team stayed behind to manage more than 40 active construction projects daily to maintain 1,286 Spangdahlem Air Base, Bitburg Annex and geographically-separated units buildings. All the while CES personnel continued efforts on runways with the Rhein-Main Transition Program.

The dedication and work ethic of these busy airmen and civilians helped the team win this prestigious award in 1997 and 2000, said Keith Kellner, deputy base civil engineer.

"Without the highly trained and motivated troops we have, our success



Airman 1st Class Sammy Rodriguez, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron electrical flight technician, installs a secondary distribution box, also known as a "spider box," used by 80 computers in the First Term Airmen's Center.

would not have been possible," said Mr. Kellner.

Master Sgt. Stan Gilmore, 52nd CES engineering flight superintendent, agrees.

"I've been in the Air Force for 18 years," he said. "I've deployed all over the globe, including Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield and I've never been part of a finer organization," said Master Sgt. Gilmore.

"Nobody pays much attention to us unless things aren't working," said the superintendent. "You'd be typing on a manual typewriter and taking bathroom breaks in an outhouse without us. We don't need the spotlight. We know the mission can't happen without the service we provide and that's why we do it. There's no 'shock and awe' without civil engineers."

# Host nation council talks importance of union

## Commander thanks civilians, local leaders for support, friendship

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Spangdahlem Host Nation Council met in the base theater Friday. The mayor of Spangdahlem, Klaus Rodens, invited all non-U.S. civilians and the wing commander to the event. The chairmen of the HNC were present for the meeting to answer questions regarding the goals and activities of the council.

During his speech, the mayor of Spangdahlem emphasized the importance of action and that "nothing should be left to chance."

"Together we must do everything possible to let the Americans know how much we value them as the main employer in this area, and that, more importantly, they are welcome as friends and partners," said Mayor Rodens. "In this respect, the HNC will take every step possible in Germany and in the U.S. to keep an American presence in the Eifel. It is of the utmost importance to try to keep the flying squadrons and their important mission alive at Spangdahlem."

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, addressed the civilian employees.

"The strength of this community and our teamwork is the strength of this base," he said. "HNC is a way to strengthen the teamwork that already exists. This team makes not only



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman  
Klaus Rodens, Spangdahlem mayor, is on hand at the base theater Friday to surprise Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, with a unique gift. Andreas Gerlach, Speicher Trade Association chairman, who is from Thuringia, tracked down the baptism certificate from the state of Thuringia (formerly East Germany) and the emigration certificate that was registered when the commander's grandfather, Karl Mueller, immigrated to Chicago in 1904. Mayor Rodens presented the framed documents.

the mission better, but everybody's lives better."

Colonel Mueller took the opportunity and thanked the civilians for their continuous accomplishments that make it possible to carry out the mission. He said that there are three reasons which make the efforts and accomplishments of the HNC vital: the eco-

nomie benefits, the social bridge we've enjoyed for more than 50 years and the fight against terrorism.

The chairman of the Host Nation Council, Dr. Michael Dietzsch, mentioned that it is the base employees who are especially affected by the accomplishments of the HNC.



Dr. Michael Dietzsch, Host Nation Council chairman, discusses the benefits of the union to non-U.S. civilians at the HNC meeting Friday. As chairman, he relies on the involvement of base non-U.S. civilians for the development of the council. The main objective of the union is to fortify German-American relations.



## No DUIs, but failure to yield, tailgating in traffic circle cause smash-ups last week

By Iain Lotan  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 16 car crashes last week, three of which were classified as major accidents. Security Forces reports a DUI-free weekend.

Driving too fast for road conditions, failure to yield and following too closely caused the major accidents.

The first major smash-up occurred on base at the intersection of Arnold Boulevard and Barksdale Avenue. A German National failed to stop at the stop sign and slammed into a senior airman's vehicle. The senior airman's vehicle was totaled and the German National's vehicle sustained disabling damage. There were no apparent injuries.

The second major crash occurred on B-50 at the Bitburg traffic circle. A three-car pile up occurred because a German National was following too closely. The GN slammed into the back of a major's car, which then hit an airman first class' car. The major's car received disabling damage. There were no apparent injuries.

The final major car crash occurred on B-50 at the Spangdahlem traffic circle. An airman was traveling too fast and lost control of his vehicle, which caused it to smash into the traffic circle's embankment. The passenger complained of severe lower back pains and was transported to the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room.

Fifteen minor crashes occurred last week.

Two were from driving too fast for conditions, three were from backing, six were from inattentive driving, two occurred from others at fault, and two were from following too closely.

### Driving safety tips

**Question:** Who is most at risk for drowsy driving?

**Answer:** Young people, ages 16-24, often need more sleep than a baby. They typically require an average of 9.2 hours of sleep per night. However, because of a variety of factors including school, part-time jobs, late night television and a busy social life, young adults get less sleep than any other age group. This leads to a sleep deficit that puts young adults at high risk for driving while drowsy. You may personally know someone who has fallen asleep behind the wheel. Many young adults have died due to drowsy driving. The threat is real and should be taken seriously.

**Shift workers:** Shift work is not natural. A person's biological clock is naturally attuned to sleep during the night. It is normal to experience a dip in alertness in mid-afternoon and a much stronger dip in alertness between 1-6 a.m. when sleep is most irresistible. Shift workers may also be required to sleep in noisy daytime environments or they may need to attend to family or social obligations during the day, further depriving them of sleep.

## Combat Programs' first wave comes to close for Team Eifel

By Maj. Melinda Morgan  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

When each of the Combat and Special Interest programs were highlighted five months ago, there were only twelve programs, which have now expanded to fourteen programs. Each of these programs



improve how Team Eifel's mission is accomplished, from Combat Nighthawk expanding operational awareness among company grade officers and senior non-commissioned officers to Combat Care taking care of our families while their loved ones are deployed.

The Armed Forces Network and the Eifel Times brings the initial series to a close, but continue to stay tuned as information continues about the Combat Programs series' enhancement of military and personal lives. The Combat Programs and their goals are recapped below:

- ♦ **Combat Education** is designed to remove barriers and allows airmen to pursue advanced education in traditional and non-traditional formats.
- ♦ **Combat Flightline** enhances flying operations by ensuring the best people are in the right jobs and our resources are applied in the most efficient and effective way.
- ♦ **Combat Touch** infuses wing members with enthusiasm to pursue spiritual matters.

- ♦ **Combat Intro/Exit** further streamlines the in-processing and out-processing procedures and minimizes the stress of changing stations.
- ♦ **Combat Fitness** keeps Team Eifel healthy and in fighting shape.
- ♦ **Combat Proud** focuses on the base presenting a consistently professional appearance at all levels.
- ♦ **Combat Nighthawk** will increase operational awareness among the company grade officers and the senior NCOs.
- ♦ **Combat Care** is focused on taking care of families of our deployed personnel.
- ♦ **Combat CHEER** creates an environment of energy and enthusiasm for airmen.
- ♦ **Hidden Heroes** recognizes the volunteers who enhance life and makes things easier for the wing and community agencies.
- ♦ **Customer College** delivers training, resources, tools and initial skills required for customer service professionals to provide care that exceeds customer expectations.
- ♦ **Project Wizard** enhances the wing libraries and their resources to encourage Team Eifel members to utilize this important source of information.
- ♦ **Project Connect** provides a forum for "more" experienced officers (field grade and above) to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis.
- ♦ **Project SMART** promotes the "Safety Culture" with a spin on "Doing it Smart" and focuses on personal risk management.



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

**Le'Royce Bratsveen, 52nd Services Squadron Marketing and Publicity visual information specialist, is this week's Top Saber Performer.**

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Le'Royce E. Bratsveen  
**Unit:** 52nd Services Squadron Marketing and Publicity  
**Duty title:** Visual information specialist  
**Hometown:** St. Louis, Mo.  
**Years in service:** Nine years active-duty Air Force; six years civilian  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** When the services marketing office underwent a management change, Ms. Bratsveen took on many of the duties of the marketing director and ensured the office ran effectively in the absence of a manager. She helped the squadron prepare for its unit compliance inspection by assisting leaders in conducting unit pre-inspections.  
**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Ms. Bratsveen

volunteers with ACT-Eifel and currently plays Catherine in the dinner-theatre performance of "Censored: On Final Approach."

**What do you do for fun?** Genealogy, gardening and gourmet cooking.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** My job -- I am so excited to be working in marketing. I also love the local food specialties and brews.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** It would be nice if we could control the weather here. I really love the schools, the base is compact and convenient, and the people are great.

## Senior masters selected

Air Force officials recently selected 1,566 master sergeants for promotion to senior master sergeant.

The following are the names of airmen from Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically separated units selected for senior master sergeant.

**James Doolady** (inbound), 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **David Gutschow, Terry Masters**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Todd Boatright, Kevin Kovla**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Ronald Gisel, Louie Trujillo**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Sheila Zgonina**, 52nd Dental Squadron; **Scott Livingston, James Via** (inbound), 52nd Fighter Wing; **Dwayne Atkinson**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; **Gregory Krumm, Henry Lacy** (inbound), **Joseph Santamaria**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Joyce Parker**, 52nd Munitions Support

Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; **Vincent Schneider, John Yates**, 52nd Maintenance Group; **Patrick Boot**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Patrick Ross**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **James Sanders, Andrew Superior**, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands; **Donald Scott**, Regional Headquarters Allied Forces, Northern Europe; **Robert Burgess, Douglas Egich, Francisco Johnstone, George Perkins,**

**Douglas Wiggins**, NATO E-3A Airborne Early Warning Component, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, Germany; **Troy Mattingly**, Combined Air Operations Center 2, Allied Air Forces North, Netherlands; **Kenneth Ceaser** (inbound), **Thea Moore**, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, Germany; **Marcus Mackey** (inbound), Allied Air Forces North, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. (Localized Air Force Print News)



## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Envelope, please ... the salute goes to **Master Sgt. Cheryl Woodberry** for not only running the Bitburg Annex post office, but also for getting everything ready to showcase for the UCI. We just called to say we salute you ...



reduction program. On their j-o-b were **Capt. John Bowers** and **Staff Sgt. Khalisha Savage**, who did outstanding work with on-the-job training records and plans -- which are ready for inspection.

### New three-strippers

Congratulations to *Senior Airmen Below-the-Zone selectees* **Tamara Atwater**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Scott Austin**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Tyler Berensen**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **James Curtis**, 52nd CES; **Jennifer Fuller**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Kevin Gronemeier**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Ryan Guzman**, 606th ACS; **Troy Herberholz**, 52nd AMXS; **Spencer Hurd**, 52nd CMS; **Kenneth Jackson**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Johnson**, 52nd AMXS; **David Kesler**, 52nd AMXS; **Melissa King**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Christopher Kirby**, 52nd EMS; **Amaani Lyle**, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office; **Edward Marshall**, 52nd CMS; **Jade McLeod**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Sydney Mumfrey**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Curtis Purrington**, 52nd EMS; **Shaun Reed**, 52nd EMS; **Victor Reyes**, 52nd AMXS; **Jacory Royster**, 52nd SFS; **Carlos Sanchez**, 52nd CES; **David Schmitt**, 52nd AMXS; **Robert Scribner**, 52nd AMXS; **Devin Sherman**, 52nd CS; **Molly Soustin**, Detachment 9 Armed Forces Network; **Charles Taherimorovat**, 52nd EMS; **Lee Tillman**, Allied Forces North Europe, Brunssum, Netherlands; **Corey Tolbert**, 52nd LRS; **Odis Tucci**, 52nd EMS; and **Carrie Ventura**, 52nd SFS.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

On our frequency is **Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kazimer**, whose mobile radio data encryption system programs were lauded by the U.S. Air Forces in Europe assessment team as being "reliable and robust," and enhanced the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron emergency response capabilities. A feather in the cap of **Buechel Eagle's Nest dining facility** for winning the USAFE food service excellence award.

### 52nd Operations Group

**Capt. Joseph Locke** has the lock on all aspects of the scheduling shop, fulfilling the goal of 100-percent perfect scheduling. His superb support during the flying hour programs elevated the 23rd FS's combat capability. Hittin' the books were **Lori Giffin, Capts. Jon Shultz, Joseph Locke, Tim Curry, Bryan Tash, Chris Kibble** and **Jessica Rhyne** and **Airman 1st Class Miranda Durant**, who took time to participate in "Read Across America" with the Spangdahlem Elementary School first grade classes.

### 52nd Medical Group

**Jackie Preliou-Holland** has stepped up to do the job of two at the family advocacy center. A clean sweep and salute for **Airman 1st Class Katie Leiler**, conducted two wee-hour squadron sweeps in support of the drug demand

**Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!**  
(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

**Members of the 52nd Services Squadron Business Operations Central Supply Warehouse and woodchuck mascot make up this week's Top Saber Team.**

## Top Saber Team

**Unit Name:** 52nd Services Squadron Business Operations Central Supply Warehouse  
**Unit responsibilities:** The warehouse team ensures the proper acquisition, storage and distribution of all food products. They manage resale and supply items in support of services activities. Overall, they're responsible for a budget of more than \$2.8 million.

**Number of members:** Five

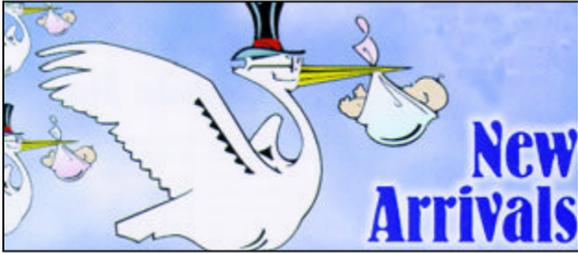
**How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission:** The warehouse staff provides all the products necessary to meet the daily requirements of all services resale food operations, including Club Eifel, Taco Bell, Eifel Bowling Center, Eifel Mountain Golf Course, the Brick House and others. Providing fresh quality products to support more than \$200,000 in monthly sales is challenging, considering the four- to six-week delivery time on stateside shipments. The center warehouses more than 1,000 line items worth \$170,000 and is re-supplied with \$50,000 worth of monthly purchases. The team members also deliver products to base agencies three times per week.

**Team's other contributions throughout the year:** The recent opening of the only services-managed Taco Bell in the Air Force presented some unique challenges. The team provided all the products necessary, ensuring customers were served without interruption. The team also serves as the principle screening authority for the Defense Reutilization Management Office, identifying organizational needs and acquiring equipment at minimal costs, saving the squadron funds.

## IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete	Estimated completion
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100	Complete
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	Complete
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	Complete
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	Complete
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100	Complete
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	100	Complete
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	100	Complete
HAS mezzanine	Master Sgt. John Murphy	100	Complete
HAS crew shacks	Master Sgt. John Murphy	85	March 31
Batting cages	Juergen Stockemer	50	April
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuermer	15	July

(Editor's note: The "Installation Excellence Award Scorecard" tracks the progress of 52nd Fighter Wing improvements set into motion this past year. Funds for the improvements come from winning the 2002 and 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence competition at U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level, which is \$500,000 for each win.)



## AFN broadcasters cover Tallil AB airmen activities in short feature

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham  
407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

**TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq** -- Airmen here earned their 15 minutes of fame last weekend when two broadcasters from Air Force News visited and documented the base's efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Master Sgt. Rich Simonsen, a broadcaster from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and Tech. Sgt. Tony Castro, a broadcaster from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, taped and interviewed airmen from the 407th Expeditionary Medical Group, 407th Security Forces Squadron and the 407th Services Squadron.

The pair planned for an eight-minute feature on the medical group that is slated to air on the television program "Air Force on Assignment" in Europe April 4 and at the Pentagon the whole month of April.

"Everyone from Gen. (John) Jumper on down to our sister services will see it," Sergeant Simonsen said.

In addition, shorter pieces will air on the AFN evening news. Those pieces are on the pharmacy, radiology department and medical maintenance. The two NCOs also filmed a spot on the base's recreation center and security forces operations outside the wire.

For two base airmen, the chance to showcase what they do was special.

Senior Airman Danielle Laplume, a radiology tech

deployed here from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, said, "What was interesting about being interviewed for AFN was that they followed me around during a couple of traumas we had. The fact that they were there didn't change how I did my job; I still shot my X-rays the same as always. I'll admit I was little bit nervous about having a microphone on or camera following me; it was different."

Interviews are old hat for her, though. She was interviewed last fall at her home station before she deployed here.

Senior Airman Marchello Tolbert, a biomedical maintenance journeyman deployed here from Lackland AFB, said this was his first-ever interview.

He said it was good to have his job highlighted.

"I enjoyed the interview, was at a loss for words, but I did my best to answer all of his questions to the best of my ability," Airman Tolbert said.

While those interviewed were happy to be in the spotlight, the broadcasters said they enjoyed the visit and were impressed with the missions they saw here.

"A lot of what you see here is the things you can't touch," said Sergeant Castro. "It's the spirit of cooperation. People really care about each other. You can see that. It reminds me of being on a short tour almost. I think you get that when you throw a bunch of people in a closed environment where they don't have a lot of outside influences. They turn inward and support each other -- you see that a lot at Tallil."



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### Volunteer dinner

The 52nd Fighter Wing honors its Hidden Hero volunteers with a special dinner April 1 at 11 a.m. Registered volunteers eat for free; cost is \$7 for others. Call the family support center by Wednesday at 452-6422 for reservations.

### Voting assistance

Wing members can call installation voting representatives for help with voting questions through the 2004 general election. Call Maj. William McAllister at 452-8298 or Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410 for more information.

### Education center

The base education center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

- Term IV registration for classes offered by Central Texas College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and University of Maryland takes place now through March 26. Classes begin March 29 and end May 21. The education center is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for registration.

- The University of Phoenix offers a class in managerial communications and ethics, which starts April 28. Classes take place each Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. on Spangdahlem AB. Call Jessica Simpson at 452-7556 for details.

### Dinner theater

The play, "Censored on Approach: Women Pilots of World War II" shows tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Club Eifel. Cost is \$8 for play only; \$20 for the complete dinner and show. Dinner theater ticket price includes a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., the play and '40s swing dancing following the show. Purchase tickets at the base community activity center.

### Chapel news

- Catholic Stations of the Cross takes place each Friday through April 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Protestant Lenten services take place each Wednesday through March 31 at 5 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Chapel. A soup and bread fellowship follow both services. Call 452-6711 for details.

- The 52nd Fighter Wing Chaplain Services Resource Center is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., each Tuesday-Thursday from 1-4 p.m., and each Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### SFS spouses

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Spouses Group meets April 1 at 7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 215. Participants are encouraged to bring baked goods and supplies to ship to deployed members. Call Mary Marchand at 06561-946479 for details.

### Community Bank

Both Community Bank branches close April 9-12 for Easter.

### School news

#### Bitburg Elementary School

- Early registration for kindergarten takes place April 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Mary Marchand at 452-9215 for more information.

#### Bitburg Middle School

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education lessons begin Monday for grades 5-7. Call Senior Airman Nichole Yazzie, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, at 452-7843 for class details.

- A Parent, Teacher, Student Association sponsored children's activity night takes place from 6-8:30 p.m. in the school. Call 01701-495657 for details or to volunteer.

#### Spangdahlem Middle School

- Students are out Wednesday for a school improvement day.

#### Bitburg High School

- BHS Arts Night takes place Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The event is free to the public.

- The school seeks volunteer coaches for spring track, softball and boys and girls soccer. Coaches assistants are also needed. Call Ron Pope, BHS athletic director, at 452-9202 for details.

### VAT office

The Value-Added Tax Office is located in Spangdahlem AB building 124. It's open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to

5 p.m. VAT forms are also available at the Spangdahlem AB lodging front desk 24-hours daily.

### Shuttle schedule

Team Eifel members can find shuttle bus schedules posted in each shuttle bus shelter and on the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Web page on the Intranet. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Shaner at 452-6649 for details.

### Household hazardous waste

Take care of the environment by properly disposing of used detergents, paints, thinners, spray cans and cleaning products at the base recycling centers. Personal vehicle fluids can be properly disposed of at the base auto skills shop or AAFES Car Care Center. For details, call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 452-7257.

### More base news

Read unit specific information on upcoming events, base policy and more in the weekly Base Bulletin on the base Intranet at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/Wingsites/Bulletin>.

### AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2015.

### Anti-DUI program volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving seeks Hidden Hero volunteers. To volunteer, e-mail full name, town or residence and home phone number to [aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Volunteer tutors

Eifel region Department of Defense Dependent Schools seek Hidden Hero volunteers to help students improve their study skills. For details, call Bitburg High School at 452-9202, Bitburg Middle School at 452-9310, Bitburg Elementary School at 452-9215, Spangdahlem Middle School at 452-7205 or Spangdahlem Elementary School at 452-6881.

## Club Eifel Happenings

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

### Today

□ Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge: 52nd Fighter Wing Commander's Social starts at 5 p.m.

□ Master Sgt. Charles Sheriff and Army Lt. Col. Guy Story missed out on pocketing the \$900 weekly club member card drawing



March 12. Club members must be in the club from 6-8 p.m. to win the prize when their names are called.

### Sunday

□ Ballroom: Champagne brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meal features waffle and omelet stations, seafood and salad bars, roast beef and spiral ham. Cost is \$12 for members, \$6 for children ages 6-12; \$15 for non-members, \$7.50 for children. Youth 5 and younger eat for free.

### Monday

□ Stripes Lounge: Bring Your Own Stein Night features \$1 drink specials.

### Tuesday

□ Stripes Lounge: Challenge the bartender to a showdown for a chance to win drink specials. Club members play free billiards from 4-10 p.m.

### Thursday

□ Stripes Lounge: \$1 beer special from 6-8 p.m.; karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Room for improvement

□ The 52nd Services Squadron seeks 30 people of mixed demographics to share ideas on a Club focus group April 2. Lunch is included. Call Lisa Stevens at 452-6466 for more information or to register.

### Aww, CRUD!

□ A ladies CRUD tournament takes place March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge. Registration deadline is Tuesday. For more information, call Linda Chambliss at 06565-934237.

*If you're drinking, don't drive.*

*Have a designated driver or call a taxi.*



## Der Markt

**Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines**

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

## Flea market

Sponsored by the  
52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron  
**April 5 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Bitburg Annex Commissary parking lot  
Vendor's cost for one parking space and one sales space is \$10; cost for two sales spaces is \$20. Table spaces cost \$4.



**Sales open to U.S. military ID cardholders.**  
Call Tech. Sgt. Dan Crawford at 452-6383 or Staff Sgt. Amy Miller at 452-6070 for more information.

## Give jets right-of-way

Aircraft have the right-of-way on taxiways. People crossing base taxiways must stop and wait for all aircraft to clear the intersection before driving across the road.

**When a jet is approaching, stop and wait until it passes by.**



Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle



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.

**March Sortie Scoreboard**

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	234	228	-6
A-10	146	155	+9

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

Through March 14

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

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**Values**

## For success, lean on 'four pillars'

By Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams  
379th Expeditionary Services Squadron

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** -- When mentoring my troops, I always speak of four specific areas. I call them the four pillars.

The first pillar is to do the absolute best you can within your capabilities and have a positive attitude about doing whatever our Air Force has asked you to do.

It doesn't matter if you are a member of the security forces, services, medical group or civil engineers. There isn't any one job more or less important than any other. It takes everyone doing his or her part to make our Air Force what it is, the absolute best the world has ever known, and no one comes close!

The second pillar is to always do something to improve as a professional.

Whether it is a course development or professional military education course or college course via testing, in a classroom or online, just do something to keep improving. The more knowledgeable you become, the better our Air Force gets, especially with today's technology.

For the third pillar, get involved. You can make

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a huge difference in people's lives by helping organizations like the unit booster club or one of the NCO groups on base.

Join the Air Force Sergeants Association or an NCO association and get involved in your base community. We traditionally celebrate different heritages like African-American, Asian Pacific and Native American. Get involved.

Finally, the fourth pillar is to take care of each other.

I find the best way to do this is to set an example as a role model and hold subordinates to the same high standards. Simple things like saying "Yes sir" or "Yes ma'am," standing up when someone senior in rank approaches, wearing the uniform correctly and proper telephone etiquette

are little things we trust you to do all the time. If you fail to do these things, how can we trust you to take care of greater responsibilities?

In today's military, the expectation is to go above and beyond the call of duty and do an awesome job. Remember, we have comrades in arms who are making the ultimate sacrifice every day. They, just like us, volunteered to serve our country.

Let's keep things in perspective. When airmen do well, recognize them. When corrective disciplinary actions are appropriate, take care of it. You don't have to try to be their friend first. What they need is leadership.

Our airmen have always been respected by society as professionals. We must at all times maintain that long-standing image and trust. We are a representation of America's best and a reflection of each other. We owe it to each other to always represent ourselves as such through our conduct and behavior. The best way I know is to live by our core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. (Air Force Print News)

**Enduring themes**

## Values endure winds of change no matter what storm blows up

By Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld  
14th Flying Training Wing

**COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss.** -- As I awoke this morning, I reflected on all the changes that are happening in the Air Force.

Key initiatives such as transformation and force development are examples of ideas that demand a new way of thinking to get our jobs done faster, cheaper and more efficiently, while creating a new vision for developing our most valuable resource -- our people -- for success in the future.

The changes aren't just limited to how we develop our people or the thought process for performing our jobs. We are also evaluating our utility uniform requirements and are currently conducting a wear test of the proposed replacement.

Naturally, when you consider upcoming changes, it certainly causes you to look at the effects of the past.

Over the past 26 years, I have had the opportunity to "transform" from the typewriter to computer automation. Uniforms have changed as well, moving from blue stripes on cotton fatigues to subdued stripes on permanent press battle dress uniforms.

The new service dress was a controversial change, replacing the older "Combo 1" style adopted from the Army days. Let's not forget about name tags, either, from the sewn on version in blue and white to subdued then to the aircrew style name tags and back again to subdued.

Technology and uniforms aren't the only changes the Air Force has made over the years.

The Berlin Wall is down, and the Cold War is

over. We have moved from a predominantly home-based force posture, both stateside and overseas, to a more dynamic, quick-reaction force designed to deploy on a moment's notice anytime, anywhere.

Our smaller, focused air and space expeditionary forces remain challenged as they never have been before.

Winds of change? Or are they? When looking back, and then forward, you quickly realize changes are only skin deep.

Although we operate with different weapons systems and procedures, and we dress differently, our core foundation hasn't changed. Even before the Air Force formally established its core values -- integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do -- we strived to instill those values in our people.

If you have doubts, ask a World War II veteran or those who sacrificed so much during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Desert Shield and Desert Storm demanded no less. Today, the global war on terrorism again proves our sincere commitment to our core values.

Yes, the way we look and act on the outside may have changed, but not our internal drive and dedication to duty, honor and country -- three precepts that sustain the devotion to our core values.

When you think about all the changes coming down the road, remember duty, honor and country. Press on with pride knowing that integrity, service before self and excellence is what we do -- and no one in the world does it better. (Air Force Print News)

**Direct Lines**

**Off duty?**

**Q**uestion: Why do NCOs in the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron have to pull charge-of-quarters duty with their troops? When I was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., we had cameras mounted in the halls and outside. If anything happened, officials reviewed the tapes.

My family had travel plans and lost money on tickets because my husband was tapped for this duty on a recent weekend.

**A**nswer: Thank you for your question. Let me first say that squadron commanders are responsible for maintaining dormitories under their control. I respect their authority to make any reasonable decisions necessary to obtain the required results of a safe and controlled atmosphere. Implementing a policy to use NCOs in their CQ program is well within their authority.

Had your husband made it known to his supervisors that he had travel plans, they would have swapped his duty to another weekend. As soon as the first sergeant learned about your situation, an effort was immediately started to determine who was affected and how to correct the issue.

Your suggestion to install cameras in the dormitories is a fair one; however, it is cost prohibitive at this time. The issue in the 52nd AMXS dormitories, as you point out, is that the airmen have not performed the CQ duties satisfactorily and therefore, the NCOs are required to provide proper supervision and training. The schedule rotates to ensure all NCOs are tasked equitably. The squadron has plenty of NCOs to fill leave and TDY requirements which may arise.

**Movies**

The following movie listings are for March 19-25. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 452-9441 or 06565-61-9441. Movie synopses are available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

**Bitburg Castle**

**Today**  
*Peter Pan (PG, 4 p.m.)*  
Wendy, John and Michael Darling meet a strange flying boy named Peter Pan who invites them to soar with him to Neverland.

**The Big Bounce (PG-13, 7 p.m.)**  
Jack, a likeable drifter whose talents lie outside the law, heads for Hawaii, hoping a change of scenery will bring him luck.

**Saturday**  
*Cheaper by the Dozen (PG, 7 p.m.)*  
A football coach is offered a job in Chicago and sets off for the city with his wife and their 12 children. But when his spouse's writing career takes off, the two must balance their jobs and the chaotic task of parenting.

**Sunday**  
*Peter Pan (7 p.m.)*

Closed Monday and Tuesday

**Wednesday**  
*Cheaper by the Dozen (4 p.m.)*

*The Big Bounce (7 p.m.)*

**Thursday**  
*Mona Lisa Smiles (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

1953 America was a time of change for women and when Katherine arrives to teach art history at Wellesley College, she finds the institution drowning in outdated beliefs.

**Spangdahlem Skyline**

**Today**  
*Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*  
In southside Chicago, Calvin struggles to keep his father's shop and traditions alive.

**House of Sand and Fog (R, 10 p.m.)**  
Massoud is barely making ends meet and must fight to recover ownership of her home.

**Saturday**  
*Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

Frodo and Sam push farther into the land of Mordor to destroy the ring of power. Meanwhile, Aragorn, the King of Gondor, is forced to seek a strange alliance to save his ancient city.

**Sunday**  
*Barbershop 2: Back in Business (7 p.m.)*

**Monday**  
*House of Sand and Fog (7 p.m.)*

**Tuesday**  
*Barbershop 2: Back in Business (7 p.m.)*

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

**Beda market highlights new, old**

**Annual Bitburg exposition features today's hot cars, past farming tips**

**By Iris Reiff**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Bitburg offers a unique shopping experience for locals today through Sunday with the Bitburg Beda market.

The annual event showcases the local economy and cultural life. The market's name derives from Bitburg's early Celtic name "Beda."

It takes place near the Beda Haus cultural center in one of the town center parking areas. People from all over Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg attend the event to see automotive, agricultural equipment and handcraft exhibitions. Artifacts and

hobby displays are also on view in exhibition tents.

Displays open Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bitburg's car dealers introduce their latest models Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. in a large tent and inside the Bitburg-Pruem Kreissparkasse bank.

A special market raffle, featuring prizes worth thousands of euro, takes place Saturday at 5 p.m. in the presentation tent. Raffle proceeds benefit Bitburg's youth house.

A farmer's market opens Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1-6 p.m. on the other side of town, near Kreissparkasse bank. This market features a small amusement park, food and beverages for sale.

Visitors may use a free shuttle bus service from Bitburg Flugplatz all day Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m.



Bernhard Schaefer

**Bunker down**

People can see World War II bunker ruins, such as the one shown, on a guided walk of the German "West Wall" March 27 at 10 a.m. The walking circuit, which is eight kilometers long, travels along former trenches and front-line stands. The tour is sponsored by the Roth Historical Society. Call Bernhard Schaefer at 452-6434 by 4 p.m. today to register. Tour groups will travel by car pool to the walk site from the Spangdahlem AB Commissary parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex Commissary at 9 a.m.



**Out and About**



*(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. For tickets or event details, call Trier TV-Ticket Service Hotline at 06517-199996 or Trier Presse-Center at 06511-459930.)*

♦ Jeanette performs Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Saarbruecken E-Werk; May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Cologne Palladium and Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Trier state garden show's festival grounds.

♦ Flea markets take place Sunday in front of Trier Ratio; in front of Wittlich Berufsbildende school; inside and outside Machern Cloister Conventhalle, located near the town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; at Koblenz Messehalle; on the Saarbruecken Messe grounds; at Neunkirchen Saarpark Center; at Kaiserslautern Fritz-Walter Stadion and at Wiesbaden and Norden Daimlerring.

♦ Learn about volksmarching and where the Eifel Wanderers are marching by attending a meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Zum Stein Gasthaus in Metterich.

♦ The Host Nation Council, an organization designed to promote German and American relations in the Eifel area, invites Team Eifel members to a meeting March 28 at 3 p.m. at the Bitburg Beer festival.

♦ See the Great Moscow state circus March 31 at 3 or 8 p.m. in Merzig city hall.



♦ The Bitburg Beer Festival continues through April 3 on Bitburg Flugplatz. Event tents are open Friday-Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry fee is 3 euro. Groups of 10 or more people must call 06561-91500 for table reservations. Don't drink and drive; have a designated driver. Also, alcohol-free beer and other beverages are sold at the festival.

♦ The show, "Fire of the Dance" is onstage April 2 at 8 p.m. in Saarbruecken Congress hall.

♦ An Easter Egg exhibition takes place now through April 4 at the Dudeldorf Pallien pavillion. The event features a variety of Easter art and decorations.

♦ Listen to German folks music April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Trier Arena.

♦ See Bryan Adams in concert April 9 at 8 p.m. at the Luxembourg-City Arena Coque.

♦ Trier's wine and gourmet festival

takes place April 16 through May 16.

♦ A state garden show takes place April 22-24 in Trier.

♦ Fury in the Slaughterhouse performs April 23 at 8 p.m. in St. Wendel Saalbau hall.

♦ Reserve tickets now for the Comedia Harmonists Ensemble Six performance April 24 at 8 p.m. in Trier Europa hall.

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Call the 52nd Services Squadron Information, Tickets and Tours Office at 452-6567 to reserve tickets for the following tours. Children's prices are for ages 3-12. Customers should reserve tickets at least two weeks in advance.

♦ Switzerland express, April 3. Cost is \$79 for adults, \$74 for children.

♦ Best of Paris, April 3-4. Cost is \$199 adults, \$159 for children.

♦ Belgian grottos and Safari Park, April 4. Cost is \$54 for adults, \$44 for children.

♦ Disneyland Paris, April 9. Cost is \$99 for adults, \$89 for children.

♦ London express, April 9-10. Cost is to be determined.

♦ Mosel cruise, dinner and wine tasting, April 10. Cost is \$59.

♦ Keukenhof and Zaanse Schans, April 10. Cost is \$79 for adults, \$69 for children.

## Sports Shorts

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



### New hours

The Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center sports new hours. It's open Saturday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The Bitburg Annex center is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Lady Eifelers basketball

The Lady Eifelers, ages 13-15, won the KMC district tournament March 6 at Sembach Air Base, Germany, by beating Team 1 Ramstein 30-13. Team 1 Ramstein was the only team to beat the Lady Eifelers during the regular season.

To secure the win, the Spangdahlem AB girls basketball team played its trademark aggressive defense with a balanced scoring attack. (By Randall Greenfield, 52nd Services Squadron Youth Sports Program)

### Fun run and walk

A fun run and walk for National Nutrition Month takes place March 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Call the center at 452-6634 for details.

### Sporting equipment

The 52nd Services Squadron offers 20 percent off racquetball racquets at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center, 25 percent off of select golfing equipment at Eifel Mountain Golf Course and discounts on bowling equipment at Eifel Lanes Bowling Center.

### Youth sports registration

Eifel Youth Programs sports registration takes place now through March 26. Activities include t-ball, coach pitch, Little League and Junior League baseball and girl's and women's softball. Cost is \$30 without Parent's Association Youth Sports program registration, \$25 with PAYS certification. There are 380 slots available for ages 5-15. Uniforms are provided by the youth center. Call 452-7545 for details.

### Hiking around Speicher

Hikers meet at Speicher Rathaus March 28 and April 12 at 1:30 p.m. for day hikes. Trips take about three hours and are accompanied by a qualified guide. The hike is free of charge, and the groups stop for refreshments at local taverns and restaurants along the way. For more information or an annual schedule, e-mail Peter Lundgren at [plundgren@email.uophx.edu](mailto:plundgren@email.uophx.edu).

### Keeping fit

The 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Health and Wellness Center offers the following fitness and nutrition workshops in Spangdahlem AB building 130. Call 452-9355 for more information.

- ♦ Prenatal education, Monday at 1 p.m.
- ♦ Tobacco cessation, part V, Wednesday at noon
- ♦ Sports nutrition, Thursday at 9 a.m.

### Eifel Mountain Golf Course

The Link Up 2 Golf program offers golf lessons by a professional player April 18 and 25 for \$99. Another clinic takes place May 9 and 16. Call the Pro Shop at 452-6821 for more information.

### ODR trips and classes

Register for the following outdoor recreation trip by visiting the center in Spangdahlem AB building 146. For details, call 452-7176.

- ♦ Swiss ski trip, April 2-4. Cost is \$265 for a dorm room, \$340 for a double room. Children under 12 cost 25 percent less.
- ♦ Kyll kayaking, April 10. Cost is \$35.
- ♦ Open water scuba diving course, April 13-15. Cost is to be determined.



More than 50 airmen representing different squadrons in the 52nd Fighter Wing push, crunch and run to win the Iron Flight competition in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center Friday.

## Hard fight for Iron Flight

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 50 base airmen pushed themselves to take home bragging rights during the second Iron Flight competition in the base fitness center Friday.

Five teams consisting of five females and five males from the 52nd Civil Engineer, Communications, Comptroller and Equipment Maintenance Squadrons had their waists measured, performed push-ups within the one minute time limit, pumped out sit-ups within a minute and ran the one-and-a-half mile.

While people from their squadrons cheered them on, the teams fought to prove who was best. The 52nd CPTS team took the win with a score of 940.

"Our squadron members, including civilians and local nationals, have fully embraced and reaped the benefits of the PT program and have seen firsthand the positive impact that regularly running and exercising has on our health and performance in the new PT test," said 2nd Lt. Grisko Alfonso, 52nd CPTS. "We love the opportunity to show everyone that we are 'Finance Warriors,' mentally and physically ready to deliver support to the men and women of the 52nd FW at home and during contingency operations."

The 52nd EMS team took second with a score of 924. The 52nd CPTS team also won the first Iron Flight competition in December. The next competition takes place in June.



2nd Lt. Grisko Alfonso, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, pushes to place third in the one and one-half mile run.



Airman 1st Class Ryan Pugh, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, counts as Airman 1st Class Paul Shephard, 52nd CES, pumps out another sit-up during the Iron Flight competition. Wing members interested in participating in the next competition in June should start training now. The Spangdahlem AB fitness center is open weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Bitburg Annex fitness center is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Both centers offer fitness and Spinning classes to help airmen build muscular strength and endurance.