

Spring forward

Daylight savings time in Europe begins on the last Sunday in March. Remember to turn clocks forward one hour Sunday at 2 a.m.



News Briefs

Wing down day

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has declared Monday a wing down "day of excellence" for Spangdahlem AB's overall performance in the Unit Compliance Inspection.

Spang maintainers best in AF

Air Force officials recently selected the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as winner of the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award. The squadron will compete at the Department of Defense level for the Secretary of Defense Phoenix Trophy.

New sexual assault hotline

The Air Force is committed to creating an environment safe from sexual assault and one that enables commanders and individuals throughout the chain of command to rapidly identify and decisively act on threats. The Department of Defense announced March 4 that an additional toll-free telephone number has been established for people who want to contact or provide information to the Department of Defense Task Force on care for victims of sexual assault. The U.S. toll-free number, 1-800-497-6261, is staffed 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Information from the call center will help task force and defense officials develop policies and programs to improve assistance for victims of assaults and enhance prevention efforts. The Air Force also provides an unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment hotline at 1-866-229-7074. For more information, call the Spangdahlem AB Military Equal Opportunity office at 452-6392 or Tracy Rozsa, 52nd Staff Judge Advocate Victim and Witness Assistance Program specialist, at 452-6796.

52nd Medical Group training

The 52nd Medical Group at Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex is closed Thursday for training. All active-duty wing members who require urgent care should go to the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room for treatment.

Volunteer of the Quarter packages

All registered 52nd Fighter Wing volunteers are eligible to submit nomination packages on an AF form 1206 today through Wednesday no later than noon. For more information, call Lynn Luria at 452-6422.

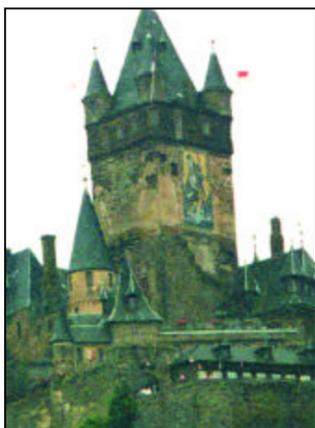
Corrections

In the "New arrivals" listing of the March 19 Eifel Times, Capt. Travis Norton should have been listed as a member of the 81st Fighter Squadron, not the 52nd Security Forces Squadron. Also, in the senior master sergeants promotions listing of the same issue, Master Sgt. Kevin Kolva's name was incorrectly spelled.

Open house

Check out how the rich and famous lived once upon a time -- Nearby castle puts out the welcome mat.

See "Cochem castle opens doors for tours, medieval dinners" on Page 8



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Staff Sgt. John Barton

1st Lt. Steven Stone, 52nd Security Forces member, looks on as Col. William Greenough, 52nd Mission Support Group commander, briefs fire, rescue and security forces members during the Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise simulating an F-16 aircraft crash landing Wednesday. U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General inspectors assessed wing Exercise Evaluation Team members during the exercise.

52nd FW earns Wing proves its excellence, IG lauds teamwork

By Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

It's an "excellent" time to be a part of the 52nd Fighter Wing.

Hundreds of active-duty airmen from all staff agencies and squadrons filled the base theater Tuesday to hear the much-anticipated results of the wing's 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Unit Compliance Inspection.

The wing's achievements, augmented by Team Eifel's ability to express their achievements with pride and enthusiasm, got the attention of USAFE IG inspectors, who granted the wing an overall "excellent" rating. Capt. Von Dailey, lead Logistics Readiness Squadron inspector and USAFE Inspector General executive officer, revealed the results for wing agencies, groups, squadrons and Spangdahlem AB's geographically-separated munitions support squadrons.

The captain outlined the five standard ratings: outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory. He also cited excerpts of the inspectors' comments, which were used to justify the ratings and distinguish certain individuals and units that were selected for either Awards of Excellence or Pat on the Back honors.

Twenty-two individuals and units received the USAFE IG Award of Excellence, and 177 individuals and units received a Pat on the Back.

Following the awards presentations, the Inspector General emphasized how well deserved the long list of recognition was.

"I think the results speak for themselves and you all were ready for us," said Col. John Snider, USAFE Inspector General. "I want you understand how good these results are. Every group inspected was (satisfactory) or better. That is the first time that's happened in this command in a UCI in four years."

A beaming Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, addressed the audience upon the team's departure.

"It's great to see the IG validate the excellence you express

in the wing," the colonel said. "All 13,000 people in the community went the extra mile to do this, and there's no doubt we're a much better wing because of the inspection."

The UCI and its subsequent results inspired airmen of all ranks.

"It took a lot of hard work, dedication and an awesome chief for us to create our work environment and really want to do our best," said Airman 1st Class Luke Smith, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter.

In an Armed Forces Network interview following the out-briefing, the wing commander addressed the inspectors' notations of certain areas in need of improvement.

"We had some write-up areas," the commander said. "And I really wanted to get some because it shows the leaders out there that those are areas in which we could use help -- whether it's a shortage of resources, needing clearer guidance or simply overtasking," Colonel Mueller said. "It's good for us in the long run."

"We don't want to mask the hard work of the people in those areas, but that grade has to be reflected as such to catch the Air Force's attention," Colonel Mueller said. "This is where we're hopefully able to change the system, but also commend the individuals through the Awards of Excellence and the Pats on the Back."

As thanks to the wing for a job well done, the commander declared Monday, March 29, a wing down day in which he encourages Team Eifel to "bask in excellence."

"Hopefully the inspectors have educated you, validated you and motivated you to keep improving," Colonel Mueller said.

For more on the UCI and a list of Award of Excellence and Pat on the Back recipients, see Pages 2 and 3.



Wing units garner Award of Excellence

The following 52nd Fighter Wing airmen earned the USAFE Inspector General Award of Excellence:

52nd Fighter Wing Staff

52nd Fighter Wing Exercise Evaluation Team; 52nd Fighter Wing Ground Safety; 52nd Fighter Wing Sorts Managers; 52nd Fighter Wing Manpower and Organization Office

52nd Operations Group

Capt. William Reynolds, 81st Fighter Squadron; 1st Lt. Frank Lusher, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Touynda Smith, 23rd Fighter Squadron; 52nd Operations Support Squadron Weapons and Tactics Flight; 52nd OSS, Communications Flight Information Management Section; 52nd OSS Intelligence Targeting and Resources

52nd Maintenance Group

22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit; 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight; 52nd EMS Maintenance Flight

52nd Mission Support Group

Staff Sgt. Ann Mitchell, 52nd Services Squadron; 52nd Communications Squadron Commander Support Staff; 52nd Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Section; 52nd SVS Community Center; 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight; 52nd Mission Support Group Operations Flight; 52nd Contracting Squadron Plans and Programs; 52nd CES Resources Flight Financial Management Element; 52nd CES Resources Flight Real Estate Element

The Communications Support Team earned the USAFE IG Eagle Award for providing exceptional non-inspected support for the UCI.



Airman 1st Class Brad King, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance journeyman, conducts a foreign-object-damage check on an F-16 during a phase inspection. Inspectors awarded the 52nd EMS Maintenance Flight the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Award of Excellence.

1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez

Team Eifel struts stuff

Left: Tech. Sgt. Eddie Fowl, 52nd Fighter Wing phase 1 inspection NCO, portrays a distressed parent in search of his daughter during the MARE exercise Oct. 30. A Deutsche Rotes Kreuz medic attempts to console him. The inject scenario was a last minute, on-scene addition to the exercise. Inspectors awarded the 52nd Wing Exercise Evaluation Team the USAFE IG Award of Excellence. Below: Maj. Robert Kesead, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron optometry flight member, looks over a checklist during the Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise involving an F-16 aircraft crash Wednesday.



Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

Airman 1st Class James Broussard, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare specialist, practices billiards shots in the Brick House. The activity center is designed for single airmen ages 18-24, but it isn't limited to them. The youngest entry age is 16. The facility, funded by 2002-2003 Installation Excellence award money, offers free activities including billiards, ping-pong, darts, video gaming, big-screen TV viewing and foosball. Snack foods and drinks are available at a moderate cost.



Airman Stacy Moless



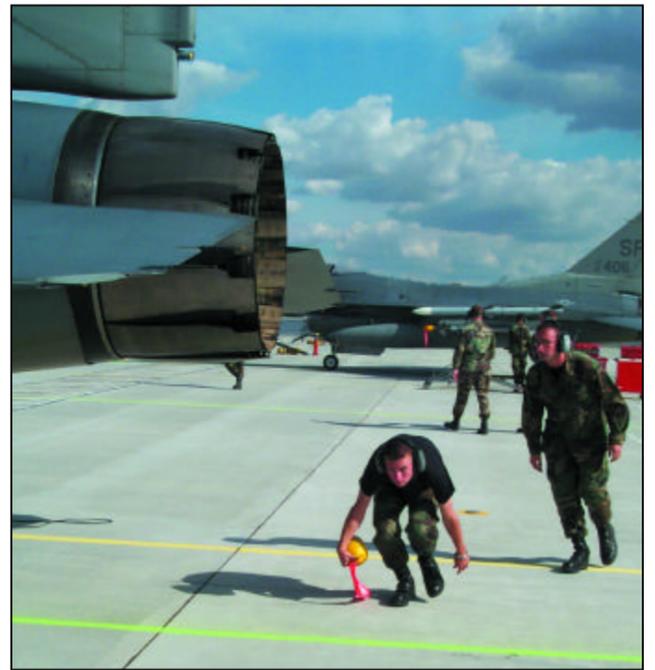
Staff Sgt. John Barton

Staff Sgt. Gabriel Gonzalez and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Thompson, 52nd Security Forces Squadron members, review traffic control points to be used with a cordon after the F-16 crash during the FSTR Wednesday. 52nd SFS received an Award of Excellence from USAFE IG inspectors Tuesday.



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

Above: Team Eifel members respond to U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General's Unit Compliance Inspection report. Right: Airman 1st Class Thomas Innis, left, and Airman 1st Class Able Gay, both 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant dedicated crew chiefs, duck from the jet blast of a 22nd Fighter Squadron F-16CJ as the jets arrive at Poznan Air Base, Poland for NATO Air Meet in September 2003. The success at NAM was one of the wing's many "excellent" achievements.



Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

52nd Fighter Wing members score a Pat on the Back

The following Team Eifel members received a Pat on the Back from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General team.

52nd Fighter Wing Staff

Master Sgt. Brian Brauner, 52nd Fighter Wing Foreign Object Damage Prevention Program; Tech. Sgt. Jeaneen Crawshaw, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Gleny Kevelier, 52nd CPTS; Tech. Sgt. Michele Reynolds, 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office; Staff Sgt. Victoria Collins, 52nd CPTS; Senior Airman Lindsay Fox, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs; Senior Airman Richard Ingram, 52nd CPTS; Senior Airman Terrance Washington, 52nd CPTS; David Britt, 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office; Angela Dodge, 52nd CPTS; Karl-Heinz Abramowski, 52nd CPTS; 52nd Comptroller Squadron Customer Service Office; 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post Geographically Separated Unit Support Program Managers; Chaplain Staff; Flight Safety Office; Military Equal Opportunity Office; Military Justice Section; Safety Office; Wing Improvement Center

52nd Operations Group

Capt. Paul Cory, 81st Fighter Squadron; Capt. Michael Hurt, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Capt. M. Leigh Noel, 22nd FS; Capt. Travis Swan, 22nd FS; Tech. Sgt. Jesse Crandall, 606th Air Control Squadron; Staff Sgt. Rebecca Nye, 81st FS; Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Pelletant, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Frances Loweree, 606th ACS; Airman 1st Class David Luna, 52nd OSS; Airman 1st Class Timothy McManus, 52nd OSS; 22nd Fighter Squadron Scheduling Section; 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit Plans, Scheduling and Documentation Section; 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit Specialist Section; 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit Weapons Section; 23rd Fighter Squadron Aircrew Life Support Section; 23rd Fighter Squadron Training Section; 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit Forward Supply Point Section; A-10 Loading Standardization Crew; EGRESS Section; Intelligence Flight Operations Analysis; Meteorological and Navigational Aids Work Center; Air Terminal Operations; Contingency Plans and Training Element; Training and Standardization Evaluation Sections

52nd Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. Jason Boster, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Samuel Escandon, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Ernest LeGrande Jr., 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Staff Sgt. Timothy Mauldin, 52nd Maintenance Group Quality Assurance; Tech. Sgt. Patrick Sebay, 52nd AMXS; Staff Sgt. Dwyne

Brown, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Patrick Compton, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Staff Sgt. Thomas Danley, 52nd EMS; Staff Sgt. Traci Gaines, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Keith Hartman, 852nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Oscar Hernandez Jr., 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Travis Ingram, 52nd AMXS; Staff Sgt. Yvonne Jackson, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Jared Lemar, 52nd EMS; Staff Sgt. Charles Loner, 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Alexander Malave, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Robert Martin, 52nd AMXS; Staff Sgt. Melissa Morris, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Michael Parker, 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Dana Patterson, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Rufus Peace, 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Michael Pernick, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Amber Pieters, 52nd EMS; Staff Sgt. Douglas Quinones, 52nd CMS; Staff Sgt. Richard Reif Jr., 52nd AMXS; Staff Sgt. Daniel Renfrow, 52nd CMS; Staff Sgt. Theodore Saxman, 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Lance Stephenson, 52nd CMS; Staff Sgt. Wenesday Traylor, 52nd CMS; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Walker, 752nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Corey Walters, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Andreana Watkins, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Michael Wilson, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgt. Brian Valentine, 52nd MUNSS; Senior Airman Tiffany Carswell, 52nd MUNSS; Senior Airman Jean Charles Jr., 52nd EMS; Senior Airman Steven Fraser II, 52nd AMXS; Senior Airman Jeremy Gilstrap, 52nd CMS; Senior Airman Brooke Goodman, 852nd MUNSS; Senior Airman Christopher Hood, 52nd CMS; Senior Airman Jowauna Hudson, 52nd MUNSS; Senior Airman Michelle Karshbaum, 52nd EMS; Senior Airman Shawna Losh, 52nd AMXS; Senior Airman Nicholes Meadows, 52nd EMS; Senior Airman Grant Peterson, 52nd CMS; Senior Airman Ryan Reeder, 52nd AMXS; Senior Airman Anthony Sanger, 52nd MUNSS; Senior Airman John Smith, 52nd EMS; Airman 1st Class Scott Morin, 52nd EMS; Airman 1st Class Melissa Pennington, 52nd CMS; Airman 1st Class Terry Wise, 52nd EMS; Airman 1st Class Kristopher Woodhull, 52nd AMXS; Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight; Maintenance Action Team; Munitions Control Element; Munitions Flight Munitions Training Element; Munitions Handling Element; Precision Guided Munitions Element; Alternate Mission Equipment Section; Support Section Special Purpose Recoverables Authorized Maintenance (SPRAM) Program; Weapons Flight Support Section

52nd Mission Support Group

Master Sgt. Tracey Rickey, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. John Badey, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bartram, 52nd SFS; Tech.

Sgt. Michael Frederick, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Brent Sanders, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Victoria Arthurs, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Staff Sgt. Kevin Bentley, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Brenda Davis, 52nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Clyde Frideger III, 52nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Shannon Hall, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Lanny Hicks Jr., 52nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Evan Hubbard, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Angela Kalb, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Tamara Kissinger, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Rudy Lara, 52nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Jennifer Meuth, 52nd LRS; Staff Sgt. David Moore, 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Daniel Priesman Jr., 52nd SFS; Staff Sgt. Edward Watson, 52nd LRS; Senior Airman Sean Christian, 52nd LRS; Senior Airman Candice Harden, 52nd CES; Senior Airman Steven Martinez Jr., 52nd SFS; Senior Airman Tonya Wagner, 52nd LRS; Senior Airman Nichole Yazzie, 52nd SFS; Airman 1st Class Tamara Atwater, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class Ryan Breaux, 52nd Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Stephanie Marquez, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class David Melendez, 52nd SFS; Airman 1st Class London Palmer, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class Jessica Perez, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class Corey Tolbert, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class Diana Torres, 52nd LRS; Airman 1st Class Melanie Middlebrooks, 52nd LRS; Airman Zachary Thompson Jr., 52nd LRS; Konnie Baustert, 52nd MSS; Susan Brown, 52nd Services Squadron; Angela Brunal, 52nd MSS; Kelly Childs, 52nd MSS; John Ellis III, 52nd SVS; Barbara Fritz, 52nd CES; Karin Fuxen, 52nd MSS; Otmar Schadeck, 52nd LRS; Ute Schaefer, 52nd MSS; Bill Triplett, 52nd MSS; Andrea Walker, 52nd MSS; Norbert Lorenz, 52nd CES; Bowling Center; Communications Maintenance Work Center; Community Activities Center, Lounge and Resale Store staff; Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight; Fire and Emergency Services Flight, Fire, Prevention Section; Fire and Emergency Services Flight, Operations Section; Fire Training Section; Fitness Center; Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Shop; Pavements and Equipment Shop; Readiness Control Center; Readiness Flight Logistics Section; Administration and Reports; Armory; Cargo Movement Element; Consolidated Dormitory Management; Fuels Training Team; Ground Radio Work Center; Mobility and Plans Section; Personnel Recall, Accounting and Strength Reporting Program; Radar Work Center; Resource Flight, Information Management Element; Satellite Communications/Wideband Work Center; Unit Deployment Managers; Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

Surprise!

Ella Makris, 4, and Erica and Lauren O'Neill, 4 and 6, grab prizes from a "treasure chest" during storytime at the Spangdahlem AB library March 4. Storytime is one of several activities offered in the new enhanced base libraries as part of the Project Wizard combat program initiative. For more information about Project Wizard, library hours or testing and researching aids, contact the Spangdahlem AB library at 452-6203 or the Bitburg Annex library at 452-9055.

Speeding costs wing members time, money

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Eighteen crashes involving Team Eifel members took place this past week; three were major crashes. Also, police stopped a driver from continuing to drive under the influence of alcohol early Friday morning.

Driving too fast for conditions caused all three major accidents, costing Team Eifel members time and money.

The first major crash occurred on B-50. A senior airman failed to negotiate a curve, resulting in the vehicle flipping upside down and sliding along a guardrail for some distance. The vehicle was totaled. No injuries were reported.

The second major crash occurred on L-46. An airman first class lost control of the vehicle and slammed into a guardrail.

The final major car crash of the week happened on B-50. An anonymous caller reported to security forces that an airman first class involved reported to the Bitburg Annex emergency room. A report is pending.



Fifteen minor crashes also took place this past week. One resulted from driving too fast for conditions, one from improper backing, seven from inattentive driving, three in which others were found at fault, one took place in a parking lot, one from tailgating, and one from a wildlife encounter.

As for the DUI bust, security forces pulled a Team Eifel member over to notify the airman of a busted taillight. The airman first class was noted as being glassy eyed and unable to speak clearly. A breath test revealed the driver had a 0.136-alcohol level. Results are pending.

Stinger Standard! 22nd Fighter Pilots train hard in 'Red Flag'

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

Two Royal Air Force Tornados follow behind two Navy EA-6B Prowlers. Four F-16s add to the 80 or so aircraft already in the skies. The young pilots face adversary aircraft and 12 surface-to-air missile sites, while flying with upgraded software and hardware in rain and low ceilings. This is a typical day at Red Flag.

More than 214 pilots and maintainers from throughout the 52nd Fighter Wing, along with 10 F-16CJs, deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., for four weeks to participate in the Weapons Training Deployment and in Red Flag Exercise 04-2.

Lt. Col. Henry Reed, 22nd Fighter Squadron commander, said the training mission was a success.

"The 22nd FS and 22nd (AMU) team did an admirable job on the road at Nellis. The people and aircraft performed exceptionally well -- Stinger Standard!" said the commander.

"Despite some abnormally poor weather for the first two weeks of our deployment, we accomplished most of our training objectives. Our partnership with a local Nellis unit, the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, allowed us to use the vast Nellis range complex at no cost, significantly saving training dollars. We validated our team's combat readiness to deploy for AEF 9 and employ the F-16CJ with new hardware and software. The deployment was a great success."

One of the biggest challenges for the Spangdahlem Air Base crew was getting used to the new technology some of the F-16CJs were installed with at the depot. About 50 percent of the jets are currently at the depot for the modifications. One upgrade is an air-to-air interrogator



Staff Sgt. Derek Bishop

Ten Team Eifel F-16CJs sit on the runway at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during the four-week Weapons Training Deployment and Red Flag Exercise 04-2 in February and March.

that allows the pilots to better discriminate between the friendly and enemy aircraft, said Capt. Dylan Baumgartner, 22nd FS D-Flight commander.

Training with the 422nd TES and the 85th TES from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., who have the updated equipment most of the Spangdahlem AB F-16CJs will receive in six months to a year greatly helped the team, said the captain.

"Being able to watch them test the technology we will soon be flying with was a real eye-opener, particularly in a realistic training environment such as Red Flag," said Captain Baumgartner.

One advantage the Team Eifel F-16CJs had over the others is that the 52nd FW is the only wing in the Air Force with combat aircraft that have been through Common Configuration Implementation Program, or CCIP, phase I and 2, a robust avionics upgrade, said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hamilton, 22nd AMU production superintendent.

"The learning curve has been rather steep, but with the painstaking efforts of our avionics systems specialists, our aircraft and technicians will definitely be ready any time the call comes to generate and deploy," said the superintendent.

From inclement weather and the grueling duration of three launch periods per day to the demanding pace and precision of Red Flag, the maintenance team executed 333 sorties, 750 flying hours and a 94 percent Quality Assurance pass rate for the length of the deployment, said Sergeant Hamilton.

"These training missions provide great preparation for real world missions," said Captain Baumgartner.

"The maintainers worked round the clock to deliver mission capable aircraft; pilots put in long hours planning and executing the sorties. It all paid off, and the mission was a great success," added the captain.

Security forces urges members to keep out of shuttle bus lane

By Iain Lotan
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Over the past few months, Security Forces members issued about 80-plus parking tickets for wing members who have illegally parked in the bus lane directly across from the Club Eifel. This past weekend, more than 20 tickets were issued on Sunday for parking in this location.

Officials remind wing members that there are two German "No Parking" signs located in the bus lane across from the Club Eifel.

Local regulation calls for a minimum 90-day suspension of driving privileges when a person receives three parking tickets within any 12-month period. The USAEUR regulation allows a commander to suspend an individual's driver's license for up to 180 days for three or more non-moving violations, which includes parking violations.

Several individuals have collected two parking tickets for illegally parking in the bus lane across from the Club Eifel; they will be facing a driving suspension after the next violation. Security Forces personnel will continue to closely patrol illegal parking and will issue tickets accordingly.

Lt. Col. Larry Laird, 52nd Security Forces Squadron commander said he advises wing members to either arrive earlier to club functions or walk a few extra steps by parking in the commissary and B-Xtra parking lot.

The colonel added that while there is no fee for parking tickets, those points add up quickly, and in the long run, can cause wing members more difficulty than simply paying a fine.

"Parking and traffic flow patterns adjust daily at the base and in the Eifel region as we renovate and improve. Be aware of the changes and be willing to adjust accordingly. Take a little extra time to park safely and legally, the colonel said.



1st Lt. Jonathan Dea

Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand, 52nd Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand
Unit: 52nd Operations Support Squadron
Duty title: Weather forecaster
Hometown: Jefferson City, Mo.
Years in service: Four
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Hildebrand exemplifies this level of professionalism by producing more than 360 mission execution forecasts with an astounding 99-percent verification rate. In addition, he developed procedures that greatly enhanced deployed capabilities to take and disseminate weather information, which ensures Combat Weather Team members use the same tools deployed as in-garrison. His contributions to the 52nd Fighter Wing mission led to his recognition as

an "Exceptional Performer" by the 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Weather Standardization and Evaluations team chief.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Recently finished a class this past semester to earn a Community College of the Air Force degree in meteorology.

What have you done lately that was fun? Spent time with my wife, daughter and two labradors. I played "Mr. Mom" for two weeks while my wife was away on temporary duty. It was just me and my little girl spending quality time together before I went away on a TDY.

What do you like most about being stationed here? It's nice to live in Europe, but it helps me appreciate how great we have it in the United States.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I think the indoor pool is out of the question, so I'd like to see a new running track or running trail.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

It all comes out in the "jet wash" for **2nd Lt. Andrew Stewart**, who keeps wing leadership in the know about deployment commitments and personnel movement. A "SAVvy" troop is **Staff Sgt. Stephanie Hueston**, who manages the wing's deployment training program and conducts staff assistant visits to help units improve their processes and readiness posture. Introducing **Staff Sgt. Barbara Schleppebach**, the Combat Intro key player in the issue of 428 mobility bags to personnel deploying in support of AEF 7/8. A hearty salute goes to **Airman 1st Class Jacob Thoen** for receiving a 91 percent on his career development course exam. He also gets a three-day pass and his supervisor, **Staff Sgt. James Umholtz**, receives a one-day pass.



Hawks personnel for the squadron. The man of the (flying) hour is ... **Capt. Joseph Locke** for handling every aspect of the scheduling shop and fulfilling the perfect flying hours schedule to elevate the 23rd Fighter Squadron's combat capability. **Cpts. Chris Kibble and Jon Dowty** went the extra mile to get the squadron ready for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe

Standards and Evaluation visit.

52nd Medical Group

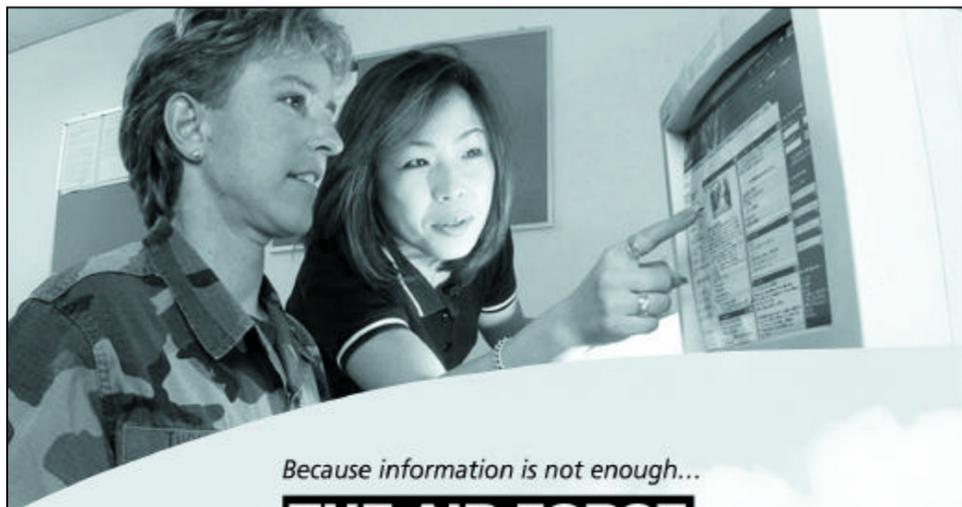
Capt. Kyle Gibson wowed 'em with smooth coordination during **Maj. Gen. James Roudebush's** visit to the med group. As an enthusiastic health fitness monitor, **Tech. Sgt. Nicole McCloud** keeps the medical support squadron on cloud nine on their way to physical conditioning. **Staff Sgts. Lanelle Scott and Amelia Newton-Ingram** used mental and dental prowess to ensure a smooth transition during the installation of the new patient scheduling system.

Eifel community

Others who greatly contributed to the success of Read Across America at Spangdahlem Middle School by lining up more than 30 military readers were: **2nd Lt. Teresa Rini** and **Airman 1st Class Matthew Miller, Capt. Timothy Higgins, Capt. Sean Baerman and Stephanie Reed**. The children really enjoyed the day!

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



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Airman 1st Class Joshua Coleman

Members of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Operation Support Weather Combat Weather Team make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Operations Support Squadron Operation Support Weather Combat Weather Team

Unit responsibilities: The team provides weather observations and forecasts for the local aerodrome, as well as numerous training areas throughout Central Europe. Members ensure base agencies receive severe weather warnings in time to take action to protect valuable resources -- including aircraft, equipment and personnel. Members deliver weather briefings to transient aircraft operators and to the three local flying squadrons. The commander and senior staff are kept apprised of local weather impacts to 52nd Fighter Wing operations through five-day forecasts, battle staff briefing support and other specialty briefing support. The team is worldwide deployable to provide contingency or combat weather support anytime, anywhere.

Number of members: 11

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? It produced more than 3,500 mission execution forecasts that correctly predicted operational thresholds to support 11,400 sorties in 2003. U.S. Air Forces in Europe inspectors have lauded the Team Eifel's weather warriors for their professionalism, doing an outstanding job and providing excellent service.



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.

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**March
Sortie
Scoreboard**

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	684	360	- 4
A-10	427	235	+ 16

*Delta is contracted sorties vs. sorties flown:

Through March 19

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

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From the top

Gen. Jumper: Capital A is for 'Airman'

By General John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON— I am an
Airman. Note that is with a capital
“A.”

It is just one letter at the begin-
ning of the word, but it signifies a
great deal. The reason it is capital-
ized is simple: Airmen in the
United States Air Force are the
heart and soul of our unique fight-
ing force and should be identified
by a proper noun.

As young children, when we
began to read, we learned a capital
letter at the front of a word signi-
fied something special or impor-
tant, like our own name, our home-
town and our country. This was
reinforced throughout our educa-
tion and professional life.

When we see a capital letter, our

“**Capitalizing the word
'Airmen' recognizes our
historic achievements and
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tions to fighting and winning
America's wars. It shows we
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proper name imparts.**”



General John P.
Jumper

minds automatically emphasize that
word, and we bestow an increased
importance on that person, place or
thing. It is time to formally add our
profession to that list of important
and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard
something about my guidance to

capitalize the word “Airman.” It is
appropriate to do so in recognition
of our rich history and to empha-
size our unparalleled role in the
defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air
and space force in the world
because of the generations of pro-

fessional Airmen who have devoted
their lives to dominating the skies.
Capitalizing the word “Airmen”
recognizes our historic achieve-
ments and signifies our unique con-
tributions to fighting and winning
America's wars. It shows we have
earned the respect a proper name
imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I have
been proud to wear the uniform of
the United States Air Force. And,
whether you have worn it as long
as I have or have just recently
joined our team, I know we all feel
the same sense of pride. Regardless
of the uniform we wear, the spe-
cialty we hold, the badge over our
pocket and whether we are active
duty, Guard, Reserve or civilian,
first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force, and we
are Airmen. (Air Force Print News)

Reflection

Program highlights women's successes

By Jean Best-Richardson
39th Services Squadron

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey -- I asked a young Airman
recently to participate in our Women's History Month program. His
immediate response was, “Why isn't there a Men's History Month?”

I realized this young man probably did not understand the condi-
tion of women in the military environment and society as a whole in
the past. He encounters women of all ranks every day. He might see
women who are commanders, doctors, lawyers, higher-ranking offi-
cers and enlisted members, and civilian women who are flight
chiefs, directors and managers.

Many young military members might not know the long strides
the military took to allow women to hold positions equal to men.

I was hired as a telephone operator at the Philadelphia Naval
Base on Aug. 11, 1969. Then, upper-level managers were men, and
women were teachers, secretaries, telephone operators or cashiers.
The few women supervisors I encountered were supervisors only of
female employees. When I arrived at Hahn Air Base, Germany, in
1972, I was denied a job as a telephone operator because I was preg-
nant. After I gave birth, I was allowed to continue my federal career.

Later that year I transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where I
was hired as a Federal Women's Program civilian personnel clerk.
The FWP helped women apply for non-traditional jobs on the base.
We helped women acquire positions as telephone linesmen, con-
struction workers and supply technicians.

After that, I became a clerical assistant in the civil engineer
squadron where women were not only expected to type, take short-
hand and make travel arrangements for the entire staff, but to make
coffee as well. While the Air Force was making a serious effort to
recruit female engineers, all the engineers here were men.

When I think about the young man's question, I know that men
had an advantage all those years because women were not readily
accepted into the traditional work force. Now, military women
receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of
work. Hopefully, one day all civilian workplaces will follow the mil-
itary's equal-opportunity example, and Women's History Month will
also be a thing of the past. (Air Force Print News)

Direct Line

Contractor differences

Question: My wife was recent-
ly employed by one of the
cleaning contractors on base.
She has since quit due to
unfair business practices.

We have tried to resolve this with
the company, but to no avail. What
can be done?

Answer: I'm sorry your wife's
experience with this particular
company was so negative.

Unfortunately, here in Germany, our
contracting squadron has no jurisdic-
tion over pay disputes between a gov-
ernment contractor and its employees.

The contractor enters into con-
tracts with its employees independ-
ently from the contracting office.
While they are required to comply
with all German labor law and tariff
requirements, these are often very
different from those we're familiar
with in the U.S. and, of course, those
unfamiliar provisions do apply to
U.S. civilians working on the German
economy.

Though we don't know the
specifics of your case, many U.S.
civilians fail to take these differences
into consideration when signing their
labor contract with a German employ-
er.

To present an example, the hourly
or monthly wage quoted by a German
employer upon hiring is always the
amount before taxes. Here, employers
are required by law to withhold
income tax and social security tax,
even from U.S. employees, and this
can be a large percentage. Because

this may not be explained before hir-
ing, some people don't realize the dif-
ference between their before- and
after-tax wage-rate until they receive
their first paycheck.

The good news for U.S. citizens is
that the income tax percentage can be
reduced if the employee obtains a
lower tax bracket certificate from the
German finance office and files it
with his or her employer. Once this is
accomplished, the employer will, of
course, only withhold the appropriate
amount.

Another problem that has been
noted is incomplete labor contracts.
We highly encourage people seeking
employment with a host nation con-
tractor to scrutinize their employment
agreement, and ensure they under-
stand each aspect. These documents
should contain all the information
people need to feel comfortable about
their work agreement. If they don't,
they shouldn't be afraid to clarify
their terms of employment before
starting work.

An avenue an employee can take is
to hire a German labor lawyer and
take the employer to a German labor
court.

Finally, as you mention, military
dependents negotiating employment
terms with a German employer
should always remember that the base
legal office stands ready to help. I
hope you have been able to resolve
your wife's employment concerns,
and that in writing your letter, you've
helped to clarify some of these issues
for others.



Community Mailbox

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



Free concert

The rock band Wooden performs at the Brick House tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

No DUIs

Alternative Drive offers shuttle service for Team Eifel members each Friday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Cost is 5 euro one-way. The shuttle stops at the Spangdahlem AB Popeye's restaurant on the hour, in Speicher at the corner of Bahnhofstrasse and Maarstrasse at 20 minutes after the hour and in Binsfeld on Wittlicherstrasse near the butcher shop at 40 minutes after the hour.

Free posters

Team Eifel units can pick up free Air Force "100 Years of Airpower" prints at the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office. Collections include 4-inch x 6-inch postcards, 8 x 10 prints, and 18 x 24 posters. Postcards include the F-100 Super Sabre, RF-4 Phantom II and a Spangdahlem AB A-10 Thunderbolt II. Larger prints include the Air Force Thunderbirds and aircraft engaged in Desert Storm, Kosovo airlift and Operation Enduring Freedom missions. Visit the 52nd FW/PA office in Spangdahlem AB building 23 or call 452-6012 for more information.

Military life

The Airman's Attic Winter Blowout sale takes place Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 307. Team Eifel members may fill a bag and the contents don't count toward the monthly limit of items.

Buffets closed

The Club Eifel lunch buffets are closed Tuesday and Thursday. However, M & M's Garage is open. Call 452-6090 for more information.

SFS spouses

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Spouses Group meets Thursday 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.

MS support group

A multiple sclerosis support group meets April 7 at 5 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB building 130 second-floor conference room. Call 06561-944049 for more information.

Tax preparation

The Tax Center volunteers provide free income tax return preparation for Team Eifel members. It's open each Tuesday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon for walk-in service. It's also open each Monday for appointments only. Members can schedule appointments through their unit tax representatives.

Customers should bring their Social Security cards, W2 forms, 2002 U.S. Income Tax Return forms, Notice of Advance Payment of Child Credit forms, 1099 forms showing interest, dividend income and other forms of income, childcare statements with detailed provider information and documents showing proof of taxable or deductible income.

Spring bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club seeks volunteers for the Eifel Spring Bazaar taking place April 16 from noon to 8 p.m., April 17 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Kenneth or Janice Cavanaugh at 06561-694502, Becky Taranta at 06561-945435, or e-mail iwannavolunteer2@hotmail.com for details.

Air Force Reserve

People seeking Air Force Reserve information can call Master Sgt. Victor Bradford at DSN 480-2326. Personal appointments are available each Tuesday in the military personnel separations office in Spangdahlem AB building 131.

Education center

The base education center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for education counseling, degree options and other information.

• Registration for University of Phoenix April classes is ongoing. Students seeking degrees in master of business administration and master of arts in education programs can call Jessica Simpson at 452-7556 for details.

AA meetings

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

Chapel news

• Catholic Stations of the Cross takes place each Friday through April 2 at

5:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Chapel. A Protestant Lenten service takes place Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Chapel. 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.

Holiday hours

The Bitburg Annex Commissary is open regular hours Easter Sunday. The Spangdahlem AB store is closed.

Community Bank

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

School news

Department of Defense Dependent Schools are closed for a teacher workday April 2 and spring break April 5-9.

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. Parents of students who are age 5 on or before Oct. 31 can register their children for the kindergarten 2004-2005 school year.

Bitburg High School

• 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.

First aid course

A course in community first aid takes place April 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2001. The American Red Cross course includes infant, child and adult CPR and standard first aid instruction. Call Terrie Perino at 452-9440 or e-mail 52fw.arc@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

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.

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>.

Chaplain Services Easter, Holy Week celebrations

Call the chapel office at 452-6711 for more information on the following services.

Spangdahlem AB

Protestant services

- ♦ Palm Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- ♦ Foot washing and communion, April 8 at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Good Friday, April 9 at noon

- ♦ Easter, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Catholic Masses

- ♦ Communal penance, Thursday at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Holy Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Easter Vigil, April 10 at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Easter, April 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Bitburg Annex

Protestant services

- ♦ Palm Sunday, April 4 at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- ♦ Easter sunrise, April 11 at 6 a.m.

- ♦ Easter, April 11 at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Catholic Masses

- ♦ Communal penance, Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Good Friday liturgy, April 9 at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Easter, April 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Jewish Passover

- ♦ Seder dinner, April 6. Call Senior Airman



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



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 March 26 to April 1. 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.

Bitburg Castle

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.

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.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

House of Sand and Fog (R, 7 p.m.)

Massoud is barely making ends meet and must fight to recover ownership of her home.

Thursday

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.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

50 First Dates (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Henry falls in love with Lucy, who suffers short-term memory loss. He has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet to maintain their relationship.

Chasing Liberty (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

The President's daughter ditches her security detail to travel across Europe with her boyfriend.

Saturday

Disney's Teacher's Pet (PG, 7 p.m.)

Spot is a dog who longs for more than a dog's life. He masquerades as a human and sneaks into school with his master, posing as a fellow student.

50 First Dates (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Disney's Teacher's Pet (4 p.m.)

Chasing Liberty (7 p.m.)

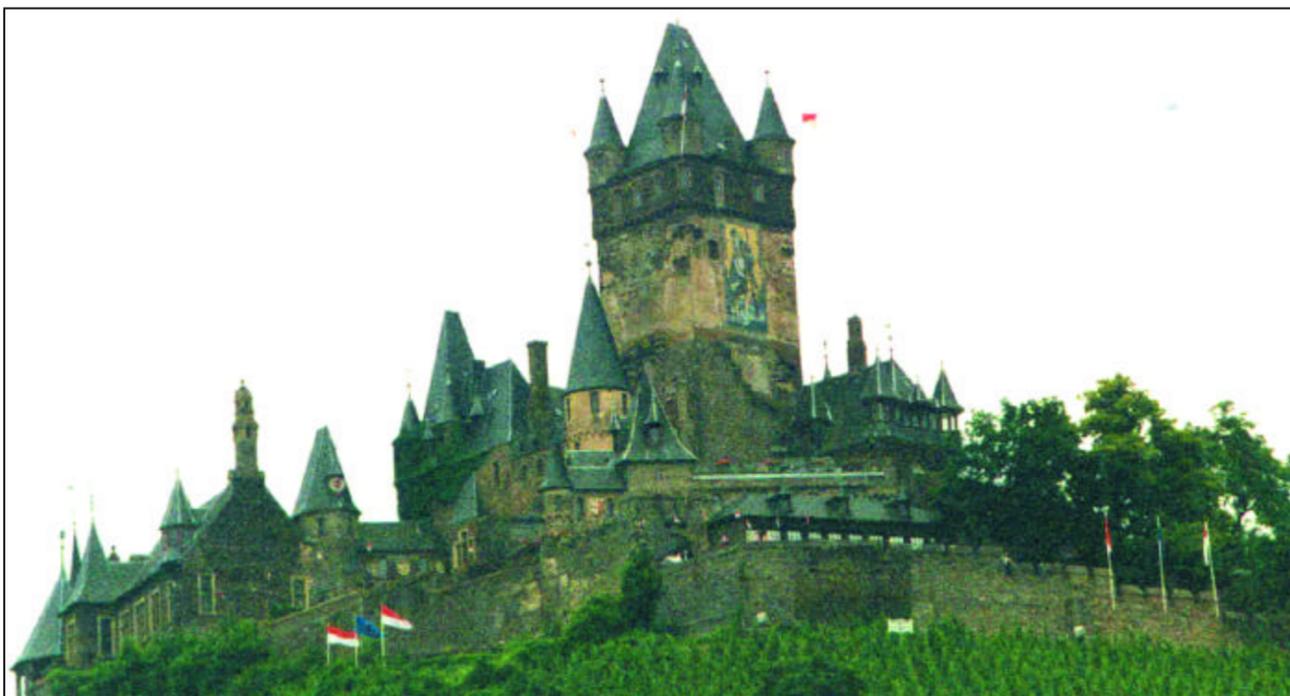
Monday

50 First Dates (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Disney's Teacher's Pet (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday



File photo by Iris Reiff

A view of Cochem castle from the town. The stone structure is more than 1,000 years old and features antique and custom-made furnishings. Guided tours are available for 2-4 euro. For more information, visit www.burg-cochem.de.

Cochem castle opens doors for tours, medieval dinners

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

With the passing of winter and the promise of warmer days, Cochem castle re-opens its gates to springtime visitors. The neo-gothic structure, which sits upon a hill 330 feet above the town of the same name, offers guided tours from Monday through November from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The formidable stone facility is believed to have been built by Count Palatine Ezzo in about 1,000 A.D. According to the castle Web site, for about 150 years it was passed down through the count's successive generations. In 1151, King Konrad III laid claim to the property and declared it an imperial fiefdom. From then on, the structure housed imperial ministers who ruled the town of Cochem with the title of "Lord of the Castle."

In 1294, King Adolf of Nassau pawned the castle and its surrounding villages to Boemund I of Trier to pay for his coronation as German emperor. It remained the property of successive archbishops of Trier until 1794. During this time, the castle had fallen into the hands of French troops in 1689, who had invaded the Rhine and Mosel areas in the war of the succession of the palatinate. Under the rule of King Louis XIV, the structure was set on fire, undermined and blown up.

The castle lay in ruin until 1868 when Berlin businessman Louis Ravene purchased the land and rebuilt the castle to resemble much of its former glory. Mr. Ravene's family used the castle as their summer home.

Today, the castle features the antique and custom-made furnishings the Ravene family decorated it with more than 130 years ago. Since 1978, the town of Cochem has owned

the historical castle and its property.

Visitors will find that the tour guides speak German, but translation sheets are available in 12 languages for the 40-minute tour. Group tours, such as those provided through the base Information, Tickets and Tours office, are available in English. Admission costs 4 euro for adults, 2 euro for youth ages 6-17 and 11 euro for families of two parents and up to three children. For more information on Cochem castle, visit the Web site at www.burg-cochem.de.

Royal feast

Before or after the tour, visitors can get a bite to eat at the castle restaurant, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can choose an indoor table or dine on the patio overlooking the Mosel river.

Visitors interested in experiencing Cochem castle at the height of the medieval ages can attend a four-hour dinner each Friday at 6 p.m. and each Saturday at 7 p.m. A cost of 39 euro includes a bread and lard appetizer, hot and spicy soup, poultry drumsticks, cheese, grapes, nuts and biscuits. The evening entertainment features jesters, period music, torture instruments, "show and tell" and a traditional knighting ceremony.

Tickets must be booked in advance by calling 02671-255 or e-mailing reichsburg-cochem@t-online.de. ITT also offers Cochem medieval dinner trips. The next ITT-sponsored dinner trip takes place April 24 and costs \$70 per person. The trips include transportation to and from Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-6567 or visit the ITT office in the base community activity center for more information.



Out and About



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

- ♦ Blues Company performs Saturday in Freudenburg Ducaal hall.
- ♦ The show Rock and Rockets, featuring rock music by the bands

Fairground and Sin City, takes place April 3 in the Hermeskeil Hochwald kaserne.

- ♦ Brothers in Arms performs April 3 in Freudenburg Ducaal hall.
- ♦ Flea markets take place April 4 in front of the Kroev Weinbrunnen fountain, along the Zeltingen Mosel shore, on Trier-West Hornstrasse and in front of the Gerolstein Hit market.
- ♦ The concert Sounds of Silence, featuring the Simon & Garfunkel Revival band, takes place April 10 in Daun Forum hall.

♦ Trier's annual wine and gourmet festival takes place April 16 through May 16.

- ♦ The annual state garden show takes place April 22 through Oct. 24 in Trier.
- ♦ The Eifel Wanderers hike through Berlin and Zehlendorf April 17-18. Registration deadline is April 2. Cost of 125 euro for adults and 60 euro for children includes the city tour and hotel stay. Non-members add 10 euro to ticket costs. E-mail chatterbox@greenet.de or amillwill@yahoo.com to reserve seats or for more information.