

## Dress Right, Dress

### AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2

Conservative ornamentation is now authorized on non-prescription sunglasses and eyeglasses. Frames may be black or brown material or gold/silver wire; brand name glasses may be worn with small logo on the frames or lens. Logo must be the same color as the frame or lens. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



## News Briefs

### Passport office hours

The passport office will have limited service Monday through Sept. 24. The office will be open from 8-11 a.m. only. For emergencies, call Staff Sgt. Ginger Woelk at 452-5519/6554.

### Blood drive

A base blood drive takes place Wednesday and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Old Officers Club, building 42. To sign up, to donate or to volunteer, visit <http://intranet/misc/signup/blooddrive/>. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Margaret Santamaria at 452-4263, or Senior Master Sgt Joseph Santamaria at 452-6209. Donations can help cancer patients, accident victims, premature babies, surgery patients and burn patients. Donated blood is also being sent downrange to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### Training day change

The 52nd Medical Group personnel training day changed to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anyone requiring urgent care on that day should go to the Bitburg Annex hospital emergency room for care. Call 1st Lt. Shaundra Williams at 452-3192 for details.

### Sept. 11 ceremony

A 9-11 Remembrance Day Ceremony takes place at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the building 23 Terrazzo (flag pole area). Team Eifel members are invited to attend this ceremony. Dress is Uniform of the Day. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Spangdahlem AB chapel. Call Master Sgt. Thomas Bathe at 452-6508 for details.

### POW/MIA ceremony

A Prisoners of War/Missing in Action recognition ceremony takes place at 9 a.m. Sept. 14 at the building 23 Terrazzo (flag pole area), and a luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Club Eifel. The guest speaker is Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. Cost is \$7 for club members who RSVP or \$8 for non-club members. Tickets can be purchased through the first sergeants. For details, call Master Sgt. Ray Brown at 452-6854.

### Pass, registration closure

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration office will be closed Sept. 15 for training. Driver's testing and driver's license services will not be affected.

### Bundeswehr turnover

The Navy Bundeswehr replaces the Army Bundeswehr in an official ceremony Thursday at 10 a.m. at the building 23 Terrazzo (flag pole area). The Army Bundeswehr has been guarding our base entrances since February 2003.

## Well suited

Outdoor Recreation creates excitement for Team Eifel's thrill-seeking enthusiasts with trips, tours to exotic locales.

Read "Spang Adventurers explore Europe," on Page 8



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Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman

### Ramp it up

Bulldozers roll through the mud at the construction site of the new ramp here. Construction crews started pouring concrete to build the ramp Aug. 16, and the project should take roughly 50 pouring days to complete. The machines are capable of pouring between 230 to 400 square meters of thick, smooth concrete each day. By December 2005, Rhein-Main Air Base will close, and its aircraft will be divided up between Ramstein Air Base and here. This 60 million euro construction project will transform the base into a joint fighter-cargo base. The ramp will be able to hold up to 11 C-5 aircraft, the largest plane in the Air Force inventory.

## School lunch prices increase

### AAFES reviews pricing policy, needs to cover rising costs in food, labor, transportation

By Capt. Diane Weed  
AAFES Public Affairs

The price of a "full-priced meal" served in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service overseas school meal program will increase by \$.10 for the 2004/2005 school year -- the first increase in nine years.

This year's price adjustment is necessary to cover recent increases in food, labor and transportation costs. The free, reduced price (\$.40) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not be impacted.

Elementary school student meals will be \$2.05, and middle/high school meals will be \$2.20. AAFES will continue to review the pricing policy annually to ensure the program is running on a break-even basis.

In comparison, some schools throughout the U.S. are raising breakfast and lunch prices by as much as \$1.

"Our mandate is to provide these meals on a break-even basis. Since AAFES does not generate any earnings from the school meal program, raising the prices is the only way to sustain the program," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander.

"As much as we hate to raise these prices, this modest increase is in the best interest of the school meal program. AAFES will continue to work with USDA and Department of Defense Education Activity to improve this program and to look for efficiency and economy, ultimately containing the cost as much as possible while continuing to provide a wide variety of nutritious meals to our students," she added.

AAFES, as the school food authority for DoD overseas schools, provides U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved school meals to students on Army and Air Force installations in 10 countries throughout Europe and the Pacific.

Each year, this program serves about 4.5 million lunches in 136 schools.

### Bitburg High School lunch prices

The prices for the D school lunch coupons for the upcoming school year have changed. See updated price list below:

- A coupons: free, no change
- B coupons: \$.40 each, one book costs \$8, no change
- D coupons: \$2.30 each, one book costs \$44
- Lunch plus: \$.75 each, one book of 10 costs \$7.50, one book of 20 costs \$15, no change
- A coupon breakfast: free, no change
- B coupon breakfast: \$.30 each, no change

### Bell schedule:

- First period: 8:05-9:35 a.m.
- Second period: 9:40-11:10 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:10-11:50 a.m.
- Third period: 11:55 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.
- Fourth period: 1:30-3 p.m.

"Reduced prices and free meals are available to students whose families meet USDA income guidelines. The military services and AAFES do not set the criteria," notes Richard Sheff, AAFES vice president of the Food and Theater Division. "Sponsors may purchase coupons for the USDA-patterned meals at the AAFES PX/BX main store cashier's window."

At many locations, AAFES has implemented an automated school meal payment system. Parents complete an enrollment application, establish an account and the military family members use a pin number to pay for pattern meals. In addition to USDA-pattern meals, AAFES school cafeterias feature an assortment of healthy menu alternatives.

AAFES school meal daily menus are posted for review at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). In addition, parents and students can forward comments and suggestions on the Web site directly to the AAFES Staff Dietitian, Maj. John Ruibal.

Read more about "Back to School" on p. 4.

# Family advocacy supports families; nearly 1,000 Airmen deploy from Spang

Story and photo by  
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52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

(Editor's note: The following is part three of a three-part "deployment" series covering Combat Care, Chapel services and family advocacy.)

As Spangdahlem Air Base continues to deploy nearly 1,000 military members, the Family Advocacy staff is here to support Team Eifel before, during and after a loved one's deployment.

Taking advantage of the opportunities is up to each individual family member; however, the support is there for the taking.

"Family advocacy supports Airmen and their family members so they can support the mission," said Ms. Michele Linnen, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, family advocacy outreach manager. "When our personal and family life is a place of security, comfort and support, we are better able to perform our work duties and responsibilities."

Having a solid foundation can be the key to sustaining a long-distance relationship, said Ms. Linnen.

"The educational workshop, 'The Art of Relationship,' is offered every month, and preventive individual and couples counseling is also available," she said. "Family advocacy has a collaborative relationship with the family support center, Combat Care and the chapel staff to ensure the community needs are met via coordinating what services and programs are offered."

Having a spouse deployed is a strain to the whole family. For instance, just the little things such as getting the children ready for school, running errands and squeezing in

appointments can be warring on any body. Imagine dealing with those day-to-day stresses without the support of a spouse or having to care for a new baby alone.

Family advocacy has programs to fit these specific needs.

"The new parent support program is an educational program for expectant parents and parents of children up to three-years old," explained Ms. Linnen. "This is a voluntary program offering information about pregnancy, child development, appropriate discipline techniques and emotional support for parents."

The family advocacy nurses know creative techniques to help parents and their children to adjust to family separation and reunion.

"These techniques depend on the situation at hand, such as behaviors a child may have and so on," said Ms. Suzanne Berrong, 52nd MDOS, family advocacy nurse.

It all depends on the child and the preparation for the deploying parent's departure, away time and return home, she added.

Dealing with the emotional stresses of a deploying loved one may be alleviated by participating in family advocacy programs and services.

The Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB pre-school play groups meet weekly and are an opportunity to meet other spouses of deployed Airmen, to develop friendships and to learn about community resources and Eifel recreational opportunities, as well as for children to enhance their social and motor skills.

"I have been going to play groups since my first son was born in April 2001," said Mr. Chris Grey, spouse of Capt. Krista Grey,



Caitlin Walbeck, two, daughter of Robin Walbeck and Tech. Sgt. Ed Walbeck, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and Marissa Merriam, two, daughter of Charlotte Marriam and Capt. Eric Merriam, 52nd Fighter Wing, play together at a Spangdahlem Air Base play group hosted by family advocacy.

52nd MDOS. "I get the opportunity to talk to other parents about what they are doing and discovering. The experiences of my peers can give me valuable insight into just about every aspect of parenting and children."

With the help of family advocacy, Mr. Grey is developing a Stay At Home Dad's group for the fathers who need to get out of the house with their children.

"Many stay at home dads don't get out enough, and some I have met, rarely leave the house. Much more so than women,"

expressed Mr. Grey. "I think it has a lot to do with 'traditional' gender roles and stigmas that may arise from the reversal of them."

Family advocacy staff can provide educational information and material about couple communication, child development, appropriate child discipline and parenting techniques. Addressing concerns or difficulties before they become overwhelming is the key to family advocacy's support network.

For more information on the family advocacy programs and services, call 452-8279.

## Speed causes head-on collision on B-50, Spang has zero DUIs, 12 crashes

By D. A. Barker  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had zero DUIs last week. However, there were 12 crashes, one of which was classified as major.

Team Eifel's major wreck happened when a woman collided head-on with a truck on the B-50. The accident was caused in part from speeding. The driver went to the Bitburg Annex emergency room with slight sprains and bruises.

There were 11 minor accidents last week: two for speeding, two parking lot accidents, one for backing and six from inattentive driving.

### Driving tip:

Spangdahlem Air Base gates are backed up due to construction work. Here are the entry points for drivers coming from different directions:

A-60 traffic is still entering the base at the main gate near the plane display. The B-50 traffic is entering at the old main gate, near the gas station, while staying in the right lane.

People coming from Binsfeld can enter the base at the old contractor gate near the Herforst round about. This is a way to help make base entry quicker in the morning for all concerned. Follow the signs and directions from the gate personnel.



## Medical officials clarify policy on cosmetic surgery, eligibility

By G.W. Pomeroy  
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

Air Force doctors perform cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries as part of essential training, but elective cosmetic procedures such as breast augmentations are not routinely available as perks to servicemembers and their families, said Air Force Medical Service officials.

Recent published reports in civilian media suggested that elective procedures are prevalent in the military health-care system. Some reports also indicated that free cosmetic surgery is common among servicemembers and their families.

Air Force doctors and their counterparts across the Defense Department perform elective cosmetic surgeries, but not to the extent people have been led to believe, said Air Force Medical Service officials.

In fiscal 2003, Air Force doctors performed roughly 50,000 total procedures, of which 405 fell into the six categories of cosmetic surgery: abdominoplasty or "tummy tuck," 25; blepharoplasty, (eyelids), 50; breast augmentation, 116; face lift, 31; liposuction, 151; and rhinoplasty, (nose), 32.

"The fact is all beneficiaries are eligible for these procedures but there are policies in place to govern this aspect of the military health-care system," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Legan, the Air Force Medical Service's chief consultant for surgical services.

"There is no charge for reconstructive surgery related to trauma, burns or disease," Doctor Legan said. "Solely cosmetic surgery for an active-duty Airman requires no payment unless cosmetic implants are part of the procedure; the

implants are paid for by the Airman prior to surgery."

No surgery is done on active-duty members for weight reduction, Doctor Legan said.

"For other beneficiaries, solely cosmetic surgery is chargeable based on the procedure and whether it is performed on an inpatient or ambulatory basis," Doctor Legan said.

Payment arrangements are finalized before patients are placed on the surgery schedule.

Doctor Legan also said that cosmetic surgery is done only on a space-available basis and may constitute no more than 10 percent of a plastic surgeon's workload.

He emphasized that such skills are crucial for Air Force doctors to keep pace with their civilian counterparts.

"Air Force plastic surgeons, as with other specialists, require hours of education, training and continuous practice to keep their skills within medical standards," Doctor Legan said. "Without cosmetic surgery as part of their scope of practice, they would be deprived of experience in a fundamental part of their field."

"Additionally, military surgeons perform reconstructive surgery that often entails some degree of aesthetics," he said. "Experience with cosmetic cases gives surgeons an ability to achieve the best possible results for reconstructive patients."

"The majority of our cosmetic cases are done in conjunction with training of surgical residents," the doctor explained. "This not only teaches skills but is a necessary part of training well-rounded surgeons who are every bit as good as their civilian counterparts in all aspects of their respective surgical specialty."



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Joseph Jacovina  
**Unit:** 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**Duty Title:** Traffic Management Apprentice  
**Hometown:** Stroudsburg, PA  
**Years in Service:** One year, five months  
**Nominee's Contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Airman Jacovina is a front line customer service representative in the Military Passenger Travel section of the Traffic Management Flight. Spangdahlem Air Base is his first duty assignment. He has worked in passenger travel for seven months and has assisted more than 1,700 customers. He

personally connects with each customer and consistently displays a caring attitude along with great enthusiasm and true professionalism. Customer comment cards consistently validate what outstanding service he provides. He has personally assisted more than 15 after-hour customers with emergency leave and temporary duty reservations, making sure that each traveler's needs are met. He has provided superior support for the Spangdahlem AB airport shuttle, ensuring the Eifel community transportation to and from Rhein-Main Air Base and Frankfurt airports. He makes work fun and interesting for his co-workers and his enthusiasm is infectious. There is never a dull moment when working with Airman Jacovina.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Airman Jacovina attended Customer College Class. He's also president of the 52nd LRS dorm council.

**What do you do for fun?** I play video games and work on computers.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I like the beautiful scenery.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB?** I'd like to see air conditioning at the work section.

## Congratulate Spang's newest enlisted leaders!

The senior NCO induction ceremony takes place **Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, and 6:30 p.m. for dinner at the Spangdahlem AB fitness Center.**

The deadline to purchase tickets is **Sept. 13. Contact squadron First Shirts for tickets. The event honors all Spangdahlem AB and geographically-separated units master sergeant selects who are formally inducted into the SNCO core.**



## MAKE IT COUNT Don't forget to vote!

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

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

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Group

When it comes to excellence, blame it on the Wayne ... **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wayne** stepped up to perform duties as Personnel Reliability Program monitor for the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Despite being new to her PRP duties, she completely updated all the checklists and requirements. During a recent staff assistance visit, the program was rated "outstanding."

### 52nd Operations Group

Big "cell"-utes to the mission planning cell for outstanding work in the recent NATO tactical evaluation: **Cpts. Brad Spears, Matt Poisson, James Warf, Matt Allen, Frank Lusher, Ray Daniel, Mike Hurt, Scott Alford, Ben Hollo and Jeff Schnakenberg;** and **1st Lt. Ken Cobb; Master Sgts. David Maniccia, and Leroy Moorrees;** and **Staff Sgt. Monique Corbin** worked 15-hour days while flawlessly planning 136 TACEVAL sorties under extremely demanding conditions. **Tech. Sgt. Lupe Vasquez** had the lock on computer security and received a "Pat on the Back" from the NATO tactical evaluation team. To the rescue were **1st Lt. David Jones** and his wife, **Katy**, who took quick action in stabilizing the victims of a single car accident on the autobahn. Lieutenant Jones also joined **1st Lt. Chris Perkins** and **Tech. Sgt. Chris Kelley** in giving a fascinating tour of the squadron life support section and an F-16 aircraft to two groups of youth center children.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

We "fuel" the need to salute **Senior Airman Jeremy Gilstrap**, who fabricated



Spangdahlem Air Base's first and only test fixture for F-16 fuel and oil heat exchangers -- this will save countless troubleshooting hours for the hydraulics shop. Yabba dabba doo for **Staff Sgt. Jason Melahn**, who spearheaded the turn-in of

five workcenters worth of prehistoric office furniture to the Defense Re-utilization and Marketing Office. If she had a hammer ... **Senior Airman Christina Sacilowski** completely reconstructed the hydraulics shop's tool accountability database after the computer system crashed. A streetcar named accurate is **Staff Sgt. Keith Stella**, who reviewed and validated more than 1,600 work hours in the maintenance information system with an error rate less than one percent. **Staff Sgt. Jayson Blackledge** stepped up as egress shop production supervisor, a position normally reserved for a seasoned technical sergeant or master sergeant, and oversaw all maintenance actions on 12 aircraft in one week.

### 52nd Medical Group

A healthy salute to **Lt. Col. Diane Deyak, Tech. Sgt. Edith Fields, Staff Sgt. Ernesto Otero, Staff Sgt. Suzy Bright and Mandy Baerman**, for their help in keeping Team Eifel fit! **Airman Alisha Noah** is on a roll with her super job transporting the new medical group commander to Geilenkirchen for his orientation tour. **Senior Airman Keisha McDuffie's** got operating room procedures all sewn up and can now assist in more complicated oral surgery cases.

*Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!*

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



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Team

**Unit Name:** 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Flight Passenger Travel Section

**Unit Responsibilities:** Passenger Travel is responsible for arranging and providing official travel for all military, Department of Defense and Department of Defense Dependents Schools members stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base and surrounding geographically-separated units. They arrange various types of official travel and manage the wing's \$1.7 million centralized billing account and monitor SATO's performance, ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements.

**Number of members:** Seven

**How does the team fit into the 52d Fighter Wing's mission?** In the last three months, they arranged and confirmed about 1,200 reservations, meeting peak permanent change of station season requirements and local temporary duty commitments. They served more than 3,000 walk-in customers and received absolutely no customer complaints. Additionally, they reconciled and accounted for the expenditure of about \$325,000 in local and Air Force-level monies.

**Team's other contributions throughout the year:** Passenger Travel provided commercial transportation assistance for weapon training deployments to Zaragoza, Spain; Red Flag; Maple Flag; and air and space expeditionary forces 1/2 and 7/8. They help maintain quality of life at Spangdahlem AB by monitoring the contract for White Swan airport shuttle bus service. Additionally, this team consistently responded to emergency leave requests during and after duty hours, making sure all travelers were able to depart Germany within 24 hours. Their program and service has been consistently praised by wing first sergeants. Despite short notice taskings, heavy AEF commitments and limited resources, Passenger Travel and SATO always meet mission requirements.

# Bells are ringing ... Back to school time for Eifel children

## District superintendent urges DoDDS parents to actively participate in learning process

**By Archie Bates**  
Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Kaiserslautern District Superintendent

Dear parents and students,

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Kaiserslautern District would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2004-2005 school year. As a new or returning member of the DoDDS family, your contribution to the school and its programs becomes a meaningful part of our partnership in education. Each school year brings change; this school year is no exception. As DoDDS continues to implement new initiatives in early childhood, special education and high school programs, your involvement in all school and district educational programs is essential and greatly appreciated.

I invite you to join the teachers, administrators, support staff and Kaiserslautern District Office personnel in forging a collaboration of common goals, values and priorities. In order to have this meaningful partnership, it is incumbent on each of us to maintain effective lines of communication. When all

members of the school community commit to an open, honest and on-going dialogue, parents are informed of school activities, we are aware of your concerns and interests and students understand that they are the focus of our endeavors.

The Kaiserslautern District is committed to providing every possible opportunity for all students to become productive members of society. Therefore, it is imperative that parents take an active role in the educational process.

Research clearly indicates that when parents take an active role in the education of students, student achievement increases significantly. In order to ensure the development and continuation of quality programs and optimal educational opportunities for students, I encourage all members of the community to become involved in our schools as volunteers, co-teachers, co-decision makers and active advocates for your children and their education.

My sincere wish is that this will be a successful and productive school year for us all.

### Points of contact

♦ **Schools Liaison Office**

Schools liaison officer: Audrey Burkel

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♦ **Bitburg High School**

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♦ **Bitburg Middle School**

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♦ **Bitburg Elementary School**

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♦ **U.S. Air Forces in Europe Schools Web site:**

<https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/direct/dp/dodds.htm>

♦ **Department of Defense Education**

Activities director: Joseph D. Tafoya

Web site: <http://www.odedodea.edu>

### School shorts

#### Spangdahlem Elementary School

♦ SES conducts a Child Find screening Sept. 24 for three- and four-year olds who may have a suspected developmental delay in the area of language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills. The screening is for children whose parents live on Spangdahlem AB or within the Spangdahlem AB feeder plan. Call the Eifel Student Transportation Office at 452-5340 to clarify which villages fall within the Spangdahlem AB feeder area. Call 452-6881 to make an appointment for child screening.

♦ SES celebrates American heroes with a "Lunch with Heroes" event this year. Military members who have come home from deployment will have lunch and recess with students at 10:50 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Sept. 20 and 10:50 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. Sept. 21. The Army and Air

Force Exchange Services will provide lunch for the heroes. Interested military members should call Barbara Triplett at 452-6881 by Sept. 15 and indicate which day and time they are interested in attending. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to lunchtime.

#### Spangdahlem Middle School

For more information on the following events, call Jane Hewitt at 452-7205.

♦ SMS holds its open house the first day of school, Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and mentors are invited to attend.

♦ Volunteer training starts Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the school's media center. Those wishing to volunteer during this school year must attend.

#### Bitburg High School

Students can travel, make new friends and condition for winter sports by running for the BHS cross country team. The cross country competition involves three-

mile races through trails, parks and farm roads rather than an oval track. Work outs are each day after school. Meets are each Saturday from Sept. 18 through Oct. 30. Runners of all abilities are welcome. See Coach Heather Rodriguez in BHS room 215 for more information. Parents and community support at both home and away is essential to the success of BHS runners. Coaching volunteers are welcome. Assistance will also be needed at home meets Sept. 25 and Oct. 16. Call BHS at 452-9202 or e-mail Heather\_Rodriguez@eu.odedodea.edu.

♦ The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test allows practice for the SAT and provides entry for juniors to the National Merit Scholarship Program. All sophomores and juniors must take the test.

DoDDS pays the cost for every sophomore and junior to better prepare them for the junior year competition.

Freshmen may pay to take this test on a space available basis only. Make \$11 check payable to: Bitburg High School.



## Transportation talks bus safety

**By Mike St. Clair**  
Student Transportation Officer  
DoDDS Europe

Department of Defense Schools-Europe believes that primary age children should have adult supervision, preferably by their parents when they go to, while they are at and when they return from the bus stop. Primary age children are usually defined as those age five through eight, in kindergarten through grade three. Parents should also consult local command or community poli-

cies regarding child supervision, which may, in some cases, be more restrictive with regard to ages.

As a group, primary age children are the most vulnerable of all to accidents and injuries going to and from and at the bus stop. Being on their own before they are ready greatly increases the risk. Analysis of accidents and injuries involving primary age children going to and from and at the bus stop

consistently reveals that they were unsupervised.

While older children are usually mature enough to go to and from the bus stop safely on their own, few primary age children are ready for that responsibility. No child is born "danger aware;" each must be taught how to recognize and avoid danger. Most primary age children not only need, but should have continuing adult super-



vision to keep them safe while they learn and mature.

In addition, being overseas significantly raises the risk factor. There are critical differences between the U.S. day-to-day school transportation environment and that found in various nations of the DoDDS-Europe area. The unfamiliarity of the overseas environment itself can be overwhelming to a primary age child; that, plus the increased safety and security concerns, means that adult supervision is a must.

### School bus safety tidbits

- ♦ Parents of school bus riders need to ensure their children know and use the safest route possible to and from the bus stop.
- ♦ Parents should ensure their children wear clothing easily visible to motorists and that their children practice safe behavior to and from the bus stop. Children are least visible to motorists during the winter months when there are fewer daylight hours.
- ♦ Parents should teach their children to remain on the sidewalk and wait for the bus to depart before attempting to cross the street. Otherwise, a child attempting to cross a street in front of or behind a bus risks being injured by a motorist that is unable to see the child.
- ♦ U.S. Army in Europe driving regulations require motorists on a military installation to stop for a bus that is loading or unloading.

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- 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.



Col. Dave Goldfein

**August Sortie Scoreboard**

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	869	761	-66
A-10	349	345	+13

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

Through Aug. 30

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

# Viewpoint

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**Motivation**

## AEF propels Airmen into battle rhythm

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kromer  
52nd Communications Squadron commander

"Here we go again -- back into the bucket!"

"This pace never slows down. It's Go! Go! Go! all the time!" These are phrases people might be hearing around the base as we begin another air expeditionary force deployment cycle. A lot of folks will be going out the door, and some have already gone.

Many hands are working to prepare these folks for a productive and safe deployment. Many base programs are rightfully in place to assist the families of deployers. But, don't forget to take care of the ones remaining at home station in the work centers, too.

They're the ones facing the challenge of picking up the workload normally performed by their deployed compadres. They'll do it all, too, unless right-minded supervisors intervene.

These folks will put in 12-14 hour days and come in on days off to get the job done unless smart supervisors examine the workload and determine exactly what must be done versus what can or must wait. They'll work through meals and go without proper rest and exercise unless tough supervisors send them home and to the gym and protect the integrity of work schedules.

They might even operate a vehicle while fatigued where little mistakes kill unless caring supervisors look them in the eye say, "You're not driving tonight."

Why do they work so hard? Simple. They're special people who love serving along side other special people. They work to associate with others who share the same values of integrity,

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excellence, selflessness, trust and teamwork.

These aren't just slogans hung up in the hallways to them. They are real, honest-to-goodness, hang-your-hat-on-'em standards they measure themselves and others by daily. They're hard, unforgiving, unbending, unadorned truths that demand more than many can live up to.

God bless those who try and thank God for those who set the example for others.

I wasn't always this crazy about the Air Force. I joined because my folks couldn't afford to send me to college after I finished high school. It was 1974, and I was tired of mowing lawns for a living.

The only other job in town was bagging groceries. The current bagger was middle-aged but in good health, so I signed up with the Air Force for six years. For the first couple of years, I was still growing up.

I had mature NCOs who recognized my youth and gave me the necessary corrective vectors to keep me on a path of growth. I can't place a specific date or event to when it happened -- just gradually, the Air Force became my Air Force.

I came to realize that the Air Force was only

**Safety**

## Airman experiences theft, shares travel tips

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

A few years ago, before I joined the Air Force, I took a vacation to Dublin, Ireland, with my husband.

Our first night there, I was jostled about like a pinball in several smoky, cramped pubs. I then got "bumped" on the street by a stranger as we walked back to our hotel downtown.

I could have been pick-pocketed in any one of those situations, with my purse strapped diagonally across my shoulder.

I didn't realize until the next morning, when we were about to go sight seeing, that my wallet was gone from my purse. We looked everywhere and mentally traced back the events that lead us to that ill-fated situation.

All the credit cards were gone, and my driver's license was nowhere to be seen. How was I going to pay for the hotel with no credit card? How was I going to get a rental vehicle and prove that I actually did have

a valid U.S. driver's license? How can I withdrawal cash from an ATM? My mind was racing.

I have always thought of myself as an intelligent and safety-savvy kind of person; being aware of my surroundings, walking with a sense of purpose and keeping my possessions tightly to my body. With all my anticipated safety measures, I was still a target to a local thief.

I reported my loss to the Dublin Police Department and filed a report. I never got my wallet back, but I was glad I took a few precautions back home in the states before I left for my European vacation.

While planning my trip to the Emerald Isle, I read some traveling safety tips, and one of the tips was to make photocopies of all the IDs and credit cards in my wallet, as well as the inside of my passport. I made two copies and gave one to my mother and put the other copy in the safe at our Dublin hotel. I thought to myself, "You never know when something bad might happen."

The only thing I wish I had done differently is not only take a photocopy of the front of the credit cards, but to take a copy of the back as well. Credit cards put the 24 hour-a-day customer service, toll-free number on the back of the cards. You can't call to report your card stolen and cancel it if you don't know the number.

Fortunately, our hotel directed us to a non-profit organization that helps tourists with their travel emergencies and problems. That organization had all the toll-free numbers for the credit card companies and got us 'hooked up.'

Not every traveler will have the luxury we had in Dublin to have a non-profit organization readily available to help travelers in need. It is important to plan ahead no matter where you are destined to go.

The 52nd Fighter Wing Anti-Terrorism Threat Working Group has a few recommendations for Team Eifel members planning vacations around Europe:

going to be as good as I was, and others who cared made it. Not only were others willing to listen to my criticisms and suggestions but, shock of shocks, they expected me to do something about it and gave me the resources to "make it happen."

I soon found that I needed training and education to come up with good ideas and that I needed trust and teamwork to convince others to try them. I had become part of a great profession of super people working together toward a good and noble future.

History books are now filled with world events shaped by my Air Force, and they're still writing.

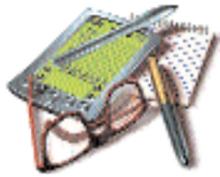
I believe I'm in the company of a lot of folks who are just as crazy about our Air Force as me. So supervisors, my challenge to you is to prepare your in-garrison troops for the challenge of the next four months.

An old wing commander of mine called this "getting into your battle rhythm," a mental and physical adjustment from the norm to handle stressful situations. It entailed a careful consideration of mission-critical workload and the resources available to do it.

Then it required managing those resources as carefully as a pit boss manages a 400-mile race. The smart ones are in constant communications with their driver. Together, they know when to draft the car, when to move up the pack, when to pit for gas and tire change and how to keep the driver cool and hydrated.

All facets of the race are carefully orchestrated, monitored and adjusted throughout the race -- not only don't they win -- they don't finish. Make sure your folks are there for the finish by getting them into their "battle rhythm" mindset early.

- When on trains and buses, sit on the inside near the aisle, away from windows and toward the middle
- Keep a low profile and make every effort to blend into the local environment
- When possible, travel with a tourist passport
- Contact your unit anti-terrorism officer through your orderly room prior to leaving for your vacation
- Visit the 52nd FW Intranet, click on "AntiTerrorism Info" and print out a quick reaction reference card from the link "Individual Protective Measures Wallet Card."
- If your wallet is lost or stolen while on vacation, report it immediately to local police. Try to get a copy of the police report for your records. If your passport is missing, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy. Upon return to Spangdahlem Air Base, file a report with the law enforcement desk as soon as possible. This begins the process for getting a new military ID card.



## Community Mailbox

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



### Commissary closure

The Bitburg Annex commissary will be closed Monday for Labor Day. The Spangdahlem AB commissary will be open regular hours. For more information, call Alfredo Alferez at 452-9135.

### Mentoring program

The 52nd Communications Squadron and the 23rd Fighter Squadron have combined forces to establish a mentoring program. 52nd CS members have the opportunity to talk to a pilot and crew, see aircraft up close and tour 23rd Fighter Squadron facilities. Call Master Sgt. Ronald Dixon at 452-5960 or e-mail ronald.dixon@spangdahlem.af.mil to sign up.

### Housing office closure

The Spangdahlem AB housing office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. The office re-opens Tuesday at 8 a.m. For more information, call 452-7944.

### M&M's adds hours

M&M's Garage, located inside Club Eifel, test runs hours each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5-9 p.m. through Sept. 30. Call Fred McKenney at 452-7867 for details.

### PMOC conference

The fall 2004 European Protestant Men of the Chapel conference takes place Oct. 15-17 at the Sauerland Stern Resort Hotel, Willingen, Germany. The reservation deadline is Sept. 14, and the registration deadline is Sept. 27. For more information, call the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Chaplain's Office at 480-6961 or 06371-476961 or e-mail usafe.hcx@ramstein.af.mil.

### AAFES, DeCA council

The Army and Air Force Exchange Services and the Defense Commissary Agency council meeting happens Thursday at 9 a.m. Squadron representatives and key spouses will receive information and offer feedback on both AAFES and DECA facilities in the

Eifel. Call Georg Main at 452-7017 for details.

### Foggy fields bazaar

The American Women of Geilenkirchen hosts the annual Foggy Fields Bazaar in Hangar 4 on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base. The event is open to all NATO and U.S. identification card holders. There will be more than 100 booths filled with Polish pottery, Turkish rugs, hand-crafted items, jewelry, chocolate and more. The Bazaar runs Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### VAT relief program

The new VAT relief program kicks off Sept. 15. The program introduces a new fee structure and decreases costs, depending on rank. For more information, call Susan Brown at 452-6250 or visit the VAT office in the community center. The new rates for Germany are as follows:

- ♦ E-1 through E-4 and civilian equivalents, one form is \$2, 10 forms are \$15.

- ♦ E-5 and above and civilian equivalents, one form is \$3, 10 forms are \$25.

### Cub Scout meeting

The Spangdahlem AB Cub Scout Pack 165 round-up takes place Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the old officer's club ballroom in Peter's Restaurant. For more information, call Kevin Kolva at 452-6016.

### ALS open house

The Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School open house takes place Wednesday from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex French Casern, building 2002. The open house will include a briefing, tour and refreshments. Call ALS at 452-9455 for more information.

### Family support news

All classes meet in Spangdahlem AB family support center, building 307, unless otherwise noted. Call 452-

6422 for details.

- ♦ Wednesday, smooth move, 10 a.m. to noon

- ♦ Wednesday, great expectations, 2-4 p.m.

- ♦ Thursday, German bills made easy, 8-9 a.m.

- ♦ Thursday, interviewing techniques, building 2001, 10 a.m. to noon

- ♦ Friday, train trip to Trier, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- ♦ Friday, key spouse training, building 2001, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### MEO committee advisors

The Military Equal Opportunity Official Department of Defense Special Observances include Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday; African American and Black History Month; Women's History Month; Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust; Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Women's Equality Day; Hispanic Heritage Month; National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month.

The purpose of Special Observances is to recognize the continuous achievements of all Americans to American culture and to increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding among all military members, their families and the civilian work force.

The 52nd Fighter Wing MEO Office encourages participation in special observances and provides advice and technical expertise to special observance committees. Currently, the MEO Office is soliciting volunteers to chair certain committees and participate as committee members. To volunteer for special observance committee participation or for more information, call the MEO Office at 452-6392.

### Tops In Blue

The Tops In Blue "Musicology" tour pulls into Spangdahlem AB Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Call Denise Rossignol at 452-7260 for more information.

## Chapel Services

### Spangdahlem AB

#### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

#### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., pre-school through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live

#### Jewish

- ♦ Every second and fourth Friday of every month, 5 p.m., Shabbat Services

### Bitburg Annex

#### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 9:15 a.m.

#### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 11:30 a.m., Sunday School (building 2001); 1 p.m., Gospel Service
- For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711.



## Club Eifel Happenings

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

### Too bad!

**Terrance Wo Cobbs** missed out on \$300, and **Kianoos Karamzadeh** missed out on \$525 in the weekly Club Eifel drawing. Members must be present to win. If members aren't present and their name is called, the cash carries over to the following week, and the pot keeps growing.

### Today

A DJ plays classic rock from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**ECL:** Commander's social starts at 5 p.m.

### Monday

The All U Can Eat Spaghetti Special runs from 5-7 p.m. and features steamy pasta and Melvin's handmade meatballs in marinara sauce served with garlic bread. Cost is \$2.95 for members and \$4.95 for non-members.

### Tuesday

Tn'T Tuesdays runs from 5-7 p.m. and features tacos and tequila specials. Cost is \$1.95 for members and \$3.95 for non-members. Enjoy \$1 jello shots.

### Wednesday

Ladies Night goes from 8-11 p.m., and beverages of choice are half price. Food and drink specials include \$1 margaritas, \$.25 wacky wings and \$2 cheese quesadillas.

### Thursday

The Prime Rib Feast runs from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy slow-cooked roast of prime rib served with simmering au jus, a garden green salad, fresh sautéed vegetables, broccoli spears sautéed in lemon butter, freshly baked rolls and a beverage. Medium cut cost for members is \$9.95; large cut cost is \$12.95. Medium cut cost for non-members is \$12.95; and large cut cost for non-members is \$15.95.

### Der Markt

**Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines**

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

## Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Sept. 9. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

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

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

*Catwoman (PG-13, 10 p.m.)*

A shy woman inadvertently becomes a human guinea pig for an anti-aging product and has a new feline prowess.

Saturday

*Black Hawk Down (R, 4 p.m.)*

Elite U.S. soldiers drop into Somalia to capture two top lieutenants of a renegade warlord and find themselves in a desperate battle with a large force of heavily-armed Somalis.

*Windtalkers (R, 7 p.m.)*

Two U.S. Marines in WWII are assigned to protect Navajo Marines who use their native language as an unbreakable radio cypher.

*When We Were Soldiers (R, 10 p.m.)*

This story covers both sides of the first major battle of the American phase of the Vietnam War.

Sunday

*Lilo and Stitch (PG, 3 p.m.)*

A Hawaiian girl adopts an unusual pet who is actually a notorious extra-terrestrial fugitive from the law.

*Finding Nemo (G, 6 p.m.)*

Nemo's father, Marlin, finds himself the unlikely hero on an epic journey to rescue his son.

Monday

*Two Brothers (PG, 7 p.m.)*

Twin tigers, one bold and one shy, are born in a city of ruins in French Indochina and are soon captured. They are then pitted against each other in a fighting match.

Tuesday

*Catwoman (7 p.m.)*

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

### Bitburg Castle

Today

*Jeepers Creepers (R, 7 p.m.)*

Bickering siblings on their way home make a horrific and bizarre discovery in an old church basement ... The Creeper, a creature who is hell-bent on eating them.

*Jeepers Creepers 2 (R, 9:30 p.m.)*

Set a few days after the original, a championship basketball team's bus is attacked by The Creeper, the winged, flesh-eating terror, on the last day of his 23-day feeding frenzy.

Saturday

*Garfield (PG, 4 p.m.)*

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

*I, Robot (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

In the year 2035, a paranoid detective investigates robots in what he alone believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot.

Sunday

*I, Robot (4 p.m.)*

*The Terminal (PG-13, 10 p.m.)*

An immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Return to Neverland (G, 7 p.m.)*

Wendy's daughter, Jane, is kidnapped by Captain Hook, and Peter Pan must come to the rescue.

Thursday

*I, Robot (7 p.m.)*

Get out and about this fall ...

# Experience the Mosel valley through wine, music, dance

*(Editor's note: Events are subject to change. To double-check event dates or to obtain further details, call 11833 and ask for the phone number of the tourist office in the town where the event is held at).*

♦ A Mosel wine festival takes place in Leiwien **today** through **Sunday**.

♦ The great Middle Mosel wine festival of Bernkastel-Kues, featuring large-scale entertainment, takes place **today** through **Monday** throughout the town of Bernkastel-Kues. The fireworks display kicks off between 9:30-10 p.m. **Monday**. A colorful festival parade is scheduled early afternoon **Tuesday**. This is a high-light event of the region.

♦ The Mosel town of Bremm will host a wine festival **today** through **Monday**.

♦ Have fun at a Depeche Mode Party at 9 p.m. **Saturday** at the Trier Exhaus, located on Zurmaier Strasse.

♦ Listen to Swing, Folk, Blues and classical compositions, performed by the flute player, Elsa Ruiba, and the guitar player, Stephan Gierfinghold, at 8 p.m. **Saturday** at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center, located on Weberbach/Wechselstr.

♦ Enjoy attending a free Line Dance Workshop, organized by the Trier Porta-Nigra-Zoomers Square Dance Club, for beginners or advanced of all ages. A Western party is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. **Saturday** on Friedhofstrasse 37 in Trier-Ehrang. For details about the German Country and Western Club "Eifeltor" and its events, contact Guenther and Elke at 0651-9664606 or 0173375 7057.

♦ Sample wine and enjoy a nice entertainment program at the 44th Saarbueg wine festival **Saturday** through **Monday**.

♦ Trier-Ehrang will celebrate their annual market festival **Saturday** through **Tuesday**.

♦ Enjoy a Latin American night with

lots of new latin pop music and dances at 7:30 p.m. **Saturday** at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located near the Porta Nigra.

♦ Participate in the 11th Bitburg city run through the center of town **Sunday**.

♦ Visit a flea market **Sunday** in front of the Bitburg toom market; along the Bollendorf Luxembourg border; at the Daun train station; in front of the Gerolstein Hit market and at the Koblenz Alte Viehmarkt hall.

♦ Enjoy a farmer's festival **Sunday** at the Preist Schilling farm, located on Kornmarkt 1. On schedule are; an early morning concert at 10 a.m., lunch available at 11:30 a.m., a farmer's coffee and cake at 2 p.m., music and entertainment at 2:30 p.m., and photo shooting with farm animals, going up into the air, pony rides, horse wagon rides, farmer's exhibitions, tractor races, live music and more.

♦ Enjoy a night's worth of Salsa, Reggae, Hip Hop and Oriental Pop music and dancing at 9 p.m. **Sept. 10** at the Kleine Saal small hall of the Trier Multi cultural center. Entry is 3 euro. For more information about the event, call the Trier Tuchfabrik at 0651-718-2412.

♦ A wine market takes place **Sept. 10-12** in Traben-Trarbach.

♦ Enjoy a charming street and wine festival "Around the Market Square" in Lieser, **Sept. 10-12**. The event features music, entertainment and food and wine by close to 20 wine growers.

♦ Have fun at the world famous Bad Duerkheim sausage festival **Sept. 10-14** and **Sept. 17-20**. This is a highlight event in Germany, featuring a huge amusement area, large festival tents, music and fun. Highlight of the festival will be a fire works display at 9:30 p.m. **Sept. 11**.

♦ Stop by the Traben-Trarbach hand-craft and farmers' market **Sept. 11-13**.



Iris Reiff

The town of Bernkastel-Kues will be bustling during the Middle Mosel wine festival this weekend.

♦ Rolf Zuckowski performs a family concert for small and tall at 5 p.m. **Sept. 12** at the Trier Arena, located on Castelforte Strasse. This is a popular event. For more information, call 06531-3000.

♦ Malberg will open up its castle and town history to the public **Sept. 12**.

♦ Visit a flea market **Sept. 12** in front of the Kloster Machern cloister, located near the town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; at the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall; at the Trier Messe hall and in front of the Wiesbaden Wal-Mart market.

♦ Enjoy an early morning concert by the Trier-Tarforst music association at 11 a.m. **Sept. 12** in Trier's main market square.

♦ Listen to a concert at 4 p.m. **Sept. 12** at the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, located near the Porta Nigra.

♦ Have fun at the small but fine street festival of Wolf **Sept. 17-19**.

♦ Enjoy a great public wine probe **Sept. 17** in Zell, located on the Mosel.

♦ The annual wine and market festival of Fell, featuring sales, music and a public wine probe, takes place **Sept. 17-20** throughout the wine community.

♦ The famous Munich October festival, which takes place for the 171st time this year will start off **Sept. 18** and continue through **Oct. 3** at Munich's "Wiesn" fairgrounds. It is the largest volksfestival in the world, attracting more than six million people annually.

♦ The 23rd wine harvesting festival of Kroeis is scheduled for **Sept. 24-26**.

♦ Attend the Trier Moselland exhibition, the largest industrial fair of the region, **Sept. 25** through **Oct. 3** at the Trier Moselauen fair grounds. This is a major event.

♦ The neighboring town of Oberkail will sponsor a festival **Oct. 1-4**.

♦ Jazz at its' best is the title for a musical performance **Oct. 1-2** in Wittlich.

♦ The Mosel town of Erden invites to a vintners wine and street festival **Oct. 1-3**.

*(Compiled by Iris Reiff, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs office)*



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

### If I were a carpenter ...

A German carpenter makes a sheath for a medieval-style horn during the annual Manderscheid Festival Aug. 28. Throughout the two-day event, there were various arts and crafts booths, where people could watch craftsmen make sheaths, pottery, swords and more. The festival highlight was live jousting matches and medieval entertainment.

# Spang adventurers explore Europe

## Outdoor Rec creates excitement for Team Eifels thrill-seeking enthusiasts with trips, tours to exotic locales

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

The rush of sky diving. The excitement of deep sea fishing. The courage to rappel into a dark cave. These activities are the cornerstone of outdoor enthusiasts and adventurers at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Outdoor Recreation, a product of the 52nd Services Squadron, is a service for people who want to see and experience Europe via a more adventurous route.

"People may be scared to venture out of the normal places like Paris or Amsterdam or even the security of their dorm rooms, but Outdoor Recreation will provide them with something active and fun to do," said Senior Airman Camelia Walker, 52nd Communications Squadron, a participant in the ODR programs.

Participating in ODR is just one of the many benefits of being in the military.

"Outdoor Recreation offers canoeing, scuba diving, caving, ropes challenges, skiing, tandem sky diving and just about any other outdoor adventure an individual or group would

like to do," said Mr. Mike Kirsch, 52nd SVS, recreation assistant. "We also have all kinds of camping equipment, complete top-of-the line ski packages, touring bikes, car top carriers, tents, grills, tables, chairs and coolers for rent."

Team Eifel members not only work hard, but play hard too. Last year, ODR brought a bit of adventure to roughly 325 people through their various trips and tours.

It's amazing how hard Team Eifel members work at making this the best Air Force base in the world. The people who make things happen at this base have learned not to just wait around and let things happen. They go out and make good things happen," said Mr. Kirsch. "I know if a trip has been successful by how quick the folks go to sleep in the van on the drive home."

Including sports on a European adventure itinerary makes for a happy mind and healthy body, said Staff Sgt. Peter Rivera, 81st Fighter Squadron, ODR participant.

"My favorite event was a diving trip to Venice, Italy, last month. Not only did we



Staff Sgt. Peter Rivera

**Team Eifel adventure seekers prepping on the beach at Lake Garda, Italy, for a scuba dive. Before the dive, participants must first take scuba classes, which are offered by ODR.**

have time to dive, we also took the opportunity to travel around the city and surrounding beaches in Venice," said Sergeant Rivera. "The diving trip provided different environments such as diving in Lake Garda, which is a fresh-water body, and we also dove in two different shipwrecks near the beaches."

The Eifel community can become open water scuba certified through ODR and can experience and discover Italy's underwater mysteries.

"The Italy scuba certification has three pool sessions and one classroom session to complete before going," explained Mr. Kirsch. "When we go down to the beach, we want to get all the basics out of the way and enjoy some great diving. We also offer specialty courses for divers who want to advance their education and skills."

Besides the scuba adventures, ODR has many opportunities for people to get out and enjoy Europe.

"After the Baltic Sea fishing trip where we

caught tons of cod, we're looking forward to going on the North Sea fishing trip, where they say the fish are even bigger and come in many varieties," said Capt. Chad Martin, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, ODR participant.

"Outdoor Recreation has great tour guides, good accommodations, and they are 'in the know' about where to go and what to do," he added.

Outdoor Recreation offers different brochures for all types of interests for all kinds of people and their grand adventures. The staff at ODR is there to help Team Eifel.

"Mike Kirsch set up a great trip, and he ensured everyone was familiar with the plan of attack for the trip. He went out of his way during the trip to make sure everyone was having fun and catching fish," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wepner, 52nd CS, ODR participant. "That type of personal interest and attention to detail on his behalf made the trip enjoyable for everyone."

## ODR adventure trips

### September events:

- ♦ Intro. to scuba diving, Sept. 15
- ♦ North Sea fishing, Sept. 25
- ♦ Luxembourg cave rappel, Sept. 26
- ♦ Italy scuba certification course, Sept. 28 – Oct. 3

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 452-7176.

### October events:

- ♦ Sauer River raft float, Oct. 2
- ♦ Luxembourg trout fishing, Oct. 3
- ♦ Mosel canoe and sea kayak trip, Oct. 9
- ♦ Baltic deep sea fishing, Oct. 23-24
- ♦ Mosel bike trip, Oct. 23
- ♦ North Sea fishing, Oct. 31



John Van Winkle

### Gridiron gear up

U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon football player, senior fullback Dan Shaffer, plows ahead for a touchdown during the Air Force Academy's final Blue-Silver scrimmage of the season Aug. 28. Shaffer carried the ball 67 times last season for 296 yards. The Falcon starters played about half of the scrimmage before giving way to the backups. The starters scored on their first drive of the game, going 37 yards in six plays over 2:10. The Falcons open the 2004 season Saturday, against 13th-ranked California at Falcon Stadium. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN2.

## Sports Briefs

### Running coaches needed

The Bitburg High School Cross Country team needs coaching volunteers and assistance at home meets Sept. 25 and Oct. 16. People interested in running and jogging should call BHS at 452-9202 or e-mail Heather Rodriguez at Heather\_Rodriguez@eu.odedodea.edu.



### Sept. 11 remembrance run

A Sept. 11 remembrance half-marathon begins at 9 a.m., and a 5K fun run/walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Sept. 11. Registration begins Monday, and the cost is \$5. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross. For more information, call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

### Soccer coaches needed

Mentor the next generation of pro-soccer players by becoming a youth soccer coach. Coaches are needed for all ages, especially 5-6 year olds. The season begins Monday. The next coaches' training session is today from 5-8 p.m. at th Bitburg Annex Family Support Center training room. Knowledge of the game and rules of soccer is necessary. For details, call Sally Fuller or Randall Greenfield at 452-7545.

### Mountain bike racing

Mountain bike enthusiasts have one last chance to stake their claim as the biking champion for 2004. The 19th annual Fat Tire Spectacular, hosted by the Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts, gears up in Garmisch, Germany, Sept. 11. The cost is \$20 per cyclist. Call AFRC Outdoor Recreation at 440-2591/2644 for race registration details. For accomodations in Garmisch, call AFRC Vacation Planning at 440-2575 or visit their Web site at www.afrcueope.com.