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Commander's Corner

each Friday from 7-8 a.m.

Wing leaders discuss current hot topics, award prizes for correct trivia answers and talk about what's on the horizon for the 52nd Fighter Wing.

News Briefs

Senior NCO meeting

Top 3 meets Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Brick House. Guest speaker is Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. The free barbecue lunch is also a farewell to Master Sgt. Dan Beasley, outgoing Top 3 president.

Pass and registration information

The office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon for walk-in vehicle transactions and 1-3:15 p.m. appointments only for vehicle transactions. Service for IACS registration, out-processing, linebadges, and shipping and junking privately-owned vehicles is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Airman 1st Class Diana Esposito at 452-6695 for more information.

Munitions storage closure

The munitions storage area is closed for all custodial-related actions from March 1-31 to conduct its semi-annual inventory. Only valid emergency requests approved by the applicable group commanders and submitted in accordance with applicable directives will be honored during this time. Call 452-6743 for details.

False FEI advice

According to the Chief of International Tax at the IRS Chief Counsel, a civilian Web site is erroneously advising overseas service members they may exclude their military income from taxation under the foreign-earned income exclusion.

Military income earned overseas is subject to taxation. The FEI exclusion does not apply to military income. Only service in a combat zone, in an area designated as providing direct support to operations in a combat zone, or in a qualified hazardous-duty area allows for the exclusion of military income earned overseas.

As a result of this false information, the IRS has received thousands of amended 2002 federal income tax returns seeking refunds. In some cases, refunds may have already been paid. Returns for 2003 may be involved, as well. In all of these cases, the service members will receive a letter from the IRS stating they do not qualify for the exclusion and must return any refund erroneously obtained.

Members who have followed the erroneous advice in filing the 2003 return or in amending a prior year's return should seek tax assistance immediately to correct the error by a new amended return. Call David Britt of the base tax office at 452-6572 for more information.

Get going!

Expeditionary support program helps airmen and families deal successfully with the many stages of military life.

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Senior Master Sgt. Edward Snyder

Spangdahlem Air Base and South Carolina Air National Guard F-16CJs await clearance at a forward deployed location to take-off on a combat mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 22nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and the 157th EFS served with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in March 2003. Since September, U.S. Air Forces in Europe focused developing its strategy for the next 10 years, reorganizing headquarters, its theater engagement plan and tracking its progress. Implementation of USAFE's new theater engagement plan resulted in major command and Air Force assets visiting or operating in more than 20 countries.

200 Days of Progress!

USAFE commander looks back to the AF future

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

Special from USAFE

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments over the last six months. Chief Coleman and I are inspired by the intense mission focus and boundless enthusiasm demonstrated throughout the command, and we are encouraged by the progress at all levels.

At the strategic level, we focused on several major endeavors: development of a strategy for U.S. Air Forces in Europe for the next decade, reorganization of USAFE HQ, our theater engagement plan, and a measurement system to track our progress. The progress we make today is shaping how we'll fight tomorrow. USAFE's strategic presence and unparalleled readiness are key enablers for our nation, and the thrust behind our Air Force strategy for Europe. Based on national, joint, and USAF strategies and visions, our new strategic plan centers on four primary principles: our ability to influence global actions; readiness; theater engagement; and our ability to retain a leadership role in NATO. Our efforts embody these principles and ensure our forces are ready to meet the challenges of the future. We reorganized USAFE HQ by divesting it of those non-management HQ functions that had been attached -- some 1,000 personnel/functions realigned from the strategic level to either the operational level or tactical level. We also identified those functions that could be streamlined by using reach-back to CONUS services, resulting in a significant number of functions migrating back to parent commands or HQ Air Force. These actions permit our HQ to more clearly focus on its mission -- to provide policy, oversight, and evaluations on command units.

As part of the reorganization, we converted our headquarters to an A-Staff. This structure more clearly aligns with our parent command -- EUCOM, our subordinate warfighting headquarters -- Air Forces Europe, and our sister services. This realignment postures us to function as a warfighting headquarters and permits cleaner lines of communication across the spectrum of functions accomplished by USAFE Headquarters.

While squaring away HQ, we established and formalized our theater engagement plan to support CDRUSEUCOM's vision of US military interaction with our allies and coalition partners. Execution of the plan resulted in USAFE/USAF assets visiting or operating in over 20 countries regarding several areas of interest for our air forces -- safety, medical, operations, logistics, etc. An important part of this plan was the development of four engagement teams that are regionally focused and tailored to the appropriate topics of interest for the Air Forces of a particular region.

Lastly in the strategic realm, we developed and implemented a measurement system to determine whether USAFE is meeting its goals. This measurement system covers the spectrum of important functions within the command -- readiness, quality of

Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

52nd Fighter Wing airmen inspect their supplies on a deployment assembly line this past summer. The airmen deployed from July through November 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. To ensure U.S. Air Forces in Europe meets its readiness goals, major command leaders have implemented a monthly review system which measures command health and progress.

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Top brass inspired by boundless enthusiasm,

Senior Airman Karolina Gmyrek

52nd Medical Group Optometrist Capt. Jeff Autrey uses a slit-lamp with an ophthalmoscopy lens to check the health of Staff Sgt. Andrea Bixler's optic nerves Feb. 6. U.S Air Forces in Europe's newest strategic plan measurement system closely examines the command's safety, medical, operations and logistics programs to ensure military readiness on all areas.

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life, morale, and welfare. Each month we review our Combat and Special Interest Program metrics and some 23 other key indicators, covering everything from medical performance factors to mission capable rates. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the command and progress towards our goals.

We were equally as engaged at the operational level, as we made progress with our warfighting HQ, situational awareness, strategic footprint, and operational evaluation construct. We planned for, stood up, and certified a 24/7 warfighting headquarters. Called Air Forces Europe, or AFEUR, its mission is to provide theater planning, sustainment, and execution in the Global War on Terrorism, contingencies, and daily operations. As all of this was accomplished, over 550 USAFE HQ personnel were ear-tagged, and are in the process of being trained, to perform as part of a wartime construct for AFEUR. Eventually, AFEUR will assume the role and responsibilities currently performed by our Numbered Air Forces.

Situational awareness is a key aspect of AFEUR's mission. We improved operational SA across the command by giving our flying units the appropriate mechanisms to receive command-wide data relative to Air Tasking Order/asset utilization. In addition to providing USAFE this "Big ATO", we improved interoperability between the AFEUR Air and Space Operations Center and NATO. We dramatically increased our SA with access to key NATO C2 systems, including NATO's Recognized Air Picture and ATO generation tool.

On another front, USAFE reinforced the strategic footprint of the USAF's long-reach enablers by redistributing the leadership and C2 at RAF Fairford and Moron AB. These bases have been, and continue to be, very important in every recent contingency. Improving the C2 and robusting the leadership has had a direct impact at the operational level on the fight as these bases contribute to the broad operations in and across the EUCOM AOR.

As a final point, we conceived, developed, and implemented a no-notice operational evaluation construct to measure and critique the readiness of units across the command for events associated with GWoT. Called Euro Thunder, this initiative provides immediate feedback to commanders about unit tactical and operational readiness to counter events relevant to terrorist attacks.

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Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

Above: Tech. Sgt. William McCalpine, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron quality assurance inspector, salutes during retreat Nov. 19. The NCO was one of hundreds of the 81st Fighter Squadron and support members returned from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Right: Airman 1st Class Thomas Innis, left, and Airman 1st Class Abel Gay, 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant dedicated crew chiefs, duck the jet blast of an F-16CJ as the jets arriving at Poznan Air Base, Poland for NATO AIR MEET Sept. 5. Six jets and more than 100 wing members deployed for the major tactical live-flying exercise, which honed wing warfighting skills Sept. 5-19.

At the tactical level, we provided significant capabilities to several contingency operations, transitioned our aeromedical evacuation mission, established USAFE University, and made noteworthy progress on several key mission enablers. In the last six months alone, we flew over 2,100 combat sorties totaling over 9,300 combat hours in support of OIF/OEF, JTF Liberia, and Balkans operations. We provided an aeromedical evacuation capability that moved over 5,200 OEF/OIF patients out of CENTCOM, and transported patients all over Europe. Our tactical airlift, tankers, fighters, and airmen, delivered airpower and services whenever, wherever needed.

Seamless to our contingency operations, in September of 2003 we successfully transitioned AE from a single-role airframe, the C-9 Nightingale, to the use of multi-role airframes. Within EUCOM our C-21s successfully took over 24/7 alert coverage for intra-theater movement of emergent patients. We

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mission focus demonstrated throughout USAFE

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accomplished other AE missions via a combination of C-21s, C-130s, opportune airlift, civilian air ambulances, and creative solutions.

Creative solutions also helped us make remarkable progress with our Combat and Special Interest Programs, and other efforts. Results clearly indicate the command is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readiness, force development, services, and quality of life.

Four programs contributed to improvements in our readiness. As an example, Combat Flightline reduced the number of maintenance personnel working outside of their core duties by returning almost 40 airmen back to maintenance production, in addition to other flightline initiatives. USAFE HQ's generals, colonels, and chiefs (and selects) were among the first in the command to taxi to the test ramp under our new AF Fitness testing guidelines. Thanks to Combat Fitness, they set the standard with an average score of 86 percent. Combat Care is gaining momentum to improve the care, attention, and information flow to spouses and family members affected by deployments, and to personnel deployed to USAFE. Lastly, we just initiated Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) to embed a safety culture and to help us manage our awareness of risk, actively combat the threats we face, and act smartly when we see something that needs to be fixed.

Improving services, like readiness, is more than just an enabler -- it's one of USAFE's three primary goals. Our progress in this area is significant and far reaching. Over 700 targeted service professionals graduated from Customer College since its inception. The seeds are planted and improved customer service is already noticeable throughout the command. Combat Education initiatives are removing barriers to education -- throughout USAFE nearly 50 percent of all college courses are now taught during non-standard times, and nearly 15 percent of all classes are offered outside traditional classroom locations. Project Wizard helped our libraries reach out to stock reading materials you desire, redirect their programs, and improve their services. We have over 2,500 registered volunteers with Hidden Heroes who logged in over 14,000 hours of service. Combat Intro/Exit streamlined requirements to minimize PCS stress and frustration. We reduced the number of inprocessing stops to three at all USAFE bases -- down from as many as 15 stops at some locations. We are also on line with Virtual Outprocessing, which reduced the number of required outprocessing stops to an average of five per base. Finally, we responded to the need to improve the process for obtaining a US Forces Driver's License in Germany. We engaged USAREUR to revise the driver license test, simplify study materials, and improve testing procedures --- they responded. While all of this gets ironed out, commanders may now grant PCSing service members a waiver letter, allowing them to obtain a 30-day temporary license to ease inprocessing and house hunting.

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Above: Sara Owens, Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University, shares graduate degree information with a 52nd Fighter Wing senior NCO. Combat Education is one of many U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat Programs focused on enhancing mission readiness. Below: Staff Sgt Michael Miller, 786th Security Forces Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany, guards a C-130 Hercules at Roberts International Airport, Monrovia, Liberia. Miller is one of several USAFE members deployed to Dakar in September in support peacekeeping efforts in Liberia.

U.S. Air Force photo

Airman Stacy Moless

Gerhard Densborn, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, radios his fellow firefighters while operating the ladder truck water pump during a major accident response exercise at Spangdahlem Air Base in January.

We are moving forward with two force development programs to provide professional growth via hands-on experience and one-on-one mentorship. All USAFE main operating bases executed daily Combat Nighthawk sorties, and we're on track to reach 15 percent of the command's CGOs and 15 percent of our Senior NCOs each quarter -- breaking them out of their functional stovepipes to learn about unfamiliar elements of Air Force operations. Project Connect is our newest program designed to provide a forum for senior officer mentors to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officer protégés on a one-on-one basis.

Also in the spirit of force development, we created USAFE University -- a first-of-its-kind entity chartered to oversee all education and training programs and processes within the command -- encompassing over 550 courses. A Board of Trustees, composed of HQ USAFE Directors, will advise the University President on command-level education and training issues. The Director of Personnel and Command Chief Master Sergeant will serve as Vice Presidents, and the Provost, the Chief of Education and Training, will be our belly button for all education and training issues within the command.

On a final note, we enhanced quality of life in numerous areas. Project CHEER provided 455 high-energy events serving over 46,000 airmen throughout the command during November and December alone. The Power Plant Project is a maturing initiative designed by airmen, for airmen. This concept is a welcomed opportunity for our younger airmen throughout the command to get involved and help establish facilities with programs and activities they want. Under Combat Touch, our Chaplains initiated over 67 programs, including 13 new flightline/work center offices-/prayer spaces, and two coffee houses to reach the troops. Combat Proud changed the way we look at things and strengthened our commitment to improve our command's appearance. While hard to quantify, it is easy to notice progress. Keep it up -- outstanding achievement in facility pride-in-ownership will be recognized with cash awards during our upcoming Combat Proud competitions.

Chief Coleman and I ask that you stay engaged in these programs . . . they are based on enduring principles and help us stay energized and focused on increasing readiness, taking care of our people, and accomplishing the mission in an organized and effective way.

Considering what we accomplished together in just the past 200 days, it is easy to understand why our enemies lose sleep at night.

Eifel Elite

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Springfield

Staff Sgt. Timothy Bruton, 52nd Security Forces Squadron trainer is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Timothy Bruton
Unit: 52nd Security Forces Squadron
Duty title: Security forces trainer
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Years in service: 10
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Bruton was selected to conduct in-depth base entry and search training for 197 German soldiers preparing to take over entry control duties for the 52nd FW. He is one of 16 U.S. Air Forces in Europe members who is certified through the U.S. Department of Transportation to instruct field sobriety testing procedures. His supervision of six functional areas led to an "outstanding" rating during the recent wing security manager inspection. Sergeant Bruton's professionalism, attention to detail, and dedication recently led to him being named 52nd SFS NCO of the year for 2003.
Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Bruton has volunteered more than 70 hours of off-duty time for DUI patrols. He is also the unit sports representative and helped raise more than $2,900 to refurbish the historic Binsfeld locomotive. He is an active member of the 52nd SFS NCO Council and has donated money and off-duty time to fund-raisers, community events, and youth activities.
What do you do for fun? For fun I like to exercise, read books about history and people, and travel.
What do you like most about being stationed here? The endless opportunities for travel across Europe.
What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? With an increased emphasis on physical fitness in the Air Force, I would like to see the addition of an indoor running track and an expansion of the base fitness center and gymnasium.

Worship schedules

The 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel Services offers Christian worship services at the following times. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for more information about these or other religious services.

Catholic Mass
Spangdahlem AB: Saturday at 5 p.m.
and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Bitburg Annex: Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
Sacrament of reconciliation
Spangdahlem AB: Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment
Religious education
Spangdahlem AB building 139:
Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
Protestant Sunday services
Spangdahlem AB: Traditional at 10:30 a.m.,
Korean at 1 p.m.
and Sunday Night Live at 5 p.m.
Bitburg Annex: Liturgical at 8:15 a.m.,
contemporary at 9:30 a.m.
and gospel at 1 p.m.
Religious education
Spangdahlem AB building 139:
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Bitburg Annex building 2001:
Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Medical Group

She comes from good "stock" ... **Capt. Charlotta Leader** volunteered six hours of cold labor in the ambulance bay to inventory immediate response supplies on a chilly Eifel day. A healthy salute goes to the nutritional medicine team for earning the fourth quarter 2003 med group customer service award. Nothing risky about saluting **Felicia Kruse**, who continually does a great job in a busy high-risk patient environment. **Peggy Clark** provides outstanding customer support while covering two jobs. **Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Thrash** is a smashing success with her savvy in adding new appointments to life skills. **Staff Sgt. Khalisha Savage** reached new heights with her outstanding efforts as flight training manager. A special delivery salute to **Lt. Col. Markham Brown** who delivered four new Team Eifel members in one night. **Senior Airman Wallace Brannen** was a knight one night when he volunteered to come in for twelve hours on his night off to help fellow technicians swamped in work.

52nd Mission Support Group

Ready, set, salute **Tech. Sgt. Troy Ferguson**, who, as the unit deployment manager with warrior focus, monitors his squadron's AEF posture and personnel readiness folders. **Tech. Sgt. Robert Carman** leads a three-person team to success with 100 percent accountability of the wing's mobility weapons and bag assets. Tool time for proud papa **Staff Sgt. Dave Fugiel**, who has used his "home improvement" skills to beautify the Spangdahlem AB post office with photos and plaques and spruced up the training area. The latest career development course red-hot star is **Airman 1st Class Ruby Roberts**, who scored a 90 percent on her course exam. She'll receive a three-day pass for her outstanding effort.

52nd Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Gregory Lieteau bridged the gap with his weapons storage briefing to the Belgian minister of Defense as well as the defense threat reduction agency director during their distinguished visit to Klein-Brogel AB. He HAS what it takes ... **Staff Sgt. Adam Mufford** maintains, inspects and operates the weapons storage and security system used to store and secure tactical weapons in underground vaults located in hardened aircraft shelters.

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

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Springfield

Members of the 52nd Security Forces Squadron Training and Resources Flight make up this week's Top Saber Team.

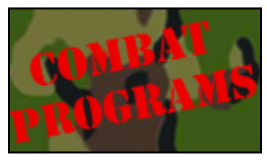
Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Security Forces Squadron Training and Resources Flight
Unit responsibilities: The flight takes care of resources, supplies, unit deployments and fleet of 34 vehicles. The team trains and equips all squadron members for combat and peacetime force protection missions including air base defense, resource security and law enforcement. The unit also trains base personnel on small arms marksmanship and provides maintenance support for weapons.
Number of members: 30
How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The training and resources flight provides vital instruction and equipment to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron as well as small arms marksmanship training for more than 3,000 52nd Fighter Wing airmen to ensure a secure and threat-free environment to fly, fight, and win. Check six starts on the ground!
Team's other contributions through the year? During the past six months, the flight deployed personnel to support Joint Task Force Liberia and the Air Force-wide Defender Challenge competition. Personnel also completed a major overhaul of the squadron AEF program that included a $20,000 warehouse renovation and a new personnel rotation that restored predictability and established the ability for security forces members to train at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe security forces regional training center with its deployment team. The flight instituted for the first time an aggressive 33-lesson-plan program of annual refresher training on ground combat skills for the entire squadron.

Combat Care ensures deploying ready for action

Program helps wing families cope successfully with lengthy separations by highlighting proper preparation

By Master Sgt. Tracey Rickey
52nd Mission Support Squadron



Deployments and TDYs to locations around the world are commonplace in today's Air Force. Deployments are more than just boarding a plane and saying farewell to family members and friends. Powers of attorney and wills must be prepared, arrangements to meet financial obligations coordinated, and countless other tasks completed. Members must not only prepare themselves, but also family members to cope effectively and positively during an often lengthy separation.

Taking care of Team Eifel members and their families has always been an important priority in the 52nd Fighter Wing, but it has received new impetus in a new U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative called Combat Care. Combat Care emphasizes all of the services and programs offered to military members and their families during the three phases of deployment: pre-deployment, sustainment, and reunion.

During the pre-deployment phase, Combat Care focuses on preparing the military member, single or married, for being away for several months. First, the member must take his or her unit issued individual deployment checklist to the family support center for a mandatory review of issues that may affect personal or family readiness. The readiness NCO will ask about wills, powers of attorney, vehicle registration, insurance and many other items that can be easily overlooked in the rush to get everything done.

Spouses are highly encouraged to attend; after all, they will be responsible for the household, bills, children and other matters while the member is gone. If a family needs more information about communication, parenting, bill paying, school, or family coping skills while apart, the chapel, family advocacy, educational and development intervention services, and the Department of Defense Dependent Schools offer counseling, seminars and classes to help.

After the active-duty member has deployed, Combat Care focuses on ensuring families have the support they need. During this so-called sustainment phase, Combat Care's goals are to build resiliency in spouses and families of those members deployed and to create a sense of community among spouses and children who are experiencing prolonged family separation. These goals are accomplished by the helping agencies making up the 52nd FW Integrated Delivery Service (IDS). Lots of family day activities and service incentives are offered by the Combat Care network agencies.

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Airman shuffle through the personnel deployment function line Feb. 13. About 150 troops at the PDF line were briefed, immunized and security cleared for their upcoming deployments in early March. Among the various squadrons represented were logistics readiness, civil engineer, security forces and the services. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the airman will deploy to varied areas of responsibility in Southwest Asia and locally. About a dozen troops will deploy to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany to support the transition project of the same name, scheduled for completion by December 2005.

Some of the Combat Care initiatives will bring family members of those deployed together, not only to build a strong social network, but also to encourage self-improvement and growth opportunities. The key spouse group is another avenue Combat Care uses to reach out to families. Unit key spouses are the information hubs for family members of those deployed, ensuring the family member does not lose that important link to the unit and the military environment. Key spouses provide information and are knowledgeable about the services offered throughout the wing.

The deployment is over and everything is back to normal, right? Not yet. Reuniting with loved ones, friends, or co-workers often entails unforeseen adjustments, as deployed members and their families transition from deployment routines to reunion routines. Combat Care takes a proactive approach to the reunion phase and prepares families for transition even before the deployed member takes the first step off of the plane. IDS agencies offer educational seminars and professional counseling before, during, and after the deployment to help families transition successfully.

Call the family support center at 452-6422 for more information.

Airmen stripes stripped for driving drunk, drug abuse

(Editor's note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment consider the nature of the offense; the record of the service member; the needs for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the service member and the service member's record.)

During the month of January, 14 wing airmen received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the UCMJ. In February, an airman basic was convicted in a court-martial.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, 15 days restriction, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty and Article 134 by going to work intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 107 by making a false official statement and Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman, 30 days restriction, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman assigned to the 52nd CES violated Article 92 by failing to report an accident. The commander imposed a suspended forfeiture of $328 and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Communications Squadron violated Article 92 by failing to obey an order, Article 107 by making a false official statement, and Article 134 twice by unlawfully entering another person's dorm room and obtaining services under false pretenses. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of $100 for two months (conditional upon restitution to the victim) and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of $575, 30 days restriction and a reprimand. The member has been discharged.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron violated Article 128 by striking an individual in the face with his fist. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction, 15 days of which were suspended, and 45 days extra duty, 15 days of which were suspended.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Medical Support Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of $164 for two months, one month of which was suspended, and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty on three occasions. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 606th ACS violated Article 81 by conspiring with fellow airmen to commit a crime, Article 107 by making a false official statement, Article 111 by driving while intoxicated and Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 752nd Munitions Support Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of $200 pay for two months and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 852nd MUNSS violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman and forfeiture of $100 for two months.

Court martial

♦ An airman basic from the 52nd Medical Support Squadron was found guilty and sentenced in a special court-martial Feb. 10-12.

The airman was found guilty of conspiracy to distribute marijuana and amphetamines, distribution of marijuana and amphetamines, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and amphetamines, wrongful use of marijuana, introduction of marijuana onto a military installation, downloading pornography onto eight government computers, multiple failures to go, a false official statement and two failures to pay just debts.

The airman was sentanced to 42 months confinement, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge.

‘All access,’ Part three: Commander’s calendar packed with DUI dealings, SIM flight instruction

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle
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(Editor’s note: This following is the final part of a three-part “All-access” series covering two of the wing commander’s duty days in recent weeks.)

Monday, Jan. 26, 8 a.m. -- Answering the DUI dilemma

Capt. Alyson Miller, 52nd Fighter Wing executive officer, shakes her head while discussing the wing’s bane to Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, who’s called into the office from his cell phone.

“Yes sir, we had five DUIs last weekend,” the captain said with a tone of frustration.

With first-hand reports from the command post and blues-clad driving-under-the-influence offenders on their way to wing headquarters to face Col. Richard Naughton, 52nd FW director of staff, Captain Miller knows she has her work cut out for her. Under the commander’s orders, she took charge of coordinating points of contact, taskings and oversaw media press releases announcing the new “Eifel Patrol” program, in which military leaders are a presence in the local communities to help curb drunk driving from local establishments and dormitories.

Undaunted by the weekend’s events, the commander vows vigilance in the DUI fight, but for now it’s on to the next order of business. The commander heads back to his office.

Monday 9:45 a.m. -- A SIM-ple plan

Retired Lt. Col. Dale “Sledge” Hanner, currently a pilot instructor, stops by wing headquarters to meet with his old friend Colonel Mueller. As both aviator and wing commander, Colonel Mueller might follow his own orders to keep himself able and alert through the rigorous training that being an F-16 pilot demands. Today, the colonel and Mr. Hanner head over to the 23rd Fighter Squadron, where the wing commander becomes a teacher in the simulated F-16 flight trainer.

The colonel said pilots considered to be on “active flying status” need to accomplish five sorties, or mission flights by a single plane, each month. He added he prefers to see base pilots flying 10 to 11 sorties per month to maximize their proficiency.

The SIM training room looks like a video game arcade. The colonel tells me to take a seat in the simulator’s cockpit, and Wayne Phillips, site manager for the SIMS, resets the readouts by way of computer. A stick, pedals, buttons, lights and on-screen data are more than enough to distract the inexperienced “layman pilot,” and the giant screen before me looks so real that I looked around for my sick bag -- just in case. After all, the F-16 is powered by one 28,982-pound thrust, which provides a maximum speed of Mach 2.

It’s hard to keep the wings steady, but after a few minutes it becomes a little less awkward.

Col. Stephen P. Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, discusses the "bells and whistles" of the flight simulator at the 23rd Fighter Squadron Jan. 26. In the background sits Wayne Phillips, site manager for the SIM.

Colonel Mueller’s Scoreboard

Favorite food: Anything Italian, but there’s really nothing I don’t like.
Favorite music: I’m horrible at remembering much about pop culture, but I love 70s music.
Vision for Spang: I see the base having a similar deploying mission in forward capability like Ramstein AB.
What will you miss most about Spangdahlem AB? (It’s) absolutely the people who are here.

The first trick I learned was the “Immelmann.” Described as a “simple yet effective maneuver in certain circumstances,” the move is named after its inventor Max Immelmann, a World War I German Ace who devised the method.

The commander explained that the Immelmann is executed by flying level while pulling back on the stick, and bringing the aircraft into a steep climb. The climbing turn is held steady until the aircraft passes through the vertical and completes a half loop. At the top of the loop the aircraft is inverted and the pilot rolls the aircraft back into the upright position. The aircraft is now at a higher altitude and has changed heading 180 degrees. Colonel Mueller seemed to be pleased that I pulled it off.

The training is clearly invaluable to each pilot here who needs hundreds of different requirements fulfilled and complex instrument training to stay mission-ready. The commander credits the aggressive sortie schedule among other factors for making the U.S. Air Force “the very best in the world.”

Monday, 11 a.m. - Commander’s ‘cut out’ for this

Next we’re off to visit the 22nd FS Stingers, who show off their new scheduling system and, in a back office, display a very prominent life size cardboard cutout of the commander that someone apparently “borrowed” from Club Eifel.

“We keep having to replace those, because people keep taking them,” the colonel said with a chuckle.

Monday, noon - ‘Power lunch’ and briefing

After bidding farewell to Mr. Hanner, the commander’s off to meet with Major General Freek Meulman, Dutch AF, Deputy Director, Combined Air Operations Center 2, who’ll get the wing mission briefing as well as a lunch with wing leadership at Peter’s restaurant.

The general is interested in everything from the wing’s illustrious 50-year history to the more current “Wild Weasel” F-4 mission. The visit is a success and now the commander heads back to headquarters.

Monday 2 p.m. - What’s in a name?

Almost every airman I know wants to know the history of his call sign, “Maggot.” Don’t bother asking his co-workers. They know better than to not let him tell the story.

In September 1981, Colonel Mueller was not only a first lieutenant, but also the first lieutenant to arrive at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, flying F-16s, when the model was in its infancy.

The eager young Lieutenant Mueller reported in to a gruff Maj. John “Wolfman” Carey, who took one look at his black leather stateside-issued nametag and firmly instructed him to get the right tags by the end of the week. Colonel Mueller said he panicked and rushed to the alterations shop where he explained that he needed the new nametags immediately. The shopkeeper was able to get almost everything right on short notice -- except that the jump wings on the tags were in bright white thread instead of the standard light blue.

When all the pilots met up at the officer’s club that Friday, the establishment’s black lighting caused Colonel Mueller’s stitched-on wings to look like a white glob, to which Major Carey scoffed, “Why does the lieutenant have a maggot on his nametag?”

Once it was established that Colonel Mueller initially didn’t like the name “Maggot,” his supervisors ensured the name followed him to his next base.

“That’s how many call signs stick,” the commander said. “Once they find out you don’t really like the name, it’s yours to keep.”

The uniqueness of the name has grown on the colonel.

“Now I love it,” he said. “When you hear the name Maggot, people pretty much know it’s me.”

DUIs down to one with crash record

Security forces seek information on GOV hit-and-run at Bitburg BX

By Iain Lotan
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 18 car crashes last week. Two crashes were classified as major smash-ups, one was a result of driving-under-the-influence.

One major smash-up was caused by speeds too fast for conditions and the other was caused by a DUI.

The DUI/major car crash occurred on B-50. A family member lost control of his vehicle -- due to being drunk and ran off the road. Polizei administered a portable breath test which yielded a 0.121. The family member was “arrested” for DUI. If convicted, the stateside Department of Motor Vehicles will be notified. Walking time is pending for this offense. Luck was on this family member’s side because no one was hurt.

The second major smash-and-crash occurred on B-50. An airman lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a guardrail. The vehicle was disabled and towed. There were no injuries. The cause of the crash was speeds too fast for conditions.

Sixteen minor crashes occurred last week. Two from speeds too fast for conditions; three from inattentive driving; one occurred in a parking lot; six from improper backing; two were caused by other people; one for failure to yield to the right-of-way; and one from a hit and run in the Bitburg Annex BX parking lot.

If any Team Eifel member has information about a possible hit-and-run accident involving a government-owned vehicle that may have occurred in the Bitburg BX parking lot Feb. 11 at approximately 5:20 p.m. call the law enforcement desk at 452-6666.

Have a plan

Drinking lowers inhibitions and increases the chances of taking unnecessary risks, such as drinking and then driving. Have a responsible plan to get home *before* taking that first sip of alcohol.

Call a taxi, call a friend or call AADD.

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Col. Stephen Mueller

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

February Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	153	174	+21
A-10	135	170	+35

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Feb. 17

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

Community Mailbox

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

Book drive

A book drive for local schools continues through Feb. 27. Drop off book donations in boxes located in the base post offices and libraries. The Black Cultural Awareness Association will divide and distribute the books to the appropriate on-base grade schools.

Shuttle schedule

Schedules are posted in each shuttle bus shelter and on the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Web page on the Intranet. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Shaner at 452-6649 for details.

More base news

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

AA meetings

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

Family management

The 52nd Medical Group Family Advocacy agency offers parenting classes, couples counseling and new parent support groups. Call 452-8279 for more information.

Anti-DUI program volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving seeks Hidden Hero volunteers to drive and operate the dispatch office on weekends and holidays. To volunteer, e-mail full name, town or residence and home phone number to aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Voting assistance

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

Volunteer tutors

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

Preschool get-togethers

- Children's story hour takes place each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel library, building 139. Call the base chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.
- A preschool playgroup meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB Military Family Housing, building 409-C. A playgroup meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bitburg Annex Temporary Living Facility 2. Call Michele Linnen at 452-8288 for details.
- Children's story hour takes place each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library and each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Library. Children ages 2-5 are invited. Call 452-9056 for more information.

Play House

A facility for indoor pre-school play area is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012. Call 452-9555 for more information.

Veterinary care

The Veterinary Treatment Facility at Oberweiss is open Monday-Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 452-9388 or 06565-61-9388 to schedule appointments.

Powers of attorney

The 52nd Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office offers free Powers of Attorney services for wing members. Members can visit the legal office Web page at www.52fwja.law.af.mil. The legal office provides notary and Power of Attorney service in Spangdahlem AB building 129 Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 452-6796 for details.

Tax center opens

The Tax Center offers free income tax return preparation for Team Eifel members. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each Monday is reserved for appointments; all other days are for walk-in service. People should bring their Social Security cards, W2 forms, 2002 Income Tax Return forms, Notice of Advance Payment of Child Credit forms, 1099 forms showing interest, dividends, and other forms of income, childcare statements with provider information, and proof of taxable or deductible income. Call 452-6572 for more information.

Brick House party

Combat CHEER Scavenger Hunt

Open to the Team Eifel community Starting tonight, take photos of the following items. By Feb. 23 at 5 p.m., turn in one roll of film or photo CD per entry at the Spangdahlem AB Community Activity Center. Qualify to win an X-Box game system and other prizes by being the quickest to turn in the most listed photographs.

Find and photo:

- ❑ The finance waiting area with no one waiting
- ❑ A mullet
- ❑ A George Carlin CD
- ❑ A castle under 3-feet tall
- ❑ A yellow BMW
- ❑ A mounted "Cooper"
- ❑ A smiling Burger King cashier
- ❑ "An" evergreen tree
- ❑ A master sergeant
- ❑ Someone taking a picture of you taking a picture of them
- ❑ A South Carolina drivers license
- ❑ An F-4
- ❑ A 15-foot or larger painting of an astronaut
- ❑ The CAC director
- ❑ A small, natural waterfall
- ❑ Statue of children dressed as animals
- ❑ The "Virgin Mary and a Water Fall"
- ❑ A hot pink reflective belt
- ❑ The product bearing the bar code "12044_34240" (Hint: An elderly spice that can endure for 24 hours.)
- ❑ Proof that you need to pick up a package
- ❑ An "Any Lt" parking sign
- ❑ Airmen basic
- ❑ A "View Askew" DVD
- ❑ An AADD keychain
- ❑ A lap top

Winners are announced at the March Just Airmen! meeting. Airman 1st Class Scott Morin, JAM! president, will also e-mail game results to all entrants.

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The following activities take place at the Brick House located in the CAC. Brick House offers free activities for single Team Eifel members ages 16 and older. It's open daily from 4-8 p.m. for all ages, 4 to midnight Sunday-Thursday for ages 18 and older, and 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

Friday

- ❑ Live DJ plays hit requests

Saturday

- ❑ Pro wrestling with sumo tournament and sports night

Sunday

- ❑ "Friends" marathon with coffee specials

Monday

- ❑ Movie marathon features free popcorn, "Boys in the Hood" and "Malcom X"

Many of the programs listed above are sponsored by Project CHEER: Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program.

Movies

The following movie listings are for Feb. 20-26. 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

Cheaper by the Dozen (PG, 7 p.m.)

When a football coach scores a job at Northwestern University, he sets out for Chicago with his wife and their 12 children. But when the wife's writing career takes off, the two must balance their jobs and parenting.

Saturday

Tupac: The Resurrection (R, 7 p.m.)

The first authorized biography of the late rapper-actor Tupac Shakur. The film features interviews, private home movies and previously unreleased concert footage.

Sunday

Cheaper by the Dozen (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Timeline (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Professor Johnston, his son and a team of archaeology students make a startling discovery while examining the ruins of an ancient French castle. They find a passage back to the 14th century and Professor Johnston gets trapped in history.

Thursday

Gothika (R, 7 p.m.)

Criminal psychologist Miranda wakes up and discovers she's locked in her own sanitarium for a murder that she can't remember committing.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Chasing Liberty (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

The daughter of the President ditches her Secret Service detail and sets out across Europe with her boyfriend.

Honey (PG-13, 10p.m.)

An up-and-coming choreographer goes to the inner-city with plans of starting a dance school.

Saturday

The Haunted Mansion (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Real estate agent Jim and his family visit an old mansion and are stranded there with ghosts.

Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

A brilliant, but awkward teenager seizes a golden opportunity when a popular cheerleader wrecks her parents' car and is strapped for cash.

Sunday

Chasing Liberty (7 p.m.)

Monday

Honey (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Chasing Liberty (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Lady Barons pounce Panthers

JV slams undefeated season, varsity set for Div II championship

By Coach Denny Lemmon
Bitburg High School basketball

The Lady Barons basketball team looked primed and ready for the Central European Tournament as it rolled over the Patch Panthers in its last home games this past weekend. The varsity team won 58-27 Friday and 52-18 on Saturday. The junior varsity team struggled a bit more, but came out on top Friday 25-18 and Saturday 25-22.

Friday night, the Lady Barons executed a quick transition game, jumping to a 24-5 first quarter lead. With such a big lead, the second team played throughout the second quarter and outscored the Panthers 12-10.

At the start of the second half, the Lady Baron starters kicked up the offensive pace to outscore the ice-cold shooting Panthers 18-2. The second team played hard throughout the fourth quarter.

The ladies demonstrated a balanced scoring attack with Nadia Parker leading the team with 23. Point guard Erica Winters hit for nine points and guard Melodie Duperval added seven. Freshman Rebecca Wepner shot very well from outside, hitting six points. Parker had nine rebounds, seven blocked shots and four steals. Duperval, Winters and Chelsea Gavagan channeled the ball well to Parker.

The Lady Barons varsity jumped off to a 21-5 first quarter lead Saturday. The second team shared the playing time on the floor with the first team and both teams demonstrated strong defense, allowing only 18 points in the game.

Parker led the offensive attack with 22, but got good support from Gavagan and Wepner with six. Carletta Hernandez added five points and seven rebounds. Parker earned three blocked shots and three steals. Gavagan and Duperval continued dishing out many fine assists to propel the high scoring offense. Winters ran the offense and scored five points -- one was a very long three-pointer at the buzzer.

Junior varsity play

The junior varsity team completed an undefeated season with fourteen wins, garnering the Division Two championship under the direction of Coach Richard Carr. A balanced scoring attack and good defense gave the Barons the victory on Friday. Monica Bintz led the offensive attack with eight, while Wepner and Daniya Nixon each contributed six.

Saturday, the Panthers came to play some basketball and took the lead at the end of the first quarter seven to five. The ladies came out with stronger defense, in the second quarter, holding their opponents scoreless.

Leading at the half 14-7, the Panthers turned the tables in the third quarter and outscored the Lady Barons 11-1 to take an 18-15 lead into the final quarter. Bintz and Wepner each hit four points in the fourth quarter, pushing the team to victory.

Nixon, playing aggressive defense, made six steals in that final game. Wepner pulled down nine rebounds and Bintz dished out four assists. Sasha Davidson, Rachel McCormack, Nichole Griep, Alexandra Bintz, Jessica Renaud, Shelby East, Alysia Freeman, Rachel Neice, Caitlin Schwartz, Renee Flemmings and Jazmine Winn also contributed powerhouse plays.

The varsity team competes in Mannheim this weekend to defend its European Division II basketball title. The Lady Barons have the No. Two seed behind the Hanau Lady Panthers.

Barons Grapplers McQuiston, Brunal battle for gold at Div I championship

By Assistant Coach David Turner
Bitburg High School wrestling

The Baron Grapplers sent 14 wrestlers, second only to perennial powerhouse and Division I champion Ramstein, to the European Wrestling Championships held at Wiesbaden this past weekend. Of the 14, twelve made it through to the second day to compete for medals awarded to the top six finishers in each weight class.

In the 103-pound category, Scotty McQuiston and Daniel Brunal, both Barons, tangled in the finals for the gold. This was a rematch of the Division II Championships held a week earlier where McQuiston defeated Brunal by a score of 11-6 for the division crown. In a hard-fought match, McQuiston was victorious again and as expected, by a narrow margin of 9-7. He finished his first varsity season with 19 wins, one loss.

Brunal locked horns with undefeated Aviano hopeful Joseph Schwartz during the semifinals and easily defeated him by pin at 2:37. Brunal completed his second year on the varsity with a record of 11 wins and 5 losses.

Anthony Messina, the Baron's 119-pounder, handed Nate Johnson, from Aviano, his first defeat of the season by pinning him during the quarterfinal rounds. Johnson was ranked third in the weight division. Messina lost his next match to runner-up Marvin Domingo from Ramstein,but kept his composure to win his last two matches and earned a third place finish.

Division II Champion and number one ranked in Europeans 125-pound division, Jon Coker defeated Patch High school's Joe Morrow. Coker then wrestled Brent Logan from American School in London. Logan went away with the win. Coker ended the tournament by placing fifth overall.

Devon Gardner tangled with undefeated Michael Monaco from Naples in the finals of his bracket. Gardner and Monaco were tied throughout most of match, but then Gardner was caught off guard and Monaco scored the deciding 2-point victory. Gardner came away from this with silver by placing second overall in his division.

Moving on to the 135-pound division, Baron David Vilanova completed his junior season with a record of 19 wins and 9 losses. Included in those wins during the European Championships was a victory over Phillip Rehberg of Wiesbaden. Vilanova finished fifth in his division.

Jay Gardner

Barons Grapplers Daniel Brunal, left, tries to free himself from his usual practice partner Scotty McQuiston during the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Divison II Wrestling Championships held at the base fitness center Feb. 7. McQuiston beat Brual 11-6. Both wrestlers competed in the Division I championships at Weisbaden Saturday.

In the 145-pound division, Shawn Renaud lost to Dominic Mitchell of Vinenza, who entered the tournament undefeated. Renaud finished with a 12 win, 13 loss inaugural season record.

Jordan Watts first competition came from Rex Ely from Heidelberg, whom he defeated by a score of 12-6. Watts later defeated another Heidelberg opponent in Doug Champaigne in the semifinals. He then faced second seeded Joe Bouknight of Hohenfels. Bouknight came into the tournament with a 19-1 record, but left with his second loss of the season. Watts beat Bouknight 15-2. Watts pinned an undefeated season with 20 wins.

Randy VanGandel, the Baron's 215-pounder entered Europeans ranked number four overall and was surprised by an early loss to a tough opponent from Ramstein, Eric Gardner. VanGinkel completed his season with an overall 15-6 record.

Jeremy Wooten, at 275-pounds, placed third. Wooten landed the consolation bracket after a semifinal defeat to Ramstein's Willie Pierce. Wooten closed the season with a 15-2 record.