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NEWSLETTER OF THE 52ND FIGHTER WING

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## Dietary supplements removed from military Exchanges

## AF Portal instant messengers canceled

### School resumes

Students returned to school Jan. 3. Parents are asked to drop children off in the parking lot next to Bldg. 305 and the end of the bus lane in front of the school. Do not use the CDC lot as a middle school drop-off point. Finally, drivers are reminded they are required by German law to stop for people entering or in crosswalks. For more information, call the school liaison officer at DSN 452-6942 or 06565-61-6942.



### HAPPY NEW YIELD

The new traffic circle into the northwest expansion area is now open. Inbound traffic from the main gate must yield to outbound traffic from the traffic circle. There has also been a change to the traffic flow into the Shoppette and gas-pump lanes. Saber Airmen are advised to look for yield and traffic signs as they enter this area. The entire roadway and circle will be temporarily closed for a few days in spring to allow workers to apply a top layer of asphalt. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)

## Officials release high year tenure details

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Air Force officials announced Dec. 19, high year of tenure limit changes for the grades of senior airman, staff sergeant and technical sergeant that go into effect in 2013.

The changes are a part of additional force management programs that are ongoing to continue to size and shape the force to current and future requirements.

Most Airmen affected by the HYT changes will have two opportunities to test for the next higher grade before the change becomes effective.

High year of tenure limits for senior airman will be reduced from 10 years to eight years; staff

sergeant 20 years to 15 years; and technical sergeant 22 years to 20 years.

The new HYT policy will impact slightly more than one-half of one percent of the enlisted force, or approximately 1,700 Airmen.

"These HYT changes are necessary to help us meet our end-strength," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said. "We are a highly competitive force, and this will make us an even more competitive one."

This timeline provides Airmen time to prepare for promotion testing.

"Airmen control their careers. We are announcing it now so Airmen affected by the new HYT have ample time to study before their promotion tests," Roy said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123284750>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

SPANGDAHLEH AIR BASE, Germany -- Airman 1st Class Foster Veronda, 52nd Contracting Squadron, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Jan. 5-11. For more information, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123285125>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)





Postal clerks from the 52nd Communication Squadron unload and sort mail from a delivery truck at the Spangdahlem Post Office here Jan. 2. The post office processed 423,000 pounds of inbound mail from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31 to ensure Saber Airmen and their families received their packages for the holiday season. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)

## Spangdahlem post office delivers aircraft weight in holiday mail

**Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee**  
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The post office here delivered more than 423,000 pounds of mail — the combined weight equivalent of more than two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft — for Saber Airmen and their families during the holiday season Nov. 1 to Dec. 31.

For December alone, the weight was 241,000 pounds with 63,000 delivered the week prior to Dec. 25.

“From November to December, we provide the most important service on base,” said Senior Master Sgt. Kirk Baldwin, 52nd Communications Squadron post office superintendent. “We make or break the holidays for families.”

When overseas, Airmen make certain sacrifices, said Master Sgt. Patrick McKimmie, 606th Air Control Squadron and recipient of holiday postage. When someone can’t find what they’re looking for in the local economy, they can order it online.

Airmen then must rely on the postal service to deliver the packages in a timely manner, he added.

“The post office here is absolutely awesome,” he said. “Their hard work with the extended hours was an incredible morale boost. The extreme professionalism, great customer service and speed of delivery ... it was just great getting all of the packages for my family.”

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123284949>.

### DELIVERED MAIL WEIGHT EQUIVALENTS

Mail delivered from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31: 423,000 pounds.

The equivalent of more than two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.



Mail delivered in December: 241,000 pounds.

The equivalent of more than eight A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft.



Mail delivered from Dec. 18-25:

63,000 pounds. The equivalent of nearly three F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft.





# Club Eifel renovates ballroom

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard  
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The Club Eifel Ballroom will be closed for renovations until approximately May 1.

These renovations will enable Club Eifel to accommodate up to five parties at one time in the ballroom, which hasn't been possible since 2009 because of needed repairs. In order to accommodate people since then, the club has catered parties in alternate locations like the enlisted and officers lounges when the ballroom was already booked, said Kevin Hacker, Club Eifel assistant manager.

The new renovations give Club Eifel the option to put different groups being catered into different rooms in a central location, Hacker said.

"This will make for a more professional environment and give us more room for other projects," he added.

The ability to host multiple parties in this room will free up other rooms like the enlisted and officers lounges for more possibilities, Hacker said.

## At a glance

The Club Eifel Ballroom is closed until about May 1 for renovations. Once completed, the ballroom will be able to house up to five parties at one time. For more information, call DSN 452-4642 or 06565-61-4642.



## AIRMAN ACCEPTS EARLY PROMOTION

Tech. Sgt. Robert Westfall, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge of water and fuel systems maintenance, is promoted to the rank of master sergeant by Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program here Dec. 21, 2011. Each year, a limited number of Airmen receive a STEP promotion for their continued outstanding work. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)



## MILITARY PERSONNEL SECTION GETS UPGRADE

Customers wait in the customer support waiting area of the 52nd Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section here Jan. 4. The section has a new monitor to help customers track their status and when they will be seen. MPS Airmen provide the following services to Saber Airman and their families to include identification cards, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, installation access control system, Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, ration cards, leave, consecutive overseas tour/in place consecutive tour/student dependent travel orders and command sponsorship. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)

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## **Dorm feud**

Sign up by Jan. 6 to participate in Dorm Feud, a Family Feud style game, 6 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Brick House. Six teams of four are needed, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. At least one member of the team must reside in the dorms. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

## **Family fun night**

Club members can reserve their spot until Jan. 6 for a free family fun night. The event takes place from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633, or 06565-61-4633.

## **Gala New Year's concert in Bernkastel**

Listen to a gala New Year's concert performed by the Koblenz Rheinische Philharmony Orchestra 8 p.m. Jan. 7 and 5 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Bernkastel Moselland Hall located on Panormas-trasse.

## **Cover band comes to Trier**

An ABBA cover band, featuring Katja Nord as Anni-Frid and Camilla Hedren as Agnetha will perform a concert 8 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Trier Arena. For tickets, call 0651-7199-987.

## **Comedy show**

A free comedy show featuring the "Hot Shots of Hilarity" takes place at 6 p.m. Jan. 9 at the community center. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

## **Intrepid fitness boot camp**

Intrepid fitness boot camp starts Jan. 9. The cost for this four week course is \$135. Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

## **Game night**

A free game night for children ages 5-12 enrolled in the School Age Program takes place 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Bldg. 427. The event includes board games and popcorn. For more information, call DSN 452-9206 or 06565-61-9206.

## **Learn to speak German**

A German for beginners class takes place Jan. 17 - Feb. 9 at the Eifel Community Center. This four-week course takes place from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is \$60 per person and includes basic German speaking skills, modern German history and customs. Sign up in advance as space is limited. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

## **No-tap bowling tournament**

A no-tap bowling tournament takes place Jan. 20 at Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. Sign ups begin at 5 p.m., and bowling starts at 6 p.m. The price is \$25 per bowler or \$20 for club members. Participants must be 18 or older. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

## **Aerobathon**

A free aerobathon takes place 9 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Participants can sign up for one, two or three hours of exercise. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

## **Free Breakfast**

Club Eifel members can enjoy a free breakfast from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Jan. 25 and Feb. 22 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

## **Superbowl party**

A free Superbowl party takes place at 12:25 a.m. Feb. 5 in Club Eifel's Saber Sports Lounge. There will be prizes and giveaways, and the club will remain open until the conclusion of the game. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

## **Couples massage**

A couples massage class takes place from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The cost is \$35 per couple, and they may sign up at the fitness center front counter. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

## **Sweetheart bowling**

Bowl with your sweetheart 4 - 10 p.m. Feb. 14 at Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. Pay for yourself and your sweetheart can bowl for free. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

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