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Defense bill affects
pay, separation
bonuses, more

A-10 pilot surpasses
1,000 combat hours

National Prayer Luncheon

Spangdahlem Air Base's National Prayer Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Brick House. The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Gerald S. Henry, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chaplain, and the topic is "Taming the Terrible 2s!" The meal is \$8 and the dress is uniform of the day. People can pay in cash or credit by calling their squadron first sergeant or the chapel. For more information, call DSN 452-6711 or 06565-61-6711.



STUDENTS GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY

Jonathan Varnadoe, left, Spangdahlem Middle School student, acts as a crossing-guard for his fellow students before school begins here Jan. 10. The 52nd Mission Support Group has designated the end of the bus lane in front of the school or the parking lot next to Bldg. 305 as drop-off points for the parents taking their children to school. The single crosswalk to cross Arnold Boulevard is located across from the child development center where crossing guards posted. The school zone now has a full-time 30 kph speed limit. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany -- Airman Rebekah Shy, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Jan. 12-18. For more information, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123285974>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)

Upgrades usher in new theater experience

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The base theater here is scheduled to close Jan. 18 until early April for renovations and upgrades.

Some of the planned changes include a remodeled entryway, new auditorium seating, a digital projection and audio system, new paint, upgraded utilities in the bathrooms, new flooring, a replacement of the acoustic foam material, updated snack bar and a new theater screen.

The more than \$700,000 renovation is funded through shared financial contributions by the military Exchange service and Spangdahlem's 2011 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence award money. The military owns the theater while the Exchange service operates it.

"We're doing this renovation because the Air-

men and families deserve it," said Spangdahlem Exchange Store Manager Bobby McNaire about the effort that went into being named the Air Force's best installation. "As a community, we all worked together to get this funding, so it's all about giving back to the people of Spangdahlem."

Once the renovation is complete, Spangdahlem will be the first military installation in Germany to have both a digital projection and sound system, said Kleisch Werner, Exchange engineering chief, field support branch. The digital system produces better quality sound and video than the current reel system.

The digital system allows the theater to show first-run movies as they become available since there will be no wait time for delivery of movie reels, said Michelle Hetcher, Exchange food court manager.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123285978>.



Staff Sgt. Chhouen Prach, 52nd Medical Support Squadron laboratory technician, draws blood from Staff Sgt. Timothy Fordham, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, at the clinic here Jan. 10. The laboratory technicians collect and test urine and blood samples for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases. These preventative measures help physicians provide the best possible healthcare to Saber Airmen and their families, retirees and Department of Defense employees. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)

Lab work key to fighter wing health



A 52nd Medical Support Squadron laboratory technician draws blood from a patient at the clinic here Jan. 10.



Senior Airman Donald Chapman, 52nd Medical Support Squadron laboratory technician, places urinalysis controls on a test strip for a urine analyzer calibration at the clinic here Jan. 10.

Rules restrict DoD political activity

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials are in the process of issuing regular election-year guidance to remind military and Defense Department civilians that they're subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

This issue -- one the department regularly addresses during election periods -- came to light earlier this week after an Army Reserve Soldier in uniform appeared endorsing a political candidate.

Several sets of rules help to protect the integrity of the political process, DOD officials said. DOD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, applies to members of the armed forces, whether they serve on active duty, as members of the reserve components not on active duty, as National Guard members in a nonfederal status, and military retirees.

In addition, the Hatch Act applies to federal civilian employees, and employees also are subject to widely published DOD guidance that discusses participation in political campaigns and elections.

These rules are designed to prevent military members' or federal civilian employees' participation in political activities that imply -- or even appear to imply -- official sponsorship, approval or endorsement, officials said. The concern, they explained, is that actual or perceived partisanship could undermine the legitimacy of the military profession and department.

That's not to imply, however, that military members and civilian employees can't participate in politics. In fact, DOD has a longstanding policy of encouraging members to carry out the obligations of citizenship, officials said. DOD encourages its military and civilian members to register to vote and vote as they choose, they said. Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues.

However, officials emphasized, they can do so only if they don't act as representatives of the armed forces in carrying out these activities.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123285521>.



COMEDY SHOW

Comedian Rusty Dooley, performs during an Armed Forces Entertainment show at the Brick House here Jan. 9. Dooley used props, costumes and dolls throughout his performance to entertain the audience. AFE provides entertainment to U.S. military members overseas hosting more than 1,200 shows around the world each year. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)



NEW LOCATION, SAME SERVICES

The 52nd Force Support Squadron Information, Tickets and Travel Office here moved locations during the holidays. The new facility is located in Bldg. 124, across the street from the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Workers renovated the building in fall 2011 with the intent of providing the ITT office with a more professional and comfortable atmosphere for customers. ITT serves an average of more than 500 customers per month with bus tours, airline tickets and cruise packages. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)

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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.

Tae Kwon Do classes

A four-week Tae Kwon Do class begins Jan. 18 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center here. The cost is \$45, and classes are every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

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 at 9 a.m.

Jan. 21 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The class lasts three hours and includes three instructors. 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 at DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Spangdahlem comedy troupe

All comedic skill levels are welcome to join Spangdahlem's comedy troupe Blitzcomedy for its first meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Brick House. For more information, email 2nd Lt. Ryan Hess, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, at ryan.hess@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Spangdahlem Sabers ice hockey

The Spangdahlem Sabers ice hockey team is looking for more players by Feb. 1 to represent the base during the 20th annual U.S. Air Forces in Europe Ice Hockey Tournament Feb. 15-18 in Garmisch, Germany. This is a permissive TDY, meaning teams are responsible for all lodging, meals and travel cost to and from the event. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Joseph Brecht at DSN 452-9351 or 06565-61-9351. Also, interested members may call Tech. Sgt. Robert Wagner at DSN 452-6388, 06565-61-6388.

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.

Valentine's Day dinner dance

There will be a Valentine's Day dinner and dance 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Brick House here. The cost is \$60 per couple and includes dinner, music, comedy and prizes. Semi-formal dress is required, and couples must be 18 years or older. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

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 couples may sign up and pay 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 Eifel Lanes Bowling Center at DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Craft fair

There will be a craft fair 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Eifel Community Center. The cost to register is \$10 and includes a booth. The fair is free for shoppers. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

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