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PMEL reduces Air Force expenditures

W-2s, Spangdahlem Tax Center

Saber Airmen can expect to see their Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, Jan. 24. The Spangdahlem Tax Center is open for service members filing a 1040 EZ, Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents, every Monday through Thursday from Feb. 1-16 on a walk-in basis. The hours are Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon; and Tuesday and Thursday noon to 3 p.m. For all other returns, the tax center is open Feb. 20 through June 14. The hours are Monday 9 a.m. to noon; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 3 p.m.; and Wednesday 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, call DSN 452-6796 or 06565-61-6796.



81st AMU WINS LOAD CREW OF THE QUARTER COMPETITION

Senior Airman Michele Atencio, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, works with Staff Sgt. Michael Elkington, 81st AMU weapons load crew chief, to load a CBU-103 bomb during a load crew of the quarter competition in Hangar 1 here Jan. 13. This 81st AMU team competed against a weapons load crew from the 480th AMU and won the competition. The crew will compete in the 2011 Load Crew of the Year competition against the winners from the previous quarterly competitions. The competitions are held to showcase the teamwork and capabilities of the weapons load crews during wartime, TDYs and deployments. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)

Base reserves parking lot for DFAC customers

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The Mosel Dining Facility parking lot is reserved for dining-facility customers when the facility re-opens Feb. 1.

This policy is in effect to conserve as many of the 27 parking spaces as possible for Airmen eating at the facility.

"Lunchtimes are short, and sometimes Airmen do not have enough time to be looking for a parking spot," said Master Sgt. Jose Murilloferro, 52nd Force

Support Squadron Food Service section chief. "We're trying to make the parking spaces available for them, so they take full advantage of their lunch hour."

The DFAC has been closed for renovations since July 2010. Sabers working near the lot may have parked there during this time-frame.

"Yes, this place has been closed for a year and a half, and people have gotten used to or accustomed to parking here, but the big thing is that it's here for the DFAC," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Bickford, 52nd Force Support Squadron Sustainment Flight shift leader. "It's not

a parking lot for any other squadrons, because of the limited parking that we do have."

Saber Airmen have different options when it comes to the parking in the lot. The food-service staff encourages either walking or carpooling for groups of Airmen commuting from distant work centers.

"Reserving this for people who work further away from the facility gives them time to come here, get their meal, sit down and eat if they choose to," Bickford said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286655>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Eric Sims, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulics systems craftsman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Jan. 19-25. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286656>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)



Staff Sgt. Robert Land, 606th Air Control Squadron radio frequency transmitting systems craftsman, performs link management communication on a central control monitoring alarm terminal during a communications maintenance exercise here Jan. 18. Proper link management ensures a smooth transition off the satellite. The purpose of the exercise is to train squadron members in maintaining communication practices by establishing satellite communications and setting up a theater-deployable communications package. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Natasha Stannard)



Airman 1st Class Brittany Simmons, 606th Air Control Squadron, multiplexes signals going out to a satellite as Staff Sgt. George Monroe, cyber transport systems operator, trains her during a communications maintenance exercise here Jan. 18. She is doing this by programming a Promina, which bundles different communication signals into one.

606th ACS exercises communication capabilities

**Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

The 606th Air Control Squadron began a communications maintenance exercise here Jan. 16 lasting until Jan. 20.

The purpose of the exercise is to train new squadron members and refresh those returning from deployment in maintaining communication practices by establishing satellite communications and setting up a theater-deployable communications package.

This training strengthens the squadron's reach-back capabilities, which is the ability to provide basic

communications services to all deployed ACS members and radar from different locations back to the operators controlling aircraft, said Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Kloss, 606th ACS communications planner.

"We're simulating an air-control configuration," Kloss said. "We're doing this to simulate what we do down range and practice potential deployment capabilities."

Members participating in this exercise set up radio frequencies and satellite communications. Setting up these tools makes phone and email communication possible.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286657>.

CMSAF discusses top issues

Tech. Sgt. Randy Redman
633rd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. -- Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy addressed a capacity crowd of Airmen and civilians at the Langley Theater on Jan. 11, and covered a wide variety of key Air Force issues.

Roy spoke on topics such as training, force management programs and how the current budget will affect operations, and took questions from Airmen on promotion, mentorship, retirement and commissioning programs.

“Hopefully you’ve all had a chance to hear the new defense strategy. If you haven’t, I would challenge you to go and read it,” said Roy, offering his support for the president’s recent announcement that the military will refocus its efforts on the Asia-Pacific region and cyber warfare.

Roy said there are many changes coming to how the military operates at home and abroad, and how most of these changes are driven by the current

budget constraints facing the entire nation, including the \$487 billion cut to Defense spending over the next 10 years.

“Will that change the way we operate? You bet it will, but I like the way the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General (Norton) Schwartz, says it, ‘You’ve got to understand that we are a \$100 billion Air Force, and we are the best Air Force there is.’”

As always, Roy said his highest priority is taking care of the men and women who serve in the greatest Air Force the world has ever known.

“What I’m concerned about is what education, training and experiences would be taken away from you. I’ve got to make sure we continue to develop you in such a way that you are prepared for the future,” Roy said.

Because of the current financial issues facing the Air Force, Roy said only 45 percent of the budget for travel for Enlisted Professional Military Education is currently funded.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286523>.



LIQUID OXYGEN KEEPS MISSION RUNNING

Airman 1st Class Kyle Coates, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron hydrant operator, and Staff Sgt. Celso Velez, NCO in charge of cryogenics, receives an odor sample of liquid oxygen during a daily inspection here Jan. 17. A quality check of odor of the liquid oxygen is done for every daily issue to make sure the oxygen is breathable. (U.S. Air Force photo / Senior Airman Christopher Toon)



OPERATORS KEEP CARGO ROLLING

Airmen from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations Element use a forklift to drop off cargo at the 606th Air Control Squadron during a cargo movement here Jan. 13. The element supports the 52nd Fighter Wing and its tenant units by transporting cargo to and from squadrons on base, to include transient aircraft. These Airmen are responsible for getting aircrew and cargo to the aircraft, delivering mission critical parts and supplies to the base, providing vehicles to customers for official appointments and government-owned-vehicle licensing for the entire base. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)

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National Prayer Luncheon

Spangdahlem Air Base's National Prayer Luncheon takes place 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Brick House. This year's 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 cost is \$8 and the dress is uniform of the day. Participants can either pay in cash or credit by contacting their squadron first sergeant or the base chapel. For more information, call DSN 452-6711 or 06565-61-6711.

Animal hunting

The game warden has informed the 52nd Fighter Wing animal hunting will take place in the off-base wooded areas surrounding the Spangdahlem Air Base's housing area from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 20. Shots will be fired and may be heard on base during this time.

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. 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.

Shoppette closed Jan. 26

The Spangdahlem Shoppette closes 6 p.m. Jan. 26 for an end-of-year inventory. Gas services and the payment kiosk will remain open during this time, but the main Shoppette area will be closed. For more information, call DSN 452-6529 or 06565-61-6529.

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 or 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.

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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