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AF will be smaller but superb force

Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez dedication ceremony

Club Eifel Superbowl Party

A free Superbowl party takes place at 10 p.m. Feb. 5 in Club Eifel's Saber Sports Lounge. The game's kick-off is 12:25 a.m. Feb. 6 There will be games and contests with prizes during commercial breaks. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and children are not allowed to sit in the bar area. The club will remain open until the end of the game. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Airman 1st Class Jessenia Ayala, 52nd Munitions Maintenance Group knowledge operations technician, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Feb. 2 - 8. To read the entire article, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123288362>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Natasha Stannard)

DFAC re-opens to hungry crowd

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The Mosel Dining Facility here re-opened Feb. 1 to nearly 500 lunch customers.

The facility closed in August 2010 for renovations to the cold-storage area, and engineers used this time to upgrade the serving line housing, electric infrastructure, seating area and overall appearance.

"This is a classic example, and probably the best example to date, of our concept of 'Behold the Power of Us,'" said Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, as he delivered opening remarks for the ceremony.

Four major organizations came together as a team and brought this renovated facility to



Airmen sit in the renovated seating area at the Mosel Dining Facility here after the facility's re-opening ceremony Feb. 1.

the Saber nation, he said about the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 52nd Force Support Squadron, 52nd Communications Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron. Their collective work led to a complete \$1.5 million overhaul of the facility to better serve Air-

men on the meal-card program.

"This is their DFAC," said Master Sgt. Jose Murillo-Fierro, 52nd FSS Food Service section chief.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123288367>.



Airmen and Defense Department civilian employees gather around Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, as he delivers opening remarks in the Mosel Dining Facility here during the facility's re-opening ceremony Feb. 1. The building closed in August 2010 for renovations to the cold-storage space, and base engineers used the facility's closure time to upgrade the serving line, foot-traffic pattern and seating area. The new appearance is designed to make meal times more efficient for DFAC customers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee)



BAUMHOLDER, Germany – A U.S. Army AH-64 Apache prepares to land during joint forces combat search and rescue training at the Baumholder Major Training Area here Jan. 23. The training integrates U.S. Army and Air Force resources to more accurately simulate the real-life CSAR and close air support scenarios encountered in deployed locations. The goal of this training is to develop tactics, techniques and procedures between military branches to enhance interoperability. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis)

'A-Team'

A-10s, Apaches hone CSAR, CAS skills

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -- A joint close air support and combat search and rescue exercise involving U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots and U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopter pilots took place for the

first time at the Baumholder Major Training Area here Jan. 23 - 26.

A-10 pilots who participated in this joint training are assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base's 81st Fighter Squadron and the AH-64 Apache helicopter pilots are assigned to Illesheim Army Airfield's Company C, the 2-159 Attack Reconnaissance

Battalion, 25th Infantry Division.

The training simulated real-life CSAR and CAS scenarios. Its purpose was to establish joint tactics, techniques, and procedures for future deployment operations.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123287694>.



Above: A U.S. Army AH-64 Apache flies practice flight patterns during joint forces combat search and rescue training at the Baumholder Major Training Area here Jan. 23. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis)

Right: U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Bob Carpenter, 81st Fighter Squadron pilot, uses a combat survivor evader locator radio to communicate with U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots during a U.S. Army and Air Force close air support and combat search and rescue training exercise at the Baumholder Major Training Area here Jan. 26. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Natasha Stannard)



Taxi!

Cards make Airmen smarter on services

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Hailing a cab is no easy task - especially in a foreign country, but the 52nd Fighter Wing has made this task less cumbersome by issuing two cards to all Airmen through their first sergeants.

The "Safe Ride" card is one of the cards and includes local taxi company information such as telephone numbers, prices, estimated fares, locations and tips on how to save money. The other card is the "Ride for Life" card and can be used as a method of deferred payment with Faber Taxi Service.

"The 'Safe Ride' card is for everyone's use," said Maj. David Zimmerman, 52nd Contracting Squadron commander. "Its purpose is to raise awareness of what the local taxi services offer and cost. We have rates on the card so people are aware ahead of time of the costs. The costs are more expensive than what we're used to in the states."

Having the prices listed, which are regulated by the local German government, should leave Airmen with no doubt of what a taxi ride should cost them.

This card can help service members save money because it includes information unique to German taxi services, such as which taxis have standing rights -- a company's rights to park and wait for customers in city limits. It also includes where cabs are located and tips on how to avoid additional fees.

"I've heard of people paying 100 Euros to use a taxi because they made multiple stops along the way," Zimmerman said. "Avoiding those stops is one of the ways to reduce the cost of your taxi fare. For every 18 seconds of wait time, an additional 10 Euro cents is added to the bill."

It also can cost people extra if they call a service posted in a different location than where they are calling from. It's cheaper for people to call a service in the area they need a ride from. The informational card has numbers for several companies in various locations in the Eifel region.

"We hope people will put the taxi service numbers on the card into their cell phones because you never know when you'll need a cab," Zimmerman said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123287875>.



NDI EXAMINES PARTS, KEEPS AIRCRAFT FLYING

Senior Airman Sal Turner, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron non destructive inspection journeyman, points to an aircraft part crack found during a florescent penetrant inspection here Jan. 25. NDI Airmen inspect aircraft and support equipment to check for minute crack defects and as required per technical order. The NDI lab provides effective test methods to examine the structural integrity of an object or material so the 52nd Fighter Wing can accomplish its flying mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Toon)

AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS' EFFORTS KEEP PILOTS ALIVE

Airman 1st Class Joshua Metzger, 52nd Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, stows suspension lines leading to the canopy of a parachute into a pack at Bldg. 32 here Jan. 25 after a yearly inspection allowing the parachute to deploy properly if used. The technicians are responsible for inspecting, maintaining and repairing flight equipment ensuring it's reliable and ready to use safely by the pilots who need it. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks)



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Indoor climbing

An indoor climbing event takes place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Feb. 4 at Zweibrücken, Germany. The \$40 cost includes transportation and equipment. Participants should meet at outdoor recreation. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Hunting trade show

A hunting trade show takes place 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in Dortmund, Germany. The \$55 cost includes transportation, a guide and entry fees to the show. Participants should meet at outdoor recreation. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

La Boheme opera

The opera La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini takes place 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Trier city theater, located at Am Augustinerhof. For more information or to reserve a ticket, call 0651-7181818 or email theaterkasse@trier.de.

4th Symphony concert

A 4th Symphony concert takes place 8 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Trier city theater, located at Am Augustinerhof. The performance will include compositions by Beethoven, Bartok, Brahms and others. For more information or to reserve a ticket, call the theater at 0651-7181818 or email theaterkasse@trier.de.

Kid Talk

There will be a "Kid Talk" meeting 9 a.m. Feb. 10 at the health and wellness center. This meeting is an opportunity to meet

and discuss typical child-development questions. Child care is also available. For more information, call DSN 452-8283 or 06565-61-8283.

Valentine's dinner dance

There will be a Valentine's Day dinner and dance 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Brick House. The cost is \$50 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres, music and a comedy show. 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.

Intro to Scuba Diving

An introduction to scuba diving class takes place 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Feb. 14. The \$69 cost includes gear, transportation, a guide and entry fees. Participants should meet at outdoor recreation. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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.

Unaccompanied Airmen dinner

There will be a free unaccompanied Airmen dinner 5 - 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Brick House. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Friendship social

A free friendship social takes place 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 for children enrolled in the School Age Program at Bldg. 427. For more information, call DSN 452-7545 or 06565-61-7545.

Craft fair

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

Musical Magics' 10th anniversary

Musical Magics celebrates their 10th anniversary with several performances: March 3 at the Diekirch, Luxembourg, Altes Saegewerk; March 23 at the Pruem Karolinger hall; March 24 at the Merzig city hall; April 9 at the Zell, Mosel, sports hall; April 21 at the Daun Forum; and May 12 at the Trier Europa hall. The performance will include a mixture and combination of their past musicals. For more information or for tickets, call 0651-9790777.

Kim Wilde concert

A Kim Wilde concert takes place March 8 at the Trier Europa hall. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 0651-7199-996.

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