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MIAMI DOLPHINS MAKE A SPLASH AT SPANGDAHLEM AB

Airmen and family members participate in a flag football game outside the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center here Feb. 10. The Armed Forces Entertainment sponsored the tour and retired Miami Dolphins football players coached the flag football teams during their visit. The Miami Dolphins football players and cheerleaders toured various U.S. Air Force and Army bases in Europe. The reason for the visit was to boost morale and entertain the base's community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Dillon Davis/Released)

Squadron retains services during AF restructure

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The wing and 52nd Force Support Squadron leadership here are making decisions to keep services open and available to the community as the Air Force continues to operate in the current fiscally-constrained environment.

Some of the decisions include restructuring manpower resources within FSS and changing operation hours for some services.

For example, the auto hobby shop's self-service section stall rentals are now only available Friday noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We're going to keep as many services open as we can without breaking the law," said Tony Chatfield, 52nd Force Support Squadron Community Services Flight chief. "And the only way to do that was to adjust current programs."

To comply with Resource Management Decision 703, a plan developed by Congress and the Air Force to determine manpower savings, certain appropriated funding positions were abolished. The employee loss didn't affect Spangdahlem AB alone; it impacted services and programs throughout the entire Air Force.

"Many bases will actually close the doors to the auto hobby shops," said Maj. Cat Logan, 52nd FSS commander. "Fortunately for us at Spangdahlem, we can generate enough funds through our mechanical services to pay to keep the self-help program operating on a limited scale."

Program cuts were based on interest, use and demand analyzed from data collected on cultural surveys from Airmen throughout the Air Force. The surveys revealed that "Arts and Crafts" programs were not being utilized as a whole, thus they were one of the first to be cut as a core program.

To read the entire article, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290322>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Zach Neithamer, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit scheduler, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Feb. 16-23. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290315>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



Airmen assigned to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron prepare for incoming and outgoing flights at the passenger service counter at the passenger terminal building here Feb. 10. AMS employs more than 100 Airmen to complete its three primary missions of aerial port, command and control, and maintenance. These missions are essential to executing the mobilization of service members and cargo in support of operations in Europe and bases in U.S. Central Command. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

Mobility squadron gets it done in more ways than 1

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Getting the war fighter and cargo to and from the fight takes more than just loading an aircraft; however, that is one of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron missions here.

But, that's not all they accomplish to ensure everything gets to where it needs to go, whether it's passengers flying space available, life-saving material going downrange or injured service members in need of medical care getting offloaded from an aircraft.

The 726th AMS gets all this done by providing rapid mobility support through their command and control center, aerial port, and aircraft maintenance sections, said Capt.

Deanna Phillips, 726th AMS director of operations.

Mastering these three missions not only allows the AMS to sustain itself, but this squadron can also provide support to other Air Mobility Command hubs in Europe. In addition to that, the AMS supports Ramstein Air Base by taking the over flow of aeromedical evacuation missions.

Delivering airpower to support Spangdahlem AB and others starts at the squadron's air mobility command and control center. This section is the nucleus of the three missions as it keeps track of everything and anything having to do with aircraft and its cargo.

To read the entire article, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290165>.

Right: Senior Airman Robert Hill, right, 726th Air Mobility Squadron aircraft services specialist, and Warrant Officer Al Sadler, Canadian Forces Detachment Spangdahlem services specialist, push a pallet off a 60K Tunnor outside the squadron's maintenance shop here Feb. 10.



Barber recounts 4 decades of German, US partnership

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The year was 1972.

Mario Puzo's novel "The Godfather" debuted on the big screen, Atari launched the arcade game PONG and the last U.S. ground forces withdrew from Vietnam.

This was also the year Heinz Willems began cutting hair at the barber shop here.

German students attend vocational schools to learn a trade during or after they graduate from high school. Willems finished his haircutting apprenticeship in 1971 and began his job search.

Willems' father worked as a civil engineer at Spangdahlem and noticed the barracks barbershop needed another barber. He encouraged his son to apply, and the shop hired Willems Jan. 15, 1972.

"I knew 'yes, no' and 'okay,'" he said. "Those were the three words I knew in English. The rest I learned on the chair, talking with my customers."

In the '70s, haircutting wages here were based on a monthly rate, meaning the barbers received the same

amount of money regardless of how many customers they serviced. This led to a more intimate haircutting experience.

"You could spend as much time as you wanted to with the customer," Willems said. "You could talk, laugh and really get to know whose hair you were cutting."

His reputation grew by word of mouth and customers would wait for Willems' chair to open. He made friends, he lost friends.

Decades passed.

Hair styles, military demeanor and income changed. Customers asked for less pomade. Flat-top haircuts pushed their way into style and left with the same rugged aggression. The education gap between the enlisted and officer career paths lessened. Barbers earned money by customer number instead of a set salary, and the Euro replaced the Deutsche Mark.

Through it all, Willems focused on taking care of his customers.

"I've always loved cutting hair," he said. "When I first started working here, I knew I wanted to stay for as long as I could. It's already been 40 years, and I have seven more before I can retire."

Willems said he has cut thousands



This photograph shows the base barbershop's staff in 1972. Guenther Anhuth is on the very left, and Heinz Willems is standing to his right. Anhuth began working here in 1969 and Willems in 1972. It is estimated that the two barbers have performed more than 350,000 haircuts during their 40 years of service. The 52nd Force Support Squadron honored Willems and Anhuth during a length-of-service ceremony in January. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

of service members' hair in those 40 years, but some memories stand out among the others.

One in particular was early in Willems' career. Then Bitburg Air Base had a boxing club, and one of the

locally-renowned boxers would come into the barber shop before every bout for a complete head shave.

Read then entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290026>.



AMUs FACE OFF FOR LOAD CREW OF THE YEAR

Staff Sgt. Joshua Kidd and Airman 1st Class Justin McKay, 480th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapon load crew members, secure a GBU-38 bomb to an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the load crew of the year competition at Hangar 1 here Feb. 10. Each of the three load crews won a quarterly competition to participate in this event. The winner will be announced at the wing annual awards March 9 and will represent Spangdahlem AB in a U.S. Air Forces in Europe load crew competition later this year. The 81st and 480th AMUs maintain aircraft that deliver precise, full-spectrum capability for the current fight. To view more, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123289591>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

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Photo exhibit

A free photo exhibit called "Eyes Over Africa" takes place now through March 11 at the Bitburg Beda House cultural center. For more information, call 06561-9683-11.

Fasching events

Sabers and their families can observe Fasching events in the Eifel area. Most parades take place between noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 18-21. The events always start 11 minutes past the hour of the event. People can ask their landlords or mayors for details. For a list of events, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290140>.

Musical Magics' 10th anniversary

Musical Magics celebrates their 10th anniversary with several performances: March 3 at Schmelz; 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.

What's happening?

Online ID card appointments

ID card appointments for active-duty members and their families, Defense Department employees, contractors and civilian employees can be made online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>. For more information, call DSN 452-6117 or 06565-61-6117.

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's free for shoppers. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

Cirque Dreams world tour

Cirque Dreams will perform at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Ramstein Air Base in Hangar 2. The event is free and seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. This event is provided by Armed Forces Entertainment. For more information, call DSN 452-6466 or 06565-61-6466.

Military Saves Week

Military Saves week is Feb. 19-25 and the airman and family readiness center will conduct financial classes for Airmen and their families. AFRC will assist in pulling credit reports and explain what they contain 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and 19. They will also host an ins and outs of online-banking class from 9 - 10 a.m. Feb. 21, a credit and debt management class from 9 - 11 a.m. Feb. 22., a building a financial foundation class

and a money saving strategies class from 1 - 3 p.m. Feb. 23, a basic investing class from 9 - 11 a.m. and a home buying class from 1 - 3 p.m. Feb. 24. To sign up, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Free bowling

There will be free bowling from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. Free shoe rentals will also be available to those who show a silver dollar. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Free breakfast

Club Eifel members can enjoy a free breakfast from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Feb. 22, March 14, April 25 and May 23 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

St. Patrick's Day family fun night

A free St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Night takes place for club members only 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 7 at Club Eifel. Reservations are accepted Feb. 20 - March 2, and the event is open for up to 85 people. Members must cancel their reservations 48 hours prior to the event. For more information, call DSN 452-4639 or 06565-61-4369.

ASBP blood drive

An Armed Services Blood Program blood drive takes place March 21, May 23, July 25, Sept. 26 and Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Eifel Community Center. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

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