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Carl Gessman, Polygone radar operator, removes the cover from a tactical radar threat generator during Anatolian Falcon 2012 in Konya, Turkey, March 8. Polygone is a multinational aircrew electronic warfare tactics facility located in Europe and was used to simulate pop-up ground threats throughout Anatolian Falcon 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Benjamin Wilson/Released)

## US pilots plant SEAD with Turkish counterparts

By Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
Anatolian Falcon 2012 Public Affairs

The Turkish and U.S. air forces continue to combine their air assets and share tactics in large-force employments during Exercise Anatolian Falcon 2012 in Konya, Turkey, March 5-16.

During LFE exercises, units oftentimes take advantage of the high number of aircraft participating to test mass communication efforts, but the 480th Fighter Squadron pilots from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, are sharing suppression-of-enemy-air-defenses tactics with their Turkish counterparts.

SEAD, the 480th's specialty, is any action taken to deter enemy surface-to-air missiles or anti-aircraft artillery. The objective is not the destruction of the ground-based threats but to subdue those threats until an air mission is complete.

"Our enemies know some of the capabilities of SEAD teams," said Capt. David Dubel, 480th FS pilot. "The presence of a SEAD team is sometimes enough in itself to make our enemies flee and allow us to complete whatever mission we're on."

For Anatolian Falcon 2012, each air mission has

an objective such as the destruction of a plotted target or the defeat of enemy aircraft. Mission planners assign groups of aircraft specific tasks, either offensive counter air, SEAD or ground attack.

Both nations employ the F-16 Fighting Falcon, a multi-faceted fighter aircraft that can combat threats in the air or on the ground. Turkish and U.S. military units train differently, and the various functions of the F-16 can lead pilots to specialize in or understand unique perspectives of the aircraft.

Large-scale exercises allow the NATO allies to share and build upon proven tactics and techniques. For the 480th, sharing their SEAD tactics with the Turkish air force helps both prepare for real combat.

"We're expecting to be targeted -- that's our job," Dubel said. "We have a lot of tactics to defend against those threats. There are different tactics as to whether the enemy is just looking at us, have a lock on us or have actually fired a missile.

"The [ground attack] mission is to get 100 percent bombs on target," he continued "and SEAD's mission is to get 100 percent of the ...

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### SUPER SABER PERFORMER



Staff Sgt. Joseph Asprocolas, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron communication maintenance technician, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of March 16 - 23. Read more of this story at, <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123294000>. (Courtesy photo)

Senior Airman Oliver Martin and Airman 1st Class Derrick Hogans, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron ambulance service technicians, conduct function checks on equipment prior to working their shift at Bldg. 137 here March 8. Function checks of all emergency equipment are conducted by technicians at the beginning of every shift. The ambulance service provides emergency care for more than 8,400 Airmen, Department of Defense civilians, and their families. See more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123293273>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)



## Ambulance service provide emergency care to base people



Senior Airman Oliver Martin, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron ambulance service technician, checks the long spine boards compartment of the ambulance prior to his shift at Bldg. 137 here March 8.



Staff Sgt. Christian Granados, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron ambulance service technician, conducts a function check on a thermometer at Bldg. 137 here March 8. Ambulance techs provide initial medical response on Spangdahlem Air Base to support base response to in-flight and other mission related emergencies, as well as any other on-base incidents.



Staff Sgt. Christian Granados and Airman 1st Class Derrick Hogans, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron ambulance service technicians, respond to an incident from Bldg. 137 here March 8.



## TRYOUTS HELD FOR VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

Kristen Gieras prepares to field a ball hit by Spangdahlem Sabers varsity softball team member Jason De La Vega, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, during Spangdahlem Lady Sabers varsity softball team tryouts at varsity field 1 here March 7. The softball team held tryouts until March 9. The male and female varsity softball teams competes in tournaments throughout Europe playing against other Air Force, Army and Navy teams. The varsity season runs April to August. Tryouts for Sabers Men's Varsity softball team continues until March 23 at field one. Interested players can call the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634 or De La Vega at DSN 452-6592 or Chris Nelson at DSN 452-7154. See more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123293267>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

# Tops in Blue selects Spangdahlem Airman for 2012 touring season

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An Airman from the 606th Air Control Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base recently earned a position with the Air Force's premiere entertainment touring group.

Airman 1st Class Jessica Pitts, 606th ACS cyber systems operations apprentice, leaves March 17 to join Tops in Blue for the group's 2012 touring season.

The Tops in Blue team serves as an expeditionary unit to entertain the Air Force family, especially service members stationed at remote or deployed locations. The unit also promotes community relations, supporting recruiting efforts and serving as ambassadors for the United States and the Air Force.

Pitts said she can't wait to contribute her part to the Tops in Blue mission.

"We'll boost morale everywhere

we go," she said. "We'll be a connection from the family at home to Airmen in the field.

"We're ambassadors of the Air Force," she continued. "All our events are done as a team. As a team, we have to be outstanding members of the Air Force — everything we do or say reflects on the service as a whole."

Pitts showcased her singing and trumpet talents during a worldwide talent search at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9-17. The outgoing Tops in Blue team and production staff judged the competition, and they chose 37 out of the 88 contestants. Pitts was among those selected.

Now that she has a spot on the team, Pitts said she can't wait to begin the two-month training session before the touring season begins.

"I'm really excited to experience growth," she said of the rigorous ...

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## Three rules for dormitory living regardless of age

By Airman 1st Class  
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Before I joined the Air Force, I was a college graduate disillusioned with the 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. grind. I was living at home, buried in student loans and yearning for something more. So, like many young people I walked into the recruiter's office and signed up.

Joining the Air Force late has been an adjustment. It's a little jarring to have a supervisor the same age as you or living in a dorm where 99 percent of your peers were born in the early 1990s. The apparent age gap is discernible when I talk about the austerity measures in Greece and get a deer-in-the-headlights look.

The assumption has been, since I am an Airman, I joined fresh out of high school, have never been overseas and never had a real job. It's funny when I play the guess-my-age game; the responses usually range from 18-

21. When I do reveal my age of 26, the conversation goes something like this, "No way, you're not that old," usually followed by, "Why did you join the Air Force so late?" Imagine my excitement when I find anyone living in the dorm older than 25. I am instantly overcome with joy. "Yes, someone who understands; I'm not the only one."

Being 26 and in the dorms reminds me of my college years -- the communal living spaces, lack of privacy, and drunken outbursts after "Thirsty Thursdays" at the enlisted club. I've seen and dealt with it all -- from the immature roommate who eats your last yogurt, to the inconsiderate neighbor blasting his or her music at 3 a.m. I like to think that joining the Air Force later than most has afforded me some wisdom to deal with less than desirable situations. During the years, I have learned to master the many challenges presented by dorm life like establishing ground rules. Respect is a

two-way street, and if you don't buy it, don't eat it. Allow me to elaborate on those three "rules to live by."

First up is establishing ground rules. Remember when you first met your roommate and things seemed cool, you watched a movie together, cooked dinner, went shopping at the commissary. Weeks pass and you notice little quirks here and there; a couple of dishes in the sink, late-night Skype sessions and un-replenished toilet paper.

The relationship dynamic quickly changes and your roommate who seemed cool is now getting on your nerves. If you have no agreed upon rules, it's understandable they will be broken. What one person may consider clean may be totally different to another person. Make sure there is a common understanding so when problems arise, someone can be held ...

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## Handicraft, classic vehicles highlight annual Beda Market

By Iris Reiff  
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Weekend shoppers can get a taste of something different March 16-18 at the annual Bitburg Beda Market.

The name Beda is the old Celtic name for Bitburg.

The Beda Market is a community-wide event where townspeople and local businesses present their economic and cultural ways of life.

The market officially opens at 10:45 a.m. March 16; however, most activities kick off ...

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# What's happening?

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### Swing dance orchestra

The band "Swing Dance Orchestra" performs 8 p.m. March 24 at the Trifolion in Echternach, Luxembourg. Ticket prices range from 21 to 38 Euros. To buy tickets, visit [www.ticket-regional.de](http://www.ticket-regional.de) or [www.luxembourgticket.lu](http://www.luxembourgticket.lu). For more information in English, visit [www.trifolion.lu](http://www.trifolion.lu).

### Dance show

An oriental dance show takes place 7 p.m. March 24 at the Wittlich Lindenhof. Tickets are 10 Euros and can be purchased prior to the show by calling Ulrike Feit at 06508-92451.

### Choir concert

A free concert by the Westeifel Chamber Choir entitled Dream Sounds takes place 3 p.m. March 25 at the Himmerod Abbey. Entry is free, and donations are welcome. For more information, visit, [www.abteiorgel.de](http://www.abteiorgel.de) or [www.batei-himmerod.de](http://www.batei-himmerod.de).

### Ukulele orchestra

The United Kingdom Ukulele Orchestra performs 8 p.m. March 29 at the Bitburg Stadthalle. Ticket prices range from 33 to 43 Euros. Tickets can be purchased at the Bitburg city hall 30 minutes prior to the concert starting.

### Red Cross instructor course

The American Red Cross will have a first aid, CPR, AED instructor course 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. March 17 and 9 a.m. – noon March 18 in Bldg. 319 on the second floor. The cost is \$110 and is open to the general public. Register at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Space is limited so sign up early. For more information, call DSN 452-5740 or 06565-61-5740.

### Blood drive

Give the gift of life. There is a community blood drive 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. March 21 at the Brick House. People interested in donating can make an appointment at <http://www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm?group=op&hgid=1> and follow the directions. Walk-ins also are welcome. Donors must be 17 years or older. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### 'March Madness' 3-point shootout

The drug demand reduction office will host a March Madness 3-point shootout for people 16 years and older along with a take back event where people can turn in old medications at 9 – 11 a.m. March 24 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

For more information, call Mr. Anthony McKinney at DSN 452-8299 or 06565-61-8299.

### Heart link

The airman and family readiness center will host a heart link orientation 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. March 22 at the AFRC. For more information, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

### Play group

Family advocacy will host a playgroup 10 a.m. – noon March 19, 20, 22, and 27 in Bldg. 409, stairwell A. The play groups are for newborns to 5-year-old children and provide an opportunity for parents to network and support one another while their children play and socialize. For more information, call DSN 452-8279 or 06565-61-8279.

### Anger management

Family advocacy has an anger management class 9 – 10:30 a.m. March 13, 20 and 27 in Bldg. 161 third floor. The four-week workshop will explore how anger negatively affects work, relationships and health. Attendees will also learn effective strategies aimed at reducing the impact of anger. For more information or to register, call DSN 452-8279 or 06565-61-8279.

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