

# SABER E-HERALD

SPANGDAHLEM AB

NEWSLETTER OF THE 52ND FIGHTER WING

MARCH 22, 2012

System overload  
may cause  
inattention blindness

Pagent winners  
show support to  
Spangdahlem families



## BLUES RETURN

The 52nd Fighter Wing goes back to Blue's Monday April 1. For more information, check with unit first sergeants.



## LoCASH COWBOYS ENTERTAIN AUDIENCE

The group LoCash Cowboys performs at the Brick House here March 18. The band played a variety of country and rock songs at six military installations in Germany to include Spangdahlem Air Base. The tour was sponsored by Stars for Stripes in partnership with Armed Forces Entertainment. Stars for Stripes is a non-profit organization designed to increase morale for overseas service members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

## SecAF, CSAF discuss changes to active, reserve mix

**Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Williams Jr.**  
**Air Force Public Affairs Agency**

**T**he Air Force's two top leaders discussed planned adjustments to the Air Force's active and reserve components during a congressional hearing in Washington March 14.

During testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said the new defense strategic guidance led the service to propose changes in its force structure as part of its fiscal 2013 budget request.

"Because force structure changes have a ripple effect on manpower needs, our budget proposal

calls for a reduction of 9,900 Air Force military personnel," Donley said

By component, this amounts to reductions of 3,900 active-duty, 5,100 Air National Guard, and 900 Air Force Reserve personnel, he said.

"[Manpower and force structure] changes were prompted by the strategic guidance we received that asked us to reorient geographically...and recognizing that the overall size of the ground forces is going down," Donley said.

Air Force officials analyzed their fighter and mobility forces to develop the right balance between active and reserve component capabilities, he said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123294006>.



## SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Staff Sgt. Christopher Perez, 726th Air Mobility Squadron Combat readiness and resources plans and programs administrator, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of March 15 – 22. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123294850>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS IN EUROPE MARCH 25 AT 1 A.M. SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP SATURDAY NIGHT.**





Airmen from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron load barriers onto a transport vehicle during a barrier plan exercise here March 19. LRS Airmen placed barriers to test the base's ability to respond to an increased defensive posture. The exercise also included a mock car bomb explosion to test the wing's response to an emergency situation. This type of training prepares first responders to protect the base and U.S. government assets, and tests base members' responses to real-world emergency events. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

## Fighter wing tests barrier plan



Above: Firefighters from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron carry a simulated victim on a backboard during a barrier plan exercise here March 19.

Right: Airmen from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron push a barrier into position during a barrier plan exercise here March 19.





# Library

## Programs transform readers into leaders

**Ellick Ruffin**  
**52nd Force Support Squadron**

The Spangdahlem Library recently underwent a carpet replacement project in February.

However, the carpet represents only one of the major changes we have made to the library in the past few months.

One major change was the reallocation and consolidation of the resources from the Bitburg Annex's Library to Spangdahlem's Library. This change let the staff send many of the library resources to an orphanage in Poland. Another benefit from the consolidation was we were able to bring more of our resources under one roof to allow us to operate with less manning. This means we can serve you better, even during these leaner times.

The library is now one of the most popular locations on base, seeing more than 500 people on average a day. The checkout selection now contains more than 30,000 items, including popular movies and series on DVD, more than 50 magazines, CLEP and DANTES study materials, music on CD, audiobooks on CD and MP3, board and electronic games, and hardcopy books for all ages. All it takes is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe library card.

Additional online resources like Mango Language database, Morningstar Financial Reports, CountryWatch, and Ebscohost and Infotrac online newspapers and magazines,

are also available at <http://www.usafelibraries.org> and require only a library card to access. Library cardholders may also request books from any USAFE library simply by logging into same website.

The library staff also welcomes purchase suggestions and paper interlibrary loan requests for any materials our customers are seeking.

Computers with internet access are available, and you can print for only 10 cents per page. Wireless internet access is free and extends 25 feet from building. Faxing is \$1 per page and photocopies are 10 cents per page.

The library is staffed by two professional librarians, a computer specialist, and both German and American library technicians, all of whom are happy to help with your information needs. The library staff offers a variety of programs, including a weekly toddler storytime every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., a monthly book group, online database classes bi-monthly, and individual or group introductory library classes as requested.

A new program funded by USAFE Libraries is the "Books on Demand" program. This program allows USAFE customers to request items that for one reason or another the Spangdahlem Library cannot procure.

New technologies at the library this year include a self-checkout station and a new study room ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123294517>.



### CYBER SYSTEMS OPERATORS KEEP SPANGDAHLEM CONNECTED

Airmen for the 52nd Communications Squadron Systems Communications Operations Flight Cyber Operations Section maintain and repair servers at the network control center here March 15. The 52nd CS Systems Communications Operations Flight Cyber Operations Section develops and maintains foundational communication capabilities for the 52nd Fighter Wing by providing network services including messaging, share drives, and network access and storage to the base and its geographically-separated units. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

### MEN'S VARSITY SOFTBALL SWINGS INTO ACTION

David Frost, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, catches a ground ball during Spangdahlem men's varsity softball tryouts held on Field 1 here March 15. The tryouts took place from March 12-16 and continued March 19-23 and allowed men affiliated with the base an opportunity to try out for the team. The team will compete against other military service teams from throughout Europe during the 2012 season. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)





# What's happening?

## Was ist los?

### 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.

### Jazz concert

A jazz concert by Thomas Bachmann and Brazilian Songbook takes place 8 p.m. March 30 at the Haus Beda festival hall in Bitburg. Tickets are 12 Euros and can be obtained via Bitburg city hall at 06561-6001-225 or via [boehm.m@stadt.bitburg.de](mailto:boehm.m@stadt.bitburg.de).

### 'Kids talk'

The educational and developmental intervention service will host a 'kid talk' on the normal stages of sexual development and exploration in children 9 – 10 a.m. March 23 in the second floor conference room of the health and wellness center. Free child care is available. For more information, call DSN 452-8238 or 06565-61-8238.

### Ladies Bunco

There is a ladies bunco 5 – 10 p.m. March 23 at the Eifel Community Center. The cost is \$10 per player, and players must be 18 years or older. Food and drinks will be served. 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 9 – 11 a.m. March 24 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. For more information, call Anthony McKinney at DSN 452-8299 or 06565-61-8299.

### Track, field event

The Bitburg High School track

team will host a track and field day for any interested first through sixth grade students at the Bitburg High School track March 24. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. at the gate, and the field day starts at 11 a.m. A mini track meet will start at approximately noon. The cost is \$10 per participant. For more information, email Brian Bent at [brian.bent@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:brian.bent@eu.dodea.edu).

### Chess challenge

The Air Force Chess Challenge Tournament is March 25 at the Eifel Community Center. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### Gate closure

The main gate will close March 26 – April 5 to finish construction on the traffic circle. Gate two will be open for inbound and outbound traffic. The Air Park gate will be open to outbound traffic 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from Memorial Drive only.

### Easter Family-Fun Night

Reserve a spot at Easter Family-Fun Night from March 26 – April 6. This free event is from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. April 11 and is for Club Eifel members only. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

To subscribe to an email notification for the Saber E-Herald, email [52fw.ds@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52fw.ds@spangdahlem.af.mil). To submit content to the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs News Section, email [52fw.panews@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52fw.panews@spangdahlem.af.mil) or call DSN 452-6012.

**Click here  
for more news**

**Click here  
for movies**

**Click here  
for briefs**