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UDM training
ensures all is
good-to-go

Airmen celebrate
Earth Day, cleanup in
many ways

Now is the time for
bold leadership

A retirement ceremony for
Col. Duane Creamer, 52nd
Maintainace Group com-
mander, takes place 2 p.m.
April 27 in Hangar 1.



FRIENDS, FAMILY WELCOME AIRMEN HOME FROM DEPLOYMENT

Rene Bernal holds up a sign while waiting with his mother, Patricia, to welcome home his father, Staff Sgt. Christopher Bernal, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew team chief, on Ramp 3 here April 13. Family and friends waited at Hangar 3 to welcome home more than 70 Airmen from a deployment with 81st Fighter Squadron to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, who had been providing close-air support during Operation Enduring Freedom. To view more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298163>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Money, money, money when it's due it's not funny

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“Amount due,” is a short, but scary phrase.

To keep from seeing this phrase and phrases like it on a leave and earnings statement, the 52nd Comptroller Squadron has pin-pointed some common statement errors specific to Spangdahlem AB. They also have recommendations to help keep Airmen out of financial holes and provide them tools to dig themselves out before they get buried too deep.

Staff Sgt. Tim Fordham, 52nd CPTS debt manager, explained the first line of defense to ensuring pay is correct is to understand the LES.

“It’s one thing to check an LES, but all Airmen should really understand it,” he said. “When Airmen are brand new, they don’t necessarily know what to look for. We recommend, and hope, that their supervisors go over it with them and explain

what everything means, or if they can’t explain it, they can come to finance. We can go over it with them to ensure that they know what everything means.”

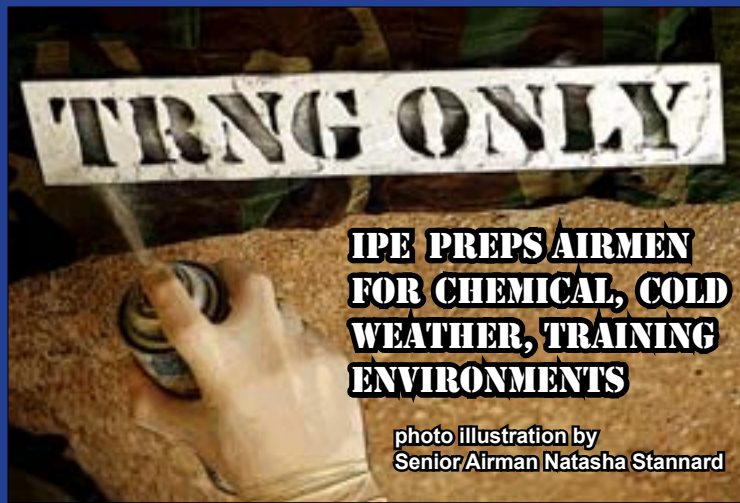
To keep Airmen from incurring debts, which Fordham says finance always finds out about sooner or later, it’s recommended Airmen check their LES regularly and pay special attention to particular areas.

One thing Airmen should look out for when they change duty stations is debt for basic allowance for housing. Between duty stations, Airmen are entitled to table-rate BAH, which is a flat rate BAH for people in transit only. Airmen are no longer entitled to table-rate BAH and must check their LES to ensure they have stopped receiving payments for it once they sign in to their new duty station. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298457>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany – Tech. Sgt. Bernard M. Lazare, 470th Air Base Squadron cyber operations NCO-in-charge, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of April 19 - 26. To read the entire article, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298665>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)

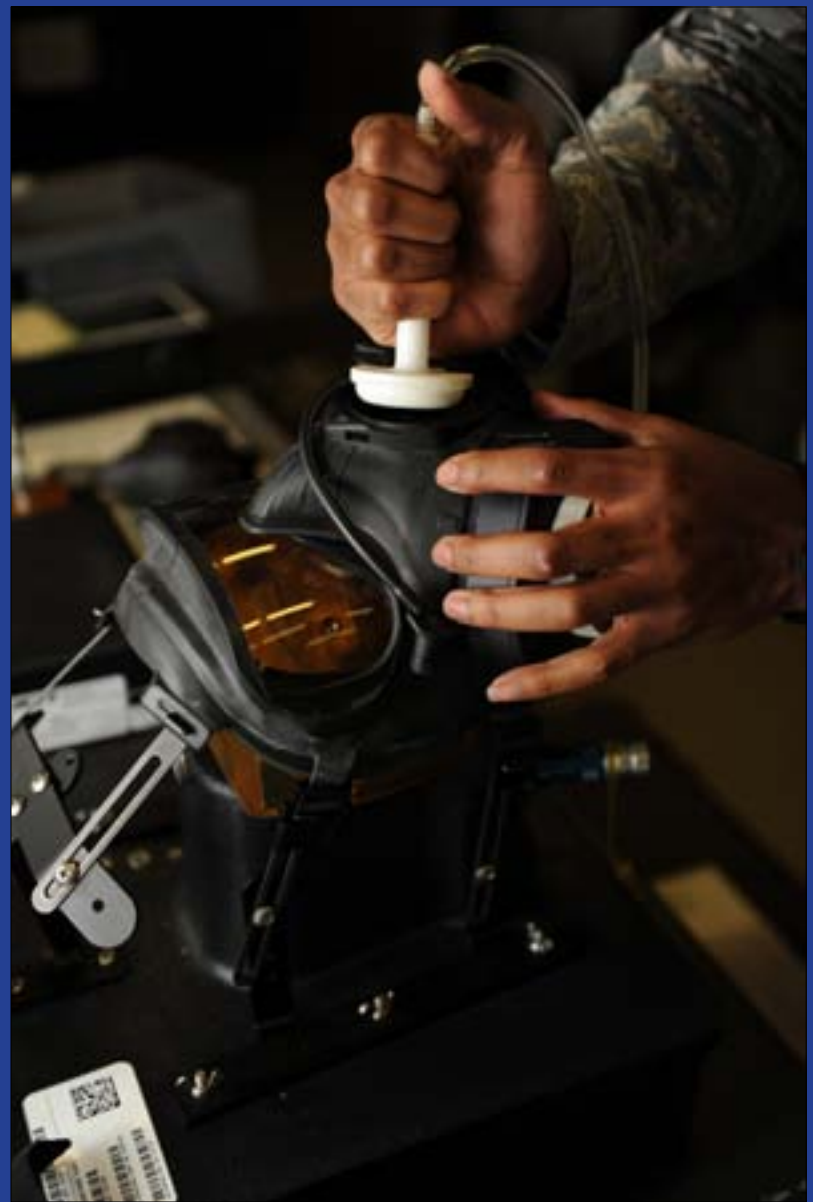


**IPE PREPS AIRMEN
FOR CHEMICAL, COLD
WEATHER, TRAINING
ENVIRONMENTS**

photo illustration by
Senior Airman Natasha Stannard



Above: Airmen from the 52nd Fighter Wing gather chemical training gear as part of their in-processing to the base at Bldg. 103 here April 18.



Above: Senior Airman Mychel Barker, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment journeyman, tests the front valve seal of an M50 gas mask to ensure the valve seals properly before it is issued at Bldg. 103 here April 18. The 52nd LRS Material Management Flight IPE Element maintains, stores and issues IPE used by the 52nd FW. Airmen are issued real-world and training chemical gear, extreme cold weather gear, weapons and other training gear which is used during exercises that test the wing's ability to protect the base and U.S. government assets during various real-world emergency events. To view more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298672>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)



Airmen from the 52nd Fighter Wing are issued chemical training gear as part of their in-processing to the base at Bldg. 103 here April 18.

Explore the Eifel

Fair offers afternoon adventures at doorstep

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An ancient castle shrouded in fog rests atop a hill. Spindly towers rise into the air reflecting the morning sun's rays off their stained-glass windows.

Below, a courtyard bustles with activity -- common folk beginning their daily marketplace rituals. Passersby clank flagons of mead together as if in a celebratory mood, someone in lederhosen serves bread and cheese to a gathered crowd at the town eatery, and a Gregorian chant echoes from a distant cathedral.

Germany. Or so I thought.

I'd been living in Wyoming for four years when the Air Force decided Spangdahlem AB required my services. I began researching the Eifel region, and after a quick Internet search, I viewed photographs of castles, wooded mountainsides and picturesque landscapes.

I realized there was more to Germany than just castles and mead as I read deeper into the country's history and its people's culture.

Further research led to other historic cities in France, Luxembourg

and Belgium. Germany, it seems, is a hub for transportation and a gateway to destinations across all of Europe. Talk about striking gold, I thought. I now have a way to visit all of those places on my bucket list. I couldn't wait to get here to start my own Euro-trip.

I arrived at Spangdahlem in mid June 2011. The temperatures averaged between 75 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit every day, and sunlight lasted until about 2 a.m."

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298325>.

Tip of the week

The natural borders of the Eifel Region are the Rhine, Mosel, Sauer and Our rivers.

Services transition maintains responsible resource stewardship

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The Air Force continues to restructure manning and forces within the military to maintain responsible stewardship of taxpayer money.

The restructure changes affect every base within the Air Force, but for Spangdahlem AB, the 52nd Force Support Squadron is looking for ways to keep programs active while reducing resource expenditures.

Congress and the Air Force initiated Resource Management Decision 703 in November 2011, which abolished certain appropriated-funded positions within the Air Force. FSS lost 27 government-funded positions as a result. To maintain the same services, the squadron would have to hire replacements and fund their wages, insurance and benefits from non-appropriated funds or customer-supplied funds.

One of the areas affected within the squadron was the arts and crafts program, said Tony Chatfield, 52nd FSS Community Services Flight chief. The program is divided into services categories: auto-hobby shop; woodshop; framing, graphics and ceramics; and instructional

classes. Those services are not designed to make money; rather, these are services the Air Force considers core programs to support morale, welfare and recreation.

However, today's fiscally-constrained environment made it necessary to realign some services to more efficiently provide programs to the community, he said. These realignments include changes to the auto hobby shop, craft store, frame shop and plaque shop, and the changes were made to save customers from increased prices. Unfortunately, one of the changes included the closure of the Spangdahlem woodshop, he continued. The date has yet to be determined, but its closure is a reality.

Another way the Air Force is finding a way to use money smarter is by creating a services transition team who travels to certain selected bases to evaluate the successes of services programs. Spangdahlem AB was one of the selected bases, and the team met here April 2-6.

The team's other objectives were to explore base and enterprise initiatives for type and delivery of service, provide a transformation roadmap, and recommend the way ahead.

Read the rest of the story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298519>.

CES TAKES HOME SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TROPHY

George Riebling, Joint Force Command Brunsum NATO AWACS Program Management Agency, pitches a softball during a softball tournament on Field 2 here April 14. The first 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron sponsored softball tournament included more than 12 teams made up of military and family members 18 and older and is intended to prepare players for the upcoming intramural season. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron team beat the 470th Air Base Squadron 19-17 in the final game of the double-elimination tournament. To view more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298329>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



What's happening?

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Theater performances

A dancing performance by Sven Gruetzmeyer and the Trier Theater takes place 7:30 p.m. May 1 at the Trier city theater. Tickets cost between 14 - 23 Euros, and can be purchased at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance time or in advance at by calling 0651-71-81818.

Organized bicycling excursion

Bicycle excursions take place May 5 and 12 on the Ruwer-Hochwald bicycling trail. This trail is about 50 kilometers long and connects the Hunsrueck with the Moseltal valley. A bicycling bus will leave from the Konz Rathaus, or city hall, at 9 a.m. the day of the event to take people to the start-off point. The cost is 15 Euros per person including transportation of participants and their bikes. For more information, call the Konz tourist information office at 06501-60-18040.

21 days
until Explore the Eifel
Fair at Club Eifel.

Zumba fitness master class

A Zumba master class takes place from 6 - 9 p.m. April 20 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The cost for the class is \$10, and participants can Zumba for one, two or three hours. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

Three on three basketball

A three on three basketball tournament takes place April 21 at the school age program. Participants can sign up now for times in the following age brackets: ages 9 - 12 with tip-off at 9 a.m., ages 12 - 15 with tip-off at noon, and ages 15 - 18 with tip off at 3 p.m. To participate or volunteer, call DSN 452-7545 or 06565-61-7545.

Mountain biking

Outdoor recreation will host a mountain biking trip 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 21 in Houffalize, Belgium. The cost is \$25 per person without equipment rental and \$35 with rental. Both costs include transportation and a guide. Participants must be 18 years or older. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Taking Back Sunday concert

Armed Forces Entertainment presents a Taking Back Sunday concert takes place 6 p.m. April 26 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center gym. The opening act for this show

is Nicole Frechette, whose vocal inspiration can be traced back to Patsy Cline. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Kid Talk

Kid Talk, a child development meeting, takes place 9 a.m. April 27 at the health and wellness center. Child care is available during the meeting. For more information, call the educational and developmental intervention services clinic at DSN 452-8238 or 06565-61-8238.

Unveiling of 'Holy Robe'

The trip to view the unveiling of a "Holy Robe" at the Trier Dom takes place 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 28 departing from Club Eifel. The trip will include a German Mass followed by an English guided tour of the robe viewing. The cost is 12 Euros per person for the bus and 3-9 Euros for lunch. For more information, call DSN 452-4401, 06565-61-4401 or email marie.hubo-dorsey.de@spangdahlem.af.mil.

360 degree Fit Boot Camp

Sign up now for the 360 degree Fitness Boot Camp takes place May 7 - June 1. The classes available for this four-week camp are 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 4 p.m., and 5:15 p.m., and they take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost of the class is \$135. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

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