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## ICCS TRAINING KEEPS AIRMEN COMBAT READY

An Airman from the 52nd Fighter Wing drinks water through an M50 joint service general purpose gas mask during individual core competency skills training at the outdoor basketball court here May 7. The training evaluated Airmen on their combat readiness skills such as M-4 assault rifle weapons knowledge; self-aid buddy care; and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive preparedness. The training ensures the 52nd FW is able to provide combat power to the current fight. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301188>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

## Airmen get 'street smart' on safe driving

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Members of the Stay Alive From Education, S.A.F.E., program showed Airmen here the effects of not being street smart during preventative presentations on impaired driving May 1 and 2 at the base theater.

The purpose of the presentation "Street Smart" is to prevent bad decisions that lead to accidents and incidents, said Col. David Lyons, 52nd Operations Group commander.

"We can often walk an accident chain back," he explained. "We start from the accident and walk it back. Often we will find a place in that

accident chain where there was a fork in the road, and you can say, 'Alright, this was the decision that drove all of the further outcomes of this accident. This is the decision right here that led to the accident, that led to the death' - that's part of what we're getting at today ... learning from your mistakes; letting other folks make good decisions so we don't have to pay that price a second time."

As fire fighters and paramedics the Street Smart presenters, Joseph McCluan and Scott Neusch, know first-hand the results of poor choices when it comes to drinking, using drugs and not wearing seat belts.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123300762>.



## SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Gangwish, 52nd Communications Squadron land mobile radio production supervisor, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 10 – 16. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301512>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)



The seventh annual Explore the Eiffel fair takes place today 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Club Eiffel. More than 200 exhibitors will be at the fair with regional travel information.





Airmen from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Maintenance Flight conduct a phase inspection on an A-10 Thunderbolt II in Hangar 2 here May 4. The phase inspections are separated into two categories. During a phase 1 inspection, the 52nd EMS Maintenance Flight members examine each A-10 after every 500 flying hours, and phase 2 inspections are performed every 1,000 flying hours. These inspections allow the Airmen to check for deficiencies and perform preventative maintenance to ensure the aircraft is safe and operational for flight. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123300819>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

## *Phase inspection keeps jets in air*



Senior Airman Brandon Spillman, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion journeyman, installs an exhaust on the auxiliary power unit of an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a phase inspection in Hangar 2 here May 4.



Staff Sgt. Bryan Swift, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, fabricates a fuselage stiffener during a phase inspection in Hangar 2 here May 4. The fuselage stiffener reinforces the panel between the gun-bay and the wheel well.



# Wheels of steel: practice safety on skateboards, bicycles

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**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

Department of Defense members and their families are required to follow all safety requirements when skateboarding or bicycling on and off base in accordance with Air Force Instruction 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

This AFI identifies personal protective equipment for riding a bicycle as a helmet and reflective gear as well as a helmet, elbow and knee pads, and wrist guards for riding skateboards. Wearing the required equipment can help prevent injuries such as bruises, concussions, bone fractures, brain trauma, and in serious cases, death.

Traffic safety regulations mandate people ride skateboards in skate parks or on sidewalks. People 10 years old or younger may ride a bicycle on the sidewalk as long as they are not creating a hazard to pedestrians. Cyclists older than 10 years old must ride on approved cyclist paths when available and on the far right side of the road in a single-file line unless in a group of 15 cyclists or more.

"It is hard for people to understand the importance of not following safety regulations until you see something serious happen to a family member, friend or someone close to you, but when it happens, it can dramatically change your opinion on safety," said Klaus van den Boom, 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office safety and occupational health specialist.

Van den Boom went on to say that in order to improve safety, every person must do his or her part to spread the word and help others understand the consequences of not following safety policies. Following the implemented safety guidelines while skateboarding or bicycling not only benefits the person doing the activity, but also keeps DOD members and their families safe and ready to complete the U.S. Air Force mission. Serious injuries to these people takes manpower away from necessary operations and creates a void that cannot be filled.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301191>.



## PDF LINE EXERCISE PREPARES AIRMEN FOR DEPLOYMENT

Senior Airman Urzus Gange, left, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron individual equipment element apprentice, and Senior Airman Amanda Duenas, 52nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman, take accountability of pieces of paper, which simulate the necessary mobility gear for a deployment during a Phase I readiness exercise inside Bldg. 103 here May 3. The line ensures Airmen get required medical, financial, legal, spiritual and media support before they leave for a deployment. The exercise ensures the 52nd Fighter Wing is prepared to win today's fight by delivering precise, reliable and ready full-spectrum capabilities. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123300777>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT COMMEMORATES CINCO DE MAYO

Broderick Morris, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron member and substitute player for Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, hits a ball during a double elimination Cinco de Mayo softball tournament here May 4.



Tyler Wilkins, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Aviano Air Base, Italy, pitches during a double elimination Cinco de Mayo softball tournament here May 4. The Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, team beat the Aviano AB, team with a final score of 16 - 6 in the first game of the tournament. The varsity Sabers softball teams hosted the event to raise funds for future tournaments. Ramstein AB took first place overall by beating another team from Ramstein with a score of 36 - 25. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301234>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

# What's happening?

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### Organized bicycling excursion

A bicycle excursion takes place May 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.

### Guided walk

A guided walking tour along the Kastel Felsen rocks trail is available between 1:30 and 5 p.m. May 17 and 28 as well as June 7. Tickets cost 3 Euros for adults and are free for children. Sign-ups are required with the Saarburg tourist office. To sign up or for more information, call the Saar-Obermosel-Tourist Office at 06581-99-5980.

### Traffic-free bicycling event

Nimms Rad, a free traffic-free bicycling event, takes place May 28 between the communities of Rommersbach and Rittersdorf. The ride is 26 kilometers. For more information, visit <http://www.nimms-rad.de>.

### Happy Mosel bicycle tour

Happy Mosel, a free 120 kilometer traffic-free bicycling event, takes place June 3. For more information, visit <http://www.happy-mosel.de>.

### Suedeifel bicycle tour

Suedeifel Tour, a free 25 kilometer bicycle tour, takes place June 17 between the communities of Arzfeld, Neuerburg and Erzen. For more information, visit <http://www.suedeifel-tour.de>.

### Ehlenz volksmarch

Ehlenz will host a volksmarch 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 24 starting at the Ehlenz Gemeindehaus, or community hall. Walking distances are 5, 10 and 20 kilometers and the cost is 1.50 Euros. For more information, visit <http://www.wanderverein-seffern.de>.

### Bitburg Folklore Festival

The annual Bitburg Folklore Festival takes place July 6 - 9. About 13 bands and dance groups from 30 different countries will show off their traditional costumes and products and perform their traditional dances at the three-day event. Among the highlights is a parade through the city's streets. For more information, visit <http://www.folklore-bitburg.de/>.

### Volunteers needed

Sign up now to volunteer for the Armed Forces Kids Run, which takes place 4 - 6 p.m. May 18 at the sports field across from the teen center here. Volunteers can record times, take registration forms, set-up or tear-down, and must arrive 30 minutes prior to the event. For more information and to volunteer, call DSN 452-6244 or 06565-61-6244.

### Two-man golf tournament

Sign up by May 12 for a two-man alternate shot golf tournament 8 a.m. May 19 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The cost is \$40 per person and includes a barbecue. Ten teams must sign up for this event to take place, and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

### Mother's Day brunch

There will be Mother's Day brunches 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2 p.m. May 13. Reservations are required. Prices are \$19.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children ages 5-12 and free for children less than 5 years old. For more information, call DSN 452-633 or 06565-61-4633.

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