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Staff Sgt. Matthew Wilczek, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, holds a Eurasian Eagle-Owl from the Eifel Park in Gondorf during the seventh annual Explore the Eifel fair at Club Eifel here May 11. The event had more than 200 exhibitors from Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg providing travel information on hiking trips and hot-air balloon rides, prizes, free samples, wine tastings, and more. This event gave attendees the chance to sign up for tours and adventures taking place May 18 - 20 in the Eifel area. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

Fair provides local travel information, fun, games

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 2,000 Sabers attended the seventh annual Explore the Eifel information and adventure fair May 11 at Club Eifel here.

Explore the Eifel is a partnership building event that brings vendors from throughout the region to Spangdahlem AB to share with Sabers what Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium have to offer for entertainment and activities.

"The fair is a one-stop shop for finding plenty of information about fun activities throughout the beautiful Eifel region," said Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "I hope Sabers come here and fill their summer day planners with exciting events and activities."

Vendors from Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg provided the base community with travel information ranging from hiking trips and hot-air balloon rides to wine tastings and more.

"They have a lot of different things to choose from here," said Staff Sgt. Rodrick Carter, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons loader. "I don't get to do much traveling, so it's great to see all that is offered right outside the base. This is a great way to get out."

The fair provided attendees the opportunity to sign up for adventures, excursions and tours taking place May 18 -19. It also gave them a chance to experience attractions and demonstrations from the Eifel region on base.

"This year's fair is definitely different not only because we've returned to Club Eifel, but because of the entertainment, music and games," Weggeman said.

Among this year's entertainment from the region was:

- Gladiator demonstrations and food
- Break dancing performances
- Historical and craft displays

Read the entire story and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301850>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Senior Airman Diana Geeter, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron communication security accountant, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 17 - 23. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302185>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



Josh Larkin, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight corrosion control civilian contractor, covers the canopy of an F-16 Fighting Falcon before washing it in Hangar 3 here May 11. The fabrication flight contractors wash every 52nd Fighter Wing aircraft twice a year to prevent corrosion and extend the lifespan of the aircraft. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301840>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Wash rack keeps it clean



Josh Larkin, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight corrosion control civilian contractor, scrubs the landing gear on an F-16 Fighting Falcon in Hangar 3 here May 11.



Dustin Bowers, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight corrosion control civilian contractor, sprays soap on the wing of an F-16 Fighting Falcon in Hangar 3 here May 11.

DOS rollback manages AF end strength

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force will conduct an enlisted date-of-separation rollback in late September as it continues to meet congressionally mandated end strength and budgetary requirements.

This is the second DOS rollback program in fiscal year 2012, and the intent is to accelerate the separation date for members of rank E-1 through E-8 who have less than 14 or more than 20 years of service by Sept. 29.

Identified Airmen must separate no later than Sept. 29 or retire no later than Sept. 30.

Airmen meet a certain criteria or receive a specific identifier for program eligibility if, for example, they have an unfavorable information file, are on a control roster or have denied retainability. However, unit commanders make the final decision to deny reenlistment or retain a selected Airman.

This force management tool allows local commanders, not the Air Force Personnel Center, to

look at their Airmen and weigh potential benefits of an Airman's continued service, said Tech. Sgt. Tiwanda Wilson, 52nd Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section NCO in charge of relocations.

"Take care of yourself in all Air Force aspects," Wilson said to Airmen who fear they may be eligible for involuntary separation. "Keep busy and do something positive in your free time, and stay in tune with your Air Force career. Get educated on your benefits."

The Air Force will not recoup unearned portions of education assistance funds, special pay, unearned portions of bonuses or other monetary incentives under the DOS rollback program.

Airmen with at least 180 days of active-duty service who are separated under the DOS rollback are also authorized transition assistance benefits. Those include 180 days of extended medical care for themselves and their families and an ID card allowing base commissary and exchange privileges for two years.



(U.S. Air Force Graphic/Corey Parrish)

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Gray, 52nd FSS MPS NCO-IC of reenlistment and date of estimated return from overseas management, recommends that Airmen selected for the DOS rollback should familiarize themselves with Air Force Instruction 36-2606, Reenlistment in the U.S. Air Force, which contains information on how to appeal the early separation decision. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302052>.



Senior Airman Jod Nicholson, center, 52nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman, clenches while being tazed during a non-lethal weapons demonstration for National Police Week outside the Spangdahlem Commissary May 14.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK KICKS OFF WITH SFS DISPLAYS

Joshua Thompson, son of Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Thompson, 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel, hits Senior Airman Adam Crane, 52nd Security Forces Squadron trainer, during a combatives training demonstration for National Police Week outside the Spangdahlem Commissary May 14. The 52nd SFS put on multiple demonstrations such as military working dog capabilities, weapons and combat vehicle displays and taser demonstrations to give spectators an insight into various aspects of security forces capabilities. National Police Week is held annually during the week of May 15 and honors all law enforcement members who have died. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302018>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

What's happening?

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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 Ernzen. For more information, visit <http://www.suedeifeltour.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>.

AC/DC tribute concert

A "Hole full of Love - Tribute to AC/

DC" concert takes place 8:30 p.m. July 6 at the festival tent of the Alte Gymnasium in Bitburg. The cost is 10 Euros. For more information, call the Bitburg Cultural Society at 06561-6001-225/220.

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/>.

Mosel music festival

Trier will host a Mosel music festival July 6 - 9 featuring various concerts near the Mosel shore. For more information, visit <http://www.moselmusikfestival.de/>.

Rhine Aflame

Rhine Aflame takes place Aug. 10 - 12 this year. Visitors can view fireworks displays from one of the many boats that float on the Mosel for the event. For more information, visit <http://www.koblenz-touristik.de/en/events/highlights/rhine-in-flames.html>.

'80s ladies bunco night

There will be a 1980s themed ladies bunco night 7 p.m. May 18 at the Brick House here. The grand prize is an information tickets and travel trip for two. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Flea market

There will be a free flea market 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 19 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center parking lot. The sale of food, drinks, weapons, fireworks, animals or questionable material is not permitted. No sign-ups are required to be a seller, but boths will be given on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Lunch 'n Love

A free Lunch 'n Love marriage enrichment class takes place 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 24 at the airman and family readiness center in Bldg. 307. This event is limited to 15 couples. To sign up or for more information, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Free breakfast

There will be free breakfast for Club Eifel members 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. May 24 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

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