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493rd EFS flies to
protect Iceland's air
sovereignty

NATO mission calls
for USAF teamwork

Memorial Day
marks Critical
Days of Summer

Congratulate
Col. Chris Weggeman at his
promotion ceremony to brigadier
general 3:30 p.m. May 31
at Club Eifel



Two 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard members and Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, salute during the wreath-laying ceremony at the 9/11 memorial dedication while Michael Dietzsch, left, Host Nation Council Spangdahlem chairman, and Joachim Streit, Bitburg-Pruem Eifel County county commissioner, look on while "Taps" is played here May 25. The 9/11 memorial was donated to the 52nd FW by the Host Nation Council and local businesses. The sculpture was designed by Hubert Krufft, an artist from Niederpruem. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Host nation dedicates 9/11 memorial to Sabers

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Approximately 200 Sabers along with 40 local civic leaders attended a 9/11 dedication memorial and wreath laying ceremony May 25 at the air park here.

The memorial was designed by local artist Hubert Krufft and donated to the base by the Host Nation Council Spangdahlem and local businesses.

Krufft said it was an honor to create the memorial with steel that rises as a sign of strength and unity. He kept his memories from the infamous day in mind as he designed the memorial. He hopes Sabers take a moment to think back to that day as they pass the memorial.

Local civic leaders also shared their sentiments of the memorial and 9/11.

"There are only a few days that people in the whole world remember, and what they did

on that day," said Joachim Streit, Prum County commissioner. "September 11, 2001, is one of those days. The terrorist attacks that day shocked the world so much that the day and the images have been burned into the collective memory of humanity. The sculpture we are dedicating today as a memorial is representative of the memories surrounding that day."

"It is a heartfelt symbol to our American neighbors and friends," Michael Dietzsch, HNCS president added. "They have done so many good things for my country. My generation has been freed from totalitarianism, and we were supported by the Americans during the cold war. My generation will never forget that."

Streit said he remembers the details of Sept. 11, 2001, very clearly especially the grief and sadness.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303784>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Aymee Aixa Fowkes, 52nd Comptroller Squadron NCO in charge of military pay, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 31 – June 6. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304161>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)



In-flight refueling mission showcases aircraft interoperability

An A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot from the 81st Fighter Squadron lines up the aircraft to be refueled during an orientation flight for 25 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen and spouses over Germany May 23.

A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft from the 81st Fighter Squadron fly beside a 351st Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Strato-tanker stationed out of Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, during an orientation flight for 25 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen and spouses over Germany May 23. The Airmen and spouses flew on the KC-135 during an in-flight refueling of 81st and 480th Fighter Squadron aircraft. The 351st ARS and 52nd FW aircrew train together to enhance their interoperability to perform in-flight refueling missions. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303448>.



Above: Joy Monroe, wife of Tech. Sgt. Andrew Monroe, 52nd Maintenance Group Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century representative, takes a photo while watching Staff Sgt. Thomas Vesser, 351st Air Refueling Squadron in-flight refueler, operate a boom to refuel aircraft during an orientation flight for 25 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen and spouses over Germany May 23. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

SES raises funds to adopt dolphin

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Spangdahlem Elementary School recognized its students' efforts to raise money to adopt a dolphin for one year from the World Wildlife Fund May 25 at the elementary school here.

The school adopted the bottlenose dolphin from Central America and named her Delfina, the German name for dolphin, to represent their host nation. They chose to adopt a dolphin to celebrate the school mascot and ignite school spirit and pride.

The adoption is also an effort to teach students about the environment and give back to the community, said Amy Finley, SES Parent Teacher Student Association president.

"We want them to know that you can still learn by having fun," she added.

Finley said, the entire adoption process covered various areas of



Dolphin-shaped artwork, symbolizing donations, decorate the wall of the Spangdahlem Elementary School Cafeteria here May 25. Students raised money from donations to adopt Delfina, a wild bottlenose dolphin, for one year through the World Wildlife Fund with help from the SES Parent Teacher Student Association. The WWF uses the donations to help protect and improve living conditions for wildlife species around the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

curriculum to include math, art, creative writing and science. The students used math to sell paper dolphins

as they counted how many dolphins needed to be sold. Art and creative writing was incorporated into projects

to promote the adoption, and students learned about Delfina's environment through environmental science.

The PTSA helped students raise \$100 to adopt Delfina by selling 400, 25 cent paper dolphins. Students gave each paper dolphin a unique flare by drawing designs on them. Each dolphin drawing was displayed on the cafeteria wall to show students their progress toward adopting Delfina.

"The students were excited to color the dolphins," said Shannon Sabroski, PTSA vice president. "Some drew clothing on the dolphins; some drew American and German flags on them. There was a lot of talent up on the wall."

Adopting Delfina also gave students the opportunity to show off their creative writing skills as the PTSA held a creative essay contest. The winner of the contest, Danielle Ancheta, third grade student, was awarded a toy dolphin, which represents Delfina, to keep in her classroom.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303769>.



NATO FIREFIGHTERS MAKE ENTRANCE

Italian air force Warrant Officer 4 Michele Saracino, NATO firefighter, shows how to perform an emergency shut down on a C-17 Globemaster III during emergency entrance and egress training on Ramp 5 at Spangdahlem Air Base May 22. NATO firefighters from Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands participated in the training to enable them to teach firefighters at their base to safely and quickly enter and exit a C-17 during emergency situations.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tyler Spencer, right, 726th Air Mobility Squadron C-17 Globemaster III crew chief, talks about the entrances to a C-17 with NATO firefighters during emergency entrance and egress training on Ramp 5 Spangdahlem Air Base May 22. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303433>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

What's happening?

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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>.

Altstadtfest

Trier's annual Altstadtfest, or old city festival, takes place June 22 - 24. There will be music, food and entertainment. This event takes place throughout the entire pedestrian area in Trier.

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>.

Comic convention

"Heroes and Villains," a free comic convention, takes place 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. June 2 at Club Eifel. People can dress up as a hero or villain, play games, and win prizes. Limited edition coins will be handed out on a first come, first served basis. There will also be a party after the event for people 18 and older at the Stripes Lounge. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Rock climbing

Rock climbing takes place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 9 and July 29 in Zweibrücken, Germany. The cost is \$40. This event is for people age 12 and older. Participants meet 8 a.m. at the outdoor recreation center. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Mountain bicycling trips

Mountain bicycling trips take place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 7 and 28 in Houffalize, Belgium. The cost is \$25 for people who bring a bicycle and \$35 for people who need to rent a bicycle. This event is for people age 18 and older. Participants meet 8 a.m. at the outdoor recreation center. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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