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Bolstering bonds: Local national students tour AMS



Celebrate 29 years of service at
Chief Master Sgt. Sandra Miller's
retirement ceremony 2 p.m. June
8 at the Club Eifel ballroom.



BASE CELEBRATES COMMANDER'S PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany – Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, stands at attention while his son, Sam, replaces his old epaulette with one of his new rank during a ceremonial pin-on at the Club Eifel ballroom here June 1. Airmen, family and friends attended the ceremony to celebrate Weggeman's promotion to the rank of brigadier general, which was effective June 5. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Deployed Sabers can watch Bitburg HS graduation live

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WIESBADEN, Germany -- Deployed Spangdahlem Air Base Airmen will be able to watch their Bitburg High School seniors graduate via a live webcast June 9.

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools - Europe, U.S. Army Europe, and the U.S. Army 5th Signal Command have combined assets, talents, and technologies to enable the live webcasts via the Internet. The effort will allow 12 graduation ceremonies to be viewed by more than 60 deployed parents in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. The first graduation ceremonies will be webcast on June 7 from Ansbach and Bam-

berg High Schools. The last webcast occurs on June 14 from Vilseck High School. Schools identified as participating in this year's program include:

June 7 - Ansbach and Bamberg High Schools

June 8 - Heidelberg, Lakenheath, Hohenfels, Kaiserslautern and Ramstein High Schools

June 9 - Aviano and Bitburg High Schools

June 10 - Wiesbaden High School

June 12 - Schweinfurt High School

June 14 - Vilseck High School

Deployed parents will be able to see their graduating senior cross the stage and view student messages recorded for the occasion.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304729>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Airman 1st Class Sherrell Colbert, 52nd Force Support Squadron force management apprentice, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of June 7 – 13. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304890>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)



Let's get physical therapy: PT treats, heals sabers

Staff Sgt. Joseph Suarez, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy technician, uses a tape measure to check for swelling on the ankle of Airman 1st Class Shilah Keltner, 52nd Force Support Squadron food service journeyman, during an evaluation at the physical therapy clinic here June 5. The clinic provides service to active-duty service members as well as family members and retirees who are recovering from surgery. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304907>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)



Staff Sgt. Joseph Suarez, right, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy technician, checks for visible swelling during an ankle evaluation on Airman 1st Class Shilah Keltner, 52nd Force Support Squadron food service journeyman, at the physical therapy clinic here June 5.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Suarez, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy technician, documents a patient's ankle measurement during an evaluation at the physical therapy clinic here June 5.

USAF aircraft participate in coalition NATO event

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and a 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker participated in a NATO regional coalition training event at the Adazi Training Area in Riga, Latvia May 29 - 30.

The U.S. Air Force aircraft participated in the Baltic Region Training Event XII with French Dassault Mirage 2000 aircraft, Estonian L-39 jets, a Latvian M-17 helicopter and a Polish MiG-29.

The purpose of the event was to provide training opportunities to NATO's forward air controllers and air policing assets through close air support, air-to-ground support, air-to-air refueling and quick reaction alert intercept training.

"This exercise gave us the opportunity to put together different training aspects into one sortie," said Capt. Brent Fleming, 81st FS pilot. "Occasionally we'll fly and we'll air refuel from point a to point b. This mission tied together ferrying aircraft and employing tactically while under the constraints of a longer time on station and a seven hour flight, and still being able to do our mission of air-to-ground to and from the target area."



Two A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft, call signs Growler 11 and 12 from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, fly in formation in Swedish air space behind a 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker after receiving fuel during the Baltic Region Training Event XII May 30, 2012. BRTE XII was a NATO exercise that included support from several countries including the United States, France, Estonia and Latvia. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Thomas Trower)

The A-10s stationed here participated in the event to uphold the standard of joint close air support procedures, tactics and operations to ensure all aircraft and ground support involved can communicate seamlessly. This is especially im-

portant for the nations involved in BRTE XII as they regularly support one another in deployed locations, Fleming said. Read the entire article and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304591>.



DOUBLE-ELIMINATION SOCCER TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF

Above: Robert Ivey, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, kicks a soccer ball during game one of an intramural double-elimination soccer tournament at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center gym here June 4. The 52nd Force Support Squadron team beat the 52nd CES team 4 - 2 in the opening game of the tournament. The eight teams with the best records during the season compete in this tournament, and the first and second place teams will be presented with trophies after the final game. Left: Robert Ivey, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, keeps a soccer ball away from Carl Miller, 52nd Operations Support Squadron member picked up in a player's pool, during game one of an intramural double-elimination soccer tournament at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center gym here June 4. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304782>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

What's happening?

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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 Euro per person. For more information, visit <http://www.wanderverein-seffern.de>.

German-American Friendship Run

The 9th annual German-American Friendship Run takes place 9 a.m. July 1 in Binsfeld. Six running events are offered for children and adults. Registration costs 2 - 6 Euro per person and

people who pre-register receive reduced prices. Winners will be awarded monetary prizes, and a limited number of free t-shirts will be given out at the beginning of the event. For more information or to pre-register, call 06575-610, or visit www.sv-binsfeld.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>.

Trier Zurlauben

The Trier Zurlauben wine festival takes place July 6 - 9 along the Mosel. It includes wine tastings, music, a fireworks display and amusement rides.

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>.

Basketball tournament

A free dorm basketball tournament takes place noon June 15 at Dorm 227's basketball court. Airmen E-1 through E-4 can sign up for this event via a sign-up sheet sent through email by the First Four Council. There will be food, drinks and activities as well. For more information, call DSN 452-5227 or 06565-61-5227.

Golf tournament

Sign up by June 16 for a two-man scramble golf tournament, which takes place 8 a.m. June 23 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The cost is \$40 per person, and includes cart rental and a barbecue. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

Cake decorating

Sign up by June 18 for a cake decorating class 6 - 8 p.m. June 20 at the arts and crafts center in Bldg. 189. The cost is \$30. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

Sauer River canoe trip

A canoe trip takes place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 8 on the Sauer River in Germany and Luxembourg. The cost is \$40 and participants must be 12 years old or older. Those younger than 18, must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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