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base meets NATO
treaty compliance

2012 Jabara award
winner named

Command chief
retires after
29 years of service

Baron seniors
celebrate graduation



Participants jog around the base track during a Wounded Warrior walk-a-thon here June 7. More than 230 people participated in the event, which raised funds for wounded warrior programs at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305587>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon/Released)

Giving back: Base walks for wounded warriors

Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Sabers participated in a Wounded Warrior Fund walk-a-thon to raise funds for wounded warriors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center at the base track June 7.

"We had a really good turnout," said Senior Airman Roz Roueche, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron volunteer. "The track was full of people who wanted to help raise funds for a great cause."

The funds are donated directly to the LRMC Chaplain Offering and Tiff Fund, which gets wounded warriors out of the hospital to experience morale trips while they are still recover-

ing from their injuries and provide them with essential items like clothing and hygiene items, according to Tech. Sgt. Christina Camp, who is from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron and coordinated the fundraiser.

More than 230 people ran and walked 3,157 laps to contribute to the fund.

"It was a humbling experience for me," said Staff Sgt. Drew Kilian, who is from the 52nd LRS and ran 14 miles during the event. "A lot of people have been severely hurt and may have even lost a limb. When people are running, they may complain of aches or pain, but it is important to remember that those wounded warriors may never be able to do something as simple as run or walk again."



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Senior Airman Ryan L. Kremmer, 704 Munitions Support Squadron monitoring facility operator, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of June 14 – 20. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305744>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)



Sonja Werkman, Eifel Arms Inn custodial worker, places a welcome note on a guest's bed June 7 at the Eifel Arms Inn here. Custodial workers leave these notes to introduce themselves as the housekeeper for the room and let the guests know they serviced the room.

Eifel Arms Inn prepares for competition

Martin Molli, Eifel Arms Inn maintenance worker, shovels mulch to be put into the Eifel Arms Inn entryway flower gardens here. The Eifel Arms Inn maintenance section works in conjunction with the 52nd Civil Engineer squadron to ensure plumbing, electrical, mechanical and landscape fixtures and amenities are functional. The Eifel Arms Inn is gearing up to be evaluated for the Innkeeper Competition June 17-20. All Sabers are welcome to show support to the lodging team at the opening of the competition 8 a.m. June 18 at Club Eifel. Support and representation from the Saber community is vital to the lodging team's success in this competition. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305268> (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



Bill Jackson, Eifel Arms Inn guest services representative, answers Senior Airman James Lewis', 52nd Comptroller Squadron budget analyst, questions regarding his length of stay June 7 at Eifel Arms Inn here. Lewis moved to Spangdahlem from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., and is staying at the inn while he searches for a home here.

GKES closes, celebrates history

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen's elementary school held a commemorative end of year ceremony June 8 to celebrate the school's legacy before its closure June 12.

The Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe closed Geilenkirchen Elementary School as part of an efficiency initiative to deliver effective education programs while balancing the students' quality of life.

Nancy Bresell, DoDDS-Europe director, said the most efficient way to manage the education program for students whose parents are stationed at NATO AB Geilenkirchen is to close GKES and expand the kindergarten to sixth-grade capacity to Allied Forces North International School in Brunssum, Netherlands.

GKES teachers will transition to AFNORTH IS or transfer to another DoDDS location, said Terry Emerson, GKES principal.

The 470th Air Base Squadron held town halls to help the parents, students and teachers transition smoothly.

"It's a bitter sweet moment, but we're going to try and make it more sweet than bitter," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin Virts, 470th ABS commander. "The 470th is here to make sure the transition from K-6 to K-12 is flawless by holding town halls with parents so that concerns are addressed before the closure.

We've tackled concerns with AFNORTH, and GKES staff and community partners," he continued. "One of the concerns with the parents was going from a smaller elementary school to a large international school. We've partnered with the school bus liaisons and with DoDDs to make sure this transition is smooth."

Bresell ensures the arrangement will not create undue hardship and the time it takes to bus students to AFNORTH IS is well within the Department of Defense Education Activity's normal bus commuting requirement.

"Keeping in mind the close proximity of the two facilities, (AFNORTH IS and GKES), and the long-term experience we have had with educating Geilenkirchen's middle and high school students at AFNORTH, I believe that this is the best future course for these communities," Brussel said in a letter to GKES.

Another effort to make the closure easier was a closing ceremony. The school partnered with the 470th ABS to celebrate the GKES's 32 year history in Geilenkirchen.

The ceremony included speeches about the school and essay readings from present and past students about what the year 2025 will be like. Each essay was put into a time capsule, which was presented at the end of the ceremony. The time capsule will be opened 2025 at the DoDEA archives in Wichita, Kan.

"To be able to make a special celebration of closure allows everybody a chance to feel good about what they did and how they participated over the course of time that they've been here," Emerson said.



S-Factor competitors wow crowd

Above: Diamond Muntean performs her rendition of "Solitude" by Evanescence during the first Spangdahlem Factor Talent Show at the Brick House here June 6.

Right: Mark Belcher, right, and Joshua Bonebright, members of local band Before it Falls, perform an original song "There is No Love" during the first Spangdahlem Factor Talent Show at the Brick House here June 6. The 52nd Force Support Squadron-sponsored talent show showcased four local vocalists and three local bands competing in their respective categories for prize money. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305233>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/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 <http://www.sv-binsfeld.de>.

Bitburg Folklore Festival

The annual Bitburg Folklore Festival takes place July 6 - 9. Approximately 30 bands and dance groups from 16 different countries will demonstrate their traditional costumes and products and perform their traditional dances at the three-day festival. 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.

Gran Canaria scuba trip

Reserve a spot for a Gran Canaria scuba trip starting June 15. There are 12 seats available for the trip that takes place Aug. 15 - 22 in Gran Canaria, Spain. The cost is 1250 Euros for a double room and 1475 Euros for a single room. Costs include airfare, hotel, six breakfasts and dinners, 10 guided dives and all gear, excluding wet suit booties. Open water instruction and certification is also available for \$200 and can be paid until Sept. 12. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Golf tournament

Sign up by June 16 for a two-person 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.

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