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SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Tech. Sgt. Sarah Withrow, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron personnel reliability program NCO in charge, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of July 12 - 18. Read the the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309564>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Fredericks/Released)

From the top: New command chief outlines career, way ahead

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The new wing command chief arrived here in June.

Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief, has since been immersing himself in the culture of the Saber nation and adopting the wing's priorities, goals and vision.

"It's a privilege to serve in this capacity," Grengs said of his command position. "But at the end of the day, I'm an Airman just like everyone else -- we are all truly important in serving with the Saber team and continuing on with the wing's performance of excellence."

Grengs completed his previous position as the aviation management branch chief and aviation resource management functional manager at Air Force Special Operations Command in Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309388>.



Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs,
52nd Fighter Wing command chief.



A-10s DEPART FOR US, ROMANIA AIR TACTICS TRAINING

A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft from the 81st Fighter Squadron wait on Ramp 4 here July 5 before leaving for Exercise Dacian Thunder July 6. The 81st FS, along with members of the Romanian air force, are working together during the exercise to practice close-air-support and combat search and rescue techniques to build partnerships while mutually improving their capabilities. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309220>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Coda Whitehead, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircrew egress system technician, inspects the pitch and stabilization control on the advanced concept ejection seat II of an F-16 Fighting Falcon here July 10. Aircrew egress system technicians ensure the safety of 52nd Fighter Wing pilots by inspecting and performing preventative maintenance on the egress systems and components of the F-16 and A-10 Thunderbolt II. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309379>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Emergency Exit Egress system technicians ensure pilot safety



Tech. Sgt. Coda Whitehead, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jason Fiala, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircrew egress system technicians, work together to inspect the advanced concept ejection seat II of an F-16 Fighting Falcon here July 10.



Tech. Sgt. Coda Whitehead, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aircrew egress system technician, uses a flashlight to inspect the advanced concept ejection seat II of an F-16 Fighting Falcon here July 10.

VAT forms: Do's and don'ts

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The U.S. Forces value-added tax relief program is a privilege here provided by the German government through the 52nd Force Support Squadron VAT office to Sabers and their families.

The purpose of the program is to take Germany's sales tax of 19 percent off purchases for personal items that are not for resale.

"It is a privilege - it can be taken away -- to offset the difference of what we would pay in our own country," said Marciala Rudd, 52nd FSS VAT office representative.

There are two types of VAT forms. One is the NF-1 which is for purchases up to 2,499 Euro and the other is the NF-2 which is for purchases more than 2,500 Euro.

Military members must bring their official

At a glance

The value added tax relief program forms can be purchased at the 52nd Force Support Squadron VAT and utility tax avoidance program office for \$4 or \$6 in Bldg. 126 room 109. Customers must return the white copy of the form to the VAT office, keep the pink copy for their own record and give the yellow copy to the vendor after using the form to make a purchase.

orders and a military ID to purchase a VAT form for the first time, and civilian workers with VAT privileges must bring proof of logistical support and an ID card.

VAT forms may only be used by the individual who purchased the form and cannot be used to purchase items on behalf of individuals not entitled to tax relief.

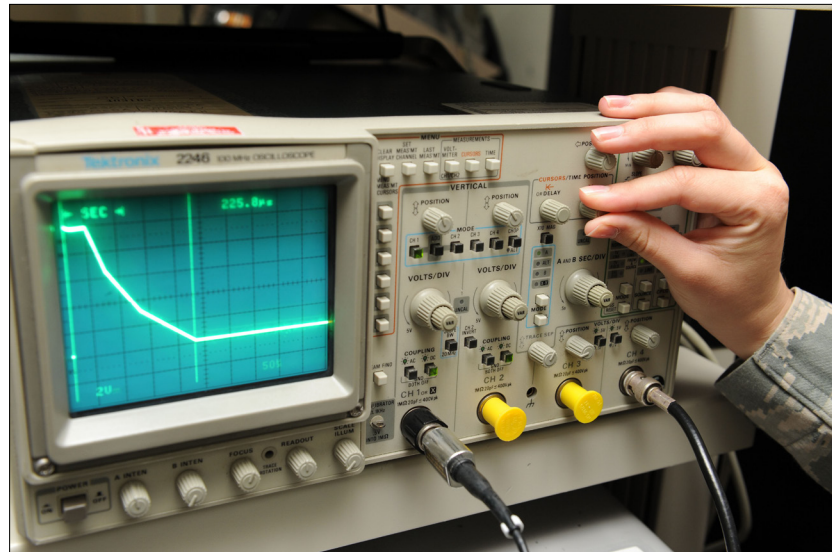
"Just because a vendor accepts a VAT form, it does not necessarily mean that the tax free purchase complied with legal requirements," said Rafael Wunsch, Installation Management Command Europe Tax relief

program manager.

VAT forms are not accepted if used for:

- Purchases more than 2,500 Euro even if combining forms unless using the NF-2 VAT form
- Business purchases
- Purchases using payment plans
- Utilities based on long-term contracts
- Legal and other administrative fees in connection with purchase or sale of real estate

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309390>.



RADAR TECHNICIANS HELP MANAGE BASE AIR SPACE

Above: Airman 1st Class Megan McMillan, 52nd Communications Squadron ground radar systems technician, checks the sensitivity time control on an indicator at the ground radar maintenance shop here July 10. The correct STC makes all aircraft appear the same size on the indicator ensuring the presentation is readable for air traffic controllers. Ground radar systems provide data used by air traffic controllers to manage Spangdahlem air space for U.S. and NATO aircraft. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309382>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

Left: Airman 1st Class Megan McMillan, 52nd Communications Squadron ground radar systems technician, verifies the radar air picture on a maintenance indicator at the ground radar maintenance shop here July 10.

What's happening?

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Olewig wine festival

The Trier suburb of Olewig wine festival takes place Aug. 3 - 6. A fireworks display is scheduled.

Rhine Aflame

Rhine Aflame takes place Aug. 10 - 12. 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>.

Middle Mosel wine festival

The Middle Mosel wine festival takes place Aug. 30 - Sept. 3 in Bernkastle. Among the highlights are a fireworks display and a parade.

Happy Pruemtal valley tour

Happy Pruemtal valley, a 28 kilometer bicycle tour, takes place Sept. 2 through the Pruem valley. For more information, visit <http://www.pruem.de>.

'The Phantom of the Opera'

Reserve your tickets now for "The Phantom of the Opera" musical, Dec. 11, 2012 at the Trier Europa Hall. For tickets, call 0651-7199996/9941188.

Olympic field day

A free Olympic field day celebration takes place 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. July 14 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center field. Parents and children of all ages are welcome to participate in combat fitness, knock-out basketball, equestrian show jumping, a bouncy castle, an obstacle course, and track and field events. A fun run for children also begins at 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for this event. For more information, call DSN 452-7545 or 06565-61-7545.

Beading class

A beading class takes place 6 - 7:30 p.m. July 16 - 23 in Bldg. 189. The cost is \$25, and participants must sign up by July 14. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

Golden Dragon summer break

The Golden Dragon restaurant will close from July 16-30 for a summer break. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

No Tap tournament

A No Tap bowling tournament takes place 5 p.m. July 20 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. The cost is \$25 per bowler and \$20 for club members. Participants must be 18 or older. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Marriage enrichment class

Reserve seats by noon July 24 for a free marriage enrichment class, Lunch and Love, which takes place 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 26 at the airman and family readiness center. Participants will learn tools to create a healthy marriage, and lunch is provided. For more information, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Austrian Mountain Hike

Sign up by Aug. 1 for a hut-to-hut hike that takes place Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 in Kirchdorf, Austria. The cost is \$500 per person and includes three nights in a mountain hut, breakfast and dinner, a guide, and safety gear. Participants should have good hiking clothes and a backpack, and not have a fear of heights. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Baltic Sea fishing

Sign up now for a Baltic Sea fishing trip Sept. 21 - 23. The cost is \$175 and includes one day on a fishing boat and a night in a pension. Payments must be made in full by Sept. 1. The outdoor recreation staff requires a minimum of 20 participants to support this event. If by Sept. 1 the minimum participants do not sign up, the trip will be cancelled and money will be refunded. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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