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General explains force structure decisions to Congress

AFSEC clarifies use of electronic devices for pedestrians on roadways



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Senior Airman Sean Reval, 52nd Security Forces Squadron training instructor, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of July 19-25. Read the the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123310472>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Sabers showcase wing, mission to SecAF

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The Air Force's top civilian leader met 52nd Fighter Wing leadership and members here July 13.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley visited the base as part of a familiarization tour and to speak with Airmen about the unique capabilities Spangdahlem AB provides to the European theater of operations.

"Our Air Force and our country need you to be great at what you do every single day," he said during an Airmen's Call with Sabers. "You're demonstrating that here at Spangdahlem. You deserve to be proud of your important work here, and we are certainly proud of you."

"Thank you all for your service to the United States Air Force," said the secretary.

During his visit, Donley toured base facilities, listened to a mission briefing from 52nd



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley speaks to 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen during an Airmen's Call at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, on July 13, 2012. During his visit, the secretary learned about the mission of the 52nd FW and the unique capabilities the base provides to the European theater of operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew B. Fredericks/Released)

Fighter Wing Commander Col. David Julazadeh and ate lunch with more than 50 wing Airmen.

At the lunch, the secretary said he regretted not being able to personally speak with each Airman at the base, but that group settings enabled him to

publically recognize Sabers for their leadership abilities and contributions to mission success.

Donley said that it is an exciting time to be an Airman ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309963>.

Sanitation reduces risk of hand, foot, mouth disease

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A contagious viral infection is affecting infants and children here.

More than 30 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease have been confirmed by the 52nd Medical Group since May 31, and medical professionals recommend heightened sanitation efforts to reduce the risks of contracting the illness.

"Hand, foot and mouth disease is not life threatening," said Maj. Anthony Davis, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health Flight commander. "If anything, it's more of an annoyance. However, it is a viral infection, so the illness needs to run its course. And, unfortunately, it's one of those things that goes around."

The symptoms include fever, sore throat and general tiredness. Also, blisters or rashes may appear

AT A GLANCE

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a contagious viral infection. Medication can treat the symptoms, but the infection must run its course — which is usually from five to seven days. Washing your hands may reduce chance of contracting the illness.

on hands, feet, knees, elbows, buttocks or genitals. Medication can treat the symptoms but cannot cure the infection.

Davis said that the illness usually resolves itself from between seven to 10 days.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309757>.

Controllers exercise to support contingencies



Airmen from the 606th Air Control Squadron put together a radar site for Eifel Strike 2012 July 12 in Gerolstein, Germany. Eifel Strike is an annual field training exercise in which Airmen build a controlled radar site, and a control and reporting center to work and live from for a week. Exercises like this help Spangdahlem Airmen prepare for contingency operations around the world. It also designed to give them the practice, skills and experience they need to deploy efficiently and effectively within a moment's notice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

Senior Airman Joshua Harvey, 606th Air Control Squadron ground radar maintenance technician, hoists a camouflage cover over a radar shelter for Eifel Strike 2012 in Gerolstein, Germany, July 16. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



Senior Airman Natasha Stannard 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The trucks roared in a single file line bound for a new site atop a barren hill.

Upon arrival, the travelers unloaded tents, generators, cables, meals and various materials to survive the week.

Pre-dawn mist sprawled across the forest laden hills of Gerolstein as they began building their home for the week July 12 - 20.

They trudged through damp fields as rain pelted their faces and drenched their clothes. Rough hands positioned unhitched trailers loaded with pallets of supplies and sunk into the soft ground. By noon, the empty field had grown into a small village the weary

travelers looked upon as they dug their plastic spoons into packets of "chili-mac."

This was day one of Eifel Strike 2012, an annual week-long field exercise in which 606th Air Control Squadron Airmen exercise their ability to transport equipment and set up a Control and Reporting Center (CRC). A CRC is a tactical command & control site that has radar, satellite communications, as well as everything else required to survive and accomplish the mission in a remote location.

The squadron's Airmen have 20 different AFSCs and are from 18 different work centers. These Airmen deploy for six months and are home for 12 months.

Read the entire article and view more photographs at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123310480>.

Outdoor Recreation

Center brings summer activities, adventures to Spangdahlem community

Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis
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The outdoor recreation office here helps care for the 52nd Fighter Wing community by offering weekend getaways and outdoor activities that are designed to provide entertainment and boost morale.

The activities include trips such as Saar River canoeing, rock climbing in Luxembourg, Baltic Sea fishing, hiking and scuba diving.

Michael Kirsch, 52nd Force Support Squadron Outdoor Recreation program director, said the ac-

tivities help people get out and learn about outdoor activities while trying new things and exploring Europe. The activities also serve as a good way of social networking with people in the local area who have similar interests.

"I like to make the trips into a learning experience, while at the same time making sure everyone is having a good time," Kirsch said.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Snyder, 52nd FW Command Post superintendent, said the trips are made simple because ODR plans the schedule of events and provides equipment and transportation, so all the customer has to do is show up ready to go.

"Because majority of base members have busy lifestyles, the turn-key program really helps make it easy for people to get out and participate in outdoor activities, making it a desired place for Airmen and family members," Snyder said.

Members of the 52nd FW can suggest any safe activity and get a group together, and ODR staff will organize transportation, schedule the event and provide a guide if necessary.

To find out more about upcoming outings, visit <http://www.facebook.com/#!/52DFSS>, or call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170. ODR is located in Bldg. 146.



AFREP SAVES AF TIME, MONEY

Above: Tech. Sgt. Robert Fuss, 52nd Maintenance Group Air Force repair enhancement program manager, performs a functions check on a circuit of an armament test station harness inside the 52nd MXG AFREP section here July 17. The AFREP section fixes items that cannot be contracted out for repair and items that are cheaper to repair than replace. The majority of the services provided by the shop is for the 52nd Maintenance Group, but they can also help other groups within the 52nd Fighter Wing. The section saved more than \$1 million last year for the Air Force while maintaining a credible combat power. View more photographs at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123310328>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

Right: Senior Airman Andrew Jennings, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron avionics system technician and Air Force repairs enhancement program secondary technician, prepares a circuit test kit for use on a landing gear panel inside the 52nd Maintenance Group AFREP section here July 17.



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 Bernkastel. 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.

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.

Olympic field day

A free Olympic field day celebration takes place 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. July 21 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.

Advanced mat cutting

An advanced mat cutting class takes place 9 a.m. - noon July 28 in Bldg. 189. The cost is \$15, and participants must sign up by July 21. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

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.

Bingo night

Bingo night takes place 6 p.m. July 24 at the Brick House. The cost is \$25 per player, and PlayPass is accepted. The event is for those 18 years or older. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Mountain bicycling trips

A mountain bicycling trip takes place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 28 in Houfalize, 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.

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.

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