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Gen. Philip M. Breedlove
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- It is truly a remarkable honor to take the flag as your new commander. Cindy and I cannot be more proud of the team we are joining, and we are ecstatic to continue the amazing progress that General and Mrs. Welsh effected in their tenure here. We are blessed to return for our seventh United States Air Forces in Europe tour, and I cannot tell you how grateful we are to be back in the USAFE family!

For seven decades, the dedicated Airmen of USAFE have played a vital role in ensuring peace and stability in Europe for our allies and friends. You have strengthened our already ironclad partnerships here, and in doing so safeguarded our own national security. You have rightly earned a stellar reputation, both at home and abroad, for your momentous achievements in delivering airpower's unique capabilities.

Read the entire article at <http://www.ramstein.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123313017>.



Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander. (U.S. Air Force photo/Released)



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Senior Airman Joshua Cogswell, 52nd Operations Support Squadron intelligence analyst, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Aug. 9-15. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123313309>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



DOING THEIR PART: AIRMEN CLEAN BASE

Airmen from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron clean up the air park Aug. 4. Approximately 170 Airmen from the 52nd EMS volunteered to clean various parts of the base to improve its appearance. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123312961>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



Fuel distribution shop keeps aircraft fueled for flight, fight

Staff Sgt. Matthew Jackson, left, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution supervisor, and Airman 1st Class Anthony Wells-Johnson, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics maintenance technician, connect a jet fuel hose to an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a hot pit refueling on Ramp 3 here Aug. 6. A hot pit is the refueling of a jet while the aircraft is still running so pilots can take off right away. The fuels distribution shop quality tests aircraft fuel, conducts hot pit operations and takes accountability for all aircraft fuel. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123312958>. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



Above: Airman 1st Class Heather Dixon, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution operator, records aircraft information and takes accountability of fuel leaving the pump during a hot pit refueling on Ramp 3 here Aug. 6.

Right: Staff Sgt. Matthew Jackson, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution supervisor, unravels a grounding cable before it can be connected to an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a hot pit refueling on Ramp 3 here Aug. 6.



Festival celebrates Wittlich's history

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Each year during the third week of August the town of Wittlich celebrates their annual Pig Fest known as Saubrennerkirmes.

Pig Fest is one of the largest street festivals in Rhineland-Palatinate. As the name implies, the festival is celebrated with the roasting of more than 100 pigs on spits and takes place Aug. 17-20 this year.

Wittlich holds the festival to commemorate its history. Legend has it; Wittlich was once a walled fortress constantly under attack by invaders.

One evening a guard charged with locking the gate to the besieged town couldn't find the peg to secure the fortified door. All he could find was a large carrot to wedge in the door. Later, a pig ate the carrot, the gate opened and the enemies came in. After

the town was ransacked, the angry townspeople herded every pig into the town's market square and roasted them.

The first pigs arrive in the marketplace Aug. 18 via a horse-drawn wagon for the festival. The pigs will be roasted on spits and Schweinebraten, or barbecued pork, is available to eat beginning at approximately 3 p.m. Tickets for Schweinebraten may be purchased at the tourist information office's window in the market square for 3 Euro.

The festival will include a crafts market, concerts, games, amusement rides and various concession stands every day. Local residents also put on a play, in which they reenact the legend, 9:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Rommelbach city park followed by a torch light procession through the streets of Wittlich.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123313143>.

Navy course teaches Airmen to save AF millions

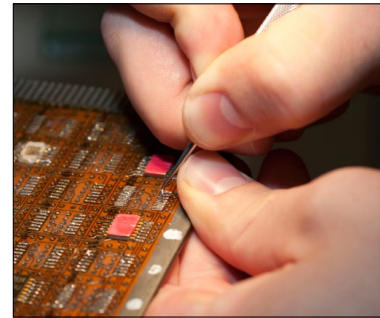
Senior Airman
Natasha Stannard
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Spangdahlem Air Base is one of two bases in the Air Force that teaches the U.S. Navy's Miniature and Micro-miniature Repair Program.

The 2M program was initiated here in 1998 to save the Air Force money by training technicians to do in-house repairs on circuit components that would otherwise be sent back to the manufacturer or to heavy maintenance for repair or thrown away. Last year, the program saved U.S. Air Forces in Europe \$4.8 million.

"The program allows individual units here to repair some of their own parts that come off the flightline or from any shop," said Master Sgt. Daniel Egbert, 372nd Training Squadron Detachment 17 2M instructor.

Egbert is one of four instructors in the Air Force and the only instructor in USAFE who teaches and certifies



Staff Sgt. Will Robinson, 372nd Training Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II avionics instructor, removes a dual in-line package from a circuit board as part of a grading step during the Miniature and Micro-miniature Repair Program at the 372nd TRS' Detachment 17 here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

Airmen in the seven-week long 2M program.

Read the entire article and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123312950>.



A 1957 Chevrolet pickup is on display during the eleventh annual motor weekend here Aug. 4. Prizes were awarded for 17 different categories including cars, trucks, vans, 4x4s, bikes, and other various awards. There was also a go-kart track for children and a dynamometer machine to test the horsepower of the competing contest vehicles. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123312818>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)



MOTOR WEEKEND REVS UP BASE

Ralf Blankenburg, 52nd Force Support Squadron vehicle technician, tests U.S. Army Spc. Darell Santiago's Nissan 350 Z on the dynamometer machine during the eleventh annual motor weekend here Aug. 4.

What's happening?

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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>.

Middle Mosel wine festival

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

Bread and Circuses

Great Roman festival in Trier
Reserve your ticket now for the first Bread and Circuses Great Roman festival in Trier Aug. 31-Sept. 8. Activities will take place around the Roman Basilica, the Imperial Palace, the Roman Kaiserthermen Baths and the Trier Amphitheater. The ticket prices for different events ranges from 8-25 Euro. For more information in the English language and ticket prices, visit http://www.ticket-regional.de/stage_1006.php?eventtimeID=156631.

Bicycle 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/>.

Trier Play festival

A free play festival takes place annually in the streets of the Trier pedestrian zone under the motto "Trier plays games." This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 8. For more information, call 0651-4602638 or visit <http://www.trier.de>.

Trier museum night

Museums will remain open 6 a.m. to midnight Sept. 15 in Trier's Bishops museum, the Municipal Museum, the Karl Marx House and the Archaeological Museum. Entertainment and guided tours will be offered in various languages. This is an annual event in Trier.

Wittlich October festival

The annual Wittlich October festival takes place Sept. 28-Oct. 31 in a large festival tent. For more information, visit, <http://www.oktoberfest-wittlich.de>.

360 Fit Boot Camp

Sign up now for 360 Fit Boot Camp at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The cost is \$135 and the session runs Aug. 13-Sept. 8. Classes take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and people can sign up for 6 a.m., 9 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. sessions. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

Golf championship

The base's golf championship takes place 8 a.m. Aug. 11-12 at Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The entry fee is \$80. Prizes will be determined at a later date and a barbecue will take place at the end of the second day's rounds. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting about the 81st Fighter Squadron's inactivation and how it will impact Spangdahlem Air Base and the local community takes place 6 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Spangdahlem Skyline Theater. The event is open to the Saber community and will include a status and update question and answer session.

Bingo night

Bingo night takes place 6 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Brick House. The cost to play is \$25 and contestants can win AAFES and 52nd Force Support Squadron gift cards. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

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