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Leaders issue Air Force birthday message

A "roof" is kind of a big deal

A Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action ceremony takes place 3 p.m. Sept. 21 at the air park here. The uniform is UOD.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. DeAngelo Thomas, 52nd Force Support Squadron fitness services supervisor and shift leader, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Sept. 20-26. Read the entire article and watch the video at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318782>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)

From cradle to commander: Meet the vice

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander accepted his position in July this year.

Col. Joseph McFall has since been learning about the Eifel region's culture and Spangdahlem's mission and Airmen.

"My family and I are in 100 percent support of the Saber nation," he said. "I'd never imagined that we'd get this assignment -- and so far, it's been everything we could have asked for and more.

"I'd better be smiling when you see me," he said with a laugh.

McFall's father was a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot during the Vietnam War. After his four-year tour, he left military service to go to school to learn aircraft repair. During this time, he bought a civilian aircraft from the airport to tinker with and repair the engine at home.

McFall said some of his earliest childhood memories are of piloting that aircraft with his dad. He remembers the feel of the aircraft yoke in his hands, gravity's weight as he pulled the stick back and the stomach-wrenching sensation when he pushed it forward.

By age 10, McFall said he knew exactly what



Col. Joseph D. McFall, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander.

he wanted to do with his life. He knew he enjoyed the feeling of flight, air shows and everything about aircraft. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318783>.



AIR FORCE BALL HECK OF A SHINDIG

Attendees of Spangdahlem's Air Force ball congregate inside the Eifel Club Ballroom here Sept. 15. The event was in celebration of the Air Force's 65 years as an independent service with a theme of forging the future and honoring the past. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318226>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



NATO strives for optimum interoperability

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Garret Adams, left, and Airman Ethan Wood, 606th Air Control Squadron ground radar systems technicians operate an AN/TPS-75 transportable aerospace control and warning radar Sept. 12 here, during a visit from the Bulgarian air force. The tour serves as a way for the United States and Bulgaria to learn and exchange ideas about each other's air force to ensure air dominance in any contingency operation. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318025>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



A patch rests on the sleeve of Bulgarian air force Maj. Iliyan Antonov during a Bulgarian air force visit Sept. 12 here.



of the Bulgarian air force observe 606th Air Control Squadron radar operations during a base visit Sept. 12 here.

Get fit at local indoor pools

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Fall season is soon approaching, but that doesn't mean swimming season is done.

There are several indoor pools in the local area for people to enjoy as the days get shorter and the temperatures drop.

Entry prices range from about 2 to 5 Euro for a single entry.

Most indoor pools offer multiple ticket books at a reduced cost. Some indoor swimming pools are open year-round while others close for the summer season when outdoor

pools are open. All indoor pools are open at this time of the year for people to enjoy.

In general, the larger complexes have several pools, including 25-meter long sports pools, while smaller complexes are usually divided into swimmer and non-swimmer sections. Admission fees vary from pool to pool. Special discount packages are available for disabled people, groups, students, families and active-duty military members.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318611>.



SABERS FIGHT FLU WITH MIST

Airman 1st Class Jaclyn Iskrick, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, administers the flu mist nasal spray to Col. David Julazadeh, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, during a vaccination effort here Sept. 12. The flu mist and flu shot are annual requirements for service members. Active-duty military members at Spangdahlem are required to receive the vaccination by Sept. 27th. The medical squadron will conduct a mass flu line for military members to get their flu vaccination from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sept. 25-27 at Bldg. 103. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

First week of NATO exercise RARO 12 wraps up

Senior Airman
Natasha Stannard
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The first week of live training at Ramstein Rover 2012 (RARO 12) ended Sept. 16, at Namest Air Base, Czech Republic.

RARO 12 is a NATO exercise focused on preparing forward air controllers to support ground commanders in Afghanistan within the next year.

Multiple nations are participating to include the United States, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Turkey, Slovenia, Slovakia, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Latvia, Italy, Greece, Germany, France, Estonia and Belgium in an effort to improve and build common tactics, techniques and practices.

Throughout the week, the 81st Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base participated provide close air support to forward air controllers, with whom the squadron's pilots are likely to deploy.

"Seeing how all these nations operate and helping them develop to be better JTACs (joint terminal



A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots from the 81st Fighter Squadron check their aircraft systems before flight Sept. 14 during Ramstein Rover 2012 at Namest Air Base, Czech Republic. RARO 12 is a NATO exercise focused on preparing forward air controllers for contingency operations. Sixteen NATO member nations are participating in the exercise to establish and build upon common techniques, tactics and practices. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

attack controllers) all while they make us better pilots for close air support has prepared us to go downrange together," said Capt. Patrick Shanahan, 81st FS A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot.

FACs worked directly with

pilots to establish threats and targets to attack on the ground while mitigating risks to what would be civilians and their property.

"The scenarios were very well scripted, which was great for everyone," said Lt. Col. Clinton

Eichelberger, 81st FS commander. of the debrief points you hand them," said Eichelberger.

Read the entire article and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318374>.

What's happening?

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Wittlich sales market

Stores will remain open from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sept. 19 in Wittlich. A sales market with more than 40 stands will be set up throughout the center of town. Food and entertainment will be available for the day.

Wittlich October festival

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

Volksmarches

People can pre-register now for a five-day guided volksmarch in Spalt Oct. 1-5. The participation fee is 85 Euro. For more information or to register for the event, email Hans.Lang@t-online.de or call 09175-7965-0 or 09175-1500 after 5 p.m.

Hitscherhof Farm Festival

The Hitscherhof Farm Festival takes place Sept. 22 - 23 at Hitscherhof 3, 66506 Massweiler. This unique farm has a variety of pumpkins and pumpkin dishes, and their pumpkin craftsmen can teach you how to make decorated pumpkins. For more information, visit <http://www.hitscherhof.com/>.

Ladies Bunco

A Ladies Bunco night takes place 6 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Brick House. The doors open at 5 p.m., participants must be older than 18 and there is a \$10 admission fee at the door. Every player goes home with a prize. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Sunday brunch

A Sunday brunch takes place 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Club Eifel. The cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children ages 5 - 12 and free for children less the 5 years old. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Blood drive

A blood drive takes place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Brick House. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Mountain biking trips

Mountain biking trips take place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 29 in Houffalize, Belgium. The cost is \$25 per person and bike rentals cost \$10. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Glow golf

A glow-in-the-dark golfing event takes place at sunset Sept. 28 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. There is a \$20 admission fee. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

Free breakfast

A free breakfast for club members takes place 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Oct. 24 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Halloween Family Fun Night

A Halloween Family Fun Night takes place 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at Club Eifel. Club members get in for free while non club members pay \$7.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Spouse Scholarship

The Spangdahlem Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club scholarship committee is offering approximately \$6,000 to eligible spouses to further their education. For more information, go to <http://www.spangocsc.org/Scholarships.html>. All applications must be postdated no later than Oct. 31.

SciFi Con

A free science fiction convention takes place Nov. 3 at Club Eifel. A zombie run takes place at 8 a.m. and the convention opens at 10 a.m. There will be shows, movies, classes, game demonstrations, costume contests and a quiz contest. Also, special guests include science fiction authors and professional costumed movie impersonators. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

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