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PARLIAMENT TOUR ENCOURAGES CROSS-NATION PARTNERSHIP

U.S. Air Force Col. Dave Julazadeh, right, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, talks with Michael Billen, Rheinland-Pfalz Parliament representative of the Bitburg-Pruem district, during a familiarization tour of the parliament building in Mainz Oct. 10, 2012. During the tour, Julazadeh and Billen shared information on the procedures of U.S. and German government operations. These types of events aim to enhance the partnership between the two countries by highlighting their perspectives, priorities and points of view. Read the entire article and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123321797>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

The value of a good NCO: Priceless

Lt. Col. Justin Hickman 606th Air Control Squadron

This is my second time being assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron. As I considered the direction I wanted to take in my career, I knew I wanted to come back to an air control squadron. When friends and colleagues asked me why, the answer was easy - because of the NCOs.

Experience has led to believe the world's finest Airmen are led by U.S. Air Force NCOs.

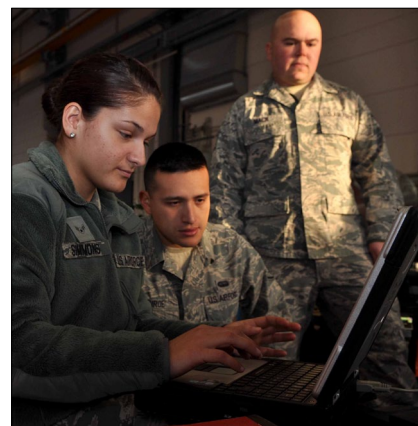
I have gained valu-

able advice from NCOs over the years, which has helped shape me into the officer I am today. The 606th ACS has 18 different air force specialty codes and 20 different work-centers that form one cohesive unit working toward one goal - accomplishing the mission.

The 606th ACS accomplishes that kind of synergy through their NCOs.

To truly appreciate the value of an NCO...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322784>.



Airman 1st Class Brittany Simmons, 606th Air Control Squadron, multiplexes signals going out to a satellite as Staff Sgt. George Monroe, cyber transport systems operator, trains her during a communications maintenance exercise Jan. 18, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Airman 1st Class Jared Rand, American Forces Network Spangdahlem broadcast producer, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Oct. 18 - 24. Read the entire article and view the video at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322753>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



Firefighters from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron assess the severity of a simulated fuel spill during an exercise on the flightline Oct. 10, 2012. U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jimmy Welch, 52nd CES fire station chief and native of Burlington, N.C., took command of the scene and directed first responders to secure the area. View more photos and a video at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123321779>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon/Released)

SPANGDAHLEM EVALUATES EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mark Cabaltica, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels systems maintenance technician from Seattle, tapes another Airman's boots during a fuel spill exercise on the flightline Oct. 10, 2012. The sealing of personal protective equipment is done to ensure no hazardous chemicals penetrate clothing and affect the skin. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



Airmen from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel systems maintenance shop spread petroleum absorbent rocks across the scene of a simulated fuel spill on the flightline Oct. 10, 2012. The scenario is a mandated annual exercise that tests first responder capabilities for fuel spills on the flightline. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon/Released)

Smoking policy changes

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keting and Entertainment

Smokers will find it harder to light up at U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services facilities in the New Year.

Over time, the Air Force has tightened its policies on tobacco use among military service members, aiming to improve health and boost readiness. The latest step in the tobacco use strategy is Air Force Instruction 40-102, published in March, which outlines where and when tobacco use is permitted.

One big change is that Force Support facilities will be prohibited from selling any type of tobacco product. After this regulation goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2013, tobacco users in USAFE will no longer be able to purchase cigars, cigarettes, or any form of tobacco from services locations such as officer and enlisted clubs, bowling centers or the golf course.

New restrictions apply to all installation force support and

recreation facilities, including athletic complexes, golf courses and beaches. Under the new instruction, all tobacco use, including chewing tobacco, is restricted to Designated Tobacco Areas. Tobacco use outside of DTAs, including while walking to or from a DTA, is prohibited. Tobacco areas must be a minimum of 50 feet from building entrances, walkways and parking lots, and at least 100 feet from playgrounds. Smoking is also not allowed in lodging guest rooms, common areas or Temporary Lodging Facilities.

Besides controlling tobacco use, the new policy includes revisions focused on preventing and reducing tobacco use, such as cessation support programs, and community and medical intervention.

For more information about how the new AFI affects services facilities, please contact the 52nd Force Support Squadron at DSN 452-6466.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322756>.

CES returns land, saves big

Senior Airman
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The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron returned the Bitburg French Kaserne and the 27 acres of land it is located on to the Federal Republic of Germany Aug. 20, 2012.

The 52nd CES real property team declared Bitburg Annex's French Kaserne as excess because its function was no longer required. The team returned it to Germany per the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and Germany.

The SOFA agreement requires the United States only use facilities necessary to mission operations.

"With the closure of Bitburg Air Base in 1994, the functions in the French Kaserne slowly reduced with the consolidation to Spangdahlem," said Capt. Greg Ward, 52nd CES operations flight commander. "Functions are being consolidated at Bitburg Annex and Spang-

dahlem Air Base for more efficient operations."

The child development center and post office were located in the Kaserne and consolidated to Spangdahlem AB; and grounds maintenance, the fire department, and the fitness center moved to the Bitburg housing community this year.

Consolidating facilities and returning this land is also a part of the 52nd Fighter Wing's Spangdahlem Evolution Plan. Returning the French Kaserne and moving operations saves the 52nd FW approximately \$1.2 million in utility, operations and maintenance costs per year. This saves not only money, but the man hours, time and materials it takes to run the 465,000 square-foot facility, Ward added.

The re-use of the facility and land will be determined by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322577>.



BASE, LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS TEACH PREVENTION

ABOVE: The Schnoe family from Dallas collects candy during the Fire Prevention Week parade Oct. 13, 2012 around base housing. Members of the Spangdahlem Air Base, Speicher and Prum fire departments handed out candy to parade-goers, and Sparky the Fire Dog and 52nd Fighter Wing leadership also greeted attendees. The purpose of this annual parade is to enhance fire safety awareness on base. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322231>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

LEFT: Chief Master Sgt. Richard Lien, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire department chief from Twig, Minn., poses for a photo with 7-year-old Abigail Johnson from Fairfax, Va., at the Fire Prevention Week barbecue Oct. 13, 2012.

What's happening?

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Wittlich Oktoberfest

Mark your calendars now for the annual Wittlich Oktoberfest, now -Oct. 31 at a large Oktoberfest tent on Roentgenstrasse/Industriegebiet 3 in Wittlich. Tickets can now be reserved for groups at <http://www.oktoberfest-wittlich.de>.

Machern Abbey Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest at Machern Abbey takes place now-Nov. 24 near Zeltingen on the Mosel. This is a smaller, but traditional festival with Bavarian food and music. For more information visit www.macherneroktoberfest.de.

Lukasmarkt

The Lukasmarkt takes place Oct. 13-21 in Mayen. The event includes a festival with carnival rides, markets, food and drinks. A fireworks works display also takes place 8 p.m. Oct. 21.

Devil's Canyon hike

Sign up now for a hiking trip through Devil's Canyon 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 21. The cost is \$20 and the price includes transportation and a guide. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

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.

Children's Halloween party

A free children's Halloween party takes place 3 p.m. Oct. 26 at the base library. Party-goers are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes.

Eifel Holiday Bazaar

The Eifel Holiday Bazaar takes place noon - 7 p.m. Oct. 26, 10

a.m. - 7 p.m. Oct. 27 and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 28 in Hangars 1 and 2. The Bazaar is open to all United States and NATO ID card holders. Cash and credit cards are accepted, and there will be an ATM on site. There will be more than 200 vendors from all over Europe selling gifts, furniture, wine, cheese and more. Food vendors will also sell food and drinks. For more information, visit <http://www.spangocsc.org>.

Haunted house

A German-American friendship haunted house takes place 5 - 8 p.m. Oct. 25 for ID card holders only and 5 p.m. - 12 a.m. Oct. 26 and 27 for the public on Bitburg Annex. The haunted house is located near the first exit of the traffic circle on base. The cost is \$3 or 3 Euro for children and \$5 or 5 Euro for adults, and food booths will be available.

Family ghost tour

A family ghost tour takes place Oct. 27 at Cochem Castle. The cost is 45 Euro for adults and 39 Euro for children. Buses depart from Bitburg at 12:30 p.m. and Spangdahlem at 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

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