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**Celebrate the new
Spangdahlem Exchange's
grand opening
9:52 a.m., Nov. 2.**

Communication survey

Take this survey and provide honest feedback and opinions on how the wing can better communicate with you: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W25HY66>. The survey ends Oct. 28!

Success: What it takes

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

I was asked recently what it takes to become a successful NCO. My response was simple. Don't abdicate your role. In other words, don't give up the authority, the respect and everything else meaningful that comes with wearing the uniform, regardless of your rank or position. Don't become irrelevant.

Success is credibility, and credibility comes with doing what you're asked to do every single time, every single day. Credibility is established the very moment you meet someone. People will make snap judgments about your character from



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief from Longmont, Colo., speaks at a Spangdahlem Dormitory Executive Advisory Council meeting at the welcome center Oct. 22, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

the moment they first see you. They'll observe the way you wear your uniform, the way you talk to them (or don't) and even how you interact with others. Being an Airman comes with high expectations. It's important for Airmen to be squared away with

uniform standards, how they speak, and conduct themselves in a respectful manner. By maintaining standards, your credibility is established...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123323516>.

EXERCISE TESTS RESPONSE TEAM SKILLS

Senior Airman Giselle Compton, right, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician from Bellflower Calif., relays information back to the incident commander after Tech Sgt. David Baker, 52nd CES EOD team lead from Baltimore, clears the area during a suspicious package exercise outside the Eifel Mountain Golf Course Oct. 18, 2012. Compton and Baker ensured the scene was clear before investigation teams entered the area. See more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123322978> (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



Daylight saving time takes place 2 a.m., Oct. 28. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Roberto Gonzalez, 470th Air Base Squadron NCO in charge of medical logistics, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Oct. 25 - 31. Read the entire article and view the video at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123323655>. (Courtesy photo)



Senior Airman Adam Burkhardt, 52nd Communications Squadron knowledge operations manager from Houston, drives a go-kart while wearing drunk-goggles during a "Drunk Busters" obstacle course event Oct. 22, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

‘Drunk Busters’ shows Airmen effects of drunk driving

**Senior Airman
Natasha Stannard
52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs**

Spangdahlem Airmen navigated their way through "Drunk Busters," an obstacle course that simulates impairment caused by drinking alcohol, at the movie theater parking lot Oct. 22, 2012.

The 52nd Medical Operations Squadron's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program and 52nd Fighter Wing leadership organized the event to prevent driving under the influence, alcohol abuse and alcohol related incidents by raising awareness of the effects of alcohol.

A reason they hope to raise awareness is because a wing-wide survey showed 19 percent of the base admitted to driving after drinking, and 55 percent prevented people from drinking and driving in the last year.

"People usually come into my office saying 'I felt fine' when they drove under the influence," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Kara Taylor, 52nd MDOS ADAPT program director from Pittsburg. "When intoxicated people don't understand how they're affected by alcohol. It's really important to do this course with a sober mind because people can actually see the affect alcohol has on them."

The program also received 25 referrals as a result of DUIs this year. Taylor said she hopes this course aids in reducing that number.

"This event is invaluable for our Airmen," said U.S. Air Force Col. Dave Julazadeh, 52nd FW commander, after going through the course. "When you drink, you don't realize how much it affects your balance and coordination. A lot of folks here are young and may not realize the effects



A sign hangs from the back of a peddle go-kart outside the Spangdahlem Skyline Movie Theater during a "Drunk Busters" obstacle course event Oct. 22, 2012. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol to prevent alcohol-related incidents including driving under the influence. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

of drinking and driving; this course along with many other programs we offer is our way of ensuring they are aware.

"The last thing I want to do is call your mom and tell her

you died or killed someone else's son or daughter because you were drinking and driving...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123323504>.

Families unite through WWII bayonet

Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon
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Clyde Sparks never spoke much about his time in the U.S. Army. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he earned a Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in Luxembourg. It was his silence that always marked him as a veteran of the Second World War.

It wasn't until Staff Sgt. Scott Martin, who is a radio frequencies transmissions systems operator for the 606th Air Control Squadron, met him for the first time that he began to talk about his experiences.

"He completely opened up to me," said Martin, who is married to Sparks' granddaughter, Jessica Martin. "He found out that I was also in the military, and that was all it took.

"My fondest memory of him is just sitting and talking with him," he continued. "Whenever I would come over, he would clear a space

right next to him and tell me to come sit down. He couldn't walk a lot, but he could talk. We would talk for hours and hours."

Sparks would tell Martin stories about how cold it was where he served. While most of his memories had faded over time and old age, one memory remained vivid.

"He always talked about losing his bayonet in the war, and you could tell he wasn't happy about it," said Martin, who is originally from Chico, Calif.

But now, the Sparks family has a new story to tell, because a Luxembourg man tracked down the owner of the bayonet from 68 years ago.

It was December 1944 when Pfc. Clyde Benson Sparks made his way into Boulaide, Luxembourg, where his unit liberated the small town from the German occupation.

They had strict orders to keep the nearby roads clear so Gen. George Patton and his men could press north to Bastogne, Belgium.

It was there that Sparks lost his



Marco Haas presents a bayonet to U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Martin, 606th Air Control Squadron radio frequencies transmissions systems operator from Chico, Calif., during a ceremony at the 606th ACS Oct. 4, 2012. The bayonet belonged to U.S. Army Pfc. Clyde Sparks, the grandfather of Martin's wife, Jessica, who fought in Luxembourg during World War II. Martin accepted the bayonet on behalf of his wife's family, who were unable to attend the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon)

precious bayonet.

The bayonet, which was mounted on the end of a M1 Garand rifle, went missing during his time in the village of Boulaide, and Sparks never saw it again. He died in 2008 never knowing what happened to his standard-issued



U.S. Army Pfc. Clyde Sparks salutes in a photo taken during his service in the U.S. Army. (Courtesy photo)

weapon. Nine-year-old Alphonse Haas found the bayonet shortly after U.S. troops pushed forward and left the small village.

Read the entire article and view more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123323165>.

Bazaar set to kick off holiday season

Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis
52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The 2012 Eifel Holiday Bazaar will be open to all NATO and U.S. military card holders Oct. 26 - 28.

Admission is free to the three-day community shopping event, which will showcase antiques, furniture, cultural foods, clothing, toys and home décor by more than 125 vendors from throughout Europe.

The bazaar dates and hours of operation are:

Friday, Oct. 26, noon - 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To provide food and beverages to visitors, 14 vendors will be set up outside the hangars during the bazaar.

Families can take photos with and request gifts from Santa Claus 4 - 6 p.m. Oct. 26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. Oct. 27, and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 28.

Attendees are also eligible to enter hourly vendor raffles at the event. Winners who are not present will be contacted at a later time to pick up their prizes. American Forces Network Spangdahlem will offer prize giveaways Friday afternoon as well.

Customers can park on the ramp behind the hangars. The 52nd Security Forces Squadron will monitor and regulate the parking area.

The annual holiday bazaar helps stimulate the base and local economy and raises money for local charities such as educational scholarships...

For more information regarding the annual bazaar, visit <http://www.spangocsc.org>.

Vintners predict high-quality crop

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Public Affairs

Wine harvesting season is currently in full swing in the Mosel valley, and Sabers are fortunate to be located at the doorstep of the region that produces some of the finest white wines in the world.

The Mosel is the fifth largest wine area in the Federal Republic of Germany and a distinctive product of this region is wine produced from the Riesling vine.

There are more than 25,000 acres of wine-growing land in the region and approximately 75 percent of that land is covered with Riesling vines. The remaining land is culti-



A distinctive product of the Mosel region is wine from Riesling grapes. The harvest of Mosel grapes is in full swing and since there has been more sun than normal, vintners predict a very good wine for 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo/Iris Reiff/Released)

vated with Elbling and Burgundy grapes, such as Mueller-Thurgau, Auxerrois and Rulaender.

Mueller-Thurgau and Elbling grapes grow in the Upper Mosel region, producing rich yields due to the shell-lime soil in the area.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123323500>.

What's happening?

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City fair

Trier's annual All Saint's Fair and amusement park takes place Oct. 26 - Nov. 4 on Viehmarkt Square. Rides will be open until 10 p.m.

Halloween Night Shopping

Bitburg invites people to their Halloween-shopping night Oct. 31. Stores in the pedestrian zone will remain open until 10 p.m. Halloween punch, music and food items will be available.

Halloween party

A local German Halloween party for people 30 years or older takes place 8 p.m., Oct. 31 at the Trier Romikulum, located on Metternichstraße 35, 54292 Trier. For more information, call 0-651-204204. Cost is 5 Euro.

Halloween dance

A Halloween dance event takes place 8 p.m., Oct. 31 at the Bad Kreuznach VFL Turnhalle or gymnasium, located on Jahnhal- le, 55545 Bad Kreuznach. The event will feature ghosts, witches, a mystery hall, and house and techno-house beats. Entry

is 7 Euro per person. People are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume.

Monthly sales market

Wittlich's monthly city market takes place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nov. 2 on Schlossplatz, located in the center of town. People can purchase merchandise, such as fabrics, household items, clothes and shoes. More than 30 stands will be set up in the market area.

Cuban Music Show

Pasion de Buena Vista, a large Cuban ensemble, will perform a dance and music show 8 p.m., Nov. 14 at the Morbach Balde- nauhalle festival hall, located on Jahnstrasse 5, 54497 Morbach. On schedule are Rumba, Mam- bo, Salsa and Cha-Cha-Cha. Tickets are 29, 32 and 36 Euro and can be obtain from the Mor- bach Tourist Information Office, located on Bahnhofstrasse 19, 54497 Morbach. For more infor- mation on the event or to reserve a ticket, call the tourist office at 06533-71-117 or 119. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticket-regional.de.

Haunted house

A German-American friendship haun- ted 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 pub- lic on Bitburg Annex. The haunted house is located near the first exit of the traffic circle on base. Cost is \$3 or 3 Euro for children and \$5 or 5 Euro for adults. Food booths will also be available.

Halloween masquerade

A free Halloween masquerade and costume party takes place 7 p.m., Oct. 27 at the Brick House. This event is for people 18 and older only. The Brick House Band and the band Bob's Your Uncle will perform.

Halloween family fun night

Halloween family fun night takes place 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30 at Club Eifel. The event costs \$7.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children and is free for club members. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Trick-or-treat

Trick-or-treat takes place 6 - 8 p.m., Oct. 31 in the Spangahlem housing area.

Halloween block party

A free Halloween block party takes place 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Nov. 2 at the fitness center. Free candy and give- aways will be available.

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