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Quit smoking today

Leaders target sexual assault in latest 'Letter to Airmen'

Thanksgiving holiday hours

The Bitburg commissary will be open Nov. 21 and closed Nov. 22-23.

Regular business hours resume Nov. 24. The Spangdahlem commissary will be open 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Nov. 21 and closed Nov. 22. The fitness center will be closed Nov. 22. The Exchange mall, Charley's and Starbucks will open 6 a.m. and the main store opens 8 a.m., Nov. 23-24.



SABERS SWEEP COMMISSARY

Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club Commissary Sweep participants wait in line to purchase their groceries Nov. 15, 2012. The SSEMC is an organization that gives back to the community through events like the commissary sweep. Participants raced to purchase as many groceries as they could within a certain amount of time with commissary dollars earned in a contest beforehand. View the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3jEcRZ9vUU&feature=plcp>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Flight commander learns to lead at MUNSS

Capt. Shannon Hughes
701st Munitions Support Squadron

Before coming to the 701st Munitions Support Squadron in 2010, I had heard of a MUNSS and geographically separated units but knew nothing of them.

Most do not know the 52nd Fighter Wing has four munitions squadrons attached to it, and the one I am a part of is in Belgium. We are classified as a geographically separated unit as we are a two-hour drive from Spangdahlem and an hour drive from the closest commissary. Although we are in the middle of Belgian farmland, I have never learned more about being a leader.

I am the mission support flight commander. When I first learned of my assignment, I thought I'd have no problem, since I had been a flight commander before in a services squadron. When speaking with my predecessor, she listed all that I'd be responsible for: the dining facility, fitness center, the club and recreation, personnel, and

formal training. I was already familiar with services areas, and although I had never worked in a force support squadron, I was comfortable with personnel operations.

However, the rest of the list wasn't setting well with me - personal reliability program, finance, medical and civil engineering.

Other than being a customer, I knew nothing about finance or medical. I could barely fill out a work request correctly for civil engineering, and I thought PRP was a program for pilots consisting of a list of medicine they couldn't take. I was concerned, to say the least.

In the past three years as the flight commander, I've learned that no matter your job or how unfamiliar you are with your unit's mission, you are a leader. I'm not going to become a financial or medical expert -- I'm not even an expert in my own career field -- but I have people who are. I'm not here to do their jobs, but I am here ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123326918>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Beverly Adams, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron unit personnel reliability program monitor, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Nov. 22-28. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123327073>. (Courtesy photo)



Airmen learn vital combat skills

Airmen from the 606th Air Control Squadron discuss base defense procedures inside a makeshift command post as their base is attacked during combat readiness training Nov. 15, 2012. The training prepares Airmen for real-world contingency operations around the world. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon/Released)

Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Crack, crack, crack.

A whirlwind of excitement and confusion spurred around the camp. Gunfire echoed through the tents as the Airmen scrambled to find cover.

They peered out from the safety of makeshift bunkers as they searched for the source of the sound.

Reports flooded across the radio of a team outside the wire with an unconscious young captain in tow.

"Get positive control of the casualty and return to base immediately," came across the radio.

Just then, the alarm for incoming mortar fire sounded, and the Airmen outside the perimeter hit the ground and braced for an explosion.

The cold, soggy ground quickly turned to mud and the wind managed to cut through the bundles of layers, uniforms and chemical protective gear they wore. Water engulfed one poor Airman as he dove for the ground and landed in a puddle of water, the cold of which he would have to endure for the next 12 hours.

Although this was a controlled scenario and not in an actual combat environment, Airmen from the 606th Air Control Squadron spent 72 hours braving the frigid German weather and spending every minute of it guarding their base to prepare them for the real thing.

The exercise prepares them for the worst, said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Messing, a Bremerton, Wash., native who runs the ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123327072>.

Airmen assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron, carry simulated casualties to a safe location during combat readiness training Nov. 15, 2012. The combat readiness training ensured that participants were able to perform medical and survival skills in a stressful environment before they are capable of deploying. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)



Nations unite, heighten allied air power

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Pilots from seven nations have been working together since early November with a goal of increasing the effectiveness of allied air forces and strengthening multinational partnerships in Albacete, Spain.

This Tactical Leadership Programme course, a NATO-based training exercise from Nov. 5-30, encourages interoperability by developing leadership skills, enhancing tactical air operation abilities, and reaffirming conceptual and doctrinal initiatives.

Simply put, each nation's pilots work closely together during each part of the planned 16 air missions. All receive a general mission briefing but then separate into specific planning groups. Each group must complete certain objectives, which challenge the co-operation of the multinational team. Before stepping to their

aircraft, they must coordinate the individual plans and integrate each element's capability to achieve the desired objectives. After the daily air mission ends, the pilots meet again to determine successes, failures or best practices. Using these lessons learned, they strive to gain and maintain air dominance in the next mission.

"Building partnership capacity is an integral part of today's mission," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Sirk, Warrior Prep Center Detachment 1 commander and native of Staunton, Va. "This training allows us to build a stronger team. We are able to integrate the pros and cons of each asset now so we can push forward as one unit, which is much more effective than 10-15 nations acting separately."

Participating nations include France, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. The 480th Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, is the



An Italian air force Tornado jet fighter and bomber taxis onto the flightline in Albacete, Spain, after participating in an air mission of the Tactical Leadership Programme Nov. 14. The TLP is a NATO-based training exercise with the goal of developing leadership skills, enhancing tactical air operation abilities, and reaffirming conceptual and doctrinal initiatives of the participating nations. Seven nations are present at this course: France, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

American unit present and represents a part of U.S. European Command's air assets.

"The United States and NATO train to parallel stan-

dards," said U.S. Air Force Capt. David Dubel, 480th FS pilot, TLP participant and native of San Diego. "They're basically the same, but the

terminology is different ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123326915>.

Europe Exchanges to offer feast of Thanksgiving weekend deals

Exchange Services
Public Affairs

Exchange Services is cooking up a buffet of great deals and savings this Thanksgiving season.

The sale begins Nov. 22 with exclusive online-only deals including Sharp 52-inch AQUOS LED Smart TVs for \$999, 7-inch one carat TDW black diamond bracelets for \$99, free box spring on select Serta mattresses and deals on several makes and models of children's bikes.

More savings begin 8 a.m., Nov. 23, at all Europe Exchanges with 30-65 percent off of select Playstation 3 and Xbox games, 50-inch Panasonic 1080p plasma TVs for \$599, \$15 off ladies' boots more than \$49.99 and select Under Armour and Oakley sunglasses discounted 50 percent. Additionally, Coach handbags will be 25 percent off from 5-7 p.m.

The savings continue Nov. 24 with \$300 off Sony 24.3 MP digital single reflex cameras, Skullcandy Ink'd 2 ear buds for half price, Reebok men's polar fleece quarter-zip tops for \$29, 50 percent off of select misses' regular priced apparel from Michael Kors, Tommy Hilfiger, Ellen Tracy, Chaus Sport, Gloria Vanderbilt and Chaus Collection as well as the entire collection of Foster Grant, Total Shades and Pan Oceanic sunglasses discounted 50 percent.

On Nov. 25, shoppers at Europe Exchanges receive a free box spring with the purchase of any Serta Perfect Sleeper mattress. iPad2s will also be on sale for \$389, Martha Stewart stainless steel 10-piece cookware sets area discounted for \$59.99, and 50 percent off all hardback books.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123327074>.

HOLIDAY SAVINGS EVENT



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Sales begin Nov. 22 and end Nov. 25.

What's happening?

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Snow and Ice Festival

The Snow and Ice Festival takes place Nov. 23-Jan. 6 in Bruges, Belgium. People can see snow and ice sculptures inspired by the stories of Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit and other fantasy character. The festival will include other ice attractions to include an ice slide and bar. People should wear warm clothing as temperatures in some attractions is minus six degree Celcius. For more information, visit <http://www.buzzoffbase.com/festival-events-guide-military-in-germany-europe/details/1138-the-snow-.html?ice-sculpture-festival-bruges-2012>.

United States Air Forces Christmas Band concert

Enjoy this year's Christmas concert by the United States Air Forces in Europe Band 8 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Bitburg Stadthalle. Tickets are 11 Euro for adults and 7 Euro for children or students. Tickets can be purchased now from the Bitburg Cultural Society at 06561-6001-220 or via <http://www.ticket-regional.de>. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door as of 7 p.m. the day of the event.

Shipping of lithium ion batteries

The U.S. Postal Service now accepts packages containing lithium ion batteries bound for many international, APO/FPO and DPO locations overseas. As of now, this does not include sending items from an overseas location to the States. For more information, call DSN 452-7182 or 06565-61-7182.

Karaoke

A karaoke contest takes place 9 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Saber Sports Lounge. Signups start at 8 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three singers. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

CPR class

A CPR class takes place 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Spangdahlem Red Cross. The cost is \$55. To sign up, visit <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main>. For more information, call DSN 452-9440 or 06565-61-9440.

Guy's night

A guy's night for ages 13-18 takes place 7-9:30 p.m., Nov. 30 at youth programs. The night includes a grill out, pool tournament, video game tournament, movies, music and more. For more information, call DSN 452-6244 or 06565-61-6244.

Additional movie matinees

The Exchange service has added additional matinees that will play G, PG and PG-13 movies during the holiday season. The schedule includes a 4 p.m. showing for Nov. 23, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29. For more information, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-Spangdahlem.htm>.

Bitburg High School play

A three-course meal, choir concert and play take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Bitburg High School. The meal is called "A Madrigal Dinner," and the play is titled "Captain Who? A Pirate's Tale." Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Ticket sales end Nov. 28. For more information, call 06561-94810 or email rhonda.strong@eu.dodea.edu.

School advisory board meeting

A school advisory board meeting takes place 4-5 p.m. Dec. 5 at the conference room in the welcome center. For more information, call DSN 452-5015 or 06565-61-5015.

Hunting briefings

Hunting briefings takes place noon and 5 p.m., Dec. 19 at the outdoor recreation center. For more information call 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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