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## AARON TIPPIN BRINGS COUNTRY TO EUROPE

Country music singer Aaron Tippin engages the audience during a concert inside the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Dec. 7, 2012. Armed Forces Entertainment, which is a program that hosts more than 1,200 shows around the world each year reaching more than 270 military installations, sponsored the tour. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123329435>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

## How to obtain medication under law restricting pharmaceutical mailing

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The 52nd Medical Group is working to limit the impact of the German law that restricts the mailing of pharmaceuticals.

The U.S. Postal Service will restrict the delivery of medicines to include prescription, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbals items, and dietary supplements to APO and other addresses within Germany in accordance with German law effective Jan. 1, 2013.

Customs will check for shipments from popular sources like the TRICARE mail order pharmacy, CVS, GNC and websites known for workout supplements.

TRICARE beneficiaries can obtain most prescribed medications from the Spangdahlem pharmacy as the pharmacy is exempt from German restrictions. The Spangdahlem pharmacy

accepts prescriptions from properly licensed German and stateside providers. They can also advise customers of which medications are available on the local economy and what options they have for medications not stocked at the pharmacy.

“Our goal is to provide as much information as possible, so patients can make informed decisions on obtaining their medication,” said Master Sgt. Keith Lux, 52nd Medical Support Squadron Pharmacy Flight chief.

To obtain medications from the pharmacy, people must enroll in the clinic’s computer database at the TRICARE office.

“Personnel can use off-base pharmacies for medications prescribed by host nation providers that the pharmacy is unable to supply,” Lux said.

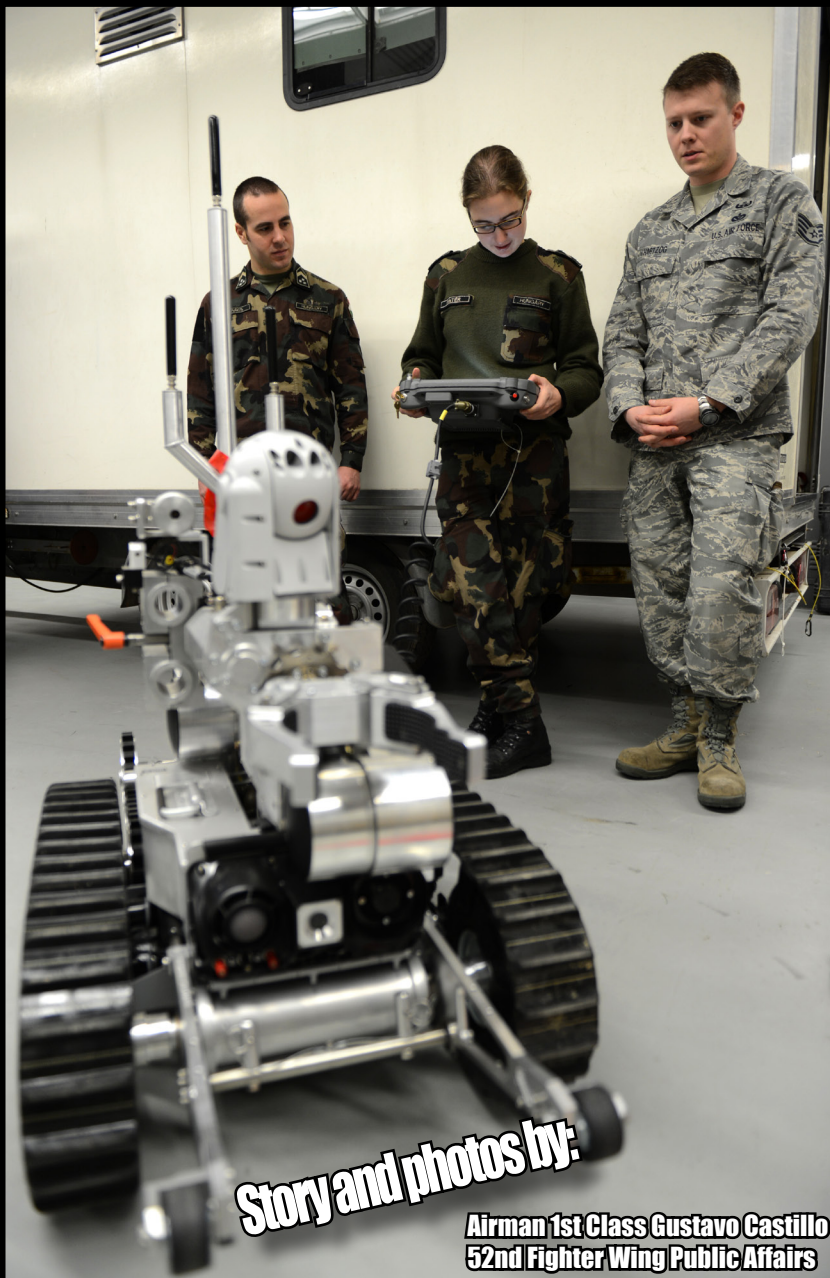
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### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Airman 1st Class Austin Walker, 52nd Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Dec. 13-19. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123329772>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)





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An improved outer tactical vest rests on the floor of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal shop Dec. 4, 2012. Hungarian army members visited Spangdahlem Air Base to join forces in teaching information on the most current threats in contingency operations across the globe. Training with NATO allies on counter improvised-explosive-device operations provides better interoperability in deployed environments through knowledge and understanding of each nation's capabilities.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Paul Hartzog, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician from Buford, Ga., trains members of the Hungarian army on how to operate a Remotec HD-2 remote control military robot at the EOD shop Dec. 4, 2012. Hungarian army members visited Spangdahlem Air Base to join forces in teaching information on the most current threats in contingency operations across the globe. Unmanned vehicles like the HD-2 are used to dispose of ordnance without the risk of injury for the operator.

## EOD shares counter-IED operations with Hungarian Army

U.S. and Hungarian military members joined forces to teach awareness and identification of homemade explosive devices Dec. 4, 2012.

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight welcomed the NATO allies to join their awareness training to exchange techniques, ideas and methods.

Working together in capacities like this contributes to smoother operations when combining efforts during contingency operations.

"The biggest thing is that Afghanistan is not a U.S. based campaign; it is definitely a NATO mission," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Matthew

Borawski, EOD flight commander from Battle Creek, Mich. "Going to Afghanistan as EOD, we work with numerous countries."

During the training, both militaries learned how to identify problem areas and key indicators for potential explosive ordnance. Additionally, they gained an understanding of how to handle different scenarios and learn from every experience to defeat the device, attack the network and train the force.

Multinational training also supports NATO by creating a collective defense in response to an attack by any external party, Borawski said. Working together with NATO allies develops

a more powerful and united force in deployed environments.

"Every nation works in a different way, and this is what we have to work on," said Hungarian army Sgt. Agnes Pinter, Hungarian Defense Force NCO Academy counter IED instructor. "All NATO countries should start working together to get their tactics, techniques and procedures closer to each other. Not in the theater, but at home."

The NATO alliance was formed with 12 founding members, but has grown to include 28 countries supporting the collective defense of the North Atlantic area.



# Take protocol challenge

**Tech. Sgt. Ronna Cabello**  
**52nd Fighter Wing**

Everyday at 5 p.m. on Spangdahlem AB, one might notice large groups of people huddled up just inside the doors of the post office, the Exchange or almost any building.

One might also notice a few people making a mad-dash to their car around this same time. This must be a strange phenomenon for people visiting our base for the very first time.

A friend once told me about her father, a Vietnam veteran, who noticed this while visiting for the holidays. One day they were on base, picking up a few things for their holiday dinner. Just after their groceries were bagged, retreat played. Her father walked past a gathering crowd at the commissary exit and stood outside in the bitter cold to render a salute. She followed him,

but up until that moment, she admitted to being one of those individuals in the crowd.

Unfortunately, a large percentage of us do not truly understand why we have this protocol in place or even its connection to those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Last week, representatives from Spangdahlem's Tier II organization held an Airman's Challenge. Airmen were randomly selected to answer three Air Force questions, and if they answered two of the questions correctly, they won a \$50 gift certificate. One of the questions asked of the participating Airmen was, "What action would an Airman take when outside, and wearing the uniform during...

Read the entire commentary at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123329065>.



An Airman salutes during a Memorial ceremony. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph McFall, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander and native of Maple Valley, Wash., left, speaks with Wittlich mayor Joachim Rodenkirch at a holiday caroling event in St. Elisabeth Krankenhaus Dec. 6, 2012. Rodenkirch stopped by the hospital to thank members of Spangdahlem Air Base for spreading cheer and showing support to the local community by singing German and American songs to patients.



## CAROLERS SPREAD CHEER TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

William Gilbert, Signing Sabers vocalist, leads holiday carolers from Spangdahlem Air Base in German and American holiday songs Dec. 6, 2012, at St. Elisabeth Krankenhaus. The group of carolers sang in four different sections of the hospital and handed out treats to their audience. Members of Spangdahlem carol in the local area annually to spread holiday cheer and show appreciation to their host-nation partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Connie Pitsch/Released)

# What's happening?

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### Rock concert

Listen to acoustic cover rock music by The Capones 9:30 p.m., Dec. 14 Ellen's Irish Pub, located on Zellerstrasse 24 in Kastellaun. The cost of this concert is 5 Euro.

### Concert

A free concert by the Fabian Ostermann Trio takes place 8 p.m., Dec. 15 at the Saint Josef Church in Brauneberg-Filzen. On schedule are compositions by Claude Debussi, James Murray, Javits/Springer and others. The event is free, but donations are welcome. Snacks are available following the event.

### Trier Weihnachts Circus

The annual Trier Weihnachts Circus takes place Dec. 18-30 at the Trier Moselauen 1, 54293 Trier. The debut is 8 p.m., Dec. 18. A family day, offering reduced family prices, takes place 3:30 p.m., Dec. 19.

### Christmas weekend

A Christmas weekend event takes place Dec. 22-23 in Kaschenbach. On Dec. 22, the

opening show begins 5 p.m., and a light and fire show takes place 7 p.m. On Dec. 23, a wine brunch takes place 11 a.m., a gift give-away for children takes place 11:30 a.m., a choir performance takes place 2 p.m. and a chainsaw artist performance takes place 3 p.m. Winter carriage rides for children are available throughout the weekend.

### Local Christmas markets

The Bernkastel Christmas Market takes place now-Dec. 23. The market is open 11a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. The Trier Christmas market takes place now-Dec. 23. The market is open 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday; and 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday.

### Art show

An art exhibition with the theme "People meeting" takes place Nov. 19-May 31, 2013, at the area administration's city hall in Manderscheid. Most art is done in either oil or acrylic color.

### Introductory hunting briefings

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

### Women's success forum

A women's success forum takes place 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at the welcome center. People are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

### Santa pet photos

People can have Christmas photos taken with their pets 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Dec.22 at the Brick House. Donations are accepted and will be given to a local animal shelter. The photos will be available on the 52nd Force Support Squadron Pet Spa's Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/#!/52dFssPetSpa?fref=ts>. For more information, call 06561-68-3713.

### German, American friendship hunt

A Free German and American boar hunt takes place 7 p.m.-midnight, Dec. 29. The first 12 Americans with a German hunting license to sign up are guaranteed a spot for this event. For more information, call Mike at outdoor recreation DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170 or visit <http://www.facebook.com/52DFSSOutdoorRecreation?ref=stream>.

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