

# SABER E-HERALD

SPANGDAHLE AB

NEWSLETTER OF THE 52ND FIGHTER WING

DEC. 21, 2012

## SPANGDAHLE

### 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

#### MISSION



For the mission pillar to stand strong, Airmen must be able to deliver decisive combat power and build partnership capacities.

#### AIRMEN



In order for Airmen to stand strong, they must learn to lead at all levels and honor the Air Force core values.

#### COMMUNITY



To keep the Saber community thriving, world-class support must be delivered to all Sabers, and local partnerships need to keep getting stronger.



# 606th ACS exercises team communication capabilities

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

The 606th Air Control Squadron began a communications maintenance exercise here Jan. 16 lasting until Jan. 20.

The purpose of the exercise is to train new squadron members and refresh those returning from deployment in maintaining communication practices by establishing satellite communications and setting up a theater-deployable communications package.

This training strengthens the squadron's reach-back capabilities, which is the ability to provide basic communications services to all deployed ACS members and radar from different locations back to the operators controlling aircraft, said Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Kloss, 606th ACS

communications planner.

"We're simulating an air-control configuration," Kloss said. "We're doing this to simulate what we do down range and practice potential deployment capabilities."

Members participating in this exercise set up radio frequencies and satellite communications. Setting up these tools makes phone and email communication possible.

The ability to send information via satellite sources enables communication between operators and allows them to perform their mission, said Tech. Sgt. Kathryn Bender, NCO in charge of communication planning.

"We hope this training increases the overall mission concept," Kloss said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286657>.

## A-Team

### A-10s, Apaches hone CSAR, CAS skills

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

A joint close air support and combat search and rescue exercise involving U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots and U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopter pilots took place for the first time at the Baumholder Major Training Area here Jan. 23 – 26.

A-10 pilots who participated in this joint training are assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base's 81st Fighter Squadron and the AH-64 Apache helicopter pilots are assigned to Illesheim Army Airfield ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123287694>.



U.S. Air Force Capt. James Schmidt, 81st Fighter Squadron pilot, raises a signal smoke flare during joint forces close air support and combat search and rescue training at the Baumholder Major Training Area Jan. 23.

## 52nd Force Support Squadron retains services during AF restructure

**Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs**

The wing and 52nd Force Support Squadron leadership here are making decisions to keep services open and available to the commu-

nity as the Air Force continues to operate in the current fiscally-constrained environment.

Some of the decisions include restructuring manpower resources within FSS and changing operation hours for some services.

For example, the auto hobby

shop's self-service section stall rentals are now only available Friday noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We're going to keep as many services open as we can without breaking the law," said Tony Chatfield, 52nd Force Support Squadron

Community Services Flight chief. "And the only way to do that was to adjust current programs."

To comply with Resource Management Decision 703 ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290322>.

## Barber recounts 4 decades of German, US partnership

**Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

The year was 1972.

Mario Puzo's novel "The Godfather" debuted on the big screen, Atari launched the arcade game PONG and the last U.S. ground forces withdrew from Vietnam.

This was also the year Heinz Willems began cutting hair at the barber shop here.

German students attend vocational schools to learn a trade during or after they graduate from high school. Willems finished his haircutting apprenticeship in 1971 and began his job search.

Willems' father worked as a civil engineer at Spangdahlem and noticed the barbershop needed another barber. He encouraged his son to apply, and the shop hired Willems Jan. 15, 1972.

"I knew 'yes, no' and 'okay,'" he said. "Those were the three words I knew in English. The rest I learned on the chair, talking with my customers."

In the '70s, haircutting wages here were based on a monthly rate, meaning the barbers received the same amount of money ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290026>.



Heinz Willems cuts the hair of Staff Sgt. John-Paul Harris, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician, at the barber-shop here Feb. 10. Willems began work at the Spangdahlem barbershop Jan. 15, 1972, and has cut the hair of thousands of service members and their families during his four decades of service. He learned to speak English by talking with his customers.





## AIRMEN TRAIN FOR RANGER COURSE

Airman 1st Class Vicente Mattocks, left, 606th Air Control Squadron; and Senior Airman Coty Raphael, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, advance on the enemy in a field next to Perimeter Road here during the patrolling training portion of the Ranger training course March 3. Any male Airman can volunteer for the annual training if they are serious about becoming a U.S. Army Ranger and their chain of command allows him to participate. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292515>.

# Turkey, US unite as Anatolian Falcon 2012 exercise kicks off

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
Anatolian Falcon 2012  
Public Affairs

cise.”

He went on to say that one of the main goals of the training is to share lessons learned. By working together, the two air forces can individually evolve into a more flexible force.

“Training with the Turkish air force now ensures smooth communication and tactical effectiveness if we should ever have to go to war together,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Murray, 480th Fighter Squadron commander. “Our air forces pride themselves on adaptability and flexibility, and this exercise showcases those capabilities by allowing us to work with our international partner in fast-paced training scenarios.”

Some of the scenarios are set up to have specific targets plotted on a map inside of a mock high-threat zone. The Turkish and U.S. air forces must integrate their ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/>

An international weapons-training deployment involving Turkish and U.S. air forces began here March 5 and lasts until March 15.

The 480th Fighter Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and the Turkish air force’s 3rd Main Jet Base combined their efforts during Anatolian Falcon 2012, an exercise designed to strengthen joint operations between the two allied countries.

Turkish air force Col. Ercan Dursun, 3rd Main Jet Base Operations Group commander, expressed his appreciation for the U.S. Air Force’s commitment to building relations and military interoperability.

“It’s good to see you here,” Dursun said during opening remarks at an initial mass briefing March 4. “I hope we will have a fruitful exer-

## Personal thought: Explore the Eifel offers afternoon adventures at doorstep

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An ancient castle shrouded in fog rests atop a hill.

Spindly towers rise into the air reflecting the morning sun’s rays off their stained-glass windows.

Below, a courtyard bustles with activity -- common folk beginning their daily marketplace rituals. Passersby clank flagons of mead together as if

in a celebratory mood, someone in lederhosen serves bread and cheese to a gathered crowd at the town eatery, and a Gregorian chant echoes from a distant cathedral.

Germany. Or so I thought.

I’d been living in Wyoming for four years when the Air Force decided Spangdahlem AB required my services. I began ...

Read the entire article <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298325>.



## SPANGDAHLEM ENTERS THIRD DIMENSION

Moviegoers prepare to catch T-shirts and hats that Exchange employees threw into the crowd at the Spangdahlem Skyline Theater reopening here April 4 before the start of the movie. More than 400 people attended the event, which was the first-ever 3-D movie showing at an Exchange theater. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123296920>.



## BAZAAR BRINGS FORTH SPRING SHOPPING

Right to left, Staff Sgt. Bobbie Dery, Staff Sgt. Jason Ermish, and Donna Swank, 52nd Fighter Wing Protocol Office, shop for regional wines at the spring bazaar here. The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club hosts the bazaar annually allowing vendors from across Europe to share their products with military members and their families. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123296131>.



M  
A  
Y



## PILGRIMS TRAVEL TO VIEW 'HOLY ROBE'

Pilgrims and visitors view the "Holy Robe," a tunic reportedly worn by Jesus, at the Trier Dom Cathedral here April 25. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the first public appearance of the robe, which was last on display at the cathedral in 1996. Hundreds of thousands of people from around the world are expected to visit to see the relic, which is on display until May 13. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123299819>.

## Host nation dedicates 9/11 memorial

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 200 Sabers along with 40 local civic leaders attended a 9/11 dedication memorial and wreath laying ceremony May 25 at the air park here.

The memorial was designed by local artist Hubert Krufft and donated to the base by the Host Nation Council

Spangdahlem and local businesses.

Krufft said it was an honor to create the memorial with steel that rises as a sign of strength and unity. He kept his memories from the infamous day in mind as he designed the memorial. He hopes Sabers take a moment to think back to that day as ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123296131>.



Two 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard members and Col. Chris Weggeman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, salute during the wreath-laying ceremony at the 9/11 memorial dedication May 25.

J  
U  
N  
E



Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

"Initial success or total failure" is the unofficial slogan of the U.S. Air Force's explosive ordnance disposal technicians.

The technicians work tirelessly in conflicts and engagements to disarm roadside bombs, clear routes and help achieve mission success. Their workspace while deployed is a complex and lethal battlefield, and the members of this tight-knit community take pride in their capabilities to protect and defend comrades, even at the cost of their own lives.

Joe Hamski was ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123307378>.



## SPANGDAHLEM LODGING PREPARES FOR INNKEEPER INSPECTION COMPETITION

Sonja Werkman, Eifel Arms Inn custodial worker, places a welcome note on a guest's bed June 7 at the Eifel Arms Inn here. Custodial workers leave these notes to introduce themselves as the housekeeper for the room and let the guests know they serviced the room. The Eifel Arms Inn served approximately 27,000 guests last year and is gearing up to be evaluated for the Innkeeper Competition June 17-20. Support and representation from the Saber community is vital to the lodging team's success in this competition. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305268>.

THEY WON, BY  
THE WAY...





J  
U  
L  
Y

# SecAF visits Spangdahlem

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force's top civilian leader met 52nd Fighter Wing leadership and members here July 13.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley visited the base as part of a familiarization tour and to speak with Airmen about the unique capabilities Spangdahlem AB provides to the European theater of operations.

"Our Air Force and our country need you to be great at what you do every single day," he said during an Airmen's Call with Sabers. "You're demonstrating that here at Spangdahlem. You deserve to be proud of your important work here, and we are certainly proud of you."

"Thank you all for your service ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123309963>.



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley speaks to 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen during an Airmen's Call at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, on July 13, 2012. During his visit, the secretary learned about the mission of the 52nd FW and the unique capabilities the base provides to the European theater of operations.

A  
U  
G  
U  
S  
T

## EXERCISE TESTS SABERS' SKILLS

Staff Sgt. Henry Lux, left, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering technician, and Senior Airman Ashley Charfauros, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management technician, quarantine a simulated leaking container after a simulated explosion during a base exercise here Aug. 21. Exercises like this test the technical skills and efficiency of first responders and emergency management procedures base-wide to strengthen the development of common tactics and techniques in preparation for real-world events. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123315051>.

# Hail, farewell

52nd Fighter Wing welcomes new commander

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

Col. David Julazadeh assumed command of the 52nd Fighter Wing from Brig. Gen. Chris Weggeman during a change of command ceremony in Hangar 1 here July 3.

More than 400 people attended the event, to include Spangdahlem Airmen, families and local community leaders.

Lt. Gen. Craig A. Franklin, Third Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony and spoke to the strengths of both the outgoing and incoming commanders.

"A change of command is a wonderful event," Franklin said. "It's sad on one part, because we're saying goodbye to a wonderful commander, Brig. Gen. Chris Weggeman. But the feeling of excitement that comes with a change of command is from welcoming the new command team."

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123308525>.



Col. David Julazadeh

## Saving millions: Course teaches Airmen how to help out big AF

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Spangdahlem Air Base is one of two bases in the Air Force that teaches the U.S. Navy's Miniature and Micro-miniature Repair Program.

The 2M program was initiated here in 1998 to save the Air Force money by training technicians to do in-house repairs on circuit components that would otherwise be sent back to the manufacturer or to heavy maintenance for repair or thrown away. Last year, the program saved U.S. Air Forces in Europe \$4.8 million.

"The program allows individual units here to repair some of their own parts that come off the flightline or from any shop," said Master Sgt. Daniel Egbert, 372nd Training Squadron Detachment 17 2M instructor.

Egbert is one of four instructors in the Air Force and the only instructor in USAFE who teaches and certifies Airmen in the seven-week long 2M program. The program teaches technicians circuit repairs ranging from basic component replacement to multilayer repair.

There are two portions of the course. The miniature portion involves fixing single- and double-sided printed circuit boards including removal and installation of most integrated circuit devices. Micro-miniature component repair ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123312950>.





### ZOMBIES HATE FAST FOOD

Capt. John Perry, 726th Air Mobility Squadron aerial port flight commander, dashes across a field of zombies during a 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron zombie 5K fundraiser here Aug. 31. Base members dressed as zombies and chased runners, who competed for time against other groups to complete a series of obstacles. Players were outfitted with pieces of fabric to represent lives. Once a runner was out of lives, they became a zombie, and chased runners who crossed their path. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123316645>.

# RARO 12 wraps up

Senior Airman Natasha Stannard  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The first week of live training at Ramstein Rover 2012 (RARO 12) ended Sept. 16, here.

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.

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



A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots from the 81st Fighter Squadron check their aircraft systems before flight Sept. 14 during Ramstein Rover 2012

## Families unite through WWII bayonet

Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

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.

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



A bayonet and sheath belonging to U.S. Army Pfc. Clyde Sparks lay on a table at the 606th Air Control Squadron Oct. 4, 2012. Sparks lost the bayonet in Luxembourg in 1944, and after 68 years the bayonet was returned to his family.





N  
O  
V  
E  
M  
B  
E  
R

# AVDET activates in Poland

**Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo**  
**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

Spangdahlem Air Base activated a U.S. Aviation Detachment (AVDET) at Lask Air Base Nov. 9, 2012.

The 52nd Operations Group Detachment 1 will be an enduring presence with 10 Airmen, but U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons and C-130 Hercules crews and aircraft will rotate periodically for training, where the total number of personnel could surge up to 250.

“We’ve put together an excellent team, and everybody’s eager to begin the first rotations

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123326059>.



The 52nd Operations Group, Detachment 1, guidon stands on the flightline during an Aviation Detachment (AVDET) activation ceremony on Lask Air Base, Poland, Nov. 9, 2012.



## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY STARTS HOLIDAYS

Base community members celebrate during the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony Nov. 29, 2012. The annual ceremony allows the community to get into the holiday spirit by enjoying snacks, refreshments and live holiday music. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron set up and lit the tree to usher in the holiday season. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123328363>.

# U.S. Air Forces in Europe pilots new AF inspection process

**Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee**  
**52nd Fighter Wing**  
**Public Affairs**

U.S. Air Force leaders continue to develop and refine the process in which service members maintain a high degree of performance, discipline and effective leadership.

Specifically, revisions are being made to the force’s ability to self-inspect, evaluate findings and adhere to corrective actions.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe is the pilot major command for an updated version of the Air Force Inspection System, said U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Baldwin, 52nd

Fighter Wing Self Assessment Program Manager. The intended goal of the new system is to adequately report data to higher headquarters without being overly burdensome or disruptive to military operations.

The initial planning meeting with USAFE leadership found that the current system contains too

many independent or otherwise segregated assessments conducted in an uncoordinated manner. In an average five year’s time, there were more than 700 days of inspections at any given base.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123328367>.

## EOD shares counter-IED ops with Hungarian army

**Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo**  
**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

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 in 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 ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123329070>.



Hungarian army Sgt. Agnes Pinter, Hungarian Defense Force NCO Academy counter IED instructor, controls a Remotec HD-2 remote control military robot at 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. EOD Airmen try to host multinational training as much as possible, but this is their first time working with the Hungarian Army.



## 52ND FW Holiday Message



## What's happening?

### **Zombie bowling**

A Zombie Apocalypse bowling party takes place 6 p.m., Dec. 21. There will be prizes for best-dressed zombie and best-dressed survivor or hunter. There will also be random give-away prizes and a zombie dance off. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

### **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 donated 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?ref=ts>. For more information, call 06561-68-3713.

### **Christmas meal**

A Christmas meal is available to the entire base 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 25 at the Mosel Dining Facility.

## Was ist los?

### **Christmas in Kaschenbach**

A Christmas weekend event takes place Dec. 22-23 in Kaschenbach. On Dec. 22, the opening show takes begins 5 p.m. and a light and fire show takes place at 7 p.m. On Dec. 23, a wine brunch takes place 11 a.m., a gift give-away for children takes place at 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 through Dec. 23.

The market is open 11 a.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 through 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.

### **Snow and Ice Festival**

The Snow and Ice Festival is now through Jan. 6 in Bruges, Belgium. People can see snow and ice sculptures inspired by Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit and other fantasy characters. The

festival will include ice attractions to include an ice slide and bar. People should wear warm clothing as temperatures in some areas are negative 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>.

### **Art show**

An art exhibition with the theme "People Meeting" is now through May 31, 2013, at the area administration's city hall in Manderscheid. Most art is done in either oil or acrylic color.

Click here to submit content, subscribe to a weekly Saber E-Herald email and find out what your local Public Affairs office can do for you.

**Click here  
for more news**

**Click here  
for movies**

**Click here  
for more events**