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## SABER SELECTED AS THUNDERBIRD AT RED FLAG 13-2

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Michael Martinez, Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, Thunderbirds, congratulates Tech. Sgt. Jason Leighton, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron weapons inspector, on being selected to join the Thunderbirds team Jan. 18, 2013, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Leighton came to Nellis from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, to participate in RED FLAG 13-2. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Daniel Hughes)

## MilPDS downtime scheduled for March

**2nd Lt. Carl Chandler**  
**52nd Force Support Squadron**

The Air Force Personnel Center is scheduled to shut down the Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) March 4-27.

The system is used to update, track and maintain personnel records for Air Force members to include active-duty, Reserve and the National Guard.

The downtime from this shutdown will provide an opportunity for an upgrade to the system's sustainability, reliability and security.

There are several actions

If an Airman is considering any of the following during March 2013	Submit application	
	To FSS/ MSS NLT	To AFPC NLT
Scheduling OPI test for Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus	31 Jan 13	
Completing a Base of Preference application		1 Feb 13
Completing an In-Place Base of Preference application		1 Feb 13
Applying for Reenlistment / Extension or Separation	15 Feb 13	
Applying for Voluntary Retraining		15 Feb 13
Scheduling DLPT test for Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus	15 Feb 13	
Updating SGLI	15 Feb 13	15 Feb 13

and applications deadlines of which Spangdahlem service members need to be aware of. The goal of Spangdahlem's military personnel section is to input as much as possible before MilPDS goes down.

Consider making decisions and acting earlier than usual to assure personnel needs are met.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332828>.



## SUPER SABER PERFORMER

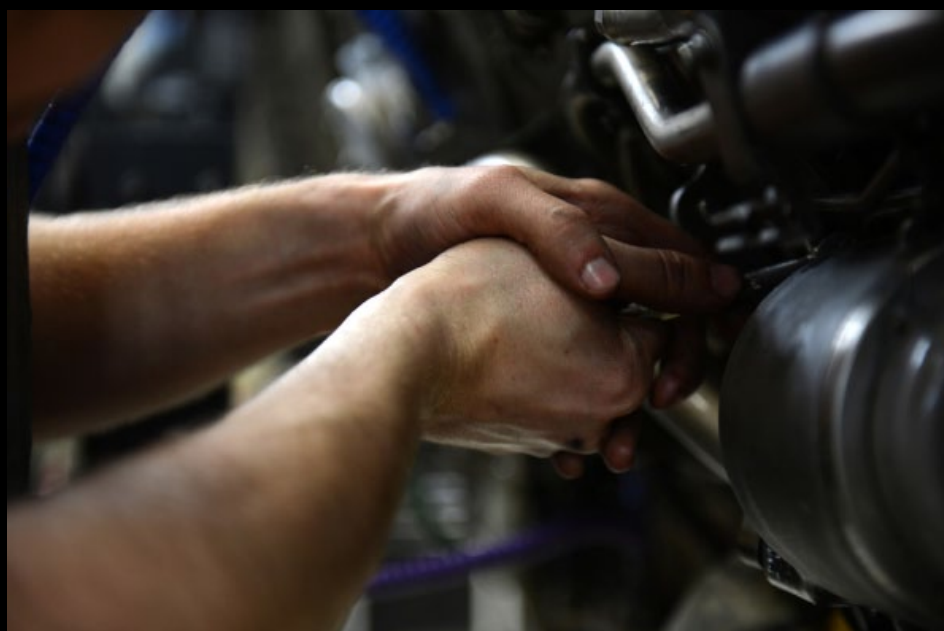
Airman 1st Class Nicholas Grassl, 52nd Contracting Squadron contracting specialist, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Jan. 24-31. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333610>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)





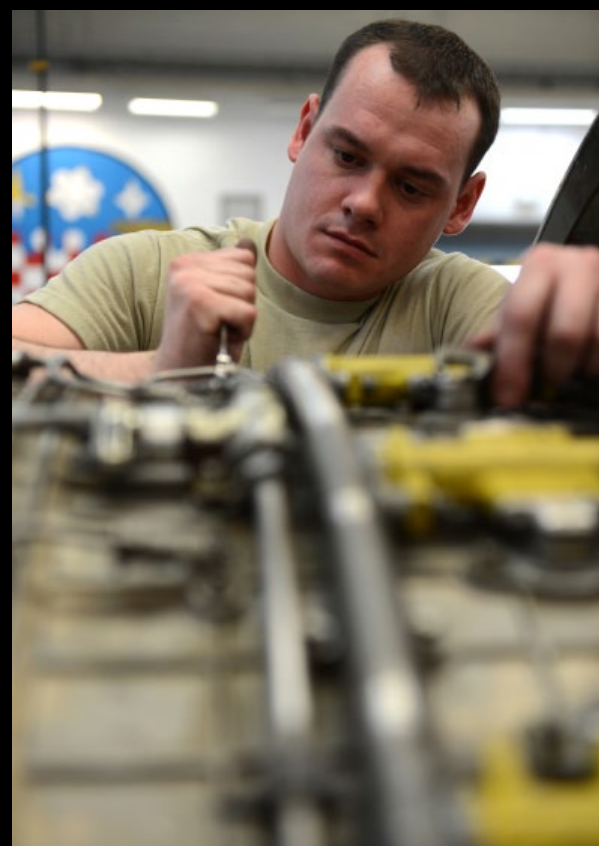
# Propulsion keeps engines roaring

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Butcher, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion technician from Decatur, Ill., performs a pre-test cell check on an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine Jan. 22, 2013. The 52nd CMS fixed and rebuilt 73 aircraft engines in 2012. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333612>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



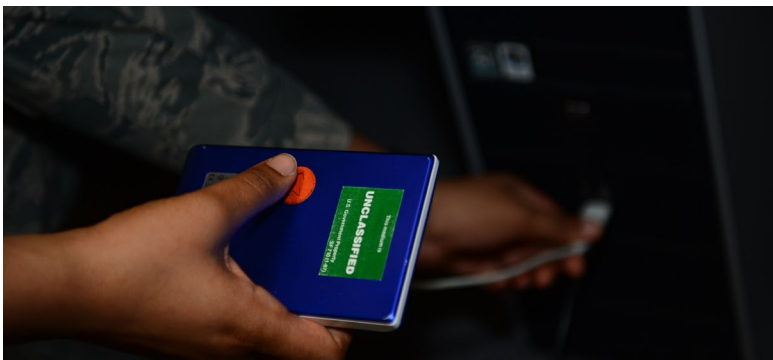
Above: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Braden Duke, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion technician from Prescott, Ariz., loosens a bolt on an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine Jan. 22, 2013. The 52nd CMS also supports aircraft from deployed environments and Aviano Air Base, Italy, as those locations send engines to be fixed here.

Right: U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Justin Schad, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion technician from Springfield, Ill., works on an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine manifold Jan. 22, 2013. Routine maintenance is scheduled for an F-16 engine after reaching approximately 4,000 total accumulated cycles (TAC), which is a calculation of RPM and throttle usage.





# Get with the network, be authorized



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Chellandrea Cole, 52nd Communications Squadron cyber assurance technician from Paducah, Ky., plugs in an authorized USB device Jan. 22, 2013. Unit information assurance officers must approve all USB devices before they are used on network computers so the Air Force network is protected from cyber threats. The Integrated Network Operations and Security Center in Langley, Va. will be scanning all network computers continuously each day to ensure that only approved and authorized USB devices are used on the Air Force communications network. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillon Davis/Released)

**Senior Airman Dillon Davis**  
**52nd Fighter Wing**  
**Public Affairs**

The Department of Defense is cracking down on the use of unauthorized devices on government networks by any and all personnel.

The Integrated Network Operations and Security Center in

Langley, Va., scans every network computer continuously each day to check for malicious codes while also recording each use of USB devices, said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Jefferson, 52nd Communications Squadron NCO in charge of wing information assurance.

According to Jefferson, "The scanning for unauthorized devices

will become more stringent due to continually increasing cyber threats."

Each time a USB device is plugged into a network computer it is checked to ensure that it has been scanned and authorized for use by the user's information assurance officer. The scans are necessary to prevent future incidents that could potentially damage the U.S. Air Force's communications networks and to safeguard sensitive information, said Jefferson.

"If you do it, you will get caught," Jefferson said, on plugging unauthorized devices into network computers.

Personnel who connect USB devices such as phones, tablets, cameras, memory cards, flash drives, mp3 players and unauthorized hard drives to network computers will have their accounts locked pending commander reinstatement.

First offenses are punishable by a one-week account suspension and the offender will need a letter from their squadron commander to un-

freeze the account. Second offenses are punishable by a one-month account suspension and the user will need a letter from their group commander to un-freeze the account. Third offenses are punishable by a six-month account suspension and the user will need a letter from their group commander to un-freeze the account. With each occurrence, offenders must re-accomplish information assurance training, he added.

Users that require the use of hard drives to accomplish the mission need to have their unit information assurance officer format, scan and approve the device before it can be used. All devices must be clearly labeled with a classification and Standard Form 711 data descriptor. Offices with authorized hard drives will also need the accompanying approval paperwork on file. All necessary labels should be applied by the unit IAO.

For more information about authorized use of USB devices, people can contact the unit's IAO.

## Examination fee implemented for incoming pets

**Senior Airman**  
**Whitney Stork**  
**86th Airlift Wing**  
**Public Affairs**

An examination fee of 55 Euro per pet will be implemented Feb. 1, for all non-EU citizens who import a pet into the country.

The Kaiserslautern County Administration implemented the European Union Ordinance #998/2003, which regulates the importing of dogs, cats and other pets into or throughout the European Union.

Upon arrival into the country, pets will be examined by the veterinarian near the passenger terminal baggage claim area. These examinations are conducted by the county veterinary office for the German General Customs.

There will only be a credit



Dr. Jennifer Schiwek, veterinarian of the Kaiserslautern County Veterinary Office, examines Charlie Jan. 15 after arrival from the states at the Ramstein Passenger Terminal. The black Labrador mix is owned by Capt. Heath Hunter, who will be assigned to the 52nd Operations Group in Spangdahlem. Starting Feb. 1, pet owners importing pets from non-European Union countries have to pay a pet fee of €55. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kay M. Nissen/Released)

card reader available at the terminal to pay the fee. Cash and debit cards will not be accepted. The fee will be the military member's

responsibility and will not be reimbursed on a travel voucher.

Military personnel flying into Frankfurt International Airport

will no longer be exempt from the charges associated with importing a pet. The State of Hessen charges 35 Euro per accompanied pet, 55 Euro for an unaccompanied pet, plus an additional 50 percent if the pet arrives on a weekend or holiday.

The Kaiserslautern County Administration Veterinary Director, Dr. Holger Hofmann wrote the regulation protects the European Union from the introduction and dissemination of rabies.

The extent of pet examinations depends on the rabies situation in the country of origin, and also the receiving EU-member state. The health requirement also states pets are required to be older than three months and vaccinated against rabies. They must comply with the rabies condition in not...

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333058>.

# What's happening?

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### **New York Gospel Stars**

See the original New York Gospel Stars on tour performing songs to include 'Oh Happy Day,' 'Walk in Jerusalem,' 'Amazing Grace' and others 8 p.m., Feb. 1 at the Trier Saint Maximin church, located on Maximinstraße, 54292 Trier. Tickets are 24.90 Euro and can be purchased now at 0234-9471940 or at <http://www.LB-EVENTS.de>. The doors will open at 7 p.m.

### **The 12 Tenors**

Reserve your tickets now to a concert by "The 12 Tenors" singers 8 p.m., March 8 at the Bitburg Stadthalle, or City hall, located on Roemermauer 4, 54634 Bitburg. Tickets are 35.95 Euros and can be obtained now at 0651-9790777 or via <http://www.ticket-regional.de>.

### **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.

### **Pet owner class**

A free pet owner class featuring expert advice on grooming, health, training and safety takes place noon, Jan. 26 at outdoor recreation. To register for the class, call 06565-68-3713.

### **Winter freeze blowout party**

A free winter party takes place 7 p.m.-midnight, Jan. 26 at the Brick House. There will be a DJ and drink specials.

### **Adult open mic night**

An adult open mic night takes place 7 p.m.-midnight, Jan 26 at the Brick House. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### **Family fun night**

Bingo night takes place during family fun night from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 29 at Club Eifel. The cost is \$7.95 for adults, \$3.95 for children and free for club members. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

### **Super Bowl party**

A free Super Bowl party starts 10 p.m., Feb. 3 at Club Eifel. There will be prizes and giveaways, and the club will remain open until the game ends. Food is available from J.R. Rockers

and Pizza Hut until half time.

### **Photoshop 101**

A Photoshop 101 course takes place 6-9 p.m., Feb. 4 and 11. The cost is \$25. Students must bring a laptop with Photoshop. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

### **France ski trips**

Ski trips to France take place 4 a.m.-9 p.m., Feb. 5, 18 and 26 in Vogesen. The cost is \$119 per person, and includes transportation and lift pass. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

### **Lunch and learn**

A lunch and learn lecture featuring Helena Palmer, exceptional family member program coordinator, takes place noon-1 p.m., Feb. 15 at the School Age Program. People must reserve their place by Feb. 13. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, call DSN 452-5320 or 06565-615320.

### **Valentine's Day dance**

A free Valentine's Day dance takes place 5-9 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Brick House. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

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