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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Fernando Sorto, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief from Plano, Texas, marshals an 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II in place on the flightline Jan. 24, 2013. The 81st FS launched multiple aircraft to relocate to Moody Air Force Base to fulfill training requirements and augment the fleet for potential deployments. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

## 81st FS inactivation announced

### Staff Reports 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Spangdahlem Air Base's 81st Fighter Squadron is scheduled to inactivate this year as a result of the overall U.S. defense budget cuts.

The 81 FS inactivation became official upon the termination of the Continuing Resolution provision that prohibited the "retirement, divestiture, realignment and transfer" of aircraft. The Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act does not prohibit these actions.

Approximately 500 personnel will be affected by the inactivation.

The 81 FS flies the A-10 Thunderbolt II, or "Warthog," a twin-engine jet aircraft capable



An 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II displays a 52nd Fighter Wing patch on the flightline Jan. 24, 2013.

of close air support for ground forces.

"While we are disappointed that we will no longer be in Europe supporting the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission, we realize this is just another chapter in the life of a fighter squadron," said Lt. Col. Clint

Eichelberger, 81st Fighter Squadron commander. "As A-10 pilots, we will continue to lend decisive combat power around the world by supporting combatant..."

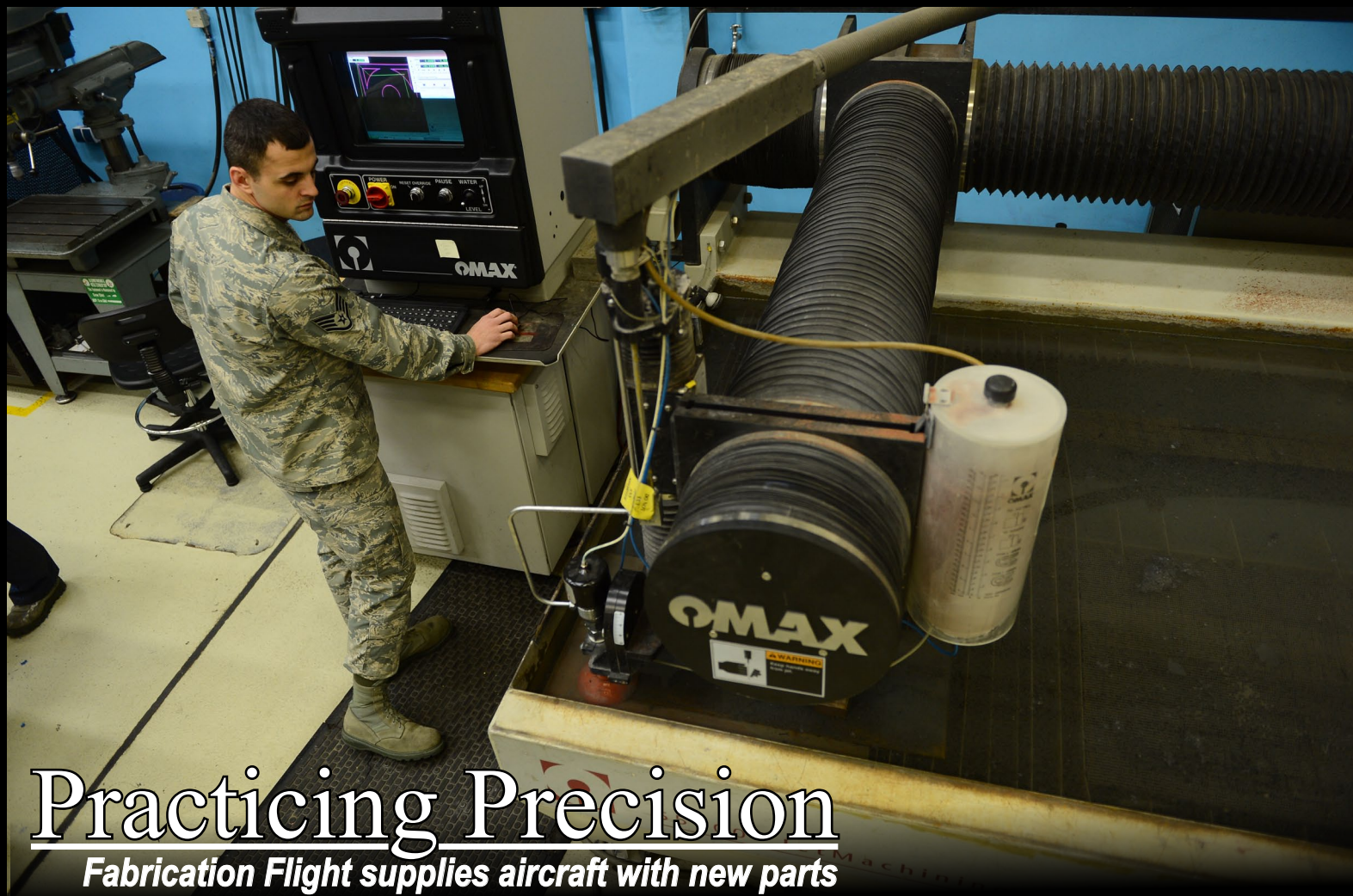
Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123334517>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Bradford Schroeder, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare craftsman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 7. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123334514>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)





# Practicing Precision

## *Fabrication Flight supplies aircraft with new parts*

Staff Sgt. Justin Royse, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron assistant NCO in charge of the aircraft metals technology shop from West Salem, Ohio, operates a water jet machining center inside the fabrication flight shop Jan. 25, 2013. The fabrication flight makes and repairs specialty parts that would normally have to be made by contractors and then sent to base. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333978>. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillon Davis/Released)



Above: Staff Sgt. James Hastings, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structures maintenance technician from Brasil, Ind., bends a tube to a 90-degree angle inside the fabrication flight shop Jan. 25, 2013. The fabrication flight creates hydraulic lines for 81st and 480th Fighter Squadron aircraft keeping flying operations running.

Left: Staff Sgt. Sean Keltz, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft metals technology technician from Hayward, Calif., uses an oxygen and acetylene torch to cut a piece of metal inside the fabrication flight shop Jan. 25, 2013. The technicians use a variety of metal fabrication tools and machines to create and repair specialty parts for the 81st and 480th Fighter Squadron aircraft.



# Tips for shopping in the local area

Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

People don't have to walk far to find a supermarket in Germany these days as most villages have at least one nearby that offers anything from beets to bread to beer.

Although they are miniature versions compared to the ones found in the United States, every supermarket in Germany typically carries a large variety of products, including most items found in U.S. stores.

While similar items are carried in the markets here, there are a few differences shoppers will notice and should prepare for before their trip to the store.

When shopping at a German supermarket, people should make sure to carry Euro change, usually 1 or 2 Euro, as most carts require a deposit. The deposit is reimbursed once the cart is returned.

People should also bring their own reusable bags or bring Euro change, about 10-20 cents, to purchase bags at the checkout. Supermarkets here also require shoppers to load their own bags at check out as they do not supply baggers.

Shoppers are expected to either pay in cash or with a German ec-bank card. The larger chain supermarkets will accept most credit cards. The types of cards indi-

vidual markets accept are posted at entrances, along with the opening times for the store.

Shoppers will also find that most supermarkets here have additional shops in and outside the store, such as a bakery or beverage shop. Fresh breads are available including whole grain products, broetchen, pastries and cake.

Like the states, every supermarket carries a large variety of produce including some organic products. These items are usually located in the front of the market. People can pick the items, weigh them on a scale and place them in plastic bags that are available in the section.

In some markets, people may also have to look up the item and weigh it on an electronic scale. This scale is usually similar to the self-checkout scale at the commissary, as it has a touch screen and photos of items. After finding and weighing the item, a barcode is printed to purchase the item at check out.

The deli selections carry a variety of fresh meats and cheeses to include cheeses from Holland, Belgium and France, and freshly sliced and cut meats, and a variety of cases of beverages, including sodas, water...

Read more online at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123334343>.

# Drunk Driving: Destroys families, readiness

Staff Sgt. Christina J. Moultrie  
52nd Contraction Squadron

Drunk driving is a serious and completely preventable offense.

Nearly 12,000 people die in driving under the influence-related accidents in America each year. There are also 900,000 people arrested each year for DUI and driving while intoxicated incidents, one third of whom are repeat offenders. Additionally, 90 percent of drunk driving happens after drinking with family, friends, and coworkers, according to <http://www.drinkingand-driving.org>.

When it comes to drinking and

driving, everyone has a choice and is responsible for looking out for one another.

The 52nd Fighter Wing has several safe choices for Airmen to avoid putting themselves and others in danger by driving drunk.

- Think wingman concept: call a friend, family member or coworker including supervisors.

- Take a train or bus; however, service hours and locations are limited.

- Airmen Against Drunk Driving: AADD is free..

Read more online at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123334336>.



A baker at a local supermarket sells baked goods to patrons Jan. 29, 2013. Most supermarkets have a bakery located inside or outside their facilities. Fresh breads are available, including whole grain products, broetchen, donuts and cake. (U.S. Air Force photo by Iris Reiff/Released)



## SABERS CONGRATULATE NEWEST CHIEF INDUCTEES

The Chief Recognition Ceremony, held here Jan. 25, 2013, is a tradition that recognizes the base's newest chief master sergeants and chief master sergeant selects. Six senior master sergeants were selected for promotion in November. Less than one-percent of the enlisted force earns the title of "Chief." View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123334190>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

# 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" at 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.

### **Blood drive**

A blood drive takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 1 at the Brick House. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### **Super Bowl party**

A free Super Bowl party starts at 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 for purchase 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.

### **Craft fair**

A craft fair takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 9 at the Brick House. The cost to rent a display table is \$10. For more information, call DSN 452-4141 or

06565-61-4141.

### **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 dinner**

A Valentine's Day dinner takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Golden Dragon. A special menu will be offered and people must sign up for the dinner. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### **Annual awards banquet**

The 2013 Annual Awards Banquet takes place at 6 p.m., March 1 at the Bitburg Stadthall. Dress requirements are semi-formal or mess dress for military members and semi-formal for civilians. For more information, call DSN 452-9818/9455 or 06565-61-9818/9455.

### **Malta Scuba Certification**

A scuba trip to Gozo, Malta, takes place April 15-22. The cost is \$1,400 per person in a double room and \$1,500 for single rooms. For more information, call DSN 452-7170.

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