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## SABERS CONGRATULATE ALS GRADUATES

Airman Leadership School graduation attendees congratulate Senior Airman Phillip Threlkeld, 52nd Operations Support Squadron air traffic control technician from Huntsville, Ala., for receiving the John L. Levitow Award Feb. 13, 2013. This award is presented by the 52nd Fighter Wing commander to the student who displayed excellence both as a leader and a scholar. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

## Spangdahlem implements AF budget guidance

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U.S. Air Force leaders released guidance to major commands outlining measures to mitigate the full effect of potential budget cuts in an effort to manage the risks associated with the cuts, according to Jamie M. Morin, Acting Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Organizations across the Air Force, including the 52nd Fighter Wing, are reducing spending to minimize effects on personnel and mission readiness, said Maj. Allen Atwell, 52nd Comptroller Squadron commander.

Some of the near-term actions implemented by the 52nd FW to reduce non-mission critical spending while ensuring critical missions continue include:

- A civilian hiring freeze
- Canceling temporary duties that are not mission critical
- Curtailing flying operations
- Limiting supply purchases to only mission essential needs
- Deferring non-emergency facility projects except projects necessary to ensure compliance with Air Force and Department of Defense regulations, as well as safety of personnel and resources.

Mission critical requirements here are determined by commanders, with support provided by unit resource advisors, as well as financial, contracting, civilian personnel professionals.

Should sequestration occur, 52nd FW leadership will identify critical programs that must be funded, explained Atwell.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem>.



## SUPER SABER PERFORMER

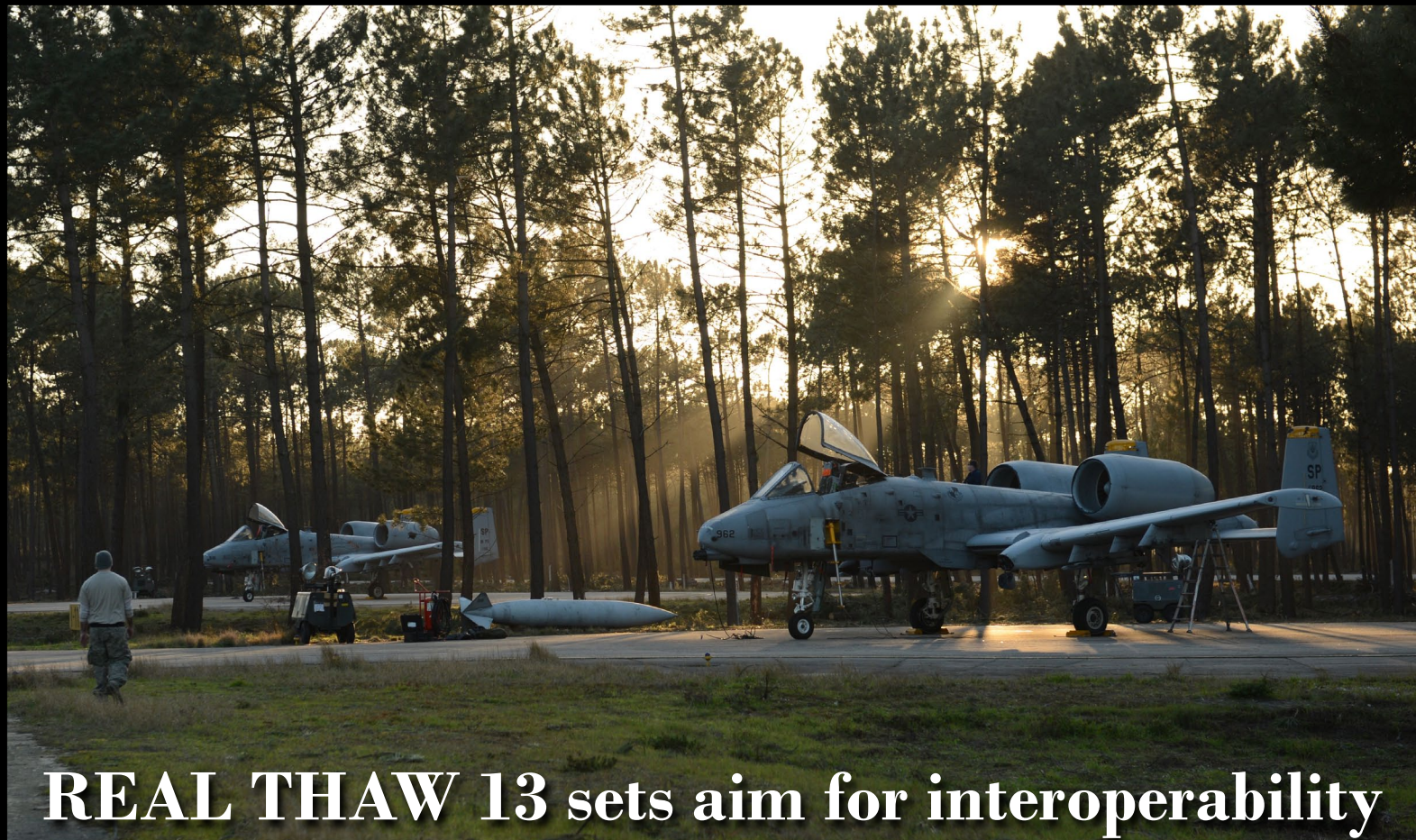
Senior Airman Sarah Wainscott, 52nd Force Support Squadron lodging guest service representative, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Feb. 21-27. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123337088>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



## #SpangAwards12

Submit your photos of the Annual Awards banquet March 1 on Instagram. For more info, [click here](#).





# REAL THAW 13 sets aim for interoperability

Maintainers recover A-10 Thunderbolt II jets from the 81st Fighter Squadron after a mission in Monte Real, Portugal, Feb. 14, 2013. REAL THAW is a Portuguese military exercise that seeks to provide a realistic operating environment that accurately reflects current theaters of operation, provide adequate training to multinational participants while coordinating joint operations assets on land, air and sea, and improve interoperability between allied forces.

**Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon**  
**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

Aircraft and military professionals from the U.S., Portugal, Netherlands, the U.K. and NATO are continuing to develop their ability to work together during REAL THAW 13 in Monte Real, Portugal, Feb. 11-22.

REAL THAW is the Portuguese military's premiere annual exercise that integrates the Portuguese Army, Navy and Air Force for joint operations and scenarios. The exercise also includes forces from partner nations.

The 81st Fighter Squadron, out of Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, is one of the U.S. representatives in Portugal. Their airframe, the A-10 Thunderbolt II, is the only close air support aircraft participating this year, and the Portuguese military is taking full advantage of its capabilities.

"The A-10 is a special asset that we don't have the everyday opportunity to work with," said Portuguese air force Lt. Col. Carlos Lourenco, the director of REAL THAW.

The Portuguese air force flies the F-16 Fighting Falcon as their primary fighter aircraft, but does not have a close air support aircraft like the A-10. Having the ability to conduct operations like search and rescue with the 81st is beneficial for training.

This is especially important for the helicopter squadrons, and working together increases both parties' understanding of operating in a joint environment, said Lourenco.

"Our opportunity to be here and train on a wide variety of missions is invaluable for us. We haven't been able to do this in months," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Clint Eichelberger, 81st commander.

The exercise helps keep pilots from the 81st combat-ready because of the different skill sets that they can train on here. Some of the sce-



U.S. Airmen from the 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit prepare an A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft for take-off in Monte Real, Portugal, Feb. 14, 2013. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon/Released)

narios they've supported so far are combat search and rescue, close air support and convoy escort. The upcoming week will also integrate the Portuguese navy, and the 81st will provide maritime air support, said the colonel.

"We are very rarely going to go anywhere that we'll deploy and not have to work with other forces. We're always going to integrate, whether they be air forces, ground forces, or maritime," said Eichelberger. "The last place that you want to figure out how to work together is on the battlefield. That's why coming to these exercises are so important."

Although the 81st is inactivating later this year, it gives both the U.S. and Portuguese forces a chance to learn in a joint environment and draw on... Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123336714>.



# Welcome to the jungle:

## Forecaster supports counterdrug operations

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

He didn't know where it was to or what it was for, but when Charleston, S.C., native Tech. Sgt. Adrian Jackson heard a short-notice tasking to deploy was open, he volunteered immediately.

However, when Jackson volunteered he had only been here two months.

"Because he was new to base, he was ineligible to deploy for six months; however, he wanted to go, so he worked to make it happen," said his supervisor, 1st Lt. Richelle Greer, 52nd Fighter Wing weather officer from Antipolo, Philippines.

With his supervisor's approval, Jackson got a waiver to deploy.

He found out he was going to Apiay Air Base, Colombia, to support the Colombian Air Force with the U.S. Army's 204th

Military Intelligence Battalion as a weather operator. The battalion works with Colombian forces to conduct counterdrug operations.

At that point, it was time for him to act fast.

Greer said that Jackson worked seven days a week and even did computer based training while on leave to get all of his pre-deployment tasks completed in time and he did.

Jackson is now deep in the Colombian jungle-like countryside where little to no English is spoken supporting the 204th MIB by providing up-to-the-minute weather data, forecasts and analysis so the battalion can successfully conduct reconnaissance and surveillance.

Greer, who previously deployed to Apiay, thought "he's definitely a good candidate for the job." She described him as a very competent NCO and detailed weather forecaster, which is important in any weather shop, but especially in this two-person



Tech. Sgt. Adrian Jackson, 204th Military Intelligence Battalion weather operator from Charleston, S.C., gets transported by an Army helicopter during his deployment to Apiay Air Base, Colombia. He volunteered to deploy and is supporting the battalion as they work with Colombian forces to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance missions against the war on terrorism and drugs. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)

shop.

"Forecasting the weather in Colombia is a challenge for many reasons," Jackson said of the weather that includes severe thunderstorms, cyclones, unpredictable winds and extreme temperatures. "The mountainous terrain, radar coverage, language barriers, different combat operations and hostile ground forces only

add to the challenges. Weather forecasters here must use all of their training to provide sound, proficient support to accomplish the mission."

Because the weather changes so frequently and the mission is heavily impacted by it, the shop is always on-call.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123336900>.



## "VAGINA MONOLOGUES"

### RAISES MONEY TO END VIOLENCE

Camille Henry, 52nd Force Support Squadron Pet Spa manager from Leavenworth, Kan., performs a monologue during a "Vagina Monologues" show at the Brick House Feb. 16. Henry directed, produced, and acted in this rendition of Eve Ensler's award-winning play. Henry produced the show to raise awareness for "V-Day," a global campaign against violence. The event raised more than \$350 in donations for sexual assault awareness and prevention. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



Andrea Carrillo-Juarez, left, from Uvalde, Texas, performs a monologue as Andi O'Conner from Canyon County, Calif., dances to it during a "Vagina Monologues" show at the Brick House Feb. 16. The monologues, by award-winning play write Eve Ensler, were performed here in support of a global campaign against violence and sexual assault called "V-Day." Through "V-Day" campaigns, people throughout the world produce annual benefit performances of the "Vagina Monologues."



# What's happening?

## Events in the Saber community

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#### Crafts fair

A crafts fair takes place 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 23 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 24 at the indoor Trier Messepark. The cost is 6 Euro for adults and 3 Euro for children.

#### Theater performances

See the Evita musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice 4 p.m., Feb. 24 at Trier's Stadttheater, or city theater, located at Am Augustinerhof, 54290 Trier. The two-hour musical will be performed by the Trier Philharmonischen Orchester as well as the music theater and dance theater ensemble of the Trier city theater. Ticket prices range between 13 and 40 Euro. Tickets can still be reserved now by calling 0651-7181818, there are only a limited number of tickets available at the theater.

#### Spring market

A spring market takes place 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., March 3 in Wittlich. Stores will also be open 1-6 p.m., Sunday.

#### Easter market

An Easter market takes place March 8-10 at the Trier Hauptmarkt. Stores will also be open 1-6 p.m., Sunday.

#### France ski trip

A ski trip to France takes place 4 a.m.-9 p.m., Feb. 26 in Vöge. 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.

#### College funding and finances

A college funding informational seminar takes place 4:30-6 p.m., Feb. 28 at the airman and family readiness center. For more information, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

#### Annual awards banquet

The 2013 Annual Awards Banquet takes place 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.

#### Belly and African tribal dancing

Sign up now for women only beginner and advanced belly dancing classes, and all adult African tribal dancing classes that take place every Tuesday in March at the Brick House. The beginner's class is 12-1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., the advanced class is 6-7 p.m., the African tribal dancing is 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. The cost per course is \$60. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

#### Financial classes

The airman and family readiness center is hosting several financial classes March 1. The truths and

myths about credit reports and scores class is 10-11 a.m., the strategies for home-buying class is 12-2 p.m., and the successful car-buying class is 3-4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6244 or 06565-616422.

#### 360 fit boot camp

Sign up now for 360 fitness boot camp that takes place March 4-29 at the fitness center and youth programs gym. The class takes place 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost is \$135. For more information, call DSN 452-6893 or 06565-61-6893.

#### Children's Walk-In Clinic

The 52nd Dental Squadron is hosting a Children's Walk-In Clinic 7:30 a.m., March 22 at the Spangdahlem Dental Clinic. No appointments are needed and children up to age 13 can receive a dental exam and cleaning. For more information, or to schedule a baby dental examination, contact the dental clinic at DSN 452-8193.

#### 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. The price includes airfare, seven overnights, breakfast, dinner, transportation, 10 dives, instruction and most scuba gear. Open water certification is also available onsite for an additional \$225. Passports are required. People can sign up early for a chance to win a \$200 discount. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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