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Military Saves Campaign kicks off February 25, and runs through March 2. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy/Released)

Spangdahlem participates in "Military Saves" campaign

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Saber community members have the opportunity to learn how to reduce debt and save big during the annual Department of Defense "Military Saves" Campaign, now through March 2.

Military Saves, held in coordination with "America Saves" week, is a social marketing campaign targeted toward active duty military, DoD civilians, contractors and family members to build wealth and decrease debt, according to Pamela Flemions, 52nd Force Support Squadron Airman and Family Readiness Military Saves campaign coordinator. Normally held the last week in February, Military Saves is promoted across all uniformed services and every installation throughout the DoD.

"Each year, we really try to up the ante to strengthen personal financial readiness within the Saber community," said the Los Angeles native. "We host special events, conduct home buying or investment workshops, and bring in a guest speaker

to talk about the importance of financial readiness."

This year's Military Saves kickoff event will take place Feb. 25 at the Willkommen Center, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Among those participating in the event are the Service Credit Union, DoD Community Bank, and the Defense Commissary Agency. To support Military Saves, the local banking facilities offer special promotions such as a "savers account" that provides a two percent rate of return. Additionally, Commissary officials offer tips on how shoppers can save up to 30 percent on groceries.

The guest speaker for the Military Saves kickoff event is Keith Hamilton, a certified financial planner and Accredited Financial Counselor from Atlanta. Hamilton will be on hand to provide attendees with what he calls the "Nine Brief Principles of How to Save" and the benefits of saving before reaching retirement age.

"These nine life principles are going to let people to retire debt free, in addition to owning ... Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123337518>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. James Speicher, 480th Aircraft Maintenance Unit cannibalization manager, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Feb. 28 - March 6. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123338056>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



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81st maintainers rock final exercise



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New fuel system saves time, money

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Editor's note: This is part one of a three part series in which Spangdahlem will evaluate AIM2, a fossil fuel savings initiative that supports Energy Independence and Security Act 2007 and Presidential Executive Order 13423, for 12 months before it is implemented throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron is installing AIM2 or automotive informational modules now through March 8 making Spangdahlem the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe base to use the maintenance and fuel tracking-and-saving technology.

The 52nd LRS is installing AIM2 on more than 300 general purpose government vehicles to include: sedans, vans, buses and trucks.

The module allows the vehicle management flight to collect real-time maintenance codes, and fuel consumption and odometer data through radio frequency readings. The module's on-board system captures and records this information every time a vehicle with AIM2 installed passes within 300 feet of the base's government

vehicle gas pump, which is located on Spangdahlem's main road, said Tech. Sgt. Carmen Adams, 52nd LRS vehicle control officer and European Transportation Training center instructor.

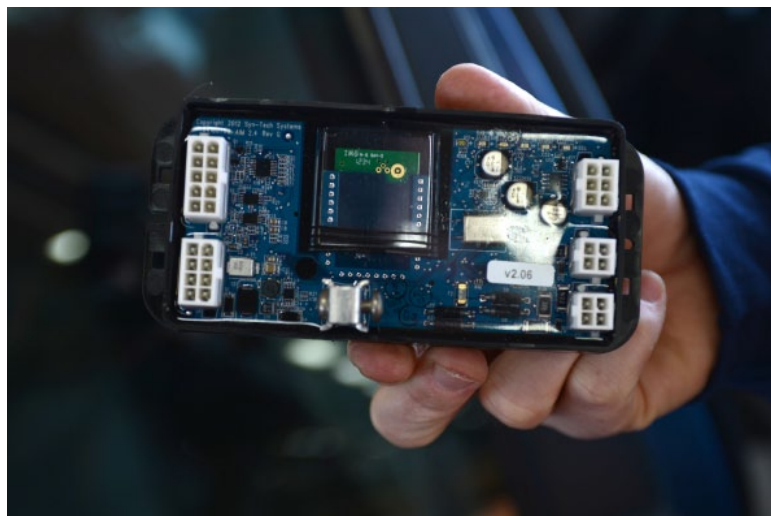
The fact that this system reads and records the vehicle's data saves vehicle management time as they will no longer have to find the vehicles and record the odometer readings or process paperwork.

These accurate readings will also save vehicle maintenance and fuel shop man-hours as they no longer have to trouble shoot for maintenance issues.

"If there's something wrong with the engine, AIM2 will automatically transmit to us what is going on with the vehicle and its condition," said Tech. Sgt. Nathan Derrick, 52nd LRS special purpose vehicle mechanic and NCO in charge of refueling maintenance. "With the module constantly feeding us information we will have a more accurate and timely assessment of what's actually wrong with a vehicle, which saves us a lot of time since it takes trouble shooting out of the picture."

This will also save man-hours because preventative maintenance won't be necessary.

"Since the system updates us with everything going with vehicles' conditions we will be able to fix problems before they occur rather than having to routinely



An AIM2 on-board diagnostics component is shown before installment Feb. 20. Spangdahlem is the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe base to install the automotive information module and its components on all its general purpose government vehicles. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

upkeep vehicles that may or may not have issues," he explained.

The module and its components will also give more accurate fuel consumption readings as it eliminates the fuel key currently used to pump fuel on government vehicles. Instead, the odometer is automatically read via AIM2 components once the

fuel pump is inserted into the gas ring, said Adams.

This information will help vehicle and fuel management determine how much gas vehicles are using.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123337858>.

Second-half Thriller

FSS dominates LRS in championship game



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What's happening?

events in the Saber community

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Spring market

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

The 12 Tenors

Reserve your tickets to a concert by "The 12 Tenors" singers 8 p.m., March 8 at the Bitburg Stadthalle, 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>.

Easter market

An Easter market takes place 10 a.m.-7 p.m. March 8-10 at the Trier Hauptmarkt. Stores will also be open 1-6 p.m., Sunday.

Beda Market

A market takes place 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., March 15-17 in Bitburg. Stores will also be open 1-6 p.m., Sunday.

Medieval market

A medieval market takes place 11 a.m.-10 p.m. March 23-24 in Trier Messepark.

Bitburg Bierfest

A beer festival takes place April 6-27 in Bitburg.

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. The beginner's class is 12-1 p.m. and 5-6p.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. Call the Brick House 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.

Give Parents a Break Day

The Air Force Aid Society offers parents a few hours break from 5:30-10:30 p.m., March 1. Child-care is free during these hours with recommendation from Squadron commanders and / first sergeants, chaplains, family advocacy, or A&FRC. Cost for those without recommendation is \$30 per child. You must sign up by the Friday of the week before the event. To register, call 452-5320 for children 6 weeks-5 years old, or DSN- 452-

7545 for 5-12 years. For more information, call DSN- 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Youth baseball, softball registration

Registrations for the upcoming season take place from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., until March 1. Registration is for baseball, softball, coach-pitch, and T-ball. The cost is \$85 for children ages of 6-8 , \$90 for ages 9-12, and \$95 for ages 13-15. Club Eifel members receive a \$20 discount. The season is April 1-June 8 and all children must have a current physical valid through the last day of the season. For more information, call DSN 452-4639 or 06565-61-4639.

Photography 101

Learn photography a two-day introductory course 6-9 p.m., Mar. 1 and 6 in the local area. The cost is \$50 per couple and includes instruction and transportation to local area. Participant must provide their own equipment. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Czech Republic crystal shopping

A trip to Karlsbad, Czech Republic, takes place Mar. 1-2. The trip costs 79 Euro per Adult or 70 Euro for children ages 3-12. The trip departs from Spangdahlem at 11:30 p.m.. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

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