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Spring forward!  
Don't forget that  
Daylight Saving  
Time for Europe  
takes place March  
31. At 2 a.m., set  
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3 a.m.



### SPANGDAMEN GET-TOGETHER, LEARN, LAUGH

Tech. Sgt. Victoria Wilson, Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School instructor from Detroit, takes notes at a SpangDamen women's success forum brain-storming meeting March 7, 2013 at the Spangdahlem conference room. The women's is an outreach program designed by military women for military women of all ranks. Meetings are held the third 11:30 a.m.-1230 p.m. the Thursday of each month at the Spangdahlem conference room behind Kuhl Beans. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123339933>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)

## TA available in face of AF suspension

Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force suspended military tuition assistance March 11 due to ongoing Defense Department budget cuts.

As of now, the branch will no longer accept any new financial-aid requests from Airmen who need help paying for college.

"All is not lost here, and how (Airmen) approach this is important," said Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief. "They have a choice to let this derail their educational goals or to become even more determined to meet their goals despite increased difficulty."

Airmen who are currently enrolled in college and already have approved tuition assistance remain unaffected and will receive their financial aid. Air Force senior leaders encourage all others to seek out alternative aids, such as grants, applicable G.I. Bill benefits, scholarships or state tuition assistance. Direct testing for college credits using programs like

CLEP and DANTES is available for free as well.

"Believe me, this was a tough decision, because our Air Force truly values education," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody about the challenges Airmen may now face. "We remain as committed as ever to ensuring Airmen have the opportunity and means to pursue educational goals."

There is no date as to how long the suspension will be in place, but in the meantime, Spangdahlem Airmen can visit the base education office to speak with an education counselor.

"Everybody's situation is different," said Cedric O. Rodgers, 52nd Force Support chief of education and training. "We can offer suggestions for the way forward in the mean time -- that's what we're here for. This is not the end; see which alternative best fits your situation now and use it in the time before we get tuition assistance back."

"We're here to support every Saber out there; just come see us," he said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123339910>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Will Robinson, 372nd Training Squadron Detachment 17 micro miniature soldering instructor, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of March 14 – 20. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123340106>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



# Aircraft

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Staff Sgt. Paul Coblenz,  
726th Air Mobility Squadron  
aircraft maintenance techni-  
cian from Milwaukee,  
searches for debris on the  
flightline March 13, 2013.  
Debris must be removed to  
prevent damaging aircraft.



# U.S.-Polish air forces improve interoperability with exercise

**Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh**  
**52nd Fighter Wing**  
**Public Affairs**

POWIDZ AIR BASE, Poland -- Members of Aviation Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group, received more than 60 U.S. Air Force and Army personnel and C-130J Super Hercules aircraft from the 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for Exercise Screaming Eagle V.

The exercise tests the skills and interoperability of U.S. and Polish air force C-130 pilots and aircrew on low-level flying, air assault, unimproved landing zone and drop zone tactics techniques and procedures.

According to U.S. Air Force Capt. Luke Waschovich, Screaming Eagle V deputy mission commander from the 37th Airlift Squadron, training here allows aircrew members, maintainers and support staff to work closely with their Polish air force counterparts to fine tune their skills while strengthening their relationship as NATO allies.

"Building partnership capacity



POWIDZ AIR BASE, Poland — Polish air force members assigned to C-130/M-28 Transportation Squadron, Powidz Air Base, Poland, receive a mission brief from Capt. Jarrod Jones, a pilot from the 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The 37th AS is in Poland participating in Exercise Screaming Eagle V, a bilateral exercise hosted by Aviation Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group, to promote partnership and air operability with Poland. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh/Released)

with the Polish in events such as this allows us to deploy with our NATO partner to areas such as Afghanistan and hit the ground running because we already understand each other's

strengths and weaknesses," said Waschovich of Hershey, Pa. "We don't have to spend days trying to figure out the basics of how to fly with them. Screaming Eagle V sets us up for suc-

cess because we understand each other's culture and mindset; we can just go and get the mission done."

Before members of the 37th arrived in Poland and started flying, 10 individuals assigned to the Av-Det laid the ground work for the exercise. The Av-Det personnel handled everything from determining the facilities in which aircrew and maintainers would work, to hotel arrangements and rental cars.

Hosting an exercise this large wouldn't have been possible without the Av-Det's continued presence in Poland. Since its establishment in October 2012, as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Polish Minister of Defense, Av-Det members have been working non-stop to help further the United States' commitment to Poland as a NATO ally.

"The Av-Det's role is to essentially act as a liaison between the U.S. Air Force incoming unit ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123339465>.

## Stories from the attic

### Employee recalls importance of helping Airmen through Airman's Attic

**Master Sgt. Kevin Nichols**  
**52nd Fighter Wing**  
**Public Affairs**

Brenda Jones has stored up story after story in her "attic" of how the Spangdahlem Airman's Attic has provided for Airmen and families since she signed on to be a volunteer there.

"Gosh, so many stories," Jones said with a laugh.

Jones is the coordinator of the Airman's Attic, which provides donated items at no cost to help Airmen who are in various situations such as move-ins, move-outs, baby arrivals and even airline luggage loss.

"One of my favorite stories is a young Airman who lost his entire blues set," she recalled. "It was Thursday and he needed blues for Mon-

day. I said, 'Are you aware we have a military room?' He said, 'You have a what?' So I brought him down and showed him. He was like a kid in a candy store. He was just so happy. We set him up with his blues, and I mean everything from the coat, the shoes, the straps, everything. Even the stripes were right so he didn't have to have any sewing done. These blues fit like they were made for him. And I have lots of happy stories like that one. I really do."

Their military room, a room set aside next to the Airman's Attic in the basement of the temporary lodging facility, has dress blues, ABUs, tan t-shirts, physical training uniforms, shoes, boots and just about every uniform item an Airman needs.

Tech. Sgt. Brandon Fon-



Tech. Sgt. Brandon Fontaine, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief from Erie, Pa., carries a box full of dishes and kitchenware Feb. 28. The Airman's Attic is open to all active-duty ranks and civilian equivalents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Kevin Nichols/Released)

taine, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, stopped by the Airman's Attic after arriving to Spangdahlem about a week ago. Brenda

was there waiting for him with a smile.

"They greeted me as soon as I walked in and once I told them I was new to the base,

they gave me a tour ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123339925>.



# What's happening?

## events in the Saber community

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#### **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. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123340113>.

#### **Medieval market**

A medieval market takes place March 23-24 in Trier Messepark.

#### **25th Techno Classica Essen**

A world car show takes place from April 10-14 at Messe Essen, Norbertstr. 2, D-45131 Essen. The event will showcase vintage, classic and prestige automobiles, motorsport, motorcycles, spare parts, restoration and a World Club Meeting. Check ticket prices online at [http://www.siha.de/tce\\_uk.php?m=1&ms=1](http://www.siha.de/tce_uk.php?m=1&ms=1).

#### **Bitburg Bierfest**

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

#### **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.

#### **Photo Editing 101**

Learn basic photo editing skills 6-9 p.m., March 20 by signing up with outdoor recreation now. The cost is \$25 per person. Students must bring a laptop with an editing program. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

#### **Children's dental health month**

March is national children's dental health month. The dental clinic will host a children's walk-in dental clinic 7:30 a.m. March 22. The dental squadron recommends parents bring their children in for dental care by the child's first birthday. They also recommend people avoid sugary foods and juices, brush and floss their teeth at least twice a day, drink water with fluoride when possible and seek regular dental visits. For more information, call DSN 452-8193 or 06565-61-8193.

#### **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. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

#### **Bernkastel dinner, wine tasting**

A trip to Bernkastel for dinner and

wine tasting takes place March 23. The cost is 49 Euro per adult and the bus departs from Spangdahlem at 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

#### **USAFE basketball team tryouts**

People interested in trying out for the USAF men's or women's basketball teams can submit AF Form 303s to [dawn.pierce@us.af.mil](mailto:dawn.pierce@us.af.mil) now through March 25. Selectees must attend a training camp May 6-9 at Lakenheath, United Kingdom, and the Headquarters Allied Air Command.

#### **Coin design**

All DoD employees and family members can design a coin for the 2013 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas by March 29. All submissions must fit on a 1 3/4 inch coin and contain the year 2013 and "Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas" in the design. The colors red, white and blue may be used, with negative uncolored space being the background color of the coin. Submit designs as either a .jpg or .pdf to [cfco@cfcoverseas.org](mailto:cfco@cfcoverseas.org). For more information, call DSN 314-489-6792.

#### **Rhein River cruise**

A cruise of the Rhein River takes place March 30. The cost is 57 Euro per person, 50 Euro per child age 6-14, and 40 Euro for children ages 3-5. The bus leaves Spangdahlem at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

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