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Survey says: CES maps base expansion

AF expands drug testing to include abused prescription drugs

**Daylight savings time
begins 2 a.m. March 11
in the U.S.**



FIGHTER WING SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL TRAINING EXERCISE

Capt. Jordan Hans, 480th Fighter Squadron pilot, readies his personal equipment at Spangdahlem Air Base March 2 before departing for Anatolian Falcon 2012. AF12 is a weapons-training deployment geared to expanding and honing military interoperability between the U.S. and Turkish air forces. More than 250 support Airmen and 15 aircraft will participate in the exercise, which involves air missions to include interdiction, attack, air superiority, defense suppression, airlift, air refueling and reconnaissance. Read more about this story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292490>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

FW releases AIB report on A-10C crash

Spangdahlem Air Base officials released the results of their investigation into the April 1, 2011, crash of an A-10C Thunderbolt II, north of Laufeld, Germany as it returned to base on a training mission.

Concluding the investigation, the board president determined that the cause of the Spangdahlem-based A-10C crash was human factor error.

“Specifically, the mishap pilot suffered from spatial disorientation while flying in close formation on an instrument approach in weather. The mishap pilot broke out of the weather, recognized the unusual attitude, attempted briefly to recover the mishap aircraft, experienced “ground rush” and ejected based on the unrecoverable parameters. Additionally, the Board also found other contributing factors to include vision restricted by meteorological conditions,

procedural error, and recency of experience.”

The pilot survived the crash by ejecting before the aircraft impacted an unpopulated area near Laufeld. The aircraft was completely destroyed upon impact.

The USAFE vice-commander, Lt. Gen. Stephen Mueller, convened an Accident Investigation Board to investigate the crash, and designated Col. Peter Davey, 603rd Air Operations Center Commander, as the board president.

The convening authority approved the board president’s report without comments.

The primary purpose of the board was to provide a publicly releasable report of the facts and circumstances surrounding the accident.

Read more about this story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292491>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Tech. Sgt. Jared Ralphs, 372nd Training Squadron - Detachment 17 F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief instructor, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of March 2 - 9. To read the entire article, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123293056>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Fredericks/Released)



Airmen assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base ruck march down a road outside Bldg. 630 here before they begin the bag drag portion of the Ranger training course March 2. Out of the five Airmen enrolled in the training, Senior Airman Sean Reval, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Coty Raphael, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, were the only participants to qualify to continue on to Ranger pre-assessment training at Sembach AB, Germany. Read more about this story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292515>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis/Released)

AIRMEN TRAIN FOR



COURSE



Above: Airmen assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base receive instructions during the water survival training portion of the Ranger training course inside the Ramstein Aquatic Center at Ramstein AB March 2. The required three-day course prepares Airmen for what they will be tested on during the U.S. Army Ranger pre-assessment training course. The pre-assessment course includes water survival training, as well as ruck marching and battle survival tactics.

Left: Airman 1st Class Vicente Mattocks, left, 606th Air Control Squadron; and Senior Airman Coty Raphael, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, advance on the enemy in a field next to Perimeter Road at Spangdahlem Air Base during the patrolling training portion of the Ranger training course March 3.

22 Sabers selected for senior master sergeant

by **Debbie Gildea**
Air Force Personnel, Service and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas -- More than 1,700 master sergeants have been selected for promotion to senior master sergeant, Air Force Personnel Center officials said today.

Selectees were notified this week and the selection list was released March 8 at 8 a.m. central time.

Those selected represent 13.78 percent of the 12,351 eligible, with an average score of 670.44, 4.12 years average time in grade, and 19.27 years time in service. The average score was based on the following point averages: 134.99 for enlisted performance reports, 20.66 for decorations, 70.62 for the Air Force supervisory exam and 392.56 board score.

Promotions will begin in April, depending on selectee promotion sequence numbers.

"Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date," said Staff Sgt. Christy I. Aguigui, Air Force senior noncommissioned officer promotions section. "Personnel officials will notify Airmen, via military personnel sections, if their selection is in question."

For more information about promotions and other personnel issues, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

Congratulations!

Master Sgt. Ricky L. Allenbaugh, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Jason P. Baty, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Dana L. Butler, 470th Air Base Squadron
Master Sgt. Kerry M. Dozier, 52nd Comptroller Squadron
Master Sgt. Scott M. Drew, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
Master Sgt. Rickie B. Frost, 52nd LRS
Master Sgt. Gary W. Harvell II, 52nd Operations Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Dwayne C. Hill, 52nd CMS
Master Sgt. Randy A. Hodges, 52nd EMS
Master Sgt. Lisabeth A. Jones, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron
Master Sgt. Douglas A. McDowell, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Master Sgt. Chamblis McKendree, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Kevin D. Mead, 52nd LRS
Master Sgt. Melanie C. Moore, 52nd LRS
Master Sgt. James S. Onder, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Master Sgt. David K. Pugh, 52nd EMS
Master Sgt. Tina A. Reeves, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron
Master Sgt. Robert L. Reitz, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Robert Rosales, Jr., 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Todd A. Scholl, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Timothy Schreiner, 701st Munitions Support Squadron
Master Sgt. Christopher Shaver, 52nd EMS

Sabers are required to wear blues every Monday beginning April 1.



CHILDREN CELEBRATE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Col. David Julazadeh, 52 Fighter Wing vice commander, reads "The Cat In The Hat" by Dr. Seuss to Ms. Judy Harvin's second grade class during Read Across America at Spangdahlem Elementary School here March 5. The National Education Association's Read Across America Program began March 2, 1998, Dr. Seuss' birthday. The event has since grown to become an annual national testament to the importance of reading. Read more about this story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292466> (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Toon/Released)

Wing rakes in 58 awards

The following organizations and Airmen assigned to the 52nd Fighter Wing received U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Force-level awards.

52 Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Isaac Concey, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron -- 2011 Air Force Outstanding Base Bioenvironmental Engineering NCO of the Year.

Senior Airman Anthony Dantzer, 52nd Medical Support Squadron -- 2011 Air Force Outstanding Medical Materiel Airman of the Year.

52nd Medical Group -- 2011 USAFE Biomedical Service Corps Category One Team of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Isaac Concey, 52nd AMDS -- 2011 USAFE Outstanding Base Bioenvironmental Engineering NCO of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Brenton A. Ochs, 52nd AMDS -- 2011 USAFE Aerospace and Operational Physiology NCO of the Year.

Airman 1st Class Alison M. Kopusko, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron -- 2011 USAFE Outstanding Mental Health Airman of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Viramontes, 52nd MDOS -- 2011 USAFE Outstanding Aerospace Medicine NCO of the Year.

Senior Airman Anthony Dantzer, 52nd MDSS -- 2011 USAFE Outstanding Medical Materiel Airman of the Year.

52nd MDSS, Medical Logistics Flight -- 2011 USAFE Outstanding Medical Logistics Small Activity Account of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Chhouen Prach, 52 MDSS -- 2011 USAFE Laboratory NCO of the Year.

52nd Munitions Maintenance Group

Senior Airman Christopher Martinez, 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron -- 2011 USAFE 2W1X1 Aircraft Armament Systems Maintainer of the Quarter: Technician.

Read more about this story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123293063>.

What's happening?

Men's softball tryouts

Tryouts for Sabers Men's Varsity softball team are 5 p.m. March 12 – 16 and 5 p.m. March 19 – 23 at field one. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jason De La Vega at DSN 452-6592 or email jason.dela-vega@spangdahlem.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Chris Nelson at DSN 452-7154 or email christopher.nelson@span-dahlem.af.mil. Interested players can also call the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

Free breakfast

Club Eifel members can enjoy a free breakfast from 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. March 14 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Youth scratch bowling

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center hosts Europe's best youth scratch bowlers starting 10 a.m. March 17 – 18. Winners of this tournament go to Nationals in Indianapolis to represent the Armed Forces Overseas Youth Scratch Bowlers. Open bowling will be limited due to this event. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Chess challenge

The Air Force Chess Challenge Tournament is 2 p.m. March 25. Practice for interested chess players is 2 – 4 p.m. every Sunday in March at the Eifel Community Cen-

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

Advanced mat cutting

The arts and crafts center will host an advanced mat cutting class 9 a.m. - noon March 17 in Bldg. 189. The cost is \$15, and participants should sign up seven days in advance. For more information, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

LoCash Cowboys

Armed Forces Entertainment presents the country music duo LoCash Cowboys March 18 at the Brick House. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-2979 or 06565-61-2979.

Pre-teen ice skating

Youth programs will host a pre-teen ice skating trip to Bitburg March 23 for children age 9-13. Children will depart the youth center on Spangdahlem Air Base at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Registration ends March 20. For more information, call DSN 452-6244 or 06565-61-6244.

Dorm trivia

The Eifel Community Center will host a dorm trivia night 5 – 7 p.m. March 28. Airmen can compete as teams of four to win prizes. Teams must be registered by March 27 to compete. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Eifel Spring Bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club's Eifel Spring Bazaar is noon – 7 p.m. March 30, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. March 31, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. April 1 in Hangars 1 and 2. More than 100 vendors will attend selling items like cheese, wine, toys, and furniture. Strollers are permitted. This event is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders. People interested in volunteering can do so by emailing volunteers@ssemc.net.

Prague express

Information, tickets and travel has a Prague express trip April 13 – 14. The cost is 75 Euros for adults and 69 Euros for children ages 3 – 12. The bus departs Spangdahlem AB at 10:30 p.m. and Bitburg at 11 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Spain trip

Information, tickets and travel has a three-night overnight trip to Lloret de Mar May 26 - 28. The cost is 240 Euros for adults, 130 Euros for the first child age 2-11 years, 190 Euros for the second child age 2-11 years, and 295 Euros for an adult single room. The bus departs Spangdahlem AB at 9 p.m. and Bitburg Annex at 9:30 p.m. There is a 5 percent discount if the trip is paid for with a club card. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 65656-61-6567.

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