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### 60 Years of U.S. and German partnership

Spangdahlem Air Base's 60th Anniversary Celebration is today from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Hangars 1 and 2! Click [here](#) for more information on what to expect.

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years



U.S. Army Sgt. Abigail Waldrop and U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Aaron Richardson, American Forces Network broadcasters, interview U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa commander, April 25, 2013, as he prepares to take command of U.S. European Command and NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Breedlove is scheduled to take command of EUCOM in a ceremony May 10 at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany. A separate ceremony will be held for the NATO post. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Wayne Clark/Released)

## Breedlove to command EUCOM, SHAPE

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Air Forces Africa Public Affairs**

**A**s U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove prepares to take command of U.S. European Command and NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, he acknowledged U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa Airmen and their importance to the United States' national defense strategy.

More than 54,000 American Airmen and their families currently reside in Europe or are deployed to Africa serving in USAFE-AFACRICA. The major command's area of operations covers 105 countries on two continents and is instrumental in promoting regional security, said Breedlove, a 35-year veteran.

The general has spent more than 15 years of his career overseas, 11 years in USAFE and he said he understands the challenges Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines face who live outside the United States.

"We have such wonderful hosts, but our young men and women are away from their homes and away from the things they feel most comfortable with," he said. "It is tough to be forward-deployed or forward-located even if it's in Europe, it's different."

Breedlove took command of USAFE-AFACRICA on July 31, 2012. Among its mission sets, the command extends the United States' reach, develops relationships with allied and partner nations, and helps promote regional security.

America's response to the attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, is a prime example of why the U.S. needs forward-based military forces, according to Breedlove. He said following the attacks, forces based in Europe provided senior leaders a number of response options.

"Forward-deployed forces are absolutely critical," said Breedlove. "There is no substitute for them – you don't get the responsiveness you need from stateside forces."

And, he said, that responsiveness wouldn't be possible without the relationships the men and women in Europe and Africa have developed over the years.

The success USAFE-AFACRICA enjoys is "from actually being present, not virtually being present," said Breedlove.

"Our forward-stationed forces establish those relationships -- those relationships equal ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123347540>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Andray Dotson, 52nd Communications Squadron client systems journeyman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 9-15. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123347737>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)



# Honor the Fallen

by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo

IN MEMORY  
OF  
THE VALOR  
AND THE  
SACRIFICES  
WHICH  
HALLOW THIS SOIL



Members of the Spangdahlem honor guard prepare to post the colors during a memorial ceremony at the Margraten American Cemetery in the Netherlands May 6, 2013. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.





# Renovations, upgrades, support: FSS gives back to Sabers

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

The Willkommen Center is getting a facelift and a name change May 9, 2013.

The building will be renamed the Saber Conference Center, and the renovation includes the relocation of Toni's Gift Shop, an interior redesign of The Golden Dragon restaurant and new furniture for the Kuhl Beans coffee shop.

The money is part of the Small Projects Initiative headed by U.S. Air Forces Europe and the U.S. Air Force Services Directorate in conjunction with Spangdahlem AB to upgrade select 52nd Force Support Squadron facilities.

"The Golden Dragon renovation is a non-appropriated funded project through the Air Force Small Projects Program and the USAF/SD," said

Tony Boob, 52nd FSS Community Services chief. "The Golden Dragon and Kuhl Beans Coffee Shop make up the bulk of the renovations to the Saber Conference Center, so we are funding this through non-appropriated fund monies generated through sales at our FSS facilities versus using taxpayer dollars. So, basically, we are using dollars generated by our troops going right back into their own local community."

The Saber Conference Center is a focal point for new members when arriving to Spangdahlem, so updating its appearance was a key focus when renovating the facility, he continued.

"A lot of times, the Saber Conference Center is the first impression folks get of Spangdahlem as it is the first place they visit for ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123347748>.



Erich Kreiner, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron sign painter, installs the new Saber Conference Center sign May 8, 2013. The Saber Conference Center is a focal point for new members when arriving to Spangdahlem due to it being the location of newcomer briefings. Creating the best look possible for the building is meant to give a positive first impression on all incoming Sabers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



## Explore<sup>the</sup> Eifel

Spangdahlem community members partnered with their German neighbors to tour local areas during the Explore the Eifel weekend May 3-5, 2013.

Click [here](#) to view more photos.



# What's happening?

## events in the Saber community

### 60th Anniversary Celebration

A U.S. and German Spangdahlem 60th Anniversary event takes place from 7-11 p.m., May 11 at Spangdahlem Community Hall at Hauptstrasse 60. Representatives from the local towns and the German Host Nation Council will provide opening remarks. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe band Touch 'n Go will perform during the evening.

### Summer Strike bowling

A summer strike bowling event takes place now until Aug. 15 at the base bowling center. People can play for just \$1 certain nights of the week and be entered to win prizes. The grand prize includes tickets to the NFL games in London, and the other prizes include winning up to \$1,000. For more information, call DSN 452-6217 or 06565-61-6217.

### Handmade, homemade craft fair

A craft fair takes place 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., May 11 at the Brick House. The event is free to attend. For more information or to reserve

a table, call DSN 452-6841 or 06565-61-6841.

### Amsterdam trip

A trip to Amsterdam takes place May 11. The cost is 55 Euros per person. The bus departs at 4:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Mother's day in Keukenhof

A Mother's Day trip to Keukenhof takes place May 11. The cost is 69 Euros per person and 59 Euros per child. The trip includes a stop at a cheese and shoe factory. The bus departs from Spangdahlem at 3:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Bernkastel dinner, wine tasting

A dinner and wine tasting event takes place May 11 in Bernkastel-Keus. The cost is 50 Euros per person. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Women's Recreational Softball

The deadline for submitting squadron participation notification letter of intent for the women's recreational softball program is 3 p.m., May 13. Coaches or sports representatives can email the team's LOI to [clara.sanderson@us.af.mil](mailto:clara.sanderson@us.af.mil).

### Harry Potter Family Fun Night

A free Harry Potter themed family fun night takes place 5:30-7:30 p.m., May 14 at the Club Eifel.

The event is open to members only. Reservations can be made until May 10. For more information, call 452-4639 or 06565-61-4639.

### Berlin Express

A trip to Berlin takes place May 17-18 with a Hop-on, Hop-Off pass. The cost is 98 Euros per person, 89 Euros for children age 7-12, and 84 Euros for children age 3-7. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 11:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Walibi World Six Flags

A trip to Walibi World takes place May 18. The cost is 80 Euros per person, 75 Euros for children age 5-12, and 25 Euros for children younger than 5. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Cochem Castle tour

A tour of the Cochem Castle takes place May 18 with dinner included. The price is 68 Euros per person and 50 Euros for children ages 12-17. This trip is not recommended for younger children. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 3 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

### Two Man Scramble

A two man scramble golf event takes place 9 a.m., May 18. The cost is \$40 per person. Prizes will be given away. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

### Bitburg High School Play

The Bitburg high school spring play takes place at 7 p.m., May 10 and 11. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 for children 5 and younger.



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