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CEMETERY HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

People listen to opening remarks during a Memorial Day commemoration at the Luxembourg American Military Cemetery and Memorial May 25, 2013. The cemetery contains the remains of more than 5,000 American service members, most who died during the Battle of the Bulge. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350148>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Sequestration hits AF readiness, modernization

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Sequestration has hit the Air Force particularly hard, impacting its force structure, readiness and modernization, senior Air Force leaders said here today.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley and Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, the chief of staff, said Congress must provide a solid budget number so the Air Force can ground its planning in reality.

The Air Force understands it must do its part to work through the debt and deficit reduction problem, Welsh said.

"We just want to get to the bottom line or the new top-line budget ... and get on with preparing our Air Force to remain the best in the world," he said.

Sequestration has hit the Air Force hard and the effects are felt throughout the full range of accounts from force structure to readiness to modernization, Donley said during his last scheduled news conference as secretary.

On April 26, Donley announced plans to step

down June 21 as the Air Force's top civilian after serving as secretary for nearly five years.

"Twelve combat-coded squadrons have stopped flying, and important training has been canceled," Donley said. "Weapon system sustainment reductions will delay maintenance, increase costs and create backlogs. The impending civilian furlough will hamper us further and will impact morale and reduce productivity across the Air Force."

Even before sequestration there was a readiness crisis in the Air Force, the secretary said. "The readiness hole that we have been trying to dig out of just got deeper, and we are facing a readiness crisis from which it will take many months to recover," he said.

And it is not just operations and readiness accounts that are at risk, said Donley, noting the Air Force needs modernization -- in aircraft, missiles, and capabilities.


"As advanced technologies proliferate around the globe, these cutbacks in modernization would put at risk the Air Force capabilities this nation ...

Read the entire article at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350049>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Julio Galvan, 704th Munitions Support Squadron NCO in charge of plans and programs, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 30 – June 5. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350482>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brandy Vinton, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintainer from Elkhart, Ind., regains her footing after tripping in the mud during the Tier II Saber Sprint May 24, 2013. During the run participants had to maneuver through several obstacles including mud pits, low crawls and hay bales. View more photographs at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350147>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

MUD running FUN

Av-Det NCOs 'Speak Up' for local community

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

As an American, living and working in Poland can be a daunting experience.

Language barriers, cultural differences, lack of familiar connections and having no family are among the many challenges the 10 Airmen of Aviation Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group are faced with each day. However, two Av-Det NCOs are making the most of their situation by becoming a part of their new community and getting involved in an English-teaching program called "Speak Up."

"My co-worker and I were going over ideas on how we could get involved in our community," said Tech. Sgt. Abraham Morales, Av-Det NCO in charge of logistics planning and Wilmington, Calif., native. "We figured if we volunteer in the states, why can't we do it here? So we started asking around to find out how we could help out."

The Speak Up English School seemed like the best way for Morales and Tech. Sgt. Marico Gray, a contracting officer, to help out. Speak Up is a modern English language school that uses a state-of-the-art teaching



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Abraham Morales, Aviation Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group NCO in charge of logistics planning, speaks with students at the Speak Up English Language School about his experience while deployed in Afghanistan. Morales volunteers three times a week as a "native speaker" teaching Polish students English. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh/released)

methods aimed at satisfying each student's needs and objectives.

"We were thinking it would be nice to get out there in the community because we don't have anybody here but us guys," said Gray, a Birmingham, Ala., native. "So we came up with the idea of making ourselves available to the people in our community who want to practice their English-speaking skills."

According to Morales, they

volunteer as "native speakers" at the language school, interacting with students aide," Morales said.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350318>.



FIREFIGHTERS SHOW 52ND FIGHTER WING LEADERSHIP HOW IT'S DONE

U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph McFall, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander from Maple Valley, Wash., shatters a car window during a vehicle extrication exercise with the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron May 28, 2013. A vehicle extrication involves using hydraulic rescue equipment "jaws of life" to extract a patient from a car crash or similar situation where they become stuck in a wreckage. View more photographs at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350350>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

What's happening?

events in the Saber community

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.

Operation Warm Heart Silent Auction

A silent auction of sports apparel takes place 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., May 31 at the Brick House. The event is being held to raise money for Airmen suffering financial emergencies. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

Just Paris

A trip to Paris takes place June 1. The cost is 78 Euro per person. The bus departs from Spangdahlem at 2:30 a.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Heidelberg City with castle illumination

A trip to Heidelberg takes place June 1. The cost is 46 euro per adult and 39 euro per child ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at noon. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Bundles for Babies

A Bundles for Babies class is being held 1-3:30 p.m., June 6 at the air-

man and family readiness center. All expectant parents are encouraged to attend for networking opportunities, financial tips and knowledge on caring for newborns. Active-duty families receive an infant Layette set. For more information or to reserve a spot, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Extreme Weekend

An Austrian Adventure trip takes place June 6-9. The cost is \$745 dollars for tandem paragliding and \$945 dollars for tandem skydiving. Cost covers transportation, three overnights, breakfast, dinner, canyoning and rafting. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance

A Daddy-Daughter Dance takes place from 6:30-9 p.m., June 7 at Club Eifel. The price is \$25 per couple with \$5 for each additional daughter. All ages are welcome. The event is hosted by the Morning Glory Chapter #35. To obtain tickets, call Tonya Quash at 015115230926, Luz Trice at 015123553253, Demetris Johnson at 015146603910 or Lashawnda Boykin at 015119179142.

Theme for Air Force Ball

This year's Air Force Ball is in need of a Spangdahlem or Air Force history related theme. All submissions are due June 7. The winner will be selected June 12. Themes can be submitted to either kellie.wilson@us.af.mil or poun.thies@us.af.mil.

Just Switzerland

A trip to Lucerne, Switzerland, takes place June 8. The cost is 78 euro per person. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 2:30 p.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Rhein River Cruise

A cruise of the Rhein River takes place June 8. The cost is 55 Euro per adult and 52 Euro per child ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 8 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Prague Express

A trip to Prague takes place June 7-8. The cost is 96 Euro per adult or 88 Euro per child ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 11 p.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Berlin Overnight

A trip to Berlin takes place June 14-16. The cost is 188 Euro per adult if sharing a room, 178 Euro per child ages 6-16, 130 Euro for ages 3-5 and 235 Euro for a single room. The bus leaves Spangdahlem at 11:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Reims Express

A trip to Reims, France, takes place June 15. The cost is 60 Euro per adult and includes a Champagne tour. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 6 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

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