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STRUCTURES AIRMEN TEAR UP FLIGHTLINE

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jared Egia and Airman 1st Class Richard Adamson, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron structural technicians, demolish a metal shack on the flightline June 6, 2013. As part of a runway reinforcement operation, Egia and his team are removing this structure and three others, which house an airfield arresting system used to rapidly decelerate an aircraft as it lands. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123351431>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Spangdahlem to feel effects of civilian furlough

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

In response to the Budget Control Act passed in 2011 to help alleviate the debt-ceiling crisis, Department of Defense civilians worldwide will be subject to furlough beginning July 8, 2013.

A furlough is when a civilian employee is involuntarily placed in temporary non-duty, no-pay status. In this case, up to 800,000 DoD civilians must take 11 days of unpaid leave before Sept. 30, 2013.

“What will happen is that civilians will be working eight hours less a week,” said Wendy Joramo-Carter, 52nd Force Support Squadron human resources officer. “Now, one day a week the civilian will not be at work and will not get paid eight hours.”

According to Joramo-Carter, DoD civilians world-wide are taking a 20 percent reduction in pay for the 11 weeks they are in furlough. This is supposed to help save nearly \$1.8 billion.

In a letter to U.S. Air Force civilian employees, Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III acknowledged the significance civilian furlough has on the Air Force as a whole.


“None of us are happy to be in this position,” they stated. “Implementing a furlough is an ugly task that will adversely affect our civilian Airmen and the vital missions they carry out every day. We recognize and regret the hardships this will create for you and your families, but the budget choices that we have faced during this extraordinary year have forced a long series of painful decisions.”

Sabers will feel the impact furlough will have on base services since Spangdahlem has more than 225 civilian employees working on base. However, there are some civilians exempted from furlough. For example, civilians who work in childcare, safety and 24-hour patient care medical facilities are exempt from the furlough. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123351238>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Zhaviyon Jester, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft armament systems apprentice, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of June 6 – 12. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123351423>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

A man in a blue t-shirt and black jersey is dunking a basketball. He is reaching up with his right arm, holding the rim of the hoop. A basketball is suspended in the air, just below the hoop. The background is dark and out of focus.

Senior Airman Michael Parson, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., dunks a basketball during a wing sports day competition May 30, 2013. Sports day allowed Airmen to come together in efforts to increase camaraderie and esprit de corps. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123350683>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)

A Bring Your Game

Spangdahlem challenged with summer safety

**Airman 1st Class
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The Air Force Critical Days of Summer Campaign began Memorial Day weekend and ends Sept. 2, 2013.

Critical Days of Summer is the Air Force's summer safety campaign. The largest movement of safety occurs in the summer because the weather is nice and more activities with a higher potential for mishaps are available.

The campaign raises awareness of safety hazards during the summer season. It is an effort to help all Airmen mitigate those hazards and to understand that safety has a

role in everything they do, on and off-duty.

The Spangdahlem safety office initiated a base-specific Critical Days of Summer challenge program to spread the word of summer safety.

"It gets more people involved," said Tech. Sgt. James Yerger, ground safety NCO in charge. "Typically one person is going around the squadron taking care of the main issues. When we throw this challenge together everybody gets involved. It pushes out awareness through the squadrons."

Squadrons may earn points by promoting safety in various ways throughout the base. Posting fliers around the base and creating a script for video or radio commercial pertaining to safety are just a

few ways to earn points.

Toward the end of the challenge the safety office will pass out a quiz that each squadron must complete. When the quizzes have been graded, the safety office will appoint a winner of the challenge.

The winning squadron receives

a one-day pass, a traveling trophy and a free barbeque.

"Regardless if you are military or civilian, be safe and take care of yourself, your family, friends, and those around you," said Yerger. "Make safety a priority. Don't just say you are being safe, actually physically be safe."



Volunteer with JPAC

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano
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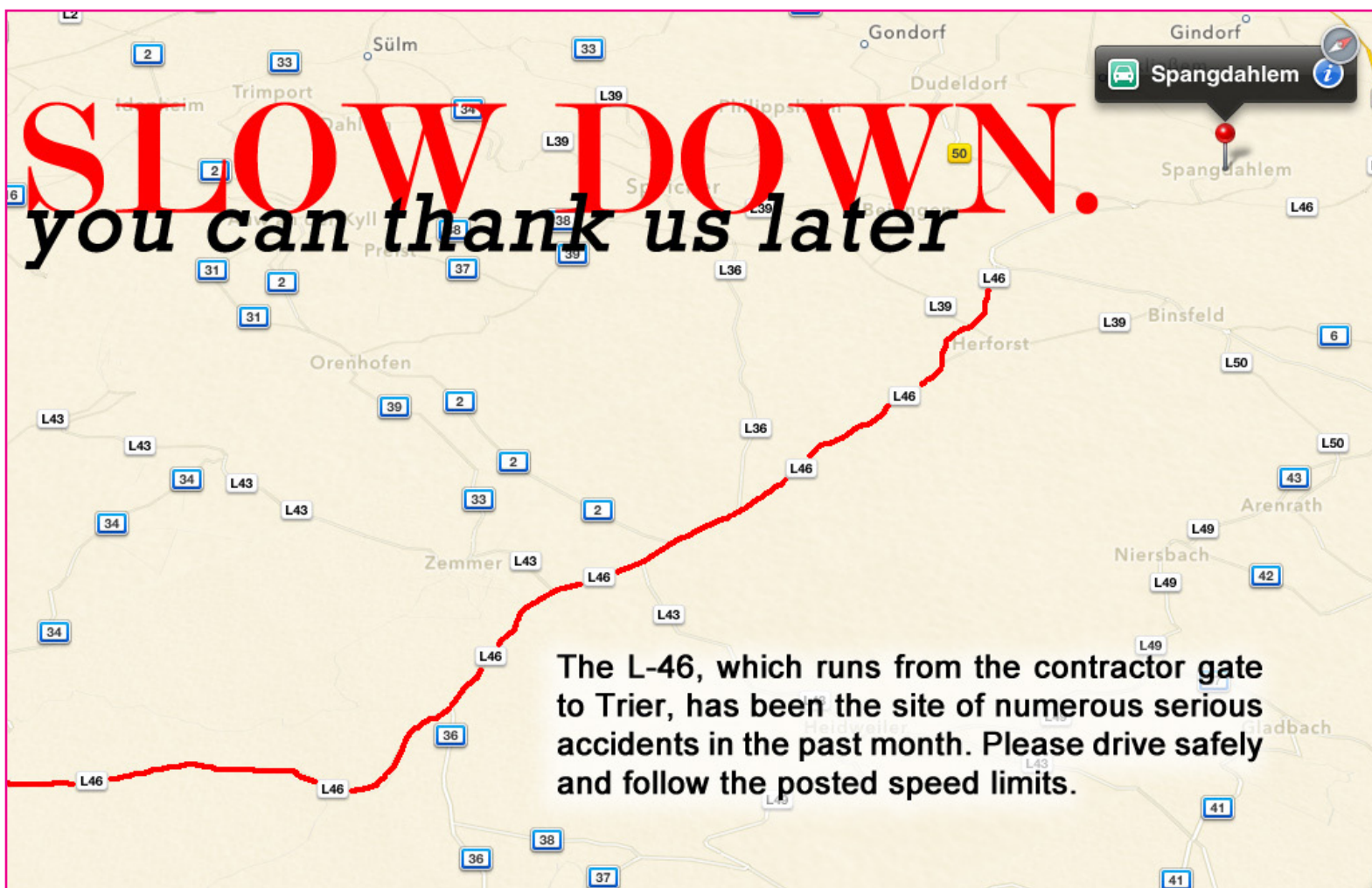
The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is searching for missing military members from previous wars in two locations near Spangdahlem Air Base, from June to September 2013. During their four-month search they are requesting Saber volunteers to help with the dig.

"It is really fulfilling to be out there to know that you have a direct correlation to bringing home folks fulfilling the promise that we make to all our

service members," said Master Sgt. Christopher Mciver, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron NCO in charge of programs.

JPAC conducts global search, recovery, and laboratory operations to search for and identify more than 83,000 Americans still missing from past conflicts.

Any Saber or family member age 15 or older can volunteer. To volunteer or for more information please contact Senior Master Sgt. Wesley McMackin at 452-4692 or email at Wesley.mcmackin@us.af.mil.



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 enter a drawing 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.

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.

Cochem Castle Family Tour

A family tour and meal takes place at Cochem Castle June 16. The cost is 46 Euro per adult and 40 Euro per child ages 3-12. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Father's Day Brunch

A Father's Day Brunch takes place 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., June 16 at Club Eifel. The cost is \$17.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children ages 5-12 and free for children younger than 5. Brunch is by reservation only. For more information, call DSN 452-4639 or 06565-61-4639.

Father's Day Bowling

Fathers can bowl for free 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., June 16 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. For more information, call DSN 452-4639 or 06565-61-4639.

Free Father's Day Breakfast

All dads are invited to a free breakfast June 16 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The event lasts all day and is free to all fathers. For more information, call DSN 452-4639 or 06565-61-4639.

Austrian Hut to Hut

A hike in Austria takes place June 20-23. The cost is \$650 per person and includes three overnights in a mountain hut, breakfast and dinner, safety gear, and a guide. Participants should have good hiking clothes, boots, a backpack and be in good physical condition without fear of heights. This hike is for people 18 years and older, and reservations must be made by May 13. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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