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81st inactivation signals end of A-10s in Europe

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The U.S. Air Force inactivated the 81st Fighter Squadron today at Spangdahlem Air Base in support of force-shaping procedures across the service.

The squadron employed the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft, and the closure signals the end of A-10 operations in Europe.

“For 71 years, the men and women of this fine squadron have ensured America’s security,” said Col. David Lyons, 52nd Operations Group commander. “The 81st Fighter Squadron piloted many of the most iconic and legendary aircraft the world has ever seen. It leaves me with one thought -- that whatever aircraft was provided or whatever mission was demanded, the squadron delivered without question and without fail.”

Air Force senior leadership continuously evaluates the branch’s units, programs and equipment to determine the readiness and capability of U.S. air power. The Department of Defense has a responsibility to maintain national security and protect the interests of the United States and its allies.

However, fiscal constraints stemming from the Budget Control Act of 2011 ...

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A U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft model sits on display during the inactivation ceremony for the 81st Fighter Squadron June 18, 2013, at Spangdahlem AB.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Devin Peterson, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of June 20-26. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123353194>. (U.S. Air Force by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Clint Eichelberger, 81st Fighter Squadron commander, furls the squadron flag during an inactivation ceremony June 18, 2013, at Spangdahlem AB. The rolling and storage of a unit's guidon honors the tradition and heritage of the Air Force and signifies the closing of a squadron. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Military service members volunteer for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command looking for human remains June 12, 2013. View more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123352822>.

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Vienna Document tour encourages transparency

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More than 60 delegates from nearly 60 countries will visit Spangdahlem Air Base June 27, 2013, to gain an understanding of the daily maintenance and operations of a combat air base.

The visit is part of the Vienna Document 11 agreement, which is a politically binding measure designed to enhance confidence and security among the participating nations.

"It's all about trust," said David Ehnis, 52nd Fighter Wing treaty compliance officer. "By virtue of participating, we're showing exactly what we do

here, so that no one suspects that there are other things going on behind our fence line."

Participating countries include nations with air forces that operate in the territories, surrounding sea areas and air spaces of Europe and central Asia. In the spirit of transparency, the nations invite delegates from all the affected nations to visit their combat air bases every five years. The open demonstrations of military capabilities and resources are designed to foster trust, which in turn enhances regional peace and stability.

"Treaties and agreements like this are essential for the stability of Europe," Ehnis said. "Historically, this region has seen militaries stockpile their munitions and equipment at borders in preparation

for a surprise attack against neighboring countries. This isn't the case anymore, and we do everything we can to be transparent and eliminate suspicions."

The delegates will tour different areas of the base to observe the 52nd Fighter Wing's daily operations. The delegates then discuss, based on the wing's performance, whether or not the U.S. government has met the obligations of the Vienna Document 11.

Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, and Aviano Air Base, Italy, were the other U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases that hosted the Vienna Document tours in 1998, 2003 and 2009. This will be the first time that Spangdahlem will directly support the agreement.

Community event: Trier hosts three-day old-city festival

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Trier, Germany's old city, celebrates its traditional Altstadtfest, or old city festival, June 28-30.

Activities will occur in the center of town, mainly between the Porta Nigra and Neustrasse.

The Altstadtfest will officially kick off at 6:30 p.m., with opening remarks by the mayor of Trier, Klaus Jensen, on the stage in front of the Dom Cathedral.

Musical entertainment will follow with a Trier Theater dance ensemble providing scenes from the musical Hair at 8 p.m. and the Pop meets Classic - Frank Rohles and Friends band entertaining afterward.

Evening entertainment June 28 will also include big-band tunes by More than Swing at the Sim Musiktreff; music on a solo guitar by Joe Casel at 7 p.m. at the Buehne am Pranger stage; shooting performances by the Trier Buergerschiesen club between 5-10 p.m. at the intersection of Brotstrasse and Konstantinstrasse; music by the Gooseflesh band at 8 p.m. at the corner of Brotstrasse stage and Jesuitenstrasse; the Odeon Jazz Quartette & Conny Hain at the stage in front of the Dom Cathedral at 6 p.m., The Boderline and Wallstreet and 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the Kornmarkt stage, in the neighborhood of Louisiana ...

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Trier hosts a three-day old-city festival June 28-30. Many activities will occur throughout the center of town, to include music bands and theater performances. (U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photos/Released)

What's happening?

events in the Saber community

Two-man scramble

A two-man scramble competition takes place starting at 8 a.m., June 22. The cost is \$40 per person and a minimum of 10 teams are required. A barbecue will take place after the tournament and prizes will be given away. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

London Express

An express trip to London and city tour takes place June 21-22. The cost is 125 Euro per adult and 115 euro per child ages 3-12 and includes the price of the city tour. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 10:30 p.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Heart link Spouse Orientation

A class for Air Force spouse's takes place 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., June 21 at the airman and family readiness center. The class is designed to strengthen the link between Air Force spouses and the military environment as well as inform them of the support available in the Air Force community. For more information, call DSN 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422

Cochem Castle Medieval Dinner

A medieval dinner and tour takes place at the Cochem castle June 22. The cost is 68 Euro per adult and 50 Euro for children 12-17. The tour 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.

Rothenburg

A trip to Rothenburg, Germany, takes place June 22 and includes a Nightwatchman tour. The cost is 59 Euro per adult and 52 Euro for children ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Family fun night

A free family fun night takes place 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., June 25 at Club Eifel. The event is members only. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Zell Wine Fest

The Zell Wine fest takes place June 29. The cost is 30 Euro per adult and 25 Euro for children 12 and younger. There is no early booking discount for this trip. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Berlin overnight

An overnight trip to Berlin takes place June 29-30. The cost is \$107 for sharing a room and \$127 for a single room. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Ropes Course in Vianden

A trip to the ropes course in Vianden takes place June 29. The cost is \$10 per person and an added castle tour costs only 6 Euro more. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Brugge Express

An express trip to Brugge, Belgium, takes place June 29. The cost is 59 Euro per adult and 52 Euro for children ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 4:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Cologne zoo, aquarium

A trip to the zoo and aquarium in Cologne takes place June 29. The cost is 45 Euro per adult and 37 Euro for children ages 4-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 8 a.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Pet show

A free pet show takes place 5-7 p.m., July 4 near the Wing Pavilion during the Super Saber Appreciation Day event. Competitions include agility, temptation alley, musical sits, costume contests and the doggone fashion show. Cats and dogs are welcome. Competitors are welcome to show up at 2 p.m. for pick of classes. For more information, call 06561-68-3713.

360 Fit Boot Camp

360 Fit Boot Camp classes begin July 8 until August 2. Classes are at 6 a.m., 9 a.m., and 5:15 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost is \$135 per person. Participants must sign up by June 17 at the fitness center. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

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