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U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 52nd Fighter Wing walk toward the flightline to perform a sweep for debris July 1, 2013. Base leadership closed the flightline for the entire month of June due to a construction project. Before aircraft begin using the runway, pieces of debris that could potentially damage the aircraft intake must be removed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

## Spangdahlem strengthens bond with 34 nations during Vienna Document visit

**Staff Sgt. Natasha Stannard**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Spangdahlem Air Base hosted more than 68 delegates from 34 nations for a tour of the base's operations, maintenance and support functions and facilities June 27, 2013.

The delegates visited Spangdahlem as part of the Vienna Document 11 agreement. The agreement is a politically binding measure made to enhance participating nations' confidence in the safety and security of combat bases. Approximately 57 nations are involved in the agreement and each nation must host a Vienna Document visit every five years.

This is the first visit at Spangdahlem. Previous U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases who hosted the visit were Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, and Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Throughout the visit, Airmen gained the delegates confidence by complying with the document in providing a transparent insight into the base's daily operations.

"We are satisfied with this visit," said Col. Murat Dikkar, head of the Turkish army's verifications

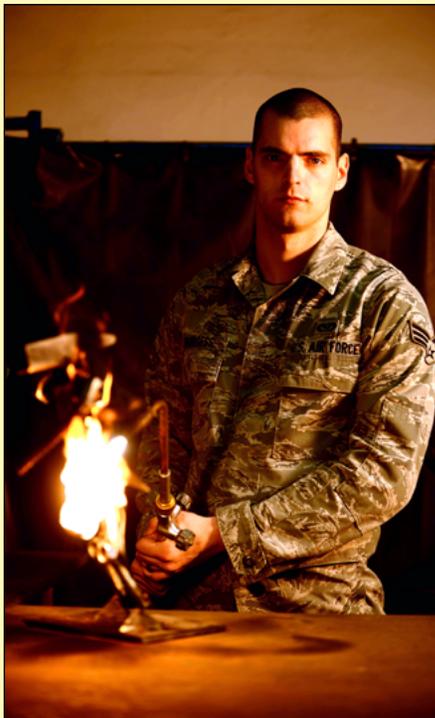
center. "This is a confidence building measure as it promotes peace and stability for all of us here. I am satisfied because I saw power and readiness...I was impressed with the maintenance, organization and discipline the U.S. Air Force displayed today; it was very noticeable."

Dikkar further said he anticipates going back to his unit in Turkey with good news of cooperation with the United States and other partnering nations.

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Tom Sharpy, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa director of plans programs and analysis, shared similar insight as he mentioned the importance of not only providing full disclosure and abiding to the treaty, but building partnerships through trust and cooperation during the event.

Our goal is to make each nation here better because together we are stronger," Sharpy said. "The goal of this visit has been to show our visitors everything it takes to complete the mission and that really involves our Airmen; they are what make the mission possible."

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123354133>



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Kyle Burgess, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of July 4 – July 10. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123354691>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)



Military service members salute during the playing of the U.S. and German national anthem during the 65th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift at the Berlin Airlift Memorial in Frankfurt Germany June 26, 2013. Service members from the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force were present to show their respects during the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

# Berlin Airlift Remembrance Ceremony

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano**  
**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

The 65th anniversary commemorating the beginning of the Berlin Airlift was held at the Berlin Airlift Memorial in Frankfurt, Germany June 26, 2013.

Frankfurt officials thanked guests for coming to the ceremony.

"I'm very happy to express the official greetings of the city of Frankfurt in the name of the magistrate, in the name of the municipal assembly," said Uwe Becker, Frankfurt city treasurer.

On June 24, 1948, the Soviet Union halted all supplies into the city of West Berlin from Allied Forces. In response, the allies had to think of a plan to supply the city with food, water and fuel. That is when "Operation Vittles" known today as the Berlin Airlift was started.

This logistical feat carried in more than 3,000 tons of supplies per day to the people of Berlin; however, the United States and its allies were more than up for the task. More than 5,000 tons of supplies were delivered to Berlin a day and by the end of the operation that number reached 8,000.

It was clear that the Soviet Union blockade of West Berlin had failed. On May 12, 1949, the blockade was

lifted and the roads, canals and railway routes were re-opened.

The event featured several guest speakers such as Peter Schmitz, Frankfurt Airport Director of operations and special guest speaker Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Gail Halvorsen, known to Berliners during the Berlin Airlift as "The Berlin Candy Bomber."

"This chapter of the early operation in the Cold War remarkably strengthened the German - American relationship as it was at this time and still is an impressive commitment for the defense of freedom of West Berlin and with this the freedom of all our country of Germany," said Becker.

Halvorsen spoke to the people at the ceremony thanking the Germans and telling his story of how he became known as the "Mr. Wiggly Wings" and the "Candy Bomber" to the kids of West Berlin.

"The children were so grateful, not one would say 'gimmie', makes you want to do more. Two sticks of gum is all I had they broke it in half four pieces, I thought there would be a fight but there wasn't," said Halvorsen. "These children were so grateful they would not ask for more than freedom."

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123354303>



Peter Schmitz, Frankfurt Airport director of operations, greets visitors and distinguished guests at the 65th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift in Frankfurt, Germany June 26, 2013.

# What's happening?

## events in the Saber community

### 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 Aug. 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.

### Air Force Ball Emcee

Auditions for an emcee at the Spangdahlem Annual Air Force Ball takes place at 10 a.m., July 9 in the Airman Leadership School briefing room. Two

SNCOs, CGOs or Civilian equivalents are needed for this event. Anyone interested in auditioning, can email Master Sgt. Kellie Wilson or Master Sgt. Poun Thies at Kellie.Wilson@us.af.mil or Poun.Theis@us.af.mil

### Basic car care maintenance course

A class about basic "do it yourself" car maintenance takes place July 13. The cost is \$20 per person and includes instruction from a trained mechanic, oil and a filter. For more information, call DSN 452-6842 or 06565-61-6842.

### Club Members Breakfast

A free breakfast for club members takes place 6:30- 8:30 a.m., July 17 at Club Eifel. For more information, call 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

### P.J. Family Fun Night.

A pajama-themed family fun night takes place July 18. The event is free and for members only. Reservations are required and can be made from July 1-12. For more information, call

DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

### Extreme Weekend

An Austrian Adventure trip takes place July 18-21. 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.

### No-Tap Tournament

A No-Tap bowling tournament takes place at 6 p.m., July 19. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6217 or 06565-61-6217.

### National Parents Day Bowling

A Free bowling event takes place 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., July 28 in celebration of National Parents Day. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
at the Wing Pavilion

**2PM KICK OFF**  
**2:00-4:30PM: PET SHOW**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**5-7PM: PET SHOW**  
**6:15-10:15PM: LIVE MUSIC**  
**10:30PM: FIREWORKS**

**STARTS 2PM**  
**FIREWORKS**  
**10:30 PM**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

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