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U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft taxi off of the flightline here July 12, 2013. The six aircraft are from Aviano Air Base, Italy, and are participating in the third aircraft rotation to Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group. The aviation detachment is part of an ongoing effort to strengthen Polish and U.S. ties. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

Poland, US unite during two-week aerial training

by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Poland continues to build its relationship with the United States as both nations' air forces integrate their capabilities in a joint theater security cooperation event July 15-26, 2013.

This marks the third time U.S. aircraft have flown into Poland as part of a partnership-building initiative that began in October 2012.

"We are demonstrating the commitment that we've made to Poland," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Matthew Spears, commander of Detachment 1, 52nd Operations Group.

The aviation detachment began in 2011 as a discussion between the U.S. ambassador to Poland and the Polish Defense Minister. In June of that year, the two signed a memorandum authorizing and creating the detachment. Since the detachment's opening in 2012, both militaries have worked to solidify the positions and create a long-standing, enduring American presence in the country.

"We consider them one of our top allies, and it's an ally that we want to improve our relationship with and partnership with," Spears said. "So, the aviation detachment is a mechanism with which we can strengthen that partnership."

The detachment is the administrative hub of an aerial training program and is part of the 52nd

Fighter Wing from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. For this rotation, the U.S. aircraft are from the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy -- a major air combat asset of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

During each rotation, the detachment balances the training needs of participating aircraft. Both Aviano and Lask employ the F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft, and some of the training will focus on communication effectiveness and familiarization of techniques.

"We get to learn from our allies," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Jason Monaco, officer in charge of the 510th FS during the rotation. "We get to train with them at all levels, whether it's the pilots flying the jets, the maintenance guys turning the wrenches or the guys building the bombs -- we get to see what the Polish air force does.

"And that's something we don't get when we're just working with each other back home," he added.

Spears said the Polish government's hospitality has been indicative of their eagerness to share security efforts across Europe, and hosting the U.S. military in their country,

is not the first time that Poland has demonstrated their commitment to peace.

"When you look at the history of the two nations, you find that this isn't a new partnership," Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123355894>



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lindsey Suzanne Mahfouz, 52nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of July 18 – July 24. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123356407>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Creating that winning smile



52nd Dental Squadron dental laboratory technicians work on dental prosthesis July 16, 2013. The technicians work on all prosthesis that deal with the mouth ranging from crowns and implants, to retainers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Le Gendre Herrera, 52nd Dental Squadron dental laboratory technician from Trinidad and Tobago, observes the contact points on the mold of a patient's mouth July 16, 2013. Herrera sculpts each tooth individually to ensure each contact point of the mold fits correctly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Cory La Salle, 52nd Dental Squadron dental laboratory technician from Memphis, Tenn., grinds a retainer July 16, 2013. The grinding and smoothing of the plastic on the retainer is done to ensure an overall better and comfortable fit for the patient. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

52nd SFS competes in Luxembourg International K-9 Competition

by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Four Military Working Dog teams from the 52nd Security Forces Squadron competed in a Luxembourg International K-9 Competition July 8, 2013.

The Luxembourg police and military hosted the event, which takes place annually at a military base in Diekirch, Luxembourg. This was the second year Spangdahlem participated in the event.

Thirty-five dog handler teams from five coun-

tries competed in multiple skills categories this year.

The skills tested during the competition included an obstacle course, off-leash obedience, search and attack on aggressors, handler memory and marksmanship exercise, and the handler and military working dog performing a tactical zip line egress out of a four-story building all taking place over a 1.5 mile-long timed course.

"It was very different," said Staff Sgt. Christel Gill, 52nd SFS patrolman. "It was a lot more

advanced than what we're used to. So we got a lot of insight on how we can improve our teams and we brought back more ideas for the kennels and the trainers from this experience."

Among the four teams from Spangdahlem, Staff Sgt. Bryan Robinson and his working dog Sonna placed third out of thirty-five.

Robinson is a new handler, and has only been teamed up with Sonna for about three months.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123356008>

First Sergeant Symposium: “People are our business”

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

A first sergeant symposium is being held at the Saber Conference Center on Spangdahlem Air Base, July 22- 25. The symposium is here to educate potential first sergeants interested in serving the military members who they represent.

A key organizer, U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Daniel Duckworth, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, details what the symposium is and what a perspective first sergeant will learn.

"This symposium is for our junior NCOs at the technical sergeant level, as well as our master sergeants and master sergeant selects but we are also trying to include our CGO populace," said Duckworth. "It educates them on the roles and responsibilities of a first sergeant."

The symposium is a four-day course that includes discussion topics: death in command, sexual assault, family care planning, fitness, concealing, administrative actions, court martial, promotions, demotions, and inspections.

"I mean you name it, anything regarding first sergeant duties will be

covered in this; and really this is an abbreviated view of what they do at the school house in the main course." said Duckworth.

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief, will open the symposium with his thoughts on the importance of the roles and responsibilities the first sergeant.

"Their role as additional duty first sergeants, as the first sergeant for their organization and as key leaders they have an incredible opportunity to influence and inspire their Airmen and really to make a difference by connecting with the airmen and their families." said Grengs.

All guest speakers will be from organizations on Spangdahlem that play a role in helping first sergeants take care of their people. Their goal in talking to first sergeants helps them become more aware of the local processes and procedures.

"Family advocacy, area defense council, mental health, Office of Special Investigations, any one of those organizations will talk about their roles,

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123356190>

52nd CONS prepares for end of year closeout

by, Vera Bozzi
52nd Contracting Squadron

The end of the year is near...many of us consider the last day in December to be a chance to reflect and start anew.

Those involved in contracting and financial operations; however, follow a different yearly calendar - working hard down to the final hours of Sept. 30, awaiting daybreak of Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year."

Every September, the 52nd Contracting Squadron team handles a great deal of the workload approaching the end of the fiscal year. In fact, most of the materials, equipment and services used in and around base to keep our mission going were purchased by the men and women of CONS.

Members of the contracting squadron team up with finance professionals at the 52nd Comptroller Squadron and resource advisors across the base to make any purchases before fiscal year 2013 comes to an end. Once Sept. 30 is over, the money set aside by Congress to be spent on operations and maintenance costs for the fiscal year will be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

Rest assured, dollars shall be spent in the best interest of U.S. taxpayers and the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission. While the CONS team is quite small, each individual is also extremely vital. The squadron is made up of a very diverse group of highly educated and trained officers and enlisted, U.S. civilians and local nationals who are all part of the '52nd Mission Support Group. The teamwork of these business professionals, negotiation experts, and cost and price analysts truly illustrate CONS' motto, "You got it, we bought it."

"Our contracting office is a team of different cultures for good reason; for instance our local nationals employees bridge the gap between U.S. Forces' needs and the local market," said Disch, Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123356202>



Congratulations to our majors who were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel!



- Major Suzanne McLaughlin
- Major Wilford Kauffman
- Major Elizabeth Johnston
- Major David Zimmerman
- Major Richard Atwell
- Major Jeremy Davis
- Major Ryan Sweazy



What's happening?

events in the Saber community

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.

Technology Expo

A free tech expo takes place from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., July 24. The expo is free and open to all military, civilian, and contractor personnel. The expo will include more than 25 exhibitors and will provide hands-on demonstrations. For more information, email Johnson@ncsi.com

Best of Paris

An overnight trip to Paris takes place July 27. The cost is \$133 for shared rooms and \$200 for single rooms. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

The Art of Marriage

An Art of Marriage seminar takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., July 26-27 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Trier. The cost is 25 Euro per couple and covers all material needed for the seminar, dinner, breakfast,

snacks, and hotel accommodations for one night. For more information, call DSN 452-6711 or 06565-61-6711

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.

Dorm Cooking Class

A chef will demonstrate fine cooking techniques to dorm residents Aug. 3. The class is free and will teach airman how to prepare a meal from start to finish in their own kitchen. The class is open to 10 participants. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260

Marrow Donor Registry

Registration into the National Marrow Donor Program takes place Aug. 8 at the Skelton Fitness Center, 7:30-9a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 3-5 p.m. and Aug. 16 at the base track, 12p.m.-12 a.m. Oral swabs will be used to test potential donors. For more information, call DSN 452-8338 or 06565-61-8338.

Karting at St. Vith

A trip to the track takes place Aug. 10. The cost is \$20 per person and includes 35 minutes on the karts, laser tag, sumo wrestling or fun-boxing,

one game of bowling, 7Di Cinema, rodeo and two soft drinks. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Dorm Wars

The battle of the dorms begins Aug. 17. The event is free and participants can engage in games of strength, speed and skill in the battle to the top. Winners will be rewarded prizes, glory, and legendary status. The final event closes out with the annual Block Party. More details to come.

Basic Car Care Maintenance Course

A basic car care maintenance course takes place Aug. 24. The cost is \$20 per person and includes instruction from a trained mechanic, oil and a filter. The class requires a minimum participation of four people. For more information, call DSN 452-6842 or 06565-61-6842.

Winter Bowling League

Sign-ups for the winter bowling league have begun. The season starts at the end of August and includes No Tap Monday for 18 and older, Tuesday scratch league, Wednesday Base Intramural, and Saturday Youth Bowling. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

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