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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III speaks to Spangdahlem Airmen during an all-call in Hangar 1 Aug. 1, 2013. Welsh and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody visited Spangdahlem Air Base for a familiarization tour and a chance to interact with Airmen and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

Top Air Force leaders visit Spangdahlem

by. Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody and their spouses visited Spangdahlem Air Base to meet with Airmen and their families Aug. 1.

During their visit to the 52nd Fighter Wing, Welsh and Cody received a mission brief, participated in an open discussion during lunch with Airmen, and hosted an Airman's call to address some of the top issues the Air Force is facing today.

Among the topics were sequestration, deployments and Spangdahlem Air Base's support of U.S. interests in Europe and the Middle East.

Prior to the Airman's call, a few outstanding performers were coined and praised by Welsh for their hard work and dedication. He also publically recognized local national employee Michael Hill, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and Chi Anne McGrew, School Liaison Officer and key spouse member, for their excellence and innovation in the workplace.

"You make us proud each and every day, and this

is one of the rare opportunities we get to directly thank you for what you do," Welsh said to more than a thousand Airmen and their families gathered in an open hangar.

Welsh also took the time to recognize the recent passing of Vietnam War hero George 'Bud' Day, whose funeral took place today in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

"What an incredible life, what an incredible career, what an incredible Airman. An example, and a role and hopefully an inspiration for all of us," said Welsh. "Col. 'Bud' Day embodied what it means to be an Airman."

Welsh and Cody have been working diligently with Department of Defense leaders, as well as Congress, to identify across-the-board, cost-cutting measures to deal with the realities of sequestration.

"Know how much faith we have in you," said Cody. "There's a lot of uncertainty, but I ask you to stay focused and keep your eye on the goal. You are doing great work for our Air Force." Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123358283>



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ryan M. Dowling, 701st Munitions Support Squadron, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Aug. 1 – Aug 7. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123358267>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Dustin Pavlenko, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron pest controller from Moorcroft, Wyo., holds wasps after spraying a wasp nest July 23, 2013. Pest control helps prevent issues with pests or unwanted animals that could be detrimental to either the mission or the health and welfare of base residents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Dustin Pavlenko, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron pest controller from Moorcroft, Wyo., sprays a wasp nest to kill the wasps July 16, 2013. Pest controllers eliminate harmful animals or insects that could transfer diseases or sicknesses to base members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)

Sabers selected for staff sergeant

Congratulations to all the staff sergeant selects at Spangdahlem Air Base and its mission partners:

Campana D. Adame
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Benjamin P. Dailey
Gregory J. Davis
Joshua W. Davis
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Kristen H. Deming
Devin R. Dinter
Braden C. Duke
Phillip L. Dupree
Gabriel Farrington
Ashlynd K. Farrington
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Stephen J. Foster
Mabel L. Fuentes
Jeremy J. Gallagher
Kevin M. Gamble
Carl K. Gardner
Conrad C. Gary
Read the entire list at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123358113>

Wittlich invites community to famous pig burner's festival

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Festival season is in full swing in the Eifel region. The next big festival to come, which takes place right at the doorsteps of the base is the Wittlich Pig Burner's Festival, scheduled for Aug. 16-19.

Those people who trust legends can certainly understand why Wittlich residents roast pigs to this today in memory of a very sad event that took place years ago: legend has it that a gate guard, who was charged with securing the gate to the walled fortress city, couldn't find the peg to the door one evening. Instead, he used a carrot. Unfortunately a pig arrived, ate the carrot, causing the door to open allowing the enemy to come in. As a result, the angry citizens herded every pig into a fire in the market square and roasted them.

It is not surprising that the popular festival starts off with a play, featuring this amusing legend. Although the play is in German and goes on for quite a long time, it may be an experi-

ence for base members to see the introduction and take photos of the actors, some of them dressed in various pig costumes.

This year's play is scheduled for 9:30 p.m., Aug. 16 at the Wittlich Stadtpark or city park. Beware that prior to the play, a local gun club will fire off some salute shots at about 9:15 p.m. As a highlight, following the play, a torch light procession will march into the market square to signify the opening of the pig burner's festival. This is a great event.

The "Tooltime" band will be in place at Pariser Platz, entertaining visitors from 9-1 a.m., Aug. 16-17.

Activities continue Aug. 17 with a craftsmen's market on the city's Lieserplatz from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the festival featuring handcraft items at a decent cost.

Among the highlights of each year's event is also the arrival of the first pigs via horse-drawn wagon in the market square. This happens

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What's happening?

events in the Saber community

Motor Weekend

The annual motor weekend starts at 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 3-4 at the wing Pavilion. Registration for entries will start at 10 a.m. All other events begin at 11 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in 17 categories. For more information, call DSN 452- 2695 or 06565-61-2695

The Circus Roncalli

The Circus Roncalli is coming to Trier, July 19- August 4. Tickets can be reserved in advance at 0221-466-894-260. Reserved tickets must be picked up no later than one hour before the start of the circus checkout. For more information on dates and prices, see www.roncalli.de.

Dorm Cooking Class

A chef will demonstrate fine cooking techniques to dorm residents Aug. 3. The class is free and will teach Airmen 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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Vianden Festival Medieval

A medieval festival takes place in Vianden at 10 a.m., July 27-Aug. 4. For more information, go to www.castle-vianden.lu

Wittlich Pig Fest

The Wittlich pig fest begins at 5 p.m., Aug. 16 and ends 1 a.m., Aug. 19. The opening event is on Friday and live bands will be present at three different stages.

Bernkastel Winefest

The largest wine festival at the Mosel valley takes place 30 Aug.-1 September. Highlights include fireworks on Saturday and a parade on Sunday afternoon.

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