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FIREFIIGHTERS TRAIN TO ENSURE MISSION SUCCESS

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Gabriel Reyna, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection technician from Austin, Texas, sits in the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft inside a hardened aircraft shelter during an aircraft fire training exercise Aug. 14, 2013. Reyna will simulate being a pilot trapped in the cockpit during the training to test the firefighters on rescue procedures and operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released) See more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360027>

Green Knights encourage different way to ride

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A local chapter of an international motorcycle club at Spangdahlem Air Base encourages camaraderie and safety among its riders.

The Eifel Riders Green Knights Chapter 27 has 32 active members who act in a mentorship capacity to bring together riders of all experiences.

The overall intent of the organization is to offer new or inexperienced riders a breadth of support and knowledge of riding in the Eifel. The roadways and hazards may be different than some encountered in the United States: slow-moving tractors, farm animals crossing the streets, feces along the roadway and switch-backed, steep roads.

Tech. Sgt. Shane Newell, 52nd Fighter Wing Safety traffic safety manager, said all of the base's recent motorcycle wrecks were from people new to riding or new to the area. The Eifel Riders Green Knights help to reduce the amount of mishaps.

"We're not the safety police," said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Jim Onder, Eifel Riders Green Knights public affairs representative, "but we are genuinely concerned about rider safety. The club

has a wide range of experience levels, and we love to share tips, tricks and information about the local area."

As the most-active overseas chapter, the club meets monthly to discuss emerging motorcycle news. They host monthly group rides where they partner bikers in correlation with their experience. Also, the club sponsors or participates in motorcycle rallies throughout Europe, with the latest being the inaugural European Knights of the Round Table gathering Aug. 2-3, 2013, at the sportplatz in Niederkeil.

This rally was the first time that all of the European Knights were gathered in one place. The White Knights are riders from the medical community; Green is military; Blue is from the police force; and the red are from fire departments. More than 250 riders from across Europe gathered to share experiences and swap stories.

"You can get a wealth of knowledge and different perspectives," Onder said. "You have all these people to ask questions or help with logistics or maintenance. We can tell you the best riding spots and share information. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360593>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joe Tainatongo, 52nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacy NCO in charge, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Aug. 22-28. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360462>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



U.S. Air Force Capt. Joseph Viegas, 480th Fighter Squadron pilot from Minneapolis, shows Stevie Frost, 9, the inside of an F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter Aircraft Aug. 16, 2013. Stevie spent 14 months in and out of a local German hospital undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is now 100 percent cancer free. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Leukemia survivors earn their wings

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

The U.S. Air Force is well known for taking care of its own.

From base tours to special events, the community comes together in even the darkest times to support each other.

One hardship that some families face is the fight against cancer. To make this fight easier, communities offer love, support and time.

Members from Spangdahlem Air Base reached out to a local German hospital in hope to find children that would be able to attend a special day on base. This is what Spangdahlem has done for those children.

Sarah Pittman, 4, was diagnosed with leukemia in September 2012. She received IV chemotherapy until June 2013 and is still taking medication to battle her sickness.

Stevie Frost, 9, was diagnosed with leukemia in December 2010, in which he spent the next 14 months in and out of Mutterhaus der Borromaeerinnen in Trier undergoing both chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Stevie is now 100 percent cancer free.

"When we look at our time spent beating leukemia, we see a lot of hardship but also an overwhelming wall of love, support and generosity from our Spangdahlem family that pulled us through," said Chanda Frost, Stevie's mother. "Steven has emerged from his treatments a strong, smart, empathetic child who loves life and lives every minute as fully as possible."

These families have faced a tremendous hardship over the last few years, and the Spangdahlem community decided they deserved something special: the full Saber experience.

"I got to play with the fire truck," Stevie said. "Even wear a flight suit and go in to the cockpit. I got to see diffused bombs, all that fun stuff."

Walking into the explosive ordnance disposal building, the children did not know what to expect. They were met at the door by an Airman in a padded suit and a big smile. The Airman's hand met with Stevie's in a high-five before the EOD technician led the group down the hall to a large room.

Excitement streamed from the children at the sight of the EOD technician controlling a robot used to gather information during incidents involving explosives and other hazardous materials.

"Trying to put myself in the place of a small child like them," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. David Collins, NCO in charge of EOD plans and intelligence. "yeah, I think that would be a pretty awesome and memorable experience."

The next stop was the base fire department. A small demonstration put on by Spangdahlem firefighters allowed the children to enter a fire truck. They fired the water cannon, which releases 300 gallons of water per minute, before each of them tried on fire protective suits.

Afterward, the tour visited the 480th Fighter Squadron, where Sarah and Stevie were given call-signs and flightsuits before checking out what sort of equipment pilots use in flight. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360597>.

Spangdahlem beats Ramstein in MWD challenge



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Shiloh Bell, 52nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler from Vista, Calif., with her military working dog, Blitz, attack U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Calvin Moore, 52nd SFS military working dog handler, from Harrah, Okla., as he acts as an intruder during a K-9 competition between MWD units from Spangdahlem and Ramstein Air Bases Aug. 16, 2013. Team Spangdahlem won overall during the competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released) See more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360162>

Important School Dates

School begins for:

Grades 1-12 on Monday, Aug. 26.
PSCD on Tuesday, Sept. 3.
Sure Start on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Dates for Class Postings

The schools will post class lists this week. Each school does it a little differently.
Spangdahlem Elementary – Thursday, Aug. 22, at 1500 in the MPR.
Bitburg Elementary – Friday, Aug. 23, at 1400 on the front doors
Spangdahlem Middle – Friday, Aug. 23, at 1400 on the front doors (seminar teacher not full schedule)
Bitburg Middle High – New students should attend the Student-2-Student orientation on Friday, Aug. 23, at 0900 in the Cafeteria. Seminar teacher listings will be distributed at that time. Returning students will find seminar teacher listings posted on the first day of school and can report to seminar for schedules.
Start and end times for each school
Spangdahlem Elementary – 0800-1415
Bitburg Elementary – 0815-1434
Spangdahlem Middle – 0800-1435
Bitburg Middle High – 0805-1500

Facebook Page

The School Liaison Office has a Facebook page that pushes out information from the base that would pertain to families with school-age children and from schools on a regular basis. It can be found at www.facebook.com/SpangdahlemSLO

PTSA

Support your school Parent Teacher Student Associations. Each of the Eifel

schools has them and can always use volunteers. Some even have Facebook pages for additional information.

Spangdahlem Elementary

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Spangdahlem-Elementary-PT-SA/181487495253708>

Bitburg Elementary

<http://www.facebook.com/BitburgElementarySchoolPTA>

Spangdahlem Middle School

<http://www.facebook.com/SMS.PTSA>

Bitburg Middle High School-Booster Club

Bus Rules

All bus passes should be available in MPS mail boxes by Aug. 21. If a family has not yet received their bus pass, please contact the Student Transportation Office at 452-5340 or 0656561-5340.

Please remember that you may pass a bus off base with no issue. However, DO NOT PASS A BUS on base.

**Please be aware of the new No Passing area from the vet clinic to Spangdahlem Elementary School parking lot entrance. Traffic may stop as people turn left into the school parking lot or as busses proceed into the bus lot. Passing at the curve is extremely dangerous.

For up-to-date information on school bus delays and other pertinent information please check the Spangdahlem School Liaison Facebook page or call 452-9BUS or 0656561-9BUS (9287).

Student Drop Off Procedures

Please be cautious dropping students off at schools. Each school has a designated area for drop off.

What's happening?

events in the Saber community

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.

Base Golf Championship

The base championship takes place at 8 a.m., Aug. 24 and 25. The cost is \$80 per person. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

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.

NFL UPick'em

The NFL UPick'em Pro football online challenge starts September-February. Weekly prizes will be awarded with a grand prize of a \$500 gift card. First, second, and third place prizes will be given away at the end of the season. To register, go to 52FSS.com and click the NFL icon. For more information, call DSN 452-6466 or 06565-61-6466.

Bingo Family Fun Night

Free Bingo tournaments will take place 5:30- 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10. The tournament is for members only and by reservation. Reservations can be placed from Aug. 25-Sept. 6. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Two-man Scramble

A two-man scramble competition takes place at 9 a.m., Sept. 21 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The cost is \$40 per person and a minimum of 10 teams are required. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

Munitions Storage Area Closure

The 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight munitions storage area will be closed from Sept. 3-13 in order to conduct semi-annual 100 percent inventory. Any issues, turn-ins and courtesy storage pickups needed during the inventory time frame must be completed the week prior. For more information call munitions operations at DSN 452-6230 or 06565-61-6230.

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Street displays in Trier

Enjoy the Trier-Luxembourg 2013 first Elephant Parade now through Oct. 18 throughout the city of Trier. The event features a colorful out-

door public art exhibition showcasing unique elephant sculptures.

Benelux country fair with amusement park

The Luxembourg Schobermesse, also known as the Luxembourg Octoberfest, is the largest fair of the Benelux countries and attracts visitors from the borderland countries of Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, and takes place Aug. 23 until Sept. 11 this year in the center of Luxembourg city.

Popular local medieval castle festival

The community of Manderscheid will sponsor their annual medieval castle festival Aug. 24-25. This is a very popular event in the local area, offering fun to the entire family. A nice medieval entertainment program and market are scheduled.

Highlight Middle-Mosel wine festival in Bernkastel:

The great Middle Mosel wine festival of Bernkastel-Kues, featuring large-scale entertainment and a giant fireworks display takes place Aug. 30-Sept. 4 throughout the town of Bernkastel-Kues. The fireworks display, known to be one of the best in the local area, kicks off around 9:30 or 10 p.m., Aug. 31. A colourful festival parade is scheduled early afternoon, Sept. 1. This is a highlight event of the region.

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