

# SABER E-HERALD

SPANGDAHLEM AB

NEWSLETTER OF THE 52ND FIGHTER WING

AUG. 30, 2013

Click titles below to view stories

Curriculum policy changes, start of new DODEA school year

AF releases nuclear enterprise's future plan

AF leaders cite Airmen as bedrock in new core mission document



The 726th Air Mobility Squadron members service six cargo aircraft on Spangdahlem Air Base July 26, 2013. The aircraft represented the total force, involving active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee/Released)

## 726th AMS stays mission ready

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

The 726th Air Mobility Squadron serviced six cargo aircraft in late July which was a first of its kind event.

Each aircraft was from a different base, which encompass the total force, involving active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard aircraft bound for operations in support of U.S. Transportation Command.

"It's definitely the first time that we had all three here at one time," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Todd Murray, 726th AMS Maintenance Flight commander from San Antonio. "We get tails from the Reserve and Guard in and out frequently, but to have them here all in one day, it was pretty amazing."

The aircraft received en-route support from the 726th AMS under the 721st Air Mobility Operations Group and 521st Air Mobility Wing, a tenant unit supported by the 52nd Fighter Wing. The 52nd FW provides support to transient aircrew and service members around the globe.

"Our mission here at the 726th AMS is to support US TRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command, and that has to do with mobility, moving missions to and from the desert," explained Murray. "The tails that come through here don't have the Spangdahlem tail flash, they're from the states and they're bringing supplies, service members, bullets, beans to the desert or back home from the desert."

Four of these aircraft departed with 278,035 pounds of cargo, 48 people and a critical AC-130

part destined to support contingency operations in CENTCOM. These four aircraft also safely delivered 79 military, family and retired members to their final destination here at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Two of these aircraft returned from CENTCOM on the way back to the United States carrying 32 service members, in addition to 53 space-available passengers and more than 104,000 pounds of cargo.

The mission is important; it gets aircraft to where they need to be.

"Right now, our country is still very heavily involved overseas, and as we try to move them back home, we are going to need a boat-load of aircraft to help support that retrograde out of Afghanistan," said Murray. "If operations shift to somewhere else, then we need to have those assets ready to be placed somewhere else."

The 726th AMS team consists of 159 Airmen, civilians and temporary-duty personnel.

who completed the missions in support of these aircraft. The squadron is unique by the simple fact that it maintains all three core competencies -- aircraft maintenance, aerial port, and command and control -- under one command.

When a cargo aircraft lands, the 276th AMS is set into action to ensure the plane is airworthy to make it to its next destination.

"When an aircraft comes to us, if it's broken, then we will fix whatever we need to fix," Murray said. "The crew dictates what they would like fixed, and we can tell them right away if we are able to or not."

Read the entire story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123361279>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Dranel David, 52nd Maintenance Group lead crew member, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Aug. 29 - Sept. 4. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123361109>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



# Spangdahlem community celebrates diverse culture

**Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh**  
**52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

Sabers and honored guests from all walks of life came together to participate in the fifth annual Diversity Day celebration Aug. 22, 2013, at Club Eifel.

Diversity Day is a culmination of nine observances normally recognized throughout the year rolled into one day to celebrate the different cultures that make up the Air Force today.

"(Diversity Day) was something we initiated five years ago because what we were seeing was that during certain cultural heritage months, only that particular group of people would attend those events," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jasmine Barnes, 52nd Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity specialist from Houston. "We wanted to educate people outside of that culture, and Diversity Day was the best way to do so."

African-American/Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Native-American Heritage Month are among the nine observances Congress has mandated all military installations throughout the Department of Defense recognize each year. They were also among those present at Diversity Day 2013.

According to Barnes, the goal of Diversity Day is to enhance cross-cultural and cross-gender awareness and promote harmony among all military members, their families and the civilian work force.

"The Air Force really highlights diversity as one of its strengths, because if you look around any work environment, you'll see people from all different walks of life," Barnes said. "Whether it is a person of a different color, a different culture, a different gender, diversity is something that in America, we just cannot escape. What Diversity Day brings to the table is that it gives people the opportunity to learn about the (cultural) backgrounds of others in an effort to bring us a little closer so that we can improve our working relationships and prevent so many conflicts."



Polynesian dancers from the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association perform a traditional Tahitian dance at Diversity Day Aug. 22, 2013. The hour-long performance featured traditional dances from Hawaii, Guam, Thailand and Tahiti. This was the 5th annual Diversity Day event highlighting multiple cultures from throughout the world. More than 2,500 people attended the event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh/Released)

This year's events featured a fashion show in which people from all ethnic backgrounds highlighted the traditional garb from their countries. The Asian Pacific American Heritage Association performed Thai Chi, Tinikling and Kempo demonstrations, while Polynesian dancers performed an hour-long show featuring dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Guam and the Philippines. Additionally, the European committee held wool spinning, wood hammering and wood sawing competitions as well as provided a petty zoo of rabbits, ponies, and exotic birds for the kids.

Read the entire story at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360996>.



## SABER LEADERS CONDUCT ENLISTED CALL

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Grengs, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief, speaks about Developmental Special Duties at an enlisted call inside the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Aug. 27, 2013. Grengs opened the floor for questions after speaking about numerous topics that involve the enlisted force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)



# What's happening?

## events in the Saber community

### **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.

## **Was ist Los?**

### **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 outdoor 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.

### **Middle-Mosel wine festival of 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.

### **World-famous sausage market and wine festival**

Have fun at the world-famous Bad Duerkheim sausage festival from Sept. 6-10. This is a highlight event in Germany, featuring a huge amusement area, large festival tents, music and fun.

### **Trier Museums' Night**

The annual Trier Museums' Night takes place Sept. 21-22 this year, when all museum of the city will be open to visitors until late at night.

[Click here to get to the new Spangdahlem Blog](#)

[Click here to submit content, subscribe to a weekly Saber E-Herald email and find out what your local Public Affairs office can do for you.](#)

[Click here  
for more news](#)

[Click here  
for movies](#)

[Click here  
for more events](#)