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U.S. Air Force Col. David Julazadeh, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, speaks to representatives of the U.S. and German communities May 10, 2013, during Spangdahlem AB's 60th Anniversary Celebration. The closing ceremony remarks honored the U.S.-German partnership and its strength for the past 60 years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)

Spangdahlem celebrates 60th anniversary

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52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

May 10 marked 60 years of partnership between the United States and Germany at Spangdahlem AB.

Base members and their German guests commemorated the historic milestone with demonstrations of the 52nd Fighter Wing's capabilities and recognition of the international cooperation needed to maintain airpower within Europe.

"Today's ceremony is meant to honor our two nations and is symbolic for the unity that can be seen on a daily basis and that will continue for many years," said U.S. Air Force Col. David Julazadeh, 52nd FW commander. "Spangdahlem Air Base was built 60 years ago, initiating a long, distinguished and fruitful relationship with our hosts in the Eifel. Thanks to the efforts of many through the years, our friendship has grown and strengthened, enabling us to reach this momentous milestone for both of our communities."

The base officially became operational May 10, 1953. Since then, Americans and Germans here have worked together to gain a mutual understanding and appreciation of the differences in culture. The fledgling partnership began developing agreements

ranging from flightline operations and the associated noise, to off-base housing in the local area. In the 60 years since, more than 300,000 military members have lived and worked at Spangdahlem AB.

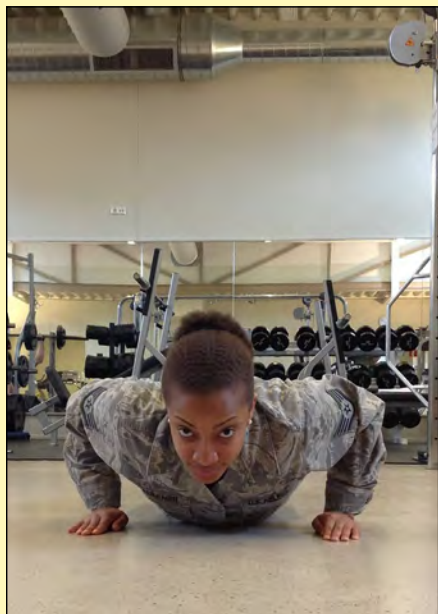
"This event is to show the Germans what we have here and what we do," said Staff Sgt. Mark Gower, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit exhibit demonstrator. "Some Germans just simply don't know. They let us in their country, so as a token of gratitude, during this ceremony, we've invited some people onto the base to show them what we do."

"They see these aircraft fly every day," he continued, "but they never get a chance to see them up close. This is our chance to show our appreciation to them."

Among the many exhibits were a security forces military working dog demonstration, an emergency medical capability test, and static displays of U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft. Military experts stood by their displays to help guests with questions about the equipment or Spangdahlem's history and its relationship with Germany.

"Sixty years is a significant timeframe for German-American relations," said Roger Lewentz.

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123348012>.

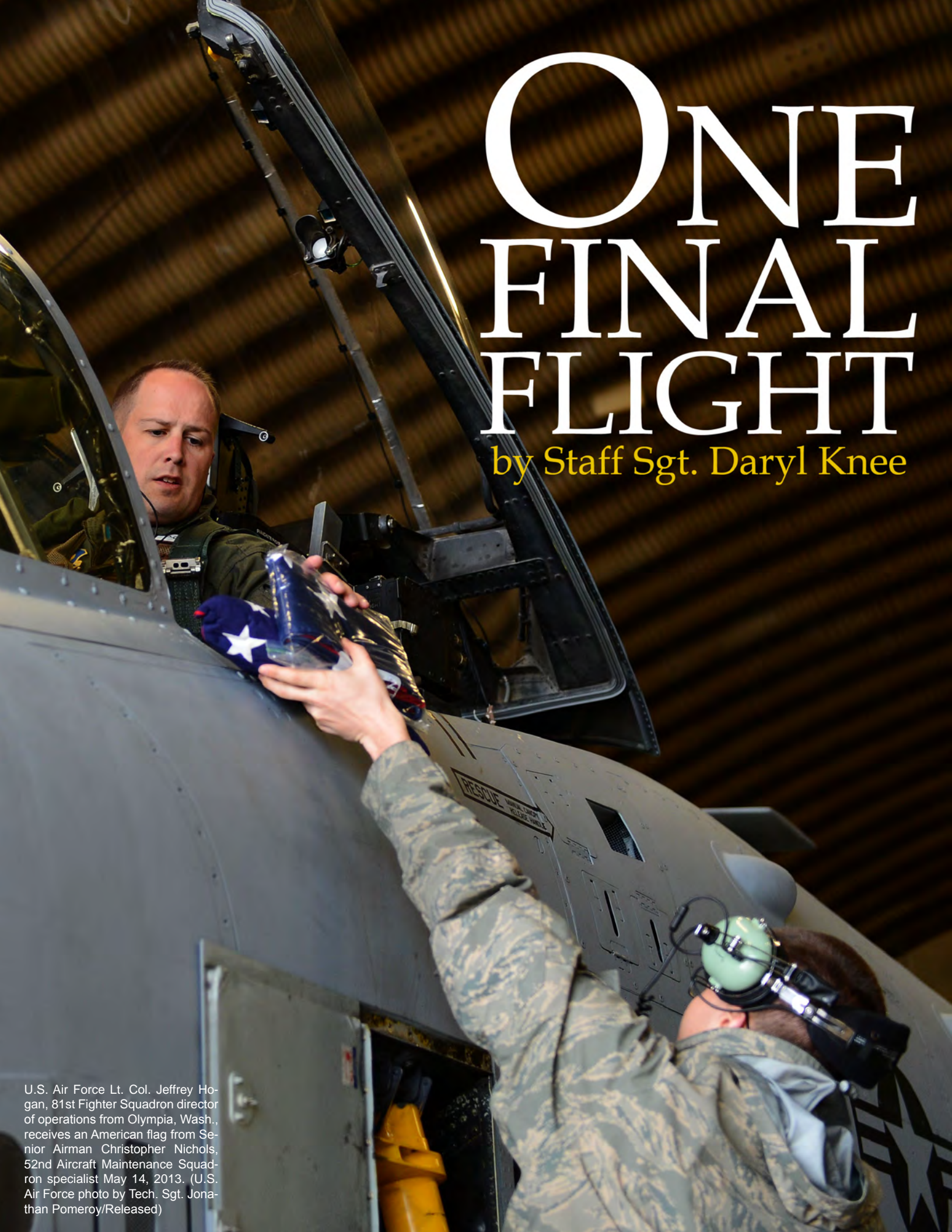


SUPER SABER PERFORMER

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sondrea R. Faulkner, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron operations NCO in charge and unit fitness program manager, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of May 15-22. Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123348749>. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)

ONE FINAL FLIGHT

by Staff Sgt. Daryl Knee



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hogan, 81st Fighter Squadron director of operations from Olympia, Wash., receives an American flag from Senior Airman Christopher Nichols, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron specialist May 14, 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy/Released)

606th ACS member contributes to Av-Det Rotation 13-2



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Curtis Grider, 606th Air Control Squadron command and control battle management operator, assembles the base of a Battlefield Operations Support System (BOSS). This system acts as a 'translator' allowing coalition aircraft to talk to each other during simulated air combat scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kenya Shiloh/Released)

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

It takes a lot of components to get a machine to work. From nuts and bolts to circuit boards, no one piece can operate on its own. It is the same for coordinating training opportunities such as Aviation Detachment Rotation 13-2 taking place May 9-26, 2013. Everyone from pilots and maintainers to security forces, comptrollers, communications and logistics all play a role in its success.

For one 606th Air Control Squadron datalink operator, his role is just as crucial to the training as anyone's. He ensures U.S. and Polish F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft pilots have the ability to communicate effectively with each other while flying training missions over Polish skies.

"My role here is to set up a Battlefield Operations Support System (BOSS) so that the U.S. F-16 pilots and the Polish F-16 pilots will be able to 'see' and 'talk' to each other while flying training missions," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt.

Curtis Grider, 606th Air Control Squadron command and control battle management operator. "I provide an interface for the fighter pilots to see 'tracks' on their display screen and allow the controllers to see the fighters and track their maneuvers at all times. It's a way to provide digital information without having to talk to them."

This is especially important since the U.S. F-16 pilots from the 176th Fighter Squadron, 115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, are using a different datalink system than their Polish Air Force training partners.

"The BOSS, in essence, is a translator for two different languages," said Maj. Matthew Spears, an F-16 pilot and Av-Det commander. "The ability for our air forces to share a common air picture is vital to mission success, as that picture drastically increases the pilot's situational awareness. This system is yet another demonstration of our efforts to increase interoperability with the Polish Air Force."

Read the entire article at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123348193>.



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What's happening?

events in the Saber community

Summer Strike bowling

A summer strike bowling event takes place now until Aug. 15 at the base bowling center. People can play for just \$1 certain nights of the week and be entered to win prizes. The grand prize includes tickets to the NFL games in London, and the other prizes include winning up to \$1,000. For more information, call DSN 452-6217 or 06565-61-6217.

Walibi World Six Flags

A trip to Walibi World takes place May 18. The cost is 80 Euros per person, 75 Euros for children age 5-12, and 25 Euros for children younger than 5. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Cochem Castle tour

A tour of the Cochem Castle takes place May 18 with dinner included. The price is 68 Euros per person and 50 Euros for children ages 12-17. This trip is not recommended for younger children. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 3 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Two Man Scramble

A two-man scramble golf game is 9 a.m., May 18. The cost is \$40 per person. Prizes will be given away. For more information, call DSN 452-4653 or 06565-61-4653.

Spain trip

A trip to Ole, Spain, takes place

May 24-27. The cost is 255 Euros per person in a double room, 325 Euros for a single room, 135 Euros for one child age 2-11 and 190 Euros for a second child. An extra seat on the bus to stretch out costs 130 Euros extra. The bus departs from Spangdahlem at 9:30 p.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Normandy trip

A trip to Normandy, France, takes place May 24-27. The cost is 335 Euros per person in a double room, 430 Euros for a single room, 200 Euros per child age 2-11. An extra seat to stretch out on the bus costs an extra 170 Euros. The bus departs from Spangdahlem at 3:30 a.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Tier II Saber Sprint

The Tier II 5K obstacle course and mud run takes place May 24. The cost is \$100 or 80 Euro per team of five. Costumes are encouraged. A free barbeque takes place after the event. For more information, call DSN 452-7308 or 06565-61-7308.

Euro Disneyland Paris

A trip to Disneyland in Paris takes place May 25. The cost is 110 Euros per person and 100 Euros per child age 3-11. The bus departs Spangdahlem at 3:30 a.m.

Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

360 Fit Boot Camp

A 360 Fit Boot Camp class takes place May 29-June 26. The classes take place 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 4p.m., and 5:15 p.m, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the outdoor basketball court. The cost is \$135 per person. For more information, call DSN 452-6634 or 06565-61-6634.

Just Paris

A trip to Paris takes place June 1. The cost is 78 Euro per person. The bus departs from Spangdahlem at 2:30 a.m. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Heidelberg City

A trip to Heidelberg takes place June 1. The cost is 46 euro per adult and 39 euro per child ages 3-12. The bus departs Spangdahlem at noon. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

Extreme Weekend

An Austrian Adventure trip takes place June 6-9. The cost is \$745 for tandem paragliding and \$945 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.

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