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Two F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and an F-22 Raptor, 199th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, prepare to refuel during Red Flag 13-2 above the Nevada Test and Training Range Jan. 25, 2013. Red Flag's mission is to maximize the combat readiness and survivability of participants by providing a realistic training environment and a forum that encourages a free exchange of ideas. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Couillard/Released)

## Warhawks get manning assist from Triple Nickel

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99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"You can't walk into the Super Bowl with a new team," said Master Sgt. Brian McRory, superintendent of 480th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "The team has to have worked together and have chemistry."

That is what Red and Green Flags are doing for the 480th FS and the 555th Fighter Squadron from Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Due to a unit inactivation at Spangdahlem, the 480th FS had a manning void that was filled by 50 Airmen from Aviano.

"We welcomed them into our family," McRory said. "These Airmen have been going to dinners and outdoor activities with each other to get to know one another."

"We knew coming into a different unit that we would have to work hard to show we could work to their standards," said Staff Sgt. Michael White, a crew chief now assigned to 480th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. "It's a brotherhood."

Red and Green Flag exercises give Airmen the opportunity to train in realistic combat scenarios.

"It's important to practice like you're going to play," White said, "I feel our Airmen and their Airmen have learned a lot from each other, and I feel they're really focused on what the mission is down range now."

The two exercises give Airmen with little to no experience the opportunity to work with people who have more experience in a training environment before they have to perform in a deployed location.

"The exercises give us the opportunity to say, 'you have never done this before, go train on it with someone who is proficient,'" McRory said. "We aren't trying to push jets as fast as we can. We are taking our time and putting out combat ready jets."

The fighter squadron heads back to Germany when the exercises are done.

"All of our Airmen should feel extremely proud of their accomplishments; they have worked exceptionally hard this month producing [more than] 400 sorties, loading 57,000 pounds of precision guided munitions, and [more than] 20,000 20 mm rounds," said Lt. Col. Cameron Caroom, 480th FS commander.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123335036>.



### SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Airman 1st Class Philip Benjamin Berube, 52nd Medical Support Squadron Pharmacy technician, is the Super Saber Performer for Feb. 7-13, 2013. Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123335233>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillon Davis/Released)



# Keep the fuel pumping:

*Airmen prep jets for exercise*

Airmen from the 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit prepare an A-10 Thunderbolt II for a fuel test during a Phase 1 inspection on the flightline Feb. 1, 2013. This test ensures that fuel is properly moving throughout the jet and that there are no leaks. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123335225> (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Natasha Stannard/Released)



Above: Staff Sgt. Ricky Rodriguez, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief from New York City, watches closely to ensure a fuel tank latches onto an A-10 Thunderbolt II on the flightline Feb. 1, 2013. The tank was attached to test the fuel system of the aircraft during a Phase 1 inspection. Airmen perform preventative maintenance during these inspections keeping the aircraft capable to provide combat power.

Left: Airman 1st Class Cody Cook, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief from Denzer, Wisc., uses a dolly to attach a fuel tank to an A-10 Thunderbolt II on the flightline Feb. 1, 2013. He is attaching the tank to run fuel tests during a Phase 1 inspection. Phase 1 inspections are conducted to test a unit's combat readiness and efficiency.



# Traditions of local Fasching event

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Once again, the city of Bitburg invited base members to help the mayor defend City Hall at 11:11 a.m., Feb. 7, during the "Storming of the Rathaus."

At this event local ladies dress up and fight for the symbolic key to the city. Once the ladies seize the key, they are in charge of the town for that day.

In most German cities and towns, including Bitburg, Wittlich and Speicher, it is a tradition for the ladies to 'capture' the local Rathaus or city hall and take over the city key from the mayor on Fat Thursday at 11:11 a.m. Typically, a band plays special Fasching music and the women serve beverages and traditional Fasching treats.

Additional Fasching events include:

- Burg parade 2:11 p.m., **Feb. 9.**

## Feb. 10 Events

- Bitburg, 2:11 p.m., parade through the city with music at the city hall following.

- Wittlich, 2:11 p.m., parade through the city with entertainment at local pubs.

## Feb. 11 Rose Monday parades

- Binsfeld, 4:11 p.m., Fasching fun and entertainment following at the town hall afterwards.
- Altrich, 2:11 p.m., starting from the local fire station.
- Dreis, 2:11 p.m., with music by the "Cash Family" band following at the hall, entry costs 3 Euros.
- Landscheid, 2:11 p.m.
- Gladbach, 2:11 p.m.
- Hupperath, 2:11 p.m., with entertainment following at the community hall, no entry cost.
- Minderlittgen, 2:11 p.m.
- Osann, 3:11 p.m., with dance music following at the community hall, no entry cost.
- Arenrath, 2:11 p.m., **Feb. 13,** Children's parade.

For more parades look under "Was ist Los" at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=19693>.

# Don't let the flu get you

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The peak of the flu season is just around the corner, and signs from the U.S. Center For Disease Control indicate people are experiencing more flu-like symptoms this year than last year.

The CDC tracks influenza activity year-round.

According to the CDC, the amount of people in the United States seeing their health care provider for influenza-like illnesses climbed to 5.6 percent compared to 2.2 percent last year.

Some symptoms of the flu include but are not limited to coughing, runny nose, nausea and vomiting.

"If you are sick, stay home," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Schmit, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron allergy immunizations technician from Rogers, Ark. "Coming in to work would just increase the likelihood of the virus spreading."

Another way to prevent the spread of the flu virus is through immunizations. The immunizations clinic offers an inhalable

mist, and injected vaccination to combat the flu. As of mid December, members of the Spangdahlem community are unable get the mist until next flu season due to its long shelf life, but the injected vaccination is only available until June 2013.

Some of the common side effects from the mist include runny nose or nasal congestion, fever, sore throat, cough and aches. The side effects for the injected vaccine include soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was received, fever, aches or cough.

The vaccines protects members of the Spangdahlem community from two type A and one type B flu strain, including this year's most prevalent strain the H3N2. However, people must remember to get the vaccine every year for the most up-to-date protection.

"People need to remember if there is a new strain, the previous year's vaccine doesn't protect you," said Maj. Anthony Davis, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health flight commander from Alton, Ill.

Read more at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123335243>.



## EXERCISE TESTS BASE RESPONSE SKILLS

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany – U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Marc Payton, 52nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman from Houston, brings simulated perpetrator U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Justin Gordin, 52nd Operations Support Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist from Pittsburgh, Mich., into a decontamination area during a base exercise Feb. 5, 2013. The exercise tested first responders' tactics, techniques and procedures used to keep base members safe from a suspicious package and hazardous material situations. View more photos at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123335421>. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillon Davis/Released)

# What's happening?

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### Theater performances

See the Evita musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice 4 p.m., Feb. 24 at Trier's Stadttheater, or city theater, located at Am Augustinerhof, 54290 Trier. The two-hour musical will be performed by the Trier Philharmonischen Orchester as well as the music theater and dance theater ensemble of the Trier city theater. Ticket prices range between 13 and 40 Euro. While a few tickets can still be reserved now by calling 0651-7181818, there are only a limited number of tickets available at the cashier of the theater at 7 p.m. prior to the performance.

### The 12 Tenors

Reserve your tickets now to a concert by "The 12 Tenors" at 8 p.m., March 8 at the Bitburg Stadthalle, or City hall, located on Roemermauer 4, 54634 Bitburg. Tickets are 35.95 Euro and can be obtained now at 0651-9790777 or via <http://www.ticket-regional.de>.

### Biweekly Toastmasters

Toastmaster's meetings take place biweekly 6-7 p.m., Wednesday at the Brick House. Saber Toastmasters is a local chapter of the international Toastmasters organization specializing in improving communication and developing leadership skills. The Saber Toastmasters meetings are a learn-by-doing workshop in which participants hone their communication abilities. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### Craft fair

A craft fair takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 9 at the Brick House. The cost to rent a display table is \$10. For more information, call DSN 452-4141 or 06565-61-4141.

### Photoshop 101

A Photoshop 101 course takes place 6-9 p.m., Feb. 11. The cost is \$25. Students must bring a laptop with Photoshop. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

### Lunch and learn

A lunch and learn lecture featuring Helena Palmer, exceptional family member program coordinator, takes place noon-1 p.m., Feb. 15 at the School Age Program. People must reserve their place by Feb. 13. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, call

DSN 452-5320 or 06565-615320.

### Valentine's Day dinner

A Valentine's Day dinner takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Golden Dragon. A special menu will be offered and people must sign up for the dinner. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

### Annual awards banquet

The 2013 Annual Awards Banquet takes place at 6 p.m., on March 1 at the Bitburg Stadthall. Dress requirements are semi-formal or mess dress for military members and semi-formal for civilians. For more information, call DSN 452-9818/9455 or 06565-61-9818/9455.

### Financial classes

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting several financial classes March 1. The truths and myths about credit reports and scores class is 10-11 a.m., the strategies for home-buying class is 12-2 p.m., and the successful car-buying class is 3-4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6244 or 06565-616422.

### Malta Scuba Certification

A scuba trip to Gozo, Malta, takes place April 15-22. The cost is \$1,400 per person in a double room and \$1,500 for single rooms. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

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