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*News Briefs*

**School Awards**

Congratulations to the following H.H. Arnold High School award winners who were recognized during an awards assembly May 26 in Wiesbaden:

- **Emily Bolon** for excellence in Biology;
- **Kimberly Kirk** received the President's Education Award and was the Female Athlete of the Year;
- **Chris Kitterman** for Academic Excellence;
- **Fabienne Surpris** for excellence in Health Education;
- **James Weaver** for most improved in World Regions;
- **Juliet Wells** for excellence in Integrated Science.

**High School Grads**

Congratulations to **Lace Johnson-Smith**, **Kim Kirk** and **Justine Tyner** who graduated from H.H. Arnold High School June 5.

Lace will be attending the Co-op University of New York; Kim will be attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Justine will be attending the University of Maryland University College.

**Below the zone**

Congratulations to Senior Airmen **Bianca Rios** and **Elizabeth Speichinger** for their recent below-the-zone promotions to Senior Airman.

**Tax deadline**

The filing deadline for federal taxes for individuals overseas is June 15. Contact your unit tax advisors or the 469th Air Base Group Legal Office for help in filing taxes.



Photo by 1st Lt. Uriah Orland

*Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, (far left) lays a wreath at the American Cemetery in Normandy during the Memorial Day ceremony, honoring the 9,387 Americans buried there. "Combat Touch" sponsored a trip there May 28-31 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.*

**CSAF shares view on AEF cycle length extension**

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers  
Utah Beach Joint Infomartion Bureau

**STE. MERE EGLISE, France (USAFENS)** – The Air Force chief of staff announced the extension of the baseline for deployments from 90 to 120 days and the change of the Air Expeditionary Force cycle from 15-months to a 20-months in his Chief's Sight Picture, June 4.

The changes will take place beginning with AEF Cycle 5 in September, according

to Gen. John P. Jumper.

The general said the Air Force intends to stick with 90-day deployments for those Airmen already deployed in AEFs 7 and 8 and those deploying in AEFs 9 and 10 (June-August). Airmen deploying in AEFs 1 and 2 should prepare for a four-month tour.

The general said one reason for the change is in response to the Air Force component commander for the Central Command area of operations need to deploy

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

## A safe extrication

*Two Reservists deployed to the 469th Air Base Group Fire Department from the 440th Mission Support Group Fire Protection, Gen. Billy Mitchell Field, Wis., use a hydraulic cutter to open a car door during the Rhein-Main Safety Fair May 26. The safety fair was part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe kickoff of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. The fire department demonstrated the use of the cutter, the Jaws of Life, and an air chisel to safely extricate victims involved in an automobile crash. The safety office hosted 12 booths discussing safety related topics ranging from bicycle safety to safety at home and at work.*

# House approves FY05 defense bill

On May 20, the House of Representatives passed its version of the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Act by a vote of 391 to 34.

The \$447 billion defense bill has been received by the Senate and now awaits a joint House-Senate conference to formulate a final bill.

The bill included several items of interest for Air Force members.

- Authorize the creation of separate campaign medals for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

- Authorize permanent ID cards for spouses and survivors who are age 70 or older.

- Authorize service secretaries to provide a civilian clothing allowance of up to \$250 to members traveling in connection with a service-related medical evacuation.

- Provide a January 1, 2005, across-the-board basic pay raise for active duty, National Guard and Reserve members.

- Approve a \$400 million increase in military housing allowances to eliminate average out-of-pocket housing expenses in respect to the service members grade and location.

- Establish a geographic basis for Basic Allowance for Housing during short changes of station for professional military education or training, allowing the service secretary concerned to base the amount of BAH for the member on the duty station to which the member is reassigned or the area in which the dependents reside, whichever the secretary concerned determines to be most equitable.

- Authorize the Department of Defense to make up a portion of the difference between civilian salary and military pay for mobilized Guard/Reserve members providing up to \$3,000 per month in income replacement for those serving on active duty for more than 12 continuous months, 18 months in a 5-year period, or

any month when mobilized within six months of a previous active duty tour.

- Provide the authority for military members assigned to combat zones over one year to request an advanced payment of not more than three months of their basic pay.

- Provide a one-year extension for most bonus and special pay authorities.

- Authorize the Secretary of Defense to increase the maximum amount of Hardship Duty Pay from \$300 to \$750 per month.

- Extend the authority to provide critical skills retention bonuses to members of the Guard and Reserve.

- Establish the eligibility of reserve component members to receive incentive bonuses for converting to military occupational specialties to alleviate personnel shortages.

- Authorize payment of Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for military fire fighters.

- Expand travel and transportation allowances to assist survivors of military members to attend the burial ceremonies of the military members and remove limitations on the number of family members traveling to see military members suffering from serious illnesses/injuries.

- Approve a phased-out elimination of the age-62 Survivor Benefit Plan Social Security offset. The plan would raise the annuity to 40 percent on October 1, 2005; 45 percent starting April 1, 2006; 50 percent on April 1, 2007; and to 55 percent on April 1, 2008.

- Extend the authority through December 31, 2005, for Imminent Danger Pay to be paid at \$225 per month and Family Separation Allowance to be paid at \$250 per month.

- Delay the already approved 2005 round of base realignments and closings until 2007.

*(Courtesy of the Air Force Sergeant's Association)*

# President honors fallen at Normandy

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — President George Bush honored the thousands of soldiers who died during the invasion of Normandy 60 years ago June 6.

During a D-Day ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy, where U.S. service members are laid to rest, the president said “generations to come will know what happened here, but these men heard the guns.”

The guns he was referring to were along Hitler’s Atlantic Wall in World War II: extensive fortifications along the coast, including mines, tanks, trenches and jutting cliffs, gun emplacements, machine gun nests and artillery trained accurately on the Allies landing on the beaches.

“Visitors will always pay respects at this cemetery, but these veterans come looking for a name, and remembering faces and voices from a lifetime ago,” Bush said, referring to D-Day veterans in the audience. “Today, we honor all the veterans of Normandy and all their comrades who never left.”

During his speech the president told of the horrors of the invasion on June 6, 1944.

“At all the beaches and landing grounds of D-Day, men saw some images they would spend a lifetime preferring to forget,” he said. “One soldier carries the memory of three paratroopers dead and hanging from telephone poles ‘like a horrible crucifixion scene.’ All who fought saw images of pain and death, raw and relentless.”

He said that in the first wave of the landing here at Omaha Beach, one unit suffered 91 percent casualties. “As General Omar Bradley later wrote, ‘Six hours after the landings, we held only 10 yards of beach.’”

Yet another chilling image the president focused on was that of the beach after the guns were silent.

“This coast, we are told, was lined for miles with the belongings of the thousands who fell,” he said.

“There were life belts and canteens and socks and K-rations and helmets and diaries and snapshots. And there were Bibles, many Bibles, mixed with the wreckage of war,” he said. “Our boys had carried in their pockets the book that brought into the world this message: ‘Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’”

But the president also spoke of the joy spread across Europe after the liberation. In Amsterdam, a 14-year-old girl heard the news of D-Day over the radio in her attic hiding place, he said. “She wrote in her diary, ‘It still seems too wonderful, too much like a fairy tale. The thought of friends in delivery fills us with confidence.’”

“Anne Frank even ventured to hope, ‘I may yet be able to go back to school in September or October,’” he said.

The president reminded the audience that across Europe, “Americans shared the battle with Britains, Canadians, Poles, free French, and brave citizens from other countries” to take back land from Nazi rule.

“In the trials and total sacrifice of the war, we became inseparable allies,” he said. “The nations that liberated a conquered Europe would stand together for the freedom of all of Europe. The nations that battled across the continent would become trusted partners in the cause of peace.

“And our great alliance of freedom is strong, and it is still needed today,” Bush stated.

“America honors all the liberators who fought here in the noblest of causes, and America would do it again for our friends,” he concluded.



Photo by 1st Lt. Uriah Orland

***The World War II American Cemetery at Normandy overlooks Omaha Beach where the 1st Division and parts of the 29th Division suffered more than 3,000 casualties on the first day of the D-Day invasion. The cemetery contains the graves of 9,387 Americans who lost their lives during the landings or in the ensuing operations of WWII. The cemetery also remembers 1,557 service members who gave their lives, but whose remains were not located or identified.***

# Airman learns life's lessons at early age

By Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand  
52nd Operations Support Squadron

**SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany** — When we think about the classrooms in life, I'm sure the bathroom is not at the top of the list, but the bathroom just happens to be where I learned my first core value.

I was taught "Excellence In All We Do" by my father. My father isn't a retired chief. He didn't serve in the Air Force; he wasn't even in the military. But through his daily actions, and his shaving mug, I learned an important life lesson. See, my father's shaving mug had a motto inscribed on it, "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well."

As a young boy, I would frequently eyeball that shaving mug in hopes of one day putting the lather on my face and sliding the razor across my soon-to-be whiskers. As a boy, I paid little attention to the motto. Now, as a man, I look back and realize that even though I didn't think about the motto, I internalized it as a core value.

I've been guided by that simple, yet powerful motto every day of my

life. I strive to do my best with every task entrusted to me and take pride in the successful completion of the job.

As Air Force members, we should all feel pride in our jobs. From fuels to finance, from the post office to the pharmacy, we all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force mission accomplishment.

We should treat each and every task as mission essential, because the Air Force core value "Excellence

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In All We Do" doesn't afford us an option of when to give 100 percent. It demands that we give our very best, everyday, in everything we do.

While not everyone has a shaving mug to remind them that "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well," what we do have is the core value internalized and displayed by the "blue suit" we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent "Excellence In All We Do" and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

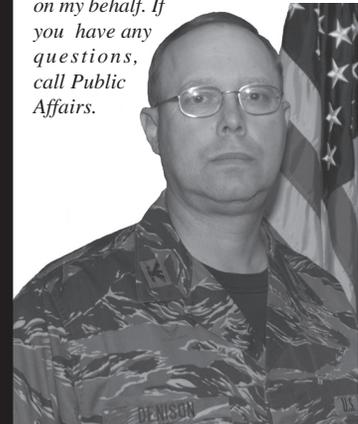
The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison  
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

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4 p.m., June 17.

## Warriors of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Joseph Pizzimenti

**Deployed from:** 1st Air and Space Communication Operations squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany  
**Time in service:** 13 years 6 months  
**Time at Rhein-Main:** 3 months  
**Duty Title:** Detachment 3 Training Manager  
**Hometown:** Daytona Beach, Fla.  
**Hobbies:** Surfing, fishing, reading and hunting  
**What has been your best Air Force experience?**  
 Traveling and meeting all the different cultures.



Staff Sgt. Jason Slevin

**Deployed from:** 16th Security Forces Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
**Time in service:** 12 years 6 months  
**Time at Rhein-Main:** 3 months  
**Duty Title:** Combat Arms Instructor  
**Hometown:** Caddomills, Texas  
**Hobbies:** Outdoors sports and shooting  
**What has been your best Air Force experience?**  
 Spending every day on the firing range.

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Airmen for longer tours to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders supporting global contingency requirements.

“Make no mistake about it, Usama Bin Laden killed 3,000 of our citizens on Sept. 11, 2001, and if he could have killed 30,000, 300,000 or three million he would have done the same thing without one ounce of remorse,” said General Jumper in an interview at the Iron Mike air drop zone here during events commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

“We who wear the uniform are entrusted by our nation to deal with this situation and we should all be very proud of that,” he said. “We are the symbol of the pride and strength of this nation, and our citizens look to us to make sure that we don’t get visited by the Usama Bin Laden’s of the world again.”

The general said the demands on deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline in the near future.

“We’ve said from the beginning that

we’re going to have to let it (Air Expeditionary Force) mature,” he said. “We’ve gone through four cycles now, including two major combat cycles ... and it’s been proven to us that the 120-day cycle will serve us better.

“Many people in the stressed and critical fields are staying 120 days – and some of them more- in any case,” he added. “It’s going to help us overall with our tempo ... and quite frankly I think it’s going to make it easier on families rather than harder.”

The general said he is aware that the 20-month cycle will present challenges to Reserve units, possibly affecting the number of volunteers, and leadership will monitor the situation closely to ensure fairness across the total force.

General Jumper said the Air Force has a rotational requirement of nearly 20,000 Airmen – three times the demand prior to Sept. 11, 2001. He plans to expand the current number of 272,000 Airmen eligible to deploy.

The general has asked all major com-

mands to aggressively review situations where Airmen are excluded from AEF pairs and take immediate steps to maximize manpower authorizations in standard tasking codes and if required, create new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities.

“If you’re wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you’re part of the AEF,” General Jumper said in his sight picture. “This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power.”

The basic composition of each AEF, including five Air Expeditionary Wings and six Air Expeditionary Groups of airpower and combat support capability, will not change. Low density/high demand units will continue to follow Department of Defense-approved deployment guidelines and mobility aviation units will be postured in multiple AEFs to support the U.S. Transportation Command mission and other combatant commander needs.



# USAFE Airman Information File

June 2004

## RISK MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATING A RESPONSIBLE WAY OF THINKING

Four of our USAFE team members will never see their loved ones again -- their promising lives were cut short in vehicle accidents last year. One of the hardest things we do as leaders is tell loved ones a team member is injured or killed. It is not something we like to do, but it is even more frustrating if the situation was preventable.

Everything we do involves risk, whether it's traveling to and from work, going through a pre-flight checklist, or having a barbecue with friends. We need to stop throwing risk management into a box to be pulled out only when we need to consider "critical" tasks in the workplace.

Some tasks are simple, like taking the time to buckle your seatbelt or knowing if you've been drinking, then you need to let somebody else drive. Others are more complex and may require a more methodical approach to risk management.

Operational Risk Management (ORM) is a tool to do just that -- it merely puts logical steps to common sense. ACT SMART is a simple framework to help remember the six steps of ORM:

- |  |  |                                   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <u>A</u> -Assess environment for risks | <u>C</u> -Consider options to limit risk | <u>T</u> -Take appropriate action |
| <b>1. Identify the Hazards</b>         | <b>3. Analyze Control Measures</b>       | <b>5. Implement Risk Controls</b> |
| <b>2. Assess the Risk</b>              | <b>4. Make Control Decisions</b>         | <b>6. Supervise and Review</b>    |

We developed a strong safety program in USAFE and enjoy a good safety record so far this year. Through May 2004, we experienced 35 percent fewer mishaps (57 in number) than during the same period last year. This is encouraging, but best practices and methods mean nothing if not applied at all times.

As we enjoy the summer months, we must keep our guard up. Statistically, we are entering one of the most dangerous periods of the year. Over the last 10 years nearly half of all fatal accidents happened in the summer. Consequently, it is especially critical during the summer to think for a minute before you execute -- have a plan prior to engaging in activities, then stick with the plan.

**Bottom line:** Risk is everywhere. Develop a plan to manage it. Risk management cannot be compartmentalized to the workplace, nor simply an afterthought. Take the time to protect our most valuable resource in USAFE -- you!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

*"Bring Your Courage"*

# Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long

**May 13** — The I.H.S. guard from the main gate relayed the Law Enforcement Desk that an individual had entered the base illegally. Patrols received a description from the gate guard and began sector searches. Patrols stop the person on base and apprehended him. The person had a base pass but did not enter with his escort. The person was issued a intent to bar letter and escorted off the installation.

**May 14** — The I.H.S. guard from the main gate telephoned the LE Desk and relayed he had a vehicle with major damage and was unsafe to drive. Patrols responded and deemed the vehicle unsafe to operate on a motor way. Upon inspecting the vehicle the driver relayed she was involved in an accident in downtown Frankfurt. Patrols also smelled the scent of an alcohol beverage in her presence. Polizei administered a portable breathalyzer and found the driver to be over twice the legal limit to drive.

**May 15** — The Darmstadt Military Police relayed an individual assigned to the 469th Air Base Group was possibly involved in a hit and run accident off base. The person was picked up at the main gate a few hours later and detained by patrols.

**May 18** — The I.H.S. guard at the main gate tele-

phoned the LE Desk reporting that an unconscious individual was at his location and smelled of alcohol. Patrols responded and made contact with the subject. The subject stated he was deploying in a couple of hours and confirmed his intoxication. The subject was apprehended for failure to obey an order or regulation for the consumption of alcohol. During a search, the patrols found narcotics paraphernalia in his pockets.

**May 18** — The LE Desk received a telephone call reporting an individual showing suicidal gestures. Patrols responded to find the person in the fetal position, crying on the floor of her residence. The witnesses stated the person said she hated her life and would not be missed. The individual was transported to the Uni-Clinic for further evaluation.

**May 19** — The LE Desk received a telephoned call relating there was a firearm in a dormitory. Patrols responded and received permission to search the room. Patrols found the weapon which turned out to be a cigarette lighter. Next to the lighter was narcotics paraphernalia. The subject was apprehended.

**May 20** — The Security Forces Control Center received a call about an individual who was belligerent and failed to pay his debt and at the ESPRIX hotel. Patrols responded and apprehended one individual for disorderly conduct and failure to pay debt. During the rights advisement of the individual, he threatened

**Crime Stop Hotline**  
**330-7171**

physical harm to three security forces members. The individual was then advised of his rights for communicating a threat.

**May 23** — The LE Desk was notified of an assault at the Gateway Inn. Upon arrival patrols interviewed a married couple who were going through problems. The sponsor of the couple was apprehended for assault and drunkenness.

**May 25** — The Air Mobility Command Center relayed to the LE Desk that there was an assault which occurred on an aircraft. Patrols responded to find the subject on the floor of the aircraft. The subject would not comply with the patrols requests and was handcuffed and searched. The victim stated she saw the subject hitting her husband at the back of the aircraft and approached them to help settle the situation. The subject then turned around and assaulted the victim. The husband later relayed the subject has an illness classified as bipolar.

**June 1** — The LE Desk dispatched patrols to a verbal altercation in contingency lodging. Security forces apprehended two individuals for disorderly conduct and drunkenness. One of the individuals registered a blood alcohol content of 0.207%.



*The Rhein-Main USO office is looking for volunteers to help support inbound/outbound troops during the current manning shortage in the office. The office no longer*

*requires volunteers to stay for four-hour shifts. Volunteers can donate whatever time they have available. The office needs up to four volunteers per shift.*

*Volunteers are encourage to sign-up instead of just showing up at the terminal to help the office plan.*

*For more information, contact the USO at 330-6424.*

# Going home can be shock for some

*(Editor's note: This story, with some minor editing, first appeared in the Kaiserslautern American at Ramstein Air Base, as well as, The Sentinel at Zweibrucken AB. The original author thought it was a humorous look at "going home" to remind everyone that things do change, especially if you've been here long enough to get accustomed to the "European" way of life.)*

If you're one of those folks who's about to head home to the United States, you'll need to brace yourself. Unless you're prepared, the old hometown could turn out to be culture shock city.

Remember how strange you felt when you first came to Europe? Remember how odd and different everything seemed? It may sound funny, but the fact is you'll get all those same feelings back when you get home, especially if you haven't been there in a while.

To help make the transition a little easier, here are a few pointers to keep in mind.

■ **Language** – Most people in the United States speak English. In a restaurant, you can simply order in a forthright manner and expect the waiter to understand what you've said. There's no need to wave the menu under his nose and point at your choice.

You can speak directly to bus drivers, store clerks, passersby, almost anyone you can think of. Ninety percent of them will immediately get your meaning without any sort of sign language or charades. Practice without theatrics

before you head home.

■ **Money** – The medium of exchange in the U.S. is the dollar. It's accepted everywhere and it doesn't fluctuate. If you see something you want, don't wait to buy it and hope the "rate" gets better. There's no rate change – only the prices change.

Many stores will give you small copper coins in change. You haven't seen many of them over here, but they're still considered a legitimate mode of exchange in the United States. Each one is called a "penny" and is worth one cent or 1/100 of a dollar.

However, there's nothing for sale in the United States that only costs one cent.

■ **Shopping** – Back home you'll find many stores which offer American goods and which are open to the general public – and even on Sunday. There's no need to show your I.D. card. You'll find clothes in American sizes and appliances that operate with 110 volts. If you don't see exactly what you want, it's okay to ask the sales clerk to show you other colors or models. Stores carry many different brands of products.

Instructions are printed in English. You'll see many items available for purchase which are advertised in your favorite magazines.

Try not to go bananas.

■ **Courtesy** – Be careful what you say to people about their dwelling, furniture, etc. It's possible that they may not have been issued them by the government, but reflect their personal taste. In Europe, a glance around your host's living room accompanied by the remark, "Can you believe this junk?" is a friendly opening comment. At home, it may not be taken that way.

And don't be surprised if someone waves to you as they pass or say's, "good morning/evening" as they walk past you.

■ **Sidewalks** – Don't be surprised if, on a Saturday, you don't see people scrubbing their front steps, or sweeping the streets and sidewalks in front of their homes.

■ **Be calm**

– In your hometown many people may not be familiar with the many advantages of military life. They don't understand why you're in the service when you could be making a good living working at Harry's Garage.

If the subject comes up, try to stay calm. The home folks may not know much about G.I.s; appreciate the significance of your last Enlisted or Officer Performance Report; and most of them have never heard of Spangdahlem, Kaiserslautern, Rhein-Main or any other German base.

Just tell them you may be going back some day.




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## DUI Tracker

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### Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

#### 469th Air Base Group

No DUIs in 2004

#### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

134 days

#### 64th Replacement Company

No DUIs in 2004

#### Tenant Units

No DUIs in 2004

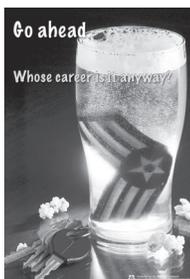
#### Others

147 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.



# Summer 101 critical days underway

By Tech. Sgt. Fred English  
Safety Office

Summertime is no doubt the best time of the year in Germany. The days are long, hot, sometimes rainy and filled with excitement. Many will take this opportunity to spend time with the family, barbecue, participate in water activities or travel.

We have recently entered our 101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign. The "101" runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Historically; during this period, the Air Force sustains more injuries and deaths to our personnel than during any other time of the year.

Last summer the 469th Air Base Group sustained zero reportable mishaps during the "101." By making a conscious effort to put safety first, I think we can repeat a banner year.

Applying the principles of ACT both

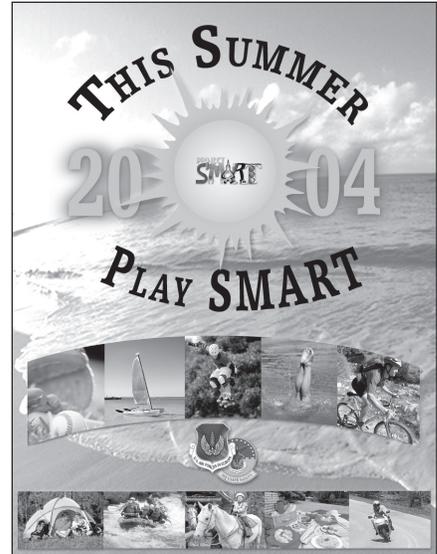
on duty and off will help decrease mishap potential.

## **A**ssess the situation **C**onsider your options **T**ake appropriate action

ACT is the risk management tool to use before any activity that could lead to a potential mishap.

Take a few moments to utilize these steps before taking part in any on or off duty activity and you could save yourself from the pain of an injury.

Through teamwork we can continue to limit mishaps throughout the coming year. I challenge everyone at Rhein-Main to keep the safety commitment both on and off the job.



The 469th ABG Safety Office has numerous brochures to help you have a safe summer.

Contact the office at 330-7083 for more information.



## Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

### Fire Department

**Q:** How long will the fire department be here, and what happens after they close?

**A:** The Fire Department will exist and provide all services until the base closes.

### Legal office

**Q:** If I can't sell my European specification car, can I file a claim for its value?

**A:** No.

**Q:** If I can't sell other personal property like transformers or 220-volt appliances, can I file a claim for them?

**A:** No.

**Q:** What can I expect if I cancel my lease?

**A:** This issue should be taken seriously. Look at your tenant agreement thoroughly and, most important, early. Two types of contracts are possible.

First, if you and your landlord have both signed a contract, issued by the housing office in two languages, there is a preprinted clause determining the time frame for termination to be two or four weeks. This is a minimal time frame and more warning time is authorized to be given to a landlord. In any event the termination must be pronounced in writing.

Second, if you signed a multiple page contract in German, you must pay particular attention. In accordance with German law there is a three-month time frame for termination. If there is a clause abbreviating this time frame due to a permanent change of station, it must be annotated in writing at the end of the contract in the "special agreement clause". If this is the case, then a shorter time frame is admissible. The termination must also be pronounced in writing.

One more note, under all circumstances, do not declare a termination to take effect during a month, rather to take effect on the 31st of the month.

**Q:** If I ship my vehicle back early can my spouse pick it up without me?

**A:** Yes, as long as she has a specific power of attorney to pick up the vehicle. The person should also have all the vehicle information and processing paperwork produced when the vehicle was initially shipped.

*Sports Briefs*

**Soccer star**

Chris Kitterman, son of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) and Mrs. Kitterman, 469th Air Base Group, scored the game winning goal for the Wiesbaden Warriors during the semifinal game of the European High School Division I Championship May 22 at Ramstein Air Base.

The Warriors defeated Lakenheath High School 7-6 after two overtime quarters and two shoot-outs.

Wiesbaden lost 1-0 against Heidelberg High School in the final. Heidelberg scored the winning goal in the final minute of action to defeat the Warriors.

**Youth baseball**

The Rhein-Main Youth Center Bantam Baseball teams, the Baseballers and the Braves, competed in the 104th Area Support Group East Base Support Battalion division playoff June 5. Both teams advanced to the second round where they faced each other.

The Braves inched out the Baseballers 10-7. The Braves went on the win the play-off by beating Giessen 15-5. The Rhein-Main Youth Center Braves will travel to Hanau to compete in the 104th ASG Championship on the Saturday.

**Mountain biking**

Congratulations to Dave Gallagher, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer flight, who placed second in the Kitzingen Back 40 race Saturday. Gallagher is now in first place in the Senior Category.

**Fitness is no challenge**

**Fire department regains base trophy**

By 1st Lt. Uriah Orland  
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The 469th Air Base Group Fire Department secured the Unit Fitness Challenge trophy by sweeping the May Fitness Challenge.

The fire department was in second place in the point standings, trailing the 469th ABG Security Forces Flight by one point, going into the competition. The point standings were based on participation in May fitness month events.

Brent Watkins started the fire department off with a second place finish in the 1.5-mile run behind Matt Hansen of the 469th ABG Clinic, who blew the competition away with an 8:16.

Following Watkin's second place finish, the fire department swept the remaining events.

Gabriel Villanueva tied Guy Parker, Legal/Public Affairs team, with 18 pull-ups. Brandon Cunningham won the shuttle run with a time of 31.03.

Darren Plogger did 63 push-ups and Jannell Villanueva did 66 sit-ups to finish first.

Security Forces finished a disappointing fifth in the challenge, placing them second in the final standings.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

**Brandon Cunningham throttles down to make a u-turn during the shuttle run. Cunningham won the event with a time of 31.03. The shuttle run was a new event during the fitness challenge.**

Legal/PA finished third in both the challenge and the overall standings.

The 469th ABG Services Flight finished second in the challenge but only mustered enough points to finish fourth overall.

*Softball scoreboard*  
as of Tuesday

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
ETC	2	0	1.000	-
Consulate	1	1	.500	.5
Lufthansa	1	1	.500	1.5
Security Forces	1	2	.333	1.5
64th RC	1	2	.333	1.5

**June 1**

Consulate 9, SFS 2
64th RC 3, Lufthansa 25
ETC 9, Consulate 1

**June 3**

Consulate 5, 64th RC 6
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SFS 11, Lufthansa 4  
ETC 13, 64th RC 9

**Wednesday's Games**

64th RC vs SFS  
Lufthansa vs Consulate  
Lufthansa vs ETC

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
726th AMS	2	0	1.000	-
Fire Department	2	1	.666	.5
TSTA	1	1	.500	1
469th ABG	1	1	.500	1
AFN	0	3	.000	3

**June 2**

Fire Department 14, 469th ABG 4  
AFN 7, TSTA 12

726th AMS 12, Fire Department 5

**Tuesday's Games**

469th ABG vs AFN - AFN Forfeit  
726th AMS 13, TSTA 10

Fire Department 18, AFN 14

**Thursday's Games**

TSTA vs 469th ABG  
AFN vs 726th AMS  
TSTA vs Fire Department

*(Scores compliments of Rhein-Main Fitness Center)*

## Cook your own steak

The Zeppelinhaus staff sponsors "Cook Your Own Steak" night from 5 - 8 p.m. Friday. Customers can also enjoy live blues and jazz performed by solo artist Robert Cotton.

Cost is \$8.50 for adults; \$4.25 for children under 12 and kids under 4 eat for free.

## End of School Luau

The youth center celebrates the end of the school year with a luau party Friday from 5 - 7 p.m.

The party is free for all youth center members. Call 330-7125 for more information.

## NFL Visit

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward visits Rhein-Main June 14.

Extreme Summer participants can earn 50 points by coming out to meet him. Get more details at the Extreme Summer headquarters at the Youth Center or Community Connection.

## Cooking class

A German cooking class is scheduled for 6 - 8 p.m. June 14 at Our House. This month dishes will be potato salad and Frickadellen.

## Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass takes place at 9 a.m. every Sunday. CCD classes are offered every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Penance - 8-8:30 a.m. Sunday or by appointment

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please call the chapel at 330-7501.

## Finance class

A basic financial management class takes place June 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the family support center classroom.

The class is mandatory for all newly arrived E-4's and below. It's also open to anyone who wants to review the fundamentals of effective money management.

For more information or to sign up call 330-7992.

## Auto auction

The auto skills center holds an auction June 19. Preview begins at 10 a.m., the auction at noon.

## Father's Day BBQ

The Zeppelinhaus celebrates Dads with a Father's Day barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 20.

Cost is \$9.95 for adults; \$4.95 for children under 12 and kids under 4 eat for free.

## Father's Day Bowling

Fathers bowl free on Father's Day, June 20 from noon to 10 p.m. at the Rocket Bowling Center. Bowlers can win prizes from Bitburger and Holiday Park.

## Smooth moves

The family support center sponsors a Smooth Moves class June 23 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. targeted at those who are PCSing this year. Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Mongolian Meal

Create your own stir-fry from a variety of fresh meats and vegetables during Mongolian Barbecue from 5 - 8 p.m. June 24. Enjoy a great meal exactly the way you want it. Price is by weight.

## Give Parents a Break

The last day to sign up for June's Give Parents a Break program is June 23. The program is open to children 6 weeks to 12 years.

Referrals are made through commanders, first sergeants, chapel, clinic, family advocacy, FSC or the child development

## Movies at Rhein-Main

**Friday** - "The Passion of Christ," (R), 7 p.m.

**Saturday** - "Scooby-Doo 2," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," (R), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - "Van Helsing," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** - "Day After Tomorrow," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**June 18** - "Troy," (R), 7 p.m.

**June 19** - "The Prince and Me," (PG), 5 p.m., and "The Ladykillers," (R), 7:30 p.m.

**June 20** - "Jersey Girl," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**June 22** - "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," (PG), 7 p.m.

**June 23** - "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," (PG) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

center. Contact the FSC at 330-7992 or the CDC at 330-7017 for more information.

## Thrift shop sale

The Rhein-Main Thrift Shop has a \$2 bag sale on all thrift shop clothing and accessories every Thursday. Come pick out all the clothes you like for a bargain price.

The Thrift shop will be closed for their summer break from July 19 - 31. The store will reopen August 3.

## Bowling special

Air Force Services brings Bowl for the Stars and Strikes to Rhein-Main Tuesday through Aug. 31.

Participants in this program can earn rewards by collecting punches on red, white and blue punch cards available at The Rocket Bowling Center.

For every 15 punches, participants will receive rewards such as a bowling pin key chain, bowling ball bank or t-shirt - while supplies last.

## Out and about

# Köln, Germany's oldest major city

By 1st Lt. Uriah Orland  
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Köln is a fascinating metropolis that dates back to ancient Romans.

The city, the oldest major city in Germany, is located on the Rhein River and is only an hour and a half drive from Rhein-Main Air Base. It is perfect for a day trip or a weekend excursion.

The characteristic elements of the city--commerce, transformation and transport, religion and veneration of the saints and modern art--are combined in the city center.

These characteristics are embodied by the central railway station (1890 - 1894) and its restored glass and steel structure, the Köln Cathedral and the adjacent Ludwig Museum and the Römisch-Germanisches Museum.

The name Köln stems from the Roman empress Agrippina, the wife of the Emperor Claudius. She was born on the banks of the Rhein and elevated her "Colonia" to the status of a city in A.D. 50.

Today, traces of the Romans can still be found at the Dionysus Mosaic in the Römisch-Germanisches Museum, sections of the Roman city wall and the Roman water system, which formerly brought fresh spring water to the Roman city from the Eifel region.

The Roman road network is also still reflected in the layout of the city streets. Hohe Strasse, a busy shopping street between the cathedral and Neumarkt square, can look back over a two-thousand-year history of economic and social life.

The most dominant and famous landmark is the largest cathedral in Germany. It took 632 years until the construction of the 157 meter towers was complete.

After the laying of the foundation in 1248 and a period of rapid progress, construction work gradually came to a standstill. It was only with 19th century romantic enthusiasm for the Middle Ages and the commitment of the Prussian Court that construction work resumed in 1842. In 1880, completion of the cathedral was celebrated as a national event.

In 785 Charlemagne founded the Archbishopric of Köln and also bestowed secular powers upon the church dignitaries. The Archbishop of Köln became one of the most powerful feudal lords in the Holy Roman Empire.

Since the 12th century, Köln has been the fourth metropolis, in addition to Jerusalem, Byzantium and Rome, to bear the designation "Sancta" (holy) in the city name; "Holy Köln, faithful daughter of the Roman church by the grace of God".

Twelve large Roman collegiate and monastery churches, in addition to the world famous cathedral, stand as a major architectural testimony to the "spiritual" influence of the 12th century.

Around the city there are still numerous Roman ruins. There



Photo by Capt. Jack Spencer

***The Köln Cathedral, with its 157 meters high towers, is the city's most famous landmark and one of the most well-known architectural monuments in Germany.***

is the Roman North Gate; the Prätorium, the residence of the city's Roman governor from the first to the fourth century; from the entrance of the Kleine Budengasse there is also access to a sewage canal; and the northwestern Roman Tower, the corner tower of the Roman fortifications.

Köln also offers more than Roman and religious history.

The city boasts of more than 3,000 public houses, restaurants, and breweries. The breweries offer a unique Kölsch beer and the restaurants offer typical Köln delicacies in first-class restaurants.

Per capita, no other city in Germany has as many public houses and restaurants.

*(Information courtesy of Köln.de)*