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News Briefs

Award winner

Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Claudia Van Hassel**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic, who was recently named the Chief Master Sgt. Lewis W. Dunlap Outstanding NCO of the Year in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Air Force Medical Service Award program.

Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the Rhein-Main Community January-March 2004 quarterly award winners.

Airman Category – **Airman 1st Class Casey Jensen**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; NCO Category – **Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Skelhon**, 726th AMS; Senior NCO Category – **Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir**, 469th Air Base Group; CGO Category – **2nd Lt. Uriah Orland**, 469th ABG; Category I Civilian – **Ulrike Houtz**, 726th AMS; Category II Civilian – **Carole Beasley**, 469th ABG; Volunteer of the Quarter – **Xavier Presley**.

726th AMS honors

Congratulations to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron for its recent performance in the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force Annual Awards competition for calendar year 2003.

The squadron won:

- Best Air Transportation Function;
- Best Logistics Function;
- Best Reliability;
- Co-winners of the Lt. Gen.

Edwin E. Tenoso Outstanding Unit Award.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Springing into fun

Tech. Sgt. Eric Bohl, 469th Air Base Group, lends a hand to his daughter Alex, on the putt-putt range at the Halvorsen-Tunner Parent Teacher Student Association Spring Carnival April 30 at the school. More than 200 Team Rhein-Main members turned out for the event. Proceeds from the carnival are used by the PTSA to sponsor various events and activities at the school throughout the year. For more information about the PTSA, call the school at 330-6272.

Defenders of the Domain

Wing IA team tasked with keeping bad guys at bay

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Officials at the 435th Air Base Wing have designated May as Wing Information Assurance Awareness month.

Information Assurance is defined as, “a key component of information operations, used to achieve information superiority. IA awareness is an integrated communications awareness program covering communications security (COMSEC), computer security (COMPUSEC), and emission security (EMSEC) disciplines.”

The motto of the IA team in the Kaiserslautern Military Community is “*Defenders of the Domain.*” During the month, the IA office will provide the KMC and Rhein-Main communities with infor-

mation and tools to help defend the KMC network.

One subject of high importance is computer viruses. A computer virus is a type of computer program that is designed to “hide in the background” (meaning to “run” in the computer’s program clandestinely) and replicate itself from one computer to another.

It does this by attaching itself to existing programs or parts of the operating system. Users can unknowingly transmit a virus from one system to another by copying infected program files from one machine to another or by using an infected program

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

CCAF graduates

Ten Airmen graduated from the Community College of the Air Force with Associate of Applied Science degrees during a ceremony April 6 at the Zeppelinhaus. (Back row, left to right) Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Preston, 485th Intelligence Squadron, Information Systems Technology; Master Sgt. Randolph Thompson, Det. 1 2nd Air Postal Squadron, Logistics; Staff Sgt. Joseph Roby, 485th IS, Avionic Systems Technology; Staff Sgt. Trey Walker, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight, Electronic System Technology. (Front row, left to right) Master Sgt. David Hall, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Transportation; Staff Sgt. Phillip Sisneros, 469th ABG Finance Flight, Financial Management; Staff Sgt. Larry Bright, 469th ABG Communications Flight, Information Systems Technology; and Master Sgt. Marcel Balaoro, 726th AMS, Aviation Maintenance Technology. Graduates unable to attend: Staff Sgt. Adam Esposito, 104th Area Support Group, Information Systems Technology and Tech. Sgt. Thaddeus Reiste, 469th ABG Fire Department, Fire Science.

Secretary, chief send Armed Forces Day message

WASHINGTON — The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

“Since 1949, America has paid tribute to its men and women in uniform by celebrating Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May. Grateful Americans in every state will hold parades and fly Old Glory to honor those who have worn the uniform either as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

“It is indeed an important time to be a member of our nation’s Armed Forces and especially to be an Airman. America needs your service today as much, if not more, than any other time in our country’s history.

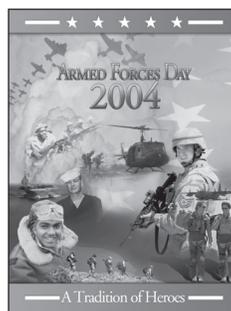
America’s security is a global issue as we continue the fight in the war on terrorism. Our country needs your steadfast

devotion to protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

“Today, we serve a grateful nation. From shore to shore,

Americans are proud of your professional competence, combat capabilities and unwavering courage to defend our country. They have seen firsthand your efforts in the mountains of Afghanistan and the skies over Iraq and your steadfastness in protecting our homeland. They have reveled with us in your triumphs and cried with us when we lose brothers and sisters in battle.

“You represent the pride and patriotism of the United States. You are the standard for sacrifice, devotion and bravery. We are proud to serve with you. On this Armed Forces Day, let’s remember those who came before us and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May God bless all of you and our great nation.”



Stripes offers free electronic newspapers

Paper to continue print edition despite downloadable format at www.estripes.osd.mil

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

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers who do not have access to the Stars and Stripes newspaper but do have access to a computer can now go online to read or download an exact replica of the paper at no charge.

Stars and Stripes officials said the electronic version of the newspaper is an effort to reach readers in remote areas.

Free online versions of the newspaper's European, Pacific and Middle East editions became available April 26.

Tom Kelsch, the newspaper's publisher, said the free online newspaper is geared toward servicemembers in remote locations, but any servicemember assigned anywhere in the world, as well as family members, can use the service.

"We have many military (people) stationed in places where it just isn't practical to get the printed edition to them, and this is a way to be able to reach (them) wherever in the world they're stationed," Mr. Kelsch said.

Servicemembers and their families can read the paper online or download it in portable document format at www.estripes.osd.mil. Officials recommend that readers who want to print the paper and read it use the "fit to paper" option when printing. The site also offers free access to past newspapers for seven days.

The electronic newspaper is a cost-effective way to get the Stars and Stripes to servicemembers at bases in isolated places overseas, such as Iceland or Crete, where delivery is expensive, Mr. Kelsch said. It is also a way for the newspaper to reach servicemembers stateside at bases "where circulation is low or the paper is not offered," he said.

Offering Stars and Stripes free online to servicemembers does not mean the printed edition is going away, Mr. Kelsch said. Evidence indicates most people still want to hold a newspaper in their hands, and the online version really is most valuable to people who cannot get the paper otherwise, he said.

Printed editions of the paper will still be delivered to servicemembers in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, where computer access is limited, he said. Each day nearly 45,000 copies of the paper are delivered throughout the Middle East region, and



Customers can check out the European and Middle East editions (left), as well as the Pacific edition, seven days a week.

plans call for increasing that number, he said. The newspaper delivers about 25,000 copies to Iraq, another 3,500 to Afghanistan and 15,000 to Kuwait, he said.

Mr. Kelsch said the primary reason for the free offer is to help the newspaper fulfill its mission to get the paper out to servicemembers.

"We have a mission to serve, and we intend to serve that mission," he said. "This is a way that we can do it very well, and so we're going to do it."

Last year, Stars and Stripes began offering a paid subscription service for the electronic version of its daily paper. Mr. Kelsch said that few readers subscribed to the electronic edition.



Courtesy photo

Serving far from home

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Lance Tressler, 469th Air Base Group Chapel and Father (Maj.) Kevin Cody, 469th ABG Chapel, pause for a photo in front of the Manas Air Base Chapel in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The Rhein-Main members are serving on a 90-day deployment to the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing with Chaplain (Capt.) John Key (third from left) and Airman Lena Barlow. Sergeant Tressler and Father Cody are expected to return to Germany sometime in June.

WWII Memorial

What it means to the military of today

By Maj. Jeff Decker

379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The recent opening of the National World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. and its dedication this Memorial Day are highlighting the service of a generation who stood up to protect our nation, fought tyranny and freed an oppressed European continent 60 years ago.

We are now in a conflict as arduous and noble as the struggle fought by our great grandparents, grandparents and older aunts and uncles, a fight our secretary of defense believes “is the most important tasking the U.S. military has been handed since the second world war.” So it

is fitting to recognize a previous group of Americans with whom we share a heritage of duty and sacrifice.

Approximately 16 million Americans served in the Armed Forces during World War II, performing their duty across the entire globe.

Many of us have visited the European or Pacific battlefields while stationed overseas or at least seen “Saving Private

Ryan” or the “Band of Brothers” mini-series.

Now with this new memorial, 290 million Americans and countless others from different countries can visualize the enormity of World War II.

Of the Americans who did serve during the war, more than 400,000 did not return home. A single wall within the memorial park is adorned with 4,000 gold stars; each star represents 100 Americans who died during the three and half years of fighting, a poignant reminder of the tremendous sacrifice felt across big cities, small communities and the farms of rural America.

World War II was the defining moment of the 20th Century. This memorial now stands in our nation’s capital to thank those who

served from the deserts of North Africa to the islands of the Pacific and across the European mainland, when America faced a determined enemy and a world threatened by totalitarian states.

It is also a powerful symbol to our fellow citizens and those who wear the uniform today that we too are engaged with a resolute adversary and a world facing the dangers of global terrorism, a



The U.S. Postal Service will release the National World War II Memorial stamp to coincide with the dedication of the memorial set for May 29. The stamp honors the achievements and ideals of Americans who served during the Second World War.

Commander's Action Line

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 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 the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

war we must win to protect our homeland and our way of life.

You are following in the footsteps of Americans who answered the call on their watch.

Now it is time for us to do the same. Remember that when you see the National World War II Memorial.

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Warriors of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Rueben Martinez

Unit: 726th AMS
Time in service: 19 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 1 year 10 months
Duty Title: Reserve Coordinator/Unit Deployment Manager
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Hobbies: Mechanics, wood work, yard work, fishing
What has been your best Air Force experience? I can honestly say the Air Force has made me a better person and that has to be the best experience of all.



Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Skelhon

Unit: 726th AMS
Time in service: 19 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 6.5 months
Duty Title: Superintendent, Forward Supply Operations
Hometown: Walla Walla, Washington
Hobbies: Star Trek, cake decorating, reading science fiction
What has been your best Air Force experience? Being stationed in England which led to meeting my husband and making master sergeant my first time testing.

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downloaded from the Internet. Computer viruses often infect many programs on the same system or even parts of the operating system in an attempt to spread themselves as far as possible.

To better understand the destructiveness of viruses, the following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the *Washington Post* March 1.

"Internet attacks in February caused an estimated \$68 billion to \$83 billion in damages worldwide, British computer-security firm mi2g reported. The damage estimates are about \$50 billion higher than in January, previously the most costly month on record. Much of February's cost stemmed from the MyDoom worm, which appeared at the end of January and continued to spread."

There are currently more than 22,000 known computer viruses circulating throughout the world and more are being discovered every day.

Here's a short list of some of the recent infamous ones: Netsky (with variants from A-Q), Love Bug, Melissa, Welchia,

MyDoom, BugBear, Blaster Worm, and MiMail Worm. People who infect the Internet with viruses are no more than common criminals with the specific purpose of causing damage.

Several entities throughout the Department of Defense work together to ensure network security. Some of these entities are: the Air Force Computer Response Team; the USAFE Network Operations and Security Center; Automated System Security Incident Support Team; 735th Communications Squadron's Network Control Center; system administrators; workgroup managers; and Unit Information Assurance Managers.

These people are assisted by some high tech utilities used to protect the network and computers against viruses.

Some of the tools used are: Norton AntiVirus; Systems Management Server (SMS—used to push software to government computer); firewalls; Password Policy Enforcer; Public Key Infrastructure; Access Control Lists; mail relay servers;

proxy servers; Internet Security System scanner; Automated Security Incident Measuring System; and Enterprise Security Manager/Intruder Alert.

This is only a sample of the many layers of defense provided for the domain. The IA team furthers its extensive defensive posture by educating the most valuable person and possibly most vulnerable – users.

To counter the threat of computer virus outbreaks, it's always best to be fully equipped and proactively ready.

By arming the domain and educating customers, the IA team will stay one step ahead of the latest virus outbreak.

All users need to use the tools and practices put forth to assist in defending the domain. Together, a relationship can be forged to help safeguard against the destructive effects of computer viruses before they wreak havoc within the domain.

For more information on IA, call the Rhein-Main Information Assurance Office, at 330-7995.

(Courtesy of 435th ABW IA Office)



Courtesy photo

Fire Dawgs

Six firefighters from the 469th Air Base Group are currently on a 90-day deployment to the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. (Back row, left to right) Staff Sgt. Armando Fabela, Staff Sgt. George Weaghtington and Staff Sgt. Giacomo Nicolosi. (Front row) Senior Airman Jason Tucker, Senior Airman Lucas Miller and Airman 1st Class Joshua Hosack.

Airmen will test for HIV every 2 years

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C.

— Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years.

This is a Defense Department policy change geared toward standardizing testing across the services, officials said.

The policy, recommended by members of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, will also require Reserve and Guard Airmen called to active duty for 30 or more days to have a current HIV test within two years of the date called.

Since the Defense Department began testing in the mid-1980s, each military service has had its own HIV-testing program. Testing intervals varied by service — from one to five years — and procedures were inconsistent, board officials said.

The two-year interval provides the best protection from the hazards associated with

Under the old system

In the past, most Airmen were tested for HIV every five years, except for medical personnel and members PCSing overseas or completing consecutive overseas tours.



military service for HIV-infected servicemembers, board officials said.

HIV testing identifies servicemembers who are infected as early as possible so military health-care providers can treat them to reduce transmission. The screenings also preclude deployment overseas and other risks that may be associated with military service for those who are infected.

Within the Air Force, screenings preferably will occur during an Airman's preventive health assessments, said Maj. (Dr.) Mylene Huynh, a preventive medicine of-

ficer at Air Force Medical Service headquarters here.

Routine interval testing does not preclude HIV screening for reasons such as testing before drug or alcohol treatment, incarceration, occupational exposure clinical indications or at an Airman's requests, Dr. Huynh said.

She also said that HIV testing will remain available for all servicemembers upon request without inquiring as to the reason for the test.

Under the policy, active-duty Airmen are no longer required to undergo an HIV test before moving overseas or within 12 months of a consecutive overseas tour, Dr. Huynh said.

In 2003, there were 43 HIV-positive cases identified among 335,000 tests on Airmen, said officials at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

This included 26 among 259,000 active-duty, 10 of 35,000 Reserve and 7 of 41,000 Guard Airmen tested.

AF Climate Survey results in

By Nicole Gamez

Air Force Climate Survey team

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey results have been analyzed, and final reports have been released to unit-level leaders for action.

The survey ran Oct. 1 to Nov. 23.

“As the leaders of the world’s greatest air and space force, we share a commitment to continually seek improvement. The survey results give our leaders targets for improvement from the people who know best — our Airmen,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. “For the survey to be a true success, leaders must now take this information and use it to focus their efforts within their organizations. I urge leaders to brief the results to their members and then translate that information into action.”

Previous surveys included active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. To provide a clearer picture of the entire force, the 2003 survey included the Reserve, Guard and nonappropriated-fund civilians. More than 50 percent of the total force took the survey.

It addressed job characteristics, unit resources, core values, supervision, unit chain of command, training and development, and job enhancement. It also focused on teamwork,

participation and involvement, recognition, unit flexibility, general satisfaction and unit performance outcomes.

Air Force-wide, unit performance outcomes, job characteristics and core values were the highest rated factors at 94-, 92-, and 87-percent agreement respectively. These results indicate that people believe they are meeting their missions’ goals, find their jobs important and challenging, and believe that their unit understands and demonstrates Air Force core values, officials said.

Eighty-six percent of the survey participants said that people in their work groups exercise teamwork and perform essential work that is considered above and beyond the call of duty. **Eighty-five percent** of respondents agreed that they have the required training to do their jobs, and that they have opportunities for professional growth.

Overall, supervision was rated at **84 percent**, while **81 percent** believed their chain of command positively influenced the direction, people and culture of their units.

Although active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilian participants’ ratings increased from the 2002 survey, the results showed room for improvement in several areas. Seventy-eight percent of the respondents are generally satisfied with their jobs,

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Soldiering smart

(Left) Pfc. Timothy Williams, 64th Replacement Company dining facility cook, takes notes of what he sees in a simulated mine field during the Army’s common task training April 28 at Rhein-Main. (Above) Pvt. Raquel Martinez, 64th RC clerk, practices decontaminating her hands following a simulated chemical attack. The 64th RC participates in the training on a monthly basis. The average soldier must be proficient in more than 15 individual tasks.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Ride for life

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor Jim Wilcox (right), provides instruction to Capt. Richard Macalino, 401st Air Expeditionary Wing Det. 3, during a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course April 29 at Rhein-Main. U.S. Air Forces in Europe personnel who operate motorcycles, motor scooters or mopeds must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course every three years.

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are involved in their work place's decisions and believe their units respond well to change.

Since the first survey in 1997, acknowledgment of exceptional performance and management of time, people and equipment areas continue to score low in the survey; however, both have continued to increase. Comments received in the recognition area indicate that a simple "thank you" for a job well done can be just as effective as a formal award, officials said.

Sixty-five percent of participants agree morale in their unit is high. This number has increased from 55 percent in 1997.

In comparison with other components, active-duty Airmen rate all factors lower than reservists, guardsmen and civilians. Officers consistently rate all factors higher than enlisted Airmen and civilians with the exception of the unit resources factor.

Since 2002, the number of active-duty Airmen (deployed and at home station) who intend to remain in the Air Force has decreased significantly.

Analysis by Air Force Academy officials revealed that the chain of command as a whole, rather than the commander or supervisor alone, drives performance, satisfaction, organizational commitment and one's intent to remain in the Air Force. Further analysis revealed that of all the factors the survey addresses, an Airman's career intentions are most affected by organizational commitment and satisfaction, not by work hours.

According to the survey results, ratings increased in units where leaders used the results positively.

The 2003 factor ratings were compared against the question, "Did my leader use the results in a positive way?" The results showed leaders who shared results and used ideas and suggestions had higher positive responses in all factors. Leaders that took action on previous survey results also increased their units' overall scores, officials said.



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.

Finance

Q: Where else can I go to get assistance with pay issues?

A: "MyPay" on the Internet at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Q: When will the bank close?

A: The Community Bank is scheduled to turn off banking support Oct. 29, 2005. Prior to closure, those individuals who have accounts there will have their accounts transferred to whichever Community Bank branch they choose. Branches at Weisbaden Army Air Field and Darmstadt are approximately

15-20 minutes away. There are also ATM machines at the Frankfurt airport.

Q: When the bank closes, how will we get pay, travel funds, PCS advances, etc.?

A: Nothing will change. These functions are also done by Electronic Funds Transfer and will continue to be done this way.

Q: Once the base exchange and commissary close and people are forced to shop off base, can we expect any kind of Cost of Living Allowance change?

A: These agencies have no bearing on COLA rates. The rates are based on the strength of the dollar versus the Euro.

Q: When the bank closes, where can we pay bills such as telephone bills?

A: Personnel can go to the TELEKOM office in the Neu-Isenburg Mall or to the office closest to their home to pay TELEKOM telephone or network service bills. People can also go to any German post office and pay through the post bank.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long

April 6 — Patrols responded to the Rocket Sports Lounge for a verbal altercation. Patrols arrived on scene and made contact with a lance corporal. The corporal stated he would not leave the lounge because the cleaning crew was able to stay. The corporal was given a courtesy ride to his dormitory.

April 12 — The Law Enforcement Desk received a call from a sergeant reporting damage to a GOV. Patrols responded and detained an Airman for fleeing the scene of an accident.

April 16 — A specialist assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., was detained for not following orders and cursing at an NCO. The specialist was also found to be intoxicated and charged for disorderly conduct/drunkenness.

April 18 — The LE Desk received a call from the Rocket Sports Lounge to report the need for medical assistance for a possible assault. The patrols made contact with a corporal from Camp Lejeune, N.C. The corporal was unable to speak due to his injuries. The night manager said he saw the corporal and two other personnel

arguing and fighting. The manager asked all three to leave the lounge. After the personnel exited the lounge the manager noticed the glass menu case was shattered and the corporal was bleeding heavily. The other two personnel were detained for assault.

April 23 — A retired military member reported her purse had been stolen. The member stated while walking in downtown Schoge, Netherlands, two unknown males grabbed her purse from behind and fled. She gave chase but to no avail.

April 27 — The LE Desk received a call stating there was vandalism in the parking lot of Bldg. 608. Patrols responded to find graffiti painted on the walls of a parking spot.

April 29 — The LE Desk received a call from a sergeant from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron relating there was a domestic disturbance in his home. Patrols responded and made contact with all parties in the home. Upon completion of the investigation, a family member was detained for child abuse and assault. The sergeant was apprehended for assault.

May 2 — The LE Desk received a call from the base exchange to say the staff had stopped a civilian from the 5th Signal

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Command for shoplifting. Patrols arrived and received a statement from the store detective stating the person put discount stickers on a blouse in the dressing room and paid for the item at the discounted price. The civilian confessed to switching prices and was apprehended.

May 2 — A civilian reported to the LE Desk that her wallet was stolen from her purse as she shopped in downtown Frankfurt. The civilian said she finished paying for some clothes at a local store on the Zeil and put her wallet back in her purse but forgot to secure the purse itself. As she attempted to pay for more items at a different store she noticed the wallet missing.

May 7 — The LE Desk received a call from a sergeant stating he found a small child under the age of three walking in Gateway Gardens. The sergeant recognized the child and the patrols escorted both to the sponsor's home. The sponsor was detained and processed for child neglect.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

- 469th Air Base Group**
No DUIs in 2004
- 726th Air Mobility Squadron**
106 days
- 64th Replacement Company**
No DUIs in 2004

- Tenant Units**
No DUIs in 2004
- Others**
119 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.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Little lawyers

(Left) Sixth-grade defense attorney Rebecca Riley (standing) grills a witness, classmate Haley Anderson, during cross-examination at a mock-trial May 6 in the base legal office . (Above) Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander and presiding judge, listens to Kassy Alvarez's testimony during a 7th grade mock-trial May 7. The mock-trials were held in recognition of National Law Day, celebrated each year at the beginning of May. Law Day provides an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the United State's legal heritage, on the role of law and on the rights and duties which are the foundation of peace and prosperity for all mankind.

Rhein-Main's final bazaar under way

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

Travel to the far corners of the world without ever leaving Rhein-Main — by visiting Hangar 425 today through Sunday.

Polish pottery, wine, antique furniture, olive wood and Turkish carpets are just a few examples of the types of products people will find on sale at the Community Spouses Club Bazaar.

The bazaar is by far the CSC's biggest fund raiser and has always been one of the biggest events at Rhein-Main.

"There will be vendors from the Netherlands, Israel, England, Italy and France, among many others," said Mindi Spencer, bazaar chairperson.

There will be about 75 vendors selling their wares this year.

Along with the vendors a wide variety of food booths will be present, run by different base organizations.

While the bazaar itself is a great opportunity for Rhein-Main members to purchase goods from all over the globe, it serves a greater purpose — collecting money that will go right back into the local community.

"Last years Bazaar raised well over \$50,000, all going back into the community through organizations, such as the family support center, giving out student scholarships and many other programs that help troops and the community as a whole.

"We would love to see a huge turnout. This is the last bazaar we will have on Rhein-Main and we would like to end the tradition on a very successful note," said Mrs. Spencer.

The vendors will accept American dollars or Euros, and personal checks. Credit cards will be accepted depending on the vendor. Although personal checks are accepted, there will be no check cashing service by the CSC.

Non I.D. cardholders that are signed on base as guests are welcome to attend.

When & Where

The bazaar, located in Hangar 425, just past the Air Mobility Command passenger terminal on Stringer Road, is open:

- 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Today
- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday



Photo by Staff Sgt. Angela Malek

The star treatment

Senior Airman Dwight Hine, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, gives a C-17 tour to (left to right) Keith Brooking from the Atlanta Falcons, Todd Heap from the Baltimore Ravens and Warrick Dunn from the Falcons, during a USO-sponsored trip to Rhein-Main May 7. The players, along with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, also visited with soldiers at the 64th Replacement Company, troops at the passenger terminal and members of the 469th Air Base Group at the Zeppelinhaus.



The May Flight Fitness Challenge will be tied to unit participation in the entire month full of fitness activities. Points will be given for participation and for how competitors place in certain events. Even if you're not on a team, everyone is invited to join in the month's activities.

The activity schedule of remaining events include:

- 3:30 p.m. May 21 - 10K Run/Walk at the fitness center. Deadline to sign up is 3 p.m. May 21. Participation and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points.

- 10 a.m. May 22 - Fitness Fest. No points.

- 3:30 p.m. May 27 - Flight Fitness Challenge at the fitness center. Deadline to sign up is 2:30 p.m. May 27. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points.

- 10 a.m. May 29 - Racquetball Tournament at the fitness center. No points.

Standings so far

Team standings as of Thursday are:

- 1) JA/PA – 23 points
- 2) Civil Engineer Squadron – 11 points
- 3) Security Forces – 9 points
- 4) Services – 8 points
 - Clinic – 8 points
- 5) 726th AMS – 6 points

The JA/PA team won the 3-on-3 basketball tournament with a 21-20 win over Services. Team members included Mark Cave, Shay Jackson and Jerome Aubert. Matthew Hansen won the indoor triathlon with a time of 21:07. The event consisted of a 2-mile run, 5-mile bike race and a 1,000-meter row.

The Fire Department #1 team won the 3-on-3 volleyball tournament with a 15-12, 13-12 over JA/PA.

Sports Briefs

Intramural softball

The Rhein-Main Intramural Softball pre-season tournament is set for Wednesday and Thursday and May 24-25. Ten teams will compete in the tourney. Brackets will be available at the fitness center beginning Saturday.

Contact Staff Sgt. Wade Washom for more details.

Equipment checkout

Heart monitors and reflective belts can be checked out at the fitness center front desk.

Fitness director

Jannell Villanueva is the new fitness director at the base fitness center. Mrs. Villanueva is available to develop program designs for individuals and perform equipment orientations and familiarizations to demonstrate the proper use and operation of machines and equipment.

For more details, call 330-7151.

Yoga class

The fitness center offers a free yoga class from 7-8 p.m. each Wednesday.

Yoga is a balanced total mind/body class. By stretching and lengthening muscles, participants can regulate their internal organs and balance their circulatory and respiratory systems.

Spin class

The fitness center offers free Spin classes from 12:15-1:15 p.m. and 6-6:45 p.m. each Monday and 6-6:45 p.m. Fridays.

This 45-minute class is a super-energetic workout. Participants will burn calories and increase fitness with interval drills, hill sprints and speed training with music specially designed for the cycle.

Kick boxing class

The fitness center offers a free Cardio Kick Boxing class from 6-7 p.m. each Wednesday.

Workout includes jabbing, kicking, shadow boxing and more.

Award winner

Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir, 469th Air Base Group, took first place in the English Evaluation Contest at the Toastmasters District Competition Saturday in Munich. He is a member of local Toastmasters Club 4146.

Fifteen countries were represented in this year's competition.

Salute to families

The Defense Commissary Agency salutes military families Saturday and Sunday with huge savings on special items, music, giveaways and demonstrations.

The commissary will also take part in a worldwide caselot sale May 29-30. Customers can save up to 60 percent off more than 130 products.

Cooking class

A German cooking class is set for 6-8 p.m. Monday at Our House, Bldg. 627 B-2.

Participants will learn to make appetizers and salads.

For more details, call 330-7992.

Base clean-up

Dates have been set for main base

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.

and Gateway Gardens clean-up. Personnel will clean the main base from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday. Clean-up in the housing area is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25.

For more information, call Dave Cubitt.

Operation Real World

The family support center sponsors "Operation Real World" from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our House to celebrate high school juniors and seniors as they face graduation and transition from home to school, work or the military.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

Friday feast

The family support center sponsors a night out May 21 at the Thai-Bualuang restaurant in Dreieich.

Participants should meet at 6:30 p.m. in the shoppette parking lot to car pool. The dinner coincides with the Give-Parents-A-Break program from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the child development center.

Call 330-7992 for details on the trip and 330-7017 for Give-Parents-A-Break.

School registration

Registration for the University of Maryland's Term 5 begins May 24 and runs through June 4. Term 5 classes begin June 7 and end July 30.

Classes include ENGL 101, MATH107, ENGL388V, CMST100F and EDCP100C.

For more information, call the UMUC Field Representative at 330-7434 or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Employment class

Kathryn Troutman teaches a 10 Steps to Federal Employment class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 25 in the family support center classroom.

Students will learn everything they need to know to start federal employment.

Walking tour

The FSC sponsors their popular walking tour of Frankfurt beginning at 7:45 a.m. May 27 at the shoppette parking lot.

The tour covers use of public trans-

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "The Alamo," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Eurotrip," (R), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Twisted," (R), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Laws of Attraction," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 21 - "Hidalgo," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 22 - "Agent Cody Banks 2," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Walking Tall," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

May 23 - "Starsky and Hutch," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 26 - "Van Helsing," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

May 28 - "Spartan," (R) 7 p.m.

May 29 - "Secret Window," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Man on Fire," (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

For sale

2 med. dog kennels/cages-Airline appr.-good condition-\$25 per cage; 1 German phone -\$10; power strip/surge protector and misc. 220v adapters-\$7; German digital radio/alarm clock-\$10; 4-piece kitchen canister set (country apple dec.)-\$10; German in 10 minutes a day-\$5; Learning Company-The Clue Finders 4th Grade Adventures CD-ROM-\$10; womens/teens size small light purple winter ski jacket w/ matching vest-\$15. Call 069-9563-8799/069 7535 3922/01752545251.

Wanted

Swim coach wanted: Looking for a person to give private lessons 1 or 2 times per week to 2 teenagers preparing for competitive swimming this summer. At a pool of coach's convenience.

portation and provides a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and comfortable walking shoes. The FSC staff suggests participants bring at least 25 Euros for lunch and extras.

Call 330-7992 for details.