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News Briefs

Newest major

Congratulations to Capt. Christopher Aliphat, 469th Air Base Group, who was recently selected for promotion to major.

Germans honored

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Security Forces recognized the German Bundeswehr (armed forces) for its assistance with the Global War on Terrorism.

Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, Ramstein's 435th Air Base Wing commander, presented the award to German Col. Volker Fritze during the annual USAFE Security Forces Awards Banquet, held March 11. Colonel Fritze, from the German armed forces joint staff, headquartered in Bonn, Germany, accepted the award on behalf of the Bundeswehr's men and women who have been providing security at U.S. military installations in Germany since February 2003.

Satellite dishes

TV satellite dishes are not permitted to be installed on any base facility without approval of the base civil engineer.

Many unauthorized TV satellite dishes have been installed on the roof or sides of buildings without approval. These will be disconnected and removed March 30.

Current records indicate only a few dishes have CE approval. The 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight is the point of contact for this project.

For additional information, call 330-7399/7101.



Students in Rhein-Main's first Customer College course March 8-12 give the instructor their undivided attention.

Back to school at R-M

Providers sharpen customer service skills during 5-day course

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Matt Summers
Editor

Twenty members of Team Rhein-Main took time away from their work centers and hit the books March 8-12 to help improve the customer service skills set throughout the base.

The 469th Air Base Group held its first Customer College, one of U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong's 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs. This particular program is designed to deliver training, resources, tools and skills to customer service profes-

sionals to help them provide a level of service exceeding customer expectations.

Throughout the week of training, students were exposed to techniques, philosophies and examples of outstanding customer service.

Bob Furse, who came from Ramstein to teach the first course, has more than 25 years of customer service experience. He said the current course curriculum was written and rewritten five times to make sure it was right.

"The students are our customers," he said. "So our best teaching technique is to set a good example."

Far from the "death by Powerpoint" frequent in military briefings, Mr. Furse said interaction is essential to a successful class.

"We listen to them – we get them to tell us about their stories," he said.

Staff Sgt. Danielle Myers, 469th Air

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Cool kiosk

Staff Sgt. Tim Hall, 469th Air Base Group Finance, checks out the Air Force One-Stop Kiosk at the Rhein-Main Passenger Terminal Tuesday. The kiosk is an Air Force Accounting and Finance Office initiative to enhance customer service by providing an alternative to visiting customer service offices. The system offers access to vMPF, MyPay and local information links including information on schools, housing, family support centers, currency conversion calculator among other topics. The machine can also print information, forms and maps for travelers.

VWAP: Looking out for victim/witness

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Tyson
469th Air Base Group Legal Office

There have been a number of articles and news stories about sexual assault in the military recently.

Many of these accounts indicate that there is little support for the victim, when in actuality, the Department of Defense set up a program in response to federal law requiring protections for victim/witnesses of crimes several years ago. The Air Force program is entitled the "Victim Witness Assistance Program," or VWAP.

Why is VWAP important to Airmen? Statistically, at some point in each person's life, they will be, know or work with a victim of a crime – known as a victim witness. The Victim Witness Assistance Program ensures a victim witness is properly informed of:

- the right to be treated with fairness and with respect for their dignity and privacy;
- the right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender;
- the right to be notified of court proceedings;

- the right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that a witness' testimony would be materially affected if they heard other testimony at trial;

- the right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case;

- the right to restitution; and

- the right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

To ensure compliance with the program and to assist victims and witnesses, the Rhein-Main legal office has a VWAP coordinator, Tech. Sgt. Shay Jackson, and a VWAP liaison, Staff Sgt. Kim Tyson. The coordinator or liaison will provide the following services for a victim/witness:

- Coordinate crisis intervention and support services;
- Provide information about the status of a victim's case in the criminal justice process;
- Ensure registry with the Bureau

of Prisons to obtain information about an inmate's release date;

- Accompany victims to court through trial and sentencing, upon request, when staff is available;

- Offer referrals to appropriate community agencies and programs, including information on how to apply for victim compensation for victims of violent crimes;

- Provide information about a victim's rights and role in the federal criminal justice process (courts-martial fall under the federal criminal justice system);

- Act as a victims' liaison with investigative agencies, the Bureau of Prisons and the assigned prosecutor;

- Assist victims in obtaining release of their property after a case has been completed.

- Explain court and/or case related information to employers of victims or witnesses;

- Offer crime prevention tips, especially for victims of financial crimes such as telemarketing, mail theft and identity theft crimes.

Air Force Portal

Technology provides information, access, instant messaging

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders have asked that all airmen sign up for a new Web-based technology that promises to streamline access to information across the force — the Air Force Portal.

In a December information technology initiatives memo, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper asked that all airmen sign up for an Air Force Portal account as soon as possible.

“The Air Force Portal will be the airman’s interface to all services and information needed to perform his or her job,” the memo stated.

Airmen may register for access to the portal by logging onto the Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil> and clicking on the self-registration link. The registration process is self-guided.

The portal is a Web-based system developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result of such an integration is that systems such as the virtual military personnel flight or functional area applications, such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system, would all be accessible from one Web site, said Lt. Col Dan Hausauer, portal integration division chief.

“The long-term vision is that the majority of applications and content will come through the Air Force Portal,” Colonel Hausauer said. “Today there are hundreds of applications that are either accessible through the portal or are actually within the framework of the portal. In fact, the portal has the capability right now to house applications or to link to them on their current environment, wherever they are.”

The key benefit to such an integration is the idea of a single user login. Once a user logs in, the portal itself authenticates a user into the application. This means that with each new application integrated into the portal, users will have one less Web address, login name and password to remember, Colonel Hausauer said.

“You can log into the portal with a single user name and password, and from there, these users can get to their applications without having to reauthenticate,” Colonel Hausauer said. “Some users within the logistics community have told me that in the past they’ve had (more than) 50 user names and password combinations, and now they need only one.”

The logistics community has done the most to integrate their applications into the portal and to integrate the system into their own processes, Colonel Hausauer said. Besides logistics applications, other applications such as myPay and LeaveWeb are soon to follow.

A recent change to the portal makes it even easier for users to get access. Now, users can access the system from any Internet-connected computer at home, at work or on the road, Colonel Hausauer said.

When users are on temporary duty, the portal makes it easy to stay in contact with co-workers at their permanent duty stations in real-time. The portal now includes an instant messaging system similar to those found on the dot-com side of the Internet. The Air Force Instant Messenger was used most recently during operations in South-west Asia, Colonel Hausauer said.

“When the war kicked off, a lot of people on the front lines had difficulty getting to phone lines,” Colonel Hausauer said. “People with network connectivity were using AFIM to do their job, like ordering mission-essential parts for aircraft or ‘IMing’ back to their home station in the United States to ask for assistance.”

During those operations, AFIM had been set up to interface with commercial messaging systems so deployed airmen could communicate with friends and family on their “buddy lists.” That capability has been temporarily disabled, but Colonel Hausauer said it would return following a security review.

For every application that has already been assimilated into the portal framework, there may be many others that have not, Colonel Hausauer said. One way to expedite their integration is for those most familiar with those systems to speak up, and ask for them to be incorporated into the portal.

“A challenge for us is to get owners to come to us with their applications and to work with us to integrate them into the portal,” Colonel Hausauer said. “We can make our security layer work for them, plus give them the benefit of the single user login. We also look to users to insist upon having the applications they use brought to the portal. Users need to ask their (leaders) if they can make that happen.”

Besides providing an integrated interface to existing Air Force applications, the portal provides functionality of its own. The portal includes a “white pages” section that lists everybody in the Air Force. It includes personalization features that let users adjust the presentation to suit their needs. The system even allows users to upload favorites from their desktop computers, so those frequently used Web addresses are available from anywhere in the world.

As more systems are brought into the portal, the Air Force moves closer to its overall vision for a Net-centric force.

“The Air Force vision is to bring a virtual desktop to the airman and to bring all the applications you need to do your job to that desktop,” Colonel Hausauer said. “You will have the ability to access them all with one login name and password, they will all work together seamlessly, and you will be able to access them from anywhere. That is the future.”

Registration deadline

Members of U.S. Air Forces in Europe must register with the Air Force Portal by April 1.

Airmen can register for access by logging onto the Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil>.

Back to basics

Zero tolerance for sexual harassment/assaults

By Maj. Elizabeth Rodriguez
469th Air Base Group Legal Office

For the past three weeks, Rhein-Main has felt the pangs of recent media reports of increases in sexual assaults down range.

These reports have prompted the Department of Defense to launch an investigation into the treatment of sexual assault victims.

This investigation includes a directive from Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, to assess all major commands in their treatment of and care for victims of sexual assault.

This week, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's team hit the road to assess how well we're doing to support victims. How did we get to this point where manpower must be utilized to determine the extent of sexual assaults?

The Air Force has a policy of zero tolerance for sexual harassment, and certainly, sexual assaults are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. One would think that these alone would prevent sexual assaults from happening. However, as we've seen at Rhein-Main, we are not protected from assaults by our own.

Unfortunately, we've felt the pain of sexual assaults on our own turf – and I'm led to believe that getting back to the basics is one way to squash this misconduct.

Recently, a fellow Airman was

served an Article 15 for taking advantage of his fellow female Airmen. He thought his conduct of entering their rooms without permission was appropriate; and he certainly believed his actions after entering their rooms were his God-given right. Imagine his surprise when he received his Article 15.

"UNBELIEVABLE" was his reaction! When confronted by his commander that his misconduct was being considered for a court-martial, imagine his surprise, again – "UNBELIEVABLE!" In his mind, his misconduct was not an offense.

Zero tolerance for sexual harassment and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's policy that "sexual assault will not be tolerated in the Department of Defense," are lawful command influences.

We will respond to sexual misconduct. Unwelcome sexual advances are unlawful. More important, however, they're just not right.

Given the Airman's response to his Article 15 seems to be an indication that we must go back to the basics. More manpower, more training, more time spent away from completing our missions because some fellow active-duty members just don't get it.

Rhein-Main is currently holding sexual assault deterrence briefings. The intended audience has been female Airmen (all ranks).

The legal office and medical clinic will hold similar briefings for male Airmen of all ranks at the end of March.

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

We want to focus on improving education and training, reporting procedures, victim response programs and oversight by commanders.

Ultimately, we want to reach zero reported cases because we do get it – zero tolerance.

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Warriors of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Proctor

Unit: 469th Air Base Group
Time in service: 20 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 15 months
Duty Title: Readiness NCO
Hometown: Grand Island, Neb.
Hobbies: Movies, food, cars, motorcycles, skydiving, scuba diving
What has been your best AF experience? My tour in Guam. When I wasn't working I was in the water.



Paul Smith

Unit: 469th Air Base Group
Time in service: 5 years for DoD
Time at Rhein-Main: 14 years
Duty Title: Air Force Aid Society officer/Personal Financial Manager
Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi
Hobbies: Enjoying German culture, reading, music
What has been your best AF experience? The feeling that you have really made a difference.

COLLEGE, from Page 1

Base Group Commander's Support Staff, said she sees happy and unhappy customers everyday. One of the techniques she picked up on in class is the "LAST" method – Listen, Apologize, Solve and Thank.

"This should be utilized by us the providers to ensure our customers get the best service—regardless," she said.

When asked if she would recommend the course to others, she said, "everyone will be a customer in the future."

Fellow student Jamie Howell, Pacific Architects and Engineers, said he learned to fine tune his customer service skills.

"I've learned how to better listen to people and (detect) the mannerisms they give, their body language and facial expressions," he said. "You don't really realize all these things until you're in a classroom setting like this."

The responsibility of teaching the classes of the future will fall to the two Customer College points-of-contact at Rhein-Main, Capt. Karie Caywood, 469th ABG Logistics Flight, and Senior

Master Sgt. Trina Douglas, 469th ABG Finance.

Classes are expected to be held once a month, according Captain Caywood. Each duty section will have a quota of students to fill each class.

The captain said all the feedback she received from students was positive.

"They all came out wanting to go to their respective flights and initiate some minor changes – changes that may or may not be visible to the outsider," she said.

Graduates of the first Customer College Class included:

Fatma Altay; Carl Blackwood; Valeska Brandt; Staff Sgt. Mark Cave; Capt. Karie Caywood; Senior Master Sgt. Trina Douglas; Staff Sgt. Jo Eugenio; Harold Feuerstein; Airman 1st Class Scott Harris; Inge Herget; Staff Sgt. Mark Long; Jamie Howell; Ray Matthews; Paul Moeller; Staff Sgt. Danielle Myers; Staff Sgt. William Richardson; Senior Airman Ray Rodriguez; Mary Tesfaye; Noel Van Hassel and Thomas Varghese.

AFAF under way

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs through April 18 and asks Airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. This is the 31st year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions. People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

■ Air Force Aid Society – information is also available online at www.afas.org.

■ The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. – more information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

■ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund – the Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

■ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation – the LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org.



Four on the Fl



Staff Sgt. Anthony Bullen and Dusty
(Deployed from 1st Security Forces Squadron
at Langley Air Force Base, Va.)



MWD safety rules

1. Do not try to pet the dogs.
2. Handlers must keep MWDs on leash except when they must bite and hold a suspect or search an unoccupied building.
3. When challenging an individual, approaching a suspect, checking a person's identification or participating in any situation that requires the handler to divert their attention from control of the dog, handler's must warn people their dog is trained to bite and hold with or without command.

While they're a common sight at many U.S. military installations, it's been nearly 10 years since Rhein-Main was secured with the help of four-legged security forces members.

That changed Saturday as four teams of military working dogs deployed to the base from as far away as California.

The four-team group, deployed for 179 days, is led by Staff Sgt. Anthony Bullen, deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Members of his team include: Staff Sgt. Steve Keller from Beale Air Force Base, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Jerome Vahalik from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. and Senior Airman Kristen Romani, from Beale.

The military working dogs will increase the overall force protection posture for the mission and community, according to 1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight commander.

"We now have an increased capability to detect/deter (certain items) before they enter the base, provide better distinguished visual protection and do search and clear operations in a more proficient manner," Bullen said. "This is a huge success story for the Rhein-Main community."

Credit for much of the success can also be attributed to Pacific Architects and Engineers, who built kennels to house the MWDs from scratch, and local Army units at Darmstadt who will assist in training and veterinary needs.

The MWD program provides units the capability to enforce military laws and regulations, suppress the use of illegal drugs, detect explosives and protect installations and resources, according to Air Force instruction governing the program.

Sergeant Bullen said residents can expect to see the MWD teams at various



Staff Sgt. Jerome Vahalik and Gizmo
(Deployed from 30th Security Forces
Squadron at Vandenberg
Air Force Base, Calif.)



Staff Sgt. Steve Keller and Re
(Deployed from 9th Security Forces
Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, C

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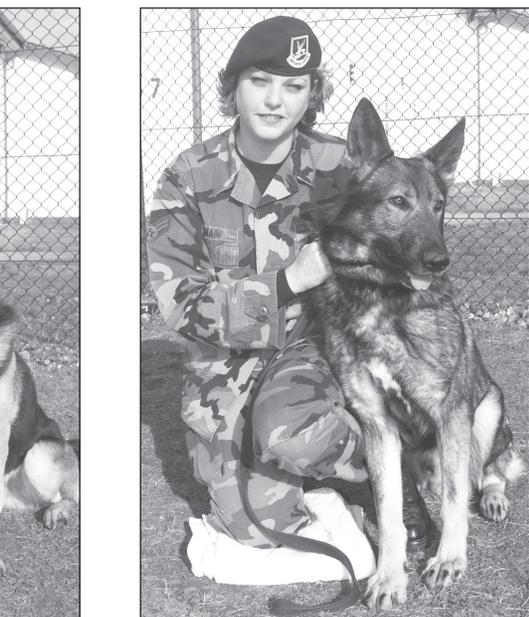
y to locations throughout the base to include entry control points, work areas and base housing.

itor K-9 vehicles are clearly marked with a warning sign to deter unauthorized personnel from approaching the vehicle.

ne A point that Sergeant Bullen and MWD handlers across the military constantly have to make is that MWDs are just that and not pets. Under no circumstances should personnel other than the handler pet the MWDs.

e MWDs have superior senses of smell, hearing and visual motion detection. According the AFI, they're trained to react consistently to certain sensory stimuli – whether its human, explosives or drugs – in a way that immediately alerts the handler. MWDs simply react to the stimulus and let the handler decide what it means.

the Look for a follow-up story in the April 2 edition of *the Gateway*.

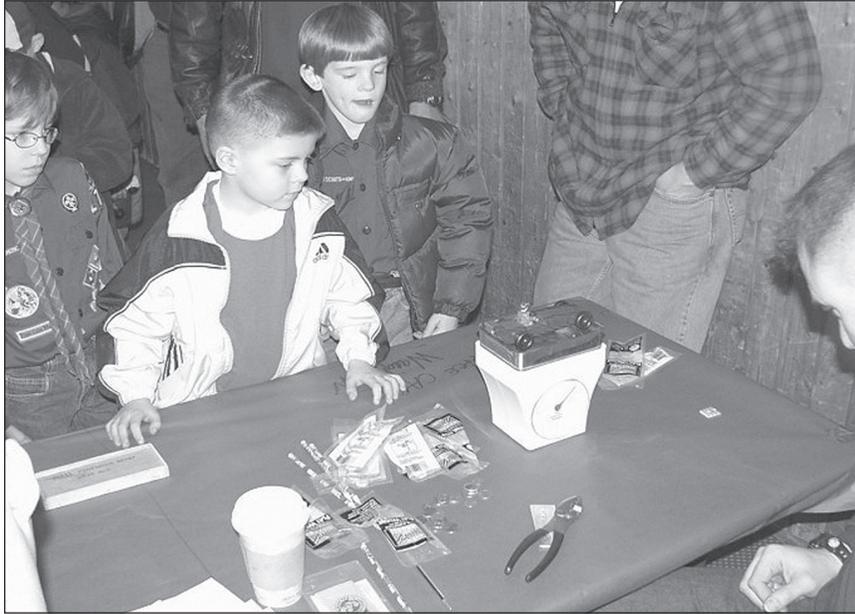


Senior Airman Kristen Romani and Dak
(Deployed from 9th Security Forces Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.)



Staff Sgt. Steve Keller, a military working dog handler deployed to Rhein-Main from the 9th Security Forces Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and his dog Rex perform a vehicle search Tuesday. Rhein-Main residents can expect to see the dogs at various locations throughout the base and at entry control points.

**Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Matt Summers**



Courtesy photo

Gentlemen, weigh your cars

(From left to right) Matt Hergenroeder, Ronnee Cady and Ian Stevenson look on as Ronnee's Pinewood Derby car is weighed before the start of the Rhein-Main Cub Scout Pack 61 race Saturday at the youth center. More than 30 scouts took part in the race. Overall winners were: 1st place - Andrew Denio; 2nd place - Ian Stevenson and 3rd place - Sam Pfau.



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.

Civil Engineers

Q: Will everyone be forced to live on base?

A: No, if you are presently residing off base, or in the Gateway Gardens area – that will be your place of residence until you permanently change stations. There are certain units that will have a mission even after the base closure and those personnel will be directed to acquire off-base residency as soon as possible.

New personnel arriving up to the cut-off date will still have a choice of residing on Gateway Gardens or the economy. When we arrive at the drop-dead date – Oct. 1, 2005 – all personnel will reside in hotels until keys are turned over.

Q: Will we receive any special housing considerations at our next base?

A: Special housing consideration

will be only given to personnel who will be assigned to the Base Closure Transition Team. The following will apply:

1. Housing is assigned to family members under normal conditions; the effective date of application is the walk-in date of the dependents.

2. The sponsor's projected arrival to the duty station is within 90 days.

3. The spouse must have a copy of the PCS orders and a letter signed by the sponsor's installation commander certifying that the member was delayed due to assignment to a transition closure team.

4. The spouse must present a valid power of attorney to conduct housing business.

5. The spouses' decisions on preferences, bedroom options and housing acceptance are final and may not be overturned by the sponsor.

Rhein-Main Force Protection— Your life depends on it

The following force protection tips are designed to raise the level of situational awareness for all members of the Rhein-Main community:

- The key to minimizing personnel vulnerability from kidnap, hostage, assassination or other attacks is simple: avoid repetition and habit patterns during high-threat movement periods to include: walking to an automobile; traveling in an automobile or walking from an automobile.

- Vary time of departure and arrival from day to day.

- When traveling in an automobile, keep the windows closed and the doors locked.

- Park vehicles off the street and under cover at night.

- Lock cars no matter how short a time they may be unattended.

(Information provided courtesy of 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight)

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long

Feb. 13 — The law enforcement desk received a call from the IHS guard at the Main Gate requesting assistance for a disorderly individual. The person was pulled into the search lane and told his car would be searched. The person exited the car and started to threaten and advance toward the guard. Patrols arrived on scene, made contact with the individual at which time the person became uncooperative. The patrols detained the person and proceeded accordingly.

Feb. 17 — A sergeant from the 64th Replacement Company reported an individual that had missed a movement to his duty station and had disobeyed a lawful order. The individual said he went home to prepare for the arrival of his spouse. The person signed a letter stating that he understood the order not to leave. The individual was charged accordingly.

Feb. 19 — A staff sergeant from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron telephoned the LE Desk to say he found a government computer with pornographic files. A security forces investigator responded and confirmed what the staff sergeant had discovered. The

computer was confiscated pending an investigation.

Feb. 20 — The Army And Air Force Exchange Service Security Section telephoned the LE Desk to report the detention of two individuals of shoplifting at the Base Exchange. Upon arrival, patrols took two juveniles into custody for shoplifting items valued at more than \$700. The juveniles later confessed to the shoplifting.

Feb. 20 — An airman from the 469th ABG telephoned the LE Desk to report that an unknown person assaulted him inside a stereo repair shop. The airman stated he went to pick up speakers he had left to get repaired. When he went to pay, the store clerk doubled the price and the airman asked to speak to the manager. At that time the clerk began yelling and hitting him. The airman defended himself and reported the situation to the police.

March 6 — The LE Desk received a possible domestic disturbance call from Gateway Gardens. Patrols arrived on scene to find the spouse of a soldier assigned to the 64th RC outside her apartment with bruises and lacerations. The patrols made contact with the sponsor, who also had injuries. Both individuals were apprehended for simple assault.

March 10 — A staff sergeant

**Crime Stop Hotline
330-7171**

from the 469th Air Base Group found a 26-week-old infant alone in a car with the engine still running and the doors left unsecured at the Gateway Shoppette. Patrols were notified and made contact with a private from the 32nd Signal Battalion. The private said she went inside the shoppette to get gas coupons. When she noticed a group of people around her car she exited the shoppette. The private was apprehended for child neglect.

March 12 — A staff sergeant from the 726th AMS reported individuals in the terminal drinking alcoholic beverages. The sergeant told the individuals drinking in the terminal is not allowed, but they ignored the order. Patrols made contact with the individuals and detained them for failure to obey an order.

March 15 — A sergeant from the 560 Military Police Company reported that his storage room had been broken into. The sergeant noticed the hasp broken, went inside to discover the inside of the room vandalized and nearly \$1,000 worth of items were missing.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

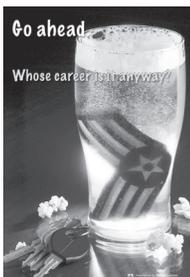
469th Air Base Group
No DUIs in 2004
726th Air Mobility Squadron
50 days
64th Replacement Company
No DUIs in 2004

Tenant Units
No DUIs in 2004
Others
63 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.



Services conducts scholarship program

Air Force Services is currently sponsoring the 8th annual club membership scholarship program.

Current club members and their family members (e.g., spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter) who have been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2004 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible to apply for scholarships. Grandsons and granddaughters are eligible if they are a dependent of the club member. Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curricula.

Six scholarships will be awarded.

- First prize is \$6,000
- Second \$5,500
- Third \$4,500
- Fourth \$3,500
- Fifth \$3,000
- Sixth \$2,500

The prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by Bank One, Coca-Cola, and Mastercard (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended).

Entries must include the club member's name, last four

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digits of his or her club membership card account number, base, club name, and the entrant's full name with mailing address and phone number. If the entrant is someone other than the club member, state his or her relationship to the member and provide his or her social security number.

Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the following topic: "what freedom means to me." This requirement is strictly enforced. Nominees must also provide a single page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments.

All entries are submitted to the base services commander/flight chief by July 15.

Each base services commander/flight chief can

submit no more than two scholarship entries. All entries should be submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point arial or times new roman fonts.

TEENSupreme Keystone Clubs

Many people in the Rhein-Main community and abroad have been affected by the services that our Keystone Club has provided. Right now our club is in the process of familiarizing themselves more with all aspects of the Keystone Club. The Overseas Keystone Conference, which is the first to be held in Europe, will be instrumental in helping them achieving this.

The conference will be held in Willingen, Germany, April 23-25. This particular conference is developed to provide Keystone members (ages 14-18) with a leadership forum in which they can enhance their ethical leadership skills and learn the importance of tolerance, community service, self-improvement and free enterprise. Teens will ultimately be given the chance to share valuable resources and ideas.



Our teens have been persistent in their efforts to raise money towards attending this year's overseas conference. So far they have done a spectacular job. They have been very creative in regards to the projects that they have had to develop. Their last big project will be a March Madness event, which will consist of a dance, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and lock-in for all area high school students.

The Keystone Club is very hard at work right now, and has been for quite some time now. Within this time they have managed to adhere to the standards of both U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Let's continue to encourage not only them, but all youth to continue to strive for excellence.

Sincerely,

Travis McKinney
Rhein-Main Boys and Girls Clubs Coordinator



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Runnin' of the green

(Left) Dave Gallagher, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, crosses the finish line of the 5K St. Patrick's Day Fun Run March 12 in full MOPP gear. (Above) More than 40 runners took part in the Fit to Fight event sponsored by the 469th ABG Services Flight. Matthew Hansen, 469th ABG Clinic, finished first in the 20-29 age bracket and first overall in a time of 17:48. First place in the 30-39 bracket went to Jamie Falcon, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, with an 18:07 performance. Michael O'Hara, 726th AMS, won the 40-49 bracket in a time of 18:13.

Sports Briefs

Youth basketball

The Rhein-Main Youth Center Rockets finished third in the 104th Area Support Group Junior Basketball Championship March 7 in Hanau.

The Rockets finished 6-3 on the season.

The Rockets bantams "A" and "B" teams brought home third and seventh place respectively from the 104th ASG West Division Bantam Basketball Championship.

The "A" team defeated the Wiesbaden Magic 29-23 and lost the Wiesbaden Blue Team 43-39. Terrance Garner led the Rockets with 48 points during the tournament.

Varsity soccer

Two Rhein-Main teams are among the 30 currently competing in the Flughafen Indoor Soccer Tournament. Team 1 has a 3-3 record, while Team 2 has 6 wins, no losses and a tie.

Jose Munoz, Sixt Rental, is the top goal scorer for Rhein-Main.



Courtesy photo

Two Rhein-Main soccer teams have combined to score 24 goals in 13 games at the Flughafen Indoor Soccer Tournament.

Joe Yamane, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, has recorded 12 saves, while Nick Musgrove, 726th Air Mobility Squadron has turned away nine shots on goal.

Both teams will resume play in the tournament in April.

The Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer Team will play a friendly match against Ramstein at 1 p.m. Saturday in Sembach.

The team also plans on competing in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Soccer Tournament in June in England.

Anyone interested in playing soccer should contact Master Sgt. Chris Hernandez at the base legal office.

Indoor triathlon

The Rhein-Main Fitness Center sponsors an Indoor Triathlon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 26. Competitors will complete a 1.5-mile treadmill run, a 2-mile stationary bike ride and a 1000-meter row.

For more information, call 330-7151.

Casino Night

The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight sponsors "Casino Night" at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Zeppelinhaus.

Admission is free for Air Force Club Card members and \$5 for nonmembers. Participants can gamble with 250 "Zeppelinhaus Dollars" at poker and black jack tables, a roulette wheel and craps pit.

Players can use their winnings during the auction for prizes at the end of the night.

Prayer breakfast

A National Prayer Breakfast is set for 8 a.m. Thursday at the Zeppelinhaus.

Tickets are \$4 and available from unit representatives or the chapel. Guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Stephen Frick, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Chaplain.

For more details, call 330-7501.

Spouse computer class

The family support center sponsors a free spouses computer class from 6-9 p.m. March 29, 31 and April 2 at Our House, the FSC annex in Gateway Gardens.

Chapel Holy Week Schedule

Catholic worship:

- 9 a.m. April 4 – Passion Sunday Mass
- 6 p.m. April 8 – Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration
- 6 p.m. April 9 – Good Friday Mass
- 8 p.m. April 10 – Holy Saturday Mass
- 9 a.m. April 11 – Easter Mass

Protestant worship:

- 10:30 a.m. April 4 – Palm Sunday Worship and Communion
- 12:30 p.m. April 8 – Holy Thursday Scripture and Communion
- 7:30 a.m. April 11 – Easter Sunrise Service - Youth Center Parking Lot
- 10:30 a.m. April 11 – Easter Worship with Cantata and Confirmation

Spouses of military or Department of Defense personnel are eligible to attend, but must attend all three sessions.

Space is limited. Call 330-7992 to sign-up.

School registration

Registration for new and returning students at Halvorsen-Tunner American School is set for 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. March 30-31 at the school.

Parents who have extended their rotation dates should have a copy of the extension orders or amendments to show the new date.

For more information, call Melissa Dominguez, school registrar.

Weight loss

The family support center sponsors a class on how to lose weight safely and successfully with support from peers every other Thursday.

New attendees must attend a Beginning Nutrition Class set for 5:30 p.m. April 8.

The three participants who lose the most pounds will each win a relaxing trip to a spa in May. Winners must complete the 12-week program.

For more information, call 330-7992.

Thrift shop

As of March 1, the base thrift shop only accepts spring and summer clothing. The shop is also in need of volunteers. Stop by during operating hours or call 699-7095.

The shop will be closed April 5-9 for Spring Break.

German-American club

The German-American Club of Buchschlag meets at 7 p.m. April 6 at the Haus Falltorweg in Dreieich-Buchschlag.

The club meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7-10 p.m.

Shuttle service to and from Rhein-Main is available.

Call 06103-68738 for more details.

Volunteers needed

The annual Rhein-Main Bazaar is set for May 14-16.

Organizers are currently looking for volunteers to help set up what could be the finale for this long-standing event.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Honey," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "50 First Dates," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "House of Sand and Fog," (R), 7 p.m.

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

March 26 - "Welcome to Mooseport," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

March 27 - "Disney's Teacher's Pet," (PG), 5 p.m. and "Timeline," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

March 28 - "Chasing Liberty," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

March 31 - "Spartan," (R), 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

For more information, call 6500-6670 or 330-8084.

Free bowling

Dorm residents can show their dorm key and bowl for free (shoes included) from 4 to 10 p.m. each Thursday at the Rocket Bowling Center.

All other customers can bowl three games for \$4, including shoes.

Walking group

A walking group meets at 9:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at the back gate to walk the Schwanheim Forest.

Call 6971-5953 to register.

Give Parents a Break

The last day to sign up for this month's Give Parents a Break Program is Wednesday.

The program is open to children 6 weeks to 12 years.

Contact the child development center at 330-7017 or the FSC at 330-7992.