

Play it SMART this summer

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – The summer, and the weather that it brings, is a great time to enjoy the many travel opportunities we have here in Europe. But because of that, it's also a time of increased risk.

Each summer, U.S. Air Forces in Europe members are needlessly injured in recreational activities. In worst-case scenarios, loved ones, friends and coworkers are left to mourn.

Our USAFE team continues to rise to the tasks and challenges of being one of the busiest commands within the Air Force, and it's important to enjoy some time off; but it's essential that we keep safety first and foremost in our minds.

Vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of accidental deaths of our USAFE members and their families – particularly during the summer months. Driving defensively, wearing seatbelts, adjusting your following distance and speed to match the road and traffic conditions and not drinking and driving are critical steps in ensuring the safety of you and your families while on the road.

No one is immune to mishaps or the distractions that often precede them. We are all susceptible whether on the job, at home or while traveling. Through careful planning, applying effective risk

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End of an era

Martin Reimlinger of the Magic Flame burns a customers name into a welcome sign at the final Rhein-Main Community Bazaar May 14-16 in Hangar 425. This year the bazaar hosted 78 vendors from more than five countries, selling everything from Polish pottery to French wine. Eight Rhein-Main organizations sold food and beverages for customers and the 100 volunteers supporting the event.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Memorial Day

Paying homage to America's fallen warriors

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Each Memorial Day weekend, we honor and pay homage to the sacrifices made by our nation's patriots; the brave young Americans who brought their courage and devotion to a difficult fight, liberating oppressed nations and providing freedoms and a better way of life.

Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines have served and fought on many fronts in many theaters, and thousands have paid the ultimate price. Then and now, military men and women answer a

great calling and live by principles that would have them sacrifice their lives for the hope and promise of a peaceful, secure future for others. Still today, across the European landscape, you will find proof of the carnage of two World Wars, but also nations prospering and living largely at peace.

Not far from here, the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France, is the final resting place for 10,489 of our American patriots who died fighting to liberate France during WWII. The seemingly endless rows of white headstones serve as a

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TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES SHAPING THE WAY WE FIGHT

The first of USAFE's three goals is being ***“Ready To Accomplish All Tasks.”*** From the cockpit to the back shop, from the dining facility to the dental clinic, everyone in USAFE plays an important role in our readiness. One of the primary means to accomplish this goal is to ensure that we fully develop and continuously revisit our ***Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures*** (TTPs).

TTPs define the way we do business, whether it is commanding an Air Operations Center or running a file plan checklist. TTPs help us address the who, what, when, where and why of everything we do and shape the way we fight. Broken down into specific components, TTPs are defined as follows:

TACTICS. Tactics are the employment of aerospace forces performing specific military tasks in relation to each other and / or the enemy.

TECHNIQUES. Techniques are the specialized or situationally unique methods used to perform assigned missions and functions efficiently and effectively.

PROCEDURES. Procedures are standard, detailed courses of action, usually outlined in Air Force and USAFE instructions or technical orders, that dictate how we must accomplish a task.

Developing a “how-to” that every Airman understands is not an easy task, but it is essential to success in our expeditionary culture. We expect, and count on, interoperability among different units from within and outside of USAFE, the U.S. Air Force and our Alliance partners. Putting “pen to paper” to create and develop TTPs provides us a common baseline to operate with each other and helps us to identify the tools and resources our people need to get the job done. Organizations, supervisors and individuals at all levels must take the initiative to ensure we have fully developed TTPs for all critical tasks.

TTPs are a critical component to Air Force warfighting. Airmen throughout USAFE must strive daily to understand, utilize and improve our key theater TTPs. Only by working together can we build the comprehensive and consistent tools necessary to guide our day-to-day workflow and focus our overall mission accomplishment.

Stay engaged in the development and proper execution of TTPs -- our mission success today and preparation for the way we'll fight tomorrow depend on it!

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General Doc Foglesong

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Coleman", written over a horizontal line.

CMSgt Gary Coleman

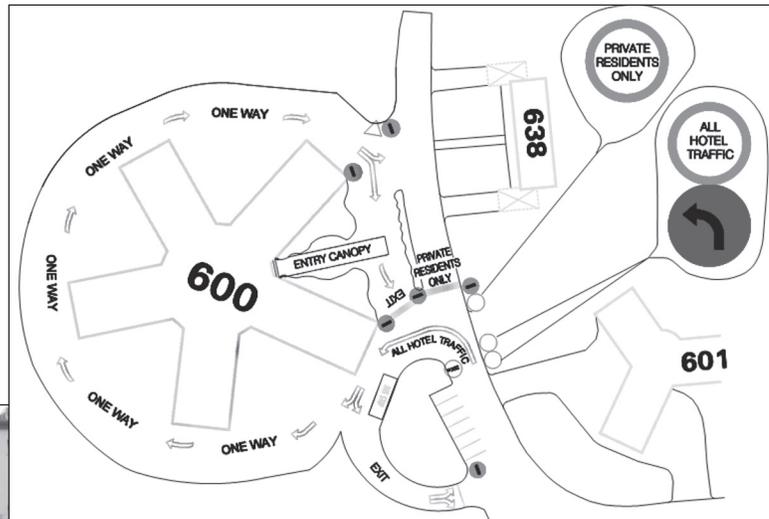
“Bring Your Courage”

Are you going the right way?

The traffic pattern around the Gateway Inn has changed to ease traffic congestion and prevent traffic accidents.

The new pattern requires all drivers to turn left before the entry canopy and proceed around the inn in a clockwise loop. The only exception is for residents of Building 638 or their guests.

Parking for hotel guests is located in the rear of Building 600. Drivers unloading luggage in the throughway at the entrance and customers of the Automated Teller Machine should not block traffic exiting the loop.



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Command exceeds 2004 AFAF goal

Rhein-Main raises \$5,091, 166 percent of base goal

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrel
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Wrapping up the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign May 7, the generosity of U.S. Air Forces in Europe members allowed the command to exceed this year's monetary goal by 69 percent.

The USAFE team donated more than \$767,000 during the campaign, which ran from Feb. 16 to May 7, said Sammie Edwards, USAFE AFAF project manager for the 2004 campaign. The goal for

2004 was \$453,808.39.

"It's wonderful that even though the Air Force increased the goal by almost \$36,000 from last year, our USAFE members stepped up to the challenge and far exceeded this goal," said Ms. Edwards. "Contact was made with 99 percent of our USAFE personnel, and 9,890 members contributed to help make this year's campaign a success."

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, attributes the campaign's success to the installation project officers, the unit key workers and all the people who believe in and contributed to the AFAF.

"The campaign's permanent theme is 'Commitment to Caring,'" said General

Foglesong. "Through the Air Force Assistance Fund, we're able to give right back to our Air Force family and that's exactly what people did. It's a truly magnificent effort and very gratifying to see the sense of support our people provided; it's apparent that USAFE cares."

The annual AFAF campaign supports four charitable service-oriented organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force members and their families, including surviving spouses and families: the Air Force Aid Society (Air Force's official charity); the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc.; the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Seize the moment

Mentorship, coaching keys to make positive changes

People are at the heart of a successful Air Force mission.

Shaping and molding a workforce to meet the ever-changing demands of the Air Force organization is a daily commitment and requires managers who care for their people and have a desire to help them shape changes.

For me, this means engaging subordinate levels of supervisors, support staffs and front-line customer service professionals in a manner that results in a positive and targeted outcome.

Along the way I look for moments to mentor—opportunities to help individuals understand their role in delivering the mission.

However, learning to recognize these moments is an acquired skill that takes time to develop.

Several years ago I was selected for a unique opportunity to enter into an Air Force career broadening program.

The concept was to target solid performers and provide them a two-year stint working at a major command shadowing and interacting with command-level functionalists who support base-level operations.

With the average age of the civilian workforce on the rise, the Air Force was seeking methods to value and respect younger employees, while

laying the ground work to benefit from their knowledge and skills.

The person directly responsible for executing my training plan was a GS-15 civilian determined to make this unique career broadening program fruitful and beneficial to the Air Force and ensure the services career field profited from the time, energy and training invested in this initiative.

What I found was much more than a training plan and a middle management grooming opportunity.

What really took place was a profound lesson in the value of mentorship and coaching as effective tools for motivating subtle change in an individual, and ultimately in the Air Force.

Coaching and mentoring, both of which focus on the individual, can enhance morale, motivation and productivity within an organization.

By doing so, there is a commitment to look beyond the mere skills training of the traditional “on-the-job training”.

By investing a few minutes in one-on-one sessions with individuals at all levels of the organization, I look for opportunities to focus on change, growth, experimentation and bottom-up learning.



By Michael Wage
469th ABG Services
Flight Chief

Commanders 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

While discussing methods for improvement with an individual, I also ask for feedback and criticism in how the organization operates, communicates and delivers customer service.

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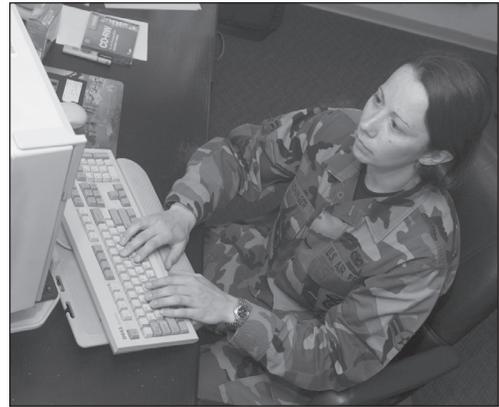
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Warriors of the Week



Airman 1st Class Jubal Walker

Unit: 469th ABG Security Forces Flight
Time in service: 1 year 5 months
Time at Rhein-Main: 5 months
Duty Title: Security specialist
Hometown: Prague, Oklahoma
Hobbies: Running, reading and listening to music
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Being able to see two foreign countries during my first year and a half in the military.



Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Speichinger

Unit: 469th ABG Security Forces Flight
Time in service: 1 year 6 months
Time at Rhein-Main: 1 year
Duty Title: Assistant to the base antiterrorism officer
Hometown: Brookfield, Missouri
Hobbies: Running, reading and creative writing
What has been your best Air Force experience?
 Getting to experience Europe on my first duty assignment.

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poignant reminder of the enormity of America's loss to regain freedom on the European continent. Around the world, 22 other American Battle Monuments Commission (www.abmc.gov) cemeteries solemnly honor America's sons and daughters.

Today in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Global War on Terrorism, our men and women in uniform fight an enemy alongside our coalition allies; laying down their lives while protecting Americans at home and providing a better life for people they've never met or known.

As we pay tribute to America's fallen



The Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France, is only a two-hour drive from Rhein-Main. It is the final resting place of more than 10,000 American soldiers.

warriors this Memorial Day, and in early June recognize the 60th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy, I encourage you and your family members to reflect on those who've made tremendous sacrifice in the name of democracy, freedom and liberty. Take the time in between barbecues and outings to reflect, remember and respect those brave souls who paved the way for the democratic life we so cherish today. And thank you for the service you are providing as you continue to bring your courage

to the fight. Your dedication and commitment honors the hope and promise of our predecessors.

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management and staying attuned to our environment we can reduce the potential for a mishap.

As we enter the "101 Critical Days of Summer", which runs from May 28 through Sept. 6, I ask that you remember and live by our USAFE Summer Campaign slogan for this year, "This summer play it 'SMART!'" This theme, which supports Project SMART, ties directly to our goal of preventing mishaps.

I challenge you to bring your courage and play it SMART this summer. Every USAFE member is valuable, and by taking care of your wingman, we can make this summer one that is fun and safe!

Thanks for all you do in ensuring we're the most respected and feared air and space force in the world.

D.A.R.E. to be different

Spc. Amanda MacLean, 221st Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal Office, is mobbed by her students following a Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation May 18 at Halvorsen-Tunner American School. Thirty-seven sixth graders graduated the nine-week course taught by Specialist MacLean. She also worked with kindergarten students. The program was restarted after a year lapse with the help of the 221st BSB Provost Marshal.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

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I knowingly place myself in a position to accept feedback that may be critical in nature.

During staff meetings I encourage an open exchange of ideas, and collective thinking as a means to propel the organization forward in accomplishment of the mission.

We talk openly about improving the organization's role and visibility in the community we serve by frankly pointing out weaknesses that serve as barriers to success, and the goals we've established to deliver the mission.

This approach to business does not replace the long-range planning and top-down directives that enforce efficiency and stability in the Air Force workplace.

Recognition of the formal chain-of-command structure that acknowledges everyone's role on the team is still in place and respected.

I've found that people will stay committed to their job and profession when their ideas are valued.

Over time people within the organization become more comfortable feeding ideas back to me, and pressing for change. In turn, the comfort factor in eliciting insights

from below becomes easier and helps me do a better job of leading.

When individuals feel valued and connected with both small and large organizational changes, they are more committed to delivering the mission.

The only way to produce change is to experiment and take intelligent risks in pursuit of recognized benefits.

The career broadening program I participated in accepted both of these elements head-on with an underlying objective to stimulate change within the services career field. The GS-15 focused less on the "trainer" concept, rather emphasized "mentoring moments" to develop my role in the organization.

What differentiates the old style of OJT and the preferred method of mentoring is, like any good personal or professional development intervention, it is based on an assessment of need in relation to the job-role, delivered in a structured, but highly flexible manner, and generates measurable learning and performance outcomes.

As such, it motivates people to change and contribute more to the accomplishment of the mission.

Access to pay information gets easier

ARLINGTON, Va. — Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced May 12 that Airmen can receive personal identification numbers for myPay through their official Air Force e-mail accounts.

Airmen can expect to receive a new or updated PIN within two hours of requesting it on the myPay Web site. The e-mail PIN delivery process is a simpler, faster alternative to the direct mail and in-person request methods previously available, DFAS officials said. This capability is especially timely as more people are realizing the benefits of accessing myPay from remote and deployed sites.

Customers can view, print and save leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic transfers and change address information, all online at (<https://mypay.dfas.mil>).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Movin', movin', movin'

Keep those PCS move blues at bay

By Staff Sgt. Kimberly Tyson
Legal Office

As summer approaches, military members know it may be time to move. All around the world, members will have their property packed and shipped to a new location. Those members who are happiest when their household goods arrive are those who were prepared.

Necessary preparation can be divided into two areas: tasks before the movers arrive and tasks while the movers are present. Taking appropriate steps before the movers arrive can help ensure satisfaction after the movers leave. Here are some tips on how to make your military move successful.

■ **The first part of preparation is making sure household goods are clean.** The condition of goods at the time they are packed is important. If people aren't regular dusters, the bookshelf that hasn't seen the better side of a dust cloth throughout a five-year stay will probably be considered "soiled" by the movers. This will be important if goods are damaged or lost in shipment. Second, photograph or videotape property. This should obviously be done after step one. If possible, mechanical items or electronics such as televisions should be videotaped while in use to show their working condition at the time they were packed.

■ **The next step is to make an inventory.** This should be a detailed account of what a person owns. For example, "Craftsman 128 piece socket and wrench set, excellent condition" is better than "tools." The movers will make a general inventory of goods, but a detailed inventory is preferred. Don't forget to include the condition of goods.

■ **The final step before the movers arrive is to collect all purchase receipts, appraisals and inventory of goods and keep them together.** People should also include the photographs and videotapes from step two. These should not be sent with household goods shipment but should be mailed or carried by hand.

■ **If people have any high value collectibles, they should try to obtain private insurance for their appraised value.** For example, if people have a porcelain doll collection and some of the pieces are worth a lot of money due to their collectible condition, they should get private insurance to cover their possible loss. Current Air Force instructions can only reimburse for the cost of a porcelain doll, which is considered a toy and will depreciate 50 percent after the item is six months old. When people consider private insurance, they should ensure the company they deal with will cover items during a shipment

as well as while they are within the home.

When the movers arrive, the following tasks will help to ensure a successful move:

■ **First, military members are responsible for observing how their property is packed and inventoried.** If the member cannot be present, they can appoint an agent to do this for them. Regardless of who is there, the member is personally responsible to ensure everything is done properly. If a person is married, it's recommended that husband and wife be present during the packing of household goods. Also, it's a good idea to find a baby-sitter for the day of the pack out. It's difficult to watch the movers and the children at the same time.

People can also prepare a list of instructions for the packers and discuss concerns or wishes with the person who is in charge of the packing crew. For example, if a person saved the original packaging material of a particular item, they can request the packers use that packaging instead of their own. Do not personally pack items – the carrier is not responsible for any item they did not personally pack.

■ **Second, members must ensure the movers' inventory is accurate.** If there is a disagreement with the description of property, the member should note the exception at the bottom of the page. Members should also have photographs that illustrate their description. Also, note any items placed in a box of unrelated items. For example, a stereo should not be placed in a box marked "clothes." If this happens, correct the box and the inventory.

■ **Finally, members are responsible to ensure that the inventory accurately reflects what they own.** The legal office has had an increased occurrence of claims for items that the shipper stated never arrived, but the items were not on the inventory. In these cases, the shipper had to bring in original purchase receipts or photographs showing that they owned the items. If any item is broken during packing, members must also have that item packed and shipped or they cannot claim the item when they file a claim.

■ **Do not ship high value items such as jewelry.** These items should be hand carried. If a member decides they must be shipped, it must be clearly marked on the inventory including a description of each piece. This should be avoided if at all possible.

Generally, there are no problems with moves. If a member follows these simple steps, they will be better prepared if there is a problem. They will be able to file an accurate claim at their next duty station and be compensated for their loss.

If members have further questions, they can call the legal office at 330-7275 or the traffic management office at 330-6129.



Legal officials recommend making a detailed inventory, including the condition of goods, before the movers come for the pack out.



Photos by Jaime Goloyugo



Asian-Pacific celebration

(Above) Hazel Carrico teaches Capt. Nolan Diestro, 469th Air Base Group, how to dance the Tinikling, the Philippine national dance, during the Rhein-Main Asian Pacific Heritage Association Banquet May 14 at the Esprix Hotel. The Tinikling dance imitates the tikling bird's grace and speed by skillfully maneuvering between large bamboo poles kept in constant motion. (Right) Ariel Advincula performs an Hawaiian dance "To You Sweetheart," at the banquet. Dancers also performed at various locations throughout May, including Halvorsen -Tunner American School, Darmstadt Elementary School and the Rhein-Main exchange. Each May is set aside to honor those Americans of Asian-Pacific Islander decent.



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.

Post office

Q: How long will mail delivery last?

A: The post office will close Dec. 1, 2005.

Q: How long after closure will mail continue to be forwarded?

A: First class mail will be forwarded for one year when a change-of-address card is completed. All mail received after closure will be forwarded to the Ramstein APO for action.

Q: Will I still be able to send and receive packages?

A: The postal finance window will close Oct. 15, 2005, and letters and packages must be sent from APO's at Darmstadt, Wiesbaden and Hanau. Packages and letters will continue to be received thru Dec. 1, 2005.

Q: Will the hours of the finance and parcel pickup windows remain the same?

A: The finance window hours will be reduced Sept. 1, 2005 to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the window will close Oct. 15.

Security forces

Q: Will the security of the installation be increased or decreased near closure?

A: Both. Security for the flightline will decrease as the mission comes to an end, but community policing and security for theft and destruction of property will increase. We will focus more people and resources on protecting housing, main base facilities and the people who are here til the end.

Q: Will there be an increased number of non-U.S. personnel on the base due to buildings being turned over to the FRAPORT or the German government?

A: Yes. However, there will still be required security precautions in place. People will still be required to be cleared with a background check or be under proper escort. Security measures for installation entry will not decrease.

Quality health care

Experts name clinic best to date, staff garners “excellent” score

Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

The Rhein-Main Clinic was rated as “excellent” during the Health Services Inspection and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations inspection May 10 through 14.

Rhein-Main’s results were included in the 435th Medical Group inspection score of 90 at Ramstein Air Base.

“The overall score of 90 is the best in the Air Force this fiscal year,” said Col. James Blood, HSI team chief.

Colonel Blood provided further feedback in the inspection results narrative.

“Even though the Rhein-Main clinic is scheduled to close in June 2005, clinic personnel are continuing to provide health care and manage their programs with diligence and enthusiasm.

“The executive leadership team has identified numerous opportunities for improving local health care delivery and has taken many proactive steps to meet the projected needs of the growing beneficiary population,” he wrote.

The inspections focused on 120 elements covering overall delivery of health care, medical readiness, training, records, documentation and cleanliness. The clinic recorded zero answerable findings.

“The inspection shows that we have put together a quality program that will provide quality care to the patient,” said Maj. Rose Bell, deputy medical flight commander.

This year’s inspection was a marked improvement over the previous inspection, according to Major Bell.

“During the last inspection, conducted in March 2002, the clinic was responsible for eight Type I and three Type II findings. Each finding required corrective action within 90 days,” she said.

“Two years ago we contributed to the problem for Ramstein. Now it has turned 180 degrees and we have helped them with the scores we achieved,” said Lt. Col. Paul Fortunato, 469th Air Base Group Medical Flight commander.

The success came because the clinic focused on internal self



Capt. Matt Hansen, Rhein-Main Dental Clinic, looks over a patient file while Staff Sgt. Michelle McNemar files patient records. Captain Hansen is the clinic’s self inspection monitor.

inspections to identify problem areas and correct them. Capt. Matt Hansen was appointed the self inspection monitor and ensured they were being completed on time and accurately, according to Colonel Fortunato.

The clinic focused on three main areas—dental led by Maj. Kathleen Gates; administration led by Maj. Wayne Surratt and medical operations led by Major Bell.

Each area initiated self inspections with guidelines pulled directly from the inspection criteria. By doing so, they looked at the same areas the inspectors looked at, Major Bell said.

“We really stepped up the inspections in the last six months to prepare for the HSI/JCAHO inspections. It really shows that the self inspections have paid off.

“There has been a lot more training and knowledge for everyone on how to contribute to the success of the clinic and this inspection shows that,” she said.

“We have a better team now than ever before with people who take care of where they work and care about the job they do,” Colonel Fortunato said.

DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)



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

Tenant Units
No DUIs in 2004
Others
133 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.

Sports Briefs

Youth sports

Following are youth baseball and softball results from May 15:

The Rhein-Main Braves beat the Giessen White Sox 13-11. The Rhein-Main Baseballers defeated the Butzbach Astros 7-3 and the Rhein-Main Red Hot Chili Peppers downed Wiesbaden 18-8.

Softball honors

Congratulations to Kimberly Kirk, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jim Kirk, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, who was recently named to the Division I All-Tournament Team and first team all-conference team following the Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe Softball Championship Saturday at Ramstein.

Kirk and the Wiesbaden Lady Warriors finished second following a 10-0 loss to Ramstein in the championship game.



The May Flight Fitness Challenge was tied to unit participation in the entire month full of fitness activities. Points were given for participation and for how competitors placed in certain events.

The activity schedule of remaining events include:

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

■ 10 a.m. Saturday - Racquetball Tournament at the fitness center. No points.

Team standings at press time were:

- 1) Security Forces – 47 points
- 2) Civil Engineers – 46 points
- 3) JA/PA – 40 points
- 4) Clinic – 35 points
- 5) Services – 27 points
- 6) 401st AEW Det. 3 – 18 points
- 7) 726th AMS – 13 points
- 8) Chapel – 8 points

Running is fun

Oscar Fabela, 6, son of Staff Sgt. Armando and Esmarelda Fabela, 469th Air Base Group Fire Department, receives encouragement from Angela Hamilton as he crosses the finish line in the Youth Center's America's Kids Run April 14 in conjunction with the Armed Forces 5K Run. Twenty-seven youth ages 5-13 ran half-mile and 1-mile courses at Rhein-Main's 2nd Annual America's Kids Run. Cody Wells won the 5-9 division in a time of 8:10. Tyler Yocum and Colin Duran tied in the 10-12 division with a time of 7:30. Nick Yocum won the 13-year-old division with a time of 6:20.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Underdog takes softball crown

469th ABG defeats tourney favorites back-to-back to earn pre-season bragging rights

By Staff Sgt. Matt Summers
Editor

Tim Hall's triple with one out in the bottom of the seventh capped a three-run rally and propelled the 469th Air Base Group to a 12-11 win over Security Forces and the title of the Rhein-Main Intramural Softball Pre-Season Tournament Monday night.

The 469th ABG made it to the final after a stunning 20-11 win over the heavily-favored Fire Department in a semifinal matchup. The 469th ABG defeated American Forces Network 8-3 in their opening game of the tourney.

Following the emotional win over the Fire Department, it looked like easy sailing for the 469th ABG as they scored three runs in the bottom of the first against Security Forces.

The big blow came off the bat of left-center fielder Guy Wells who stroked an inside-the-park home run.

Four singles in a row, all with two outs, pushed the lead to 5-1 after two innings.

Trailing 7-1 after three, Security Forces responded in a big way in the top of the fourth, scoring six runs on five hits to tie the game.

The first clutch hit was a two-RBI single with two outs by Jody Roman. Following another single by Dave Setliff, Dave Day stepped to the plate and lined a shot to left center. Wells took one-step toward the ball and crumpled to the ground with a twisted ankle. The ball rolled to the fence, allowing three runs to score.

Security Forces took their first lead of the game in the top of the fifth as Mike Logan's RBI triple made it 8-7. Another run in the top of the sixth had the 469th ABG on the ropes at 9-7.

The 469th ABG responded like true champions with two runs in the bottom of the sixth to knot the score.

Security Forces scored two in the top of the final frame on two hits and two errors to regain the lead at 11-9.

Jonathan Walker and Nathan Mainer led off the bottom of the seventh with singles and James Cunningham reached on an error to set the stage for Hall's heroics.

The softball intramural regular season begins Wednesday.

O-5 selectee

Congratulations to **Maj. Wayne Surratt**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic, who was recently selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel in the CY04A Medical Service Corps and Nurse Corps Central Selection Board.

Knuckle busters

Congratulations to the following winners of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron's Logistics Flight Knuckle buster award for April:

- **Saundra Zvijer**, 726th AMS Supply
- **Staff Sgt. Chris Daitoku**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (TDY)
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Thomasson**, 726th AMS

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.

Caslot sale

The commissary will take part in a

worldwide caslot sale Saturday and Sunday. Customers can save up to 60 percent off more than 130 products.

School news

Halvorsen-Tunner American School will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. The school has field days scheduled for Tuesday through June 4.

The last day of school is June 10. Students will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.

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 keychain, bowling ball bank or t-shirt - while supplies last.

School registration

Registration for the University of Maryland's Term 5 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.

Responsible teens

A Responsible Teens class is set for 1-4 p.m. June 8 at Our House, Bldg. 627B-2 in Gateway Gardens. This class teaches parents how to cope with angry, sullen or rebellious teenagers.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

Farewell luncheon

A farewell luncheon for Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Bolon, 469th Air Base Group first sergeant, is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 8 at the base flagpole in front of Bldg. 347.

A hot dog/chips/drink combo is \$2 and a steak/chips/drink combo is \$3.

See flight chiefs or Top IV representative for tickets.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Friday - "Spartan," (R), 7 p.m.

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

Sunday - "Dirty Dancing Havana," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Troy," (R), 7 p.m.

June 4 - "Never Die Alone," (R), 7 p.m.

June 5 - "Laws of Attraction," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Dawn of the Dead," (R), 7:30 p.m.

June 6 - "Taking Lives," (R), 7 p.m.

June 9 - "Shrek 2," (PG), 7 p.m.

June 10 - "Shrek 2,," (PG) 7 p.m.

June 11 - "Passion of the Christ," (R), 7 p.m.

June 12 - "Scooby Doo 2," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," 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 dog kennels/cages-Airline appr.-good condition-used only once-\$25 per cage; power strip/surge protector and misc. 220v adapters-\$7; German 220V digital radio/alarm clock-\$10; 4-piece kitchen canister set (country apple dec.)-\$10; Call 069-7535-3922 or 069-9563-8799 after 3:30 p.m.

Walking tour

The FSC sponsors their popular walking tour of Frankfurt beginning at 7:45 a.m. June 10 at the shoppette parking lot.

The tour covers use of public transportation and provides a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and comfortable walking shoes. The FSC staff suggests bringing at least 25 Euros for lunch and extras.

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.

Out and about

Take a short trip to discover Frankfurt

By **Monika Salfelder**
Public Affairs

Right out the back gate is a remarkable city that many people overlook when touring Europe. It's a shame, because Frankfurt is filled with many remarkable buildings, museums, theaters and restaurants.

A traditional tour of Frankfurt begins at the Römerberg or Rathaus. The Römerberg was built in 1405 and consists of three adjoining buildings; Löwenstein, Römer and Limpurg. The three buildings were purchased by the city council and converted into the Frankfurt City Hall.

While at the Römerberg visit the Kaisersaal, Römerhöfchen and the Saalhof Chapel.

Adjacent to the Römer is the Kaiserdom or imperial cathedral. The cathedral took more than 600 years to complete and wasn't finished until 1877. But, it was based on plans created by the original architect, Madern Gerthener. The cathedral was destroyed in 1944 and rebuilt in 1953. Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire were crowned in the cathedral and it's a prominent landmark in the city.

Just west of the Römer is the Goethehaus, birthplace of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in 1749. Goethe



Courtesy photo

The Römerberg was destroyed during World War II and rebuilt to original plans dating to the 15th century. The Kaiserdom (in background) was started in the 12th century and completed in 1877.

was a German poet, novelist, playwright, courtier, and natural philosopher and one of the greatest figures in Western literature. His most famous work is the poetic drama "Faust."

Two blocks north of Römerplatz is the Zeil. This street offers the greatest shopping opportunity in the city. The Hauptwache, built as the main guard building in 1730, is the center of the Zeil and stood, along with Konstablerwache, as part of the inner city wall.

From the top of the Alte Oper at the west end of the Zeil, one can see the entire Frankfurt skyline. The Alte Oper (Old Opera House) was destroyed in 1944 during World War II. It was rebuilt in the late 1970s and re-opened in August 1981. The building is no longer used for operas, but is now used as a conference and events hall.

The most prominent buildings on the skyline are the Messeturm, Commerzbank, the Landesbank Hessen and the Main Tower. The Landesbank Hessen and the Main Tower have

restaurants and observation platforms at the top.

One block northwest of the Hauptwache, on Börsenstrasse, is the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

West of the city center is the Palmengarten, designed by Heinrich Siemayer in 1872, where more than 3,000 species of plants are housed in 13 greenhouses.

East of downtown is the Frankfurt Zoo. The Frankfurt Zoo was founded in 1858 and is among the best zoos in Europe. The zoo is famous for replicating the natural habitats of animals.

Good places for entertainment are the "Tigerpalast", on Heiligkreuzgasse, or the English Theater at the end of the Kaiserstrasse in the Galileo building.

Guided city tours are given on Saturdays and Sundays or by request at 069-9441-5940 or (www.stattreisen.de)

For more information check (www.tourist-info@tcf.frankfurt.de) or call 069-2123-7105.

If you go to the zoo

Summer hours of the Frankfurt Zoo are:

- Daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The main entrance ticket office is open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Admission is:
 - 8 Euro for adults
 - 4 Euro for children 6-17
 - Free for kids under 6
 - 20 Euro for family ticket

