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Pride shines throughout the command

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

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — The 'outer cover' of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe speaks volumes of the content inside. The appearance of our installations gives testimony to the incredible people within, routinely performing critical, complex missions, every hour of every day.

Combat Proud, one of our 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs, was established in August 2003 to foster pride and productivity, improve the appearance of our bases, and ensure our long-term force protection posture.

Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of the installations across the command, from removing hundreds of temporary containers that cluttered the landscape to demolishing old, unneeded facilities. These efforts make way for an improved quality of life standard – a level we all deserve.

All USAFE bases have worked hard to make their installations a better place to live, work and play. The command-wide effort culminated in an evaluation of our seven main operating bases by a four-person team led by Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, USAFE Plans and Programs director.

A similar evaluation of six of our geographically separated units is scheduled to be completed in August. The program has been very successful in giving USAFE main installations and GSUs

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Edward Braly

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief, fill out their Federal Post Card Applications here July 30. The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application varies from state to state. Therefore, completed applications should be sent before or during Armed Forces Voters Week from Sept. 3 to 11, allowing for all applications to meet local deadlines.

Wherever you are, your vote counts

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

The most important privilege our nation provides its citizens is freedom. Our nation was built on democratic principles and one of our cherished Constitutional Rights is the right of each American to vote.

Today our men and women are globally engaged to help bring freedom, including the right to vote, to people around the world. By

registering and voting you honor your fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who are sacrificing their personal freedoms to provide this staple of democracy.

You also reaffirm the sacred value of this privilege to many who have yet to achieve it.

It is the right to vote that allows you to elect officials who reflect your views and will speak for you in

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Around Rhein-Main

JSIVA visit

A Department of Defense anti-terrorism team of experts will visit Rhein-Main today through Aug. 13 to find strengths and weaknesses in the base populace's reaction to a potential terrorist attack and the ability to counter an attack. The team forms a Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment or "JSIVA" for short.

There will be no exercises during the JSIVA, according to Tech. Sgt. Victor Odom, 469th Air Base Group anti-terrorism and force protection officer. However, people may be asked about their role in anti-terrorism. The team may also question personnel concerning bomb threats and evacuation procedures or responses to a terrorist incident.

Community awards

Congratulations to the Rhein-Main Community April-June 2004 quarterly award winners.

Airman Category – **Airman 1st Class Samuel Sells**, 469th Air Base Group; NCO Category – **Staff Sgt. Gillie Zamora**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; Senior NCO Cat-

egory – **Master Sgt. Ricky Carns**, 726th AMS; CGO Category – **Capt. Justin Wellen**, 726th AMS; Category I Civilian – **Lewis McKinley**, 726th AMS; Category II Civilian – **Lewis Pullum**, 726th AMS.

New food choice

The Cargo Point Italian Restaurant is set to open Aug. 16 behind the Gateway Inn.

The restaurant offers Italian food and a limited American menu. Hours of operation are 5-10 p.m. daily.

Amigo's Restaurant closed Thursday.

AFSA meeting

Chapter 1677 of the Air Force Sergeants Association meets at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Zeppelinhaus.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dennis Caskey.

Personnel brief

A team from U.S. Air Forces in Europe Headquarters will present a personnel brief-

ing at 5 p.m. Aug. 17 in the base theater. This is not an assignment's team brief, it is an informational, question-and-answer briefing intended to give an overview of what military members can expect when the base closes.

Award winners

Ernst Zschiesche of the 469th Air Base Group Legal Office recently earned honors as the 3rd Air Force Outstanding Legal Service Civilian of the Year and U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2003 Harold R. Vague Award for Outstanding Legal Service Civilian of the Year.

Herr Zschiesche also won the same awards in 1984 and 1990.

Congratulations to **Ronald Foreback**, quality assurance evaluator, 233rd Base Support Battalion, 26th Area Support Group, and husband of Rhein-Main Commissary store director Linda Foreback. He was recently recognized for being the outstanding contract inspector and administrator of the year in the Department of Public Works.

Voting: Absentee ballots can make a difference

By **Capt. Kimberly Layne**
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — In the Nov. 2, General Election, the next president, vice president, 34 senators, 435 representatives, 13 governors and hundreds of local officials will be elected, and American voters play a very important role in this process, said Maj. Rickey Harrington, U. S. Air Forces in Europe voting officer.

"The military has a strong voice, and it is imperative that every member is afforded the opportunity to register and vote," said Major Harrington. "We are making sure that Installation Voting Assistance Officers and Unit Voting Assistance Counselors are making 100 percent contact with every member to ensure they are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card application (for registration) is no later than 45 days prior to the election date or 30 days prior (to the election) for the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

The registration process is quite easy, said Major Harrington. As long as you complete and mail the necessary paperwork before the posted deadline, your vote will be counted.

The Military Postal Service Agency is also taking precautions to uphold the integrity of the voting system. Each absentee envelope will be inspected by post office receipt and dispatch personnel for proper date stamping.

"We believe this will diminish the problems we saw in 2000," said Tech. Sgt. Wes Smith, Ramstein-North Post Office post master. "Incomplete and inappropriate postmarks, which plagued the last general election, will not be a problem this time."

People should register and send their ballots as soon as possible to ensure that the registration forms arrive on time.

While UVACs and post office personnel play a major role in the success of the election process, the buck stops with individual voters.

"We want to make sure the tools are in place to help the voters, but ultimately it is their responsibility to start the process," said Major Harrington.

For more information about overseas voter registrations, click on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov or see Master Sgt. James McGee, Rhein-Main voting assistance officer in the family support center, Bldg. 347.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Over the top

Staff Sgt. Anthony Bullen runs Dusty, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, through her morning workout on the obstacle course on base July 28. Sergeant Bullen and Dusty are deployed to the 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight from Langley Air Force Base, Va., and are near the end of a six-month deployment which began in March. The two are part of a four-team group deployed to increase the base's overall force protection posture. This marks the first time in nearly 10 years that K-9s have worked at Rhein-Main.

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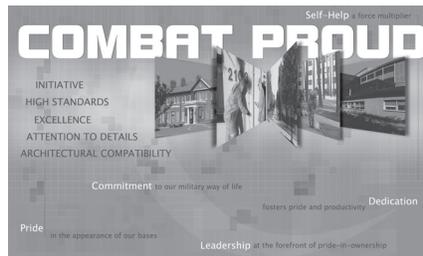
an overdue facelift.

Everyone should be proud of the efforts we've put into improving the appearance of each of the installations across the command.

We've come a long way and accomplished a great deal over the last year, but there's still more that can be done to improve the quality of life for our hardworking professionals and our families.

It's time to take Combat Proud to the next level and begin to focus on improving facility interiors while continuing our efforts on overall base appearance.

Several locations have already begun this process, using the exceptional skills



Graphic by Staff Sgt. Deidre Berg

and talents of our people to revitalize facility interiors through the Self-Help Program.

I encourage everyone to take the next step and continue to play an active role by improving the places we live and work.

Promotion study list now available

Promotion-eligible enlisted Airmen can now find which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant. Career development course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning staff. Enlisted Airmen should check the catalog every year to ensure they have the current references. The catalog often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7 to 10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6 to 17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 to 31.

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Combat Proud winners

The 2004 Combat Proud Base Appearance Competition inspections have been completed.

The winners are:

Overall Base Appearance:
Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England

Overall Base Appearance Runner Up:

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Enhancement Award Winner:

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey



Self-Help Award Winner:

Lajes Field, Azores

RAF Lakenheath was awarded \$100,000 for its first place finish.

The other category winners will receive \$50,000 each.

The award funds will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services as per the guidance provided by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAF commander.

A commander's thanks

By Col. Bradley Denison

469th Air Base Group commander

I would like to thank all Team Rhein-Main for your outstanding work before and during Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong's visit July 21 and for the quick clean up after the flood that hit us July 23.

General Foglesong's visit was a huge success. By all accounts, COMUSAFE was very happy and impressed with what he saw here at Rhein-Main Air Base. All of you can be very proud of this accomplishment and it definitely supports our infamous motto, "We're not closed!"

The attitudes and efforts showed General Foglesong we are actively working to carry out all the Combat and Special Interest Programs, despite our eventual closure in December 2005.

After the visit, Rhein-Main had another tough task to tackle—the flood. The combined support of the 469th Air Base Group, the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, the 64th Replacement Company, Pacific Architects and Engineers and all the other tenant units kept the mission on track, without delays, during a natural disaster that could have taken weeks to recover from.

Not only were there no delays, but the mission continued at a rapid pace.

On July 24, the 726th AMS processed 2,475 passengers and 62 missions while operating out of three different locations. In the 86 hours the terminal was not in operation, the squadron processed 8,064 passengers and 178 missions.

Rhein-Main did not divert a mission and we actually took two diverted flights from Ramstein the night of the flood.

Following is a list of volunteers who helped make a difference and proved again why TRM is Number 1! Again, many thanks to all of you for another job well done!

A special note of thanks to our U.S. State Department friends for loaning us an X-ray machine, which came in handy when we were forced to relocate our terminal to Bldg. 441.

Chapel: Staff Sgt. Michael Chin, Father (Maj.) Kevin Cody, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis Kitterman and Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Phillips.

Communications: Bob Keffer, Capt. Nolan Diestro, Master Sgts. Arlin Brutlag, Guy Wells, Will Smith, Tech. Sgts. Valerie Moore, Gary Thacker, Brian McHugh; Staff Sgts. Larry Bright, Jo Eugenio, Trey Walker, Javier Sanchez-Torres, Chris Sills, Jamal Rahmon, Tracey Blanks and Senior Airman Demetric Odds.

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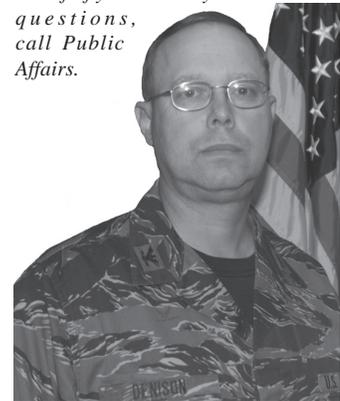
The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

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 Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

Commander's Action Line

330-7779

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

Master Sgt. Fred Miller, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, shovels ruined ceiling tiles July 24 in the passenger terminal.

Porcher, Earl Valaroso, and Michael Cappola.

64th Replacement Company: Jackie Leverette, Army Specialist Jeffery Hackenberger, Army Private 1st Class Robert Bogan and Army Private Anthony Wells.

726th AMS: Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Langer, Senior Master Sgts. Edwin Aquino, Thomas Winkler; Master Sgts. Neil Garrett, Tim Fritz, Barry Pohlman, Darnel Clark, Dan Cyr, Dave Mushat, Dave Hall, Antoine Dozier, Marino Duran; Tech. Sgts. Wade Hendricks, Stephen Semones, Gary Deakin, Darryl Nelson, Chris Pardo, Ed Day, John Schlien, Erwin DeGuia, Ed Cady, Jason Eighmey, Isaac Simmons, Ed

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I'd also like to thank security forces, which went into 12-hour shifts for five days to support any contingencies, the base fire department, PAE and the housing office which provided critical support to keep the mission moving and the quality of life in Gateway Gardens high.

Great job to everyone on base!

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government. Why would people choose not to exercise this right?

By not voting, you abdicate that right and responsibility of citizenship that has cost so many, so much to earn. You allow others, with whom you may not agree, to select our future leadership.

The laws and policies enacted today can, and often do, influence the long-term health of our nation. And it's our nation's future – yours and your children's – that should concern you today.

Take the time leading into the 2004 elections to register to vote and request your absentee ballot. The deadlines for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card Application or turning in a Federal Write-In Absentee

Ballot are both fast approaching. Our goal is for everyone to complete and mail their applications before or during Armed Forces Voters Week, Sept. 3 to 11, to allow applications to meet all deadlines.

America is the greatest democracy in the world. We owe it to ourselves and our great nation to get out and vote. I urge each and every one of you to make your voice heard.

I encourage you to take advantage of a privilege that people around the world continue to fight and die for – whether you are at a geographically separated unit, a one-deep special duty position or deployed in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation – no matter where you are, your vote counts!



THE FLOOD OF 2004

Graphic by Tech. Sgt.

By 1st Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

More than 100 volunteers and contractors pitched in to help clean up the base recently after heavy rains damaged more than 40 base buildings.

The July 23 downpour drenched the base and surrounding areas with 1.5 inches of rain in less than 90 minutes, said Master Sgt. Randall Ritchie, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operational Weather Squadron.

"This amount of rain is normally not a problem, however, the short time period made it one," said Sergeant Ritchie.

The Frankfurt International Airport and Rhein-Main received almost 1 inch of rain in about 10 minutes according to the airport weather center.

The volume of rain overloaded the drainage systems and backed up into building drains causing water damage, said

Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight chief.

The hardest hit building was the 726th Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Terminal where the roof drainage system overflowed into the air-conditioning system and flooded the building's ducts, resulting in internal flooding on both levels.

Although the terminal had to be evacuated, the 726th mission continued in an alternate location when shortly after the rain stopped a 747 jumbo jet arrived carrying 300 Army passengers.

Air Mobility Squadron personnel quickly found a suitable building and began processing the troops. The squadron fine-tuned the operation and began running passenger operations from the alternate facilities without any delays in flights. Space available travel was the only operation suspended.

After the rains stopped, base leadership assembled to prioritize the clean-up efforts. At the top of the list were base communication centers and the passenger terminal.

About six inches of water was pumped out of two major communication centers. "The water was about half an inch from the microwave relay," said Bob Keffer, 469th Air Base Group Communications flight chief. "If it would have risen half an inch more, the whole base would have lost all communications capability."

Cleanup volunteers



Pacific Architects and Engineers and members of the 469th Air Base Security Forces Flight began cleaning the passenger terminal as soon as the building was considered safe to reenter.

and contract employees worked for several days to clean out the debris, then began sweeping and mopping the floor of the terminal.

Around the base facilities and in other areas, more volunteers helped to pump water out of basements and to clean up storm debris.

The combined efforts of all the personnel helped the base continue with some of the busiest missions in the world.

During the 86-hour downtime at the passenger terminal, the 726th Air Mobility Squadron processed 8,064 passengers and completed 10 missions.

"The most impressive thing about this is that the team kept going without a hitch," said Brig. Gen. Rosanne



Tech. Sgt. Falishia White, (far right) deployed to Rhein-Main from Dover Air Force Base, Del., processes a passenger on a flight downrange from a make-shift processing location July 24. The 726th Air Mobility Squadron moved passenger processing operations to a former freight warehouse only minutes after the passenger terminal was closed due to flood damage.



Gary Thacker



A firetruck from the 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight plows through more than six inches of water near the base exchange July 23 nearly an hour after a storm dumped 1 1/2 inches of rain in less than 90 minutes.



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(Above) The passenger terminal suffered extensive damage when water entered the building's air-conditioning system and flooded the interior. (Right) Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, 435th Air Base Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy commander, view clean-up efforts at the terminal July 25.



435th Air Base Wing commander at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

"They pulled together after a major catastrophe in a matter of hours. I attribute this to the people who work together everyday, the great leadership from the top to the bottom, the great dedicated members and the best Air Force in the world."

Staff photos



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

Just trying to earn a dollar

Staff Sgt. Lance Tressler, 469th Air Base Group Chapel, and Nikki Weaver, summer-hire worker at the chapel, share a laugh during an appreciation lunch for summer hires July 23 at the chapel gazebo. Twenty-two youth took part in the six-week program, working more than 5,000 hours in seven different duty locations throughout the base. This was the final summer-hire program at Rhein-Main.



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.

Communications

Q: How will the drawdown affect our communications and telephone service?

A: Official DSN telephone and network service will be terminated Nov. 20, 2005. TELEKOM service can be retained through permanent change of station.

Q: Will residents in base housing keep their telephone numbers?

A: Yes, but they must cancel their telephone service at least 30 days prior to their PCS.

Q: How will closure affect telephone services?

A: Personnel must go to the TELEKOM office at the Neu-Isenberg Mall or to the closest office to their home to cancel TELEKOM telephone or network service.

Q: How will official business be conducted when DSN communications are shut off?

A: Official business will be conducted with leased TELEKOM lines and cellular telephones. Fax lines will continue to be used. We will request remote access network from Ramstein for network connections, but no more than one per office.

Commissary

Q: What will happen to the commissary?

A: The commissary building will be turned over to Air Force installation officials. The building will then be turned over to the host nation. Following the closure of the commissary, remaining products and supplies will be sent to nearby commissaries. Furniture and equipment will be transferred to another commissary, sent to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office or possibly auctioned off.

Q: How will we get bottled water after the commissary closes?

A: Water will be available at the nearest commissaries in Darmstadt and Wiesbaden.

Transportation

Q: How long will U-drive vehicles be available?

A: The UDI fleet will be reduced beginning in September 2005. At the end of November, the UDI fleet will have only 8-10 leased assets remaining.

Q: When will the government gas station on base be closed?

A: The base service station will close Nov. 1, 2005. Most likely we will issue fuel coupons to cover government requirements until base closure. The fire department and Air Mobility Command have their own diesel tanks.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long

July 6 — An I.H.S. security guard reported that he found a small bag containing an unknown substance at his location. Patrols were dispatched and made contact with the I.H.S guard. The guard said he found the bag near the entrance to the base. In the bag were two black rocks, one large and one small. Officials from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations conducted a narcotics test on the substance. The substance tested positive as heroin. There were no suspects, leads or witnesses at press time.

July 8 — A patrol found a minor child without adult supervision in the lobby of Bldg. 600, the Gateway Inn. Patrols were dispatched and made contact with the child's parents, who said they had fallen asleep in the room and woke up to find the door cracked open. The individuals were transported and processed accordingly for child neglect.

July 8 — An individual contacted the law enforcement desk to report that her husband, an Airman, had rented a car in her name without a license. A patrol made contact with the complainant to accomplish a statement. She said

she received a online message from an unknown source stating her husband had rented a car under her name at a rental car agency. The suspect was charged on July 21 with Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order.

July 17 — An individual contacted the law enforcement desk and said he had been threatened by another individual. Patrols were dispatched to the 64th Replacement Company and made contact with the suspect. The victim identified the suspect and was instructed to report to the LE desk to file a statement. The suspect was brought in and processed accordingly.

July 19 — An Army staff sergeant reported an individual for being disorderly and loud at the 64th RC. Patrols were dispatched and made contact with the individual. The individual was drunk and using indecent language. The individual was not compliant and disorderly towards patrolman until released to the 129th Military Police Company.

July 23 — An individual was reported as being disorderly at Bldg. 352, contingency lodging. Patrols were dispatched and made contact with the victim. The victim stated that an individual threatened and verbally abused

**Crime Stop Hotline
330-7171**

him. The victim and two witnesses were instructed to report to the LE desk to give a statement of what happened.

July 25 — Patrols conducting a check of Bldg. 150, the Rocket Sports Lounge, noticed a large gathering of people. A patrol contacted an individual who said he had been assaulted by another individual following an argument. The victim said the suspect returned to the 64th RC dormitory. Patrols made contact with the suspect and processed the individual accordingly.

July 26 — A staff sergeant brought an individual to the LE desk and said it was possible the individual was intoxicated on duty and they wanted to confirm their suspicions with security forces. The staff sergeant said the individual failed to report for duty. The individual gave consent for his blood alcohol content via the Intoxilizer 5000. The first reading was .129 percent. The second reading was .113 percent. The individual's license was suspended and he was turned over to his supervisor.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group
101 days
726th Air Mobility Squadron
190 days
64th Replacement Company
81 days

Tenant Units
46 days
Others
8 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.



Group downs Dawgs for softball crown

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
Public Affairs

Coming out of the loser's bracket is hardly ever the easiest way to win a championship. But, that's why they created double-elimination tournaments – to give teams a second chance.

The 469th Air Base Group took advantage of a second-life to come back and win the Rhein-Main Intramural Softball Championship July 30 with 11-6 and 14-12 wins over the 469th ABG Fire Department "FireDawgs".

"We needed to concentrate on the first game, and just take it one game at a time," said Noel Van Hassel, 469th ABG coach.

The 469th ABG, runners up to the FireDawgs in the regular season, jumped out to an 11-5 lead after three innings in the finale. The FireDawgs answered by scoring five runs on four errors in the top of the fourth to draw within one.

James Cunningham's sacrifice fly scored Chris Hernandez to push the score to 12-10 in the bottom half of the inning.

The FireDawgs again answered with two runs in the top of the fifth on an inside-the-park home run from Brent Watkins to knot the score.

Kevin Wilkinson, 469th ABG third baseman, opened the bottom of the fifth with a single. Two outs later, pitcher Larry Bright singled to put runners on the corners.



Kevin Wilkinson, 469th Air Base Group third baseman, waits to apply to the tag to Gabriel Villanueva, FireDawg shortstop, in the second inning of the second championship game July 30. The 469th ABG won the game 14-12.

Shortstop Jonathan Walker stepped to the plate and iced the game with a single to right-center field. The ball was mishandled, allowing Bright to score from first.

Bright then put the clamps on the Fire Dawgs, facing only eight batters in the final two innings.

The 469th ABG was forced into the loser's bracket following an 11-8 defeat at the hands of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron in the second-round match-up.

Revenge was sweet as the 469th ABG squared off against the 726th AMS in the finale of the loser's bracket and crushed them 17-7.

The 469th ABG finished the tourney with a 6-1 record.

Other members of the winning team included: **Tim Hall, Ron Kapise, Nathan Mainer, Jay Nichols, Uriah Orland, George Orr, Ray Rabatin, Joey Simmons, Matt Summers, Brian Weimer, Guy Wells and Kim Wilkinson.**

Sports Briefs

Golf tourney

The 469th Air Base Group Top IV sponsors a golf tourney Aug. 26 at Rheinblick Golf Course in Wiesbaden.

The tourney is open to all members of the 469th Air Base Group and Pacific Architects and Engineers.

Format is four-person teams, best-ball scramble. Cost is \$20 and includes greens fees, a cart, range balls and rental clubs if needed. The fee also includes lunch. Deadline to sign up is Aug. 16.

See Master Sgt. John Smith, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight Fire Department, to sign up. Transportation will be limited to the first 20 people who request it.



USAFE tourney

The Rhein-Main Rockets were 3-0 at press time in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Small Units Softball Championships at Camp Darby, Italy.

Rhein-Main defeated Royal Air Force

St. Mawgan, 21-17, and RAF Fairford, 10-8, in action Tuesday.

The Rockets crushed Sembach, 21-8, on Wednesday.

Soccer practice

The Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer Team practices at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the field near the transportation roundhouse.

ITT closure

All Ticket and Tour services related to Enjoy Tours and other travel related information have ceased in the Community Connection, Bldg. 349.

Customers can access a wealth of sources in the local community. Similar services are available online and in the local SATO offices at the Frankfurt Airport, Hanau, Weisbaden and Darmstadt.

Other local travel information is also available at the family support center and local USO locations.

For more information, call 330-6158.

New hours

As of Aug. 1, the auto skills center is now open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more details, call 330-7467.

UMUC registration

The University of Maryland University College-Europe registration begins Monday and runs through Aug. 20.

Term 1 will begin Aug. 23. Stop by the Rhein-Main Education Center in Rm. 247, Bldg. 347 or call 330-7434 for more information.

Heart Link

Heart Link or the New Spouse Orientation Program, is set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Our House in Bldg. 627 B-2.

Chapel Worship

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

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Penance – 8-8:30 a.m. Sundays or by appointment.

■ Protestant worship:

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



The program offers information on the Rhein-Main mission, military protocol, acronyms, pay and benefits and Air Force Services programs. All spouses are invited and those married five years or less are highly encouraged to attend.

There will be giveaways and Polish pottery for every attendee. On-site child care is available. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Call 330-7992 to sign up.

German culture

Robert Emmerth continues his German culture series from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the family support center classroom in Bldg. 347.

The series includes history, politics, transportation, culture and more. Participants can attend one or all classes in the series.

For more information, call 330-7992.

NAF resale

A nonappropriated funds resale is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 14 at Bldg. 441.

The clearance sale features furniture, televisions, videocassette recorders, microwaves and more.

The sale is cash and carry and customers must be a Department of Defense cardholder to enter the sale.

Mailing deadlines

All military members stationed overseas should request an absentee voting ballot by Aug. 15 to ensure timely delivery. Members should mail their ballots back no later than Oct. 15.

For more information, call 330-6384.

Walking tour

The family support center offers a "rain or shine" walking tour of Frankfurt beginning at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 19 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.

Movies at Rhein-Main

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

Saturday - "Spider-Man 2," (PG-13), 2 p.m., "Breakin' All The Rules," (PG-13) and "Spider-Man 2," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Godsend," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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

Aug. 13 - "The Day After Tomorrow," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Aug. 14 - "Shrek 2," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Anchorman," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 15 - "Raising Helen," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - "The Manchurian Candidate," (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," (PG) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

Castle illumination

The city of Bad Homburg invites guests to visit the palace of Bad Homburg illuminated by 1,000 candles from 2-7 p.m. Aug. 28-29.

Participants can view the rooms of the last German emperor Wilhelm II and his family.

The entrance fee is 3.50 Euro. Bad Homburg is approximately one hour from base.

Library news

Time for Reading takes place from 2-2:30 p.m. each Wednesday at the library. Parents must remain at the library during the program.

A library orientation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Aug. 18

Buffet lunch

The Zeppelinhaus offers a German buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The buffet is free to club members celebrating a birthday in August.



(Left) A view across the Rhein River from the Friedensmuseum, located in one of the former Ludendorff Brücke towers on the left bank of the river at Remagen. (Above) One of the unexploded bombs German forces dropped in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy the bridge before it fell into Allied hands.



Day Trippin'

The last bridge over the Rhein

**Story and photos by
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Public Affairs

From 1945 to 1980 four lonely bridge towers stood on the Rhein River in Remagen, Germany. The towers, two on the west bank and two on the east bank, were solemn reminders of a crucial American victory in World War II, as the Allies struggled to drive the last nail in the coffin of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

Between the towers was the Ludendorff Brücke, the last intact bridge spanning the Rhein. The Americans desperately wanted to capture it to push through the heartland of Germany and hasten the war's end. Hitler desperately wanted it destroyed to thwart the Allies' drive.

Despite Hitler's orders to destroy the bridge, numerous attempts to cause its collapse failed. The stage was then set for the "miracle of Remagen," the bridge's capture by the U.S. Army's 9th Armored

Division on March 7, 1945.

U.S. Army troops poured across the span and, coupled with a river crossing further north at Wesel, more than 300,000 German troops were encircled and captured in the Ruhr area.

The Remagen bridge collapsed on March 17, killing 28 U.S. soldiers. But, by that time pontoon bridges had been established, allowing the Allies' advance to continue.

On the 35th anniversary of the bridge's capture, March 7, 1980, the quiet towers became a plea for peace with the opening of the Friedensmuseum, located in the west bank towers. The museum tells the story of the bridge's history and the 1945 battle.

It features numerous photos of the period and some artifacts. Most explanations are in English, although a few are in German only. Each tower features five small floors of displays, with one floor being dedicated to the casualties of World War II by country, and 120-plus wars since World War II.

If you go...



The drive to Remagen takes about 1 1/2 hours. Take Autobahn 3 to Wiesbaden/Koln, then at Dernbacher Dreieck take Autobahn 48 to Trier/Koblenz.

An 18-kilometer drive on A48 will bring you to Highway 9 (Bonn/Andernach). Thirty-three miles up Highway 9 is Remagen. Follow the signs for Remagen-Sud, Brücke von Remagen and Friedenskapelle. Make a left at the "Spez. Restaurant Bosphorus/Bauhof" sign, then a right on An der Alten Rheinbrücke. This leads to a small parking area, which is free.



The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 to April 30. From May 1 to Oct. 31, hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. From Nov. 1-30, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Cost to enter the museum is 3.50 Euro per adult and one Euro per student. Children under 10 are free. Families with children over 10 years of age pay six Euro. A small selection of books about the bridge's history and the 1945 battle there are available in German and English.



For more information, call 026-422-1863, fax 26-422-0127, e-mail infos@bruecke-remagen.de or log on to http://www.bruecke-remagen.de/index_en.htm.