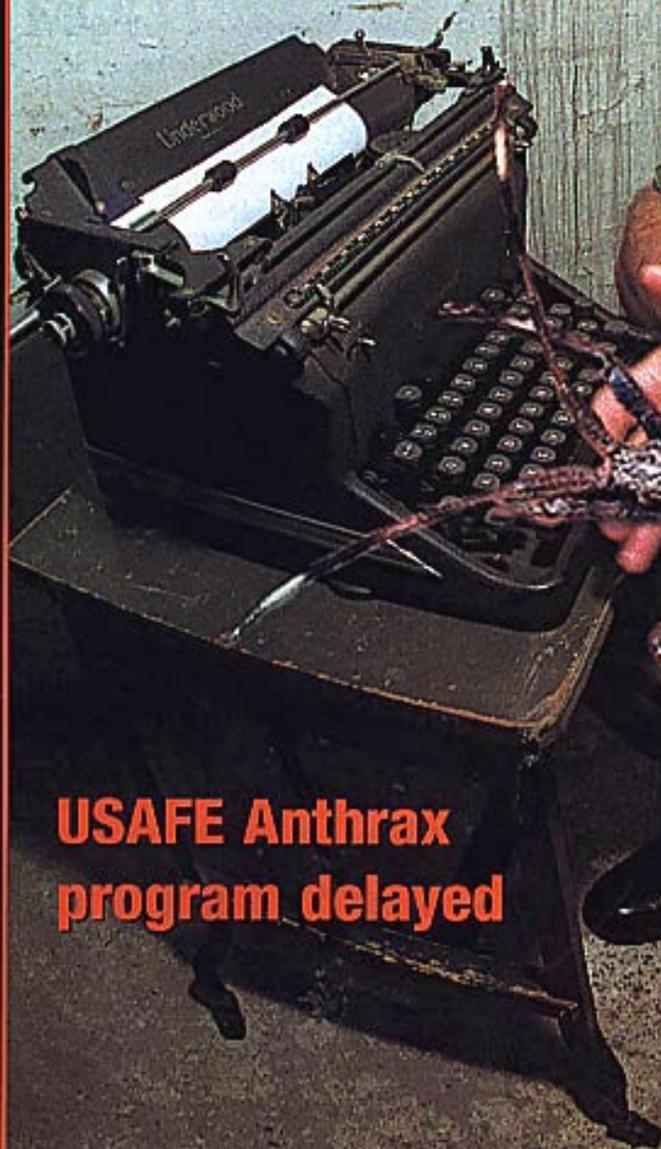


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# Team Liberty's Chance to Shine



By Col. Irving L. Halter Jr.  
48th Fighter Wing Commander

As commander, one of my primary jobs is to set priorities. To tell you what's important today so we can all keep focused on the right things. Well - listen up!

Next week the wing begins a critical NATO evaluation. How well we do depends on you. I know you know your business - this is just another opportunity to show our leaders what a

class act we are. Even if you are not directly involved in this evaluation, you still have a part to play. If someone comes to you and says they need your support for the NATO Eval, then drop what you're doing and give it to them. This task is our most important mission during the coming week.

That said, please remember, no matter what is said and done as we prepare for and execute this test, you are all still obliged to uphold what I call "the implied contract."

## MOD Police to increase patrols for drink drivers

The Ministry of Defence Police join local constabularies and security forces in adopting a zero-tolerance policy on drinking and driving.

Through Jan. 5, MOD Police continue to patrol Air Force installations in East Anglia around the clock for drink drivers. Their message: If you drink and drive; you will be caught.

Holiday functions and parties are well into their planning stages by now. The message this millennium year, as always, is: Don't Drink and Drive.

Each year more than 800 people are killed in road accidents involving drivers over the legal drink-drive limit. Just one drink impairs driving performance. Alcohol is a depressant that slows down your ability to react to situations.

Alcohol makes you less alert, but at the same time gives you a strong, but false, sense of confidence. One drink may be enough to put you above the legal limit.

The holidays are a joyous time and should be

This means that no matter what else we tell you is important, only two things really matter at the end of the day. First, we must be ready to go to execute all of our combat missions. In other words, mission first - that's what our fellow citizens pay us for.

Second, at the end of the day, we need to be sure that we still have all of the people and things we started with. Some would call that safety - I call it resource preservation. There is absolutely no peacetime mission that warrants the unnecessary risk to our precious resources - human or material. Its how we do business every day - right, the first time, on time!

If any other tasking is getting in the way of one of those things, you need to tell me. If you think we are walking the line too closely, you need to slow down and tell your boss. A lot of preparation and practice has gone into getting ready for this evaluation. This has been a team effort although the evaluation focus will be on a small part of the team. You've practiced hard. And you are ready!

It's time to get your "game face" on - take the scenario we are given and play it as if there is no tomorrow. Be proud, be confident, and most of all, be yourselves! For you are the Liberty Wing - there are absolutely none better - and everyone knows it. This is your chance to shine - let's show 'em how it's done!

enjoyed by all. If you have a drink, do not drive. Have a designated driver or arrange for a taxi ride home. Airmen against Drunk Driving offers a safe ride home 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Call free phone (0800) 3280178. The ride is free, but not to be used as an alternative to responsible drinking. For a taxi outside of these hours, contact the taxi company at (01638) 533060 or (01638) 522306 from on base. (Courtesy of the Ministry of Defence Police)

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48th Fighter Wing  
Commander

### Kudos!

My husband and I would like to thank the 48th Medical Group orthopedic staff, especially Dr. Damian Rispoli, Senior Airman Jared Walker, Annie McLeod, Major Raymond Farrell, and Tech. Sgt. Gil Medina.

They are caring professionals, who go beyond the call of duty - even offering my husband their own lunch and buying him a soda.

Such small touches may seem simple, but in a time of need, they make the difference between those who drag through their day and those who possess an exceptional dedication to comforting patients and providing

excellent care.

- Judy and George Anghelescu

### Parking courtesy

Q: Earlier this afternoon, I was surfing the BX parking lot for a space and directly in front of me, a car stopped in the middle of the road between parking rows, waiting on a space occupied by a family of five walking up to their car. The person in the car in front of me blocked traffic for at least six minutes waiting for this parking space.

The entire time, spaces were opening in lanes all around us; the parking situation wasn't that bad. However, this guy felt it was logical to block traffic for six minutes, waiting on a spot and "rushing" the departing family to get out of the parking lot.

A: I appreciate your call and the dilemma you describe. We've all experienced similar frustrations where we know the "other guy" is being just a little bit inconsiderate.

Golf etiquette teaches us that when we hit our ball into the rough, we don't spend an inordinate amount of time looking for it. Soon we reach a point when we've got to admit our loss and press on so that we don't slow down the play for those who

follow. And, if we decide to look for our ball a bit longer, we need to step aside and allow those behind us to "play through."

Those same rules should apply as we search for parking slots in a parking lot. If we come upon a slot where folks are loading the car and the wait seems reasonable, it is most courteous to pull far enough to the side while waiting so that others behind us can "play through" to continue their journey. I don't think there is a "real" written rule about how long I can spend looking for my golf ball if I'm the only one on the course, nobody else cares. But, common courtesy for those behind me should always apply. Parking at Lakenhealth is sometimes a challenge, and will surely get busier as we approach the shopping season. I encourage each and every one of you to cooperate with your fellow shoppers by being considerate, through the holidays and beyond. In true Liberty Wing style "take care of each other."

### Kudos!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Lt. Col. William MacLure and the 493rd Fighter Squadron for the

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On the cover: The 48th Communications Squadron Commander, Maj. Tracy Amos, captures the Y2K bug. The entire base has worked to ensure equipment and systems are Y2K compliant and plans are in place to ensure essential services are not interrupted. Photo by Capt. Chuck Hansen.

# Liberty Wing gears up for NATO evaluation



The Liberty Wing has been training non-stop for an upcoming NATO evaluation and are ready to dazzle the inspecting team.

"Our folks have trained hard and they are at their peak," said Lt. Col. Owen Ragland, 48th Fighter Wing Readiness Chief.

"They've put in lots of hours and now they're ready to show their stuff." Total wing support and teamwork have prepared Team Liberty to pass with flying colors.

## Airpower videos

Today through Thursday, the commander's access channel shows three videos daily. They are: 6 p.m., "Squadron Leaders;" 7 p.m., "Air Force Television News;" 10 p.m., "Air Force Prime Time;" 11 p.m., "Air Force Television News On Assignment."

Photos by Airman 1st Class Russ Martin

**Top:** An F-15 undergoes preflight inspection under the security of the 48th Security Forces Squadron; **Above:** Airman Terry Hints, 48th SFS, provides entry control security.

## ACTION

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thrilling (and educational) incentive ride I received in one of their F-15's. From start to finish I received first class treatment from everyone I came in contact

with at the 493rd. My special thanks to Capt. Sean "Spear" McLay (my pilot), 1st Lt. Andrew "Solo" Merkle (life support and pre-flight training) and everyone in the life support section who took care of my flight equipment needs and answered all of my anxious questions. Since I am

hospital personnel, I was not at all familiar with the terminology, methodology, or anything else concerning flight line operation, so this experience has been a real eye opener. I have now seen first hand the dedication and skill possessed by our "line" folks and have gained an

even higher level of respect for the work they are doing. It is my pleasure, as a Liberty Medic, to help provide the highest quality health care to you and your families as you go about your warfighting mission. Thanks again for the ride of a lifetime and may God bless you all.



## Countdown to Y2K: What if the power goes out?

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# Vaccinations delayed

By Tech. Sgt. Ann Bennett  
Air Force Print News

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Airmen in Europe can expect to wait until the second or third quarter of 2000 to begin Phase II of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccination program.

Phase II of the program, which calls for vaccinating those on mobility, was originally scheduled to start in January.

Food and Drug Administration approval and licensing for BioPort Corporation, the new manufacturer of the anthrax vaccine, is the reason for the delay, said Lt. Col. Ken Hall, USAF command public health officer.

The vaccine production plant, which was recently purchased by BioPort Corporation from the Michigan Biologic Products Institute, is being modernized. Whenever large-scale renovation takes place, the facility and the process must be recertified by the Food and Drug Administration.

This ensures the vaccine retains the same quality and consistency as previously manufactured vaccine.

There is a substantial supply of FDA-approved anthrax vaccine to continue with Phase I of the program.

"When a new company is involved, the FDA approval process must start again," Hall explained.

More than a dozen nations have the ability to produce and use anthrax against U.S. forces. That threat, according to Hall, makes the anthrax vac-

ination program a top priority for the DOD.

"The threat to U.S. military forces is definitely real. Anthrax is attractive to our enemies because it's cheap and easy to produce. They can acquire, mass produce and disperse it relatively easily," Hall said.

"Inhalation anthrax is an extremely lethal disease, and almost everyone is immunologically naïve. We just don't run into it in nature so we can't build a natural immunity against it," he said.

"That's why we're taking away that vulnerability with the anthrax vaccination program. If you're exposed to airborne anthrax and you're vaccinated, you live. If you're not, odds are you die. It's that simple," he explained.

The immunization regimen consists of a series of six shots followed by annual boosters. The first three shots are administered at two-week intervals followed by three more at six-month intervals.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved the anthrax vaccination plan May 18, 1998. Phase I of the plan started in 1998 when forces assigned or rotating to high threat areas in Southwest Asia and Korea began getting the shots.

The third and final phase calls for the remainder of the force and its new recruits to be immunized.

More than 26,000 people in the command will eventually get the vaccinations.

For more information on the anthrax vaccination program visit the USAF Anthrax Web site at: <http://www.usaf.af.mil/direct/sg/public%20anthrax/index.htm>. (Courtesy of USAF News Service)



Courtesy photo

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# Pet quarantine rules change

New rules established by the British government allow some U.S. service members and Department of Defense employees to avoid the standard six-month quarantine for pets when they arrive in the United Kingdom.

The new rules, which fall under a pilot program called the "Pet Travel Scheme," allow pet owners to bypass the country's quarantine law and save the related costs, provided they meet the strict requirements. The program starts April 1.

The estimated cost of complying with the PETS program is about \$340.00 per pet. However, pet quarantine costs average \$2,500.00 per pet.

To qualify for the PETS program:

□Pet owners must be arriving to the U.K. from an authorized country. Germany, Belgium, Norway, Italy and most European Union member countries are the only authorized countries. The plan does not currently apply to pets arriving from North America.

The plan only applies to cats and dogs. The pets must have lived in an authorized country at least six months before their arrival in the U.K.

□Pets must arrive via specific sea, air and rail routes to the United Kingdom.

Information about these routes is available on

the U.K. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Web site at <http://www.maff.gov.uk/animal/quarantine>.

□Pets must have an identification microchip implant. After receiving the implant, pets must also be vaccinated for rabies with an inactivated vaccine. Regular rabies booster vaccinations must be administered.

□Six months before entering the U.K., the pet's blood must be tested by a laboratory recognized by the MAFF. A list of authorized laboratories is available on the MAFF Web site at <http://www.maff.gov.uk/animal/quarantine/movement/labs.htm>.

□Pets must be treated for certain parasites and ticks within 48 hours of arriving in the United Kingdom.

□All requirements necessary to qualify for the PETS program must be documented on a health certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon and carried with the pet owner to the United Kingdom.

For more information, contact your local veterinarian, visit the MAFF Web site at <http://www.maff.gov.uk/animal/quarantine/index.htm> or call the U.K. PETS Hotline at 44 (181) 330-6835. (Courtesy of USAF News Service)

# Library changes video checkout procedures

By Capt. Stacey N. Spilling  
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

Effective immediately, the RAF Lakenheath base library has changed videotape check out procedures affecting videotape availability for the next few weeks.

The changes are due to a problem discovered when one patron checked out videotape which had been altered to contain inappropriate material.

By chance, the patron, who will remain anonymous, pre-viewed the videotape prior to letting his children watch it and about 20 minutes into the film discovered the altered segment that contained the material.

"The patron immediately contacted the Services squadron and we took action," said Maj. Kim Toney, 48th Services Squadron commander.

As a result of the finding, all videotapes will now be tracked separately from the rest of the checkout materials.

Separate checkout cards, apart from those used to check out books, will provide a track record of who checked out the videotape each time.

Additionally, the 800 fictional and non-fictional juvenile videotapes the library now stocks will be pulled from circulation and reviewed to ensure they have not been altered, according to Toney. Once reviewed they will be placed back into circulation, she added.

Other measures the library has taken include contacting the distribution source to ensure the videotape was not altered prior to reaching RAF Lakenheath, contacting the Office of Special Investigations and warning other video sources on base of the situation. Toney cautions that parents should be aware of what their children are watching.

"How often do parents preview a movie prior to letting their children watch them? I imagine it's not very often, but who would have thought that kind of material would be on this film," asked Toney. "My message to parents is 'be careful.' This scenario could happen to you. Please be cautious and help us help our children."



# Another Chief!

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Todd Nelson, 48th Operations Support Squadron, on his

selection for promotion to chief master sergeant. Nelson's name was not on the Chief's list printed in the Nov. 19 Jet 48.



Photo by Airman Joanna E. ReHo

### Out and about

Senior Master Sergeants Ronald Cook, 48th Component Repair Squadron, and Lloyd Tyre, 48th Supply Squadron, light candles during their own Chief's Induction Ceremony Dec. 3.

## News notes

### Commissary holiday hours

Commissary operating hours for the Christmas through New Year holidays are:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 19; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 20 through 23; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25 and 26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 27 through Dec. 30; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 31; closed Jan. 1 and 2; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 3.

### Well-baby dental exams

The pediatric dentist is available to see children 3 years old and younger at the community center. No appointments are necessary. Children receive an exam, fluoride treatment and oral hygiene instructions. The next scheduled exams are 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 7 and 21. Call (01638) 528800 for more information.

### Dental assistant training

The 48th Dental Squadron is accepting applications through the Red Cross Office for a six-month Dental Assistant Training Program. Interviews are Jan. 5, 6, and 7. Classes begin Jan. 10. For more information, call Nancy Czarcasty at (01638) 521855.

### Office closures

The RAF Mildenhall Civilian Personnel Office closes at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17 for an office function. The office reopens at 8 a.m. Dec. 20.

The 48th Transportation Squadron Dispatch Office closes from midnight Dec. 25 to 7 a.m. Dec. 26 and from midnight Jan. 1 to 7 a.m. Jan. 2. This includes cancellation of the RAF Feltwell shuttle on these days.

The RAF Feltwell Furnishings Management Office closes Dec. 27, 28, 31 and Jan. 3.

### Medical Group training

The 48th Medical Group conducts readiness training from 7 to 9 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month. The hospital does not close during this time; however new appointments cannot be scheduled during training. The emergency room is open for true emergencies.

### Air Force seeks feedback

The Air Force Personnel Center commander wants to know how effective the Air Force As-

signments System is serving customers. A three-part internet survey of 40 questions is available to active duty officers, commanders and civilian supervisors. The survey is accessible Dec. 1 through Jan. 15 from home or office at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) and then clicking Air Force Assignments System.

### Reserve opportunities

Information about the Air Force Reserve including pay, benefits and world wide opportunities is available from the In-Service Recruiter, Master Sgt. Lane Whitlow, at RAF Mildenhall (01638) 545290.

### AMC terminal holiday hours

Flight schedule permitting, the RAF Mildenhall Passenger Terminal holiday customer service hours are: 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25; 9 a.m. to 10:30 Dec. 26; 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 31; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Jan. 1.

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### Transcripts unavailable

The Community College of the Air Force is currently unable to process student progress reports or transcripts due to computer difficulties. CCAF's Student Transcript, Administration and Records System is down for an undeterminable amount of time.

Students requesting record updates, progress reports and/or transcripts will experience a delay. CCAF is working to solve the problem and will notify education centers as soon as the system is restored. The education center can still assist with any general CCAF inquiries.



## Liberty Warrior



Photo by Senior Airman Louis Rivers

### Senior Airman Eric Kramak 492nd Fighter Squadron

Hometown: Mexico, N.Y.

Time in service: Three years, six months

Time on station: Two years, 10 months

Role in mission: Dedicated crew chief, responsible to maintain and manage maintenance on one of the newest F-15E's in the Air Force inventory.

Hobbies: Hiking, reading, and rugby.

What advantages are there to being stationed here? Easy access to Europe and a common language.

What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you during your Air Force career? Getting a ride in the back seat of an F-15E, the world's premier fighter aircraft.

What was the last book you read? Why did you read it? For Whom the Bell Tolls, by Ernest Hemmingway. I enjoy Hemmingway's vivid descriptions and lust for life.

Who is your favorite leader in history and why? Alexander the Great, because of his persistence in pursuing his dreams.

What is your philosophy of life and why? I prefer to live for today, if you set your sights too far in the future, the good times will pass you by.

What has been your most memorable experience in Europe? Being at Incirlik AB, Turkey, during the June 1998 earthquake.

What is your greatest achievement? Making staff the first time.

Who is your role model and why? Ernest Hemmingway, because he lived life to its fullest, on his own terms, and let nothing stand in the way of a good time.

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# New DFAS system should simplify, speed pay changes

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Military and DoD civilian employees and retirees will soon be able to make many routine changes to their official pay accounts whenever they want by phone or via the World Wide Web.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is in the process of implementing the Employee/Member Self Service program. DFAS officials project the program will be available for some customers in February 2000.

The officials said defense payroll customers using the round-the-clock web and phone systems will be able to change their federal income tax withholding; start, stop or change allotments; change their correspondence address; and update information for their financial institution electronic fund transfers.

DFAS officials said the self-service program should improve the processing of pay changes by saving time and reducing the current paper trail. Now, customers may have to wait weeks for action because they must visit a finance customer service representative and submit written forms that have to be processed by a string of clerks, they explained.

"Employee/Member Self Service provides an alternative to completing and submitting forms and will provide reliable and accurate information," DFAS project officer Gloria Cranford-Bates said. "Most importantly, E/MSS will be a fast, easy and secure way for customers to update payroll-re-

lated transactions at their convenience."

The system will allow customers to make changes nearly instantly on their own. Officials explained that no written confirmation will be received, but members can check changes by re-accessing the system in a week. Changes will also be annotated on the customer's next Leave and Earning Statement.

A personal identification number will control customer access. DFAS plans to mail letters to eligible customers with a temporary PIN they can customize the first time they use the system, officials said. The letter will also give customers the Web site address and the toll-free number to access the system.

The DFAS plan calls for E/MSS to become available in two phases. DFAS representative Cathy Ferguson said letters are being mailed to DoD retirees and surviving annuitants, Marines and civilian employees, the first group of people who will have system access. Soldiers, sailors and airmen will gain access a few months later.

The military services' current telephone systems for their members will eventually be rolled into the DFAS self-service system.

E/MSS Internet transactions will be encrypted using 128-bit encryption and Secure Socket Layer technology, DFAS officials said. This will prevent information from being read by others while being transmitted from the customer's personal computer to the E/MSS Web site. Also for security reasons, officials recommend against using cellular phones to access the IVRS system.

Additional information can be obtained on the DFAS Web site, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil).

# NCO Academy graduates 140 leaders

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch was the featured speaker when 140 Air Force junior noncommissioned officers received their diplomas as graduates of the Kisling NCO Academy.

More than 640 people from across the European continent attended the graduation banquet held here Nov. 19.

Tech. Sgt. Robert A. Popp Jr., 31st Operations Support Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy, received the John Levitow Honor Graduate Award as the top student of Class 2000-01.

Tech. Sgt. Timothy B. Horn, 52nd Communications Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, received the Commandant's Award and was a distinguished graduate.

Tech. Sgt. William P. Brodie Jr., 422nd Air Base Squadron, RAF Croughton, England, received the academic achievement award and was also a distinguished graduate.

Other distinguished graduates, recognizing the top 10 percent of the class, include:

Tech. Sgt. Alan J. Wilson, 48th Civil Engineering Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England,

Tech. Sgt. Tracie E. Adams, Det. 4, Air Force News, Ramstein AB, Germany,

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan W. Rouse, 617th Training Flight, Sembach AB, Germany,

Tech. Sgt. Jesse A. Lopez, 469th Air Base Group, Medical Flight, Rhein Main AB, Germany,

Tech. Sgt. Carla S. Roshitsh, 422nd Air Base Squadron, RAF Croughton,

Tech. Sgt. Craig S. Kowalski, 422nd ABS, RAF Barford St. John, England,

Tech. Sgt. David C. Janney, 422nd ABS, RAF Croughton,

Tech. Sgt. Teresa J. Root, 31st Operations Support Squadron, Aviano AB,

Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Connor Jr., 621st Air Mobility Support Group, Ramstein AB,

Tech. Sgt. Leroy J. Barnhill Jr., Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Det. 501, Ramstein AB, and Tech. Sgt. Patrick W. Lee, 100th Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, England.

Kisling, located at nearby Kapaun Air Station, is U.S. Air Forces in Europe's only academy – educating technical sergeants and technical sergeant-selects in the profession of arms, leadership and communication.

The academy is the Air Force's second level of enlisted professional military education, and in-residence completion is mandatory before Air Force NCOs can assume the rank of master sergeant. (USAFE News Service)



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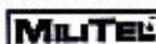
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## Open:

- RAF Lakenheath Community Center - 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Electric Avenue - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Golf Course Pro Shop - 8 a.m. to noon
- The Great Little Pizza Place - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Knight's Table
  - Brunch - 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - Supper - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Liberty Club
- Freedom Café - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bar Operation - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Cashier Cage - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Liberty Lanes
  - Lanes and snack bar - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Liberty Lodge - 24 hours
- RAF Lakenheath Library - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Christmas Day

**Closed:** Arts and crafts, auto crafts, RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell Child Development Center, RAF Feltwell Community Activities Center, RAF Lakenheath Community Activities Center, Shepherd's Grove Community Activities Center, Electric Avenue, equipment rental, family child care, RAF Feltwell Satellite Dish, RAF Feltwell Fitness Center, golf course pro shop, snack bar and steak house, Great Little Pizza Place, hourly care center, Information Tickets and Tours, Knight's Table (midnight meal only), 48th Street Café, Liberty Club, library, Officers' Club, outdoor recreation, Pedaler Bike Shop, skating rink, swimming pool, woodcrafts center and youth center.

## Open:

- RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center - noon to 6 p.m.
- Knight's Table
  - Breakfast - 7 to 8 a.m.
  - Lunch/Dinner - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Liberty Lanes
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- Liberty Lodge - 24 Hours

## Boxing Day

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## Open:

- RAF Lakenheath Community Center - 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Golf Course
  - Pro Shop - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Snack Bar - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Knight's Table
  - Breakfast - 7 to 8 a.m.
  - Lunch/Dinner - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Liberty Lanes
  - Lanes and snack bar - 2 to 10 p.m.
- Liberty Lodge - 24 Hours
- Library - noon to 6 p.m.
- Skating rink - 2 to 6 p.m.

## New Year's Eve

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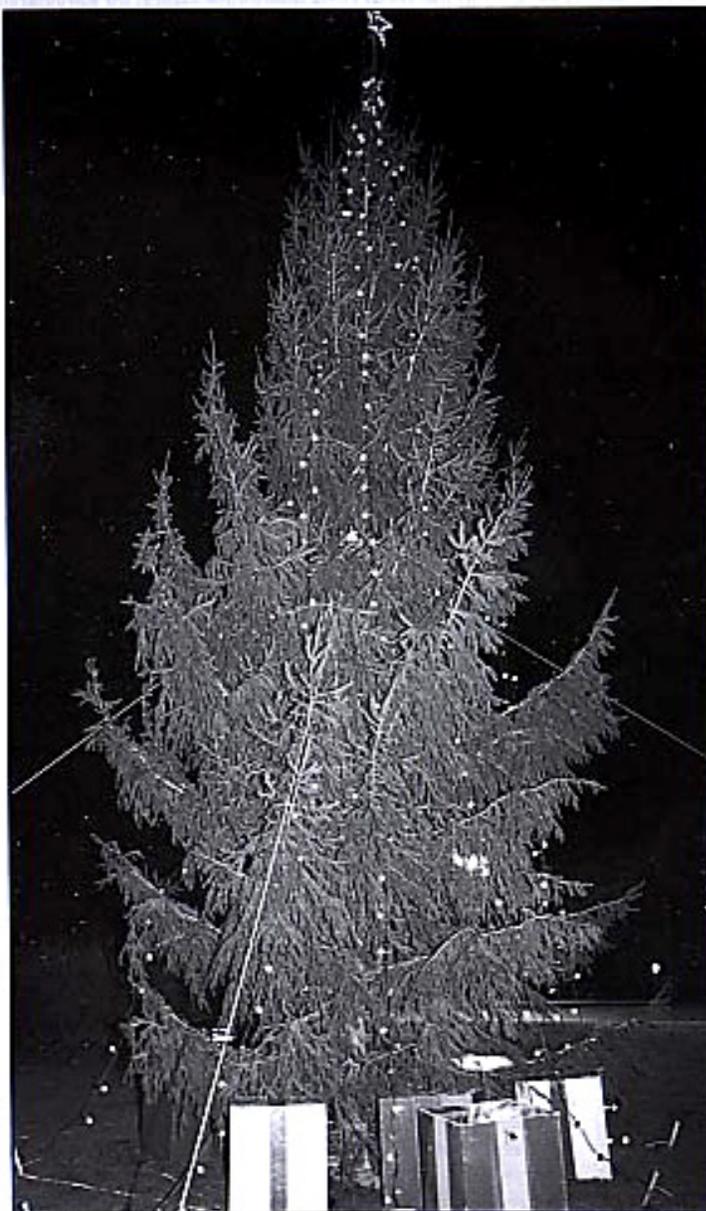
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## New Year's Day

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- RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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- The Great Little Pizza Place - 5 to 11 p.m.
- Knight's Table
  - Brunch - 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - Supper - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Liberty Lanes
  - Lanes and snack bar - 2 to 10 p.m.
- Liberty Lodge - 24 hours



# Team Liberty ready to beat the Y2K bug

## Systems and contingency plans prepared

By Col. Mike Ehrlich  
48th Fighter Wing  
vice commander

Team Lakenheath is ready for the Year 2000 date change! We've assessed and tested our critical systems and are confident key services on RAF Lakenheath will continue without disruption.

Liberty warriors will remain fully capable of performing their entire range of critical and essential missions as we enter into the new millennium.

Also, our British friends have assured us that we can expect "business as usual" with no outages anticipated in utilities and essential public services.

As the Team Lakenheath Year 2000 working group chairman, I know many people have worked hard to prevent potential problems at the turn of the century.

Senior leadership and representatives from across the Liberty Wing have been actively engaged at all levels to identify and solve our Y2K problems.

We have worked through an extensive program of inventorying, assessing, and fixing our systems. Contingency plans have also been developed and tested to ensure our mission essential operations continue in the event any Y2K related problems do occur.

During the year roll-over, our



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russ Martin

Staff Sgt. Rick Deeson, 48th Communications Squadron, checks external connections to the base DSN telephone switch for servicability in preparation for the Y2K date change.

Y2K Action Team will be on duty and in contact with command centers and the Air Force Fusion Center — established to build the AF Y2K situation awareness picture.

That picture, near-real-time synopsis of Y2K events affecting AF installations worldwide, will be readily available to us and allow us to act on any early warning indicators. Indicators will include what happens in Asia, as they will experience the date change before we do.

Our Y2K Action Team will also be monitoring local events as the

clocks roll forward and be readily available to implement contingency procedures, if needed. In a worst case scenario, we have the ability to purify our own water, provide power with back up generators to mission critical areas, and even break into rations if necessary.

Thanks to the tremendous teamwork and efforts of the Liberty Team, we'll maintain our leading edge technology, leading edge mission as we enter the new millennium.

There is only one important piece of this puzzle that remains. Y2K is

not just about systems and computers, but about people. The Liberty Wing must do what we do best — protect each other and stand together as a team.

Though we do not expect large scale difficulties, we must remain vigilant because the scope of the Y2K problem nationally and internationally remains uncertain and most experts anticipate there will be some isolated, short-term problems.

We need to take steps to help ourselves and our neighbors through the equivalent of a winter storm that could result in temporary loss of utilities and essential services. These are the same prudent steps that should already be considered for a long holiday weekend in the middle of winter when shops and businesses may be closed for up to four days.

And above all, we cannot allow panic and hype to interfere with sound judgment. People panicking and behaving irrationally would be a problem even if Y2K had no effect. On the other hand, people working together as good neighbors will get us through no matter what happens.

This year the Liberty Wing fought in Operation Northern Watch, and triumphed with NATO in Operation Allied Force.

I believe we have the world's finest airmen, and we have done all we can to prepare — now it's just a matter of meeting Y2K as the Liberty Wing meets every obstacle — as one team.



## Are you concerned about Y2K?



**Master Sgt. Mary Kostelac**  
48th Operations Support Squadron

*"I think they're more worried about it in the States than here. I'm not worried about it, but my mom told me to fill up my bathtub so I could flush my toilet!"*



**Tech. Sgt. James Richardson**  
Det. 4, 18th Intelligence Support Squadron

*"I'll be living on base and PCS shortly after, so I'm not really worried about it. I've already checked to see if my computer is Y2K compliant, so I'm all set."*



**Staff Sgt. Dan Wedige**  
48th Fighter Wing

*"I really don't worry about it. I have computer guys who know a lot about it and are taking care of my computers and with all the hardware updates, I don't feel I need to worry about it."*



**Tech. Sgt. Tony Walton**  
48th Communications Squadron

*"I'm not worried about it. I'm one of those computer geeks who knows enough about computers not too worry. Mine is Y2K compliant."*



**Capt. Wendy Bentley**  
48th Fighter Wing

*"I'm not worried about it. I think a lot of attention has been given to it so all of the major crises should be resolved prior to Y2K, certainly in the United Kingdom and United States. If I lived in another country, I might be more worried."*



**Cindy Shepard**  
Parent and spouse

*"I don't worry about it at all, but I did see on the news that a woman bought more than \$6,000 in supplies."*

**Interviews by Staff Sgt. Lisa Krebs**



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Mack Stacker and Tim Moller, Lockheed-Martin switch engineers, check the acid levels in the back-up batteries that would power the base telephone switch in the event of a Y2K (or any other) power failure. The switch connects official phone lines to the rest of the world.

## Ensure you're ready for Y2K

By Master Sgt. Johnnie Davis  
48th Fighter Wing Y2K Office

### Great News!

We're beating the Y2K Bug – thanks to the commitment of government and industry leaders and tireless efforts of people at virtually every level of society. Resources required to address and fix the Year 2000 problem, referred to as Y2K, have been enormous! The National Science Foundation's computer networking director, George Strawn, put the estimated cost of fixing the United States' Y2K problems at 100 billion dollars!

The Air Force will be fully capable of performing its entire range of critical and essential missions, from humanitarian relief to major theater warfare and will maintain command and control of all its weapons, systems and operations, including nuclear forces.

"The bottom line is that the Air Force is going to be absolutely 100 percent mission ready on January 1, 2000," said Brig. Gen. Gary Ambrose, Director of the Air Force Year 2000 Office.

"We're going to take care of our people. We're going to be able to do the mission; everybody's going to get paid; the personnel system's going to work; and you'll be able to get medical care."

### Y2K on the web

The World Wide Web is both the best and worst resource for Y2K related information. There are a lot of sites spreading panic and many trying to sell a solution by pandering to fears. The following list of sites represent a few reputable links to relevant information.

#### United States

<http://www.y2k.gov/> (President's council on Y2K conversation)

<http://year2000.af.mil/> (US Air Force Y2K site)

<http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/y2k/> (Official DoD web page)

<http://travel.state.gov/y2kca.html> (State Department Y2K page)

#### Britain

<http://www.bug2000.co.uk/> (U.K.'s official Y2K web site)

### How did the problem arise?

Computer scientists in the 1960's did not adequately consider the standards they were setting when they established the six-digit date for computer transactions, which is the root of the Y2K problem.

The six-digit date only provides for the use of the last two digits in each year – 99, for example – without specifying the century. The Y2K problem will occur when "99" rolls over to "00" and programs misinterpret the year as 1900 instead of 2000.

Adding to the problem is the fact that the year 2000 is also a leap year so programs may therefore not recognize 2/29/2000.

Such an error can cause systems to provide inaccurate information or shut down all together.

Y2K is much more than a computer issue. It's a readiness, mission capability and national security issue that affects everyone. Commanders at every level have addressed Y2K as a top operational priority.

### Local Y2K effects

With the evolution of information technology, computers are used to control such basics as power, water, food supplies, transportation, communications, healthcare, and financial services.

Our British friends have assured us that we can expect "business as usual" with no outages anticipated in utilities and essential services. However, we must remain vigilant. We need to take steps to help ourselves and our neighbors through the equivalent of a winter storm that could result in temporary loss of utilities and essential services.

### Do Your Part

Individual and family preparedness is part of the military way of life. Use the checklist to the right as a personal guide.

As the end of the year approaches and we complete the work of preparing our systems for the Year 2000, our attention must focus on our most important resource – ourselves, our teammates and our families – the most vital link to the mission!

Finally, on Y2K days, remain calm and don't jump to conclusions or panic if outages occur. We handle routine failures every day.

Not all failures will be Y2K related. Essential service providers and Team Lakerhealth stand prepared to quickly act on and resolve any problems during the Y2K transition.

For more information, contact the 48th Fighter Wing Y2K Office at 7-2606.

## Some Y2K Advice:

Keep current records of financial statements (bank, credit cards, loan and retirement accounts, utilities, etc.)

Have enough cash for short term needs (enough for a 3 to 4 day weekend) – and don't wait until last minute, Dec. 31 is a holiday. But, don't take this advice to extremes, withdrawing large sums of cash will place yourself at risk of robbery or loss of those funds. Many people removing large sums of money from ATM machines will cause them to run out of money. This outage, during the heavy holiday demand, may cause unnecessary hardship for others.

Prepare your home for a possible heating system outage. Have extra blankets and warm clothing available for yourself and your family.

Have plenty of flashlights and fresh batteries available. You should be able to find a flashlight in the dark from any room of the house. Don't use candles for emergency lighting – they can be a fire hazard.

Have a battery powered radio available to monitor information about school or work closings, emergency messages, or other information about local efforts to solve any problems.

Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms now, if you haven't already.

If you use portable heating devices, make sure they're approved for use indoors.

Check all your fuel supplies. If your home heating fuel is approaching less than half full, get it topped off before the holidays. Fill up tanks to carry you well into January.

Check your telephones. Regular telephones use power from the telephone line and do not depend on house current. Ensure access to at least one phone that doesn't plug into an electrical outlet. If you have a wireless phone, have extra batteries on hand for it. If everyone picks up the telephone immediately after midnight Jan. 1 to confirm that it works, it will likely overwhelm the system. This could be catastrophic for anyone trying to make a fire, police or ambulance call. Remember, in the best of times, it's often difficult to get a long distance phone line during major holidays.

Have a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food at your home by Dec. 31. Do this early, stocks are sometimes low after the holidays. Stock easy to prepare foods (no-cooking required) and bottled water. Hoarding large amounts of food and supplies will stress the commissary and exchange systems and cause shortages for others.

Fuel your vehicle. It's suggested you fill-up two to four days prior to Jan. 1 to avoid long lines at the service station.

Update your list of emergency numbers for: police; fire department, ambulance, and utility service providers. Make sure you have your most current unit recall or contact rosters with you.

# USAFE Band visits

## Spreading holiday cheer to airmen



Photo by Senior Airman Louis Rivers



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russ Martin



Photo by Airman Joanna E. Reihle

Three groups from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band entertained Team Liberty members by playing holiday music around RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell Dec. 2. **Top left:** a sax quartet performs at the Knight's Table dining facility; **above:** Tech. Sgt. Ellen Slagle plays the french horn; **below:** a woodwind quintet helps get members at the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory in the holiday spirit; **left:** a second woodwind quintet performs in the lobby of the hospital. The full USAFE concert band played at the St. Edmundsbury Cathedral Dec. 3.



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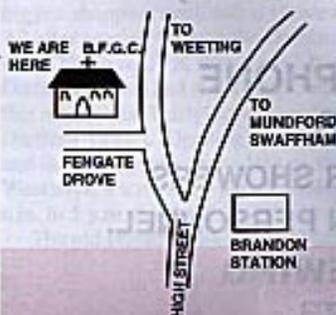
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# Discover Britain

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Shoppers look for bargains at the Cambridge Market. Many local areas have established Christmas Markets featuring vendors with festive goods and food. In Cambridge, there is an alternative market – on the other side of the road to King's College. The traditional market is in the square in front of the Guildhall.

## Looking for those last minute items

We are constantly being reminded of how the number of shopping days to the holiday season are decreasing, so I thought it might be useful to tell you about a few options available in the local community for those last-minute items.

This is the only time of year in the local area when our High Street stores open longer than the normal 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. one evening a week, and a little longer on Sundays. There will be different evenings, depending where you live. For example, Cambridge's late night shopping is on Wednesdays; Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds is Thursdays.

### Mall Shopping

The nearest malls to RAF Lakenheath, though not large, can be found in Cambridge and Norwich. In addition to town centre shopping, both cities have a purpose-built shopping mall. In Cambridge it's called the Grafton Centre, and in Norwich it is Castle Mall – situated near Norwich castle.

If you plan to travel further afield for your holiday shopping, then the newly opened House of Fraser Bluewater Shopping Centre could provide just what you need. This is Europe's biggest shopping mall, and is situated just off the A2 after passing through the Dartford Tunnel on the M25. To reach it, take the A2 from the Dartford Tunnel and it is a couple of exits along this road – it is clearly signposted from the Dartford Tunnel. Opening hours between now and the holiday season are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The old favourite is Lakeside Mall, further down the M25 – take either Exit 30 or 31 from the M25. In addition to extensive shopping

opportunities, there are sporting facilities and a cinema complex. Opening hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

### Different places to shop

It's always worth looking a little further than the normal stores to find something really unique. Here are a few suggestions:

#### Ickworth House

This National Trust shop in the grounds of Ickworth House has special gifts on offer. Also, a Victorian Father Christmas will be visiting between noon and 4 p.m. on Dec. 18 and 19. The fee is £3, including a gift.

#### West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

An Anglo-Saxon village is probably not the kind of place you would expect to look for seasonal gifts, but there are plenty on offer in the shop located at this site. It is open every day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Museums

Museums have come a long way from the rather boring looking displays that used to be shown. The Moyse's Hall Museum in Bury St. Edmunds has a Santa's Grotto. Santa is there between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 to 12 and 18 to 22. Entry is £2.50 and includes a gift.

#### Markets

Markets are always guaranteed to provide bargains at this time of the year and are great places to buy your seasonal greenery. This year mistletoe is in short supply, as most of the

product on sale is normally bought from France. Some buyers, however, are boycotting French items. In Cambridge, there is an alternative market – on the other side of the road to King's College. The traditional market is in the square in front of the Guildhall.

### Visiting London

London will be a hive of activity between now and the holiday season, but it is probably the most colourful city in England at Christmas. Not only are there street lights but many stores also have themed window displays. The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square is very attractive and carols are sung for different charities around 4 p.m. daily.

### Christmas events at the National Maritime Museum

While counting down to the new millennium, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich is holding a number of events between Dec. 21 to 31.

Events include Songs for Christmas, narrated by a 16th century explorer in his tales of quests for spices, perfumes and gold.

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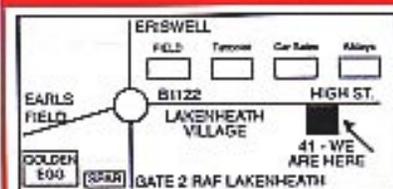
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# Where did the graduates go?

By Scarlett Rehrig  
DoDDS U.K. Superintendent

What has happened to the Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe graduates of 1999? Because of our overseas location, it used to be difficult for DoDDS to track the status of our graduating seniors. But this is now an easier task because of efficient communication methods. The statistics on the graduating class of 1999 demonstrate that they had a higher graduation rate than most states and entered schools with more scholarships and grant money.

In June 1999, 1,665 seniors successfully completed the requirements to earn a DoDDS-Europe high school diploma—a 98 percent graduation rate. One hundred and eighty-eight of those graduates were from the United Kingdom District.

The DoDDS-Europe graduates were asked about their plans for "life after high school." Seventy-three percent of DoDDS-Europe graduates indicated they plan to attend a college or university. More than half of the graduates said they were going to attend a four-year college, while 16 percent reported their plans to attend a two-year college. Nine percent planned to enter military service, and eight percent had not decided on their post-graduate plans.

Statistics for the United Kingdom graduates correspond with the rest of the European graduates. Seventy-two percent indicated they plan to attend a college or university and 51 percent indicated their preference for a four-year university. Seven percent planned to enter military service, three percent will study at a vocational school, and six percent were undecided about

their post-graduate plans.

Our graduates continued the tradition of earning millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid packages. Approximately \$13.5 million was awarded in scholarships, grants, and financial aid. This is an average of more than \$8,000 per graduating senior or about \$11,000 per senior planning to attend college. Two million dollars of this money or 17 percent of the total was awarded in special scholarships, grants, and financial aid packages and 63 percent or \$8.5 million was awarded through military scholarships (\$5 million-military academies and \$3.5-ROTC scholarships). Local military communities awarded more than 4 percent of the scholarship funds.

The United Kingdom District part of this scholarship money amounted to \$1,013,140. This included \$38,440 from local military communities, \$274,700 from state institutions, \$330,000 from military academy and ROTC scholarships, \$118,500 from art, music, and athletics scholarships, and \$241,500 from grants and financial aid.

What do all these statistics mean? First, financial support is available for our graduating seniors. But first our students must graduate.

It is vital that all students do whatever they can to prepare themselves for the future. Anyone who enters high school has the potential to pursue education past high school. While not everyone will attend

college, all students should be encouraged to keep their post-secondary school options open. This means that students should visit with their counselor in order to plan an appropriate program of study that includes rigorous courses throughout the students' four-years in high school.

The college admission process may seem like a bureaucratic puzzle to many families, but many resources are available to help with students and their parents with these decisions. Each high school guidance counselor can put families in touch with these resources. Be sure to visit with your child's counselor when you visit the school! It is never too soon to think about college!

I mentioned graduates here to put a special emphasis on students staying in school. I have recently learned that a few of our students who are 16 years or older have dropped out of school. This is a grave concern of mine. The school, parents, and community need to help spread the word that education is important. We care about our students, and we will do everything to ensure that every DoDDS child is afforded the opportunity to successfully complete four years of high school.

## Briefs

### November births

The Liberty Wing welcomes its newest arrivals:

**Ebony Charmaine Jackson**, six pounds, 12 ounces, was born at 7:52 p.m. Oct. 29 to Senior Airman Tyrone and Lisa Jackson, 48th Services Squadron.

**Collin Patrick Linman**, eight pounds, 5.8 ounces, was born at 4:35 a.m. Oct. 31 to Lt. Col. Russell and Lorraine Linman, 48th Dental Squadron.

**Nathan Drew Royer**, six pounds, eight ounces, was born at 6:47 p.m. Nov. 4 to Senior Airman Zachary and Alexa Royer, 492nd Fighter Squadron.

**Brianna Nicole Garcia**, five pounds, 13 ounces, was born at 10:40 p.m. Nov. 7 to Staff Sgt. Noe and Sandra Garcia, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Kaurya Marie Bogumil**, eight pounds, three ounces, was born at 3:50 a.m. Nov. 9 to Staff Sgt. Brian and Staff Sgt. Azure Bogumil, both of the 48th Medical Group.

**Joshua Michael Sterling**, six pounds, 15 ounces, was born at 4 p.m. Nov. 11 to Senior Airman Michael and

**Teri Sterling**, 48th Communications Squadron.

**Tiara Lynn Conroy**, seven pounds, six ounces, was born at 9:47 p.m. Nov. 14 to Staff Sgt. Franklin and Sara Conroy, 492nd FS.

**Maria Theresa Melendez**, nine pounds, 6.6 ounces, was born at 8:34 p.m. Nov. 17 to Senior Airman Shawn and Jennifer Lucille Melendez, 48th CS.

**Jemina Jaslyn Wiggins**, seven pounds, eight ounces, was born at 11:08 p.m. Nov. 26 to Tech Sgt. Markus and Gwendolyn Wiggins, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

**Meghan Caroline Bernard**, eight pounds, seven ounces, was born at 4:09 a.m. Nov. 25 to Staff Sgt. Rodney and Laura Bernard, 48th EMS.

**Makenna Brooke Cooper**, seven pounds, 2.3 ounces, was born at 7:07 a.m. Nov. 27 to Senior Airman Ryan and Sherry Cooper, 494th Fighter Squadron.

**Lillias Jael McManus**, eight pounds, 11 ounces, was born at 5:49 p.m. Nov. 20 to Airman 1st Class Bennett and Cristian McManus, 48th Component Repair Squadron.



Photos by Airman Joanna E. Field



### Santa's Workshop

The family support center is bringing Santa's Workshop to RAF Lakenheath from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 18. People can bring their little ones to visit with Santa and see his elves busy at work making all those toys. The event is free to all. The opportunity is there for holiday photos and videos with Santa Claus so plan accordingly. The workshop is sponsored by Club Beyond, the RAF Lakenheath Chiefs' Group, RAF Lakenheath Enlisted Spouses Club, RAF Lakenheath Officers' and Civilian's Spouses Club and Top Three.

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### Holiday spirit

Morgan Elder, age 13, from Girl Scout Troop C-26 gets her face painted at the Girl Scout Holiday Craft Bazaar Saturday at RAF Lakenheath High School. The scouts sold crafts and collected canned goods for donation to the RAF Lakenheath Good Sam Program and RAF Mildenhall Warm Heart Program.

## Services

### Snow White Pantomime

A Snow White Pantomime, performed by the RAF Lakenheath Eagles Nest Repertory Company, is at 7 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Get into the holiday spirit with a traditional Pantomime. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children and \$25 for tickets for a family of two adults and four children. Door prizes are given at every performance. Call (01638) 522221 for ticket information and further details.

### Liberty Lodge

Attending a holiday party on base this season, and don't want to drive home? Now through New Year's Eve people may reserve a room at lodging. Keep each other safe. Don't drink and drive. Reservations can be made at (01638) 526700 or (01638) 526713.

### Santa Claus is coming

Santa Claus will be paying a visit at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Thursday at the RAF Lakenheath Library. Call (01638) 523713 for more information.

### Electric Avenue

Electric Avenue offers a free roll of film with every in-house film processing order placed between Sunday and Dec. 18 (while supplies last).

### Liberty Club

Holiday cookie tasting starts at 11 a.m. Tuesday and Dec. 21. People can come try some of the club's holiday cookies. Recipes will be available. Call (01638) 522489 for details.

### Officers' Club

A Mangolian Barbecue is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club. The event is open to all ranks. Shrimp, meat and

vegetables are all 60 cents per ounce. Reservations are recommended. Call (01638) 522535 or (01638) 523636.

### Auto Crafts Center

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### Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation is offering trips to go mountain biking Dec. 18, go carting Dec. 19, and hot air ballooning Dec. 26. Sign up by Dec. 18 for mountain biking and go carting. Sign up by Dec. 20 for hot air ballooning. Call (01638) 523820 to sign up or for more information.

### Temporary holiday post offices

The U.S. Post Office on RAF Lakenheath in conjunction with the Lakenheath Community Centers and Ely Base Housing are offering temporary holiday post office locations. Parcels, letters and stamps will be handled. No money orders, express or registered mail will be available at the locations. Dates and times are:

RAF Lakenheath Community Center - noon to 2 p.m. through Dec. 23.

Ely Base Housing Crime Prevention Hut - noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 23.

RAF Feltwell Community Center - noon to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through Nov. 22.

Shepherd's Grove Community Center - 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 21.

### Equipment Rentals

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## Movies

### RAF Lakenheath

#### Friday

7 p.m. - "Grease" (PG) Starring Olivia Newton John and John Travolta. Set in the '50s, a high school greaser falls for a poppy new student. Their romance is closely watched by the rest of the students at Rydell High.

10 p.m. - "The World Is Not Enough" (PG-13) Starring Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau and Denise Richards. After the death of a friend at MI6 headquarters, Bond becomes a bodyguard to the friend's beautiful trillionaire daughter. With her trillionaire, terrorist father man persuading her. She sets up a plan to set up Bond with the help of a psycho who can't feel physical pain.

#### Saturday

2 p.m. - "Tarzan" (G) Animated. In Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Tarzan of the Apes," a young boy is raised by a family of apes and later, as an adult, has his greatest challenge: confronting his fellow humans.

4 p.m. - "The Muse" (PG-13) Starring Albert Brooks and Sharon Stone. She has the image of a goddess, a touch of diva, good story sense, the basic instincts of a free-lancer and the look of love, and her name is Sarah. She breaks the gridlock of a Hollywood screenwriter, but also wreaks havoc on his everyday life.

7 p.m. - "The World Is Not Enough" (PG-13)

10 p.m. - "In Too Deep" (R) Starring Omar Linares and L.L. Cool J. How far can an undercover cop go into the ruthless underworld of an urban drug cartel, filled with violence, power and money, before he can no longer find his way out? Detective Jeffrey Cole is on a mission that could cost him his life and possibly his soul.

#### Sunday

4 p.m. - "The Muse" (PG-13)

7 p.m. - "The World Is Not Enough" (PG-13)

#### Monday

7 p.m. - "In Too Deep" (R)

#### Tuesday

7 p.m. - "The World Is Not Enough" (PG-13)

#### Wednesday

7 p.m. - "The Muse" (PG-13)

#### Thursday

7 p.m. - "In Too Deep" (R)

#### Dec. 17

7 p.m. - "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (PG) Starring Jonathan Taylor Thomas and Jessica Biel. A self-absorbed kid trapped in a Santa suit races home to turn a new car.

10 p.m. - "Sleepy Hollow" (R) Starring Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci and Caitylin Van Don. The classic story of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is brought to life by the gothic film maker Tim Burton. Johnny Depp plays Ichabod Crane and to win the heart of Katrina Van Tassel (Christina Ricci) he will have to brave the nearby woods, even though several decapitated bodies have been found. And then the legend of the axe-wielding headless horseman comes together to make this movie.

### RAF Mildenhall

#### Friday

7 p.m. - "Sleepy Hollow" (R)

9:30 p.m. - "Sigausa" (R) Starring Patricia Arquette and Gabriel Byrne. Terrible things are happening to Frankie Paige, things she can't understand or explain. Paranormal activities which cause her to bleed from her head, hands and feet. The Vatican dispatches Father Kirman to investigate. But, what he finds in Frankie will challenge his faith as a priest. Together, they fight her demons.

#### Saturday

4:30 p.m. - "Tarzan" (G)

7 p.m. - "Sleepy Hollow" (R)

9:30 p.m. - "Sleepy Hollow" (R)

#### Sunday

7 p.m. - "Sleepy Hollow" (R)

#### Monday

7 p.m. - "Sigausa" (R)

#### Tuesday

7 p.m. - "Outside Providence" (R) Starring Shawn Hatosy and Alec Baldwin. In the blue-collar town of Providence, Rhode Island, Timothy has a broken home, a three-legged dog and a fall blown attraction to trouble. His friends have no future, but he's about to get one whether he likes it or not. His father packs him off to prep school where he's out of place, outcasted and seriously outbreathed.

#### Wednesday

7 p.m. - "Outside Providence" (R)

#### Thursday

7 p.m. - "Munford" (R) Starring Jane Adams and Tod Danson. Dr. Munford, a young psychologist moves to a small town that, curiously, is also called Munford. He is soon dispensing no nonsense therapy to the locals who are won over by his genuine attentiveness and surprising frankness. But, the man who hears the screams has the biggest secret of all and could use some help of his own.

#### Dec. 17

7 p.m. - "End of Days" (R) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne and Robin Tunney. As the final days of the millennium wind down, the devil arrives in New York City seeking out a human wife with whom to sire the Anti-Christ. His target is a daycare worker (Tunney) who soon seeks protection with an ex-cop named Jericho Kane (Schwarzenegger). From there you can bet it will be big-time action.

9:30 p.m. - "End of Days" (R)

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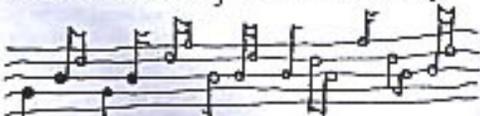
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The 48th Communications Squadron defeated the 48th Transportation Squadron Monday 43-19.

The '99-'00 Intramural Basketball Season kicked off recently at the RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center. Those interested in participating in the squadron sports representative for more details.



Paul Robinson, 48th Transportation Squadron, dribbles the ball looking for an open teammate.



John McCauley, 48th Communications Squadron, tips the ball back up to the rim evading a would be block by Paul Robinson, 48th Transportation Squadron.

## Intramural basketball

### Monday and Wednesday League

Team	W	L
COMM	7	1
CES	3	3
493rd	4	4
SFS "A"	4	4
MDS	2	3
TRANS	3	5

### Tuesday and Thursday League

Team	W	L
Dental	6	0
Supply	4	2
SFS "B"	3	2
CRS	2	3
494th FS	2	4
OSS	0	6

### Over 30 Basketball League

Team	W	L
494 FS	3	0
Dental	2	0
EMS	2	0
Supply	2	0
OSS	2	1
COMM	2	1
MDS	1	1
SFS	1	1
CES	1	2
LSS	1	3
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Paul Robinson, 48th Transportation Squadron, slams one home. Despite the aerial show, Trans couldn't pull out the victory.

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