

THE CALICO COURIER

313th Air Expeditionary Wing, Western Europe

Welcome 18th Air Force
Commander Lt. Gen. Robert
Allardice and Command Chief
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Williams!

A word from the General...

"Even as our Airmen continue to flawlessly execute this essential mission, I ask everyone to remember the Wingman Concept when off-duty."

– Brig. Gen. Roy Uptegraff

Policies & Announcements

Statement on Guard/Reserve Pay

Guard and Reserve members may notice a debt and two credits on their bank statement this April 15. Although the pay was computed prior to the Continuing Resolution Authority expiration, the system paid members the total amount due for April 1-15 and then subtracted the amount, which has no authorization, April 9-15. The amount listed as a "debt" is actually the amount of pay the member would have received for April 9-15. Once a new CRA or appropriation is passed, the amount listed as a debt will actually be paid to the member.

Statement on Active-Duty Pay

Active-duty personnel will receive full mid-month pay on April 15, but the most current advice of pay will only show the partial payments for April 1-8. A full accounting of April pay will be available on normal end of month Leave and Earnings Statements posted to myPay on April 22. All active-duty and air reserve component members will receive full pay on April 15 for duty served. There will be more than one deposit, but all payments will be deposited on April 15. Check with your bank to confirm the amount(s) deposited.

Running on Perimeter Road

Due to recent incidents along the base perimeter, running on the perimeter road or along the perimeter fence is no longer authorized. Stay off of any roads, paths or trails that run along or up to the perimeter fence. Those caught doing so may be detained by the host nation security forces.

Theft Threat

When traveling off-base, be cognizant that pickpockets pose a very real threat. Host nation authorities have warned that thieves tend to target Americans because of our perceived inability to distinguish between persons of different ethnic groups, which make filing a police report and stating particulars about the suspect very

difficult. Thieves specifically target cameras, wallets, and purses, especially at clubs that cater to tourists and foreign college students. Keep wallets in front pockets to make pickpocketing more difficult.

Off-Base Travel

Prior to initial off-base travel, members must have their NATO order validated (stamped) by the installation security forces squadron (building 110, located by the chapel). Each time, members must out-process with PERSCO for official/personal off-base travel. PERSCO is located in building 1411, room 156A. Member must have and accomplish the following before leaving the base:

- Valid driver's license and military ID card (check expiration date)
- Members must leave in pairs (one member must be E-5 or above)
- One person has a cell phone
- Complete PERSCO log and ensure your name is on the alpha roster
- Receive emergency number card from PERSCO
- Euros
- Member must be able to return in three hours and must sign back in with PERSCO upon return.

Members should wear conservative clothes. If taking the contractor bus, seats are space available. Members must stay within the borders of the host nation.

Uniform Wear Guidelines

Hats are mandatory everywhere except under overhangs, the flightline, club patio and covered walkway between the hotel and dining facility. Hands should not be in pockets when in uniform.

Proper CD Markings

Per the information assurance office, every CD should be marked with title, classification, creation date and owner. CDs that are no longer needed should be destroyed.

Upcoming Events

April Fitness Center Activities

- Mondays: Circuit training at noon; Zumba at 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 5K cross country run at 3 p.m.; P90X at 11 a.m.
- Wednesdays: Circuit training at noon; Zumba at 5 p.m.
- Thursdays: P90X at 11 a.m.; Back to basics at 3 p.m.
- Fridays: Circuit training at noon.
- Racquetball tournament: April 15 at noon.
- Volleyball pickup games at 6 p.m. behind the community center, building 360.

Community Center Activities

Open daily from 6 p.m. to midnight. Activities include billiards, ping pong, foosball, X-box and Wii games, air hockey and darts. Texas hold'em, bingo, ping pong and billiard tournaments are coming soon.

Calling Home

Personnel can save minutes on calling cards by dialing 809-4-OFF-DSN from any base telephone. "Off-DSN" is a service that enables members with DSN access to utilize the DSN network to make calling card calls, saving the typical international call surcharge.

Jewish Passover Seder

Those practicing the Jewish faith are welcome and invited to attend. To attend, call Anita Medeby at 954-854-079 or 620-689-619.

Catholic Holy Week Schedule

- Palms Mass: April 16 in the chapel at 5 p.m.
- Good Thursday, the Lord's Supper: April 21 in the chapel at 4:45 p.m.
- Good Friday, the Lord's Passion: April 22 in the chapel at 4:45 p.m.
- Easter Mass: April 23 in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service

On Easter Sunday, April 24, there will be a resurrection service, breakfast and children's games under the canopy behind the fitness center. All of the AEW are invited. Staff Sgt. Robert Lilly is the organizer of the Easter Children's Games. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Sergeant Lilly as soon as possible.

Smoking Areas and Lawn Furniture

The patio outside of the club is a non-smoking area. Please use the designated smoking area in the middle of the breezeway between the hotel and the club. Do not move lawn furniture from buildings.



When a boom goes bust

WESTERN EUROPE -- Tech. Sgt. David Sparkman, 171st Air Refueling Wing non-destructive inspection inspector, cleans off the boom strut of a KC-135 Stratotanker to prepare it for a magnetic particle inspection. A member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Sergeant Sparkman is deployed with 313th Air Expeditionary Wing supporting Operation Unified Protector, a NATO-led mission in Libya, to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under threat of attack. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ethan Morgan)

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