

# THE CALICO COURIER

313th Air Expeditionary Wing, Western Europe

## A word from the General...

*"We're in a steady state but we have a huge piece being here. I think this wing can do just about anything, I've seen this wing do it; we have a network of real trust and great faith in what we can accomplish."*

– Brig. Gen. Roy Uptegraff

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## Sharp communication needed for Operation Unified Protector

By Senior Airman David Dobrydney  
313th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

As part of the NATO-led Operation Unified Protector, 313th Air Expeditionary Wing crews flying air refueling missions work with aircraft from several partner nations.

Good communication is key to the air-refueling process. On any given sortie, tankers might be operating at different altitudes with their receivers following them waiting for fuel.

"Every 2,000 feet you have a tanker and their receivers," said Master Sgt. Chris Meinken, in-flight refueling boom operator deployed here from the 126th Air Refueling Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., who added that it can get very busy.

Capt. Viveca Lane, a pilot deployed from the 126th ARW, said even if other pilots aren't directly speaking to her aircraft, the radio calls are tools to make sure everyone stays safe.

"It's imperative that everyone is speaking clearly," she said.

Captain Lane has a closer tie to some of those allied pilots than many of her fellow Airmen. Although she was born in America, her mother is a Danish citizen. Following her parents' divorce, Captain Lane and her sister alternated living with their mother in her native country and her father in America.

Living in Denmark afforded Captain Lane the opportunity to become fluent in Danish, as well as gain a passing knowledge of the Norwegian and Swedish languages.

On a mission April 10, Captain Lane and her crew refueled aircraft from the Royal Norwegian and Royal Netherlands air forces. Following every fuel transfer, the tanker crew gives the receiver an offloading report and clears them to proceed to their next area of responsibility.

Even though English is the official aeronautical language according to the International Civil Aviation Organization, Captain Lane gave the Norwegian pilots' report in their native tongue.

"It was just to be fun, and they came back in Norwegian," she said. "It's building a good rapport."



Master Sgt. Steve Butler, in-flight refueling boom operator, and Capt. Viveca Lane, KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, both deployed here from the 108th Air Refueling Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., discuss a refueling mission in support of Operation Unified Protector. Operation Unified Protector is a NATO-led mission in Libya to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under threat of attack. The 313th Air Expeditionary Wing provides aerial refueling to U.S. and coalition aircraft with KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman David Dobrydney)

## Policies, Announcements & Events

### 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.

### Rugby

Anyone who is interested in playing or learning to play non-contact rugby, meet at the field inside the quarter-mile track at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24. All experience levels are welcome including beginners. Newcomers will be taught how to play the game. The game is open to both men and women. No special equipment is necessary just shoes and athletic wear.

### Off-Base Travel

Prior to initial off-base travel, members must have their NATO orders validated and stamped by the installation security forces squadron, building 110, located by the chapel. Members must out-process with PERSCO each time they leave base for official or personal travel. PERSCO is located in building 1411, room 156A.

Each 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 flight line, club patio and covered walkway between the hotel and dining facility. Hands should not be in pockets when in uniform.

### 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.

### 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.

### April Fitness Center Activities

- Mondays: Circuit training at 12 p.m.; Zumba at 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 5K cross country run at 3 p.m.; P90X at 11 a.m.
- Wednesdays: Circuit training at 12 p.m.; Zumba at 5 p.m.
- Thursdays: P90X at 11 a.m.; Back to basics at 3 p.m.
- Fridays: Circuit training at 12 p.m.
- Racquetball tournament: April 15 at 12 p.m.
- Volleyball pickup games at 6 p.m. behind the community center, building 360.

### Community Center Activities

The community center, building 360, is open daily from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Many activities are available including billiards, ping pong, futsal, X-box and Wii games, air hockey and darts. Texas hold'em, bingo, ping pong and billiard tournaments are coming soon.

### Jewish Passover Seder

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

### 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 Airmen serving with the 313 AEW are invited. If you are interested in volunteering with the Easter children's games, contact Staff Sgt. Robert Lilly by phone, 722-8694.

### New SARC Contact

Capt. Dicie Hritz is now the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing Sexual Assault Coordinator and can be reached 24/7 by phone 660-111-795.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

A Texas Hold'em tournament will be held Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the dining facility. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place.

### Pool Tournament

A double elimination pool tournament will be held Tuesday, 26 April 8:00 p.m. in the community center. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners. At least 10 players are needed for this tournament. A sign-up sheet is located in the community center and flight kitchen.