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Bitburg

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Skyblazer

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SORTIE SCOREBOARD

Oct. 1 through April 7

	GOAL TO DATE	FLOWN	+/-
22 AMU	2,563	2,484	- 79
53 AMU	2,583	2,630	+ 47
525 AMU	2,527	2,504	- 23
WING TOTAL	7,673	7,618	- 55

President Reagan to visit base, city May 5

The White House has announced that President Reagan will visit Bitburg on May 5, in conjunction with a visit by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany.

The visit will be highlighted by the two leaders laying wreaths at the nearby Bitburg Military War Memorial cemetery.

Following a non-denominational worship service in Hangar 402, the president, chancellor, and their first ladies will attend a German-American picnic on the flightline near base operations, and then review military forces from both nations prior to leaving the base enroute to Bonn.

"One of our greatest concerns will be security," said Col. James M. Stewart, vice commander, 36th Tactical Fighter

Wing, and coordinator for the visit. "The base will be closed that day, except for military members, their families, and German citizens who will be invited to join the festivities. No private autos will be authorized to move on base until the group departs, and the only access to the flight line will be through entry control points set up in the Able area by the 525th Tactical Fighter Squadron."

Base officials are still ironing out plans for transportation to and from the city where President Reagan will become the first U.S. president to visit Bitburg. "We're working hard to develop an efficient schedule which will enable anyone living on base to take a bus from the chapel or high school parking lot," according to 1st Lt. Jim Castle, vehicle operations officer.

"The most important immediate consideration is that people contact their orderly rooms with names of any and everyone interested in attending the festivities by April 19," according to Colonel Stewart. This includes all Americans and our invited German friends.

"We want to insure that Americans and Germans can have a good time together that day, but we also need to ensure that these two world leaders are safe and enjoy their visit to Bitburg. The best way for people to do this is by cooperating with the base and German officials. If you think you, your family, and friends would like to join the fun that day, you must get in touch with your orderly room now."

Orderly rooms need the full names and social security number or passport

number of all persons interested in attending by April 19. Any American who invites a German friend needs to supply the orderly room with their guests' names and passport number also by April 19.

Forms explaining what data are needed in German are available at every unit orderly room so members can give these forms to their guests to complete. Forms must be returned by April 19. Anyone not registered with the orderly room by April 19 will not be allowed on base.

Base officials also stressed that Americans tell their German guests that they will not be allowed to drive on the base, and are encouraged to use the buses which will be provided from the housing area.

Air Force honors

