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3-Day Forecast

Friday

Morning haze
H 82/L 54



Saturday

Morning haze
H 84/L 54



Sunday

Morning haze
H 84/L 54



Source: 455th EOG Weather



Photo by Capt. James H. Cunningham

Phased maintenance

Senior Airman Shaun Rancourt, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, assists with replacing engine gaskets during an A-10 phase inspection Sunday. See Page 6 to find out how the phase doc team keeps the “Warthogs” mission capable.

Oct. 15 new date for Airmen to record holiday greetings

by **Capt. James H. Cunningham**
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Public Affairs

Two Army and Air Force Home-town News Service teams from San Antonio will be here Oct. 15 to record holiday greetings, which will be distributed in the U.S. later this year.

Look in next week’s issue for the recording schedule and locations. “Airmen can sign up for this great opportunity through their unit,” said Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald, Air Force project officer for the visit. “Make the time and effort to record a holiday message,” he said. “Your family will be proud.”



To the men and women of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing:

As I prepare to depart Bagram Air Field and the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, it causes me to pause and reflect on all tremendous accomplishments that have occurred over the past year.

It never ceases to amaze me how, in this expeditionary venue, we bring such a variety of personalities, skills, experiences and insights and seamlessly meld them into a tremendous fighting force.

I'm proud to have been a part of this tremendous wing.

As we continue to perform our mission and to raise the bar even higher, never forget the amazing tasks that are being accomplished. The Afghanistan of today nowhere resembles the one following the days of 9-11.

There is no question that freedom and the opportunity of a self-ruling future lies ahead for them ... and that is directly attributable to the professionalism that you exhibit daily.

Of all the things you've provided this country, the greatest of them is hope! And as it been said before, "Hope springs eternal".

The Afghan nation knows the path won't be easy; indeed many more hardships lie ahead. But the seed of hope is all it takes to keep moving forward,

to keep striving for the freedom of self-rule and democracy that we hold so dear.

I urge you to remain focused on taking care of the mission, and in doing so, taking care of each other; because it's you, the people, who make the mission happen.

Don't get comfortable or complacent, or allow others to do so, as doing so becomes a certainty for failures and injuries.

This remains a dangerous environment, and though not rocketed daily, many other dangers continue to exist.

Taking care of yourself and each other will help mitigate these dangers while keeping the mission in the forefront of all you do.

Stay proud of what you do and what you provide to those less fortunate than us.

Stay proud that you are engaged in one of the toughest battles the world has ever faced, and though tremendously difficult,

you will be the reason the world is safer for your children and grandchildren.



**With respect and honor,
Chief Master Sgt. J.C. Johnson**
*Command chief master sergeant,
455th Air Expeditionary Wing*

'Secret' of success in today's Air Force really isn't a secret after all

**by Chief Master Sgt.
J.C. Johnson**

*455th Air Expeditionary Wing
command chief master sergeant*

In talking with groups, virtually any group, one of the most frequently asked questions I'm asked is "Chief, what's the secret to making Chief?"

You can normally hear a pin drop as the audience waits for some juicy insight, some previ-

ously unshared nugget of information, something ... anything to give them the belief that they too can achieve what so many have already attained.

You can feel the electricity in the air, then hear the audible sigh of frustration when you share the secret with everyone...that the secret is "there is no secret".

Most see that as a let down. However, it's quite the opposite.

Those things held secret mean

that only the chosen few who "break the code" will ever win the prize. The very fact there is no secret means everyone has an equal opportunity.

But here's the real kicker...it's actually the wrong question! The question shouldn't be

"How do you make Chief?" The question should be "What do I need to do to be successful."

— See 'Secret', Page 3



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Photo by Capt. James H. Cunningham

Preventive maintenance
Senior Airman Cory Laberge, wing medical technician, gives Master Sgt. Claude Armstrong, 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, his annual flu shot Monday in the camp's recreation tent.

'Secret'

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That's a much more insightful and much easier question, to answer.

And the answer is (are you ready) ... discipline; more specifically, self-discipline.

It sounds simple, doesn't it? Self-discipline ... big deal! How can that be the answer to success?

Sure I can take charge of myself, but it's everyone else who prevents me from being successful ... that terrible supervisor, that unfair work schedule, that _____ (you fill in the blank because everyone has a different reason).

But peel it back and look at it again. Is it really the supervisor, or the work schedule, or whatever your "fill in the blank" answer might have been?

Or is it that whatever "it" is has-

n't become important enough to you to find the self-discipline to overcome the obstacle.

Now before you say "forget this" and stop reading, think about it! Self-discipline goes hand-in-hand with priorities, right?

Routinely, if something is important, you find time for it, somehow, someway, even amidst a busy schedule. So the next tough question is what's "more" important?

Cracking those CDCs and learning your skill better than anyone else or tossing it aside and playing in that HALO tourney? It's a matter of self-discipline and choice, isn't it?

How about physical fitness? Should I hit the gym or catch the latest movie? Hmmm ... self-discipline and choice again!

I should really work on finishing

my college degree as well, but then again, that would really screw up softball season. Yep, you got it, self-discipline and choice. Do you see a pattern?

So you see, success is simple! It's up to you...up to the self-discipline you exhibit once you set your priorities. It may not be the easiest road, or the most fun at the time, but it will pay off.

Here's the best part... success is addicting. After you feel the satisfaction of success, you want to keep feeling it. Once you complete one goal, you move on to the next, and the next.

Success breeds success. So start the journey; find your inner strength required to apply self-discipline to the priorities that you set. And set your goals high.

Now get going and I'll see you at the top!

Promotion, awards ceremony recognizes Airmen

by **Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald**
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Four Airmen moved up to their next enlisted rank and four were chosen as the best of the best at the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's monthly promotion and awards ceremony Sept. 30 in Bagram's A-10 phase hangar.

According to one of the organizers, the monthly event serves as a way to show appreciation for a job well done.

"Award ceremonies help motivate people and ensure that we as leaders appreciate the hard work day-in-and-day-out that is put forward by our people," said Master Sgt. Douglas Coons, 455th Expeditionary Aerospace Evacuation Squadron superintendent. "Taking the time to recognize everyone's contribution reaffirms that regardless of what your job involves, it's integral to accomplishing our overall mission while deployed here to Bagram.

"In the big picture, the daily tasks that it takes to project power forward and bring the war to the enemy can be overlooked," the sergeant continued. "Repairing a runway keeps engines FOD free and planes flying, while tracking armament expenditures ensures that we aren't without bullets, all of these things may not be high profile but they are

essential to accomplishing the mission."

Among those receiving their new stripes were **Airman 1st Class Carl Disher**, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron; **Senior Airman Brandon Planche**, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Master Sgt. James Montague**, 455th EAMXS; and **Master Sgt. Scott Williams**, Air Force News Agency.

Following the promotion ceremony, wing leadership recognized those who went above and beyond. **Senior Airman Earlray Haag**, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, took Airman of the Month; **Staff Sgt. Brady Dryden**, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, garnered Noncommissioned Officer of the Month; **Master Sgt. Douglas Pike**, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, took Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month; and **1st Lt. Jon Carlson**, 455th EMSG, garnered Company Grade Officer of the Month.

Supervisors wanting to nominate one or more of their Airmen for monthly awards should see their first sergeant.

"Your first sergeant will tell you how to use a Air Force Form 1206 to nominate your Airmen who have gone above and beyond in displaying leadership potential and an overall contribution to the mission," Sergeant Coons explained.

455 AEW's Airman of the Month

Job title

A-10 crew chief

Deployed unit

455th Expeditionary
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Home station

Davis-Monthan
Air Force Base, Ariz.

Home town

Los Lunas, N.M.

How do you feel about being making history here in Afghanistan as part of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism?

During history class in high school, I remember reading about things like this and looking at the pictures and wondering what it



*Senior Airman
Earlray Haag*

would be like. You can read about it all you want but it's nothing until you live it.

What have you enjoyed most about your time here?
Getting to talk to my wife.

What advice would you give to your fellow Airmen for a successful Air Force career?
Take the initiative and live with integrity; the rest will follow. Also, don't forget to have a plan.

Is there anything else you'd like to add? Smiling and having a good attitude pay off.



[Above] Staff Sgt. David Famigiletti, 1st Expeditionary Red Horse Group, directs the pouring of concrete to the newest section of Bagram's aircraft parking ramp. [Below] Tech. Sgt. Adonis Pauda levels the top of a sample of concrete to test its structural integrity and quality.

Red Horse team improves Bagram's war-fighting capability

by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
455th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

Aircraft parking space here used in fighting the Global War on Terrorism is getting a boost from the ground up as a team of engineers removes and replaces 60,000 square meters of ramp space.

Once complete, the \$4.4 million airfield construction project will provide U.S. and coalition aircraft supporting Operation Enduring Freedom a better place to park, according to Capt. Todd Williams, officer in charge of Bagram's detachment of the 1st Expeditionary Red Horse Group from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

"Our Red Horse team is removing the Soviet steel planking that



Photos by Capt. James H. Cunningham

currently covers the site," said the captain. "Following this, we'll excavate two to four feet of soil, prepare a new base for concrete, and place 20-inch-thick concrete slabs for the new ramp."

Both fixed and rotary-winged aircraft critical for supporting ground forces in the ongoing war against terrorism will benefit from the Red Horse project.

"Although this ramp space was designed to withstand the load of Air Force medium-load, fixed-wing aircraft such as the C-17, rotary-winged aircraft will be able to use it as well," Captain Williams said. "Up to this point, the U.S. Army has been using the ramp primarily to park their helicopters."

Staff Sgt. David Famigiletti, pavement and heavy equipment operator, said he's enjoying this deployment to Bagram.

"My job allows me to see something that needs improvement and, from start to finish, see it evolve into a finished product that someone can use," said Sergeant Famigiletti, a native of Waterbury, Conn. "I'm glad to do my part in supporting our flying mission here."



Photos by Capt. James H. Cunningham

[Above] Airman 1st Class John Kern, inspection technician, connects a safety wire to a component of the emergency landing gear system during the A-10 phase inspection. [Right] Tech. Sgt. Khristian Kirchhofer, armament specialist, inspects an A-10 30 mm Gatlin gun during a phase inspection.



A-10 phase doc keeps OEF frequent flyers flying

by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Whether supporting ground troops here in the Global War on Terrorism or conducting a training mission at their home station, A-10 "Warthogs" know where to park after collecting a set number of frequent-flyer miles.

Once an A-10 reaches 400 flying hours, phase doc maintainers deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., conduct a full inspection of the "Warthog" to ensure it's ready for the fight.

"We start by depanneling the aircraft and inspecting vital components such as the engine, landing gear and flight controls," said Master Sgt. Michael Walker, A-10 phase flight chief. "From there, we repair or replace any worn or unusable parts to ensure they continue flying."

Support from A-10 back shops proves vital to accomplishing phased maintenance on the A-10, the sergeant explained.

"From electricians and survival equipment specialists to sheet metal and armament technicians, we always come together as a team to get the job done," Sergeant Walker said. "It takes a lot of teamwork from everyone involved in phase maintenance to keep this Warthog in the fight."

Lt. Col. Francis McDonough, 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron's director of operations, gave the phase doc team high accolades.

"Since their arrival to Bagram, the team has really been working hard to get our A-10s back into the fight," Colonel McDonough said. "Without them here, we would have to fly the airplanes to an interim location like Spangdahlem [Air Base, Germany] to perform our phase inspections, which would greatly reduce our combat capability."

Airman 1st Class John Kern, A-10 phase inspection technician, said he enjoys what he does here.

"I could not have asked for a better time than this to get my hands dirty and support the troops on the ground," Airman Kerr said.

Senior Airman Emmanuel Gamboa, A-10 armament systems specialist, said he's glad to be here during a time when national elections are bringing the people of Afghanistan one step closer to democracy.

"It's great that we're out here doing something for the world around us," Airman Gamboa said. "Our impact here will affect America and the rest of the world for ages to come."

The impact of the phase doc's dirty work is helping blanket Afghanistan with airpower support during the country's National Assembly election process. Officials will announce the winners Oct. 22.

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Americans send messages of support, thanks

Words really cannot express the enormous gratitude and appreciation that I as a free American have for our American troops.

I have no way to fully comprehend what you guys and gals go through on a day-to-day basis, but I have a nephew who has been a part of that and he has shed some light on the events and circumstances that you deal with each day.

Please know from the bottom of my heart that each day you are prayed for. I ask for God's guiding hand to be upon you and protect you. We do value what you do and who you are. Stand proud and know that we feel safe in America and it's all because we know you are standing watch and fighting the battle for freedom for all of us. God bless you!

Brenda Moss, Grand Bay, Ala.

I wake up every morning feeling safe and alive in my home and I know that my life is protected by courageous people like you; those willing to step up and do something. Thank you for everything and my prayers and my family's prayers are with you. Go get 'em!

Meaghan Brody, Chicago, Ill.

God bless every one of you for putting your life on the line to protect those of us you don't even know and some of us you might not even like. Just about every car in the U.S. has "Support our Troops" stickers ... and e-mails circulate daily forwarding prayers and praise for our troops in harm's way. There is nothing I can do or say to let you know how we feel ... except to say thank you and God bless you!

Lovingly,

Dave & Cheryl Trudil, Reisterstown, Md.

Thank you. Thank you. We support you and pray for you every day. It is not fun, we know, but you will be coming home soon and we will be there to welcome you and support your fight for freedom. We can wake up in our beds and know that we are free and you are helping to keep it that way.

May God bless and watch over you.

Dick & Betty van Roggen, Corning, Calif.



Just want to say "Hi" from all of us here in Tucson, Ariz. We have our flags out and bumper decals on our vehicles in support of your mission.

Always remember we are very proud of all of the men and women in our military service. We are behind all of you and support every mission you go on. You are loved by you family and friends.

May God keep all of you safe.

Ending with all my love for you,
Danni, Tucson, Ariz.

Each day I think about the brave, selfless acts that our troops silently perform in the name of my freedom. To find words is impossible; the emotions are overwhelming and the proud, loving tears are endless. You fight for me without knowing me, protecting me in silent strength, defending my life so that I might live to better the world. It is a gift from you which I will never forget. It is with humility and endless pride that I thank you for your generosity on behalf of myself, my son and the rest of the safe and secure in the beautiful USA.

Jenni Mastrogiovanni, New Berlin, Wis.

Thank you so much for your dedication and determination to make our country safe and to help the people of the world. I believe your efforts will be held in high regard when we look back at this period as a major turning point in world history.

I believe the ongoing efforts of the United States and allies will lead to world peace and freedom for all. Please be aware that many, many people support you back home and your efforts are appreciated. I know that our cause is just and you will be watched over.

Brian Peroceschi, Eagan, Minn.

I just want to say a big "thank you" and to let you know that, on Sunday, our church said a special prayer for you all. I am so grateful to you for the sacrifices that you make on a daily basis for me and my family.

My son is 7. He says he's really worried for all the military people overseas because he cares a lot about you. He has said many prayers for you all on his own.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

In our prayers,
Cindy, Hahira, Ga.



Bagram Bob

Greetings Combat Warriors of the 455th AEW!
I'm Bagram Bob.

You can expect to see my column for the rest of my 120-plus days in Afghanistan.

Each week, I'll discuss how to properly wear your uniform while you're deployed to Bagram, give you some fitness tips and advice, and address other questions you may have.

With the temperatures dropping, let me answer a question regarding the proper wear of cold weather gear.

Q **uestion:** I've never been assigned to a cold-weather base. Could you give some tips on how to properly wear the black fleece liner, the olive green sweater/sleeping shirt and the stocking cap?

A **nswer:** First of all, thanks for being the first to step up to plate and ask me one of those thought-provoking questions.

Below is guidance I found in the USCENTAF and 455 AEW Supplements to AFI 36-2903:

- The black fleece liner will not be worn as an outer garment. This includes Air Force personnel assigned to Army locations.
- The olive green sweater or sleeping shirt may



1st Lt. Adrian Cerenia, executive officer for the 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, discusses uniform issues with Bagram Bob Wednesday in the 455 EMSSG Headquarters (Tent 719).

be worn under the DCU shirt only.

The stocking cap may be worn now through March 31. It may not be worn beneath other authorized headgear with exception of helmet. Also, it may be worn outside the confines of Camp Cunningham, but may not be worn as primary headgear unless inclement weather dictates.

Thanks again for your question. I hope you're a little more knowledgeable and are able to use that information to stay warm while you're at Bagram.

If you'd like to ask a question regarding dress and appearance or any other topic that has you bogged, drop an e-mail to these two addresses:

- af.james.cunningham@bafm.afgn.army.mil;
- af.marcus.mcdonald@bafm.afgn.army.mil.

On the subject line, type in "Question for Bagram Bob".

ENDURING FAITH CHAPEL

WORSHIP SERVICES

Gospel

Sundays 1730L/1300Z

Jewish

Fridays 1900L/1430Z

Korean Protestant

Sundays 1545L/1115Z

Latter Day Saints

Sundays 1300L/0830Z

Liturgical Protestant

Sundays 0830L/0400Z

Muslim

Fridays 1800L/1330Z

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays 0930L/0500Z

Protestant

Sundays 1130L/0700Z

Roman Catholic

Saturdays 1945L/1515Z

Sundays 1000L/0530Z

OTHER SERVICES, MEETINGS

Catholic Mass

Weekdays 1130L/0700Z

Chapel Cleanup

Saturdays 1100L/0630Z

Gospel Bible Study

Thursdays 1900L/1430Z

Noon Day Prayer

Weekdays 1215L/0745Z

Promise Keeper's Men's

Fellowship (conference room on second floor of base ops)

Wednesdays 1930L/1500Z

PRAYER REQUESTS

Visit the chapel offices, which are located near the Dragon DFAC (dining facility), or call 231-4755.

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