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# Bagram Bullet

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## Good To Know

- **Online LES** — To view your current leave and earnings statement, visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.
- **Money sources** — While deployed here, you can cash a check once a month of up to \$200 at Army Financial Services in Bldg. 815.
- **Stash the cash** — For details on how to save money while you're here, visit the S Drive, click on "SHARED FILES", then "455 AEW PA NEWS, INFO", then "Deployed Investment Opportunities".
- **PA photos** — To see photos taken by PA, go to the S Drive, click on the "SHARED FILES" folder, then "455 AEW PA PHOTOS", then "2005 Photos". Photos are put in folders based on the date.

## 3-Day Forecast

**Friday**  
Scattered  
showers  
H 79/L 57



**Saturday**  
Clear to dusty  
H 79/L 52



**Sunday**  
Clear to dusty  
H 79/L 46



Source: 455th EOG Weather



Photos by Capt. James H. Cunningham

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## Bagram people, planes deliver supplies to assist victims of Pakistan earthquake

by **Capt. James H. Cunningham**  
*455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs*

The first relief supplies from the United States arrived at Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday on a U.S. Air Force C-17 less than 48 hours after the devastating earthquake that left thousands dead and thousands more injured.

The C-17 and its crew deployed to Bagram from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., delivered 12 pallets — weighing almost 90,000 pounds — of food, water, medicine and blankets to the region.



**Airman 1st Class Gregory Viruet, 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, helps load a C-17 tow bar in support of the relief effort.**

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### *Let it snow, let it snow*

Snow falls in front of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group in February. Snow is expected to begin falling at Bagram within the next couple of months. See upcoming coverage about winterization in upcoming issues.



File photo

## CFC 2005 kicks off at Bagram Monday

by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

This year's Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Monday and continues through Dec. 15.

Established in 1961, the campaign is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center in San Antonio.

This annual fall fund-raising drive allows nearly four million federal employees to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

"In addition to the more than 1,700 organizations listed in CFC Overseas campaign brochure, people can give to the Family Support and Youth Programs category," said Capt James H. Cunningham, Air Force CFC project officer.

"Every cent donated under the FYSA umbrella will return to directly to benefit morale programs here at Bagram," he said. "It's a way to make

things better for the next rotation; or maybe for yourself if you come back in a year or so."

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

"The goal is 100 percent contact," said Capt. Cunningham. "We want to make sure everyone who wants to contribute has that opportunity."

Active-duty military can contribute through payroll deduction, check, cash or money order. Guard and Reserve personnel, however, are limited to cash, check or money order.

Those who decide not to make a donation still have a chance to win a \$1,000 savings bond, two airline tickets worth up to \$4,000 or a 2006 Ford Fusion.

"The only requirement is to fill out the CFC form with your name and duty location," Captain Cunningham explained.

Unit representatives will begin contacting Airmen here Monday.





## Relief

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Two aerial port specialists from the 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron were also on the flight to coordinate and manage cargo at Islamabad.

Airmen and soldiers at Bagram, with only a few hours' notice, worked feverishly to palletize the supplies and prepare them for the flight.

"This was a total team effort from everyone here at Bagram," said Col. Mike Isherwood, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander.

"Our hearts go out to all those affected by the earthquake and we are thankful we were able to help out," he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

**Airman 1st Class Gregory Viruet, 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, picks up a pallet of cargo bound for Pakistan.**

1st Lt. Josh Ehmen, a C-17 pilot on the mission, said he's seen this kind of effort before.

"It's awesome to be able to help out," said Lieutenant Ehmen. "After the tsunami last year, we've shown we

can do anything, any time."

Pakistan Army Brig. Gen. Imtiaz Sherazi, director of logistics, is coordinating the relief supplies as they arrive and making sure they get to the areas that

need them.

"I would like to thank the Air Force," General Sherazi said. "These items are very valuable to us because there are lots of people in great distress."

## 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's NCO of the Month

### Job title

Pavements and equipment construction engineer

### Deployed unit

455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

### Home station

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

### Home town

Hannibal, Mo.

**How do you feel about being making history here in Afghanistan as part of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism?** It's an outstanding feeling knowing that I'm a part of the history my



**Staff Sgt.  
Brady Dryden**

kids will be learning about in school.

### What have you enjoyed most about your time here?

Being able to use the training we receive in real world situations. Also being able to improvise and think outside the box to get the job done.

### What advice would you give to your fellow Airmen for a successful Air Force career?

Step up when you need to. Always listen to everybody's ideas and never take for granted a new set of eyes looking at your job.

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## Americans send messages of support, thanks

Thank you for putting your life on the line for us. Because of your bravery, we at home are proud of you. We all support you 100 percent. God bless you all.

**Mel Spatt, Scranton, Pa.**

My husband had served in the Vietnam War before we got married. I know how important it is for you all to have contact with someone back home.

I know how difficult it must be, not only being away from your loved ones, but not having the simple things we take for granted every day. I would like to help.

**Leonie Gailliez, Austin**

I believe in all of you. You represent the best of America's sons and daughters: from the one attacking enemy positions to the one who cleans the latrine. You stand and fall for freedom. Because of you, millions of Americans have the right to be free, free from terror and free from oppressive tyranny.

I will not forget your sweat, I will not forget tears, and I will never forget your blood. I will never forget the fallen nor stop praising their sacrifice.

All of you have sacrificed, demonstrating a selflessness that is uncharacteristic of people these days, and demonstrating that there is something good in this world worth fighting and dying for: freedom. All of you are doing an excellent job and are proud of everything that you are doing.

Stand tall, be proud and go kick some butt!

**Brian A. Baxter, Portland, Ore.**

Thank you to all the troops for the great jobs you're doing to protect our nation and promote freedom across the world, especially in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thanks for the fantastic work you are all doing for my family and our nation. God bless you, everyone!

**Becky Roark, Collierville, Tenn.**

Just want to send my love to all you serving in the military. I think of you all each day and count my blessings. You make us all proud. Be safe and come home soon.

**Linda, Henderson, Nev.**

I am an elementary teacher in Tallahassee and I try on a daily basis to emphasize the greatness of our military to our children. I remind them when we say the pledge to our flag of what it really means. You are all on my mind, in my heart, and in my prayers daily. Your integrity and bravery is never forgotten. With daughters living in New York, 9-11 is never far from my mind.

Thanking you for your sacrifice is an understatement. Please know you are held in the highest esteem and regarded with love and respect.

**Sharman Rodriguez, Tallahassee, Fla.**

Just a little note of appreciation for all that you do, to protect us from harm's way. I pray for you all daily. I wanted you to know how much I admire your courage and commitment to your country.

I can only imagine how hard it is to be overseas; you have to leave everything behind when you leave. May God bless you all. Thank you for our freedom, and for your sacrifices.

**Cindy Litchford, Appomattox, Va.**

To all the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan: Don't for one moment ever think that while you are there fighting, we at home have forgotten about you. We know if you did not have the courage and honor to be there defending us, we would all be here defending ourselves against suicide bombers and such. Great job.

**Gary Hines, Mays Landing, N.J.**

To all of you: God bless all of you. You are all very brave. I pray every day for your protection (Psalm 91, 121 and 23). If I am not with all of you, it is because I am 66 years old, but with all the love of my heart I am sending you a big kiss.

I came 35 years ago from Cuba, a communist country and I am American citizen, and I love the USA. God bless America, our Government and our Troops.

**Beatriz Rodriguez, Miami, Fla.**





# Bagram Bob

Greetings everyone. This week's question is regarding last weekend's earthquake felt by most people here at Bagram.

**Q** **uestion:** Last Saturday, I got to chance to experience an earthquake for the first time. Could you tell me a little about earthquake activity in this part of the world?

**A** **nswer:** Yes, an earthquake measuring 7.6 magnitude on the Richter Scale was felt here last Saturday.

Tech. Sgt. Lois Ellingson, NCOIC of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group's Combat Weather Team, went out of her way to research the topic. Sergeant Ellingson found that the actual center of the earthquake was located in the Kashmir region of Pakistan or about 60 miles NNE of Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.

During the remainder of the day on Saturday and into Sunday, more than 20 moderate to strong aftershocks were recorded in the area.

The Kashmir region of Pakistan is located on the Indian Tectonic Plate. This tectonic plate moves approximately 40 mm per year as it collides into the Eurasian Tectonic Plate to the north along the Himalayan Mountains.



If you'd like to ask a question regarding the weather here or any other topic that has you wondering, drop an e-mail to these two addresses:  
 [af.james.cunningham@bafm.afgn.army.mil](mailto:af.james.cunningham@bafm.afgn.army.mil); or  
 [af.marcus.mcdonald@bafm.afgn.army.mil](mailto: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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