



Fighting Terror...
....Finding Peace

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Photo by Capt. James H. Cunningham

Helo help

A CH-47 helicopter is off-loaded on the flight line Sunday from the back of a C-17 Globemaster III from the 4th Airlift Squadron from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. The CH-47 came from Fort Hood, Texas, and will be reassembled at Bagram before flying to Pakistan to assist with earthquake relief efforts. This was the first of 30 CH-47s to transit through Bagram, which has served as a hub for ongoing earthquake relief efforts.

3-Day Forecast

Friday

Haze
H 77/L 34



Saturday

Haze
H 77/L 34



Sunday

Haze
H 75/L 34



Source: 455th EOG Weather

SARCs available for assault victims

People deployed to Bagram have others to call upon if they become a victim of a sexual assault during their time here.

Army Maj. Phyllis Fredricks, sexual assault response coordinator for Bagram, said support is readily available.

"If you tell anyone other than a SARC or a medical health care professional of the incident, you may and will likely lose options of confidentiality of reporting, which may

automatically trigger an investigation," said Major Fredericks. "As a SARC, I can advise you of your options of reporting and assign a unit victim advocate to assist you."

For details on how to preserve restricted or unrestricted reporting options, see flyers posted around camp. (Article courtesy of 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Legal Office)

For more details

☐ Call Maj. Fredericks at 231-3162/7877.



455th EAES/CC: Care, teamwork go hand in hand

by Lt. Col. Mary J. Brandt

455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander

As I look back over the past five months, I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to Command the 455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This responsibility included two separate locations — Bagram and Kandahar.

Running operations out of two separate areas required frequent travel between the two locations to ensure my troop's needs were understood and met if possible.

I have experienced the "total force" concept first hand as the active-duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard have come together to get the mission done.

This would not have been possible without each and everyone's contribution whether part of the command element, crew management cell, critical-care air transport team, nurses, medical technicians, logistics and bio-medical equipment technicians.

Our mission is two fold: providing command and control of aeromedical forces and support personnel in Afghanistan and taking care of sick or injured U.S. and coalition troops within the Southeast Asia area of operation or onto Germany via oportune airlift for more definitive care.

Below are more ways 455th EAES warriors have contributed to the OEF mission:

- "Operation Sole Mate" (shoes sent from the 315th Air Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., to an orphanage in Afghanistan);
- "Fitting gifts from back home" (T-shirts sent from Souders Promotions – Colonie, N.Y., for injured patients who are taken from the battlefield to Camp Lacy for medical treatment);
- Members of the 455th EAES volunteering their



Photo by Army Pfc. Matthew Oda

The 455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron provides command and control of aeromedical forces and support personnel in Afghanistan and also takes care of sick or injured U.S. and coalition troops within the Southeast Asia area of operations.

down time at Camp Lacy 249th Medical Field Hospital (Bagram) and Charlie Med (Kandahar) to take care of the sick and injured soldiers, Afghanistan residents, coalition and foreign nationals;

- "Adopt-a village outreach program" sorting out and/or delivering donated clothes, school supplies and toys in nearby villages; and
- Packed and distributed "care packages" for troops being further forward deployed.

Every day, I have had the opportunity to learn something new which has contributed to a "better understanding of the big picture" of why we are here.

Here at Bagram, we all make a contribution to the mission each day — whether it's saving someone's life, providing humanitarian relief and or just "taking the time to stop and listen to one of our fellow soldiers".

That, in my mind, is defined as true teamwork.



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Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

Senior Airman Sabrina Baker, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, helps clear a path through a minefield Saturday to prepare for the destroying of three 5,000-pound rockets found at a former Soviet munitions dump outside Bagram.

Airmen, Soldiers destroy three 5,000-pound rockets

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

Airmen and Soldiers joined forces at a former Soviet munitions dump near Bagram to transport and destroy three 5,000-pound rockets.

If not destroyed, the rockets could have posed a threat to U.S. and coalition forces serving here, officials said.

Lessons learned from the joint operation will help validate explosive ordnance disposal procedures and improve information available to EOD technicians throughout the Defense Department.

"After more than two months of planning, we teamed up with the Army EOD, vehicle maintenance and ammo Soldiers to transport the three rockets from a former Soviet ammunition supply point to a secure site where they were later destroyed," said Tech. Sgt. Dustin Prowell.

Sergeant Prowell is noncommissioned officer in charge of the 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight here. He and the rest of his Air Force EOD team deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

"Each of the rockets contained more than 2,000 pounds of pro-

pellant, which could have proved deadly to our forces if they found their way into the wrong hands," said Sergeant Prowell, who is from Roseburg, Ore. "Our job Oct. 15 was to eliminate that threat."

Army Sgt. William Berry, from the 23rd Ordnance Company at Miesau, Germany, said his team's interaction with Airmen has always proven beneficial. "We regularly work alongside our Air Force counterparts to help get whatever job needs to be done -- in a timely manner," said Sergeant Berry, who is

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

Army Sgt. Thomas Kio from the 23rd Ordnance Company at Miesau, Germany, guides the loading of one of three 5,000-pound rockets onto a wrecker truck Saturday.

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from Pensacola, Fla. "The best part of our interaction is that we can, in support of the ongoing war effort, move and dispose of ammunition whenever called upon."

Senior Airman Sabrina Baker, an EOD equipment journeyman, said she is enjoying her work here.

"One of the best parts of our job is that it is out of the ordinary," Airman Baker said. "Everyone contributes their piece of the overall puzzle -- but our job is unique.

"Not many people can say they defuse bombs and blow things up for a living," she said.

The Airman said it is rewarding knowing her job directly impacts U.S. and coalition forces as well as the local community.

"By going out and clearing these hazards, we are helping prevent accidents and improving the area and overall well-being of the people of Afghanistan," she said.



EOD officials detonate the first two of the three rockets Saturday.



Army Sgt. Shabber Robinson from the 5th Maintenance Company at Kaiserslautern, Germany, directs a load of one of three 5,000-pound rockets onto a wrecker Saturday.



Air Force Climate Survey helps shape future force

Airmen have the power to shape the Air Force of the future through the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey that's underway.

"This survey will help us ensure we are taking care of our most important asset — our people,"

'The questions in the survey itself are intentionally hard-hitting, and I fully expect your direct, honest and candid feedback.'

General Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

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The survey, themed "Speak Today, Shape To-

morrow," provides a unique total force perspective and includes active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and both appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilians. The identities of each participant are protected and every response is reviewed for consideration.

In past surveys, respondents have provided feedback on issues that affect their organizations' ability to perform the mission, such as resources, training and development and unit flexibility. This year, respondents are being asked to provide feedback on their immediate supervisor's "enduring competencies."

The Air Force's enduring competencies are the personal, managerial and leadership qualities that should be common to all Air Force members. These results will provide senior leaders with a valuable baseline of the competencies used for force development.

"It's your chance to provide honest and straightforward answers to issues that directly affect you and your fellow Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray.

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455th Air Expeditionary Wing's Warrior of the Week

Job title

A-10 airplane general assistant section chief

Deployed unit

455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Home station

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Home town

Altamonte Springs, Fla.

How do you feel about making history here in Afghanistan as part of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism? I have been to this part of the world several times



Master Sgt.
James Montague

over the past few years. I do feel a sense of pride and purpose being able to do the job I was trained to do.

What have you enjoyed most about your time here? Over the past month, I've had the opportunity to experience new challenges, and hopefully make things better for those who follow me.

What advice would you give to Airmen and NCOs planning for a successful Air Force career? Don't be satisfied with the status quo. Find ways to improve things.

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Americans send messages of support, thanks

Dear troops, I am sending you this message to thank you for all that you have done to keep us safe. It is because of all of you that we have not had another attack.

For the first time since 9/11, my husband and I feel safe enough to go on a plane again. My husband and I wear bracelets that say "Support Our Troops" and we are very proud to wear them.

Please know that all of you will always be in our prayers every day until all of you come home safely. God bless you all.

Kathleen and Ronald Madonia, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear ladies and gentlemen in the military, I want to take a minute to thank you for your generous bravery and for all the sacrifices you make for those of us at home.

You are serving a high calling to keep our country safe and to protect human rights around the world. We have not forgotten you! You have our support, our thanks and our prayers. God bless.

Katie Roland, New York City, N.Y.

To everyone serving in the U.S. military:

The big war I lived through and worked through was World War II. I know of the sacrifices each and every one of you is making and I know how difficult it is for your family and friends here at home. But with patriotism and resolve, as we did back then, we will come through this difficult time also — and win — thanks to all of you who have given up so much.

I can't thank you enough for what you are doing. Freedom is so precious and it is definitely worth fighting for. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Thank you again.

Estelle Hiller, Union, N.J.



Thanks for doing the right thing and doing it well. Unfortunately, many Americans have not learned the lessons of history that require your service in places as far flung as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea. Your service is necessary to the future of our country and is deeply appreciated by those who remember. You and your cause are supported 100 percent by my family and I.

David Fry, Westmont, N.J.

To one and all...each and every day I find the time to bend to my knees and send my prayers for your safety. Realizing the great sacrifice you all are making to ensure the freedoms we are so accustomed to, may I please somehow assure you we give you our love and support.

Presently, I have a daughter training to become of America's finest...I couldn't be any more proud knowing the sacrifice she is making for her country. Know that you are loved.

Terry Beaumont, Cincinnatus, N.Y.

To the greatest group of men and women: Please accept this heartfelt thank you, and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you are making a great sacrifice for the safety and security of the people back home. We understand that the conditions can sometimes be unbearable and extremely dangerous.

Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated and you are doing the work of a grateful nation. Again, thank you and may God bless each and every one of you.

Robert Banning, Charlottesville, Va.

I want to thank you, from my heart, for the service you are giving to keep our country safe and to win this horrible war on terrorism. What you are doing is heroic and noble, and history will praise you for it. You are noble warriors! We love you and admire you and our prayers are with you!

Sheila Herron, Gig Harbor, Wash.

Thank you for fighting for us, and giving your time to make us safe. My prayers are with you and also my support. You are honorable men and women giving your lives.

Matthew Belanger, Tulsa, Okla.

Bagram Bob

Greetings everyone. This week's question is about the "talk of the town" around camp lately — the decreasing temperatures.

Q **uestion:** It's been getting a little chilly in the mornings and late into the night hours. As far as weather is concerned, what can we expect over the next few months?

A **nswer:** You're correct in that the temperature here seems to gradually be dropping as this deployment continues. I spoke again with Tech. Sgt. Lois Ellingson of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group's Combat Weather Team. Just like last week, she took the time to research the topic and came up with the information below.

Statistically speaking, the sergeant said Bagram receives more rain/snow mix than just snow. When snow does occur, it usually does not last more than a day or two and then melts.

According to the sergeant, climatology shows that Bagram's first measurable snow event usually occurs in late November or sometime during the month of December.

Winter Weather Expectations for Bagram

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURE	63 F	52 F	48 F
AVERAGE LOW TEMPERATURE	34 F	27 F	25 F
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TEMPERATURES <32 F	12	27	29
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH PRECIPITATION	5	6	7
AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PRECIPITATION (water equiv) PER MONTH	1.9 INCHES	.5 INCHES	1.2 INCHES

Source: 455th EOG Combat Weather Team

Snow events usually don't last more than four hours and can leave two to three inches of snow on the ground.

If you'd like to ask a question regarding the weather, uniform wear or another other topic that has peaked your interest during this deployment, drop an e-mail to these two addresses:

- af.james.cunningham@bafm.afgn.army.mil; or
- 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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Visit the chapel offices, located near the Dragon DFAC, or call 231-4755.

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/Bible Study (conference room on second floor of base ops)**
- Wednesdays 1930L/1500Z