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Good To Know

❑ **Free concert** — A gospel concert takes place at 1900L/1430Z Friday in the base clamshell. Musical guests include the Korean Worship Service Praise Team, the Protestant Worship Service Praise Team and the Gospel Worship Service Praise Team and Choir. Seating is first come, first serve. For more details, call SSG Frederick Owens at 231-4755.

❑ **Weekly A-10 mission briefs, tours** — The 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron has begun giving weekly A-10 mission briefs and tours at 1530L/1100Z Sundays at A-10 Operations (in the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group Headquarters). To sign up, e-mail Capt. Steven Raspet Saturday by 1630L/1200Z.

3-Day Forecast

Today

Rain
H 57/L 36



Saturday

Morning rain
H 59/L 32



Sunday

Partly cloudy
H 59/L 30



Source: 455th EOG Weather



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David L. Stuppy

Jumpin'
Staff Sgt. Joseph Segura, phase dock chief, 455th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, jumps up to check an A-10 heat probe during a functional check flight launch on the flightline. In the past six weeks, A-10 phase crews have completed six phase inspections.

Wing wraps up annual campaign

by **Capt. James H. Cunningham**
455th Air Expeditionary Wing
CFC-Overseas project officer

Airmen with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed more than \$24,000 to local and national non-profit organizations during the 2005-2006 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, which wrapped up here last week.

The wing reached 100 percent contact in only 17 days. Here some other facts about the wing's contributions to the annual fundraiser:

- ❑ Total wing contributions: \$24,582
- ❑ Highest participation (organiza-

tions with more than five people): 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (90.91 percent)

❑ Total participation rate: 24.37 percent

❑ Average donation per person: \$41.31

❑ Contributions through payroll deductions: \$22,322

The campaign was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center in San Antonio. On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, officials said.



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Veterans Day, 2005

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed for our liberty and for the security of our Nation. We express deep appreciation to our veterans -- the men and women who stepped forward when America needed them, triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe.

From the beaches of Normandy and the snows of Korea to the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq, our courageous veterans have sacrificed so that Americans and others could live in freedom. As we mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II this year, we remember the millions of veterans who crossed oceans and defeated two of the most ruthless military forces the world has ever known. The freedom that the children and grandchildren of these veterans now enjoy is a monument to their fallen comrades and the generations of patriots who have served our country.

Through their commitment to freedom, America's veterans have lifted millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure. They have demonstrated to us that freedom is the mightiest force on Earth. We resolve that their sacrifices will always be remembered by a grateful Nation.

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2005, as Veterans Day and urge all Americans to observe November 6 through November 12, 2005, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH



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Bagram Airmen spread cheer, share smiles

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

Bagram Airmen took time to spread some cheer and share smiles with the people of Afghanistan as part of an Adopt-A-Village visit Nov. 3.

More than 1,200 pounds of winter clothes, blankets, school supplies and toys were distributed to the local village, according to Master Sgt. Edgar Langdon, Adopt-A-Village coordinator.

"Our Adopt-A-Village program gives Airmen from the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing a chance to travel outside the gate and share some goodwill with the people of Afghanistan," said Sergeant Langdon. "We focused our efforts on items that'll hopefully come into good use as the temperature drops in coming months."

Chief Master Sgt. Debra Ballentine, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group superintendent, described the visit as "awesome."

"This experience gave us a chance to show the local community just how much we care," the Chief said. "We're here in Afghanistan to encourage a spirit of cooperation. Adopt-A-Village visits are one of many ways in which we can do this."

Chief Ballentine said the village children were delightful.

"Many of them enjoyed getting their picture taken, especially when they were able to immediately see their picture after it was taken," the Chief said. "They were excited about getting school supplies and several even tried to learn a few words of English."

Master Sgt. Donnie Wright, 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, said this trip will allow him to better explain to



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

Chief Master Sgt. Debra Ballentine, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group superintendent, helps distribute school supplies during last week's Adopt-A-Village visit.

his family and friends some of the reasons he's deployed to Afghanistan.

"People seem to understand a little better from someone who has a first-hand experience with what is going on outside the base," Sergeant Wright said.

Staff Sgt. Matt Greene, 455th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, said the visit gave him an opportunity to get off the installation and see the "real" Afghanistan.

"It was a chance to see for myself some of the wonderful things we are doing for the people here," the sergeant said.

"Seeing everyone's excitement and the smiles on the children's faces was definitely the highlight for me," he said.

"Hopefully programs like this can continue so more Afghan children will get to see the kind-

ness in the hearts of the American people."

Airman 1st Class Eric Nelson, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Raul Tellez, 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron, both said the visit was an unforgettable experience.

"This trip gave me a chance to see how the locals live while at the same time giving them things they could use to make their lives better," Airman Nelson said. "I really enjoyed seeing how little the villagers had (possession wise) and yet how happy they still were."

"I really loved seeing the small children's faces after they received the things we had for them," Airman Tellez said. "Once the trip's over, you're really proud of what you've done and of the country you serve."



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. John H. Alderton

Cable guys

Master Sgt. Richard Poole, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Bellard, 451st Air Expeditionary Group, install cable into a flexible conduit at Kandahar Air Field in southern Afghanistan. The flight has installed more than 6,000 feet of copper and fiber.

Flightline Driving 101

by Tech. Sgt.
Donald Kuhlman
455th Air Expeditionary Wing
Safety office

Carelessness, haste and disregard for established safety standards have proven to be the primary causes of aircraft-vehicle mishaps and personnel injury on Bagram's flightline.

While operating a vehicle on the flightline, operators must adhere to the following standards:

- Possess a valid flightline competency card.
 - Conduct a FOD (foreign object debris) check of all tires prior to entering the flightline or when returning from an unpaved surface.
- Also, ensure loose articles are secured.

- All required personal pro-

tection equipment must be used properly. Examples include seatbelts, reflective gear during periods of poor visibility, hearing protection, protective head gear, goggles, gloves, etc.

The maximum speed limits are as follows: General-purpose vehicles (15 mph/25 kph); special-purpose vehicles (10 mph/16 kph); close proximity to aircraft (5 mph/8 kph).

Unattended vehicles will be positioned so they will not interfere with aircraft. The ignition will be turned off, emergency brake set, emergency flashers on, and keys left in the ignition. Vehicles with standard transmissions will be placed in reverse, while vehicles with automatic

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455th Air Expeditionary Wing's Airman of the Month

Job title

EC-130H crew chief

Deployed unit

41st Expeditionary Electronic
Combat Squadron

Home station

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base,
Ariz.

Home town

Charlton, Mass.

How do you feel about making history here in Afghanistan as part of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism? I haven't thought about this (or past deployments) as history-making events. I just know that Afghanistan and many



Senior Airman
Matthew Fredette

other countries are better, safer places because of the sacrifices and accomplishments of U.S. and coalition forces.

What have you enjoyed most about your time here?

I've enjoyed the satisfaction of my job the most. I get to contribute to my squadron's high success rate in performing the Compass Call mission here as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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

The Air Force gives you the tools for success; take advantage of them!

Professional organizations boost morale, keep Airmen involved

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

Three Camp Cunningham professional organizations are doing their part to boost morale and keep Airmen involved for the duration of their deployment here in support of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

All three – Airmen Committed to Excellence, Middle Tier Association, and the Top 3 Organization – are helping augment some of the 455th Expeditionary Services Squadron's morale-building initiatives.

"Each of the three organizations represents a cross-section of our Air Force population at Bagram," said Lt. Col. AnneMarie Fenton, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron commander. "They are in tune with the needs and interests of our Airmen here and bring targeted advice on how to improve the quality of life here."

Whether organizing a sporting event or providing a place to unwind, the partnership between ACE, the MTA and the Top 3 and the 455th SVS is making it possible for the quality of life here to be a continual focal point.

"In the delicate balance between mission and morale, that partnership enables a critical focus on supporting the 455th AEW's war-fighting mission by providing avenues for Airmen and Sailors to relax after a hard day's work," said the colonel.

Over the next few months, the Services personnel and professional organizations will focus their attention on the holiday season.

"It's difficult to be away from friends and family during the holidays, which are stressful even in the best of times," the colonel said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

Sarah Beauchamp, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, sets the ball during last month's ACE volleyball tournament, one of many events put together by Camp Cunningham's professional organizations.

"In a deployed, combat environment, a network of friends and co-workers can mean the difference between a sad holiday season and a more enjoyable one."

ACE

Bagram's Airmen Committed to Excellence organization strives to be a focal point for Airmen around Camp Cunningham, according to Senior Airman Daniel Cintron, ACE president.

"In addition to improving the quality of life here for everyone, ACE gives Airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-4 an opportunity to express what they want and need to make life here easier and better," said Airman Cintron.

MTA

Air Force staff sergeants, technical sergeants or those selected for the NCO tier can join the Middle Tier Association.

"The Middle Tier Association

provides an excellent opportunity for all of our staff selects through technical sergeants to get involved in helping improve your life and the lives of others while deployed here," said Staff Sgt. Benjamin Haines, MTA president.

Top 3

Those in the highest three enlisted pay grades can join Bagram's Top 3 Organization.

"Our organization's goal, in cooperation with Bagram leadership, is to coordinate and plan activities that re-energize our Airmen so they can continue dedicating their effort to getting the mission accomplished while they're here," said Master Sgt. Anthony Edmondson, Top 3 president. "In addition to providing strong role models for our enlisted Airmen here, we want to

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

Staff Sgt. Charles Simmons, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron, checks the sound level in preparation for Hip Hop Night, one of many events that professional organizations, in cooperation with the 455th Expeditionary Services Squadron, has organized and overseen.

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do our part to make Camp Cunningham a great place to work, live and have fun.”

First sergeants' perspectives

Enjoying off-duty activities is an important part to most people's well-being, according to Master Sgt. Edgar Langdon, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group first sergeant, deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

“Just like at home station, all work and no play can cause problems for anyone,” said Ser-

geant Langdon, a native of Hatboro, Penn. “This is especially true around the holiday season when most Airmen are used to being around their family and friends.

“All three of our professional organizations, in partnership with Services Airmen, are doing an excellent job of improving the quality of life for Airmen deployed here,” the first sergeant continued. “These morale-boosting venues will continue to get even better as the upcoming holiday season gets closer.”

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transmissions must be placed in park.

- Do not enter the active runway without radio contact with the tower and only after the tower authorizes verbal approval to proceed.
- Smoking is prohibited on the flightline.
- Do not position vehicle less than 200 feet be-

hind and 50 feet in front of aircraft while engines are running.

- Be extra vigilant at night for blacked out aircraft.

Failure to follow these standards could result in losing your flightline driving privileges.

Master Sgt. Frances Bracks-Miller, first sergeant, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group and 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, encouraged participation in the three professional organizations.

“It's awesome that professional organizations such as ACE, MTA, and Top 3 even exist in a combat zone,” said Master Sgt. Frances Bracks-Miller, first sergeant, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group and 455th Expeditionary Operations Group. “These three organizations are a valuable part of the Air Force's Wingman initiative and I encourage others to get involved to make these organizations even better.”

An Airman's viewpoint

Senior Airman Brenda Patterson, information manager, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, has seen how the impact of the partnership between the 455th SVS and the three professional organizations.

“Soon after arriving at Bagram, I saw that some people didn't know anyone else deployed here,” the Airman said. “That soon changed mostly because of the efforts of Bagram's professional organizations and Services in coordinating events such as Texas Hold 'Em, volleyball and basketball tournaments, manning the snack shack and recreation areas, and most of all, taking the time to find ways in which people can enjoy themselves and get to know others during their off-duty time at Bagram.”

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Americans send messages of support, thanks

I appreciate so very much the sacrifices you are making and those your families are making. I know freedom isn't free. It is bought with blood. Thank you for taking the risk to keep us free and to share freedom with others. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless and protect you!

Oshiana Allen, Smithville, Mo.

Just wanted to say thank you for all that you do. We can continue to enjoy freedom because of your valiant efforts. My younger sister recently joined the National Guard so that she may pay for her tuition at a private college...so this is all starting to hit home for my family and I. You have done so much for our country and we will forever be indebted to you. Thank you!

Cari, Linden, Ind.

To my heroes of the Armed Services, I want to let you know that I thank God daily for your bravery and dedication to our great country. It is because of people like you that we have such an amazing country. I thank you for the many sacrifices that you make daily in order to defend my freedom and my children's freedom. I pray for your safety, both physical and emotional during this difficult time.



May God bless each of you today and each day that you spend protecting democracy.

Marti L. Ballesteros, Heber, Ariz.

Greetings from home! You are all in our thoughts and hearts every day you're away. Your resilience, strength, courage and bravery, do not go unnoticed. We can look at our young daughter and feel thankful that people like you are doing their very best to protect her and, of course, us. It is not every person who can do what you do.

Few have the courage and stamina it takes to fight in a foreign land far from the safety and security of family and friends. Thank you!

Wendy Wagner, Danvers, Mass.

To all of you who are on the front lines as well as those who work to keep you supplied in your efforts, I offer a heartfelt "thank you."

Most of us are much removed from the reality of war which you bravely face each day. Having never served in the Armed Forces, I cannot begin to imagine what your daily life is like. I can tell you that you are greatly appreciated as you serve and sacrifice for your country and "for me" as an individual, so that I remain free.

Every American owes you a debt of gratitude we will never be able to pay. What could I possibly give in payment to someone who stands in jeopardy in my place. May God bless you and keep you, and bring you home safe to those who wait for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Let freedom ring!

Richard Sessions, Snow, Ark.

To our brave troops all over the world: The sacrifices you have made on this country's behalf, leaving your families, your careers, your jobs, school, a safe and secure America, are absolutely without equal.

Little did you know five years ago, that you would be put in harm's way to defend and protect all of our freedoms, our way of life. But here you are, standing watch in a most difficult and dangerous theater, and you're doing it unselfishly and honorably for us.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I pray for you and your safe return every morning. You are our heroes.

John Boehme, Oshkosh, Wis.

I want to truly thank you for giving me the opportunity every day to awake without fear, drive to work while listening to my favorite music and come home to my family every night. I also want to thank you for giving me the freedom that I take for granted, and for fighting to ensure that no else ever tries to take it away again.

I can tell you that while I will never know the fear you all live with now, I will never forget what you all have, and are still doing for our country, not only for you and your families, but for the rest of us that depend on you to keep us safe.

Jennifer Lozano, San Antonio, Texas



Bagram Bob

In this week's column, I address a question sent it to from "the field." It's about the phone lines in the morale hut.

Q **uestion:** With today's technology standards, why is there currently only one reliable phone line in the camp's morale hut?

A **nswer:** I contacted the 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group for help in answering this one. Staff Sgt. Carey Martin did the leg work and found the answer below for you.

There are seven working telephones in Camp Cunningham's morale hut (Bldg. 726).

Telephones 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are telephone lines that feed into Al Udeid through a microwave connection, which contributes to poor quality and reliability at times. The phone in booth 4 is the only phone that is dedicated on the Army's infrastructure — it's the most reliable phone in the hut.

There are other morale phones around Bagram, such as in the Dragon Palace (recreational facility behind the Dragon DFAC).

You can use those phones if the ones at Camp Cunningham are not available.

The limited number of Army-provided phone numbers should be alleviated when the new telephone switch is installed within the next few months.

As a side note, if someone has been on the telephone for more than 15 minutes, feel free to knock on the door and let them know others are waiting to use the phone.

If this or other topics has brings questions to your mind that you'd like to see addressed, send an e-mail to baf-455aew-pa@baf.afgn.army.mil. In the subject line of the e-mail, type in "Bagram Bob." You can also visit the 455th AEW/PA office in Tent 719.



ENDURING FAITH CHAPEL

WEEKLY 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 Keepers Men's Fellowship/Bible Study (conference room on first floor of base operations)**
Wednesdays 1900L/1430Z