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# More OIF success to follow, AEF 9/10 begins with new commander at Ali Base

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Col. Kevin Kilb assumed command of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group from Col. Don Palandech Tuesday. The flag was passed by Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq.

After thanking the general and Colonel Palandech, Colonel Kilb addressed each of the Coalition partners in attendance at the ceremony. He assured them that relationships and successes of Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8 would continue to strengthen and grow as AEF 9/10 continues to deliver mission successes as part of the overall mission objectives of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Kilb is deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan, where he is the commander of the 374th Operations Group.

Colonel Palandech is deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he is the deputy inspector general, Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe. He will redeploy to Ramstein.

Colonel Palandech's AEF 7/8 rotation was marked by many successes: The highest mission success rate in the Area of Responsibility; improved relations with the people of southern Iraq—as evidenced by the successful hosting of 17 local Sheiks for a Eid al-Fitr luncheon on base; the continued strengthening of Iraqi air force Squadron 23 (Transport), called the “greatest training success story in the Iraqi air force,” by Maj. Gen. Allen Peck, deputy combined forces air component commander; a successful outreach program that provided training to local businesses interested in bidding on DoD projects on Ali Base; building projects on Ali Base that made it more mission capable and deployment friendly; and an Airman interaction program where he made regular visits

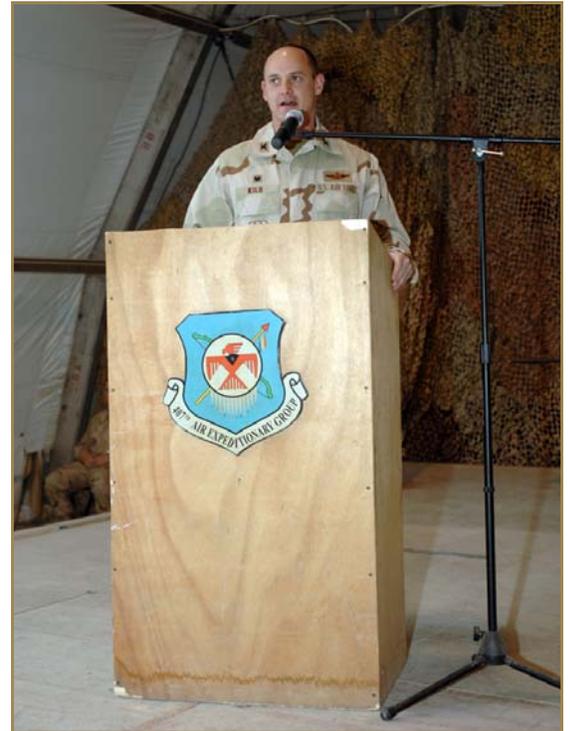


Photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Haas

Col. Kevin Kilb, new commander of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, speaks to the audience at the change of command ceremony Jan. 10.

to work sites to meet the Airmen of the 407th AEG, learn about their jobs, talk about the mission, and get to know as many Airman as possible.

Colonel Palandech was awarded the Bronze Star Medal during the ceremony.

Colonel Kilb is assuming command during an exciting time at Ali Base. The Iraqi air force Squadron 23 (Transport) is scheduled to move to their permanent home at New Al Muthana Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, sometime in the next several weeks.

In his position as group commander of the 374th OG, Colonel Kilb is responsible for the combat readiness of three operational squadrons utilizing C-130E, C-21A and UH-1N aircraft.

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**NEW COMMANDER**

## Front Page photo

Sam is a DoD contracted linguist assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. He has been involved in several outreach programs that have helped build trust between the base and its neighbors. His story starts on page 5.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

# You have a story too. It's a great one to pass along

By Lt. Col. Richard H. Houghton

*407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron commander*

I'm guessing you know the story of the guy who built a really big boat and took thousands of animals aboard to survive a huge rain storm. It's a tale that's been told countless times. You might even remember details of the story, like the 40 days of rain and the rainbow that followed.

How long did it take you to think of the name Noah, and his famous Arc?

A mention of Noah's Arc conjures up immediate images because we've heard and retold the story so many times before. And each time the story is told, we are transported in time and space to rainy Mesopotamia.

Noah's story probably took place close to where Ali Base is today. If you visit the Ziggurat of Ur, our friend Daif can show you a flood line on the rocks that might be from Noah's big storm. But among those rocks there are so many other events that happened back when the Euphrates flowed nearby. Imagine some of the other stories just from building the Ziggurat, and the city that surrounded it.

Many of us traveled thousands of miles to come to this place where several thousand years worth of stories have been told and recorded. We also live close to the setting of the classic story of 1,001 Arabian nights. In that tale, a woman saves her own life by telling captivating stories every night to a King who otherwise plans to have her killed. That's a story about storytelling. It's also a powerful message about what a good story can do. A story might be the best way to pass information.

Back before they built the Ziggurat, all of history was a collection of verbal stories, passed from generation to generation. Then

the Sumerians developed writing, and a whole new tool became available for the locals. Now they could better capture their knowledge, and transfer it to other people. Most importantly, they could establish a permanent record of their stories-their history. Imagine how jealous they'd be of your ability to tell your story to somebody in California over the telephone, or to send out mass e-mail notes to communicate across the world in seconds.

There's tremendous value in a good story, whether it's the spoken or written kind. Here at Ali you've probably experienced both kinds. The best stories grab our attention, and tie us up. They teach us. They inspire us. They entertain us. The tales you tell about your experiences at Ali Base might do all three, and it's part of your job to relate those experiences as best you can.

When you send an e-mail update to somebody back home, you are recording a part of history. You are telling your story. When you get home, you will have many more opportunities to continue getting the message out. You should be ready to tell people about what you did in this famous place, a world away from your home. The people there want to know what it's really like over here, so far away, and you are just the person to tell them.

Last month, the Secretary of the Air Force challenged us to take our story out to Boy Scouts and Lions Clubs and veteran's organizations. I'd expand that list to family members, next-door neighbors, coworkers, people at the club, your dentist and whomever you talk to during the next couple months. Then maybe someday your



**Lt. Col. Richard H. Houghton**

grandchildren will remind you that "you've told that story about the Ziggurat 100 times already." And you'll smile and tell it again.

You might ask, "Why is it so important to tell people my story? I didn't do anything that impressive." So maybe you didn't build an Arc and save a boatload of animals (How many LOE bullets would that have been worth?) But you were part of an amazing team: a team that trained the new Iraqi air force and controlled traffic in the skies of the southern third of the country. You worked side-by-side with Iraqi pilots, maintainers and construction workers. You saw the first steps of a new government in an already historic region.

There are probably hundreds of stories you can tell from your experiences here. You can teach, inspire or entertain. Most importantly, you can tell people how your team bridged the gap in Iraq between how things are and how they ought to be. Now that's a great story.

Editors note: please contact your unit's public affairs office before accepting any public speaking engagements.

# What happened here is unforgettable, and there's a reason why

By Chaplain (Capt.) David Kelley

407th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain

"The Spirit which grows up in a battalion when it has been welded together into a true fighting unit is a comradeship almost supernatural in its strength and intensity. It springs from hardships shared equally, risks run by all in common, and its power exceeds most of the emotions that an ordinary man will ever know."

H.D. "Bluey" Steward, Regimental Medical Officer, Australian Forces, WWII

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17

As "Bluey" Steward declared many years ago, something happens to a group of people who wade through combat together. There is a camaraderie shared, that is unequalled in civilian life. Football teams try to capture it, and politicians try to evoke it in their constituents; but only those in the combat zone understand the real emotions involved in true "unit cohesion" and military esprit de corps.

With each passing report of another American servicemember killed in action, that bond of camaraderie is evermore tightened among us.

I believe it is true, that we will never forget this place—not because of the mission, although noble,

but rather because of the people and the inseparable bond that we share. And when, 15 or 20 years from now, paths cross, your mind and heart will immediately be brought back to this place, as if it were yesterday, all because of this emotion called camaraderie, born from adversity and sacrifice.

Therefore, as the Bible verse encourages, cherish those brothers and sisters around you as gifts from God—persons that have been chosen to stand beside you, to support you, and you them, through this awful thing called war.

May God, this day, help us to see that the most important thing always ends up being people; and may He also instill in us a sense of thankfulness for those who strive alongside ourselves, for the struggle will only be won, together.



Chaplain (Capt.) David Kelley

## NEW COMMANDER, from page 2:

The operations group conducts two distinct missions to include dedicated intratheater airlift and distinguished visitor transport.

"I've been spying on the 407th [AEG] for a couple of months now. I've been keeping up with the news in the *Ali Times* and know the caliber of Airmen deployed here.

"If you are still part of the Ali Team as a 7/8 Airman, then please keep doing what you've been doing, transfer your knowledge and spirit to your replacements, and keep safe until you get on your plane home. If you are coming in on 9/10, you've had a chance to meet the men and women of 7/8 and learn from their successes.

"Let me take away any apprehension you have about how we will move forward during AEF 9/10: Bring you're 'A-Game'...in short, we will protect the base, sustain the force and remain flexible," said Colonel Kilb.

Since entering the Air Force as a graduate of ROTC in 1989 Colonel Kilb has held several command,

planning, examination and safety positions. He has logged more than 3,500 hours in tanker, airlift and trainer aircraft.



Photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Haas

The 407th Air Expeditionary Group guidon is passed to the new group commander, Col. Kevin Kilb, by 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc Jan. 10.

# One year later- a different life, a worthwhile cause

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

A good part of his life was driven by a quest for more money and greater success in America. Before that, as a very young man, he fought oppressors as a militiaman in his native Lebanon. Now, as an American citizen, he struggles with every bit of his energy and wisdom to help bring peace to another man's nation.

The locals refer to him as "Sam the Lebanese," a title he finds amusing—he considers himself as true an American as honest Abe. On Ali Base he's just Sam—the one word is all that needs to be said: "Sam, yes I know who you mean," Airmen who've been here more than 24 hours (long enough to hear some stories) say. Iraqi schoolchildren refer to him as "Uncle Sam," a title that makes him happy because it sums up what he's trying to do here—to be as close and as trusted as a family member to every Iraqi—and the name simultaneously captures the passion he has for America.

He is a true American patriot. He believes this fight is the noblest cause of his life and that those he works alongside epitomize the ideals of selfless service to mankind.

Sam is a Department of Defense contracted Arabic linguist assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron here. He has been in Iraq for almost a year and has helped the Coalition understand the people and the landscape of southern Iraq.

"He has literally linked me to local Sheiks, civic leaders from the city of An Nasiriyah [Iraq], and established a tactical information

network that guarantees a crystal clear level of situational awareness," said Air Force Maj. Erik K. Rundquist, commander of the 407th ESFS for Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotations 3/4 and 5/6 here.

The "situational awareness" that Sam provides is used by the Air Force, Army and Coalition partners, and is the product of time Sam spends in the community with Iraqi citizens, community leaders, civic leaders, Sheiks and Bedouins. All of the organizations that could benefit from his knowledge are briefed by Sam on a regular basis.

And although Sam has nothing but the highest praise for the Airmen and Soldiers he works with, he is not a military man and talks about the situation, what he

does, how he does it, and his successes using less militaristic language.

## A DIFFERENT CULTURE

The key to understanding and helping the Iraqi people move away from their immediate history and into the world community is to talk to the people face to face, said Sam (his full name is not used for security reasons).

"The culture here is built on trust and personal relationships. I visit the [Bedouin] camps and talk to the people. I explain that I have chosen America and the American way of government. I explain that they can have a government that looks out for them as well," he said.

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**SAM**



Air Force photo

Sam has been in Iraq for 11 months working with the Air Force, Army and Coalition partners to bring peace to the region. He has spearheaded many projects that involve interaction with the neighbors outside Ali Base.



Air Force photo

Sam said the only way to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people is to talk to them face to face. The Iraqi culture is based on personal relationships and trust, he said.

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Many of the Iraqi's that distrust the motives of the Coalition are distrustful of government in general. Younger adults in Iraq have lived under a dictatorship and without personal freedom or liberties their whole lives, and it takes more than a convoy of armored vehicles passing by with flags, or television images of fast cars and big houses to change a mindset born of generations of government abuse, said Sam.

"But when I talk to [Iraqi's] and tell them that it's possible to have a life where, for instance, people are innocent until proven guilty—not having to somehow come up with evidence of their innocence against ridiculous charges—they find it fascinating," he said. "I believe that I've changed the views of 99 percent of the Iraqi's I talk to."

**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER**

Sam remembers the United Nations convoys that used to pass his house as a child in Lebanon. He remembers UN Peacekeepers tossing candy off of the vehicles and how it made him think that it was possible for people to bring about peace through acts of kindness.

"People remember the little things like that. Good things stick in your mind and stay with you. They help you and make you better because you learn how it feels to be taken care of," said Sam. "You learn that there are people that want to make things better."

Each interaction that Sam has with an Iraqi he hasn't spoken to before, or one he's building a bond with, is an effort toward that end—to win over

another person by talking about the truth.

"Saddam [Hussein] did a lot to portray Americans as evil and GIs as savages who will only steal and kill if they are allowed into Iraq. I show the people the good things Americans have done and tell them about the people I work with. I talk about how good, humane and fair America is," he said.

Some of the work Sam does with Iraqi's includes the direct involvement of Airmen from the 407th ESFS and Army Soldiers based here. Operation KALEIDOSCOPE was an initiative Sam hoped would increase awareness and cooperation between base security forces and the population outside. It also put a combined front on efforts to

ease the minds of local Iraqi's, as the Air Force and Army worked to deliver some basic necessities to the impoverished Bedouin tribes around the base. Airmen and Soldiers joined Sam on visits to local Bedouin camps, where they talked to people and distributed supplies. It was the start of a conversation that continues today and is an example of one of the little things that Sam hoped would go a long way. It did.

Major Rundquist is more than happy with the results of Operation KALEIDOSCOPE. "It was noted as a tremendous endeavor and cited by organizations from intelligence, force protection, security, Army, and even Australian defense ministry as a 'best practice.'" [Sam's] singular efforts to not only engage with the local populace, but to turn this relationship into a meaningful and actionable part of my defense scheme far exceeded my expectations," said the major.

**CHANGE OF HEART**

Sam didn't go looking for a job as a DoD contracted linguist. The company went looking for him.

Sam decided a long time ago that he wanted to be an American citizen after the Marines refused to let him sign up. He'd taken the entrance exam but didn't do well enough; however, there was no doubt in his mind that the reason they gave him for refusal was true.

"The way it was told to me was clear. I understood that it wasn't because of anything other

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**SAM**

**SAM** from previous page

than what I was told. I didn't do well enough on the test. It wasn't because of where I was from or my family name. I didn't do well enough on the test. The government was telling the truth," he said.

Sam now has advanced degrees in business and Arabic studies.

He eventually decided that being self-made was the best option for his future. And working for himself, Sam had great success in restaurant, auto repair and construction businesses.

Construction is how he ended up in Iraq.

Sam's stateside construction business was looking to expand into the Middle East. He made some calls and discovered his best options would require getting a DoD security clearance. So he applied for the clearance but decided against the expansion of business into the Middle East during the processing of the clearance.

He forgot all about the clearance until the DoD contractor called.

Sam was already active in his community, doing what he could within local government and civic organizations to battle terrorism. His childhood left him with a firm belief that everybody should be involved in the fight. "Everybody can do something, even if it's something small; to help rid the world of evil. We must all make some kind of sacrifice to secure a future of peace for our children," he said.

Sam decided to jump in and do a little more than something small for a year. He took the linguist job on a whim, but now there's no turning back.

"Where else can I get an opportunity to do this much good without it costing me anything more than my effort?" Sam said. "I was so proud the day I became an American. Now I have the

chance to tell others why I did it. I don't think I could do anything else anymore. I love helping people."

**BACK HOME**

One of Sam's only concerns with the U.S. and Coalition efforts in Iraq is the public's perception of the servicemembers. He's sure that public understanding of the efforts and service of the men and women serving falls far short of reality and that too little credit is given to the men and women in uniform.

Sam said that many of the accolades bestowed upon him should rightfully be shared with the Airmen and Soldiers who work alongside him.

"A lot of Americans don't understand the sacrifices these [servicemembers] are making here. Even if it's just a Soldier standing on a rock guarding a gate, it's something that has to be done and I'm proud to be working with all of them. These [servicemembers] are the true Americans, they are the greatest people in the world," he said.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

No matter how he tries, Sam cannot pass off all of the praise as a team effort. Some of it is entirely his, and there's no doubt in anybody's mind that he's made a difference here.

"The next time you come we will take away the [bridge over the canal] so that you can't ever leave," said Dowayeh, a local Bedouin.

"I have never met a more selfless individual who's so willing to put the mission as his number one priority," said Air Force 1st Lt. Christopher M. Hagemeyer, 407th ESFS Bravo Flight commander.

Sam is just glad to be doing what he's doing. His one-year trial has changed the direction of his future. And although he will soon leave a "squadron of brothers," as he calls them, he hopes to stay involved in the fight in some way that keeps him closer to the family he "dedicates his life for."

"This is the best thing I ever did. I feel like what America is doing here is very important and I am just a proud American trying to help," he said.



*Air Force photo*

Sam talks to many civic, cultural and government leaders in the local area, listening to their concerns and sharing ideas about the best ways to move forward.

# AEF ROTATION 7/8: BEST OF THE BEST



Airman 1st Class Amorita Jenkins



Staff Sgt. Monica Pubillones



Master Sgt. John Gaskill



Master Sgt. Terry Swartz

**407th Air Expeditionary Group Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8 rotational award winners were announced during a ceremony Jan. 6.**

*Airman of the Rotation:* Airman 1st Class **Amorita Jenkins**, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

*Noncommissioned Officer of the Rotation:* Staff Sgt. **Monica Pubillones**, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

*Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Rotation:* Master Sgt. **John Gaskill**, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

*Company Grade Officer of the Rotation:* Capt. **David Beasley**, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

*First Sergeant of the Rotation:* Master Sgt. **Terry Swartz**, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.



Capt. David Beasley



Maj. Jed McCray,  
Master Sgt. Vince Fannin

Colonel Palandech is on the left of all photos; 407th AEG Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Cindy Davis is on the right.

*Sharp Sabre Team of the Rotation:* 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron **Advisory Support Team Logistics Instructors:** Maj. **Jed McCray**; Senior Master Sgts. **Ralph Fekete** and **George Godsey**; Master Sgts. **Matthew V. Chastain**, **Vince Fannin**, **Greg Flood**; Tech. Sgts. **Michael Clement**, **David Cole**, **John Furber**, **Mike Garrison**, **Daniel Graham**, **James Hill**, **Troy Roth**, **Mirko Sampson**, **Chad Shipman**, **Shelby Vernon**, **Eric Walton**; Staff Sgt. **Sergio Feal**.

All photos except Airman 1st Class Jenkins by Senior Airman Jennifer Haas; Airman Jenkins by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

# Let's get physical with base security

By Tech. Sgt. Galen Dickerson

407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

The 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron "Desert Hunters" use a unique mix of human and technological tools to guard the perimeter of Ali Base. Each part works together to identify the enemy, keep them out, and halt any planned actions.

The physical security and tactical automated security system (TASS) section of the squadron plans, installs and maintains the security infrastructure, which enables an integrated base defense for both Ali Base and the U.S. Army's Camp Adder. The team is made up of Tech. Sgt. Galen Dickerson, physical security noncommissioned officer in charge; Staff Sgt. Stephen Cross and Senior Airman Jacob Mendow.

Sergeant Cross is responsible for maintaining one of the largest TASS fields in the AOR. The field encompasses the perimeter of the installation, an area larger than 11 km, and uses the latest technology, incorporating cameras and sensors with a value of more than \$6 million. It's the largest sensor field in Iraq, linked by several kilometers of fiber optic cable. The camera's can pick out a man-sized object from great distances, said Sergeant Cross.

He has named the Ali Base TASS "The Silent Defender."

The TASS team routinely maintains the sensors, cleans solar panels, and replaces damaged cables and sensor lines. Some of the damage is exposure and environment related, but much of it is caused by wild dogs and foxes that chew through the cables and sensor lines.

"When I first arrived at Ali and found out I would be in charge of



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

The physical security and tactical automated security (TASS) section of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron included (from left) Tech. Sgt. Galen Dickerson, Staff Sgt. Stephen Cross and Senior Airman Jacob Mendow.

"Some of the damage is exposure and environment related, but much of it is caused by wild dogs and foxes that chew through the cables and sensor lines."

TASS, I was overwhelmed by the size and scope of the job," said Sergeant Cross. "But once we established a maintenance routine and Airman Mendow joined the team to help with daily tasks, things just fell into place."

TASS is only one component of the integrated base defense security system. The 407th ESFS also uses observation towers, barriers, concertina wire and special purpose lighting to form a complex system of obstacles, detection, and assessment for the base.

The ultimate goal of the physical security and the TASS team is to provide the Desert Hunters the ability to see, understand and act before the enemy can impact the coalition mission.

Unlike base defense efforts in previous conflicts like DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, where protection of the base was concentrated on internal security and perimeter defense, security forces here combine the efforts of base force protection working groups and executive councils, close interaction and coordination with the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Anti-terrorism Office, and communication with the U.S Army to provide synergy and unity of command for the operation.

The combined effort of Coalition partners, the physical security/TASS office, and the defenders on patrol allows the 407th ESFS to keep the enemy at bay far beyond the base perimeter.

# Squadron Olympics

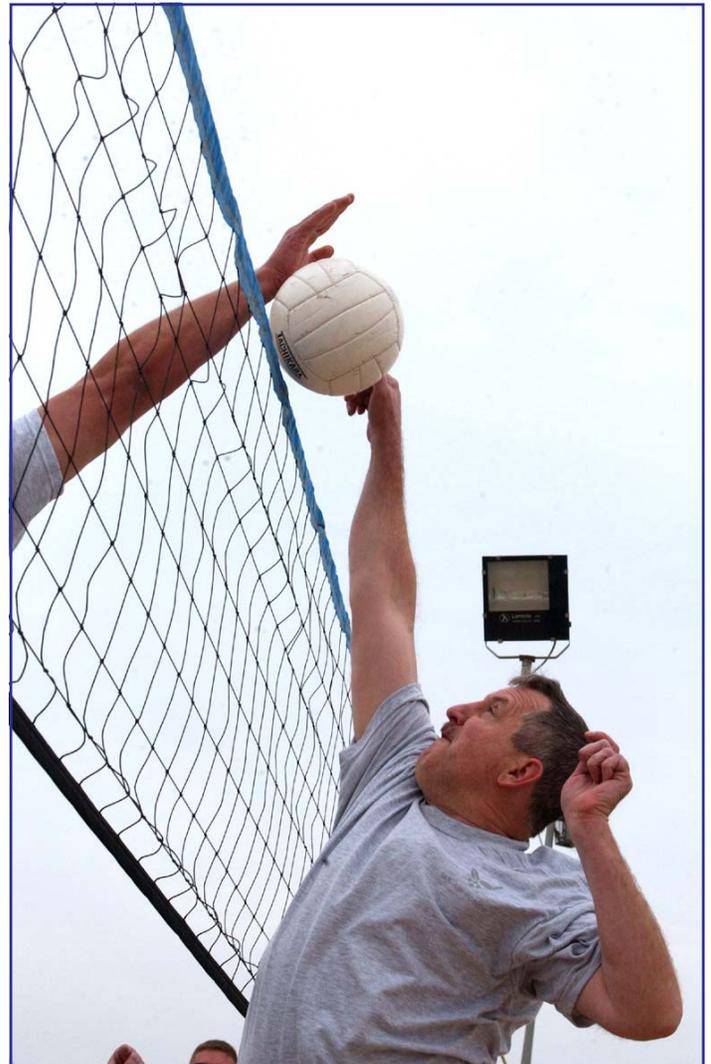
Maybe it wasn't the nicest weather day of the rotation, but the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Focus 5-6 Council pulled off an all-day event of epic proportions Jan. 7.

Volunteers took care of setup, refereeing and coordination of several events. The 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron lent some expertise and advice. Result: a great day!

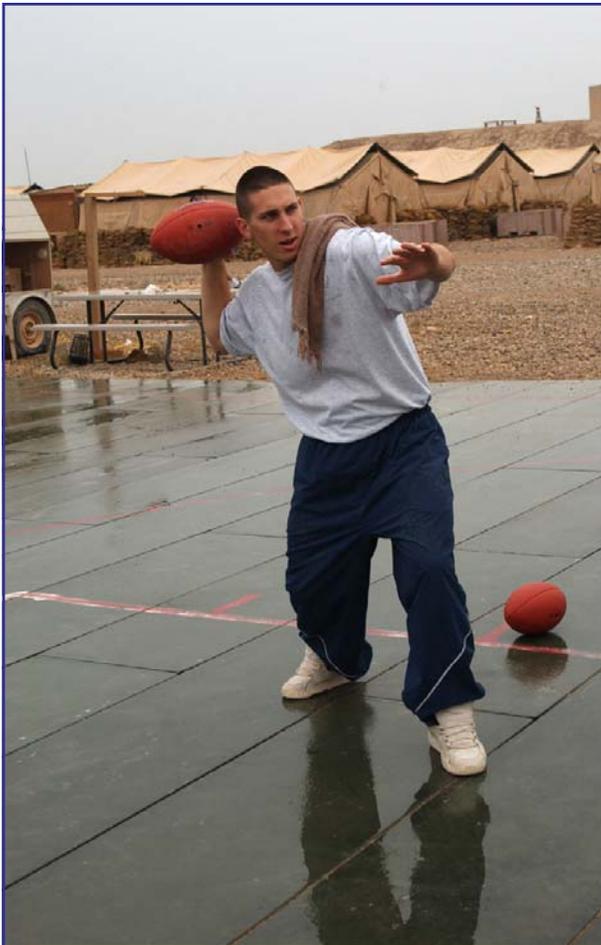
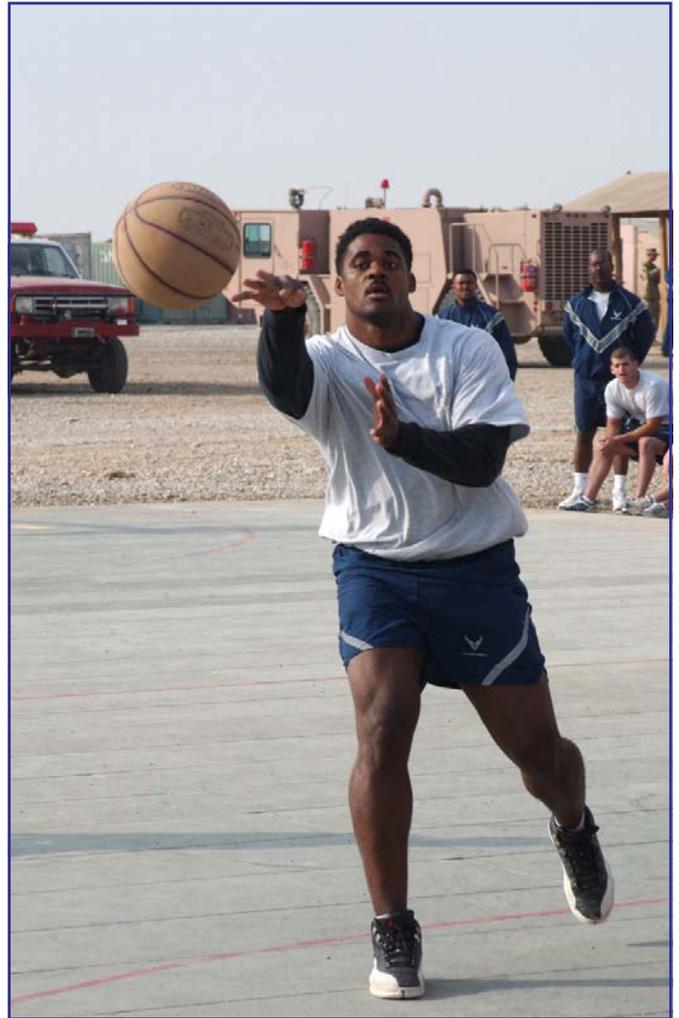
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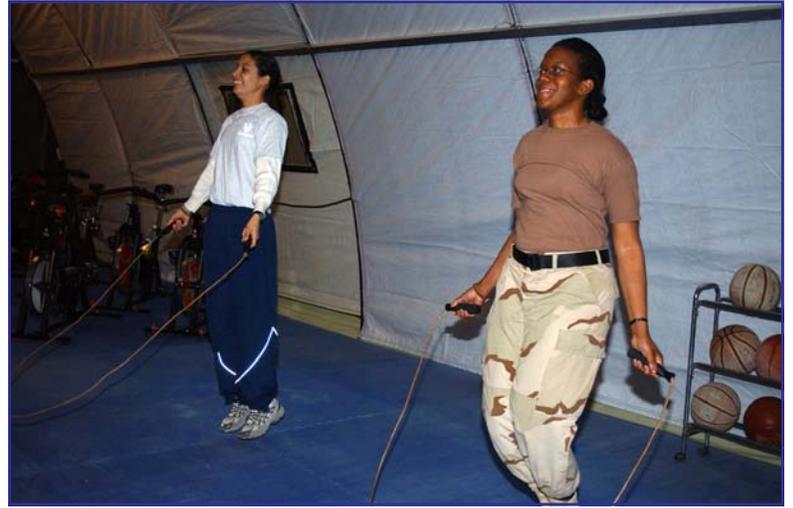
(Top-left) Heated competition near the finish line of the three-legged race. From the left Tech. Sgt. **Yvonne Brown**, Airmen 1st Class **Krystal Drew**, Amorita Jenkins, Tech. Sgt. **Dwayne Schermer**. (Top-right) Staff Sgt. **Brad Ponto** on offense and defense simultaneously. (Above) A battle at the net between, left, Senior Airman **Adam Ritchie** and Staff Sgt. **Johnathan Seaburn**. (Right) keeping an eye on the events, from the left, Senior Airmen **Steven Woodson**, **Harvey Freeman**, Airmen 1st Class **Khenz Jacinthe**, Staff Sgt. **Quamesha Smith**, Master Sgt. **Lisa Hill**.



(Top-left) Airman **Michael Delong** works on the tricky Dodgeball chin-catch. (Top-right) Tech. Sgt. **Robert Bailey** puts it away in the Q-Back Challenge. (Above) Staff Sgt. **Christopher Berry** drives on the hoop. (Right) Senior Master Sgt. **Paul Jentzen** at the net.



(Top-left) Senior Airman **Ernest Solomon** on the way to a ringer. (Top-right) A pass from Senior Airman **Dennis Graham**. (Left) Oh that magic pose by Airman 1st Class **Randy Patterson**. (Above) After a long night on the flightline maintainers from the 777th chill for a few.



(Top-left) Staff Sgt. **Randy Maxon** is dribbling toward trouble. (Top-right) Airman 1st Class **Amorita Jenkins**, left, and Tech. Sgt. **Contina Richardson** battle for jump rope champion. (Right) Senior Airman **Randy McGinnis**, center, defends against Airman **Anthony Perry**; Maj. **Todd Glanzer** is on the left. (Below) Airman 1st Class **Paul Blaikie** readies a ball for Staff Sgt. **Dawnmosha Williams** during the 3-point Shootout.



# Happy ending...

## injured Airman and her bomb dog now a permanent team

The Jan. 11 press release below relates to a story written by Tech. Sgts. Jake Bolton and Matthew Rebholz, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron that ran on Page 8 of the Dec. 23 *Ali Times*.

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - A team that trained together, deployed together and was injured by a roadside bomb together will now stay together thanks to a coordinated effort by Air Force and Congressional leaders.

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Dana may now officially adopt her military working dog, Rex, after asking top Air Force leaders for permission to do so.

"This has been a team effort between both houses of Congress and I'm just glad to see that there's a happy ending," said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force. "Sergeant Dana is an outstanding young Airman who has sacrificed a lot for her country and allowing her to adopt Rex was the right thing to do."

Originally, the law prohibited the adoption because Rex was still considered useful to the military. Recognizing the need to do the right thing,

Congressional leadership quickly drafted legislation, clearing the road to make the adoption possible.

"We appreciate the members of the Congressional Defense Committees whose extraordinary efforts helped make this happen," said General Moseley.

The president recently signed the legislation and Air Force leaders expedited the process to make the adoption official yesterday.

An adoption ceremony is planned for today at 11:30 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"I'm happy for Jamie, she has sacrificed a lot for her country, more than most of us can even begin to imagine. She deserves our full support during her recovery. If allowing her to adopt Rex will help her recover, then it is the right thing to do," said Tech. Sgt. Bolton after hearing the news.

Past editions of the *Ali Times* are available on base at S:\407 AEG\Public\PA\Ali Times PDF Archives; several past issues, including the Dec. 23, are available at the Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System Web site at [http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=pubs/pubs\\_main.php](http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=pubs/pubs_main.php) (click on *Ali Times*.)

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## From the CPIC: Briefs off the wire from the Combined Press Information Center

**CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, ARRAMADI, Iraq** - Iraqi Army Soldiers and U.S. Marines uncovered hundreds of mortars, artillery rounds, rockets and other warheads during the three-day sweep near the ancient town of Hit in Al Anbar province.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** - Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division, supported by Task Force Ironhorse Soldiers, detained a suspected terrorist and discovered a weapons cache during a raid north of Baghdad at approximately 2 a.m. Jan. 12.

While conducting an air-insertion mission, Task Force Ironhorse Soldiers killed several insurgents, detained one and discovered a significant weapons

cache Jan. 11. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment received small-arms and indirect fire from insurgent forces at approximately 10:45 a.m. The Soldiers returned fire, killing six terrorists and wounding one other.

**TIKRIT, Iraq** - Three weapons caches were discovered and 21 anti-Iraqi forces suspects were detained in northern Iraq Jan. 11. Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment conducted a raid against a suspected AIF cell in Tal Afar just after midnight Jan. 11. The unit discovered two mortar rounds, a large supply of small-arms ammunition and a home-made mine. Seven men were detained at the site.

A tip from citizens led Soldiers

from 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division and 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division to four individuals suspected of attacking troops near Hawija the morning of Jan. 11.

Two terrorist bombers and two gunmen were killed during a series of unrelated incidents throughout northern Iraq Jan. 9. Two terrorists were killed in Samarra early in the evening Jan. 9 when an IED they were attempting to emplace detonated prematurely.

Task Force Band of Brothers Soldiers continue to have success tracking down and seizing weapons and explosives and anti-Iraqi forces throughout northern Iraq. Five caches were uncovered in the area Jan. 9.

# Identify This



## Do you know what this is?

If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at [Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil](mailto:Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil) with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. Thursday Jan. 19.

All correct entries will be placed in a box and three winners will be randomly selected at Combat Bingo (at the Big Top) at 7:30 p.m., Friday Jan. 20.

Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.

Winners will receive a complimentary T-shirt or coin from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The winners selected from those correctly identifying the center assembly on a HMMWV rear wheel pictured in the Dec. 30 *Ali Times* are: Staff Sgts. **Joseph Cordell** (777th), **Arley Paulus** (ECES) and Airman **Nicholas Olcott** (777th).

# They're waiting for you!



family photo

Gabriella Bolorino was born Jan. 6 to Senior Airman Marcos Bolorino, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Structures Shop, and his wife Paola, who sent along this photo.

There is only one approved method of disposal for uniform items that you don't want to carry home: The Uniform Disposal Drop-off Box at the Hot Spot

# 407th AEG Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech Sgt. Paul Dean

## Staff Sgt. Scott R. Broughton

### Unit:

777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron  
Advisory Support Team

### Duty title:

Loadmaster instructor

### Home station:

53rd Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

### Why other warriors say he's a warrior:

"[Staff Sgt. Broughton] arrived at Ali Base Dec. 28 and hit the ground running. Two days after arriving in theater he was on the flight schedule, and he flew three times with a student to finish up the week. He jumped right into the AST mission and played a major part in the qualification of the last Iraqi loadmaster student in Iraqi Air Force Squadron 23 (Transport)."

—Maj. Roger Redwood, 777th EAS AST

### Most memorable Air Force experience:

"My first flight as an aircrew member was very significant. In addition to the flight being my first flight, it was the last Air Force flight for my dad, who was a C-130 flight engineer."

### Hobbies:

"Reading—mostly about aviation, and when I'm home, mountain biking, hiking, playing flight sims."

## WHADDA YA THINK?

- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, then why is there a song about him?
- OK, so what is the speed of dark?
- If a tree falls on a mime, does it make a sound?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

# Serenity in the sand

## faith-based services schedule

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group **Oasis of Peace** chapel, unless otherwise noted. The Oasis is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, or directions to worship locations, please call 445-2006.

### FRIDAY

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/ service: (temporarily unav.)  
 6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
 6:30 p.m., Jewish Service: Army Religious Activities Center (ARAC)  
 7 p.m., Bible Study: ARAC  
 7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal: Army Post Chapel (APC)  
 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous: ARAC annex

### SATURDAY

5:30 p.m., Catholic Confession: Oasis Office  
 6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass: Oasis  
 7 p.m., Kick the Camel (quit smoking) club: ARAC

### SUNDAY

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession: Oasis Office; Traditional Protestant Service: APC  
 8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis; Church of Christ Service: ARAC  
 8:30 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service: Sapper Chapel; Sunday School: APC  
 9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service: Oasis  
 10 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service: APC; , Latter Day Saints Service: ARAC  
 10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Camp Cedar  
 1 p.m., Gospel Service: APC  
 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Service: Oasis

### SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

7:30 p.m., Contemporary Christian Service: Sapper Chapel  
 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous: ARAC

### MONDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
 7 p.m., Protestant Bible Study: Sapper Chapel  
 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship: Oasis

### TUESDAY

Noon, Alcoholics Anonymas: ARAC Annex  
 6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
 8 p.m., Catholic Study: Oasis Annex; Combat Bible Study: ARAC

### WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
 7 p.m., Spanish Bible Study: ARAC; Midweek Service Discussion: APC  
 7:30 p.m., Protestant Evening Service: APC; Mens Bible Study: APC  
 8 p.m., Godly Marriage and Relationships: Oasis Annex

### THURSDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass: Oasis  
 6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study: ARAC  
 7 p.m., Latter Day Saints Study: ARAC  
 7:30 p.m., Workmans' Fellowship: RAC; A Man and His World Bible Study: Oasis

# CRICKET MOVIE THEATER

## at the Hot Spot

Today's times and movie descriptions for the week

**Two for the Money** (2005), 1 a.m., 1 p.m., *Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey*, comedy/drama  
**North Country** (2005), 3 a.m., 3 p.m., *Charlize Theron, Elle Peterson*, drama  
**The Forgotten** (2004), 5 a.m., 5 p.m., *Julianne Moore, Christopher Kovalski*, thriller/sci-fi  
**Must Love Dogs** (2005), 7 a.m., 7 p.m., *Diane Lane, John Cusack*, comedy/romance  
**The Grudge** (2004), 9 a.m., 9 p.m., *Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr*, horror/mystery  
**Kiss the Bride** (2002), 11 a.m., 11 p.m., *Amanda Detmer, Sean Patrick Flanery*, comedy/drama  
**Lord of War** (2005), *Nicolas Cage, Bridget Moynahan*, crime/drama, Big Top, Friday 9 p.m.  
**Star Wars 1: Phantom Menace** (1999), Big Top, Sunday noon; **Star Wars 2: Attack of the Clones** (2002), Big Top, Sunday 2 p.m.; **Star Wars 3: Revenge of the Sith** (2005), Big Top, Sunday 4 p.m.

### Saturday

Lord of War ..... 1 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 3 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 5 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 7 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 9 a.m.  
 Two for the Money ... 11 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 1 p.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 3 p.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 5 p.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 7 p.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 9 p.m.  
 Two for the Money ... 11 p.m.

### Sunday

The Forgotten ..... 1 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 3 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 5 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 7 a.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 9 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 11 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 1 p.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 3 p.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 5 p.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 7 p.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 9 p.m.  
 Lord of War ..... 11 p.m.

### Monday

Must Love Dogs ..... 1 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 3 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 5 a.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 7 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 9 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 11 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 1 p.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 3 p.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 5 p.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 7 p.m.  
 Lord of War ..... 9 p.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 11 p.m.

### Tuesday

The Grudge ..... 1 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 3 a.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 5 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 7 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 9 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 11 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 1 p.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 3 p.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 5 p.m.  
 Lord of War ..... 7 p.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 9 p.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 11 p.m.

### Wednesday

Kiss the Bride ..... 1 a.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 3 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 5 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 7 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 9 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 11 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 1 p.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 3 p.m.  
 Lord of War ..... 5 p.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 7 p.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 9 p.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 11 p.m.

### Thursday

Two for the Money .... 1 a.m.  
 North Country ..... 3 a.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 5 a.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 7 a.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 9 a.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 11 a.m.  
 Two for the Money .... 1 p.m.  
 Lord of War ..... 3 p.m.  
 The Forgotten ..... 5 p.m.  
 Must Love Dogs ..... 7 p.m.  
 The Grudge ..... 9 p.m.  
 Kiss the Bride ..... 11 p.m.



# Bedrock and beyond...

## activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

### Today

- 5 p.m., **Coed 2 on 2 Basketball:** Bedrock Courts
- 5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6:30 p.m., **Spin:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Dominoes:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7:30 p.m., **Bingo:** Big Top
- 8 p.m., **Karaoke:** Sprung Center
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP
- 9 p.m., **"Lord of War,"** (2005); *Nicolas Cage, Bridget Moynahan*, crime/drama, Big Top

### Saturday

- 2:30 p.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 7 p.m., **Dominoes:** Big Top
- 7 p.m., **Halo 2 TNYs:** ACC
- 9 p.m., **Latin Night:** Big Top

### Sunday

- noon, **Tae Kwon Do:** Muscle Beach (I)
- noon, **"Star Wars Episode 1, The Phantom Menace:** Big Top
- 2 p.m., **"Star Wars Episode 2, Attack of the Clones:** Big Top
- 2:30 p.m., **Pilates:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 4 p.m., **"Star Wars Episode 3, Revenge of the Sith:** Big Top
- 4 p.m., **Horseshoes:** Bedrock Courts
- 5 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **Karaoke:** Big Top
- 7 p.m., **Darts:** ACC
- 8 p.m., **Country Swing:** Sprung Center

### It's your base, so...

Call the 407th Services Squadron with ideas for activities: 445-2696; For information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center: 833-1709; For information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities: 833-1745.

### Monday

- 5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6:30 p.m., **Spin:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Ping Pong:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Darts:** Hot Spot
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

### Tuesday

- 2:30 p.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 7 p.m., **Scrabble:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **9-Ball:** Big Top
- 8:30 p.m., **Salsa:** HOP

### Wednesday

- 8 a.m., **Bench Press Competition:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 a.m., **Health, Morale and Welfare Committee:** Chapel Annex
- 6:30 p.m., **Spin:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Family Feud:** Big Top
- 7 p.m., **Spades TNY:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

### Thursday

- 9:30 a.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6 p.m., **Cardio mix:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **9-Ball:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **5-Card Draw:** Big Top
- 8:30 p.m., **Salsa:** HOP

- (I)**—Instructor
- TNY**—Tournament
- HOP**—House of Pain, Army Fitness Center
- ACC**—Army Community Center

## AEF 9/10 Help Wanted: fitness and recreation instructors

Many of the classes offered at Muscle Beach are lead by volunteers from within the ranks of deployed Airmen. The 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron is looking for volunteers from AEF 9/10 to fill vacancies created when those from AEF 7/8 leave. Opportunities also exist to add activities to the events calendar if you are able to instruct or lead an activity not currently offered.

Please call Tech. Sgt. L.J. Kincade, 407th expeditionary services fitness director, at 445-2136, to talk about how you can make this a better deployment for everybody.