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CHANGE OF COMMAND

Colonel Ployer takes charge of 447th

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell

Chief, Public Affairs

Col. Dennis Ployer assumed command of the 447th Air Expeditionary Group from Col. Joel Malone here Jan. 14.

Colonel Ployer comes to Sather from Pittsburgh International Airport, Air Reserve Station, Pa., where he serves as 911th Airlift Wing vice commander. Immediately following the change of command, Colonel Malone redeployed to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., where he will resume duties as 20th Operations Group commander.

Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, presiding officer, lauded Colonel Malone for his accomplishments as commander and charged Colonel Ployer with continuing the outstanding tradition of the 447th.

“Colonel Malone, you have been wildly successful as a commander,” General Gorenc said. “Personally, I will miss your wise counsel and unbelievable expertise.

“Colonel Ployer, earn the trust of your people,” the general said. “Know them, know your mission, and always do the very best you can. And always remember, to command is an honor and privilege.”

Colonel Malone then thanked the men and women who had served under him, prior to General Gorenc presenting him with the Bronze Star Medal for his leadership here during AEF 7/8.

The unit flag was relinquished by Colonel Malone to General Gorenc and passed to Colonel Ployer, who formerly accepted command of the group.

During his remarks, Colonel Ployer said the bar had been set high by AEF 7/8, but he looks forward to the challenge of raising the bar further during his rotation.

“I am excited and honored to join such a professional community of Airmen, Soldiers and civilians,” Colonel Ployer said. “I am eager to work with the men and women of AEF 9/10 to improve upon the outstanding accomplishments of our predecessors.



Photo by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell

Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, Col. Dennis Ployer and Col. Joel Malone face the audience after change of command was completed Jan. 14.

This marks the colonel’s second deployment here, although much has changed since his first deployment here as commander from July through December 2003.

“The base has seen many improvements since I left here two years ago,” Colonel Ployer said. “But the mission essentially remains the same – moving people and cargo in and out of the theater to sustain the warfighters.

“What has changed significantly is the dynamics of the Iraqi people,” he said. “In the past year, they have demonstrated democracy through three successful elections and brought a former tyrant to trial.”

A major change that AEF 9/10 will witness first-hand is the stand up of Iraq’s first postwar Air Force base next door at New Al Muthana.

“We will have the opportunity to work closely with our Iraqi counterparts as they begin flying their own C-130s in the near future,” said Colonel Ployer. “It is an exciting time for the Iraqis and for us, as we see a new partnership developing that none of us could have predicted just three years ago.”

The colonel said he is ready to meet the challenges ahead and wants the men and women of AEF 9/10 to be mindful of the mission and their surroundings.

“We need to be mindful that we are still in a hostile environment and to be aware of the need for safety, security and each others well being,” he said. “If we stay focused on the mission and taking care of one another, we’ll be able to leave a lasting legacy that we’ll be proud to tell our grandchildren about one day.”

COMMENTARY

Every part counts in the Air Force puzzle

By Capt. Julie Wokaty-Kozma

777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

ALI BASE, Iraq — Descending into Baghdad, my C-130 Hercules crew prepares for landing.

The copilot coordinates with air traffic control while the navigator ensures we follow desired ground track to the field. The flight engineer runs checklists and the loadmasters scan for threats. We keep our speed up as long as possible, configure close to the airfield and the plane settles onto the runway.

Through all the maneuvering, coordinating and flying I have a sense of *deja vu* — with a twist. I've done all this before, but never with this group of people. It's the same, yet different.

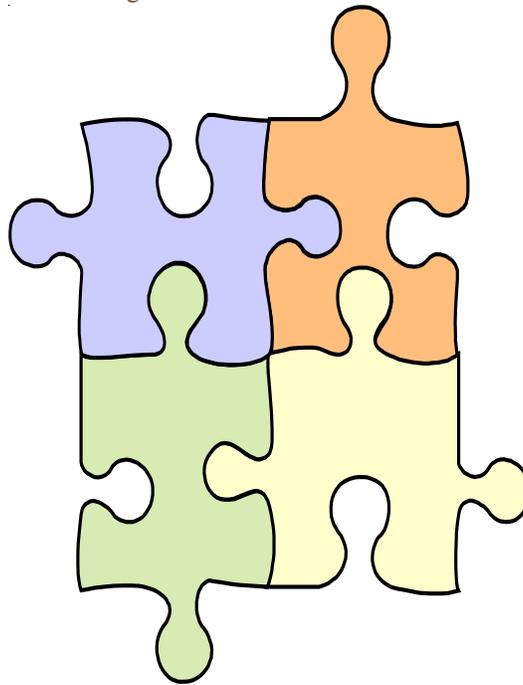
I arrived at Ali Base the last week in December and soon set out on my first Operation Iraqi Freedom mission in more than a year. While it was far from my first time flying in combat, it was my first time flying in combat with this crew. In fact, it was my first time flying with this crew — ever.

I knew little more about them than their name, rank and crew position. This will change over the duration of the deployment, of course. But one might wonder: What enables a crew of people who haven't flown together before to successfully maneuver an aircraft to accomplish a combat mission?

I believe the answer boils down to the

professional integrity of the crewmembers and the support Airmen on the ground. This professional integrity comes from knowing your job, performing your duties to the best of your ability and constantly striving to improve your skills.

From my perspective as a C-130 pilot, I know that each crewmember is trained in specific duties and must be able to perform those duties proficiently. The training and checklists are standardized. Everybody knows what to expect and what's expected from them, regardless of whether they've flown together or not.



Each piece of the puzzle is important, unique and irreplaceable.

My part of the puzzle (and yours) fits into the overall puzzle: Each Air Force Specialty Code having its own unique pieces and each AFSC irreplaceable to the total mission.

Professional integrity allows us to trust that others are doing their jobs correctly, and to accept their product as flawless. I count on the professional integrity of maintenance Airmen, intel Airmen and air terminal operations center Airmen in my job — to name a few. Being able to trust in their abilities and integrity saves crucial time in a combat zone. This trust is vital to mission accomplishment.

Professional integrity also involves challenging yourself to stay at the top of your game and never growing complacent. The enemy and their weapons are constantly changing. Every Airman must stay ahead of these changes to win the war. Staying in the books and keeping up to speed on latest tactics, techniques and procedures keeps our skills sharp and up to date.

Knowing that you work hard to be your best at your job and trusting others to do the same, that's the professional integrity that allows us to show up in a combat zone and complete a mission with people we have never worked with. It distinguishes professional warfighters from ordinary citizens.

No matter how your duties fit into the puzzle, you are vital to the Air Force mission. Wherever your piece of the puzzle fits, work hard to bring the entire picture together for mission accomplishment.



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Col. Dennis Ployer takes the guidon from Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, 332d AEW commander, as the new 447 AEG commander. See Page 2 for rest of story.



Photo by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL NEWS

2006 defense budget increases pay, benefits

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush ushered in an across-the-board 3.1 percent military pay raise, effective Jan. 1.

It includes a variety of new or enhanced benefits for servicemembers and their families when he signed the 2006 National Defense Authorization Bill into law Jan. 6.

In addition to a pay raise that's a half percent higher than the average private-sector increase, the new budget provides about 20 new or increased bonuses or special pays or benefits. This reflects a trend DOD officials emphasize is becoming increasingly rare in the private sector.

The new law provides a variety of benefits designed to better compensate servicemembers, improve their quality of life, bring reserve-component benefits more on par with those for the active force and promote recruiting and retention, Chuck Witschonke, DOD's deputy director for compensation, said.

"Not only does it contain the routine annual pay raise, which is one-half percent higher than the raise measured in the private sector, but it also includes a number of increases in ceilings on some very important pays," he said.

Among the law's most significant features are:

- An increase in the maximum reenlistment bonus offered, from \$60,000 to 90,000;
- A higher maximum enlistment bonus, up from \$20,000 to \$40,000;
- A new ceiling on hardship-duty pay, from \$300 to \$750 a month;
- A doubling of the maximum assignment incentive pay for hard-to-fill billets or assignments, from \$1,500 to \$3,000 a month, now payable either in a lump sum or installments;
- A new allowance to cover the first \$150,000 in Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance premiums for troops serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom;

- A new bonus of up to \$2,500 for servicemembers who agree to transfer from one service to another and serve for at least three years;

- An incentive pay of up to \$1,000 for servicemembers who refer someone who enlists in the Army and successfully completes basic training;

- An average 5.9 percent increase in housing allowances, with authority to increase set levels temporarily by as much as 20 percent in areas affected by natural disasters or troop surges resulting from force realignments;

- An increase of 2,000 pounds in the household goods weight allowance for senior noncommissioned officers E-7 and above;

- Enhanced death benefits, resulting in a total of \$238,000 for all deaths not previously qualified for enhanced benefits, and the permanent institution of a policy that continues the basic allowance for housing or government quarters for one year for families of deceased servicemembers;

- Authority to pay the applicable overseas cost-of-living allowance to dependents who remain at their location outside the continental United States when a servicemember deploys from that location;

- Expanded eligibility or increased ceilings for special pays for designated medical and dental officers, and officers with nuclear qualifications;

- A bonus of up to \$12,000 per year for both active and reserve members with certified language proficiency;

- Payment of travel and lodging for families of hospitalized servicemembers wounded in combat zones or other designated areas.

The law also provides a variety of benefits specifically targeting members of the reserve components. These include:

- Full housing allowance payments for reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days, vs. the previous 140-day requirement;

- Income replacement benefits to help offset the pay loss some reservists and guardsmen experience when called to active duty, based on specific guidelines provided in the law;

- Increases in the maximum payment for accession and affiliation bonuses, from \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively, to a consolidated \$20,000 for enlistment in the Selected Reserve;

- Boosts in the maximum affiliation bonus for officers in the Selected Reserve, from \$6,000 to \$10,000;

- A bonus that could total up to \$100,000 over a career for members with a designated critical skill or who volunteer to serve in a designated high-priority unit; and

- Extension of eligibility for a prior-service enlistment bonus to include Selected Reserve members who previously received one.

Mr. Witschonke emphasized that the new law does not guarantee that all servicemembers will qualify for these pays and benefits, or that those who do will receive the highest amounts authorized. Rather, the law gives defense and service leaders the flexibility they need to tailor the force to meet operational, recruiting and retention goals.

The 2006 authorization act, like those in recent years, reflects steady progress in compensating servicemembers and their families with increased benefits and opportunities, he said.

"Every year for the past several years, our servicemembers have gotten larger pay, increased benefits and increased special incentive pays. This is a clear reflection of our Congress, our administration and our country wanting to take care of our servicemembers and their families," he said.

"The members of our uniformed services should feel very good about this year's defense bill as a follow-on to those from past few years," he said.

More information about pay and benefits is posted on DOD's military compensation Web site at www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/.

AIR FORCE NEWS

SECAF celebrates ‘welcome to the blue’

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne was “welcomed into blue” during a ceremony here Jan. 12. He was received by a hundreds of Airmen, the Air Force Honor Guard and Air Force Band.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the Air Force, presided over the event and told everyone present it was “an honor and privilege” to welcome Secretary Wynne back to the Air Force family.

Secretary Wynne spent seven years in the Air Force and taught at the Air Force Academy before joining the commercial aerospace industry, where he assisted in the development of the F-16 Fighting Falcon as well as the Atlas and Centaur space launch vehicles.

“Secretary Wynne will play a pivotal role in making the Air Force better for the 21st century,” General Moseley said. “He’s already making a difference, and I’m extremely grateful to have him with us.”

Although he was sworn in as the 21st secretary of the Air Force at the Air Force Academy in November, today’s event was a formal welcome ceremony among his peers and co-workers in the national capital region.

“I can’t tell you how humbled I am to be your secretary,” Secretary Wynne told the crowd of Airmen. “Seeing you all here is inspiring to me.”

He cited the efforts of his predecessors and thanked them. He also spoke of his recent trip to Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I met the brave men and women of the Air Force as well as our



ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne is “welcomed into the blue” during a ceremony here today. He assumed the duties as the 21st secretary of the Air Force in November 2005. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.)

joint partners from other services and nations serving on the front lines in the global war on terrorism,” Secretary Wynne said. “I was truly impressed with their enthusiasm and their commitment.”

Seeing the secretary welcomed into the Air Force was exciting for many Airmen — witnessing Air Force history being made.

“I’ve only been in seven months. So when I was asked if I wanted to go, I said, ‘Of course,’” said Airman Jennifer Hicklin, who works at the Pentagon’s military personnel flight. “This was a big deal and I’m glad I got to be a part of it.”

Billing date changes for government travel card

By Megan Orton

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force government travel card billing cycles for individually billed accounts will begin closing out on the 22nd of each month beginning in March.

The current cycle ends the third day of every month, so cardholders will experience a long cycle running Feb. 3 through March 22.

Bank of America will have customer service representatives available and prepared to handle all calls relating to the cycle date change.

Cardholders can now register online for electronic account government ledger system user IDs and passwords using information found on GTC statements. This system allows cardholders to view current transactions and previous statement activity and maintain account information online.

To register, visit www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/eagls_selfregistration/selfreg.aspx. EAGLS user IDs and passwords will be mailed to the address associated with your GTC.

For more information, call the EAGLS technical help desk at (800) 472-1424.

AIR FORCE NEWS

Defense Department seeks ESGR nominations

Guardsmen, Reservists and family members encouraged to nominate employers for Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards

ARLINGTON, Va. – The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, announced that nominations will be accepted at the ESGR website beginning January 9th for the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards.

The nomination process opens on January 9, 2006 and will conclude on February 28, 2006. Over 1,500 nominations were submitted in 2005 on the ESGR website. In 2006 the goal is 5,000 nominations, a relatively small number, as ESGR estimates that over 200,000 employers in America employ National Guardsmen and Reservists.

To nominate their employers, National Guardsmen, Reservists, or their family members need only to visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil, and complete the 2006 Freedom Award nomination form online. ESGR Field Committees will review the nominations, and have the option to present three nominations per committee for

review by the National Selection Board which will select up to 15 as 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipients.

In 1996, the then Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The award publicly recognizes employers nominated by their employees, who voluntarily serve in the National Guard and Reserve, for exceptional support above the requirements of the USERRA Law. This prestigious award is the highest in a series of Department of Defense employer support awards that include the Patriot Award, the ESGR Above and Beyond Award and the Pro Patria Award.

“I am encouraging all National Guardsmen and Reservists worldwide, and their family members, to visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil to nominate their employers for this prestigious national award that recognizes supportive employers who provide exemplarily support above the USERRA Law requirements for their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve”, said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director.

73-year-old great-grandmother back from Iraq

DALLAS – Folks in Oklahoma are readjusting to an image not typically associated with the global war on terrorism, a 73-year old great-grandmother just back from Operating Iraqi Freedom.

Lawton native Lena Haddix has spent the last six months in full battle armor helping troops find snacks, shampoo and other American products at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service PX/BX in **Camp Liberty, Iraq.**

The personification of the Exchange’s motto of “We Go Where You Go,” Haddix recently returned from her second voluntary deployment to the Middle East as a store manager. After previously volunteering to work in Kuwait, Haddix decided her work wasn’t done and went back for a second tour of duty, this time to Baghdad, Iraq.

“I’m glad to do it for the Soldiers,” said Haddix. She explained that troops came to expect her presence at the store and often called her Mom. “When the convoys would come back, the troops would stop by the store and shout, ‘Mom, we made it!’”

After being gone for almost a year, Haddix will return this Sunday to the Ft. Sill Post Exchange to continue to support troops and their families here at home.

“People like Lena are critical to the morale of our deployed troops,” said AAFES Chief of Contingency Planning Lt. Col. Steven Dean. “It is only through them that AAFES is able to deliver retail, fast food and telecommunication services that they would expect to find back home to a war zone.”

When asked about her time overseas and if she would consider going back, Haddix replied, “I’m thinking about it.”

AAFES currently operates more than 60 stores throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Troops can find a variety of items from basic supplies including socks, personal care items and beverages to comfort items including televisions, DVD players and movies.

AIR FORCE NEWS

23:59:60 ... Atomic clock takes quantum leap

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum

50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — A leap second.

It's a time on the clock that doesn't come along very often, and it's a subject of debate between astronomers and clock watchers. Outside the debate is the job of making sure everyone who relies on the leap second receives it.

That job, in the hands of the 2nd Space Operations Squadron here and the U.S. Naval Observatory, went without a hitch Dec. 31 as the USNO clock ticked to 23:59:60 Universal Time Coordinated.

Leap seconds came about as the result of the United States adopting atomic clocks as time standards, said Bill Bollwerk, head of the USNO Detachment Colorado here.

"When we went to atomic clocks, we found they were more stable than the earth's rotation," he said. Atomic clocks, which use the "ticking" of cesium-133 atoms, are about 4,000 times more accurate than the Earth's rotation.

Because atomic clocks are so much more accurate, the United States defined a second in 1958 as the time it takes for an atom of cesium-133 to tick through 9,192,631,770 cycles.

The difference between an atomic second and an astronomical second seems small — usually a second or less during a year, which is 31.5 million seconds long. Over several years, however, the fractions of a second add up. When they add up to 0.9 second, the International Earth Rotation Service, located at the USNO in Washington, D.C., adds a leap second to the calendar, Mr. Bollwerk said.

The role of squadron and the USNO is to ensure everyone in the Department of Defense receives the leap second correctly.

"(The USNO's) role is the time standard for DOD," Mr. Bollwerk said. "We



The U.S. Naval Observatory Alternate Master Clock, located at the 2nd Space Operations Squadron's operations center, is accurate to within one second every 20 million years. The clock showed 23:59:60 Dec.31, as the squadron and USNO added the first leap second in seven years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder)

maintain correct time. Our responsibility is to put DOD time in conformance with the UTC standard."

Proper handling of leap seconds is crucial for navigation and satellite communications, Mr. Bollwerk said. Global positioning system timing signals help synchronize the position of the earth relative to the satellites, ensuring the best possible accuracy for military and civil users.

Power companies use the USNO master clock's precise timing to control power distribution and reduce power loss, according to the USNO's Leap Second fact sheet. In addition, radio and television stations require precise timing in order to broadcast and synchronize nationwide transmissions to local audiences.

The Dec. 31 leap second was the first since Dec. 31, 1998 — the longest span of time without a leap second since they

were implemented in 1972.

Leap seconds have sparked controversy between astronomers and those who rely on the stability of the atomic clock.

Some researchers believe leap seconds will become more frequent, occurring twice per year, as the earth's rotation slows over the next century.

Astronomer Dennis McCarthy, a retired director of the USNO Directorate on Time, advocates abolishing the leap second. However, both astronomers and time experts agree that little data supports the assertion that leap seconds have been problematic.

Until or unless scientists can agree on a different solution for the difference between atomic and astronomical time, 23:59:60 may become ever more familiar to clock watchers and Schriever's space professionals.

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

SATHER NEWS

Do you know your alarm conditions?

FORCE PROTECTION

SATHER AIR BASE ALARM LEVELS			
ALARM	IF YOU:	THIS INDICATES:	GENERAL ACTIONS:
GREEN	HEAR: ALARM GREEN	NO PROBABLE THREAT OF ENEMY ATTACK	-NORMAL WARTIME CONDITION -HELMET/BODY ARMOR NOT REQUIRED -ASSUME DIRECTED MOPP
YELLOW	HEAR: ALARM YELLOW	ATTACK IS PROBABLE	-SEEK SHELTER WHEN DIRECTED -WEAR HELMET AND BODY ARMOR -ASSUME DIRECTED MOPP
RED	HEAR: WAVERING TONE ON SIRENS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALARM RED	ATTACK IS IMMINENT OR IN PROGRESS	-TAKE IMMEDIATE COVER (SEE NOTE 1) -WEAR HELMET AND BODY ARMOR -ASSUME DIRECTED MOPP
BUGLE CALL	HEAR: BUGLE CALL OR CALVARY CHARGE OVER GIANT VOICE	ATTACK BY GROUND FORCES IS IMMINENT OR IN PROGRESS	-TAKE IMMEDIATE COVER -IF ARMED, DEFEND SELF & OTHERS -POSITIVELY IDENTIFY TARGETS BEFORE ENGAGING -CONTROL ENTRY TO UNIT FACILITIES -ESPS PROVIDES MAIN DEFENSE -REPORT ACTIVITY TO ESPS (0120/0121) -STAY OFF ESPS RADIO NET
BLACK	HEAR: STEADY TONE ON SIREN AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALARM BLACK	ATTACK IS OVER UXO HAZARDS AND/OR NBC CONTAMINATION IS SUSPECTED OR PRESENT	-STAY UNDER COVER -ONLY MISSION CRITICAL MOVEMENT -PERFORM SELF AID/BUDDY CARE -ASSUME DIRECTED MOPP -CONTINUE TO WEAR HELMET/BODY ARMOR

****AFB COMMAN DER MAY DIRECT ALARM CONDITIONS TO THE ENTIRE BASE OR TO ONE OR MORE ZONES****
 1. DUE TO CURRENT ROCKET THREAT, THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF IS TO DROP IMMEDIATELY TO THE GROUND. DO NOT RUN FOR SHELTER DURING THE ATTACK.
 2. IF YOU ARE MUST BE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AT QUARTERS OR WORK (5 MINUTES AWAY).
 3. COMMANDERS MAY DIRECT MISSION-ESSENTIAL TASKS OR FUNCTIONS TO CONTINUE AT INCREASED RISK
 4. THIS ALARM CONDITION MAY BE APPLIED TO AN ENTIRE INSTALLATION OR ASSIGNED TO ONE OR MORE DEFENSE SECTORS OR ZONES.

ARMING STATUS

- Green – weapon on person with a fully loaded magazine in your possession but not in the weapon
- Amber – weapon and full basic load on person, fully loaded magazine in the weapon, no round chambered
- Red – weapon and full basic load on person, fully loaded magazine in the weapon, round chambered

NOTE - A full basic load for the M9 is two fully loaded 15-round magazines. A full basic load for the M16/M4 is 7 fully loaded 30-round magazines.

UNIFORM POSTURE CHART

Level	Description
U1	Normal posture – duty uniform
U2	Temporary wear of elevated posture (helmet, vest)
U3	Elevated posture until further notice
U4	Elevated posture + combat earplugs + amber arming stance
U5	Elevated posture + combat earplugs + red arming stance

Alarm Green

- Normal wartime condition
- Keep gear within 10-mins of you at all times

Alarm Yellow

- Wear helmet and body armor
- Remain alert to possible attacks
- Seek shelter when directed
- No MOPP unless directed

Alarm Red

- Personnel drop immediately to the ground
- Don Protective Gear
- Take Cover
- No MOPP unless directed

Alarm Black

- Once BLACK is declared; PAR teams conduct sweeps when directed
- Stay undercover
- Keep gear on
- No MOPP unless directed

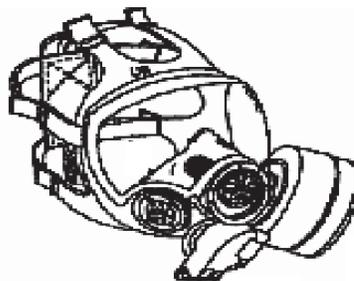
Accountability

- Accountability following an attack is essential
- After returning to Alarm Yellow or Green report your status to your unit immediately
- Follow your unit's procedures for accountability.

Please ensure your facility has this Force Protection Visual Aid posted as well as the Zone in which you are located.

Make sure you have replaced your training canister with the operational C2 Canister. BE CAREFUL when opening the C2 canister can. The edges are VERY sharp and could potentially cause severe lacerations to your fingers.

Don't forget to inspect your mask every seven days!



NEWS BRIEFS

Right Start Briefings

All new personnel are required to attend a Right Start briefing within one week of arrival.

The briefings are held every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. in the Glass House conference room.

Airmen are required to bring their gas mask and a new (unopened) filter cannister to the briefing.

Flightline Photography

Flightline photography is prohibited without prior approval from Public Affairs. Individuals caught taking photos or videotaping on or around the flightline without PA approval run the risk of being apprehended by Security Forces and having their camera or camcorder confiscated.

When taking photos around base, please use the same principles learned at weapons training: only aim at what you intend to shoot, and know what is behind the subject being photographed.

Sending photos and videos home to loved ones is okay, but they should never be sent directly to media.

For more information, contact PA at 446-2408 or stop by the Glass House.

No Pets Allowed

Sorry, but you'll have to wait until you return home to play with your own pets.

Do not feed any stray animals in camp, it is a violation of General Order No. 1. Stray animals may carry fleas, ticks, rabies, and are hosts to sand flies, which can cause leishmaniasis. During warmer weather many bats will begin appearing at night again, which is beneficial since they eat their weight in insects that would otherwise be biting you!

However, they can carry rabies. If you see a sick bat on the ground do not touch or attempt to pick it up. More to come on other critters when the weather starts heating up again.

Hometown News

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service reports on the individual accomplishments of active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen, as well as DoD civilians.

The news service sends news releases to media serving your hometown. Some suitable subjects for a news release include arrival here, promotions, awards and decorations, reenlistments and individual achievements. If you're interested in completing a news release, contact Public Affairs by calling 446-2408 or stop by the Glass House.

Sick Call

The 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron provides an around-the-clock walk-in sick call service.

There are many risks associated with life at Sather such as sprained ankles, upset stomachs, cuts, scrapes, bruises, etc. These and other ailments should be treated by a doctor since conditions can worsen here if left untreated.

Personal Hygiene

The biggest medical threat here is poor sanitation. Your mother was right when she used to say, "Wash your hands..."

The routine is simple to remember, wash your hands after using the latrine, wash your hands before eating, and wash your hands just to wash your hands!

Remove trash from your tent regularly and place in a sealed garbage bag in the dumpster. Leaving trash and food around invites critters such as insects, rodents, snakes, scorpions and feral cats, to move in with you!

Legal Services

Legal services here are limited to notary public service only. All other legal services are provided by the 332nd

Air Expeditionary Wing Legal Office at Balad Air Base. If you need an attorney or legal advice, please call them at DSN 318-458-2636.

Area Defense Council services are offered through the ADC office at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. You can contact them at DSN 314-480-2182.

Bottled Water Safety

The 447th EMEDS Bioenvironmental Flight tests a percentage of each lot of bottled water delivered to Sather to ensure bottles are free of bacteria.

In addition, bottles are randomly tested for agents of interest. These measures are taken to ensure your safety. You can help too by taking a few simple steps:

- Before opening the bottle, check for any puncture marks, leaks or discoloration;
- Invert the bottle and inspect for any pinholes; and
- When opening, listen and check to ensure the seal breaks.

If you notice anything unusual about a bottle of water, such as described above, **do not drink the water**. Contact

Air Force PTU Wear

Here are a few reminders for wear of the PT uniform:

- Shirt: tucked in
- Shoes: tied
- Socks: white
- Hats: floppy, 8-point or AF-issued watch cap
- Watch cap: outdoors only; with layered shirts or jacket
- Shirt: only gray AF PTU t-shirt

Special note: may wear black long-sleeved shirt, turtleneck or Air Force issued thermal shirt under AF gray t-shirt.

Post Office sets inspection guidelines

By Staff Sgt. Greg Sartain

Postmaster

In light of some recent incidents where non-mailable items have been discovered in the mail, more strict guidelines to parcel inspection have been implemented.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Please read below and help us help you out by having your parcels ready for inspection when you come in to mail an item.

a. All parcels will be brought unsealed to the local APO for inspection.

Clerks will take the customer's identification card and ask whether the package contains any contraband or non-mailable material.

The clerk will verify name in return address with the ID card, if they are not the same, follow the "mailed by" procedure and annotate the mailers name and unit under the return address, with mailers signature.

b. Clerks will thoroughly inspect each parcel to ensure that it contains no contraband or non-mailable material.

A metal detection wand (if available) will be used to assist in screening packages and contents. However, the best method is attention-to-detail; clerks will verify that contents listed on the custom form are the same as contents contained in the parcel.

Clerks should open any boxes inside the parcel; thoroughly examine all clothes, rugs, and towels for concealed items; examine video recorders and other electronic devices closely for evidence of modification to conceal items inside.

If the parcel is large (i.e. foot locker) the contents will need to be removed from the parcel until the bottom is reached and a complete inspection is performed, only then can the customer repack the parcel.

c. Each mailed parcel must legibly indicate the inspector's rank and name and the date the item was inspected.

The parcel inspector will annotate this information on the PS Form 2976-A below the customer's signature; on the PS Form 2976, both sides of the form below the customer's signature.

The APO's copy of each custom form must be kept on file for a minimum of 30 days and is an inspection item. Each location should institute an inspection log on who is doing inspection.

The inspection clerk will ensure that the package is sealed immediately in the presence of both the clerk and the patron.

d. Postal personnel finding non-mailable items in parcels will immediately notify their postmaster.

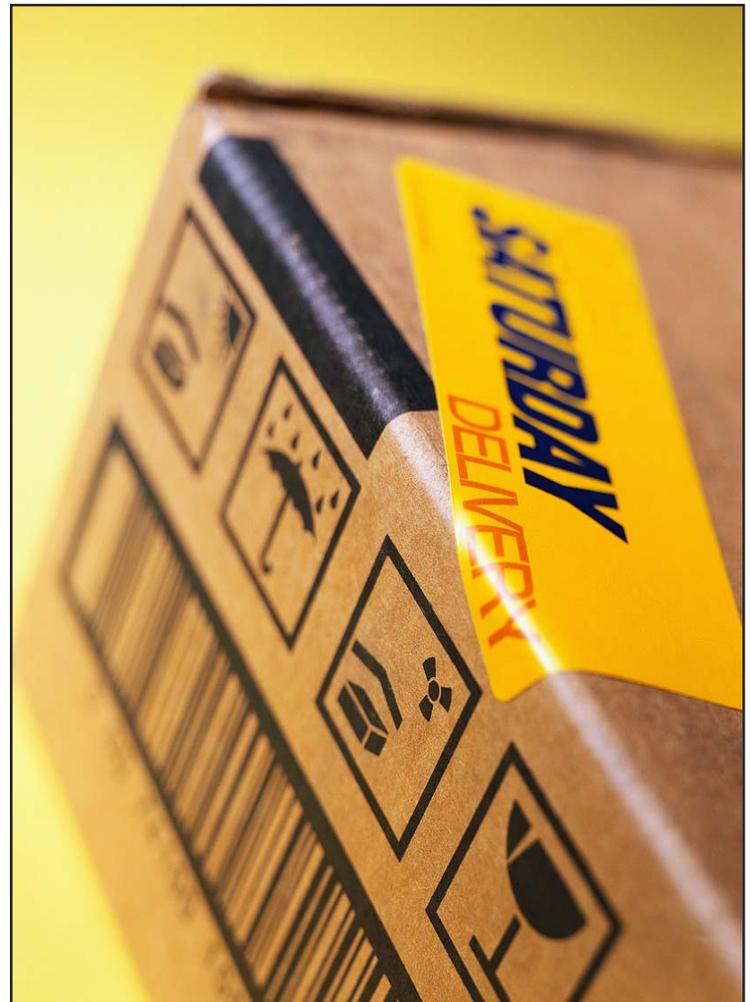
The postmaster will notify local authorities and submit a memorandum of the incident along with the authorities' report via email to acc.postal.ops@auab.centaf.af.mil.

e. Any parcel inspector who blatantly allows non-mailable material to pass through the open parcel inspection should be subject to disciplinary action through their chain of command.

Some particular areas have been highlighted for your reference; however, all of this material effects you as the mailer.

Please ensure all packages within the parcel, i.e. gift boxes, etc. are readily available for inspection and can be opened. If it cannot be, it cannot be mailed.

For more information, please contact the postmaster at greg.sartian@bdab.centaf.af.mil or call 446-2036.



Feature

Give and take, teach and learn

Building a new Iraqi air force

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ALI BASE, Iraq — Reality is often at odds with expectations when Airmen deploy.

This difference can be extreme when the mission is to provide military training to a recent enemy.

But several Airmen near the end of six-month deployments as advisory support team instructors say they would rather stay here than go home after their experiences. During their deployment they have had a chance to directly shape the future of the world, learn about and gain respect for a different culture, meet men they now call brothers and solidify their belief that the U.S. Air Force is the greatest in the world.

“It wasn’t like I was on the fence before I came, I volunteered to do this,” said Tech. Sgt. John Furber, deployed from the 463rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. “But now I know I’ve been part of something really big. I have a stake in it now. I know (Iraqi Airmen) and have a lot of respect for what they’re doing.”

Iraqi Air Force Airmen live and work with their American counterparts here. The tent city at Ali Base has no walls or concertina wire separating coalition partners. Everybody lives together, shares the fitness center, laundry, library, recreational centers and dining facility. Iraqi Airmen share family photos, important events in their lives and perspectives on the past and hopes for the future with American Airmen.

“I’m taking away a sense that we’ve become part of the same family,” said Tech. Sgt. Mike Garrison, deployed from the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Little Rock. “These men are no different from us. Americans fight and die for their country and these guys did the same thing. “They love their families and their



Tech. Sgt. Charles Francks instructs one of his propulsion students.

country, and are glad we got rid of Saddam (Hussein). We are brothers,” he said.

This new relationship has come a long way during the past year.

One Iraqi maintainer was at Ali Base during the first Gulf war. He saw his commander get killed during the first night of “Shock and Awe.” Today he is learning to repair the C-130 Hercules given to Iraq by the U.S. in January 2005.

The advisory support team instructors are with the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron here. The Iraqi Airmen belong to Squadron 23 (Transport), which stood up Jan. 14, 2005. The relationship between the squadrons was labeled last month as “the greatest training success story in the Iraqi Air Force,” by Maj. Gen. Allen Peck, deputy combined forces air component commander, who accompanied Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne on a visit here.

“We’ve come a long way,” said Senior Master Sgt. George Godsey, also deployed from the 463rd.

“When (group two) got here, the training of the new Iraqi Air Force was well under

way. We were able to kick things into the next gear, take (Iraqi maintainers) to another level,” Sergeant Godsey said. “Now success is up to them. We’ve given them the tools to make it, but it’s up to them to make it or break it.”

The Iraqi squadron is scheduled to move to their permanent home at New Al Muthana Air Base at Baghdad International Airport within the next few weeks.

Although it will not be self-reliant when it gets to its new home, each day brings them closer, officials said.

Language barriers seem to be the only remaining stumbling block, Sergeant Garrison said.

“The (maintenance reference materials) are all in English. But other than that problem — these guys are running at full speed. They’ve made huge strides. They know the airframe and know the systems.”

English instruction, which is temporarily on hold while the squadron relocates, will continue when it arrives at New Al Muthana, said Maj. Jed McCray, the 777th’s maintenance flight commander, who is deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

The major, who will return to Scott in a few weeks, is also taking away just as much, if not more, than he brought with him to the training mission, he said. Most importantly, Major McCray said he’s developed a greater respect for what the United States is trying to do in Iraq and its part in the global war on terrorism — admiration for those who have to make the top-level decisions and an appreciation for the Iraqi people and a solid belief in Air Force institutions and standards.

“Many of these (Iraqi) men are doing this for their country,” Major McCray said. “They give up a lot being away from their families. Because for most Iraqis, family is everything.

“And they still can’t wear (their Iraqi Air Force) insignia on their chest or tell their neighbors that they’re leaving for duty with the air force.”

Iraqi Airmen and their families are targets for enemy retribution, so they protect their identities closely.

Still the training continues.

Escorts help keep Sather safe



Photo by Senior Airman Leticia G. Hopkins

Staff Sgt. Thomas Mensik inspects personal items at the search pit.

By Senior Airman Leticia Hopkins

447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Escort

Forty-one Airmen from various career fields deployed here as security escorts to assist Security Forces in keeping the base safe for the AEF 7/8 rotation.

Assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, the escorts accompany Iraqi and third country nationals on various work details around base.

The escorts handled about 27 details a day on average. They made sure nothing was removed from the camp by local nationals or TCNs by keeping a close eye on them and listening for any information that could possibly harm the personnel here.

The escorts paid special attention to trash removal to ensure addresses or other important material found was properly disposed.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Mensik, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, believes the escorts are a great help because they free up manpower.

“Escorts provide a security service that frees us to do more responsibilities concerning base security,” Sergeant Mensik said. “They enable us to man additional positions without pulling people off other security details.”

Some escorts not only accompany the workers on details, but also to and from entry control points between the bases.

Another duty some escorts have worked is the armory. They help keep the controlled area safe, and ensure each escort receives the right duty weapon and ammunition load.

Unlike the security forces they assist, escorts only work a four-month rotation and will depart with the majority of AEF 7/8 forces in January.

Who let them dogs out?

By Senior Airman Leticia Hopkins

447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Escort

Some security forces personnel do have a bite worse than their bark.

That would be the four military working dogs deployed here as part of the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron -- not the six handlers that accompanied them.

The Security Forces Squadron bundle includes Staff Sgts. Christopher Akin, Joshua Goehl, Steven Keller, Vanessa McMackin, Anthony Perkins and Ian Valencia along with Laika, Rex, Eros and Benny.

The main mission of the MWD team is to provide explosive detection. The team also provides deterrence, safety and security. They accomplish this by searching inbound vehicles, performing sweeps on incoming mail and security support for distinguished visitors.

“We are the front-line defense for any explosives coming on base, a deterrence,” said Sergeant Akin. “The first line of

defense to keep anything from getting on Sather, explosive material-wise.”

The MWDs also have a unique quality of being force multipliers. The team is able to perform some of the tasks quicker and in some cases more efficiently than a group of law enforcement personnel.

“I think the dog team takes the place of ten straight legs,” said Sergeant Perkins.

Prior to their deployment here, each dog-handler and their dogs attended a 17-day training course. The Silver Springs Alpha Training was held in Indian Springs, Nev., to help prepare for the intense desert temperatures they were about to face.

Sergeant Keller recalled his part in the Election Day security during the early, still dark hours of the morning, Dec. 15.

Sergeant Keller and Sergeant Akin along with an American and Iraqi Special Forces team searched the area for explosives where people would be visiting later to cast their votes. Their work helped ensure the safety of voting Iraqis.

The trainer and handlers work with the dogs keeping them healthy and giving them

the things they need; including playtime during the day.

“The dogs are very effective -- both psychologically and in providing detection,” said Sergeant Keller.



Photo by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell

Staff Sgt. Anthony Perkins stands guard with his partner Eros.



Striker Dining Facility Menu

Daily Breakfast Menu

Baked bacon/sausage patties
Creamed beef
Canadian bacon or ham slices
Onion&mushroom quiche
breakfast burrito
Assorted omeletes/eggs to order
Scrambled eggs/hard boiled eggs
Hash browns
Grits/Oatmeal
Waffles/French toast

Short Order Lunch/Dinner

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Frankfurters
Grilled cheese
Egg rolls
Chicken tenders/Buffalo wings
Pizza/Tacos
Potato/Pasta bar
Baked beans
French fries/onion rings
Philly cheesesteaks

Saturday, Jan. 14

Lunch

Vegetarian vegetable soup
Cornish game hens
Grilled pork chops
Fried shrimp
Meat loaf
Buttered noodles

Dinner

Roasted chicken
Yankee pot roast
Herb-baked salmon filets
Spaghetti w/meat sauce

Sunday, Jan. 15

Lunch

Chicken noodle soup
Roasted turkey
BBQ ribs
Fried fish
Beef stroganoff

Dinner

Smothered pork chops
Grilled steak
Fried chicken
Baked fish
Ham hocks
Polish sausage w/peppers & onions
Baked macaroni & cheese

Monday, Jan. 16

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
Oven-baked chicken
Glazed baked ham
Turkey curry
Salisbury steak

Dinner

Cubed BBQ beef
Breaded shrimp
Lemon-baked fish
Honey-glazed Cornish hens

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Lunch

Cream of broccoli soup
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Braised beef cubes
Fried fish
Grilled pork chops

Dinner

Fried fish
Veal schnitzel
Meatloaf
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Roast beef
Fried chicken
Lemon-baked fish
Turkey pot pie
Noodles Parmesan

Dinner

Baked chicken
Chili mac
Lasagna w/eggplant parmesan
Corned beef

Thursday, Jan. 19

Lunch

Chicken noodle soup
Baked salmon/crab bites
Breaded scallops
Turkey cutlets
Noodles Jefferson

Dinner

Grilled pork chops
Roast beef
Roasted turkey
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Friday, Jan. 20

Lunch

New England clam chowder
T-bone steak
Lobster tails
Crab legs
Baked fish
Fried fish
Fried shrimp
Seafood gumbo
Fried chicken
Baked macaroni & cheese

Dinner

BBQ ribs
Beef pot pie
Roasted turkey
Salisbury steak

Saturday, Jan. 21

Lunch

Vegetarian vegetable soup
Meat loaf
BBQ ribs
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Caribbean chicken

Dinner

Beef & Noodles
Baked ham
Fried fish
Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sunday, Jan. 22

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Roast beef
Baked fish
Veal Parmesan
Cornish game hens

Dinner

Smothered pork chops
Grilled sausage w/onions & peppers
Fried chicken
Baked fish
Ham hocks
BBQ Ribs
Savory bread dressing

Monday, Jan. 23

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
Rotisserie chicken
Italian-style veal steak
Salisbury steak

Dinner

Texas-style beef brisket
Turkey cutlet
Braised beef & Noodles
Fried chicken

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Lunch

Cream of broccoli soup
Yakisoba
Pulledpork BBQ
Caribbean chicken
Swiss steak w/mushrooms&onions

Dinner

Roast pork loin
Veal parmesan
Meatloaf
Parmesan Pollock fish

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Lunch

Chicken w/rice soup
Swedish meatballs
BBQ chicken
Corned beef
Honey-glazed ham
Buttered noodles

Dinner

Baked chicken
Grilled pork chops
Fish fillet
Roast beef

Thursday, Jan. 26

Lunch

Vegetarian vegetable soup
Roast turkey
Chicken pot pie
Braised beef
Roast pork ham

Dinner

Lasagna w/eggplant
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Veal parmesan
Cheese manacotti
Fried chicken

Friday, Jan. 27

Lunch

New England clam chowder
T-bone steak
Lobster tails
Crab legs
Baked fish
Fried fish
Fried shrimp
Seafood gumbo
Fried chicken
Baked macaroni & cheese

Dinner

Salisbury steak
Bakedchicken
Glazed-baked ham
Italian veal
Steamed pasta (tri-color rotini)

Note: Rice and/or potatoes and a variety of vegetables are served with every meal.

Menu is subject to change without notice!



Chapel Activities

Song of Solomon Video Series

9-10 a.m., Saturdays, Victory Chapel

This is one of the hottest deployment video series of the past decade, and we now have new and improved the 10th Anniversary Edition.

Tommy Nelson, pastor of *Denton Bible Church* and teacher of the *Metro Bible Study* in Dallas, speaks frankly and humorously about one of the most neglected books in the Bible, the *Song of Solomon*, as well as some of the most ignored topics in the church today -- intimacy, sexuality and romance.

You will find this series refreshing and energizing. It is excellent for married people who want to strengthen their relationship with their spouse. It is also a great preparatory tool for people thinking about marriage or just dating.

Bottom line, don't miss out on this series. The material is designed for both individual and group study. Whether for singles, married couples, young or old, this study will be of great benefit.

"Romantic relationships affect everyone. Do we think that God has given us desire and passion without any instruction? Has God given us romance and tossed it like a grenade? Did He just say, 'play around with it until you figure it out?' No, He has given us an entire book that deals with all of this and more. It's called the Song of Solomon." -- Tommy Nelson

Victory Chapel Worship Services

SUNDAY

8 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service
10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service
2 p.m., LDS Service
3 p.m., Catholic Mass: Striker Chapel
7:30 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service

MONDAY

8 p.m., Protestant Worship Service

Note: All worship services held at the Victory Chapel unless otherwise noted. **Transportation for Catholic mass leaves the Glass House for Striker Chapel at 2:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions or other religious or spiritual needs, please contact the chapel staff in the chapel office or call 446-2452.

Did the Magi come from Iraq?

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu

407th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain

I once had a chance to visit Northern Iraq. While there, many Kurdish Christians talked to me about the Bible and Christian history, often times asking rhetorically: "Do you know that one of the Magi who visited Christ at His birth was a Kurd?"

I find it an interesting question to consider.

The only direct mentioning of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus in the Bible was in chapter 2 of Matthew's gospel. It's written: "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage...'" The key words are "Magi from the East," but Matthew did not state the number of visitors, their names, status or origins. This is where the speculation and my search begin.

First, the remotest connection that might have associated the Magi with Iraq was around 586 BCE at the time of Daniel. It was Daniel who held the office of "Rab-mag," or chief among the Magi of Nebuchadnezzar's court during the Jewish exile to Babylon. Daniel's tomb is located in present day Kirkuk., Iraq.

The word Magi, (plural of magus), in the New Testament is derived from the Greek word magoi. The King James Version translated it as "Wise Men" and the Catholic Bible called them "Astrologers." They were scholars and scientists based on the world of knowledge at the time. They were not magicians or sorcerers, as this word is also used describe such people who practice "dark" science (Acts 8:9; 13:6,8).

Second, the origins of the Magi were only mentioned in general terms - from the East. This means anywhere in the eastern world from Jerusalem. Could Iraq be considered in this light?

To unveil their mysterious origins the Bible offered three hints:

- (a) Show it from your temple on behalf of Jerusalem, that kings may bring you tribute (Psalm 68:30);
- (b) May the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute, the kings of Arabia and Seba offer gifts...(Psalm 72:10-15); and
- (c) Rise up in splendor! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you... Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD (Isaiah 60:1-6). These references however did not prove the exact origins of the Magi.

Several countries had claimed the Magi to be theirs, among them: Ethiopia, Persia, Arabia, and Iraq.

The Ethiopian Christians named the Magi *Hor*, *Basanater*, and



Karsudan but did not have many details to support their claim.

The Arabic origin of the Magi probably came from the general knowledge that gold, frankincense and myrrh were common trading items in Arabia.

The Magi's Persian origin is supported by two facts: (1) the account of Marco Polo in his book "*The Travels: The Description of the World*" written in 1289. Chapter 11 of this book gives tantalizing details of the Magi in their visit to Bethlehem; (2) the mosaic inside the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem depicted the scene of the Magi in Persian attires visiting the Christ Child. This image saved the church from destruction when the Persians ransacked the Holy Land Churches in 614 and the Persian tradition gave names of the Magi as *Larvandad*, *Hormisdas* and *Gushnasaph*.

The Kurdish claim of the Magi's origin is supported by four pieces of evidence:

First, John Hildesheim in the *Historia Trium Regum (History of the Three Kings)* published in the 14th Century. The book mentioned one of the three Magi was the king of Chaldea with their relics are kept in the Cathedral of Cologne (Köln), Germany since 1164. We are in Ur, the heart of Chaldea and in Iraq.

Second, according to a Chaldean legend, the Magi came from Edessa. During the time of the birth of Christ, Edessa was a remnant of former Assyrian empire, an independent buffer state between the Roman and Persian empires and was in Iraq.

Third, the Magi's names were popularly known as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar. The name Balthazar is a composition of *Belsah-uzur*, an Assyrian-Babylonian word means "God protects the king" and it has the closest association with Iraq.

Lastly, the earlier quote from Isaiah mentioned "*Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian...*" Median was the land of the Medes, also in Iraq.

Since Christian Kurds are Chaldeans and the land they inhabit was in Median, their claim that one of the Magi came from Iraq has some credible supports.

I hope that your time in Iraq will inspire you as it has inspired me. May your New Year 2006 be filled with God's light and peace.



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January

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