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Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio

Safety is Not our #1 Priority

Executing the Mission Safely to Accomplish the Mission is #1

By Major Tom Emmolo

407th Air Expeditionary Group Chief of Safety

You've heard it said many times before, "Safety is our #1 Priority!" Sure, it is a comfortable saying that makes you feel safe. But is it really true?

The car manufacturers sell it to you with every new car. "Your safety is our #1 priority!" The cars come equipped with driver and front passenger airbags because they care about you. Read the fine print again to find anti-lock brakes are a \$500 option and those side impact airbags cost another \$350. Read the latest car buying magazine article on that new vehicle and find side-impact crash tests show poor results. But, they tell us safety is there #1 priority. When you think about it, making money by selling you that car was really their #1 priority.



Major Tom Emmolo

Consider this, if the Air Force's #1 priority was safety, do you think we could ever really do the mission? Flying airplanes is inherently dangerous; add to that fact flying airplanes in a combat zone makes it even more dangerous. Consider the Security Forces Airmen who bravely stand guard at the outer gates. The enemy would like nothing more than to cause them harm. That job is inherently dangerous. Look at what you do and where you do it. More than likely there are some risks involved in your job too. If we were so concerned about safety being our #1 priority, why do we do these dangerous jobs accepting this risk? Why...because we must get the mission accomplished. Your #1 priority here at Ali Base is to get the mission done. That is why we

are all here...to do the mission!

Now, as the Chief of Safety, I am not saying disregard how we do our jobs just to get the mission done. My point is this...we must execute the mission safely to accomplish the mission. Mission failure is never an option, executing the mission without thinking about safety first leads to failure. Avoid this peril. Sometimes thinking safety is just plain common sense. More often than not, it is just doing your job smartly. There are many things we can do in our jobs to help succeed with the mission. Foremost, use checklists, follow tech order procedures and do your job by the book. Please remember, complacency kills.

For those underlining challenges and threats, use risk management skills and analyze the situation to help identify the risks.

Consider the options for eliminating or mitigating those risks. If you can eliminate the hazards or mitigate the risk without degrading the mission, then do it. If not, identify the hazards and risks to your chain of command and get help. As we safely execute our mission remember that there will always be some risk involved and accidents will happen. Unfortunately, that is the cost we sometimes have to pay. But, being smart, thinking safety, avoiding complacency and using risk management tools are the best ways we can properly and successfully execute the mission.

So, the next time someone says, "Safety is our #1 priority!" Politely remind them that executing the mission safely to successfully accomplish the mission is our #1 priority.

An Iraqi family's faith in America: reasons, costs and the future

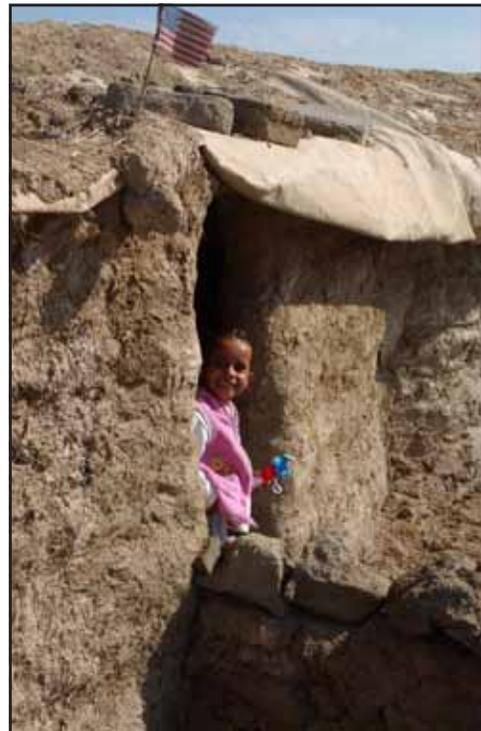
By Technical Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Two of the youngest girls gallop across the soft mud and sheep dung toward the old man walking slowly their way. His shoulders are hunched against a windless morning; the weight of the world seemingly taking an especially heavy toll on him today. The taxi ride from An Nasiriyah has used up too much of the family's money, yet a smile momentarily replaces the bottomless wrinkles of his face as he sees the children's feet: they have shoes. Beyond the children he sees his wife talking to the Americans by his house. A house built with mud and sticks.

The home has no electricity, no plumbing, and no running water. It has a flagpole though.

The Iraqi flag at the top of the staff is ragged and wind-worn almost to the rightmost star. The



Lila in one of the doorways of the house. There are no doors, just openings in two sides of the mud house.

flag that flew beneath it for two years has joined the wind, its tatters now part of the Iraqi landscape. It was the flag of the Lone Star State: Texas

There's also a parade flag—tissue-thin, about three by five inches, attached to a twig—seated in the eave of the fabric, straw and mud roof of the house. It's an American flag.

They are called the Texas Family. They are Iraqi Bedouins. They are friends and neighbors of Ali Base.

Security patrols often visit the family for the same reason neighbors at home interact: to talk about working together to improve the neighborhood—to make it safer and a nicer place to live.

The Iraqi culture is based on personal contact and trusting relationships between friends; word of mouth is the most powerful tool the Coalition has. And while the Texas Family welcomes the American presence here, they pay a price in hopes that a generation not yet born will have a chance to go to school and work toward a better life. The price they pay today is harassment from the criminals, Ali Baba they are called. Ali Baba isn't happy about the Coalition and the Americans living in the neighborhood.

The persistence of the harassment they endure has numbed them to the latest retribution: the theft of a litter of puppies that would have grown to help guard the house and herd the sheep. "They were killed by the neighbors. Ali Baba has taken them and killed them," said Zahra, the wife and mother. She is matter of fact. She is relentless about her support for the Americans. This will not change her mind.

ZAHRA (Mother and wife)

Her husband is noticeably older,

but nobody's quite sure how much. The Bedouins cannot read, write or count. They do not know [exactly] how old they are, how long they've been married, or how old the children are.

She has six children: the boys are Hassan, who looks to be about 8; Mousa and Ali, probably six or seven years old—not twins but very close in age by the looks of it. The girls are Lina, about 14 (old enough to marry); Lila, about 3; and Fatinah, around 2.

Zahra thinks she was about 13 when she married Ahmed.

Using a timeline based on wars and hardships, Zahra is probably about 32 now. She remembers when Saddam Hussein diverted the water that used to feed the farmlands of southern Iraq; she remembers when the land was fruitful; she remembers when the Iraqi army came to conscript her husband into service in the army—forcing him into battles on the border in the Iran-Iraq war. Zahra remembers the first Gulf War and the hope she felt. She remembers the ten years when her hope hibernated, and the toils of a life dependent on a land robbed of its life source by a dictator attempting to change minds and hearts through fear, starvation and murder. But Zahra didn't give in.

Zahra remembers Shock and Awe and the rebirth of hope.

"God is generous. America is a good country and Americans are good to us," she said.

THE FLAG OF TEXAS

Sometime after the Coalition swept through southern Iraq on a journey north toward Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom, operations spooled up at Ali Base. And as the Coalition added air operations and people to the base, Air Force security patrols of the



Ahmed, father and husband in the Texas Family, has felt his health worsen lately. He is worried what will happen to his family. Although he has hope for the future of Iraq he feels that he will die too soon to see much of the progress. Lila (pink) and Fatina seem confused about their father's condition.

perimeter quickly became the norm. That is when "Mr. Mike" stopped by.

By this time, Saddam Hussein had been driven from power. Zahra and Ahmed were relieved. There would be no more visits, no more soldiers coming to take away the men to fight. Things would be getting better and the family would do whatever they could to help Iraq become free and strong. Many of their neighbors were still scared of the Americans but Zahra and Ahmed looked to the future and realized it could only be seen through the eyes of unborn grandchildren. They knew that in the best of circumstances it was too late for them and their children, but maybe the next generation could be better off.

As the family grew more comfortable with the Americans their relationship became one of trust. Patrols stopped by to check on the welfare of the family regularly, they are always greeted by offers of tea. Zahra would speak to the patrols even if her husband was away, just as she does today, a remarkable thing in the Iraqi Bedouin culture. Bedouin females simply don't speak to other men, let alone Americans, without their husband present.

One day Mr. Mike gave the family a Texas state flag. He explained what the flag was, who President Bush is, and that Texas is his home state. Nobody asked them to, but the family attached the Texas flag to the lanyard below the Iraqi flag on the pole in front of the mud house.

Neighbors also knew what the flag was, and talking lead to other, less subtle attempts to make the family

take down their Texas state flag.

Ahmed refused.

"I am proud of your flag," he said.

AHMED

The Bedouin culture is as old as man himself in this place, a place sometimes referred to as the birthplace of civilization. And here, the man of the house is the ruler.

But Ahmed appears to be a gentle ruler. He cuddles his children unabashedly, eyes his wife with a look of admiration and respect, and talks proudly of family values, honor and Iraq. As he squats to talk with Dowayeh, a DoD contracted linguist working with the Air Force here, Ahmed also talks of his death. He thinks it will happen soon. He is worried for his family. "Who will take care of them?" he asks.

Like his wife, Ahmed is unsure about his exact age. And also like his wife, the timeline in his mind seems intertwined with tragedy, turmoil and strife. But still he manages to smile when he talks about the Americans and how things are getting better. Things are much better than when Saddam's men kidnapped him in handcuffs, delivering him to the front lines of a war he didn't want, to fight men he didn't call enemies. He was away at war for three years and the scars from his injuries are much deeper than the marks still on his body. When he talks of the past his eyes tell tales about the aches that are much sharper than the ones he has from the shrapnel that hunches his back and slows his walk.

"But maybe now I will be able to buy a car someday; maybe I will be able to go to a doctor. President Bush is a [Arabic word that roughly translates to 'super,' as in 'beyond the best'] leader," he said.

Ahmed scoffs at any talk of disassociation with the Americans. He believes that Americans and the Coalition are leading Iraq into an age of civility and hope.

"I am not afraid [of the Ali Babba] or any of the others," Ahmed said. He has seen too much in his life to allow anybody to take away all the family he has left: faith in America.

THE CHILDREN

They were half and half on this day—three with shoes, three without—when Dowayeh and the patrol stopped to check on things. When the patrol left there was still one, Mousa, a boy about six years old, walking



Staff Sgt. Preston Staley, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and Lt. Col. Kyle Lampela, 407th Air Expeditionary Group deputy commander of operations for Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8, put shoes on two of the Texas Family girls, Lila, seated in the pink, and Fatinah.

around in the cold, soft mud without any. The patrolmen will have to stop back another day with some boy's shoes.

If it's possible to separate the children from their surroundings you'd find them no different from those on the block back home. The young girls giggle at the toys somebody has given the patrol to pass along. The boys, even though one is now 8—a man in the Bedouin family structure—hover over a radio-controlled car that somebody else has passed along. The boys have the car figured out within moments, but one thing is a little off: there is no struggle for the controls, no bickering, they laugh together and take turns in an almost unnatural way. The play is peaceful. It is a precious commodity that they seem to savor because of its absence in their lives.

Fatinah, the girl about 2, is stubborn when it comes to group photos. Lila, a year or so older, gladly sits in the arms of an Airmen she has grown fond of. He is fond of her too and seems to have difficult time thinking about the future for the family.

Hassan is the little man of the family. At eight-years-old he has a day full of work to wake to each morning: mainly shepherding and farming. His demeanor is already that of an adult, broken only momentarily by a few minutes with the toy car. He is still able to pull off a "goofy pose" with his brothers and an American Air Force officer, the boy in him only just below the

surface for a little while longer.

Lina, the girl of about 14, is as bashful as any teenage American girl when she is asked about boys and what will happen to her when she gets married. She knows that she will have to leave her family when that day comes, but still dreams of a different life: a house, a yard, and Western things she's heard about but doesn't really understand.

She would like to be able to read. All of the children would like that.

Meanwhile, Lina is learning the female role from her mother. Soon her life will revolve around a Bedouin husband from another tribe. Her loyalty will shift from her family and father to another man.

She will have to move out. The boys will stay with the family much longer.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Without living their life for more than a few hours or experiencing one second of their past before the American presence here, it's almost impossible to understand what Ahmed and Zahra mean when they talk about improvement.

In its simplest terms their sense of improvement and hope come from events that have already taken place. The world is in motion and one day things will be better for their heirs. They have no illusion that America is powerful enough to put them in a house, provide work so that they can earn enough to buy a car, experience running water and electricity or read a newspaper. They know that change is gradual and that they will continue to live out their lives as gypsies.

But they do know that Ahmed or his male children will not be abducted to fight an unjust war. They do know that Ahmed's vote in the elections last month meant Iraq is free from a tyrannical dictatorship. They do know that America is here to shift the momentum of change toward a positive end.

The Texas Family understands that enough Iraqi families thinking the same way will mean a better life down the road. They are betting their lives and their futures on it.

Prepare for success The victory will be yours

By Chaplain (Capt.) David Kelley

407th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain

"The will to fight is the hub of all defeat mechanisms... One should always look for a way to break the enemy's will and capacity to resist."

Army Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Huba Wass de Czege

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground..." Ephesians 6:13

One does not rise out of bed one day and suddenly decide to run a marathon that afternoon. To run such a race takes months of diligent physical training, as well as intense mental preparation.

Likewise, success in combat takes years of intense preparation—preparation to not only hone military tactical skills, but also preparation to harden the fighting spirit within. The will to victory is an Air Force's greatest strength, and also, as stated by the General, its strategic center of gravity. Assuredly, defeat the enemy's will to fight and airplanes will stop flying, tanks will stop rolling, and weapons will turn silent.

Accordingly, the Bible verse challenges us to be prepared—to put on the full armor of God both spiritually and physically; for the day of evil will come. Our will, will be tested.

Therefore, we must resist the "easy out," the "quick fix," and continually utter within ourselves the words of President Bush, "We will do whatever is necessary, we will spend what is necessary, to achieve this essential victory in the war on terror."

Let your "will to victory" stand fast and strong, because it is supported by your years of military preparation and countless hours of dedication to God and country. For



Chaplain (Capt.) David Kelley

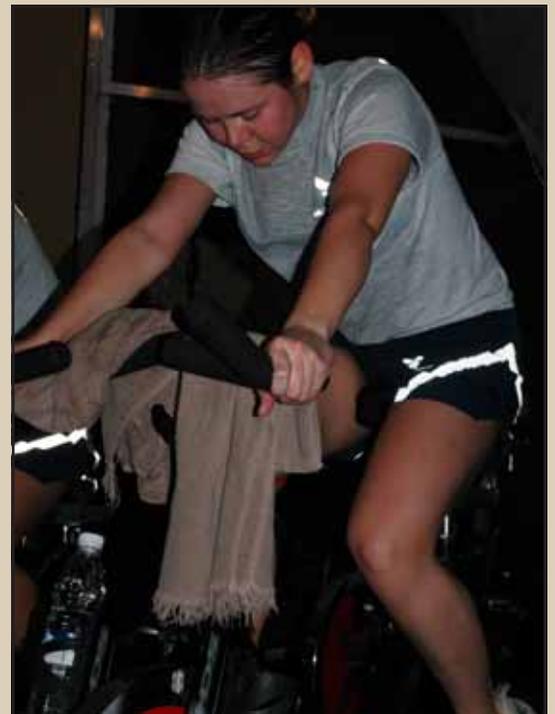
often the victory goes to the one who perseveres just five minutes longer than does his adversary.

Lord, our prayer is that our "will to victory" would grow stronger each day as our enemy's grows weaker. Help us to keep fighting the good fight and never give up until righteousness has won the day!



Muscle Beach offers many opportunities to keep "Fit to Fight" at Ali Base

Left: Senior Airman Johnnie Crider, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, spots for Senior Airman Nick Ianovalle, also from the CES, at the Muscle Beach workout facility. Right: Senior Airman Jennifer Haas, 407th Communications Squadron, participates in a Spinning class at the Muscle Beach workout facility. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)





Keep your eyes open

Become the eliminator of dirty deeds

By Technical Sgt. John Hale

407th Air Expeditionary Group Ground Safety Manager

Oops! Another Airman tripped on the cable stretched across the rocks. In the last few weeks several people have tripped on those same cables, fortunately nobody has gotten hurt.

Several NCO's were concerned about the problem and decided to do something about it. The cables were gathered up and a rubber bridge was positioned over the cables--problem solved.

This is just one simple example of how people at Ali Base are making this a safer place for you and me. Are there near misses occurring in your work area? Take the initiative to fix a safety hazard or report them to your supervisor.

Don't be a bystander and just let a mishap occur, that could be your buddy that falls next time and breaks his arm or even worse your replacement. If it doesn't look safe then it probably isn't.

The first step in operational risk management is to identify the hazards. Before you perform a task, ask yourself, is it dumb, dangerous or different? If your answer is yes then take another look at what you are about to do.

Imagine you need to change out a fluorescent lamp in your office, this is different than what you do everyday so think about the safest way to do the task. You wouldn't stand on a swivel office chair that would be pretty dumb, with a twist of your body you could easily end up on the floor. How about using the old ladder in the closet? It's rickety and the brackets are falling out of the wood. It seems a little dangerous, you are probably better off getting rid of it and borrowing a good ladder.

The "Safety Attitude" is key to mishap prevention. Each of us has a responsibility to prevent mishaps; we must strive to live up to that charge. Look at your daily activities, assess the risks and determine the safest way to do each and every job.

It is even more important at Ali Base because of the environment we work and live in. We are all small organizations and each individual and piece of equipment is important to the mission. We want to make sure the same number of people that came here, leave here without injury and



Technical Sgt. John Hale

proud of what they have accomplished.

If you have any safety questions contact Technical Sgt. John Hale, the Ground Safety Manager at 445-2403.

What is Operational Risk Management?

Operational risk management is a decision-making process to systematically evaluate possible courses of action, identify risks and benefits, and determine the best course of action for any given situation. ORM enables commanders, functional managers, supervisors, and individuals to maximize operational capabilities while limiting all dimensions of risk by applying a simple, systematic process appropriate for all personnel and functions both on and off duty. Appropriate use of ORM increases both

an organization's and individual's ability to accomplish their mission, whether it is flying an aircraft in combat, loading a truck, planning a joint service exercise, establishing a computer network, or driving home at the end of the day. Application of the ORM process ensures more consistent results. ORM techniques and tools add rigor to the traditional approach to mission accomplishment, thereby directly strengthening the Air Force's warfighting posture.



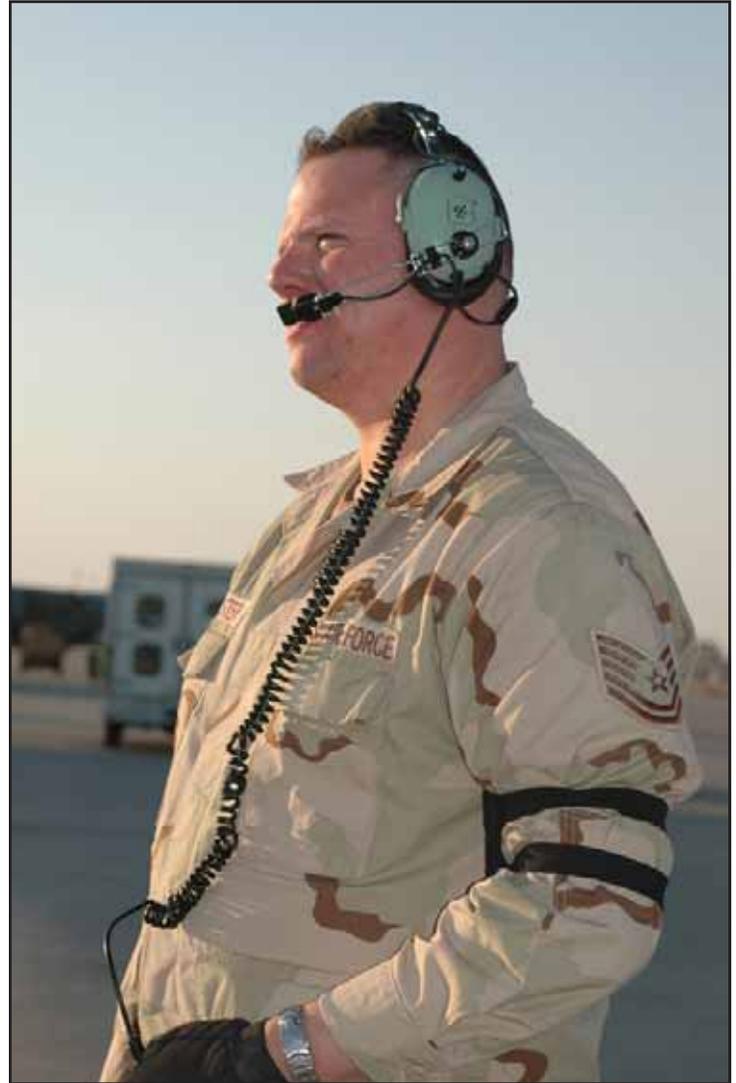
Getting the job done The #1 priority for maintainers at Ali Base, Iraq

Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio

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Technical Sgts Mike Bentley and Terry Hooten, both expeditors for the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron discuss flightline operations for the C-130 Hercules at Ali Base, Iraq.



Technical Sgt. John McAlister, 777 EAS Advisory Support Team instructor for the Iraqi Air Force, clears the gas compressor turbine during a cockpit training scenario for the Iraqi Air Force at Ali Base, Iraq.



Senior Airman Devon Bullock, 777 EAS crew chief, assists in performing an engine run for a 90 day desert inspection at Ali Base, Iraq.



Airman 1st Class Brad Hone, Electronic Warfare technician, and Staff Sgt. Martin Tschudi, Fuel System specialist, both with the 777 EAS, check a tool box for accountability prior to use on the flightline at Ali Base, Iraq.



How to get a self-help project off the ground

By Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

It only takes a phone call to the Civil Engineers Squadron control desk, 445-2237, to get a self-help project started.

Once you have a project in mind and you give the control desk a call, they will evaluate your project and inform you as to whether it requires an AF Form 332. This form can be obtained on the intranet under the CE Squadron/Operations link.

If the form is not required, you only have to go by CE supply and pick up what you need for the project.

"The job size determines whether you require technical expertise," said Technical Sgt. Larry Roberson, 407th

Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron NCOIC. "If it does require our assistance then you will need to fill out a Form 332." The structures section of CE will then decide if your job is doable depending on lumber availability.

Projects such as front porches, hooks for hanging clothes, plexi-glass signs, solid walls in tents, etc., are projects that do not require a Form 332.

"There are a lot of times that people want to build a Taj Mahal even when it comes to front porches," said Sergeant Roberson. "That is why there is a blueprints/designs already in place for porches." The common project is completed by the requestor and CE only acts as consultants.



Don't let your project so south. Be safe.

"Safety is imperative during the project construction phase," said Technical Sgt. Lucian Urbina, 407 ECES assistant NCOIC. "We've seen multiple smashed and splintered fingers." The use of gloves, goggles, hearing protection, or any safety items necessary is required for the job.

"If you need on-the-job training with a hammer, we're most likely going to disapprove you Form 332," said Sgt. Urbina. "You need some technical expertise to perform the projects."

According to the structures section, patience may also be a factor if lumber is not readily available. During AEF 7/8 over \$150,000 of lumber was utilized for self-help projects.

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Guardsmen, Reservists and their family members are encouraged to nominate employers for the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards at ESGR Web site

ARLINGTON, Va. – The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), 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 (ESGR). 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.

Previous recipients have included a “who’s who” of

corporate America, including Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sears, GE, Verizon, and UPS. State and local governments and a number of America’s small businesses, who are the majority of National Guard and Reserve employers, have also been recipients.

When asked about the impact of employee military service on small business, Hollingsworth said, “At no time in our recent history have the small businesses of America been asked to give so much in our nation’s defense.”

“Today, in support of the war on terrorism and the ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an essential alliance has been formed as many of America’s employers have become inextricably linked to the nation’s defense by sharing their most precious asset, their employees”, added Hollingsworth.

In today’s environment of continuous mobilizations of National Guardsmen and Reservists, ESGR has recognized that more employers are being impacted by the loss of key employees. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award was expanded in 2004 from five recipients to now recognize up to 15 outstanding employers yearly.

The 2006 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 11th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony hosted by ESGR on September 19, 2006.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

As the 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR will continue to be the informational agency for the employers of America’s new Minutemen. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available at www.esgr.mil, or by calling Tom Bullock at the National Committee Office at (800) 336-4590.



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

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force Ironhorse Soldiers, using metal detectors, discovered a large weapons cache Jan. 14 in the rural Abu Ghraib area. It was buried and spread out over 150 meters along a canal.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry discovered mortars, anti-personnel rounds, a Russian sub-machine gun, U.S. maps, rolls of detonation cord with blasting caps, a 155 mm artillery round, homemade explosive powder, a rocket propelled grenade launcher with RPG rounds and a Russian grenade launcher.

Soldiers also found 12.7, 7.62 and 9 mm rounds, assorted mortar charges, a machinegun barrel, scopes, hand grenades, mortar sights, a recoilless rifle, recoilless rounds, a black mask, improvised explosive device material and assorted propaganda.

TIKRIT, Iraq – Iraqi civilians in Mosul led Iraqi police and a patrol from the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team to the house of an anti-Iraqi forces man wanted for a drive-by shooting Jan. 15.

Iraqi police reported a vehicle approached them and began to fire at the policemen with an automatic rifle.

The car sped away and the police were unable to catch it before it was lost in dense traffic. Many of the citizens who witnessed the event gave information concerning the direction the vehicle traveled.

The Soldiers responded to help the police, as they continued to follow tip after tip until the final one led them directly into the suspect’s yard.

The troops cordoned the area around the house as police did a search of the residence that turned up the car involved with the shooting and the man responsible.

Recent tips from Iraqi civilians have led to the discovery of many suspected terrorists and weapons caches and have shown the increased trust and confidence in the security forces around northern Iraq.

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, AR RAMADI, Iraq – An Iraqi Army and U.S. Marine patrol operating on the outskirts of Barwanah discovered a cache Jan. 14.

Iraqi Army soldiers and U.S. Marines with 2nd Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment made their discovery late in the afternoon Jan. 14 and soon realized the cache site was too large to uncover that day. They secured the site overnight and resumed excavation early the morning of Jan. 15.

The cache was first noticed by the Marines’ translator, who accompanies them on patrols with their Iraqi Army counterparts. After the initial site was found, 10 additional hastily buried caches were discovered.

The Iraqi soldiers and U.S. Marines labored to collect up the munitions so they could be safely detonated. In all, 4,000 pounds of high explosives were detonated by the explosive ordnance disposal team.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A young girl phoned in a tip of a possible roadside bomb to Coalition Forces Jan. 14, potentially saving innocent lives.

The girl reported seeing a white bag in a hole on a road in southeast Baghdad. When Coalition Forces investigated, they found a man hiding in the grass by the road, and four masked men in a car. A man carrying an AK-47 and talking on a cell phone was observed walking over to two suspected trigger men who were in the prone position. Attack aviation engaged the terrorists preventing them from carrying out the attack.

Steps to take in case of a fire

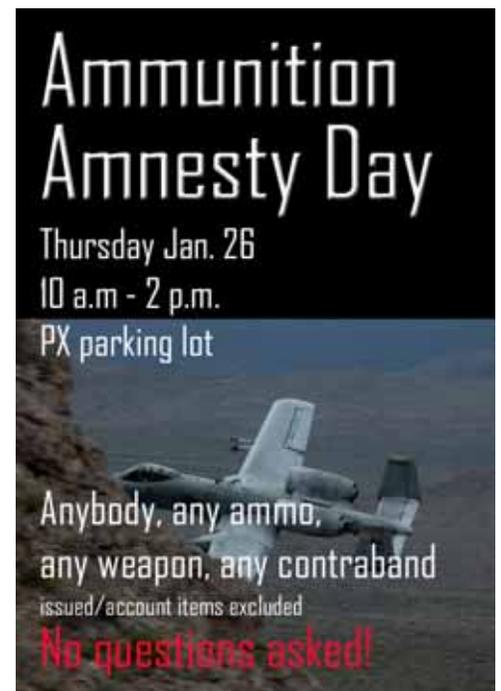
SPEED

- S**ound the alarm (air horn, yell “Chicago, Chicago, Chicago”)
- P**hone the Fire Department (911/Fire Phone)
- E**xtinguish with fire extinguisher (small fires)
- E**nsure evacuation (accountability)
- D**irect the Fire Department

Bedrock has been separated for evacuation purposes into 2 geographic areas:

North Area: From row (F) through row (A)

South Area: From row (G) through row (L)



I identify This

Do you know what this is?



If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at Ali.Times@t1ab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. Thursday Jan. 26.

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. 27.

Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.

Winners will receive a complimentary T-shirt or coin from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. There were no correct answers identifying the fire call box latch in the Jan. 6 issue of the Ali Times.



Kaitlynn Jean Mathews was born Jan. 7 to Staff Sgt. Artie Mathews, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and his wife Elizabeth, both of Abilene, Texas. She was born at 2:24 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Medical Center. She was 20 inches and weighed 7 lbs, 5 ozs at birth.

407th AEG

Warrior of the Week



Senior Airman Samuel Blackwood

Unit:

407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron
Advisory Support Team

Duty title:

Close Precision Engagement Leader

Home station:

99th Security Forces Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV

Why other warriors say he's a warrior:

"Senior Airman Blackwood is a team leader for the first CPE unit in the AOR with the job of providing sharpshooter operations outside the wire. He has conducted counter-sniper security for high profile people like the SECAF and the Iraqi Vice President. He led missions to counter criminal/insurgent threats and personally captured 2 criminals."

—Staff Sgt. Preston S. Stanley, Close Precision Engagement NCOIC, 407 ESFS

Most memorable Air Force experience:

"Leading a CPE team outside the wire conducting long range reconnaissance."

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 Anonymous: 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

Madison (2001), 1 a.m., 1 p.m., *Jim Caviezel, Jake Lloyd*, drama
Fever Pitch (2005), 3 a.m., 3 p.m., *Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon*, comedy/drama/romance/sport
The Perfect Man (2005), 5 a.m., 5 p.m., *Hilary Duff, Heather Locklear*, comedy/drama/romance
The New Guy (2002), 7 a.m., 7 p.m., *DJ Qualls, Eliza Dushku*, comedy
Shadow of Fear (2004), 9 a.m., 9 p.m., *Matthew Davis, James Spader*, thriller
Killer Weekend (2004), 11 a.m., 11 p.m., *Eric Roberts, Robert Miano*, drama
Face of Terror (2003), *Rick Schroder, Paolina Galves*, action/drama/thriller, Big Top, Friday 9 p.m.
Star Wars 1: A New Hope (1977), Big Top, Sunday noon;
Star Wars 2: The Empire Strikes Back (2002), Big Top, Sunday 2 p.m.; **Star Wars 3: The Return of the Jedi** (2005), Big Top, Sunday 4 p.m.

Saturday

Face of Terror 1 a.m.
Madison 3 a.m.
Fever Pitch 5 a.m.
The Perfect Man 7 a.m.
The New Guy 9 a.m.
Shadow of Fear 11 a.m.
Killer Weekend 1 p.m.
Face of Terror 3 p.m.
Madison 5 p.m.
Fever Pitch 7 p.m.
The Perfect Man 9 p.m.
The New Guy 11 p.m.

Sunday

Shadow of Fear 1 a.m.
Killer Weekend 3 a.m.
Face of Terror 5 a.m.
Madison 7 a.m.
Fever Pitch 9 a.m.
The Perfect Man 11 a.m.
The New Guy 1 p.m.
Shadow of Fear 3 p.m.
Killer Weekend 5 p.m.
Face of Terror 7 p.m.
Madison 9 p.m.
Fever Pitch 11 p.m.

Monday

The Perfect Man 1 a.m.
The New Guy 3 a.m.
Face of Terror 5 a.m.
Madison 7 a.m.
Fever Pitch 9 a.m.
The Perfect Man 11 a.m.
Madison 1 p.m.
Fever Pitch 3 p.m.
The Perfect Man 5 p.m.
The New Guy 7 p.m.
Face of Terror 9 p.m.
Madison 11 p.m.

Tuesday

Fever Pitch 1 a.m.
The Perfect Man 3 a.m.
The New Guy 5 a.m.
Shadow of Fear 7 a.m.
Killer Weekend 9 a.m.
Face of Terror 11 a.m.
Madison 1 p.m.
Fever Pitch 3 p.m.
The Perfect Man 5 p.m.
The New Guy 7 p.m.
Shadow of Fear 9 p.m.
Killer Weekend 11 p.m.

Wednesday

Face of Terror 1 a.m.
Madison 3 a.m.
Fever Pitch 5 a.m.
The Perfect Man 7 a.m.
The New Guy 9 a.m.
Shadow of Fear 11 a.m.
Killer Weekend 1 p.m.
Face of Terror 3 p.m.
Madison 5 p.m.
Fever Pitch 7 p.m.
The Perfect Man 9 p.m.
The New Guy 11 p.m.

Thursday

Madison 1 a.m.
Fever Pitch 3 a.m.
The Perfect Man 5 a.m.
Face of Terror 7 a.m.
Shadow of Fear 9 a.m.
Killer Weekend 11 a.m.
The Perfect Man 1 p.m.
The New Guy 3 p.m.
Face of Terror 5 p.m.
Madison 7 p.m.
Fever Pitch 9 p.m.
Shadow of Fear 11 p.m.



Bedrock and beyond...

activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

Today

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., **Country Night**: Sprung Center
 8:15 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Saturday

2:30 p.m., **Yoga**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 4 p.m., **4 on 4 Volleyball**: Bedrock Courts
 5:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 7 p.m., **Dominoes**: Big Top
 7 p.m., **John Maddern TNYs**: ACC
 8:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 9 p.m., **R&B/Hip Hop Night**: Big Top

Sunday

noon, **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 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

Monday

9 a.m., **Arm Wrestling Competition**: Muscle Beach
 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., **Foosball**: Hot Spot
 8:15 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Tuesday

2:30 p.m., **Yoga**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 5:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 7 p.m., **Chess**: ACC

7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP
 8 p.m., **8-Ball**: Big Top
 8:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 8:30 p.m., **Salsa**: HOP

Wednesday

10 a.m., **Top 3**: Chapel Annex
 5:30 p.m., **5-6 Council**: Chapel Annex
 6:30 p.m., **Focus Four**: Chapel Annex
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)
 7 p.m., **Spades TNY**: ACC
 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: Muscle Beach (I)
 8:15 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Thursday

9:30 a.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 5:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 6 p.m., **3 on 3 Basketball**: Bedrock Courts
 6 p.m., **Cardio mix**: HOP
 7 p.m., **8-Ball**: ACC
 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP
 8 p.m., **Texas Hold 'Em**: Big Top
 8:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)
 8:30 p.m., **Salsa**: HOP

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.

(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.