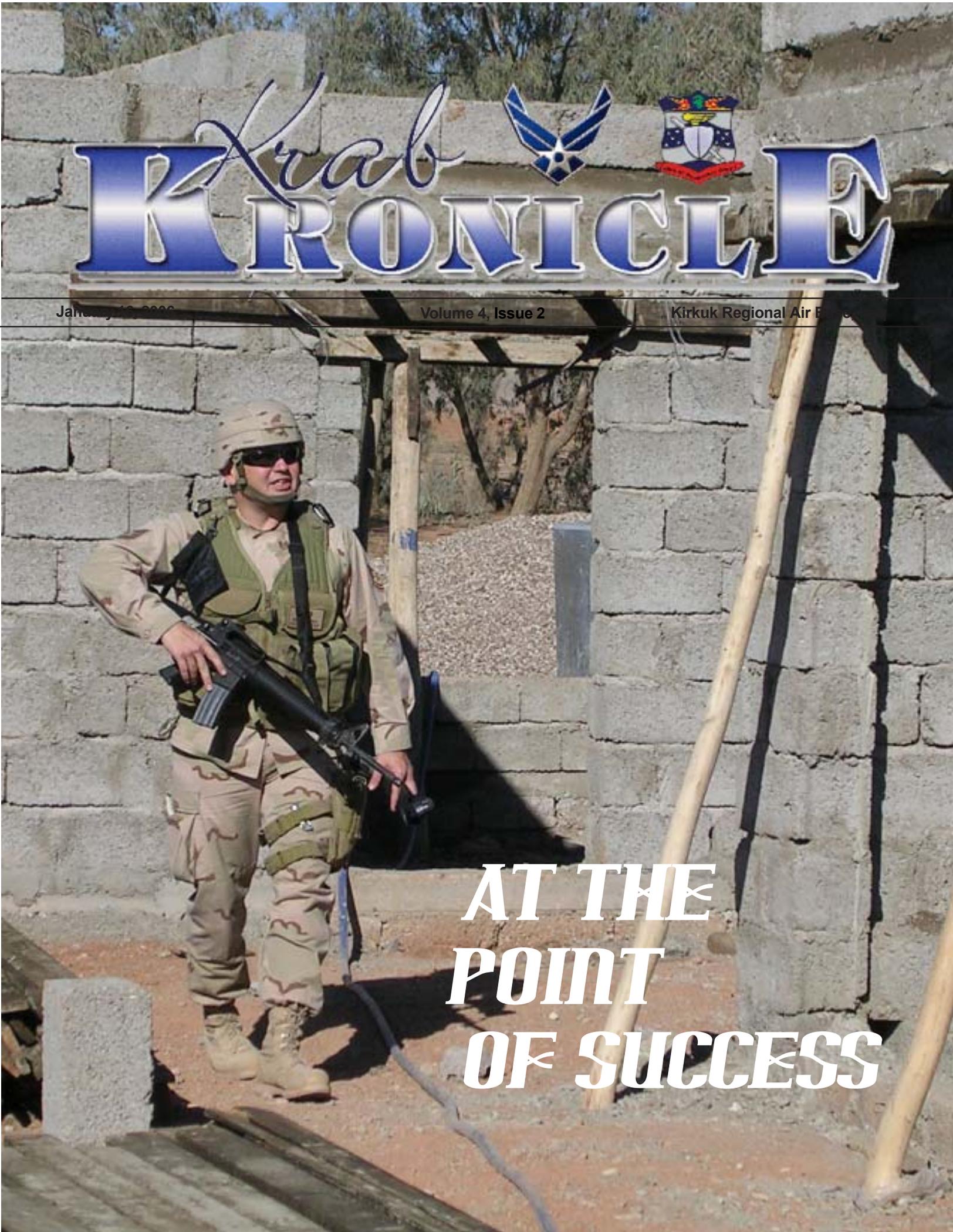


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Tech. Sgt. Billy Tramel, Oil Infrastructure Liaison Officer for the 732nd, Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, Detachment 16, conducts a physical inspection of a construction site nearby the city of Kirkuk, Iraq. During his six-month deployment to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Sgt. Tramel will be required to conduct similar inspections at construction projects being overseen by the Power, Oil and Gas Infrastructure Team here. (Courtesy photo used by permission)

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Always wear something reflective at night

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Staying out of the way

By Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
506th AEG Public Affairs

I've noticed a lot of dust piles lately. Neatly rounded little piles of dirt, swept from an office or mod room into the hallway. They are there presumably waiting for their final disposition in a garbage can.

It's a good thing.

Everywhere I go I see new faces, their eyes ablaze with the enthusiasm and the eagerness that comes from embracing a new mission. It reminds me what it looked like four months ago when I saw it in my own eyes.

It's refreshing; heck, it's down-right inspiring.

Myself, I'm focused on getting my final projects finished and getting things ready to hand over to my replacement. I'm not going to rearrange my office, I did that months ago. I'm not looking to change the way my office does business, I did that months ago as well. I'm just looking forward to packing up my things so I can get home to hug my wife and kids again.

I guess I've slowed down a bit. It's understandable, my list of projects left undone is a short one. And yet, as I conscientiously slow to landing speed, I caught myself on the verge of making a critical error.

I was talking to one of those new faces - him standing there holding the proverbial broom - when it happened. The words,

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Tuck
379th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

I am willing to bet every Airman has heard these words at least once in his or her career: "Four years, and I'm out."

Maybe it's an off-hand remark at the end of a frustrating week or after a long, thoughtful gaze at the inviting green grass on the other side. Either way, most of us have considered it.

But, somewhere along the way a change occurs. Whether the decision comes as a gradual realization or it hits you like a lightning bolt, something happens to change your mind.

Another quote you are likely to hear is: "I joined the Air Force to get money for college."

I've said it myself many times. The Montgomery G.I. Bill is the reason I enlisted, but not the reason I stayed.

Today's Air Force is the most educated in history. For the enlisted, more Airmen hold associate's and bachelor's degrees today

than ever before. On the officer side, master's degrees are quickly becoming the norm. If it is knowledge you seek, the educational opportunities are there.

So, how does an Airman migrate from, "Should I stay or should I go" to a distinguished 20- or 30-year career?

It may be the feeling of being part of a trusted and honorable profession.

A Gallup poll in May 2005 asked adults nationwide how much confidence they had in a variety of professions: a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little.

Seventy-four percent said they had a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the U.S. military. That ranks higher than all other entities offered by the survey, including: the police, organized religion, the president and banks.

It may also be our accomplishments as a force.

The services people here provide more meals in one week than any one of us will consume individually in our entire lifetime. Think about that.

Look at our civil engineers; in the past

already formed in my head, were moving towards my lips, "You can't do that because..."

I caught it in time to stop myself.

In these final moments, as we slow down, pack up, and pass off, it's important for us to remember what that enthusiasm looked like in our eyes when we first embraced our new mission four months ago. Do you remember that sense of urgency that added a quickness to your walk too? Do you remember dreaming of the changes you were going to do when you first started?

I suspect that most of us felt the same endless energy that came to us the moment we truly embraced our mission here.

Of course, it's a little more personal when it's *us* who are being changed.

Nonetheless, it doesn't devalue the importance - or necessity - of what is happening around us.

In a world where just 12 years ago a deployment meant talking to our families weekly - at best - and just 40 years ago a deployment meant monthly letters home if you were lucky; it's clear that we've come a long way through change.

As military professionals we have the luxury of being a little more accustomed to change than most. It's a part of our everyday life. The permanent changes of station or new uniform additions make change a part of our very culture.

If we do anything to impede this wonderful process of change that the Air and Space Expeditionary Forces system demands, then we will probably have done more damage than if we'd of never have shown up at all.

As you pass one of those dust piles in your hallway, don't feel like someone is calling you dirty for not having swept it yourself. Simply commend their skill and professionalism for having done it and let them sweep any room they choose.

As you step aside with a smile, offer them a dust pan.

few weeks lodging tents have grown like mushrooms where parking lots once were.

And of course, there is always the runway. When you have a chance, watch the aircraft come and go and think about the effort required to launch and fly those sorties.

All of these great things are accomplished by Air Force and coalition units, but where the rubber meets the road there is an individual giving their best effort to bake the biscuits and turn the wrenches.

We all have days where our commitment is tested, but life has a funny way of changing you.

"Four years and out" was my mantra some years and one reenlistment ago. I gradually realized the Air Force offers a great way of life, job satisfaction and a sense of team absent in many civilian careers.

The decision to stay in or separate is your personal choice to make.

When you find yourself straddling the fence, your motivation tested and that grass on the other side is looking awfully green, watch our jets over head and remind yourself: "I did my job today."

Not just for Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
506th AEG Public Affairs

The neatly organized rows of plastic bottles, each decorated with colorful labels promoting the brand of shampoo inside, stretch deeply into the wooden bins that store them. The bins built by volunteer hands into a shelves against the wall, house the collection of items. Things like shampoo, hand lotion, shaving cream, toothpaste and baby wipes each have their own bins. The shelves are dusty - everything in northern Iraq is dusty - but not because they aren't used or well kept. Between the volunteers cleaning and the satisfied customers shuffling through the door the shelves get plenty of attention.

At first you might think you've walked into an annex of the Base Exchange. Until you notice this place doesn't have a cash register.

This is the Kirkuk Regional Air Base Airmen's and Soldiers Attic. The stockpile of necessary items are there for the taking, free use to the Airmen of the 506th Air Expeditionary Group and the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) deployed here. These are items that many servicemembers deployed here will have to purchase during their tour of duty here.

Everything on the shelves here, from a new set of thermal under garments to the unopened box with a coffee pot, came from donations, said Master Sgt. Damon Baez, Personnel Support for Contingency Operations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. Sgt. Baez is part of the team that oversees the operation of the Attic.

"It's mostly just stuff to get you up and running," said Sgt. Baez, "stuff you may not have."

"I think it's pretty well stocked," said Staff Sgt. Shelly Davis, an Escort assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

As she removed a bottle of shampoo from the shelf and as she reached for another item, she explained the small travel size bottles would be helpful for her upcoming trip home.

The sergeant has used the Airmen's Attic at several of the Air Force base's she's been assigned to over the years and is well acquainted with how helpful they can be when someone is newly assigned or deployed.

"I usually use them when I (permanently change duty stations)" she said, noting that some of the items are more for comfort rather than necessity, as she retrieved a small bottle of liquid bubble solution from one of the shelves.

"You gotta have something to play with," she said, hardly able to stop an infectious smile from claiming ownership to her face.

According to Sgt. Baez, the name Airmen's Attic may be a little misleading.

"The Airmen's Attic is for more than just Airmen," he said, explaining that the attic is here to serve the entire population of the KRAB, whether they are an Airman or a Soldier. While many stateside bases limit access to more junior enlisted, the KRAB Airmen's Attic is open for all ranks of all branches.

For some it can be a valuable resource.

"You never pack every thing," he said, "You can run though your checklist but there is always something that you are going to forget and leave behind," he said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Staff Sgt. Shelly Davis studies the contents of the bins at the Airmen's Attic during what will likely be her final trip to the Attic before she returns to her homestation.

The Airmen's Attic's stocks items that many Airmen will find themselves needing to purchase, such as shampoo, soap and toothpaste as well as many other items they may want during their deployment, said Sgt. Baez.

They also have some items that wouldn't normally be needed, but might be wanted, by the Airmen and Soldiers deployed here, said Sgt. Baez.

"It's set up in a very organized fashion so - at a glance - you can see things that you want," said Master Sgt. Linda Anderson, First Sergeant for the 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The entire process, of stocking shelves, customer service and cleaning up is managed by volunteers from around the base. The overall schedule is managed by the PERSCO office, but individual squadrons supply the people.

The squadron First Sergeants solicit volunteers to fill their shifts. Generally assigned in two-hour shifts, the volunteers may be required to unpack small boxes of donated items and stock them on the shelves as well as ensure that customers sign the roster.

Not a difficult job according to many.

"Oh, yea, it's real easy," said Tech. Sgt. Kelly Shirkey, one of the Airmen to work a shift at the Airmen's attic. She said she really enjoyed her shift, even though she had to work overtime.

Just as her shift was ending, a group of four or five Soldiers came in to browse, she said. The Soldiers were happy about being able to get their necessities free rather than having to purchase them, she said.

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Infrastructure team makes the ‘POInT’

By Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat
506th AEG Public Affairs

Nestled at the back of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st Brigade Combat Team's headquarters on Kirkuk Regional Air Base, a group of Air Force civil engineers huddle in front of a large wall map. The red and green lines that meander from dot to dot across the large white expanse seem to command their attention.

They are the Power and Oil Infrastructure Team, part of the only Air Force public works team embedded with units of the U.S. Army in Iraq. The three Airmen assigned to the Kirkuk team are involved in the construction, refurbishment and security of key infrastructure facilities in northern Iraq.

They are currently responsible for tracking more than \$32 million worth of ongoing construction projects.

Things like building truck scales and guard towers, are just two of the many projects they've tackled since the original members - this being the second rotation - came to Kikuk Regional Air Base nearly a year ago.

Officially assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Balad Air Base, Detachment 16, known as operating location alpha, they represents a small portion of the 3,000 or so "In Lieu Of" forces currently engaged in a joint-service role supporting the Army as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The concept of ILO forces began in 2003, explains Chief Master Sgt. Paul Kaplan, Electrical Liaison Officer deployed from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. According to the Chief, the Army asked the Secretary of Defense for personnel from other branches of the services to support manpower shortfalls in areas such as convoy drivers, working dog handlers and civil engineers.

Det 16 members, less than 15 in the entire country of Iraq, are divided into three teams located in Tikrit, Mosul and Kirkuk.

A large portion of the POInT's time, nearly a third of it, according to Tech. Sgt. Billy Tramel, Oil Infrastructure Liaison Officer, deployed from Hill AFB, Utah, is spent meeting with representatives of the state-owned refineries and power plants that produce the oil, natural gas and electrical power for northern Iraq.



From left, Tech. Sgt. Sgt. Billy Tramel, Capt. Mark Jaramillo, Senior Airmen Marcos Lopez and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Kaplan assemble a terrain model depicting the oil, natural gas and electrical infrastructure in Northern Iraq.

Courtesy photo

"We meet with these people to listen to what they've got to say," said Sgt. Tramel. Some of the issues are simple, others are not.

Recently, when a large volume gas turbine generator – one capable of producing enough electricity to power 200,000 homes - was having problems running with a lower quality natural gas, the group came up with a solution.

While their long-term solution is still pending, their short-term solution, a relatively simple one, involved re-routing the supply lines to pull from a different well.

"None of us had really thought about it until we got our heads together," said Sgt. Tramel.

According to Sgt. Tramel, many of the situations that present them problems are solved easily enough once the right people get together.

"Sometimes we see if we can get them working together to solve mutual problems," said Sgt. Tramel, adding that the goal of the POInT members is to get their Iraqi partners to solve their own problems.

One of the biggest challenges at these meetings, according to Sgt. Tramel, is tactfully asking questions that are direct

enough to get answers, but not so direct as to offend their Iraqi partners.

"You got to ask them the direct questions," he said, adding that it's not in their culture to ask for the things they need.

"If (we're) not asking pointed questions," he said, "then they won't give us the feedback we need."

Feedback, explains Sgt. Tramel, is what will allow the POInT to report the problem and recommend solutions to their higher headquarters. That is a necessary first step to getting the supplies and support their Iraqi partners need.

"That's the whole goal, to push infrastructure forward," he said.

Their's is a two-way partnership.

When something happens, like an accidental or deliberate fire at a one of the wells, the POInT team is charged to produce an assessment of the damage as well as provide senior leadership with an overview of how the damage might impact the country's oil or natural gas production.

"The ones maneuvering forces and making this whole process move towards total Iraqi control, have to know what the impact is of an infrastructure attack," explains Maj. Don Treanor, Officer in Charge

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of the POInT members at Kirkuk Air Base, deployed from Eglin AFB, Fla.

“We don’t have the in-depth knowledge to do that,” he said, “We depend on the locals who do have that knowledge.”

It’s an important mission.

“Without the Iraqi oil the government doesn’t have the financial stability (to govern), without electrical power they don’t have the social stability (to govern),” said Maj. Treanor.

It takes both dedication and training to do what they do.

Because their mission that takes them off the relative safety of the base anywhere from 15 to 20 times a month, they are often in harms way often. For Sgt. Tramel, it’s just part of the job.

“It’s just what I’ve been tasked to do,” he said, “Sure, there are dangers, but at the same time we have a mission to accomplish.”

He’s not naive about the dangers.

He’s had the High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle he was riding in disabled by an improvised explosive device and he’s even discovered an unexploded one.

When he was sent to inspect a well after an explosion, he and an Iraq firefighter were walking up to the damaged natural gas well when they saw what later turned out to be an IED.

“I never thought I’d be the one discovering an IED” he said, adding that he was thankful for the special training he and

his team received.

To fill this mission he and the other POInT members had to attend a three-week course at Fort Carson, Colo. before arriving in the AOR. During this grueling course – 14 hour days being the norm - they learned land navigation, map reading, radio operations, convoy operations, weaponry and specialized battlefield medicine.

“They teach you how to be a soldier. The things that young privates learn from day one, they’re throwing down our throats in 21-days,” he said

After the training at Fort Carson, the team was sent to the Udari Range, in Kuwait for an additional week of training enroute to the air base.

Although the refreshingly humble Sgt. Tramel is likely to down-play the significance of what his team is doing in Iraq, even he can’t deny it will have an effect on the future of the country.



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Kaplan, the Electrical Infrastructure Liaison Officer and an unidentified Iraq Army officer inspect a damaged high-voltage power line tower.

They are working to improve the infrastructure and production capability in an area that produces 400,000 barrels of crude oil per day, equating to nearly 20 percent of all the oil produced in Iraq. With the still untapped natural gas deposits estimated to be large enough to fuel the whole eastern world, the capabilities they provide to their Iraqi partners today are likely be the foundation of a nation tomorrow.

“I will know that I was here at the very beginning,” said Maj. Treanor.

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“I was actually able to talk them in to taking things,” Sgt. Shirkey said with a chuckle.

“Anyone who likes to do that extra above and beyond...it’s a great way to do your community involvement,” said Sgt. Baez.

According to Sgt. Anderson and Sgt. Baez, most of the volunteers seem to really enjoy doing volunteer time at the Attic.

Although the Attic is well stocked, it can always use more.

“Definitely don’t throw it away,” said Sgt. Anderson, hoping to stop the fact that some Airmen tend to dispose of things a little aggressively at the end of a rotation. Sgt. Anderson said she hopes that departing Airmen will set their extra items aside to bring to the

Attic.

Donations, said Sgt. Baez, can be brought to the PERSCO office or brought directly to the Attic during business hours.

Sgt. Anderson pointed out that donating items will not only lighten the load many redeploying Airmen are carrying but it will help another Airman get settled.

The Attic, which is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and then again 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as noon to 4 p.m. on weekends, is always in need of more donated items, said Sgt. Baez.

“Just peek your head in,” said Sgt. Anderson,” see what’s in here.”



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Army beats Air Force, refs help

By Senior Airman Aaron Smith
506th AEG Unit Public Affairs Rep.
Sports Writer

If you're a sports fan and you missed the New Year's Eve Army/Air Force basketball game, then you missed a great game. What is likely to have been the last Army v. Air Force game of the rotation, neither team wanted to disappoint their fans, as this game went down to the wire and was a very exciting game.

It ended dismally for the Airmen, while they played a good game the Soldiers crept by the Airmen to net a 47-41 victory.

The atmosphere felt like a college basketball game crowd because of the ongoing rivalry between the two teams. With bragging rights on the line, Air Force was determined to leave it all on the court, and hopefully leave with a win.

The first half started out a little rough for Air Force. With early turnovers, missed shots, and Army's quick start, Air

Force soon found themselves down by double digits. The crowd, mostly Army, even became a factor as they played the role of the 6th man; they did their best to distract the Air Force players.

The crowd's energy rubbed off on Army as they played great defense and made a high percentage of their shots. After a timeout midway through the first half, Air Force began to tighten up on defense and fight their way back in the game. Despite nine first-half turnovers, what several fans called questionable calls by the referees, and a slow start on the offensive side, the Air Force's defense was able to keep the game close and was only down seven in the 23-16 game at the half.

"We started off in a Zone defense, it's very hard to go at someone from a zone and put pressure on them," said Mike

Lazzari, who led the way for Air Force with 20 points.

Once the Air Force switched to a man to man defense, said the lead scorer, the Airmen were able to put more pressure on the Soldiers causing turnovers, forced shots, which resulted in a transition offense for the Air Force.

That gave the Airmen the ability to set the pace of the game and play how they wanted Mike Lazzari said.

After those halftime adjustments, Air Force came out in the second half fired up and looked like a different team.

We just needed to slow down on offense and move the ball around, said the Air Force coach Howard Smith.

"I felt we were playing good on defense; we just weren't making our jump shots," he said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Air Force coach, Howard Smith, takes a moment during the game at the Bastogne Gym to discuss what he felt was a bad decision by the referee staff.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Marcus Walker, in the blue jersey, makes a reverse lay-up look easy during one of the Air Force's second-half scoring runs.

The Air Force players listened to their coach, as they started the second half doing exactly what their coach told them to do. They slowed down the offense, which resulted in open jump shots, and they played even tighter defense than they did towards the end of the first half.

The key to Air Force's second half play was their offensive.

Those first-half turnovers turned into second half assists as Air Force started their scoring run. Arfel "Double A" Atis, who helped lead the offensive surge by dishing out 4 assists, ran the offense with perfection, bringing the game within six.

Air Force was coming back, they knew it and so did the Army. Then came the turning point in the game.

After back-to-back three pointers by Anthony Calogero and Mike Lazzari that tied the game, an Air Force turn over led to a fast break opportunity for Army. "Double A" Atis, who was the only Air Force player at the other end of the court on defense, tried to stop the ball handler, but was called for a flagrant foul, meaning he fouled the other player intentionally. As a result of the flagrant foul, the Army was awarded four

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free throw attempts along with possession of the basketball.

According to the rules of the National Basketball Association, the penalty for an unnecessary or flagrant foul, is “two free throws shall be attempted and the ball awarded to the offended team on either side of the court at the free throw line extended.”

“We do not expect perfect officiating for the game due to limited resources, but not knowing the rules can turn the game in an instant.” Said Arfel Atis.

The Soldier’s team made the four free throws and scored on their ensuing possession, giving them a six-point lead in a game with little time remaining.

“I think it was a bad call because of the circumstances of the game,” said Anthony Calogero, who was just shy of a double-double with eight points and seven boards.

The damage from the incorrect penalty was done.

Although they tried to come back, the momentum for them was gone. The Air Force team simply couldn’t come back from the six-point deficit.

As the clock ran to zero the Army had a 47-41 victory in their hands.

“I think we played 100 times better than the last game,” said Anthony Calogero. “We played as a team in this game instead of a bunch of individuals.”

Rumors of a possible rematch were heard around the Bastogne



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Mike Lazzari, Air Force’s lead point-man, scores two of his 20 points that made him the game’s lead scorer as he shoots over the outstretched arms of an unidentified Army defender.

Gym after as the teams left the court.

Basketball fans will not want to miss that powerful rematch of these two great teams.

506th Air Expeditionary Group Facts

Mission

The mission of the 506th AEG is to facilitate the reconstruction, operation, maintenance and base defense of Kirkuk Regional Air Base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and other USCENTCOM contingency plans.

Kirkuk Regional Air Base and the U.S. Army’s Forward Operating Base Warrior are home to more than 4,000 Airman and Soldiers.

The 506th AEG is comprised of an Expeditionary Medical Services Squadron, Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron, Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Expeditionary Services Squadron and the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, Detachment 1.

Operations

Combat in Western Pacific, May 19 – Aug 14, 1945; escorted B-29 bombers in raids against Japan and attacked targets such as enemy airfields. Took part in Operation Deny Flight, enforcing a no-fly zone over Bosnia, in mid-1990s. Supported Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 23, 2003 until present.

Lineage

Activated on Oct. 21, 1944
 Inactivated on Dec 16, 1945
 Redesignated the 506th Strategic Fighter Group on Nov. 20, 1952
 Activated on Jan. 20, 1953
 Redesignated the 506th Fighter-Day Group on July 1, 1957
 506th Fighter-Bomber Group on Jan. 1, 1958
 506th Tactical Fighter Group on July 1, 1958
 Inactivated on April 1, 1959
 Activated in the Reserve on July 8, 1972
 Redesignated the 506th Air Expeditionary Group on April 23, 2003

Stations

Lakeland Air Field, Fla., from Oct. 21, 1944 – Feb. 16, 1945; North Field, Iwo Jima, 25 Apr 25 – Dec. 3, 1945 (air echelon operated from Tinian, Mar 23 - May 11, 1945); Camp Anza, Calif., Dec. 15-16, 1945. Dow Air Force Base, Maine, Jan 20, 1953; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Mar 20, 1955 – Apr 1, 1959. Carswell Air Force Base (later, ARS) Texas, July 8, 1972 - 1991. Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq 2003 – present.

Aircraft

P-51, 1944 - 1945; F-84, 1953 - 1957; F-100, 1957 – 1958; F-105, 1972 - 1982; F-4, 1981 - 1991; A-10, 2003 – 2004.



Culture Gram

Islamic Ritual: Aqiqah

There are many rituals and ceremonies in which Muslims will participate during the course of their lives, beginning at birth and ending with the Islamic funeral rite. Children are treasured in Islamic culture and so it is fitting that parents perform the *aqiqah*, a ritual to welcome newborns and give thanks to God for the new child.

The *aqiqah* ceremony appears to be based on Arabian tribal customs that pre-date Islam but were assimilated into the practice of the religion during the days of the prophet Muhammad.

Although the ceremony itself is performed seven days after the birth of the child, consecrating the child begins as soon as it is born. When a child is delivered, the mother or father whispers the *adhan*, the call to prayer, in the ear of the newborn. Then a small bit of mashed date is fed to the baby. Family members may then join in prayer for the child's good fortune in life.

The selection of a name that reflects Islamic values is important to Muslim parents. Males are often named after prophets (Muhammad, Ismail, Musa) or companions of Muhammad (Ali, Omar, Abbas, Hamza), while females may be named after members of Muhammad's household (Khadija, Fatima, Aisha) or given descriptive names (Jameelah [beauty], Aminah [faithful]).

On the seventh day after birth, the actual *aqiqah* ceremony takes place. Family and friends gather for a special dinner. A sheep or goat that has been ritually sacrificed, usually at a local butcher shop, is cooked for the meal, with a portion being donated to the poor. The child's hair is shaved off and weighed; an equal weight of silver is donated to charity. Those present then congratulate the parents and give gifts for the baby.

Did you know...?

...circumcision of males occurs within a few days of birth. Circumcision has little religious significance and is related more to cleanliness and hygiene. Female circumcision is discouraged in Islam and is virtually unknown throughout the Muslim world except in parts of Africa, where it is a pre-Islamic tribal custom. Where it is practiced, it is just as common among local Christians and animists as among Muslims. Several Islamic organizations have worked to abolish this practice.

Culturgram is courtesy of Capt Matthew Ence, 9 AF/A5, Middle East FAO.

WARRIOR TEAM SPOTLIGHT



The members:

Lt. Col. Vic Winter, 176th CES, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
 Maj. Jose Masso, 156th CES, Muniz ANGB, Puerto Rico
 1st Lt. Seth Foulkes, 97th CES, Altus AFB, Okla.
 Master Sgt. Brian Lewis, 176th CES, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
 Master Sgt. Joseph Casey, 106th CES, Gabreski Airport, N.Y.
 Staff Sgt. John White, 123rd CES, Kentucky ANG, Ky.
 Staff Sgt. Art Koenig, 176th CES, Kulis ANGB, Alaska
 Senior Airmen Nicholas Adams, 97th CES, Altus AFB, Okla.

Their responsibilities:

Perform and coordinate post-attack assessment of the base airfields. Perform onsite construction quality assurance monitoring of contractors and construction material deliveries. Uses field survey data and satellite imagery to manage, maintain, and produce updated base maps and project design drawings. Perform topographic, elevation, stake-out surveys for project designs during construction. Monitor operations, waste acceptance, and waste material organization at the base landfill as well as perform tests to determine soil densities. Coordinates and determines survey needs for construction projects. Perform Quality Assurance inspections of construction projects and

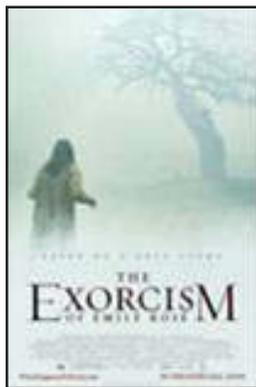
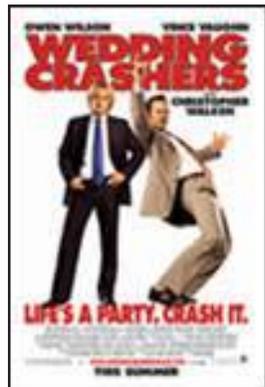
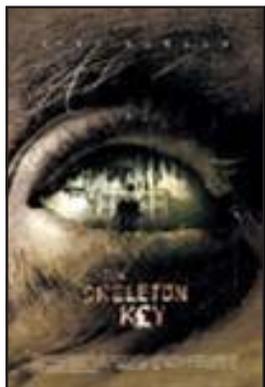
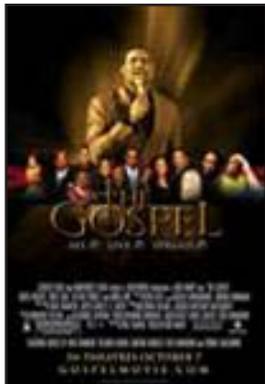
Manages base wide environment issues to include spill response, hazardous waste materials, solid waste collection point management and archeological site protection. Manages building material orders and inspects materials for compliance with the statement of work and design documents.

Maintains all Air Force real property on Kirkuk Regional Air Base. Responsible for all construction management, quality assurance, and coordination of all Air Force construction projects. Designs projects meeting the requirements of Air Force Regulations that will meet the needs of their clients and also conducts quality control and inspections on all construction projects.

KRAB Buster Theater Schedule

16 - 29 January 2006

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
16 The Gospel 0700, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1900, 2100, 2300	17 Flight Plan 0100, 0300, 0500, 0700, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1900, 2100	18 Aeon Flux 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	19 Into the Blue 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	20 CLOSED CLOSED FOR BAZAAR	21 Chicken Little 2000, 2200	22 Flight Plan 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200
23 Skeleton Key 0700, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1900, 2100, 2300	24 Wedding Crashers 0100, 0300, 0500, 0700, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1900, 2100	25 Exorcism of Emily Rose 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	26 History of Violence 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	27 Serenity 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	28 Chicken Little 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200	29 Wedding Crashers 2400, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2200



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