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Airman 1st Class Matthew Roherty, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, tests for Combat Life Saving Skills while deployed to Ali Base, Iraq. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



“Opportunity” Iraqi Freedom

By Lt. Col. Thomas Johnson

407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander

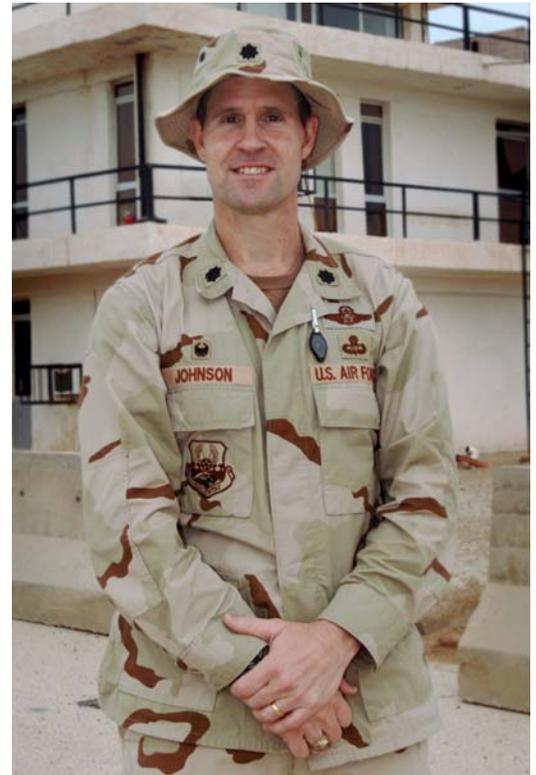
“What we do for ourselves dies with us. *What we do for others and the world, remains... and is... immortal.*” Albert Payne

It seems to me that the beginning of any deployment offers each of us the opportunity to reflect on what God has put us here to do. Are our lives meant to serve ourselves, or are they to serve others? Each of us on the total force team have at one time or another signed the proverbial dotted line as a visible symbol that we are about serving others, before ourselves. Yeah, the services have a lot to offer all those that join, but the reality is, by joining we are placed in a “position of advantage” to serve others.

As I pondered a story my father recently passed along that concluded with the above quote, I came up with some tangible ways I can serve on AEF 9/10. At my first commander’s call I challenged my unit in three specific areas, and also asked them to consider one general rotational goal. Specifically, I passed along that I believe we are all here to enhance Ali Base, enhance Iraq, enhance ourselves and finally that generally we should all aim to return from this rotation with glory.

Each of us has an equal opportunity to enhance this base by taking a hard look at what we were handed and improving it. One beauty of being deployed is that our boots on the ground are lean and mean; affording many of us opportunities that might be reserved for those senior to us at home. This tremendous growth opportunity should not be overlooked. For instance my unit has the privilege of improving the air traffic control over a large portion of Iraq as well as improving an airfield vastly ignored since 1991. Each of us should look forward to the day we wrap up our rotation proudly knowing we left it better than we found it.

As a fighting force for freedom and democracy, we are truly writing history. For decades, Iraq under the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein slowly and painfully became a neglected people



Lt. Col. Thomas Johnson

and land. I am confident everyone can do their mission in such a manner that when the day comes to hand our job back over to an Iraqi or even another coalition partner that we hand them the finest and most functioning capability possible.

Often times I have a tendency to focus so much on the mission, that I forget about taking care of myself. I hope I am alone in this boat, but suspect I’m not. Few opportunities in our careers afford us more flexibility than a deployment to improve ourselves as people and Airmen. On the personal growth side of the house, spiritual, mental, and physical growth are all very much in play. I hope to study parts of the Bible that were written as a result of events that took place on grounds literally beneath our feet. I also hope to read some novels I have put off for many years. Furthermore, I also hope to turn back a few years on my physical conditioning. Likewise, I encourage everyone to get involved in the chapel

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Leadership

Dad pack your bags we're going to Iraq

By Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio

407th Air Expeditionary Group, Public Affairs

Father and son pack their bags together — destination Iraq. The father uses his talents to pave the way and the son puts out the fires along the way.

Dad was always going off on great adventures as his son sat on the doorsteps wishing he could join him. He was tired of being left behind and all that changed when the son became a man. Both currently have the mailing address of Ali Base, Iraq.

A father and son team, assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron; the father works to landscape the treacherous environment made even worse with the rainy season in full swing. The son works 24 hours on and 24 hours off as a firefighter.

Both are assigned to the Vermont Guard in Burlington that currently has over 30 engineers deployed to the base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. At home, the son's job is not very different than it is here. He also works at the Airport Fire Department and was excited to get his Emergency Medical Training license the day before he left to come here.

In the civilian sector, the father trades his dirt work for woodwork. He designs and manufactures furniture in upstate New York.

With two men out of the house, mom is doing it her way for a while.

"I have more time on my hands to take extra college credits, clean out the closets, and get some of the "one of these days jobs" done," said Mrs. Kim O'Brien. "It's important to have a positive attitude...family and friends are always helpful." She admits to worrying about them both, but a little less because they are together.

"I have great friends here with me in Iraq, some I have known as long as my son has been alive, but it is nice to have family to talk to," said Master Sgt. Patrick O'Brien. He has not seen his son much in the past year because they have both been very busy.

"He (the son) left for Basic Training two weeks after he graduated from high school. He was only home for two weeks when I deployed for almost seven months," said Sergeant O'Brien. Before his father returned from his seven-month deployment, his son had already volunteered to take the next deployment available to Iraq.

"When I volunteered my dad was still deployed. I



Senior Airman Patrick O'Brien, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Firefighter, and Master Sgt. Patrick O'Brien, 407 ECES Horizontal Shop.

had no idea we would be coming here together," said Senior Airman Patrick O'Brien, 407 ECES. They didn't leave wife or mother empty handed or inexperienced upon their departure. Another brother is at home, taking up the slack.

"My other son has stepped up to the plate...we have had a mild winter in New York so his snow blowing responsibilities have been light," said Mrs. O'Brien. "I feel the biggest change has been his acceptance to take on more responsibilities...it has been a growing experience for him and it is helping him to mature." She is not without military experience having been on active duty for eight years and in the Vermont National Guard for one year.

"I have been in the military since day one. My father is retired Air Force who served in Vietnam, and I joined after graduating from high school," said Mrs. O'Brien. When she left the service in 1989, her duties changed to that of a military wife.

Sergeant O'Brien says his wife is very proud of them both and was not surprised when they both volunteered. He is very happy to have such a supportive wife, which enables him to stay more focused on his job.

Airman O'Brien is glad his dad is here because it makes his mom feel that he is being watched and it also saves on the long distance phone calls.

They both work different shifts and are not able to see each other as much as they would like, but do take the opportunity to have a cup of coffee together and talk, when the work schedule permits.

"So far, the days have been long and busy, but I have no complaints," said Sergeant O'Brien. "I enjoy the work and think everything we are doing here is important."

Combat Life Saving Skills Knowledge

Great knowledge for Security Forces



Top left: Airman 1st Class Nick Nunnari and Tech Sgt. Laura Palmer, both from the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, practice their Combat Life Saving Skills during a three day class offered by the Army, at Ali Base, Iraq. Top Right: Staff Sgt. Melvin Boyd, 407 ESFS, performs a medical procedure on a dummy that has a simulated sucking check wound. Bottom: SPC Gina Herrera, 67th Forward Surgical Team, test Airman 1st Class Matthew Roherty and Senior Airman Shatasha Williams, both of the 407 ESFS, on their ability to place a field dressing after their second day of training on Combat Life Saving Skills in February at Ali Base, Iraq.



Fast Fact

2,500 soldiers in Viet Nam died of hemorrhaging from extremity wounds even though the soldiers had no other serious injury. New skills in Life Saving will decrease this drastically.

Be a good Wingman

Take care of your buddy, don't let him crash and burn

By Tech. Sgt. John Tinker

407th Air Expeditionary Group Safety Office

In combat, we take up defensive positions and defend those positions because our buddies rely on us to protect their backside. We are their "Wingman".

While we are on a temporary duty assignment and out on the town with our buddies, we have their backs.

You are his or her wingman then so why is it we are wingmen in these situations and not in others?

Do we pick and choose when we want to be wingmen, because the situation is less cool or life threatening? In reality, we should be a wingman at all times.

Not wearing reflective belts at night can result in a vehicle operator not being able to see your buddy and possibly taking him out.

How do you explain to his mother that her son could still be here if you had stepped up and been the Wingman you should have been?

Not wearing seatbelts can result in severe injury if a collision or roll-over occurs.

How would you feel if your buddy died in a vehicle accident because he was not wearing his seatbelt and you were too cool to tell him to put it on?

Even worse, how do you explain to his wife, your wife's best friend, it was your fault.

Not using machine guards on equipment where it is required, can result in the loss of appendages.

How does he explain to his son why he can't practice ball with him because he took the shortcut, with you standing beside him?

Not performing proper weapon clearing procedures can result in extra orifices in your body, or can kill you, or your buddy.

These are just some examples where the wingman could have stepped in and prevented injury to his buddy.

Whether you are in combat, out on the town, walking to the dining facility at night, or building a front porch on your tent, tragedies can happen if you don't follow the recommended safety procedures.



Senior Airmen Moises Alhabra and Stephanie Canfield, both of the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, demonstrate the proper and improper dress after dark at Ali Base, Iraq. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Tinker)

Being a good wingman only means caring for your fellow Airman and ensuring the mission goes on.

Make sure you and your buddy go home when your time is up, not because you can no longer perform your job or live your life to the fullest.

Changing of the Guard

A tribute from the Chief to his troops

By Chief Master Sgt. James Erwin

407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

The time has come for the changing of the guard from AEF Delta Security Forces to AEF Echo. From AEF Charlie the ground work was laid and Delta came in and made the unit better and stronger.

Situation:

The Security Forces intelligence shop, led by 1st Lt. John Bixby, Senior Master Sgt. Bradford Paslay, and Tech. Sgt. Toby Slay, pulled intelligence from patrols, Coalition and United States Army sources, and group intelligence services.

The shop identified likely enemy courses of actions and pushed out the intelligence through daily operations and intelligence briefings. These briefings insured all coalition forces operating in the local area were equipped with situational awareness and cognizant of each others movements as each party conducted their individual operation for the common objective.

Mission/Execution:

The Operations are headed up by Capt. Michael Robinson, Senior Master Sgt. Richard Fox, Master Sgt. Ricky Melton and Tech. Sgt. Galen Dickerson who performed in a superb manner in countering the enemy COAs. From operations to counter possible attacks against the base to securing 11 distinguished visitors during the time they spent on the base and providing sterile routes of travel for Constitutional and Parliamentary tally sheets.

The operations section assisted in shaping the future of Iraq. The increased communications capabilities were due to 1st Lt. Timothy Wankowski working with his US Army counterparts and Air Force communications squadron to build a robust communications capability for security patrols inside and outside the wire.

He worked diligently to incorporate hand-portable radio systems, vehicle mounted mobile radios to satellite phones to increase patrol communications capabilities.

The tactical automated sensor system field, the largest in Iraq, is managed and maintained by Staff Sgt. Stephen Cross and Senior Airman Jacob Mendow who provided early warning to the crew at the combined defense operations center and they would



Senior Airmen Neil White and Josh Noll, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, check their vehicle during patrol at Ali Base, Iraq. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

in-turn dispatch our army brethren to assess the cause of the alarm.

Numerous individuals were stopped at the perimeter through the well choreographed performance of sensors and personnel.

Other personnel and sections also played major roles in deterring enemy activity against the base. Military Working Dog section, under Tech. Sgt. Matthew Rebholz, did an outstanding job of searching vehicles before allowing entry to the base, and ran listening and observation posts simultaneously with their Close Precision Engagement team brethren.

Also used in the role of conducting observation missions was the force protection aerial surveillance system. The team under the direction of Staff Sgt. Chenoa Abbott flew more than 125 missions to gather intelligence and identify targets in either the surface-to-air-missile area or standoff indirect weapons fire areas.

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Tech Sgt. Bernie Herron, the Engineer and Installation Team Chief with the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, explains the procedures for assembling an antenna as the ground radio theater engineers prepare cable, all for the conversion to the standardized CENTAF Land Mobile Radio configuration on Feb 10, at Ali Base, Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Bradley Church)

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Service and Support:

To ensure the operations section had the equipment, vehicles and weapons to perform their duties, the logistics and resources section provided the vital link. Led by Senior Master Sgt. Roger Haller, the subsections worked to keep the troops equipped.

Staff Sgts. Carole Lampley and Benjamin Au conducted required initial gear issue for arriving troops so they could perform their missions.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Frueh and Senior Airman Jonathan Oakes worked diligently with the logistic readiness squadron fleet management section to ensure vehicle were repaired and maintained to keep enemy forces at bay.

Staff Sgts. Phillip Harp and John Werner ran the armory with four other armorers to ensure forces were properly armed just in case the enemy wanted to push the envelope and test the Desert Hunters resolve.

Command and Signal:

With more than 200 troops on Echo Flight who conduct entry control operations, Patrol Flight mounted patrols within 260 square kilometers of the tactical area of responsibility to Alpha Flight, and Law and Order Flight. They are the last line of defense at the resource and the Force Protection Flight that keeps a watchful eye of the on-goings with Air Force and Coalition projects. These flights culminate into one focal point protecting the base populace but, it was the responsibility of the administrator to manage what seemed like organized chaos at times.

From disciplinary issues to awards programs, the First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Gregory McCabe, was in the thick of things to ensure troops were taken care of. From resolving tent issues to pay questions he was there for each and every troop.

His information managers, Staff Sgt. Meghan Pelaez who was replaced by Tech. Sgt. Tracie Daniel, and personnelist, Senior Airman Michael Flye, kept troop's morale high by ensuring the e-mail accounts were up

and running. They delivered their mail to them and processed important paper work to keep troops informed of benefits and entitlements.

To tie all the sections, flights and unit leadership together, the commander laid out his vision and philosophy. Maj. Joseph Engelbrecht III was the pack leader for the Desert Hunters. His philosophy of Professionalism, Teamwork and Attitude laid the foundation of what the unit accomplished during AEF Delta's rotation.

The men and women are better leaders and people under his leadership. In his newcomers briefing he challenged the individuals to take care of each other, because "In the end it's not about you it's about the team."

In one of his last guardmounts, he reminded the troops to exercise discretion and to ease back into their previous life style and not to rush into it. He pointed out that when AEF Charlie members returned, one Airman wasn't back two weeks and he is no longer with us.

He also challenged the troops not to concentrate on the light at the end of the tunnel, drawing on their memories of what happened during the change-over period a few short months ago. As they started their tour of duty, the enemy began launching rockets at the base and a vehicle ran the main entry control point. *As the door closes on Security Forces AEF Delta's rotation, I too am in agreement with Major Engelbrecht's comments at one of our last guardmounts. "It has been a pleasure to have served with you. Troops from 24 different bases formed into one cohesive team, it doesn't get any better than this." The total of bases moved to 32 as we welcomed our Force Protection brethren, but it's still one team. To AEF Echo, yes we've accomplished a lot as a team. Not only as Security Forces, but as Team Ali. You too will have your challenges to overcome and your opportunities to excel. We wish you the best of luck and we leave you with one final tidbit: Defenders...ROCK!!!*

Serving All -- Service Before Self

By Tech. Sgt. Nicole Nixon

407th Air Expeditionary Group Chaplains assistant

The Chapel received an e-mail notification that informed us of our scheduled date to spot check and clean up a particular smoke pit area. (Can you say – DETAIL?)

I immediately thought it was a strange detail. After all, neither of the chaplains nor I smoked or have a desire to be in the presence of smoke.

Being the technical NCO that I am, I sent the First Sergeant a reply asking if this was indeed a mistake. How dare we be tasked to clean and pick up in an area that was clearly not our area of expertise?

After the reply was returned, along with a talking paper and a memo, I began to reflect. I thought to myself, why should civil engineers come to our area to patch a hole in our leaking tent? After all, they did not put the hole there.

Why should the communications help desk fix any of our network problems? They are not responsible for my lack of computer skills.

I began to reflect on the question: Why I am here? Where is it written in my job description that I'm to pick up cigarette butts?

I've searched and found that the Chaplain Service mission statement

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services, read some books you may not ordinarily have time for and set some reachable conditioning goals. On the professional side, knock out your next Career Development Course, or Professional Military Education course in correspondence. I hope to write a paper to complete Air War College before redeploying. Let's face it; knocking it out here is better than knocking it out on family time post deployment. Finally, if you have an unhealthy habit, just kick it. We all know what they are.

Finally, I saved the most attainable goal for last. Let's all make the personal commitment to do what it takes to return to our families and units with glory. Get to know the rules and stay well within them. Unfortunately two Airman from my unit here on AEF

reads, "Glorifying God, Honoring Airmen, and Serving All". Will it glorify God if the Ali Base smoke pit areas are free of trash? Will it be an honor to my fellow airmen if we assisted them in keeping where they smoke, free from fire hazards? Is this detail an act to Serve All? I think so.

I'm again reminded of the Air Force's core values; Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. One definition of integrity is; a steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code. We should all want and desire to do what is right.

We should all want to live in a clean environment. Of course that is 'if we have integrity. Service before self is simple. The bottom line is that it's not about me.

If asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" our core values, particularly "Service Before Self" and part of the Chaplain Service call to "Serve All" is a good answer. That is why I am here, to be a servant to my brothers and sisters. Finally, "Excellence in All We Do"



Tech. Sgt. Nicole Nixon

is not to be boastful or too proud. It's a motivator to do things right. Let's just do it right with a cheerful heart.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

7/8 left with one less stripe on their sleeve than they had when they arrived. Imagine the disappointment their family and home unit faced when they picked them up at the passenger terminal. Most painful for me was one of those Airmen is mine at home. What a tragic circumstance; to come off to war, and not return with glory. By putting our best foot forward each day, supervisors will reward those that shine. Monthly/rotational awards and decorations are all well within reach. Everyone has an equal opportunity to return with glory. Work hard, play clean, and in all things turn opportunity into glory.

"Surely you know that many runners take part in a race, but only one of them wins the prize. *Run then in such a way as to win the prize.*" 1 Corinthians 9:24

Customs and Courtesies

American Military Decorations

(Editors Note: This is part two of a series to address military customs and courtesies. This part will deal with American Military Decorations. Information is taken from "Til the Wheels are Up.")

The U.S. was very slow in establishing a system of military decorations. The first American decoration was developed by George Washington in 1782 when he had the "purple heart" created. It was to be awarded for "singularly meritorious action" and consisted of a small purple cloth heart to be worn over the left breast. Three were awarded in 1783, but records show no others since then.

In December of 1861, Senator James W. Grimes of Iowa introduced a bill that resulted in the establishment of a Medal of Honor for Navy enlisted men. This is the first decoration formally authorized by the American government to be worn as a badge of honor. The Army followed suit in 1862, and officers were declared eligible for the medal in 1863.

The criteria for presenting the Medal of Honor were very much lower in our early wars than they are now. It wasn't until 1902 that steps were taken to establish lesser awards. The Distinguished Service Cross was established in 1918 for "extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy" under circumstances not deserving award of the Medal of Honor. Between the World Wars, a "pyramid" of fifteen distinct awards for valor and merit was established, with the Medal of Honor on top. Campaign medals and their ribbons were not authorized until 1905.

Some "little known, but interesting facts" concerning the Medal of Honor:

■ Five men have won two Medals of Honor. In 1918 the regulations were changed to prevent any one

person getting it more than once.

■ Although awarded "In the name of Congress," this decoration is properly known as the "Medal of Honor," not the "Congressional Medal of Honor."

■ Former soldiers and airmen who have won the Medal of Honor are entitled to an annual pension of \$120 on reaching the age of 65.

■ There is no basis in fact that enlisted men holding the Medal of Honor are entitled to a salute from officers.

Although it is customary for the junior to initiate the exchange of salutes, it is completely proper for the superior to salute first. It's possible that after some commanding officer saluted a Medal of Honor winner, the word got around that this was expected of all other officers in the command.

Comfort Zone Library offers many reading options

Books

- **Air Force Roles and Missions** (The CSAF's Reading List)- Warren A. Trest- History of the USAF
- **Locating Air Force Base Sites** (The CSAF's Reading List)- Frederick J. Shaw- Describes military, technical, economic, and political reasoning that has influenced the location, or basing, of major flying and non-flying units in the continental United States, excluding Alaska, between 1907 and 2003.
- **Victory At Yorktown** (The CSAF's Reading List)- Richard M. Ketchum- This informative and entertaining chronicle of the American Revolution's final battles also concludes Ketchum's fine series of that war's campaign histories (Decisive Day: The Battle for Bunker Hill, etc.).
- **General George Washington** (The CSAF's Reading List)- Edward G. Lengel- This engrossing book paints a vivid, factual portrait of a man to whom lore and legend so tenaciously cling.
- **Edgar Allan Poe Selected Works**- Sixty-seven tales. One complete novel
- **The Seven Storey Mountain**- Thomas Merton- Describes his early doubts, his conversion to a Catholic faith of extreme certainty, and his decision to take life vows as a Trappist.

DVD's

- **Rebound** – An acclaimed college hoops coach is demoted to a junior varsity team after a public meltdown.
- **Cinderella Man** – One man's extraordinary fight to save the family he loved.
- **Must Love Dogs** – A forty-something preschool teacher looks to the personals for a change of pace and a relationship, with hilarious results.
- **Fever Pitch** – Lindsay (Barrymore) is stuck in the middle of her relationship with Ben (Fallon) and his passion for the Boston Red Sox.
- **March of the Penguins** – A look at the annual journey of Emperor penguins as they march — single file — to their traditional breeding ground.
- **Christmas With The Kranks** – With their daughter away, her parents decide to skip Christmas altogether until she decides to come home, causing an uproar when they have to celebrate the holidays at the last minute
- **Four Brothers** - Four brothers look to avenge their mother's death.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** - A bored married couple is surprised to learn that they are both assassins hired by competing agencies to kill each other.

A **Fire** Prevention Message

By Master Sgt. Joseph Doyle

407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Almost every day I hear the Ali Fire Department dispatcher say the words “Stand-by for a Structural Emergency... Stand-by for a Structural Emergency.” As your Ali “Fire Dawgs” are responding to the emergency at a nearby tent or structure, I ask myself “Where are they going now? Was it something that I missed during my fire inspection?” That hasn’t happened yet.

If this article catches your eye, you might have the opportunity to prevent the loss of life and property by taking a few small steps towards a safe working and living environment.

Just like home station, you are surrounded by fire and life safety tools on Ali Base. There are smoke detectors and portable fire extinguishers in every facility you work or live in. Work and living areas also have primary and alternate emergency exits.

With nearly half of the Bedrock fire inspections completed, I have found some disturbing trends in fire safety. These fire safety discrepancies can seriously impact our mission and AEF 9/10 teammates, if not corrected. Most of the infractions can be corrected on the spot, but some will need to be channeled through your unit safety representative for a proper fix. By eliminating these deficiencies, we can reduce the chances of a fire starting.

In the event a fire or emergency does occur, reporting the incident quickly will prevent or reduce the impact to Ali Base. By using the **code SPEED**, you can promptly and accurately help your fellow airmen.

S Sound the alarm, alert people in the adjacent area by shouting “Fire, Fire, Fire” and use the air horn or fire alarm system.

P Phone the fire department by dialing 911 from any Ali Base telephone, give the dispatcher as much information as possible.

E Extinguish the fire if it is small and within your training. Never attempt to extinguish a fire alone, instead work in pairs, the “Fire Dawgs” always do!

E Evacuate the facility or tent to a safe haven upwind from the fire. In Bedrock, evacuate to the outer boundaries and assemble in the parking areas.

D Direct the responding firefighters to the location of the emergency or fire (if it is not obvious).

If you need assistance with a fire prevention issue, ask your unit fire safety representative for help or call 445-2079 for direct guidance. You can also view AEGI32-2001, *Fire Prevention Program*, at <http://intranet/Policies-OIs/AliOIs/OIMain.htm> if you need additional information. Have a great Day!



Top 10 Fire Inspection Infractions

1. **Smoke Detectors Missing**
2. **Smoke Detectors Inoperative (dead/missing battery)**
3. **Rear tent flap inaccessible (blocked or broken zipper)**
4. **Missing, hidden or depleted portable fire extinguisher**
5. **Missing, hidden or depleted Air Horn**
6. **Use of 60 watt light bulbs (or higher)**
7. **Lamps without bulb guards**
8. **Lamps too close or touching combustible materials**
9. **Use of non-grounded power cords**
10. **Narrow tent aisles**

Fire Department practice responding



Staff Sgt. Brian Tannancour and Airman 1st Class Christopher Cruz, 407 ECES, check a water filling station for their fire truck following the exercise, on Feb. 10, at Ali Base, Iraq.



Master Sgt. Joe Doyle, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention, readies to evaluate his counterparts on a fire response exercise on Feb. 10, at Ali Base, Iraq. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



Senior Airman Andrew Perry, 407 ECES, listens during a briefing for the exercise on evacuation procedures.



Senior Airman Erich Grice, 407 ECES, removes a chalk from his fire truck to secure it during the exercise to test the response time of the Fire Department.

Vehicle Maintenance conquers the beasts

Keeping 'em running in bad conditions



Top left: Tech. Sgt. Brad Green, 407th Expeditionary Logistical Readiness Squadron, performs preventative maintenance on a vehicle in the Ali Base, Iraq, Vehicle Maintenance area. Top Right: Staff Sgt. Ricky Carroll, 407 ELRS, works on repairing a fender. Bottom left: Staff Sgt. Shawn Reed, 407 ELRS, rolls an air hose back onto the reel after a task. Bottom right: Airman 1st Class Kimberly Louis, 407 ELRS, works on the undercarriage of a vehicle. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

Operation Reach Out Ready to go

By Senior Master Sgt. Diane Scott-Dailey

407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

When the troops from the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Supply and Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants Flights found out that the supply warehouse needed to make room for a container of weapons, they jumped at the challenge.

The challenge was to consolidate 20 large boxes of supplies for Operation Reach Out (donated supplies for needy children) into 10 boxes. The initial dilemma was to organize the items into a more manageable system; the supplies and clothing were mixed together and needed to be organized by item type.

A team of Supply and POL troops, and the ELRS First Sergeant, diligently began to separate the boxes by school supplies, clothing, toiletries and toys.

It seemed like a daunting task with over 2000 pounds of items to be sorted, but the troops began by labeling the boxes to ensure the items were sorted into the appropriate boxes.

Within 4 hours the mission was complete and Operation Reach Out will now be easier to implement, because supplies are now sorted by category. Staff Sgt. Michael Clay, 407 ELRS, explained his feelings, "I think it's a great opportunity to be able to help give back to those in need."

Operation Reach Out belongs to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group. It allows military members the opportunity to reach out to the people of the local community.

It will certainly bring a smile to the face of a local child to receive clothing, shoes and supplies needed for their education.

Staff Sgt. Dawnmosha Williams, 407 ELRS stated, "Operation Reach Out is more than just a few donations, it's a silent peace treaty to help ensure peace and prosperity to many of our Iraqi neighbors in need."

The Airmen of the 407 ELRS have brought



Tech. Sgt. David Moore, 407 ELRS, sorts items stored in the Supply Warehouse for Operation Reach Out. (Photos by Master Sgt. Michael Jennings)



Personnel from the 407 ELRS, sorts items stored in the Supply Warehouse for Operation Reach Out at Ali Base, Iraq.

Operation Reach Out one step closer to mission completion.

Tech. Sgt. David Moore, 407 ELRS, sums it up, "It gives us great pleasure in knowing that we have made a huge difference in the lives of a society that has been oppressed for so long. I hope we are afforded the continuing opportunity to serve our country and assist the people of Iraq."

Volleyball Tournament...a tough act to follow



Top Left: Senior Airman Chris Cruz, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a swipe at the ball during the tournament on Feb. 12, at Ali Base, Iraq. Bottom Left: Capt. Roger Yoon, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, hit a ball as Staff Sgt. Clinton Buehler, 407 ECS, looks on. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



Staff Sgt. Carlos Gupton, 407 ECES, returns a serve during the tournament on Feb. 12, at Ali Base, Iraq. Bottom Right: Staff Sgt. Mike Havens, 407 ECES, makes a return of the volleyball to the opposing team.



Armed and Dangerous

By Senior Master Sgt. Roger Haller and Staff Sgts. Phillip Hart and John Werner

407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Regardless of how long you have been at Ali Base, you have heard of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Ever wonder how they're protecting the base and its resources? It starts with getting the right equipment to the right people at the right time. As you may have noticed, you've seen our very own Desert Hunters are armed to the teeth. Every person carries at least a Beretta M-9, 9mm pistol. Weighing just over two pounds loaded and has a maximum range of 1,800 meters, and is great choice for personal defense or close quarters combat when you don't need the high velocity round of a rifle leaving a building and entering another one across the street or down the road.

The 9mm is just a tidbit in the arsenal carried by Security Forces; most members also carry the M16A2 or the newer M4 Carbine. Both offer the capability to reach out and pop the adversary at over 500 meters. Everyone in the Air Force who is deployed is required to be qualified on the M16 or M4. This is the back bone weapon of all Air Force ground troops.

You may notice on some M16s and M4s that there is a large attachment just below the barrel. This attachment is the M203 40mm grenade launcher. This weapon is often used to cover the dead space that cannot physically be engaged by a regular rifleman or machine gunner. It has a range of more than 300 meters and fires a multitude of munitions ranging from High Explosive and Illumination rounds down to more specialty rounds such as CS gas (better known as tear gas) rounds that may be used for a variety of purposes. The weapon is not only good for covering dead space, but it can be used to fire through the windows of buildings or take out light to medium skinned vehicles.

Moving up the firepower ladder is the M249AR light machine gun, commonly referred to as a SAW, or squad automatic weapon. The SAW has been in the Air Force inventory for over a decade now and firmly gives the

squad or fire team an automatic rifleman to support both offensive and defensive employment. The SAW is about twice the weight of your standard issue M16 (right around 15 pounds) and fires 5.56mm linked ammunition from a 200 round assault pack and is also capable of firing 5.56mm rounds loaded into a 30 round M-16 magazine. The M249 allows a team to provide a high volume of cover fire and can quickly be moved when the need to maneuver arises.

Next on the automatic scale is the M240B 7.62mm machine gun. This little jewel can fire at a rate of over 650 rounds per minute and is primarily used to reinforce lines of defense and can provide unrelenting covering and suppressive fire on targets out to 1,800

meters. The M240B has some big shoes to fill as it is the newest ground combat weapon in the Air Force inventory and is the direct replacement for the venerable M-60 machine gun that served our forces well in many conflicts around the globe in the past 40 years.

The M240B's big brother is the MK-19 40mm automatic grenade launcher. This weapon can really rain on your parade from over two kilometers away and is generally used on large troop formations and light to medium skinned vehicles. The MK-19 can be fired from a stationary position or mounted on a vehicle for

patrolling outside the base perimeter, a great force multiplier.

Probably one of the more feared small arms in the AF arsenal is the M24 sniper weapon system. In the right hands, it has the ability to reach out and administer a deadly strike at ranges of 700 meters and more. The psychological trauma caused to the enemy with one lethal shot, by a shooter and his skilled spotter, can devastate the morale and break the spirit of the undisciplined.

At the top of the ladder we finally come to the granddaddy of them all, and every machine gunner



Senior Airman Matthew Collier, 407 ESFS, with a .50-caliber machine gun at Ali Base, Iraq.

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National Guard, Reserve Role To Be Cut In Afghanistan, Iraq

By Lolita C. Baldor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Guard and Reserves will play a much smaller role next year in Iraq and Afghanistan, dropping to less than one-fifth of the overall US forces there, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Peter Pace, said yesterday.

In response to repeated questions about the strain on reserve forces on the front lines, Pace, a Marine general, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that Guard and Reserves members will make up just 19 percent of the forces deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan over the next year.

Currently, they make up about 30 percent of US forces in those countries, Pace said. That means the planned reduction would lower the reserves' proportion of total US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan by about one-third.

There are now about 138,000 US troops in Iraq and 19,000 more in Afghanistan.

The announcement of a planned reduction in reserves was made as Bush administration officials have been saying they hope to reduce the numbers of US troops in Iraq this year, assuming the Iraqi government and its forces can take a wider role in the war and keep order.

The Bush administration has been under pressure to bring more US troops home.

A study commissioned by the

Pentagon said last month that the wear and tear of the US deployment in Iraq was beginning to drain the Army, and questioned how much longer it could continue operating there at full effectiveness.

Reserve forces have made up as much as 40 percent of the US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The number of Army National Guard soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan peaked at 69,416 in September; most were in Iraq.

General Peter Schoomaker, the highest-ranking Army officer, told the senators that the heavy use of the Guard and Reserve has given the Army time to reorganize and prepare for its regular troops to take on a broader role, beginning in March.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, meanwhile, told the panel that corruption in Iraq could damage efforts to create a democracy there.

He also said it was up to the Iraqis to seize control and take more responsibility.

"It's true that violence, corruption, and criminality continue to pose challenges in Iraq," he said.

"It's critically important that it be attacked and that the new leadership in that country be measured against their commitment to attack corruption," he added. Rumsfeld provided no specific examples.

But there have been recent

allegations that some revenue from Iraq's slowly rebuilding oil industry has been siphoned to help finance the insurgency there.

He added that "our awareness of corruption is increasing," because coalition officials are doing more to investigate those problems within the government.

The committee chairman, John Warner, Republican of Virginia, said the next six months would be critical in Iraq and would be key to the eventual withdrawal of US troops and coalition forces. He said increasing problems with corruption in Iraq have made matters more difficult for coalition forces.

Rumsfeld faced criticism from one committee member, Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, who said the \$439.3 billion military budget for 2007 that President Bush proposed Monday is not responsible because it does not reflect the billions that will be spent on Iraq and Afghanistan.

Levin also questioned whether the United States will be able to sustain the necessary troop levels in Iraq, where difficult conditions are wearing down both people and equipment. A report conducted for the Pentagon drew a similar conclusion last month.

Bush proposed an initial payment of \$50 billion for those wars next year, compared with \$120 billion the administration says will be needed this year.

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who has ever fired it will tell you it's their favorite weapon...the Browning M-2 .50 caliber machine gun. Literally with a maximum effective range of approximately 1.8 kilometers this weapon is highly respected by both friend and foe alike. It will eat up a building, bunker or an armored vehicle with armor up to one inch thick. The

design of this weapon has changed very little since it's inception in 1921 and has been tried and true since WWII.

The weapons are only as good as the troops who employ them. The Air Force spends a lot of time and money to make sure Security Forces are qualified and competent on the weapon systems they carry.

The Desert Hunters take great pride in protecting the base and ensure that the other units here are able to complete their missions in a threat free environment. However, if the enemy ever wants to test their resolve, they will find the Desert Hunters have an array of weapons systems to counter their actions.

Contest results show achievers at their best

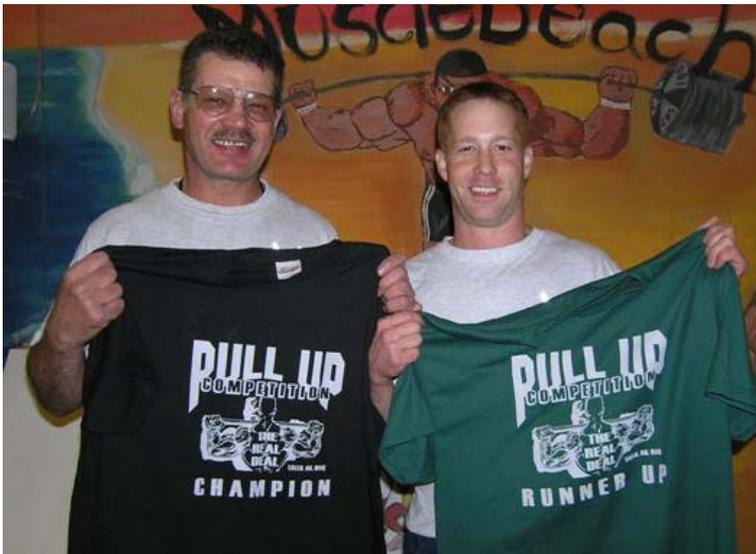
Bench Your Weight Contest

1st Place - Senior Airman **Joseph Knutson**, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, with 22 repetitions. 2nd Place - Mr. **Chris Williams**, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, with 20 repetitions. 3rd Place Staff Sgt. **Tyrese McAllister**, 407 ESFS, with 18 repetitions.



Volleyball Champs

Above Left to Right: Senior Airman Phillip Rycraft, Airman 1st Class Christopher Cruz, Staff Sgt. Sam Anderson and Staff Sgt. Brian Tonnancour, all from the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department.



Pull Up Contest

Above Left to Right: Master Sgt. John Sekora, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, placed 1st in the Pull up competition on Feb. 8 with 21 pull-ups, and Tech. Sgt. Bruce Burton, 407 ECES, took second with 19 pull-ups.

Volleyball Runner-ups

Below Left to Right: Staff Sgt. Ken Dunham, Airman 1st Class Nick "Happy Legs" Albright, Senior Airman Courtney "A-Team" Gentry and Tech. Sgt. Dannie "Dano" White, all from the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.



Identify This

Do you know what this is?



If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23.

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 Feb. 24.

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 only three correct responses identifying the butt can lid for the Jan. 20 Ali Times: Tech. Sgts. **David Moore**, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and **Jeffery Reimert**, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and Senior Airman **Ryan Warters**, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

*"Happy 1st Birthday Lincoln!
Mommy loves you and misses you
very much."*

*This space is available for photos
you wish to send a message home
with. Please submit high resolution
images along with all the pertinent
information.*

407th AEG

Warrior of the Week



Staff Sgt. Chuck Wichert

Unit: 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor

Home station: 3rd Operations Support Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Ala.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: "Sergeant Wichert loves his job and consistently performs above his peers. He is one of several controllers responsible for the separation and sequencing of coalition aircraft landing and departing Ali Base."

- Senior Master Sgt. Troy Hammond, Complex Chief Controller and 1st Sergeant, 407 EOSS

Most memorable Air Force experience: "When deployed to Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia-Herzegovian. I have a feeling this (here at Ali Base, Iraq) may end up being my most memorable moment by the time my rotation is over."

Hobbies: Mixed Martial Arts, sports, snowboarding, snowmobiling, fishing and hunting

Notes about my family: "I have been married for three and a half years to Tech. Sgt. Christina Wichert. We have no children, but do have two dogs who are like our kids: a four month old English Bulldoy named Gunner, and a two year old Pug named Chyna."

Serenity in the sand

faith-based services schedule

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group **Oasis of Peace** chapel, and at the Army Post Chapel. 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.

- Oasis = Air Force Chapel/Bedrock
- OA = Oasis Annex
- ARAC = Army Religious Activity Center
- APC = Army Post Chapel
- TCN = Third Country Nationalist living area by DFAC
- CC = Camp Cedar

FRIDAY

- 1 p.m., Muslim prayer/ service: (TCN)
- 6 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 6:30 p.m., Jewish Service: ARAC
- 7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal: APC
- 8:30 p.m., Ladies Fellowship: Oasis

SATURDAY

- 6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass: Oasis

SUNDAY

- 7:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service: APC
- 8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service: Oasis
- 10 a.m., Latter Day Saints Service: ARAC
- 10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass: CC
- 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ: ARAC
- 1 p.m., Gospel Service: APC
- 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Service: Oasis

MONDAY

- 6 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study: Oasis
- 7:30 p.m., Gospel choir Rehearsal: APC

TUESDAY

- 6 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 7:30 p.m., Work of Faith Bible Study: APC
- 8 p.m., Catholic RCIA: Oasis Annex
- 8 p.m., Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: Oasis

WEDNESDAY

- 6 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 7 p.m., Catholic choir Practice: Oasis
- 7 p.m., Spanish Bible Study: ARAC;
- 7 p.m., Women's Bible Study: Army Hospital
- 7:30 p.m., Protestant Worship Service: APC

THURSDAY

- 6 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass: Oasis
- 6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study: ARAC
- 7:30 p.m., Relationship Study: Oasis Annex
- 7:30 p.m., Mens Bible Study: APC

CRICKET MOVIE THEATER

at the **Hot Spot**

Today's times and movie descriptions for the week

White Noise (1995), 1 a.m., Michael Keaton, Chandra West, *drama/horror/mystery/thriller*; **Kindergarten Cop** (1990), 3 a.m., Arnold Schwarzeneger, Penelope Ann Miller, *action/comedy/thriller*; **Starsky and Hutch** (2004), 5 a.m., Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, *action/comedy/crime*; **Crash** (2004), 7 a.m., Karina Arroyave, Dato Bakhtadze, *crime/drama/thriller*; **Black Knight** (2001), 9 a.m., Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason *adventure/comedy/fantasy*; **My Boss's Daughter** (2003), 11 a.m.; Ashton Kutcher, Tara Reid, *comedy/romance*; **Seed of Chucky** (2004), 1 p.m., Brad Dourif, Jennifer Tilly, *comedy/crime/drama*; **Paycheck** (2003), 3 p.m., Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart, *sci-fi/thriller/action/mystery*; **White Chicks** (2004), 5 p.m. Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, *crime/drama*; **Mission Impossible 2** (2000), 7 p.m. Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, *action/adventure/thriller*; **The Recruit** (2003), 9 p.m. Al Pacino, Colin Farrell, *action/thriller*; **National Lampoon's Holiday Reunion** (2003), 11 p.m. *Fryan Cranston, Judge Reinhold, comedy*; **The One** (2001), Jet Li, Carla Gugino, *action/sci-fi*; **Animal House** (1978), John Belushi, Tim Matheson, *comedy*;

Following Bingo in the Big Top: **To be announced at Bingo** Sunday at noon in Big Top: **Daytona 500**

Saturday

- The One 1 a.m.
- Animal House 3 a.m.
- White Noise 5 a.m.
- By Boss's Daughter .. 7 a.m.
- The Recruit 9 a.m.
- Black Knight 11 a.m.
- Crash 1 p.m.
- Mission Impossible 2 . 3 p.m.
- Lampoon's Holiday 5 p.m.
- Seed of Chucky 7 p.m.
- Paycheck 9 p.m.
- Kindergarten Cop 11 p.m.

Sunday

- Starsky and Hutch 1 a.m.
- Crash 3 a.m.
- White Chicks 5 a.m.
- Mission Impossible 2 . 7 a.m.
- Animal House 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten Cop 11 a.m.
- The Recruit 1 p.m.
- My Boss's Daughter .. 3 p.m.
- Seed of Chucky 5 p.m.
- The One 7 p.m.
- Black Knight 9 p.m.
- Paycheck 11 p.m.

Monday

- My Boss's Daughter .. 1 a.m.
- White Chicks 3 a.m.
- The One 5 a.m.
- The Recruit 7 a.m.
- Starsky and Hutch 9 a.m.
- White Noise 11 a.m.
- Animal House 1 p.m.
- Seed of Chucky 3 p.m.
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- Lampoon's Holiday 7 p.m.
- Black Knight 9 p.m.
- Crash 11 p.m.

Tuesday

- Animal House 1 a.m.
- Paycheck 3 a.m.
- Starsky and Hutch 5 a.m.
- The One 7 a.m.
- Seed of Chucky 9 a.m.
- Lampoon's Holiday .. 11 a.m.
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Wednesday

- Kindergarten Cop 1 a.m.
- The One 3 a.m.
- White Noise 5 a.m.
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- Crash 5 p.m.
- Seed of Chucky 7 p.m.
- White Chicks 9 p.m.
- Paycheck 11 p.m.

Thursday

- Mission Impossible 2 . 1 a.m.
- Lampoon's Holiday 3 a.m.
- Kindergarten Cop 5 a.m.
- Crash 7 a.m.
- White Noise 9 a.m.
- The One 11 a.m.
- Animal House 1 p.m.
- Seed of Chucky 3 p.m.
- White Chicks 5 p.m.
- The Recruit 7 p.m.
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- Black Knight 11 p.m.



Bedrock and beyond...

activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

Today

- 6:30 a.m., **Spinning:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 7 p.m., **Dominoes:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7:30 p.m., **Bingo:** Big Top
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP
- 9 p.m., **Karate:** Muscle Beach (I)

Saturday

- 2:30 p.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 3 p.m., **Sit-up & Pull-up Contest:** Muscle Beach
- 7 p.m., **Checkers:** Big Top
- 7 p.m., **Karaoke:** Big Top
- 8:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 9 p.m., **Variety Night:** Big Top

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m., **Karate:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 2:30 p.m., **Pilates:** Muscle Beach
- 5 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **Darts:** ACC
- 8 p.m., **Self Defense:** Muscle Beach (I)

Monday

- 6 a.m., **Circuit Training:** Basketball Courts (I)
- 7 a.m., **5K Fun Run:** ACC
- 7 p.m., **Ping Pong:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Foosball:** Big Top
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

Tuesday

- 5 a.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6:30 a.m., **Spin:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 7 p.m., **Scrabble:** ACC
- 7 p.m., **Dodge Ball Tournament:** ?
- 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **8-Ball:** Big Top

8:30 p.m. **Absolute Abs:** Muscle Beach (I)

Wednesday

- 10 a.m., **Top 3:** Chapel Annex
- 2:30 p.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 5:30 p.m., **5-6 Council:** Chapel Annex
- 6:30 p.m., **Focus Four:** Chapel Annex
- 7 p.m., **Jeopardy:** Big Top
- 7 p.m., **Spades TNY:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8:15 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

Thursday

- 5 a.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6 p.m., **Circuit Training:** Basketball Courts (1)
- 6 p.m., **Cardio mix:** HOP
- 6 p.m., **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:** BB Court
- 7 p.m., **8/9-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. Adrienne Mimms, 407th Expeditionary Services fitness director, at 445-2136, to talk about how you can make this a better deployment for everybody.