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Group leaders give advice for a successful deployment

By Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Welcome to Sather Air Base. It's been a busy week for most of the new team--learning how to do the mission under austere conditions, adapting to the combat zone environment and being away from loved ones.

But each person is crucial to the mission, according to Col. Dennis Ployer, 447th Air Expeditionary Group commander.

"The mission doesn't work unless everyone works together and does the best they can," he said. "Truly it is a team effort."

The 447th AEG chief enlisted manager said three things will provide for a successful deployment: attitude, integrity and attention to detail.

"The attitude you have from when you had 'boots on the ground' will see you through," said Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen. "The only thing that makes us successful is one team, one fight."

Integrity will also be tested here, she said. It's everyone's responsibility to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Finally, attention to detail is crucial while operating in a deployed combat zone, she said. This is different environment than how you operate back home.

Although the workdays will be long, Colonel Ployer said it's a historical time to be here as the Air Force helps train the new Iraqi air force.

"They are our allies now," he said.

Sather Air Base Warrior of the Week

• Staff Sgt. Joseph Upton

• 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Team Leader



December NCO of the month
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

Environmental stewardship is everyone's responsibility

By 1st Lt. Joseph Di Ciolla

447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

During today's expeditionary operations, being good stewards of the host-nation's environment is important. How do we expect to win a nation's confidence and trust if we leave the environment worse than when we arrived? Environmental accidents damage the United States' credibility abroad and costs U.S. taxpayers millions of dollars.

Five million gallons of water can be contaminated from one gallon of spilled solvent? If certain chemicals are improperly stored, they can react to each other and poisonous gases or explosions can occur? The 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight is responsible to ensure these things don't happen.

The flight's staff tracks all hazardous materials here, from initial ordering, through storage and to its generation into hazardous waste. We also maintain the hazardous waste yard located behind the CES compound, which is the central accumulation point of all hazardous waste generated at Sather Air Base.

Although we are working on building a staging yard to collect the base's scrap metal, wood and used tires, people assigned here should transport their scrap wood and metal to "Camp Trashcan," which is the solid waste disposal area located north of Camp Liberty. (Directions: after passing through the midland gate checkpoint, take the next left and then turn left again at the four way)

The CEV Flight also performs the quarterly Environmental Compliance Assessment and

Management Program, which ensures all units are in compliance with Department of Defense regulations. The next inspection is in February.

The CEV office maintains a current spill prevention plan to quickly mitigate any fuel or other chemical spills that may occur.

Here is a list of items we can stage in our hazardous waste yard:

- Fuels and lubricants, used or new
- Oily rags
- Burnt florescent bulbs: don't throw them away, they contain mercury
- Paints
- Poisons/pest bait
- Expired medication
- Used batteries, all types
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Old drums



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Tech. Sgt. Sherri Connerly, treats a cut on Army Specialist Michael Harold, 755th Adjunct General Postal Company, Camp Liberty, Iraq, Wednesday at Sather Air Base's new medical clinic. See Page 5 for the rest of story.



Photo by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

Security force patrol finds millions in old Iraqi cash by base perimeter fence

By Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Finding a \$20 bill on the ground can be an exciting thing. But when Staff Sgt. Stephen Hunter, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, spotted a wad of bills during a perimeter fence line search, little did he know his find would yield more than 45 Million old Iraqi Dinars.

During his shift on a mobile patrol of the north fence line of Sather Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, Jan. 22, he spotted a wallet buried in the mud off the side of the road. He was manning a 50-caliber M-2 weapon in the turret of a Humvee. He told his driver to stop so they could investigate. After jumping down from his turret, they found bundles of old dinars wrapped in twine.

“I thought, ‘Oh my God. We found money,’” Sergeant Hunter said.

He and his team looked around the area to see if there was more. They found more money buried, covered with a thin layer of mud in several spots about 10 to 30 meters from the first bag.

Realizing they made a significant find, but being ever cautious that the buried cache might be booby trapped, they called their flight sergeant and 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight to respond to ensure the area was safe.

Using pick axes, Sergeant Hunter and his team dug through the clay-like mud and uncovered four burlap bags that were about 3 feet by 2 feet overflowing with money. There were bundles of 100 bills bound together with rubber bands. Although the outer layers of money were dirty and muddy,



Courtesy photos

Senior Airman Charity Krich, Staff Sgt. Stephen Hunter, Staff Sgt. Dustin Goodwin and Tech. Sgt. Lonnie Heider, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, display more than 45 Million Iraqi Dinars they found while patrolling on Sather Air Base Sunday. The money bears the image of former Iraq President Saddam Hussein.

the bills inside the bundles, which were in mostly 250 Dinar denominations, were in good shape.

“We saw (former Iraq President) Saddam (Hussein’s) face on the money and knew at that point it was not worth anything (monetarily),” he said. “It was more sentimental.”

Some of the bills were dated from the mid-1990s, but some were as new as 2002.

The old dinar was replaced with new currency Oct. 15, 2003, and ceased to be legal tender Jan. 15, 2004, according to www.exchangerate.com.

But to ensure the money wasn’t valuable for intelligence or historical value, the security forces team called the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Sather Air Base to respond.

“We were more interested in booby traps or potential supporting documents that might have been with the money,” said Special Agent Doug Biel, AFOSI Expeditionary Detachment 2408. Because there were no documents with the money, “there was no further intel value we could use.”

Sergeant Hunter said finding the out-of-circulation money from the regime of the former Iraqi president was exciting because his team knew “it was something significant at one time.”

Although there have been other larger dinar cache finds on the airport grounds, Sergeant Hunter said it’s exciting because his team that found the money can “tell friends and family the story behind finding it.”

“It also makes you wonder what else could be buried out there,” he added.



AF security forces transformation to affect total force mission

By Senior Airman J.G. Buzanowski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a “refocus” on how his people train and fight.

“We’re not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today’s reality,” the general said. “Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective.”

Essentially security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force Task Force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

“Our Airmen are going ‘outside the wire’ to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe,” Gen. Holmes said. “Not only for the folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror.”

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques and in doing so, they’ll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air & space operations.

“We need to be prepared for a full-spectrum of threats against an air field,” General Seip said. “That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we’re working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen.”

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DoD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airman to participate in installation security. While that doesn’t necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

“Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior,” General Holmes said. “Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want



Photo by Staff Sgt. James L. Harper Jr.

MOSUL, Iraq - Staff Sgt Jonathan Geren and his military working dog are deployed here from the 10th Security Forces Squadron at Colorado Springs, Colo. The security forces career field is unergoing a transformation that will affect the total force. These changes will present the opportunity for other Airmen to participate in Air Force base installation security

Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills.”

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

“Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations,” he said. “Our Airmen need time to reconstitute and train, so it’s important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that.”

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

“We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt,” Gen. Holmes said. “We’re going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it.”



Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Staff Sgt Tony Rivera, Senior Airmen Jason Sawyers and Darrell Morley, and Staff Sgt. Jason Sawyers provide dedicated security for a C-130 Hercules here.

Two security forces Airmen die from IED

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Department of Defense identified two Airmen killed Jan. 22 while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

They were killed when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device while on convoy escort duties near Taji, Iraq.

The are: Tech. Sgt. Jason L. Norton, 32, of Miami, Okla. and Staff Sgt. Brian McElroy, 28, of San Antonio. They were assigned to the 3rd Security Forces Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Strang

SOUTHWEST ASIA - Airmen at the 379th Security Forces Squadron mourn their fallen SFS brethren at a memorial service Thursday.

Expeditionary medics new clinic improves patient care, doubles room

By Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

The thought of a field hospital conjures up images of medics rolling battle-wounded troops into a tent operating room on gurneys, lit by dim lights. The 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron here also faced the desert dust and worked in cramped quarters.

They moved inside Sunday to a new 15,000-square foot modular medical clinic, and they did it without degrading services.

“We opened the doors at the new clinic minutes after closing the doors at the tents. We basically duplicated services,” said Col. (Dr.) Christian Benjamin, 447th EMEDS commander.

The new clinic more than doubles the workspace from the old 6000-foot clinic. It also provides a cleaner, brighter facility to enhance the care for patients.

“The facility is a lot more clean and sanitary,” said Maj. Jeff McLean, 447th EMEDS clinical social worker.

The clinic’s mission includes providing primary care for the Airmen assigned to Sather Air Base, emergent care and surgery for battle-wounded troops and referral specialist services such as orthopedics and emergency dentistry.

Although the clinic’s primary customers are Sather AB airmen the staff also provides referral and emergent and trauma care to

the U.S. military, contractors and Iraqi forces assigned to the Victory Base Complex at Baghdad International Airport.

“Our care is at the same standard as you would receive in the (United) States,” said Colonel Benjamin. “We are only limited by what toys we have to use.”

Instead of the dark green, dusty and cramped tents, the new clinic features linoleum floors, sealed windows and doors and room to expand the current services.

A key benefit of the new clinic is less dust accumulation. Dust is an enemy to the medics and their patients because it can get into a wound and cause infection.

“(Less dust) reduces chances of wound infections,” said Maj. (Dr.) Jeff Rose, 447th EMEDS general surgeon.

The more sterile environment is key because the clinic is the first level of care off of the battlefield for many U.S. military troops who are fighting the war near Baghdad International Airport.

“We are the only surgical-based clinic at Victory Base Complex,” said Colonel Benjamin. The Army has general practice clinics in tents scattered throughout the complex, which includes all the military inside the BIAP walls.

“We’ll do emergency surgery here, but then move (the patient) to a higher-level facility (in or out of theater),” he said.

An Army special forces medic, who treats Soldiers in combat here, said having the facility nearby “raises the Soldier’s life expectancy.”

“I’m limited what I have with me (on the battlefield),” said the medic,

who cannot be named for security reasons.

Although the combat wounded keep the orthopedic and general surgeons here busy,



Photos by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

Maj. (Dr.) J.T. Tokish, a 447th EMEDS orthopedic surgeon, checks Army Specialist Benjamin Arrigo, Headquarters Battalion 1-320, Victory Base Complex, for swelling at the new medical clinic at Sather Air Base Tuesday.

many patients are seen for fitness-related sprains and strains at the orthopedic clinic, said Maj. (Dr.) J.T. Tokish, 447th EMEDS orthopedic surgeon. Many of his patients are what he calls “bingers”—people who decide to get in shape while deployed without following a proper exercise routine.

“Instead of adopting a proper fitness lifestyle, they go to the gym, and get injured because of overusing their muscles,” Major Tokish said. “They pay the price.”

“Most of the time I reassure them and teach them how to strengthen their muscles,” he said.

The clinic space also provides room for the clinic’s other services—Bioenvironmental, Public Health, Life Skills, general and dental sick call—to operate in individual offices. Major McLean, who provides counseling to patients, said this is a benefit from the tents because patients can relax on a cot and talk about the stress they face from combat or deployment.

Although still an expeditionary clinic, the clinic’s M*A*S*H-era days are done.



The 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron Clinic moved from a dusty 6,000-square foot tent facility to a new 15,000-square foot modular building Sunday.

Do you know your alarm conditions?

FORCE PROTECTION

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

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

ARMING STATUS

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

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

UNIFORM POSTURE CHART

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

Alarm Green

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

Alarm Yellow

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

Alarm Red

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

Alarm Black

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

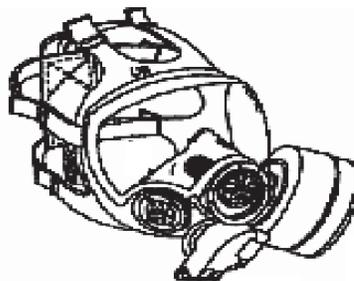
Accountability

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

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

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

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





SATHER AIR BASE BRIEFS

Right Start Briefings

All new personnel must attend a Right Start briefing within one week of arrival. The briefings are held every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. in the Glass House conference room.

Airmen must bring their gas masks and a new, unopened filter cannister.

Flightline Photography

Flightline photography is prohibited without prior approval from public affairs. Individuals caught taking photos or videotaping on or around the flightline without PA approval may be apprehended by security forces and have their camera or camcorder confiscated.

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

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

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

No Pets Allowed

Do not feed any stray animals in camp. It is a violation of General Order No. 1. Stray animals may carry fleas, ticks, rabies and are hosts to sand flies, which can cause leishmaniasis.

During warmer weather many bats will appear at night, which is beneficial since they eat their weight in insects that would otherwise be biting you. However, they can carry rabies. If you see a sick bat on the ground do not touch or attempt to pick it up.

Hometown News Release

The Army and Air Force Hometown News release is a great way to share your service with family and friends back home.

You can complete a HNTR for events

including deployments, promotions, education degrees or significant awards. The Hometown News Service sends news stories to your hometown. They also highly encourage you to submit an electronic image of yourself in uniform to accompany the release.

Stop by the public affairs office in the glass house to complete a form and to arrange to have your photo taken. For more information, call 446-2405.

Medical Care

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

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

The clinic is located across from the Glass House.

Personal Hygiene

The biggest medical threat here is poor sanitation. According to the Sather AB medical staff, washing your hands can substantially reduce your risk of picking up or passing germs.

The routine is simple to remember: wash your hands after using the latrine, before eating and anytime you might think about putting your hands near your mouth or face. Hand sanitizer is located throughout the base.

Removing trash from your tent or work centers can also help to reduce attracting rodents. Place waste in trash bags or dumpsters. Leaving trash and food around invites critters such as insects, rodents, snakes, scorpions and feral cats to move in with you.

Legal Services

Legal services here are limited to notary public service by contacting Lt. Col. Alan Lake, 447th Air Expeditionary Group Deputy Commander. Call 446-2401 or stop by the Glass House.

All other legal services are provided by the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Legal Office at Balad Air Base. If you need an

attorney or legal advice, call DSN 318-458-2636.

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

Bottled water safety

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

You can help by taking a few simple steps:

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

If you notice anything unusual about a bottle of water, such as described above, **do not drink the water**. Contact the bioenvironmental flight at 446-2608 to have the water tested.

Air Force PT uniform wear

The 447th AEG Commander policy for wear of the Air Force physical training uniform is as follows:

- The T-shirt must be tucked in to the shorts or trousers. Exception: the shirt may be untucked while you are exercising, but it must be tucked in at all other times.
- Shoes must be tied
- Socks must be white

Wartime mask inspection

Because Sather Air Base in a combat zone, the gas mask and filter must be reinspected every seven days. The inspection should be annotated on your DD Form 1574, Serviceability Tag.

For questions about mask servicability, call 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness section at 446-2226/2227.

Pathfinder submissions

Got an event you need to promote, or a great story idea? Contact public affairs at 446-2405 or stop by the Glass House.

It's your deployed newspaper!

The future of Security Forces in combat

By Col. Brad Spacy

U.S. Air Forces Headquarters Security Forces

WASHINGTON — In the early morning hours of Jan. 1, the first combat patrols of Operation Desert Safeside left the northern perimeter of Balad Air Base, Iraq, and began an aggressive 60-day combat operation to kill or capture insurgents attacking the air base. This was a historic mission for Air Force security forces. It was bold, put Airmen at risk and the stakes were high. We knew the results of Operations Desert Safeside would have far-reaching implications on the future of Air Force security forces as a credible ground combat force.

Operation Desert Safeside was carried out by the men and women of Task Force 1041. Specially built around a squadron of the 820th Security Forces Group, TF 1041 was led by a young security forces lieutenant colonel named Chris Bargery, chosen for his reputation as an innovative combat leader. TF 1041's designated area of operations was one of the most violent areas in the region, roughly 10 kilometers wide and 6 deep, from the Balad perimeter fence to the Tigris River.

Throughout January and February 2005, Colonel Bargery led the men and women of TF 1041 in more than 500 combat missions that included raids, ambushes, and sniper operations aimed at taking back the initiative enjoyed by the enemy for more than two years.

TF 1041 did not disappoint. In just 60 days they captured 17 high value targets, eight major weapons caches, 98 other insurgents and reduced enemy attacks from their area of operations to nearly zero. And although TF 1041

endured numerous firefights, improvised explosive devices and indirect fire attacks, they sustained no injuries. Operation Desert Safeside was by all accounts an overwhelming success.

However, TF 1041's success on the battlefield had a larger effect than its

immediate impact on the areas around Balad AB. TF 1041 also showed the world that Air Force security forces are an exceptionally capable ground combat force. This is a key point as security forces transform from a Cold War industrial security force to a relevant ground combat force for the joint warfight in the 21st Century.

Although security forces have claimed the base defense mission since the 1960s, it has always been considered an Army responsibility. In 1985, this was formalized when the Army became officially responsible for defense "outside the wire" of a fixed base. It was an unwritten understanding that Air Force security forces would stay inside the base perimeter. This looked fine on paper, but faced numerous challenges in application, which endured through the Cold War and into the 1990s.

During Operation Desert Storm, the lines of battle were fairly well-defined with major combat at the "front" and air bases supposedly tucked safely in the rear area. The first widely publicized indications that the enemy was changing tactics was seen

during the attack on Khobar Towers, but the full impact of these changes weren't fully exposed until operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq our bases are not always in the rear and the enemy has attacked us from all sides with relative impunity, just like at Balad AB. The world in which we conduct Air Force operations is changing, and we need to adapt.

Early last year, when previous Air Force/Army agreements were dissolved, the Air Force was left with a tough problem; while security forces are eager to fight outside the

wire, most are untested in the combat environment experienced by TF 1041. This situation is exacerbated by the fact that security forces are spread thin conducting security missions and other tasks throughout the theater. This is where Security Forces Transformation comes in.

Security Forces Transformation will help the Air Force deliberately embrace the air base defense mission by addressing requirements in all areas, from doctrine to training and equipping, and even leadership



preparation. Security Forces Transformation will also re-tool the organizational structure to ensure we have the number of troops available to take the fight to the enemy outside the wire. However, air base defense is a tough mission, and security forces can't do it alone. Effective air base defense requires an integrated approach.

The Air Force needs to truly embrace the "every Airman is a warrior" culture and enlist the whole force in defending an air base much like Sailors do an aircraft carrier in the Navy. All Airmen must be trained and equipped to man "battle stations," and leaders must be prepared to lead them in the ground fight.

Security forces might be the ones outside the wire, but the whole Air Force team will have to ensure the base remains protected from penetrative attacks and insider threats, and be ready to respond when called upon. This is the reality of the world today.

I knew when I designed Operation Desert Safeside that the only way to stop the enemy from attacking our air bases was to go out and kill or capture him and take his weapons.

I knew that security forces had the skills and courage to take on this mission and make it a success. The brave men and women of Task Force 1041 proved this to be true in dramatic fashion.

Operation Desert Safeside provides a look at the future of Air Force ground combat, and Security Forces Transformation is the key to ensuring we're all ready to protect and defend.



A 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Airman and his military working dog inspect a vehicle at Sather Air Base.

File Photo



Striker Dining Facility Menu

Daily Breakfast Menu

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

Short Order Lunch/Dinner

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

Saturday, Jan. 28

Lunch

Bean w/bacon soup
Fried chicken
Pot roast
Lemon baked fish
Roasted turkey

Dinner

Bean w/bacon soup
Veal steak
Salmon w/garlic sauce
Chicken vega

Sweet and sour pork chops

Sunday, Jan. 29

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Glazed baked ham
Chil mac
Meat loaf
Cornish hen

Dinner

Smothered pork chops
Grilled sausage w/onion and peppers
Fried chicken
Ham hocks
Baked fish
BBQ ribs

Monday, Jan. 30

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
Pepper steak
Fried fish
Glazed pineapple baked ham
Veal parmesan

Dinner

Cream of mushroom soup
BBQ pork
Roast beef
Fried chicken
Spaghetti w/meat sauce

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Lunch

Cream of broccoli soup
Cantonise ribs
Baked chicken
Chili mac w/cheese
Pot roast

Dinner

Cream of broccoli soup
Cajun catfish
Braised beef w/noodles
Breaded pork chops
Italian veal

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Lunch

Chicken w/rice soup
Lasagna w/eggplant
Veal parmesan
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Cheese manicotti
Salmon w/garlic sauce

Dinner

Chicken w/rice soup
Chicken curry
Roasted turkey
Salisbury steak

Honey glazed ham

Thursday, Feb. 2

Lunch

Bean w/bacon soup
Meat loaf
Fried chicken
Turkey pot pie
Herd baked fish

Dinner

Grilled chicken breast
Roast fresh ham
Veal parmesan
Swedish meatballs
Buttered linguini

Friday, Feb. 3

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Fried and baked fish
Grilled steak
Fried shrimp
Seafood gumbo
Crab legs and Lobster tails
Fried chicken

Dinner

Roast pork loin
El Rancho stew
Baked chicken
Tuna Tetrazzini

Saturday, Feb. 4

Lunch

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

Dinner

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

Sunday, Feb. 5

Lunch

Chicken noodle soup
Roasted turkey
BBQ ribs
Fried fish
Beef stroganoff

Dinner

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

Monday, Feb. 6

Lunch

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

Dinner

Lemon baked fish
Breaded shrimp
BBQ beef cubed
Honey glazed Cornish hens

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Lunch

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

Grilled pork chops

Dinner

Fried fish
Veal schnitzel
Meat loaf
Chicken cordon bleu

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Lunch

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

Dinner

Baked chicken
Chili mac
Lasagna w/eggplant parmesan
Corn beef

Thursday, Feb. 9

Lunch

Chicken noodle soup
Baked salmon
Crab bites
Breaded scallops
Turkey cutlets

Dinner

Grilled pork chops
Roast beef
Chicken cordon bleu
Roasted turkey

Friday, Feb. 10

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
T-bone steak
Fried fish
Crab legs
Baked fish
Fried fish
Fried shrimp
Seafood gumbo
Fried chicken
Baked macaroni & cheese

Dinner

Salisbury steak
Roasted turkey
Beef pot pie
BBQ ribs

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

Menu is subject to change without notice!



Nothing to do here in the desert after work? Tired of sitting in your tent? The 447th Expeditionary Services Squadron has something for everyone

- Wednesday, Ping Pong @ 9 a.m & 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 8-ball pool @ 9 a.m & 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dominoes @ 9 a.m & 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4, Chess @ 9 a.m.; Karaoke @ 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 Bingo @ 9 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6, Phase 10 @ 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8, HALO 2 Tourney @ 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9, Horseshoes @ 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10, Texas Hold 'em @ 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.



Super Bowl Sunday

Come cheer on your favorite team at the Services MWR tent. The fun starts at 11 p.m. Feb. 5



AEF 9/10 Icebreaker

Come out and have some fun and get to know the entire deployed Sather Air Base team. Event starts at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Super Bowl Predictions



We asked Sather Air Base Warriors who they predicted would win: the Seattle Seahawks or Pittsburgh Steelers. Their predictions are below.

Pittsburgh Steelers by 14 points

"I think Coach Cowher is overdue. They seem to be working better as a team."

Staff Sgt. David Masters,

447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron



Seattle Seahawks

"They are the underdogs, and they are not getting just respect. Plus Pittsburgh is expected to win."

Staff Sgt. Marcus Oats,

447th Expeditionary Group Protocol Office



Pittsburgh Steelers

"Pittsburgh is my favorite team. I always felt like they can come from behind and win."

Master Sgt. Mick Hale,

447th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron



Seattle Seahawks by 6 points

"They have got the best team. They are hungry because they've never been to the Super Bowl before."

Master Sgt. Joseph Sachleben,

447th Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant



Sather Victory Chapel Worship Services

SUNDAY

8 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service

10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service

2 p.m., Latter Day Saints Service

3 p.m., Catholic Mass: Striker Chapel

7:30 p.m., Contemporary Protestant Service

MONDAY

8 p.m., Evangelistic Protestant Worship Service

Note: All worship services held at the Sather Air Base Victory Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Transportation for Catholic mass leaves the Glass House for Striker Chapel at 2:30 p.m.

Chapel Activities

MONDAY

5 p.m., Protestant Bible Discussion Group

TUESDAY

8 p.m., Protestant Wild at Heart Ministry

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m., Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation