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View from above

Col. John Buckingham gives Brig. Gen. Darren W. McDew an overview of Bagram Airfield from the tower here. Colonel Buckingham is the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander and General McDew is the Director of Mobility Forces for U.S. Central Command Air Force.

CFACC shares vision for future

By Staff Sgt. Melissa Koskovich
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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, shared his insight and vision for the future during an interview at the Combined Air Operations Center March 10.

During his first visit as CENTAF commander, General North discussed the CENTAF mission and the challenges facing Airmen and Coalition forces, while praising the work being done in the theater.

“Our Airmen and Coalition partners are the leveraging tool that allows success in the battlespace. They all play a critical role in fighting both today’s and tomorrow’s war,” said General North. “From our youngest Airman all the way up to senior leaders, they bring an understanding of the technologies that we are using and their ability to operate the way we train in the warfighting environment.”

The general was impressed by the enthusiasm and professionalism of deployed Airmen.

“They are exceptional in their understanding of the mission, the processes involved in day to day operations and the execution we use to support CENTCOM and the ground component commanders,” he said.

Air Force mentors ANA soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

KABUL, Afghanistan – Ten Afghanistan National Army soldiers ranging in rank from noncommissioned to field grade officers graduated here Wednesday from the first Basic Depot Operations Logistics Course.

“This is the very first logistics course of its kind in this country designed to teach Afghan soldiers on how to manage and operate the Afghan National Army’s Central Supply Depot,” said Maj. Jondavid M. DuVall, 755th Expeditionary

Mission Support Group senior mentor to the ANA depot commander.

Air Force embedded training teams assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group Detachment 2 taught the course as part of the Office of Security Cooperation-Afghanistan’s ongoing sustaining institution initiative, Major DuVall said.

The basic course was designed to cover introduction to supply, classes of supply, ANA forms used in depot operations, as well as risk management and unit safety.



Camp Cunningham's



Top View

Small responsibilities prepare Airmen for greater challenges

By Maj. Dean T. Hitchcock

455th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron commander

We paused March 4 to honor Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham and the sacrifice he made for his fellow Airmen and for his country. I dare say we were all proud to render appropriate respects to our fallen comrade – the namesake of our temporary home. I believe we show our respect on a daily basis by our stewardship of Camp Cunningham and taking responsibility for its appearance. For example, simple things like picking up litter, not leaving half used water bottle laying around in the gym, and cleaning up after yourself in the shower and latrine, all go a long way in keeping the camp and our facilities looking great.

At home station, everyone is probably accustomed to tidying up after themselves and takes pride in their home unit, base and community. Deployed locations should be no different. We're fortunate to have the local nationals who perform custodial service, but we shouldn't rely solely on them to keep our camp clean. Everyone should show the same level of concern and pride for Camp Cunningham as they do for their home stations. Fortunately, this is usually the case.

If you've walked through other camps here, you

may have noticed Camp Cunningham looks better. This is no accident. Those Airmen that have been here before us took pride of ownership in the camp and maintained it in a manner fitting to bear Jason Cunningham's name. I urge everyone to continue that tradition.

Take responsibility – pick up that piece of litter even if it's not yours. Empty and dispose of abandoned water bottles in the gym. Clean up in the latrine even if you didn't leave the mess. If everyone contributes a small amount all the time, our camp will continue to be the best looking camp here.

The examples I used above are deliberately "little" things. Excellence starts with little things – when we're willing and in the habit of taking responsibility for the little things, our readiness to take on greater tasks follows naturally. If your attitude is let civil engineers, services, the Afghan custodians or someone else take care of it, what are you going to do when faced with greater challenges?

Airman Cunningham's heroic actions were the ultimate example of taking responsibility when faced with dire circumstance. We owe it to him to take responsibility ourselves and maintain the camp in a worthy manner. By doing this, we not only show respect for his sacrifice, we also train ourselves to step forward and take responsibility when our time comes.



Major Hitchcock

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OPSEC manager reminds Airmen of threat

By Capt. Roy L. Frierson

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Operational Security manager and 455th Expeditionary Operations Group executive

Would you sell your weapon to the Taliban? Of course not. None of us would. That weapon could be used against one, or more, of us in a potentially lethal way. Most of us have been here long enough to witness at least one Fallen Comrade ceremony... what's the connection? The threat is real. What's something we can all do about it? Practice Operational Security daily.

We all work every day, and often it seems like one day blends right into the next... "Groundhog Day 44" you might hear someone say. While comical conversation, it lends itself to a mindset of complacency and carelessness, two of the deadly sins in a war zone.

Want to make a difference? Want to help save lives? Practice OPSEC daily and you will be doing both. By denying our enemy vital information, we prevent ourselves and others from becoming lucrative targets of hate and destruction.

To prevent yourself, and others, from becoming a target don't talk around a classified issue... go secure or go person to person. This camp is small enough that you can almost walk to the person in the time it takes to call him or her.

Watch your daily conversations



even in what you feel are safe places. We have host nation and third country nationals cleaning restrooms daily, yet how often have you heard people say "I'm catching the freedom bird outta here tomorrow man," or "We got six jets and four are going to be down till Friday."

Watch your personal conversations. The Morale Hut is a hotbed of information for personnel departing, passing through or even just arriving. Now, more than ever, we must expect all of our electronic devices are subject to infiltration by the enemy.

Practicing good OPSEC shouldn't just be a state of mind; it should be way of life. If you have any questions or concerns about OPSEC, contact me or your unit OPSEC manager anytime.

Brief Bullets

IG complaints

Col. John R. Buckingham, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander, was recently appointed as the Inspector General local liaison. Personnel wishing to file an IG complaint may do so at any level without the fear of reprisal.

Airmen wishing to contact the IG liaison may call 231-4037. For guidance on proper filing procedures and policy, members should refer to Air Force Instruction, *Inspector General Complaints Resolution*, 90-301.

SARC

Camp Cunningham has a sexual assault response coordinator assigned here. The 455th Air Expeditionary Wing has a zero tolerance policy on sexual assault.

People wishing to contact the SARC for more information, or to report a sexual assault, may contact Capt. Henry Alexander, 455th AEW's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. His office is in bldg. 737 on Camp Cunningham, and he can be reached at 231-2245.

Laundry service

KBR offers a free laundry service Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is limited to 20 items including the bag. Personnel should take bags and completed DA Form 2886 to the Services tent by 1000L. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rick Stiles at 231-4360.

MTA meeting

The next Middle Tier Association meeting is scheduled for 1800L Wednesday in Town Hall. The Middle Tier Association is for staff and technical sergeants who want to be involved in morale functions here.

Congratulations to 41st Expeditionary Electronic Control Squadron Below The Zone recipient:



Karl J. Petersen

Web surfing must be kept to minimum

Editor's note: The following information is directed by Brig. Gen. Bruce E. Burda, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

Non mission essential Internet usage here has created a problem with units trying to conduct official military business on the Internet. The Army is experiencing extremely long waits on Web sites. This is because bandwidth is very limited and the excessive use of web surfing for personal reasons prevents units from conducting mission essential tasks.

Army enlistments, which normally take 10 minutes on the Web are literally taking hours due to the bandwidth problem here.

Currently the Army is taking immediate steps to free up mission-critical bandwidth. Communication personnel have already blocked the top two Web sites that use up most of the bandwidth here. In addition, they are going to remove 50 percent of Army unclassified computer systems from the Internet.

If problems persist, more drastic measures will be taken including more Web sites blocks or worse cutting Air Force computers from the network entirely.

The Air Force missed getting cut this time, but Airmen must do their part to help with the bandwidth shortage.

To help, keep the following in mind when using the Internet:

- Keep personal Web surfing to a minimum.
- Don't surf at peak duty hours.
- Don't use streaming audio and video Web sites.
- Be considerate by not surfing for hours on end. Visit the Web site, get the information, then log off.
- Purchase commercial Internet service.

If everyone follows these steps, the bandwidth will be better utilized, and the Air Force won't lose Internet privileges, and most importantly, Air Force units will be able to accomplish their mission-critical duties more efficiently.

General praises, challenges Airmen

CFACC vision

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The General stressed the importance of joint and Coalition operations for mission success.

"We cannot fight these battles alone. It takes a tremendous combined effort that uses the capacity of each nation and service to succeed," he said. "This allows us to have a collective understanding of air and space power, and enables us to produce hundreds of sorties each day."

This collective understanding has also proven invaluable in our efforts to help the Iraqi Air Force rebuild.

"They [the Iraqi Air Force] are a proud force. They're excited to be flying again and eager to grow to the capacity the Iraqi military will need in the future," said General North. "We look forward to continuing to work with them toward our common goals."

With the gates of Al Muthana Iraqi Air Force Base now open and all-Iraqi C-130 aircrews taking flight, General North said the Iraqi Air Force is definitely making progress.

"These steps, while significant, are the first of a thousand miles," he said. "It will take some time before they are independently effective in the large mission they have."

With this in mind, the General said the deployment tempo for Airmen will likely remain very close to what it is today.

"We constantly look to how the battlespace is evolving and evaluate our deployment requirements in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. We then shape our requirements to meet the needs of the ground force commander," he said

These needs sometimes include Airmen serving in "in-lieu-of" roles ranging from convoy and patrol operations to specialized engineering and medical support.

"We've taken Airmen from across all domains, matched them with jobs and



trained them to execute these ILO missions," he said. "The feedback from the field is that our Airmen are doing exceptional jobs in these roles – I couldn't be prouder of them."

While praising Airmen for their courage and dedication, the General also challenged deployed Airmen who have mastered their primary duties to branch out and learn about someone else's job.

"Doing this will allow Airmen to better understand how they fit into the bigger picture, and why integrated Coalition warfare is critical," he said.

Acknowledging the many challenges deployed Airmen face, General North thanked them for raising the bar and serving their country in a difficult time.

"Our Airmen today are the finest that our AF has ever seen. We can never forget how important they are and how proud America is of what they're doing," he said. "Our Airmen understand their mission. The enthusiasm with which they operate against a very determined foe is heartwarming, because they get it. And that's what's most important about our Airmen today: they get the mission, they understand it, they're doing it 24/7, and nobody does it better."

First ANA logistics class graduates

Embedded training team prepares Afghan soldiers to train others

ANA grads

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The normal day for this two-month course ran from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

"I designed the course around half-days to ensure soldiers continued their mission while learning valuable instruction on depot operations," said Tech. Sgt. Joey Jimenez, 755th EMSG ETT Central Supply Depot logistics training lead mentor.

Class members were pleased to be selected for the course and worked extremely well through the use of two interpreters, he said.

Though Sergeant Jimenez, a services specialist deployed from the 341st Services Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., is teaching and mentoring outside of his Air Force specialty, he has been praised by his students for simplifying the logistics process.

"He takes the time to show us what we are learning. It is very easy that way," said Lt. Col. Rhahamatulla, class leader and Materiel Management Center officer.

For the students to graduate, they had to successfully pass a 33-question written exam, he said.



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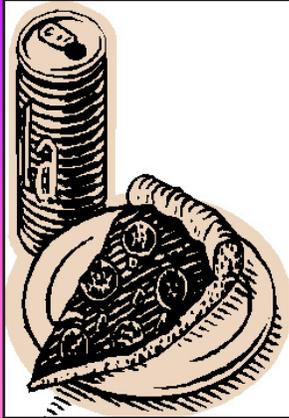
KABUL, Afghanistan – Tech. Sgt. Joey Jimenez reviews with Afghan National Army soldiers to prepare for their final exam in the Basic Depot Operations Logistics Course. Ten ANA soldiers graduated Wednesday and will start training their own logisticians with help from Air Force mentors. Sergeant Jimenez is the Central Supply Depot logistics training lead mentor assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group.

"The first class had a 100-percent pass rate with our course top graduate and distinguished graduate each scoring a 97 percent," Sergeant Jimenez said.

"I was extremely pleased with the level of quality instruction my ETTs brought to this country, but what is more important is the Afghan logisticians' ability to learn and excel

in learning their new logistics system," said Col. Michael L. Wilson, senior mentor to the ANA Logistics Command's commanding general.

"The students are all excited about their graduation ceremony, but the ETTs are looking forward to the start of the next class when the ANA will actually start training their own soldiers in logistics," Major DuVall said.



MTA Pizza and Movie Night

The Middle Tier Association and Services will host a movie night in conjunction with pizza 1900L Monday at the MTA Snack Shack next to the flag pole. The movie of the night will be *The Ringer*.

The Ringer is rated PG-13, cast includes Johnny Knoxville and Brian Cox. When Steve Barker finds himself running dead last in the corporate rat race, he sinks to an all time low - he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged, but Barker is completely out-classed by his fellow Olympians, who are not only better athletes; they're just plain better people.

Plausible Denial

By Jurgi



INFO Warfare

Camp Cunningham residents who have rights to the shared drive can access other Plausible Denial cartoons at S:/SHARED FILES/PLAUSIBLE DENIAL.



Middle Tier Association hosts volleyball tournament



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente



Bagram's Best



MAJ.
DONNA L. PILSON

Major Pilson, above, is deployed here as the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing and Combined Joint Task Force 76 Air Component Coordination Element executive officer. She is deployed here from the Pentagon where she works as the executive secretariat for the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff.

The Orlando, Fla., native hopes to be a squadron commander in the near future and eventually be a systems program director for a major weapon system.

MASTER SGT.
DUGGAN P. JOHNSON

Sergeant Johnson, below, is deployed here as the Aviation Resource Management noncommissioned officer in charge. He is deployed here from the 185th Air Refueling Wing, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Sioux City native believes “mentorship is a hallmark duty of being a senior NCO. When I return to my unit, I would like to pass on the lessons and experience I’ve learned in being part of Combined Joint Task Force-76. The unique supporting role our C-130s play in supporting our U.S. and Coalition colleagues is a blueprint for how we will do in future operations. It’s been a privilege to be part of it.”

