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Leadership listens

Chief Master Sgt. Curtis L. Brownhill and Army Command Sgt. Majs. Mark S. Ripka and Daniel R. Wood listen as Master Sgt. Kelly M. Cunningham explains the responsibilities of the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group explosive ordnance disposal flight. Chief Brownhill is the U.S. Central Command senior enlisted leader, Sergeant Major Ripka is the U.S. Joint Forces Command senior enlisted leader, Sergeant Major Wood is the Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan command sergeant major, and Sergeant Cunningham is the EOD flight chief.

EOD destroys Russian bomb found 200 feet from runway

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

Airmen destroyed a large unexploded ordnance here March 30.

A 500 kilogram Russian penetrating bomb containing 167 pounds of explosives was recently found in close proximity of the runway by workers clearing mines around the airfield.

“We blow UXOs in place when it is the safest option for the explosive ordnance disposal team,” said Staff Sgt. Kenneth L. Roads, 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group explosive ordnance disposal craftsman.

“Due to the location of the Russian UXO, we took protective measures like... trenching and dirt mounding to safeguard the runway from being damaged,” said Senior Airman Cory R. Ahlf, 755th EMSG EOD journeyman. The UXO was found 200 feet from the runway.

3-Day Forecast



Today

Mostly sunny
H 78/L 54



Saturday

Mostly cloudy with showers
H 69/L 56



Sunday

Showers with isolated thunderstorms
H 65/L 56

Camp Cunningham's

**Top View****455th EAMXS commander acknowledges heroism near, far****By Lt. Col. Rick T. Petito**

455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

Look around Bagram and notice the names of the camp: Cunningham, Vance, Lacy. These warriors gave their lives for their country, in the name of freedom, and clearly qualify as heroes, but what about our Air Force heroes? Doolittle, Mitchell and Levitow – don't these names immediately come to mind when considering heroes who've defined the Air Force's institutional heritage? No one can deny the raw courage and nobility of purpose that motivated all these brave men to act against all odds and hope. All are great American heroes. Today, as we wage armed conflict throughout this theater, shouldn't we pause to think about "normal" heroes for a minute?

Merriam Webster's online dictionary defines a hero as, "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities and/or one that shows great courage," and defines heroism as "conduct especially as exhibited in fulfilling a high purpose or attaining a noble end and/or the qualities of a hero."

Using the above definitions, all Bagram warriors, to include our joint and multinational partners, who have courageously deployed to multiple locations throughout this theater, to decisively execute devastating air, naval and ground power on our enemies, embody the commitment, courage, nobility of purpose and sacrifice that make up the crucial elements of a hero and heroism. I think they're all heroes, but are there more?

I believe there are heroes among our great servicemembers who didn't deploy. It's an enormous job, requiring commitment, courage and sacrifice to maintain aircraft and war-fighting equipment, continue training, accomplish all the other things necessary to maintain and improve combat air, naval and ground

power, while simultaneously taking care of the families of our deployed members. You would have to look long and hard to find a more noble cause.

I submit there are still other heroes we've left behind — heroes we seldom hear about in the news or in the *Bagram Bulletin*. They're just as vital to the war effort and our national defense. They dedicate their lives to the service of their country, face fear with courage and are motivated to sacrifice for the good of their family, friends and country. These heroes are our military families.

Our spouses and children don't deploy or bear arms, but this doesn't make their cause less noble or their commitment less courageous. It doesn't disqualify them as heroes. Their courage is inspiring and has become a way of life. It's a courage tested every time their loved one deploys to a foreign land, straps into a jet, builds a bomb, or does any of the dangerous jobs necessary to maintain a strong national defense. Our families are tested by difficult and stressful situations while we're fighting for our safety and security.

Their courage, sacrifice and nobility are heroic. They are heroes—for sure!

So who are the "normal" heroes of today? Ask yourself...are you aware of the commitment, courage, and sacrifice demonstrated by our

military families and recognize it for what it is — heroism. Have you taken the time to thank those servicemembers we've left behind for picking up the slack and for periodically checking on our families? Have you considered how the 350 million Americans see you as you walk through the airport, standing tall, wearing your uniform proudly? I think so. Have you ever considered yourself a hero? We're not all Cunninghams, Vances or Lacys, but look at your contributions, your sacrifices, your courageous acts and your nobility of purpose — please acknowledge it as you should — heroism.

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455th Air Expeditionary Wing congratulates its newest promotees

Promoted to senior airman:

Jennifer R. Browne
Scott L. Davis
Justin Dillon
Zachary Jeffrey



Kevin Kelly

Patrick J. Rayel
Curtis L. Sargent
Adam Sumner
Stephen B. Waite

Promoted to staff sergeant:



Maggie F. Chapman
Keith R. Linkner
Justin Wolfe

Promoted to master sergeant:



Vonnie R. Jackson Jr.

Promoted to major:



David L. Gehrich

Promoted to lieutenant colonel:



Justin J. Speegle

March Top Performers



Senior Airman Monica M. Santos
Staff Sgt. Michael-Paul Harper
Master Sgt. Matthew Burg
Capt. Jared Herbert
Patrick B. Rabbitt

455th AEW Outstanding Contributors of the Month

Senior Airman Casey M. Anderson
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer C. McCarthy

Brief Bullets

Services calendar

Events are hosted by Services every night at 1900L in the Rec Tent. For more information, or to make a suggestion, contact Tech. Sgt. Hallett at 231-4360. This week's events are as follows:

Today: Bingo
Saturday: Texas Hold'em
Sunday: Strong man competition
Monday: Movie night
Tuesday: Dominos
Wednesday: Texas Hold'em
Thursday: Ping Pong

Bugout bash

The AEF 9 and 10 Bugout Bash is scheduled for April 23. Air Expeditionary Force 9 and 10 will hold a barbeque and sports day as Airmen prepare to depart here. Events include an amazing race, volleyball, dunking booth, laundry cart race and much more. To volunteer, or make a suggestion, see your first sergeant, the Airmen Committed to Excellence council, Middle Tier Association or Top 3.

MTA meeting

The next Middle Tier Association meeting is scheduled for 0900L Wednesday in Rec Tent. The Middle Tier Association is for staff and technical sergeants who want to be involved in morale functions here.

ACE meeting

The next Airmen Committed to Excellence meeting is scheduled for 1500L in the Oasis.

Remembrance

The Equal Opportunity Team will be commemorating Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust 1330L April 14 at the Enduring Freedom Chapel.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Team at 231-4035 or 231-4027.

Explosive ordnance disposal team disposes of 500 kilogram bomb near flightline

Explosion

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Preparing to dispose of the 500 kilogram Russian unexploded ordnance found 200 feet from the runway, Senior Airman Cory R. Ahlf places blasting caps into C4. Airman Ahlf is assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group as an explosive ordnance disposal journeyman.

The EOD Airmen used C4 high explosive to blow up the bomb. Fragments of the Russian bomb were found 800 feet from the point of detonation.

This was the largest single ordnance item the EOD Airmen detonated since they arrived here March 8 from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., said Master Sgt. Kelly M. Cunningham, 755th EMSG EOD flight chief.

The bomb was a remnant of the Afghan-Soviet War, which took place between 1979 and 1989, said Master Sgt. Clifford M. Sibley, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing historian.



Airman Ahlf shovels mud to help hold an ammo can covering a C4 charge in place.



Dirt and fragments fly into the air as a 500 kilogram Russian bomb is disposed of 200 feet from the runway here.

First stop... PERSCO

Airmen prepare for end of rotation

By Maj. (Dr.) Basil M. Griffin
Flight Surgeon

As the current rotation nears the end, there is information Airmen need to know about medical out processing.

Airmen must first see the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations office to receive an out processing checklist. The checklist will have assigned times to go to the chapel annex to complete the post deployment health assessment. If the designated times don't work, gather five or more people together and call 231-4350 to make an appointment. When Airmen complete the PDHA,

they need to bring two copies to the medical clinic. The clinic will give Airmen their medical records, which will contain one of the copies and enter the information from the PDHA into the Air Force computer system. Airmen don't have to wait at the clinic to do this.

It's suggested Airmen start this process 30 days prior to departure.

Federal law prohibits the flight surgeon from giving anyone other than the owner their medical records, including first sergeants and chiefs.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Teammates reunite

Bryce Fisher, NFL Seattle Seahawks defensive end, autographs a reflective belt for Capt. Dustin R. Ireland, 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot. Mr. Fisher and Captain Ireland were in the same squadron and played football at the Air Force Academy. Mr. Fisher is a public affairs officer in the Guard. He and other NFL players, Max Starks of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Patrick Kerney of the Atlanta Falcons, visited troops here during the USO NFL tour.

Airmen assist Army transportation battalion

By Maj. Eric S. Elliott
Public Affairs officer

Controlling and influencing air movement requires a unique skill set specific to the Air Force.

As the Army's only airborne movement control battalion here, the 330th Transportation Battalion recognizes this, and maintains a five person Air Force element, or air cell. The cell "serves as the single manager in the combined joint operating area for fixed wing aircraft coordination and management to support all Combined Joint Task Force-76 airlift requirements including deployment, redeployment, intra-theater airlift and containerized delivery system," said Army Lt. Col. Courtney Taylor, 330th Trans Bn commander.

The air cell is composed of Air Force logisticians who are experts in air transportation, pipeline management and reception, staging onward-movement and integration. It is also responsible for scheduling and managing flight operations for three short take-off and Landing aircraft, said Air Force Major David Sanford, director of the air cell. These aircraft travel to 12 channel locations weekly and are authorized to land at 27 locations throughout the CJOA that includes Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

"The fixed wing air section of the battalion ensures priority supplies, equipment and personnel are delivered to the proper place in a timely fashion," Colonel Taylor said. "In a land locked country, we are highly dependent on ground movements, which are much slower and less predictable. The fixed wing air that the section coordinates allows us to quickly move high priority cargo and deliver it by traditional air land, combat offload or airdrop."

"Often the aircraft are the life line for many isolated forward operating bases, flying more than 150 sorties a

month, transporting 900 people and 100 tons of cargo each month," the major said. "They ensure mail and the re-supply of ammunition and food are delivered before stocks reach critical levels."

On a day-to-day basis, the air cell provides command and control, and in-transit visibility of personnel, units and equipment moving throughout the CJOA.

"One of the most vital jobs for the air cell is to serve as the air transportation experts for the joint team," Major Sanford said. "These duties have positioned this Air Force element as an extension of the CJTF-76 staff and include establishing personnel and cargo movement priorities to maximize critical airlift in the CJOA."

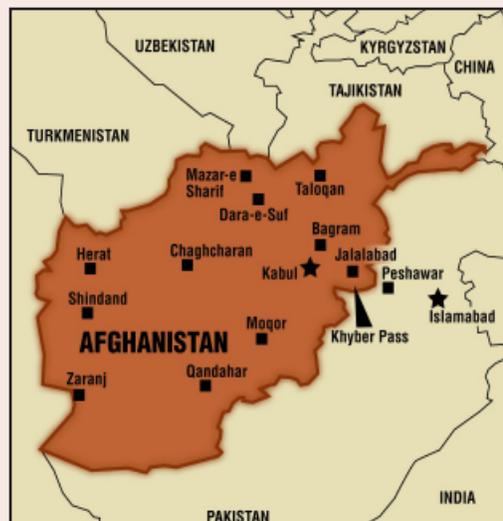
The air cell also works with the U.S. Central Command's Deployment Distribution Operations Center to secure additional airlift assets here, such as the local positioning of a C-130J Hercules, to reduce the cargo and passenger backlog and to reduce the strain on base support.

"To do this, the team analyzes deployment documents and works with aerial ports, movement control teams, and arrival and departure airfield control groups to maintain complete accountability of personnel and equipment," Major Sanford said.

The cell is also prepared to forward deploy Airmen to critical air nodes around the world to ease the movement of both inbound and outbound forces and cargo. "The cell recently planned and conducted the upload and download of eight C-17s for a rotation of Jordanian forces at Mazar I Shariff," he said.

"The air cell adds an incredible amount of flexibility and rapid delivery capability to joint operation," Colonel Taylor said.

"When it's all said and done, the air cell balances requirements against capabilities," the major said. "We perform an important role in synchronizing and integrating movement information programs that span the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of combat operations."



ENDURING FAITH CHAPEL

Weekly services:

Muslim

Fridays 1800L (1330Z)

Jewish

Fridays 1900L (1430Z)

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays 0930L (0500Z)

Roman Catholic

Saturdays 1945L (1515Z)

Liturgical Protestant

Sundays 0830L (0400Z)

Protestant

Sundays 1130L (0700Z)

Latter Day Saints

Sundays 1300L (0830Z)



Church of Christ

Sundays 1400L (0930Z)

Korean Protestant

Sundays 1545L (1115Z)

Gospel

Sundays 1730L (1300Z)

DFAC hours

Breakfast

0530 to 0900L

Lunch

1130 to 1330L

Dinner

1630 to 2100L

Midnight

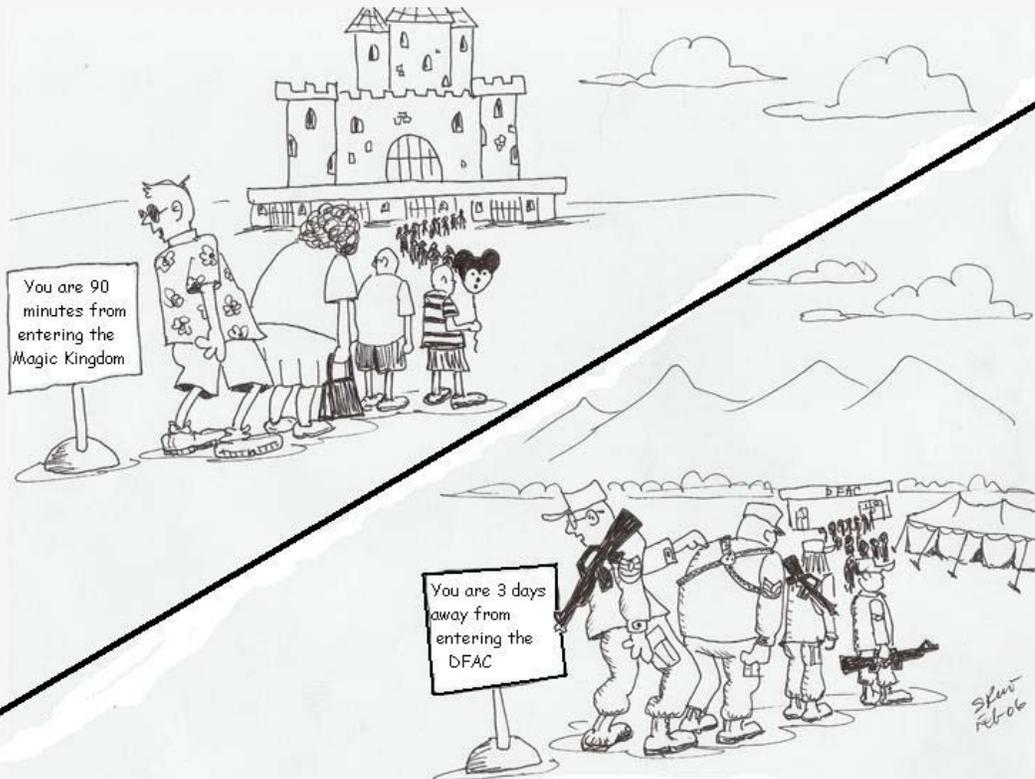
2330 to 0100L

DCUs and Air Force physical training uniforms are mandatory when dining at any of the facilities here.

No bags, purses or backpacks are allowed in any of the dining facilities.

Plausible Denial

By Jurgi



Some things never change, though the time just seems longer.....

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



Engineers lead the way

Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Airman 1st Class Ian G. Gruenberg hammers a spacer brace onto a truss of a facility being built here for the 10th Mountain Division. Airman Gruenberg is assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group as a structural apprentice from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

Nearly a dozen Airmen deployed here in January from Kadena Air Base, Japan, to assist the Army by building and remodeling facilities in various camps here to better serve joint and coalition servicemembers assigned or transiting through Bagram Airfield.

The team is made up of structural apprentices, journeymen and craftsmen who are currently working on building a 40-by-60-foot facility with 13-foot ceilings for the 10th Mountain Division.

The Airmen have been working long hours to complete various projects across the airfield.

"Working an average of 60 hours a week, the structural specialists have completed many jobs," said Master Sgt. Nathan N. Adams, 755th Expeditionary

Mission Support Group civile engineers first sergeant. "Some big projects they have completed include building tent floors for transient tents to serve more than 650 servicemembers at a time and a three-tier platform for base operations to control battle space operations."

While the hours are long, and the work tough, it's nice to be able to see an end result, said Tech. Sgt. Myron A. Shick, 755th EMSG structural craftsman.

Prior to the beginning of their six-month deployment here, the structural specialists attended a three-week training course at Fort Carson, Colo., to prepare for the deployment.

"The course helped us prepare for different scenarios we might encounter outside the wire," Sergeant Shick said.

The course included combat life saver, heavy weapons, close quarters combat and convoy training.



Structural specialists slide the final wall of a 2400-square-foot facility in place. The Airmen are assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group.

Bagram's Best

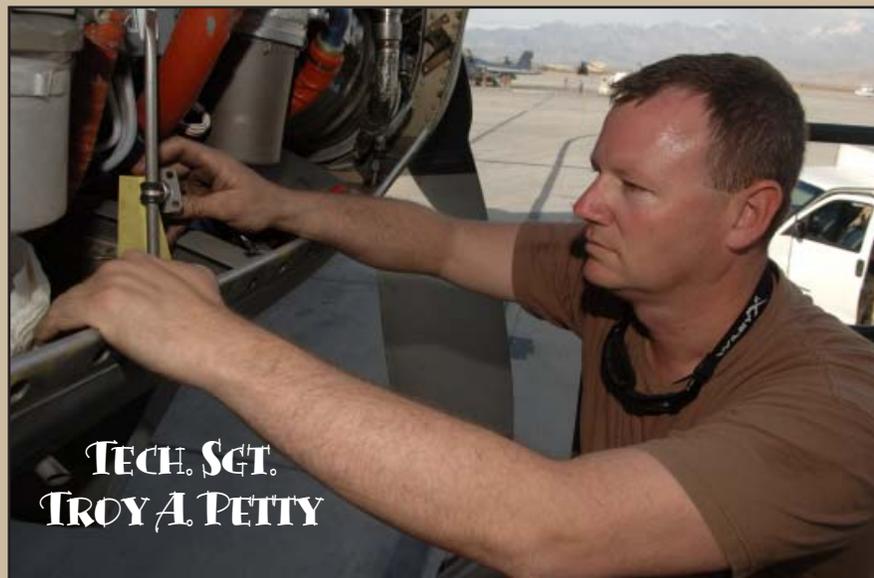
Sergeant Harper is deployed here as the 755th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron concrete batch plant noncommissioned officer in charge. He is deployed from the 718th Civil Engineers Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

The Chicago native's Air Force goals include supporting and leading his troops and to complete his bachelor's degree in environmental management.

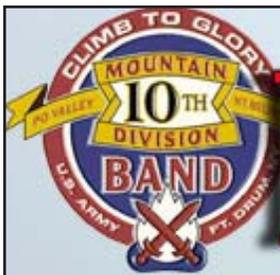


**STAFF SGT.
MICHAEL PAUL
HARPER**

Sergeant Petty is a guardsman assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He is deployed here from the 137th Maintenance Squadron Will Roger Air National Guard Base, Okla. The propulsion specialist is from Mustang, Okla.



**TECH. SGT.
TROY A. PETTY**



LIVE MUSIC

On behalf of MG Benjamin C. Freakley
The 10th Mountain Division Band
and MWR present:

Avalanche

UNPLUGGED

2 p.m. (local)

Sunday

Dragon Palace

