

41st EECS completes 700th sortie in 2 years



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Airman 1st Class Weston D. Sadler inspects an antenna for cracks and to ensure it is securely fastened to an EC-130H Compass Call. Airman Sadler is a Compass Call crew chief for the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Control Squadron deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

Two years to the day since they deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom, the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Control Squadron completed its 700th sortie flying the EC-130H Compass Call April 7.

While most Air Force units deploy for one air and space expeditionary force cycle and then return to their home station to reconstitute before their next AEF deployment, the 41st EECS has supported six consecutive AEF rotations.

“The squadron originally deployed to support OEF major combat operations in 2002, but returned home after the fall of the Taliban,” said Lt. Col. Allen D. Hansen, 41st EECS — See ‘Sortie,’ Page 4

Eye opening accomplishments: *Airmen train ANA soldiers to install, maintain equipment*

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

KABUL, Afghanistan – Airmen here trained Afghanistan National Army soldiers April 3 through 7 on the installation and maintenance of optometry equipment at the ANA National Hospital.

Master Sgt. Billy P. Santa Ana, 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group ANA Medical embedded training team biomedical equipment repair technician senior mentor, and Master Sgt. David A. Morrison, 755th EMSG ANA Medical ETT BMET mentor, introduced medical equipment to 15 ANA soldiers from Herat, Kandahar, Gardez, Mazar-E-Sharif and Kabul.

“The equipment will allow ANA optometrists to assess the visual health of ANA soldiers and their dependents,” said Sergeant Santa Ana. “This will also allow doctors to fit ANA soldiers for glasses.”

“This is a big accomplishment for the ANA,” said Maj. Roger L. Willis, — See ‘Equipment,’ Page 5

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Top View

Airmen fill unique positions, assist Army

By Col. Douglas J. Hine

755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander

The 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group was activated Jan. 19 to provide command and control of Airmen assigned to Army units conducting In Lieu Of and Request For Forces duty. Currently, the 755th has more than 600 Airmen performing these duties in 19 locations across Afghanistan.

Almost every Air Force specialty code is represented with the majority of these Airmen performing duties outside the scope of their normal job descriptions. The 755th EMSG executes its mission through the 755th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, 11 detachments and five operating locations.

An ILO duty is a type of relationship specifically designed to replace a unit of another service. In Afghanistan, the Army requests ILOs from an Air Force unit or capability. For Airmen here, an example is the Civil Engineering Prime Base Engineer Emergency Forces team. This team replaced an Army engineering detachment to perform the duties of CE base support here and outlying forward operating bases. Other ILO assignments include military police duty, a deployable crash fire rescue team, communications, medical, civil engineering and security support to 11 Army-lead provincial reconstruction teams. Explosive ordnance disposal activities here and Kandahar, and a facilities engineering team are also included under the 755th EMSG Airmen assigned ILO duties report directly to an Army chain of command and receive their assigned duties from them.

Another reason Airmen are assigned to the 755th EMSG is to perform RFF duties. These account for the bulk of the group's mission areas. Typical taskings include medical support, religious support teams, embedded training teams with the Afghanistan National Army, PRTs, aero medical evacuation, contracting, communications, military working dog teams, aircraft refueling support, weather, intelligence support, combat stress teams and even Armed Forces Network broadcasting.

One of the most unique RFF duties has to be working on an ETT. These Airmen are assigned to mentor the ANA on logistics support. From an ANA one-star general who commands their Logistics Command down to a forward support supply team hauling food and water to an ANA infantry unit, members of the 755th EMSG are out on the battlefield mentoring daily. Because of their exposure working "outside the wire," several ETTs have seen combat action.

All members assigned to the 755th EMSG complete additional training stateside prior to their deployment. These courses are taught by the Army and place an added emphasis on individual combat skills including weapons, convoy, radio communications and combat lifesaving skills. They range from a three-week Combat Skills Training course at Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Sill, Okla., to the two-and-a-half-month PRT course at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The 755th EMSG has a very unique mission supporting the Army throughout Afghanistan. Although the Airmen are doing things they never thought they'd be doing in a combat environment, they are gaining a tremendous amount of experience and contributing directly to ground combat operations. They are expanding their professional knowledge and will be able to bring valuable lessons back to their home stations.



Colonel Hine

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AF Assistance Fund wraps up May 5

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Assistance Fund “Commitment to Caring” campaign is currently underway and will end May 5. The program provides Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations.

Now in its 33rd year, 100 percent of designated AFAF contributions will benefit active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Airmen, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal by contributing more than \$7.3 million.

Airmen need look no further than the aftermath of last year’s hurricanes to understand the benefit the fund provides the Air Force community. Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley addressed this recently in a joint memorandum for the Air Force Assistance Fund:

“Last year, hurricanes Katrina and Rita vividly demonstrated the need for rapid and reliable emergency assistance. Our four AFAF charities — the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, Air Force Village Indigent Widows’ Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation — provided immediate financial and housing assistance to our active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and retired Air Force members. This was in addition to their normal ongoing assistance with the hardships of deployments, accidents, illness, aging and death.”

General Moseley recently announced a \$5.4 million goal for this year’s fund drive.

Airmen can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the

Air Force Aid Society, which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

— The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

— The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund in San Antonio, which is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel Center’s voting and fundraising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

To donate, go to <http://www.afassistancefund.org>.

Click on AF Form 2561. Airmen should then enter their information and the amount they would like to donate. On the second page Airmen can view the completed form.

If everything is correct, they should print the form, fill in their Social Security Number and sign.

The completed and signed form needs to be faxed, scanned and emailed, or mailed to the AFAF project officer at their home station.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Todd J. Turner, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group executive officer.

Brief Bullets

Services calendar

Services will host events 1900L Tuesday through Saturday in the Rec Tent. For more information, or to make a suggestion, contact Tech. Sgt. Hallett at 231-4360.

Egg hunt

Services is scheduled to host an Easter Egg Hunt 0800 to 1800L. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Hallett at 231-4360.

Bugout bash

The AEF 9 and 10 Bugout Bash is scheduled for April 23. Air and space expeditionary force 9 and 10 will hold a barbecue 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 1800L Wednesday in Town Hall. 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 today in the Oasis.

Remembrance

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

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

Compass Call squadron continues to provide OEF support after 2 years

Sortie

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commander. "We again deployed April 7, 2004, and supported OEF out of Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan. The unit moved here... in June 2005.

"This is a first for the 41st EECs," Colonel Hansen said. "Usually we deploy during major combat operations and redeploy home at the end of those operations. This is what originally happened for OEF."

"The flight crews, maintenance and support personnel deployed to Bagram are performing above and beyond any expectation," the colonel said. "The maintenance personnel work to ensure the aircraft is... ready for the crew to go fly within a few hours and the support personnel ensure both have what they need to accomplish the mission."

"The Compass Call aircraft here fly every day and have only missed two missions in the last six months," Colonel Hansen said. "This is nothing short of phenomenal."

"The job done by the operators and maintenance personnel is a testament to the men and women of the 41st EECs and their dedication to duty," he said. "They truly emulate Air Force core values."

More than a dozen Compass Call aircraft are in the process of being upgraded, the colonel said. This upgrade will take more than two years and increase the aircraft's capabilities well beyond what they are today.

"We will continue to support OEF... to the level we are presently, even during this upgrade," he said.

Compass Call is a communications jamming tactical weapons system used to deny, degrade and disrupt the enemy's ability to communicate with each other, he said.

The 41st EECs is deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

MTA MOVIE NIGHT

The Middle Tier Association hosts Movie Night 1900L Mondays at the MTA Snack Shack, if inclement weather should arise, the function will be moved in to the Rec Tent. Monday's movie will be *Grandma's Boy*, starring Allen Covert and Peter Dante. Rated R. By day, 35-year-old Alex is the world's oldest video game tester, but by night, he is developing the next big game for the X-box generation. When one of his roommates spends the rent money on Taiwanese hookers, Alex is kicked out of his apartment and forced to live with his grandmother and her friends, Bea and Grace.

MTA COMEDY NIGHT

The Middle Tier Association hosts Comedy Night 1900L Thursdays at the MTA Snack Shack. Chris Rock, a special from HBO, will be shown Thursday night. The comedy special covers topics including wealth, relationships and rap music.

Comm tip of the week

Mapping the network drive for NIPR:

- Right-click "My Computer," select "Map Network Drive"
- Select the letter "S" in the drop-down box
- Type \\BGRMA7NAFSDRIVE\S DRIVE, press "Enter"
- Click Finish

Senior NCOs train Afghanistan National Army on installation of optometry equipment

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755th EMSG ETT Medical Plans and Operations officer. “We gave them the right equipment to perform proper vision screenings. This will allow the soldiers to see better in battle.”

As the equipment is installed by ANA soldiers, with the assistance of

Sergeants Santa Ana and Morrison, ANA optometrists will be trained on the use of the equipment by a joint effort from Air Force and Army optometrists.

Equipment is also in the process of being purchased to make the glasses, said Sergeant Santa Ana. Depending on when the equipment arrives, training for that equipment will begin early to mid summer.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

KABUL, Afghanistan – Master Sgt. Billy P. Santa Ana helps Afghanistan National Army soldiers load a box containing optometry equipment to be delivered to the Kabul Military Training Center. This was the first time ANA Medical Command delivered medical equipment using their own vehicles. Sergeant Santa Ana also assisted in training ANA soldier on the installation and maintenance of the equipment, which was delivered April 2. He is assigned to the 755th Expeditionary Mission Support Group as an ANA Medical embedded training team biomedical equipment repair technician senior mentor.

Recent law requires addition to emergency data card

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Airmen must designate one immediate family member as the person authorized to direct disposition of their remains should they become a casualty.

The PADD designation will become a part of the member’s Record of Emergency Data as required by law.

Most Airmen will add their PADD information to their virtual Record of Emergency Data by following the instructions in the Virtual MPF.

Personnel at deployed locations need to contact their personnel support for contingency operations team to update their record.

PADD information should include the designated person’s name, relationship to member, address with zip code and telephone number.

The PADD will be responsible for the disposition of remains only. The member is still required to designate separately the recipient(s) of any other benefits and entitlements.

It is highly encouraged that all Airmen currently deployed provide this information to their virtual Record of Emergency Data. For more information, contact the Air Force Personnel Center at 312-665-5000. *(Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center)*

Camp mayor reminders

- Water is a critical resource here. Combat showers are still in effect. This means turn on the water, wet down, turn off the water, soap up and wash down, turn on the water to rinse off and then turn off the water. Maximum of three minutes of running water. Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving. Let's give each other a friendly reminder to be thoughtful of others not just in water conservation but in quietness in and around the B-Huts as well.

- Camp cleanup is every Sunday at 1030L.

- Air Force Instructions state that the DCU shirt sleeves will stay down, not be rolled up. Also, when leaving Camp Cunningham and when not actively participating in physical training, Airmen must be in the proper uniform with weapon.

- As of April 1, watch caps or stocking caps, aren't authorized for wear as part of the desert camouflaged or physical training uniform.

For more information concerning Camp Cunningham issues, contact Chief Master Sgt. Leo Kreifels by e-mail, or by phone at 231-3258.

Things to know before going home **Airmen get ready to roll**

During the next few weeks, the turnover for the next rotation will begin and Airmen in Air and space expeditionary force nine and 10 will prepare to redeploy. Aside from Airmen planning for their replacement, they also need to ensure they take the appropriate steps for a smooth trip home.

Each unit's travel representative should be providing everyone with a passenger reservation card, a Post Deployment Health Assessment form, an out processing checklist and redeployment authorization memorandum. All of these items must be completed before departing here.

By now, Airmen who are departing in May should have completed their passenger reservation card, which is used to schedule the return flight home. If Airmen haven't completed this form, they need to see their UTR. Airmen can schedule their flight reservations approximately 30 days prior to departure.

Once Airmen are within 30 days of departure, they need to complete their PDHA. Once the form is completed, take two copies of the PDHA to Flight Medicine. One copy will be placed in the Airman's medical record and the other will be used to make entries into the world-wide data base. Airmen can pick up their medical records within 14 days of departure.

For Airmen traveling in groups of 25 or more, the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations in conjunction with the 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, will schedule individuals for a Combat Push. Combat Push is a mass out-processing line where

organizations on camp gather to assist with completing the out processing checklist all at once.

Personnel departing in a group of less than 25 will accomplish the out processing checklist on their own.

Before departing Bagram, Airmen will need to clear through billeting at Services and see PERSCO to turn in the completed out processing checklist and redeployment memorandum. Once PERSCO verifies that all out processing actions have been completed, Airmen will be given a stamped Air Force form 245 certifying the out processing checklist has been completed. The passenger terminal will collect these forms before Airmen board their aircraft for their flight home. If Airmen don't have their stamped AF form 245 their trip home will be delayed. The earliest Airmen can turn in their checklist and redeployment memorandum to PERSCO is 48 hours prior to departing Bagram.

For more information about out processing, contact one of the following agencies:

- Flight Medicine: 231-4413
- Pass and ID: 231-2232
- Supply: 231-4362
- TMO: 231-2104
- Logistics Plans: 231-3459
- Ammo: 231-5939
- Comm/Post Office: 231-4359
- Services: 231-4360
- PERSCO: 231-4409

(Courtesy of the 455th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Support for Contingency Operations and Flight Medicine)



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Tech. Sgt. Matthew E. Freeman tests a PRC-112B1 survival radio on the RCTS-003 tester. Sergeant Freeman is the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron life support noncommissioned officer in charge. He is deployed here from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.



Above: Senior Airman Daniel J. Matthews attaches panoramic night vision goggles to a helmet during preflight. The 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron is the first to use the PNVGs in the Air Force. Airman Matthews is an aircrew life support journeyman for the 355th EFS. His home town is Port Huron, Mich.
Right: Airman 1st Class Rose M. Berryhill inspects an aircrew eye respirator protection system mask of a pilot's chemical gear. Airman Berryhill is a aircrew life support technician for the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.



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

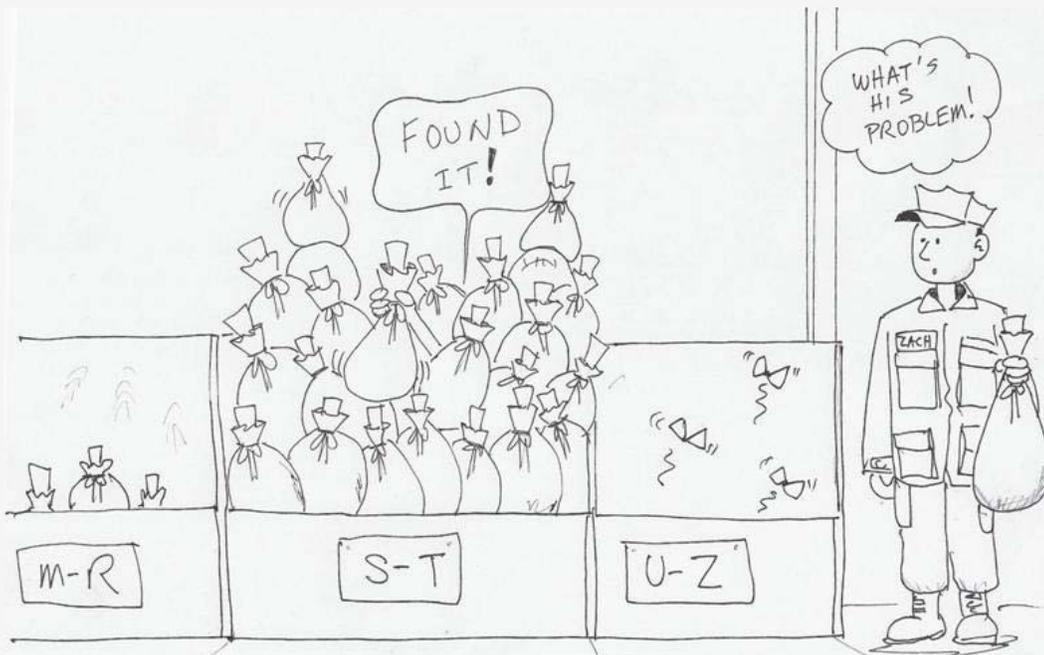
2330 to 0100L

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



This laundry diver is first choice for OPSEC Monitor, he'd be great in a dumpster!

Jurgi Patrolo

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

Bagram's Best



**SENIOR AIRMAN
MONICA M. SANTOS**

Airman Santos, left, is an Air Terminal Operations Center information controller for the 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. She is deployed here from the 44th Aerial Port Squadron, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam.

The reservist will soon be promoted to staff sergeant and was the Airman Top Performer for the month of March.

"I strive for nothing less than excellence in all I do," said the Airman.

Airman Santos is from Dededo, Guam.

Airman Crawford, right, is deployed here as an aerospace ground equipment journeyman for the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. She is deployed here from the 354th Maintenance Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

The Portage, Ind., native hopes to finish her Community College of the

Air Force degree, to be promoted to each rank the first year eligible and to serve to the best of her ability no matter what her duties are. The Airman recently made a 91 on her end of course exam, completing her 5 level.



**SENIOR AIRMAN
RACHEL J. CRAWFORD**

Couple experiences 1st deployment together

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Editor

In the evening hours Jan. 24, friends, wives, husbands and children hugged and kissed their loved ones in a cold parking lot at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Preparing for the inevitable, they said their final good byes. Some had smiles, while others wiped the tears from their faces, but at one car husband and wife, both dressed in desert camouflaged uniforms, held their bags and said good bye and passed the keys to their car to a friend, turned around and walked together to wait for the plane that would take them to their final destination – Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

As husband and wife, Senior Airmen Christopher L. and Jennifer H. Travise waited to board the aircraft that took them not only on their first deployment together, but individually as well.

“At first, Jena was set to deploy by herself,” said Chris, a munitions systems specialist assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. “I asked to be on the same rotation to deploy.”

“After volunteering, there was a lot of uncertainty,” he said. “The list kept changing, leadership explained that there was no guarantee we would be sent together... it seemed like an eternity.

“When we started receiving the briefings, we began to relax... we knew we were set,” he said.

“While preparing for the deployment, there was a lot of support from the leadership in our flight,” said Chris, a native of Ravenna, Ohio.

“I was excited we were going to be able to share our first deployment



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente

Senior Airmen Christopher L. and Jennifer H. Travise look through an Easter package sent by Jena’s aunt. Chris is a munitions systems specialist and Jena is a munitions accountability crewmember. Both Airmen are assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron.

together,” said Jena, a munitions accountability crewmember for the 455th EMXS.

Three months into their deployment, the married couple said the deployment has been a great experience. Though being married doesn’t just stop while in a deployed environment.

“We still bicker on occasion, but it’s great,” Chris said. “I get to see Jena, and we spend time together eating meals, watching movies or just hanging out on our days off together.”

Jena agreed there’s bickering, but at the same time it’s refreshing.

“Working opposite shifts, I look forward to seeing my husband at each shift change, said Jena, a Valrico, Fla., native. “No matter what happens during the day, I know I’ll get to see him.”

“We know what each other is going through, and we don’t have to

try to explain it over the phone or through email,” she said.

Although the Airmen have had a great experience being deployed together, the couple said there were a couple of hick-ups along the way.

“Jena works days, and I work nights, so it’s kind of hard to spend quality time together due to the offset,” Chris said. “Either she’s tired, or I’m tired. It took a while to get used to.”

With Chris and Jena both being deployed, the married couple had difficulty finding someone to watch their personal possessions, including animals in their home.

“We had a bad experience when we first got here, but we received outstanding support back home getting the issue resolved,” he said.

With less than 45 days before they redeploy, the Travises will return to Eielson AFB, just in time for their one-year wedding anniversary June 15.