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Staff Sgt. Aaron Wood, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron adjusts the solar panel of the Tactical Meteorological Observation Set on the Ali Base flight line. The TMOS provides deployable weather observations and data. For more on weather, see Page 9. (Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)

# CENTAF CC: Welcome to the fight

By Lt. Gen. Gary L. North

9th Air Force and USCENTAF commander

As our CENTAF Air Expeditionary Force rotation completes its transition, I want to welcome the Airmen of AEF 1/2. Whether this is your first deployment, second, third, or beyond, the combined leadership and the CENTAF team look forward to your contributions to the long war against terrorism.

Your predecessors in AEF 9/10, and before them, have done an outstanding job during their rotation(s) and have set the conditions for your successes during your deployment. I know each of you have come prepared and trained for the mission and we look forward to the professionalism, dedication and innovation that you bring to the fight. Thank you for the preparation that has gotten you to the AOR, and thanks for putting service above self as you go about your duties in the AOR.

Much has been accomplished in the last three years. There is still much more to do. Each of you, and our Coalition partners, are having and will have a significant impact in bringing hope to people in need of our help. You are integral to bringing about peace and stability in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. The peoples of these countries and regions are counting on us to stay the course.

As Muri al-Maliki, Iraq's Prime Minister, said



Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, 9th Air Force and USCENTAF commander, addresses Coalition troops recently during an award presentation at a forward-deployed location. (Courtesy CENTAF-FWD/PA)

recently, "Just as we did away with the tyrant and the days of oppression and despotism, we will do away with terrorism and sabotage and the factors of backwardness, poverty and ignorance."

You all are making great sacrifices to help millions of people you will never know, but you should know your selfless commitment is changing the lives of people and nations forever—for the better. But this struggle not only impacts the future of Iraq, Afghanistan and the countries in the Horn of Africa, but also the future safety of our families at home. Together, we'll succeed. There is no acceptable alternative.

As you become immersed in the culture and work in the AOR, my challenge to you is to keep a clear focus on three things: the mission, mastering technology and self

improvement.

Our priority is the mission, and Airmen today get the mission. You understand it. You're doing it 24/7 and nobody does it better. It takes professional airmen to make the mission happen ... day in and day out.

The combat zone is just that, a combat zone. I need you to have your "game face" on around the clock. Discipline and understanding and complying with the rules and the rules of engagement will support two key venues ... getting the mission done right and providing the basis for keeping you "in your lanes" as we go about the very dangerous business of performing our mission sets in the AOR.

We are constantly leveraging new ways to increase our capability, efficiency and effectiveness.

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**CENTAF/CC**

# Ali camaraderie makes decision easy

*Warriors on freedom's front offer many reasons to continue in military*

By Maj. Kenneth Jambor

407th Air Expeditionary Group Chief of Safety

Do I stay in or get out? Should I separate and offer my services to corporate America? These are some the questions I've been asking myself over the past year. I know I'm not alone in this thinking on this taboo subject. Many of us are fast approaching the crossroad where we can cut the umbilical cord from the organization we affectionately call the Air Force.

The operational tempo of today's United States Air Force is at an unprecedented high level due to the Global War on Terror. During this time, deployment frequency and length has increased despite a drawdown in manpower. Airmen are spending more and more time on the road working twelve to fifteen hour days. One-year remotes are becoming commonplace. You can almost always count on missing Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years. It's a tough decision to continue serving.

I thought about this long and hard over the past year. I spent many sleepless nights mulling over job offers from different outside organizations. I was obsessed with this subject. Once I arrived in Iraq, all my morale calls to my wife were spent on this very subject and it was exhausting for both of us. It wasn't until my two-and-a-half week experience here at Ali Base that I finally knew what to do. I'm going to stay in.

To arrive at this decision, I had to think about why I signed up in the first place. Although most of my reasons for joining back when I was 20 years old are immature and impractical now for someone with a family, several of them remained unchanged over the past 11 years.

First, the sense of camaraderie I



Maj. Kenneth Jambor

see here at Ali Base is eye-watering. I feel like we function as one entity with everyone doing their part to get the mission done. Individual self-promoting interests are virtually nonexistent. I know that if I fall, there will always be someone there to pick me up. In other words, I can count on each and every one of you.

Second, to quote the 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, "motivation can be contagious." Here at Ali, I see Airmen who are incredibly eager to participate in everyday operations. It's obvious they want to be here.

That level of commitment and desire to excel is what makes me want to get up and go to work. It also drives me to perform because I don't want to let the Ali family down. I guess you can say I caught the "disease." I know I can't find that sort of satisfaction working for a private company.

Third, everyone's love for the United States is like a breath of

fresh air. The sense of duty and patriotism is easily found here among Ali personnel. There is also that overwhelming desire to defeat the enemies who threaten our freedom.

When I read editorials from some of the more notable publications back home, I often wonder if the writer ever spent a day serving our nation rather than themselves. All they do is criticize without ever providing a viable solution. I wish the same writers would come spend some time at Ali and observe our fine fighting men and women carry out the mission. Of course, we all know they won't since it would put their finger-pointing enterprise out of business.

To conclude, thank you Team Ali for helping me make this life-altering decision. Thank you for granting me the honor to serve next to you in the United States Air Force. Last but not least, thank you for helping me finally get some sleep.



# Group CC holds three commander's calls; stresses motivation, enthusiasm for mission

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Being Professional Airmen and Motivated Warriors were the main topics of discussion during three commander's calls held at Ali Base on May 25 in the Big Top.

"I want to impress on everyone that you need to be fired up every day, serving in combat in Iraq and making a difference to the mission," said Col. David Orr, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Commander, during the first of the calls. "That's the kind of Airman I want to see on Ali for the next 120 days."

He stressed that he has been exceptionally impressed by the Airman at Ali, but that he wanted to address some issues early in the rotation.

"While a great majority of our personnel are outstanding Airmen, I'm concerned about those who are good at their specific hands-on jobs, but have yet to buy-in to being a Professional Airman."

The most important thing for everyone assigned to the current rotation to realize is where they fit in the mission, because if an Airman is fulfilled in what he/she contributes to the team, the overall mission flourishes, said Colonel Orr.

"Every Airman needs to know how they help defend the base, sustain the force and take the fight to our enemy," he continued. "No matter where you work, you fill a critical role in one or more of those missions. I want every Airman, if someone asks them what they do, to be able to honestly say, 'I am a Professional Airman in the vocation of preserving our nation's freedom. In this profession, I serve as a (your specialty) and this is how I contribute to the mission ...'"

This will require focusing on "ad-



Col. David Orr, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, talks to Ali Base personnel during the first of three commander's calls May 25. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Bradley Church)

herence to Air Force standards, being the subject matter expert in your field, and to set out each day to make the mission better, make yourself better, and grow professionally". The colonel called on all Airmen "to live by a code – to be professional, and that includes such virtues as character, integrity, and a positive spirit."

"We are going to be working six days a week, 12 hours a day – we are going to get two years worth of work done in the next four months," he said. "We will need to be prepared mentally, physically and spiritually. I need to squash what I observe as an epidemic – some of our Airmen choose not to adhere to Air Force standards and 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing policies. It's all about trusting my fellow Airmen; if you cannot live by Air Force standards and basic customs and courtesies, then I cannot trust you in

combat when I need unquestionable good order and discipline."

He related an anecdote about him passing by a basketball game and seeing some players whose shirts were not tucked in. When the players saw him, they immediately tucked their shirts in and continued playing – 15 minutes later, when Colonel Orr passed the group again, the shirts were again not tucked in.

"My time needs to be focused on protecting our personnel, accomplishing the mission, and being the Number 1 motivator for our Airmen here at Ali. Frontline supervisors, NCOs, CGOs, Airman peers, do you really want me to do your jobs and individually enforce Air Force standards on your people?"

The colonel outlined some other primary responsibilities for Airmen,

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**Commander's Call**

## Commander's Call

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as well as for the NCO corps. He encouraged Airmen to know the mission cold, get fulfilled by knowing where they fit in the mission and to get out and get involved.

"Airmen, you are the subject matter experts in every area – I need you to stay sharp all the time," Colonel Orr said. "Make sure you keep your uniform sharp and you are all over customs and courtesy. Don't be a hermit, get out and meet our other great Airmen, you will grow professionally and it will help you understand and get to know the military culture better."

The colonel had additional expectations for NCOs. He says he judges NCOs by the enthusiasm and professionalism demonstrated by the members of the NCO's team. He also expects that NCOs to match the professionalism of NCOs throughout Air Force history and to know their people well.

"Know your people cold – know what is driving their performance on any given day, and be there with compassion when they miss their loved ones or when troubles at home are consuming their emotions."

The professionalism demonstrated by Airmen and the discipline enforced by NCOs are what the colonel believes makes the Air Force great.

"We have the greatest Air Force in history – the other team doesn't even attempt to get airborne against us," he said. "It's not because of weapons and technologies – it's because we have superior Airmen who are willing to take the fight to the enemy – and we take it to them with zeal."

The commander did discuss a few other hot topics – including the rocket attack on May 19. "We're working on some things – getting the word out to people better. We're going to get Giant Voice fixed so people hear what's going on clearly – until then, we will use bullhorns or other methods to make sure people know what's going on."

"I cannot tell you how proud I was with your response. Our Defenders jumped right and took control, the civil engineers and explosive ordnance disposal folks professionally safed the rockets, and our Services squadron immediately opened up our morale venues."

Another issue that the colonel discussed was physical fitness and maintaining a professional image.

"I know that until recently, our Air Force didn't place a great deal of emphasis on physical fitness and professional image standards," he said. "But we are a 'Fit to Fight' force and I am afraid that up to 25 percent of our people arrived in theater clearly outside of Air Force fitness standards."

To combat that, he is incorporating "101 Days of Fitness" – where each person is trusted to self-identify that a weight/professional image problem exists and weigh-in. Squadrons will then work on a program together or monitor individual progress for 90 days. "If our Airmen get back within standards or show me that they worked hard at it, I will applaud their effort", Colonel Orr said. "However, those people who don't buy-in to the program or take their professional fitness responsibilities seriously can expect me to send a letter to their commander asking why that commander chose to send an airman to combat who did not and then could not meet AF standards. It's not just about Fit to Fight mission-enhancing Airmen, it's about enjoying the rest of your life to the fullest."

He also outlined some improvement plans for the unit – including unit-decorated T-walls around the Big Top and encouraging team Ali to "pick up 1 million pieces of trash."

He closed his remarks by re-emphasizing that he is proud and honored to be serving in Iraq with the Airmen in the



Col. David Orr speaks to members of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Bradley Church)

407th AEG.

"I come out motivated and fired up because you are all motivated and fired up," he said. "We are going to make ourselves better, and by doing so, we are going to make this group better."

Besides the commander's comments, Airmen were briefed on coalition partners serving at Camp Adder/ Ali Base, the chaplain spoke about the various opportunities available through chapel programs; the intelligence officer spoke about the current political and insurgent situation, and encouraged people to remember Operational Security objectives; and the chief of safety spoke on being a good wingman and protecting yourself from the extreme heat.

After the commander's comments, Colonel Orr took questions from the audience.

# A moment to remember

Ali Airmen commemorate Memorial Day with ceremony



Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Perry, 407th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain, offers a few words during a brief ceremony held by the Airman's Memorial on Ali Monday. (Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)



Members of the 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron spend a moment in reflection during the ceremony., (Photo by Staff Sergeant Rasheen Douglas)



The honor guard brings out the flag during the ceremony. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Rasheen Douglas)



Above, Staff Sgt. Sherwin St. Pierre, 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron Operating Location-B detachment commander and Senior Airman Torie Shimabuku, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, prepare the flag prior to the ceremony. (Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates) Left, Sergeant St. Pierre raises the flag, while Airman Shimabuku salutes. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Rasheen Douglas)



# Infrastructure team restores network connectivity

From the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

When the base network went out at the Hot Spot and the distinguished visitor trailers late one evening, a team of communications experts got the call to troubleshoot the issue.

The base information and infrastructure work center is responsible for installing, maintaining and repairing all copper and fiber cable, local area network drops and phone lines.

"This was an important issue," said Master Sgt. Reynaldo Garza, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron. "Without network connectivity at the Hot Spot, people will not be able to log on to morale computers, make calls home to

family or friends or watch the Services movie channel."

A team of experts went to the Hot Spot to determine the problem – they determined that there was no signal between the network control center and the Hot Spot, said Sergeant Garza.

"Now the fun part of our job began," he said, "tracking down where the problem was. With a little more troubleshooting and some fancy test equipment, we were able to determine the problem about 500 feet down the cable."

After tracing the cable, the team determines there was a backhoe parked on the street – also about 500 feet away from the Hot Spot. They visited the dig site and found the fiber optic cable sticking out of the ground, the sergeant said.

Unfortunately, he continued, the other end was sitting under the tracks of the backhoe, belonging to a contractor working on building a barrier on 9th Street. Once the backhoe was moved, the team had to dig up both ends of the fiber – splice a new piece of fiber in and bury the fiber once again, deep enough to stay safe.

"We finished just about midnight," said Sergeant Garza, "which meant that it just happened to be Staff Sgt. Katie Heim's 26th birthday. How many young ladies can see they turned 26 years old splicing fiber cable at midnight under the lights of an F-150 in Iraq?"

The team finished the job a few moments later and was able to bring the circuits to the Hot Spot back up by 12:30 a.m., he said.

## From the CPIC: Briefs off the wire from the CENTCOM Combined Press Information Center

### Iraqi, Coalition forces capture key insurgent leader in Ameriya

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – A key insurgent leader in Iraq, Sheikh Ahmed Hussein Dabash Samir al-Batawi, aka Ahmed al-Dabash, was captured on May 29, by Iraqi and Coalition Forces in the Ameriya neighborhood in the Mansour district of Baghdad.

Sheikh Ahmed al-Dabash was a major financier and facilitator of terrorism in Iraq, most notably the bomb attack in the Shiite holy city of Karbala on March 2, 2004. Several pre-set explosives were detonated near one of the most important Shiite Shrines in Iraq – the Golden Dome Mosque. Over 140 Iraqis were murdered and hundreds wounded in the attack that occurred during the Shiite observance of Ashoura, a time when thousands of pilgrims gathered in Karbala. It is be-

lieved that al-Dabash was also responsible for the attack on the Shiite al-Tawhid Mosque in Baghdad and for facilitating other terror attacks around Baghdad.

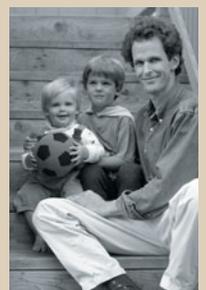
In addition to al-Dabash himself being a notorious leader of terror in Iraq, Iraqi and Coalition Forces consider his capture significant as they believe he will provide critical information on other terror groups as he has close ties to al-Qaida in Iraq and the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi network.

The Iraqi Central Investigating Court in Baghdad issued an arrest warrant for Ahmed al-Dabash Jan. 9, 2005, citing his violation of Iraqi Penal Code 194.

Iraqi and Coalition intelligence officials and security forces tracked al-Dabash in a determined manhunt and over the last two years have arrested several of his enablers and underlings who followed al-Dabash's command to commit terror.

## Father's Day is coming!

If you are at Ali and you would like to send a special message to your father -- or you have a special father who is stationed at Ali Base and you would like to send a message to them, send an e-mail to [ali.times@tlab.centaf.af.mil](mailto:ali.times@tlab.centaf.af.mil) before June 12. The Ali Times will have a special section with these messages in the June 16th edition.



# Whatever the weather

## *Flight ensures operational success, safety with forecasts*

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

In a combat environment, knowing what the weather will be can be crucial to the success of on-going operations.

A team of Ali professionals is dedicated to determining exactly that for on-going operations.

“We provide accurate, mission-specific weather information and products to Ali Base warfighters and coalition forces,” said Master Sgt. Milton Threet, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron chief of weather station operations.

To do that, the four-person shop monitors local and theater weather conditions around the clock, and stays familiar with what’s going on not only at Ali Base, but also at the destinations of the aircraft leaving here.

“People at Ali need to know the weather at all times, since knowing that can enhance the mission of everyone – especially those involved with flying operations,” said Sergeant Threet. “If weather dictates that a mission is delayed or scrubbed, the mission is degraded.”

“If I can tell a pilot there is a weather situation which may be hazardous to his flight, and he takes the proper precautions, that helps the mission,” said Staff Sgt. Aaron Wood, deployed to Ali from



Staff Sgt. Aaron Wood, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron forecaster, checks the latest satellite imagery and puts together a briefing. (Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)

the 46th Weather Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Forecasting the weather in advance – up to at least five days – helps commanders plan missions to better ensure success, said Sergeant Threet. Besides forecasting, the station also passes severe weather warnings to the command post to allow people to protect themselves. During the upcoming summer months at Ali Base, most often that bad weather will be strong winds and accompanying dust storms.

The mission at Ali is somewhat different from that at home stations – for



Tech. Sgt. Jared Ey, 407th EOSS forecaster, checks visibility during a dust storm by matching known reference points to what he can currently see.

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**Weather**

## Weather

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instance Sergeant Wood will be forecasting high temperatures and blowing dust instead of thunderstorms and hurricanes.

"The scope and area of our responsibility is much different," said Tech. Sgt. Jared Ey, a forecaster deployed here from the 17th Operational Weather Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. "At the 17th OWS, we produce weather charts and products for nearly half the world – here at Ali, we use the charts and products created at those weather squadrons and tailor them to the war-fighters here."

For another forecaster, the mission here is a return to more traditional weather. Staff Sergeant Alec Ferguson is deployed here from the 21st Operational Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo. At home, he works for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and deals with space phenomena, such as sun flares and geomagnetic storms.

"Here, I am glad to be able to provide the best weather support, so people know what to expect and can plan their activities accordingly," Sergeant Ferguson said.

To accomplish the mission, the team relies strongly upon the Tactical Meteorological Observing Set – an "all-in-one" piece

of equipment that measures the wind, temperature, dew point, precipitation, atmospheric pressure, visibility and sky conditions, said Sergeant Threet.

"The TMOS does have some inherent limitations, so our forecasters verify and correct, as needed, the visibility and sky condition before issuing their hourly official observation," he said.

The team also uses weather radar to monitor incoming thunderstorms or areas of precipitation, which is something Sergeant Threet doubts they will see during the next four months of their rotation. The team also accesses satellite imagery and other products through the Internet, using the Joint Air Force and Army Weather Information Network.

For the four-person forecasting team, adjusting to the weather environment can be somewhat of a challenge.

"In many respects, it is an easier type of forecasting, because the weather can remain unchanging for weeks at a time," said Sergeant Threet. "The challenge for us will be to remain alert to the potential for strong winds that generates dust storms where visibility may go to nearly nothing."

The team is very excited about being in Iraq and supporting not only the Ali Base mission, but also the



Staff Sgt. Aaron Wood checks the wind speed and direction using a portable wind-speed monitor on the flight line at Ali Base. Forecasters need to know the wind speeds and directions to give pilots accurate information on arrival and departure information (Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)

overall mission of supporting the burgeoning Iraqi democracy.

"The change to democracy has been long overdue," said Sergeant Wood. "I feel good about being here."

Sergeant Ey agrees. "It is amazing to be a part of something so historic," he said. "While my name will not likely be singled out in a history book, I can look at this as an opportunity few in the world can do – I am playing a part of world

history."

Whether or not history will remember them, though, the team enjoys the various aspects of the job.

"The best part of this job is the interaction with other people," said Sergeant Ey.

Sergeant Wood finds he likes a bigger challenge.

"I like doing the five-day forecast and seeing how close I really came on the fourth and fifth days," he said.

The 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron is updating all computers on Ali Base to be able to use the Common Access Card. People who have forgotten their Personal Identification Number for the CAC card should stop by PERSCO to update their PIN.

# Making a mark on Ali

## Fire department team paints mural on base

By Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Soon after arriving at Ali Base, Iraq, a small group of firefighters decided to leave their mark on the base.

Literally.

The group, led by Senior Airman Katherine Maglia, a Guardsmember from the 183rd Fighter Wing, Peoria, Ill., decided to paint a mural outside the fire department.

"I've been working on the mural since the day I got here – May 18," said Airman Maglia, who calls Tinley Park, Ill., her hometown and currently is majoring in painting at the University of Illinois in Champaign. "My supervisors noticed the huge 'canvas' (a piece of concrete protective wall) and mentioned it to me – we took off from there."

She spends early mornings and late afternoons on the mural – "when it's cooler" – and usually spends from four to six hours on the painting. But this has been far from a solo task for the senior airman.

"The whole department has been extremely helpful with ideas and suggestions," she said. "They have done manual labor and used their connections to get the necessary supplies – it has really been a wonderful collaborative project. Some of the folks, like Senior Airman Joseph Fox, have volunteered to help paint. Staff Sgt. Christein Savard, who is a text expert, will be doing all the lettering. We have a department of talented people."

"I thought this would be a great



Senior Airman Katherine Maglia, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, works on the background of a mural in front of the Ali fire department. (Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)

project to give the fire department a sign for people to appreciate as they drove by," said Airman Fox. "It is an opportunity to show that the fire department people care about the beautification of Ali Base."

The design – a Maltese Cross with silhouetted aircraft surrounded by fire vehicles – came from the members of the fire department.

"The cross was already planned out," said Airman Maglia. "I finalized the rest of the design through much input from other folks in the department. I decided to put the P-19 fire apparatus on the left side, because that is the truck I drive – on the right side of the mural is a heavy rescue truck and the Rescue Air Mobility Squadron vehicle."

She started working on the mu-

ral because, with her background, she enjoys art – this mural is not her only project.

"I began taking painting classes in fourth grade – now I am a student, and take classes occasionally at the Art Institute in Chicago – art is a huge interest of mine. I want to leave the fire department a little better than when I got here. Moreover, it will help pass the time."

She wants to gain a sense of accomplishment by leaving her mark on Iraq.

"It is amazing to think about leaving something permanent like that for future deployed units to see. I want people to see the mural and see how dedicated, professional and proud the fire department at Ali Base is."

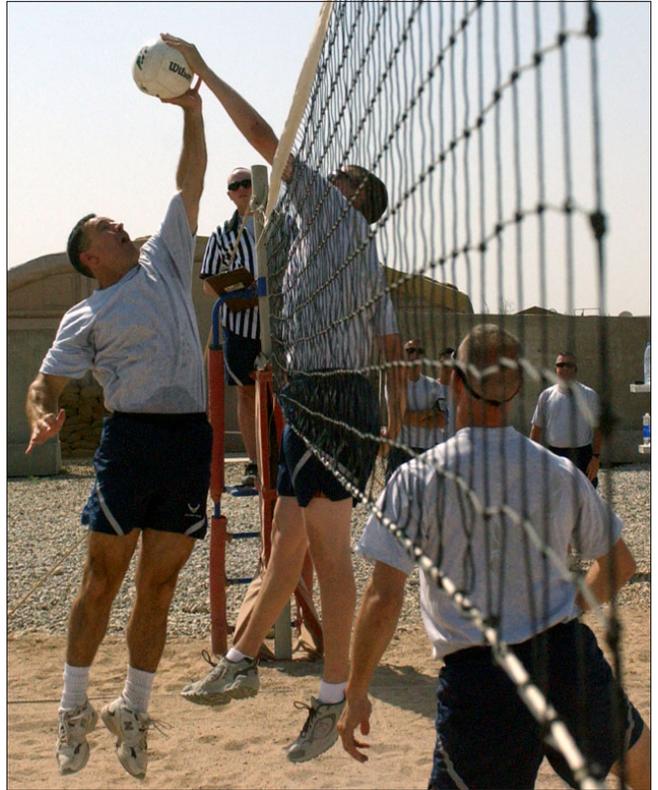
Join the "Pick Up 1 Million Pieces of Trash" campaign

# Memorial Day tournaments

Services sponsors four-on-four volleyball, basketball tourneys on May 26



Senior Airman George Nesbitt, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, tries to block a shot by Senior Airman Edwin Jacobo, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. The 407th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO team won the tournament, while Fire 2 came in second.



Senior Airman David Eastman, 407th ECES, goes up against Col. David Orr, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, during an early volleyball game.



Airman 1st Class Alexis Rice, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, goes up for a shot. The ESFS squadron won the four on four basketball tournament.



Senior Airman Anthony White, 407th ESFS, is blocked by Senior Airman Tyronne Evans, who played on the ELRS team. (Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates)



Staff Sgt. David Rogers, 407th ESFS, goes up for a shot.

## Names in the News

The following Ali Airmen were recognized in the past month for their efforts:

### Monthly Award Winners

**Airman of the Month:** Senior Airman Jessica Chase (AEF 9/10)

**NCO of the Month:** Staff Sgt. Jennifer Simmons, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

**Senior NCO of the Month:** Master Sgt. Dan Lambert, 407th ESFS

**Company Grade Officer of the Month:** Capt. Michael Taylor (AEF 9/10)

**SABER Team of the Month:** Comm Focal Point

### Outstanding Career Development Course Scores

Airman 1st Class Nicole Niemcewicz, 407th ESFS, 91 percent

Airman 1st Class Steven Jones, 407th ESFS, 90 percent

Airman Matthew Roherty, 407th ESFS, 93 percent

### Promotions

The following Ali Airmen will be promoted during the month of June:

#### 407th Air Expeditionary Group

Senior Airman Geoffrey Sanders

#### 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

1st Lt. Christopher Snell

Senior Airman Kevin Burton

Senior Airman Noe Corral-Gaven

Senior Airman Fred Gallop III

Senior Airman Andrew Glidewell

Senior Airman Jon Anthony Longoria

Senior Airman Christopher Martinez

Senior Airman Dennis Sherrill

Airman 1st Class Christopher Brandli

Airman 1st Class Jaimie Lee Dulay

Airman 1st Class Kelly Ito

Airman 1st Class Victor Kelly

Airman 1st Class Eddie Rivero

Airman 1st Class Britney Simpson

Airman 1st Class Christopher Taylor

#### 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Taylor Adams

Senior Airman Daniel Staggs

#### 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

Senior Airman Dawn Frehse

## 407th AEG

## Warrior of the Week



### Airman Caleena Campbell

**Unit:** 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

**Duty title:** Security Forces Controller

**Home station:** Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

**Why other warriors say she's a warrior:** "On the night of the intruder chase, she is the one who single-handedly detected the five intruders outside the fence line just by scanning the camera screens in the CDOC. Most importantly, she detected them before a breach of the fence could occur. She masterfully dispatched the patrols and actually guided them literally on top of two of the intruders to the point where they just stood up and surrendered. Lastly, she made all of her notifications in a timely manner and kept her Army and Italian liaisons informed of the situation to deconflict any battlespace outside the base."

- Chief Master Sgt. Robert Henson (Security Forces Manager) 407th ESFS

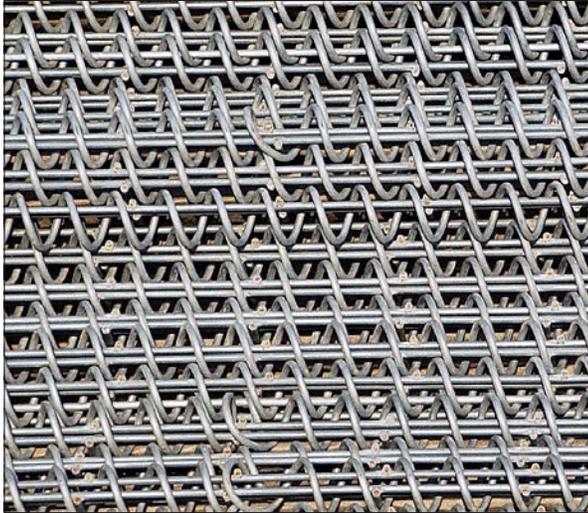
**Why I joined the military:** "I was inspired to come into the military because of a friend that joined the Army. I joined the Air Force because I believe it's the most prestigious of all the branches."

What inspires me to be in the Air Force now is definitely our job. I feel like I have a purpose in this uniform. Even though I am one person, I know I am still making a difference and that is inspiration enough for anyone. I am currently working toward my CCAF and then a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Psychology. My goals in the Air Force are to be a part of the elite honor guard, reenlist once, make E-5, and complete my degree. Then send in my application to the CIA. (Hopefully with some recommendations) I guess you could say I'm very patriotic. I love my country and what we stand for."

**Notes about my family:** "I am a born and raised Southern California girl. I am happily married to a wonderful man (Matthew Gifford). No kids yet."

# Identify This

Do you know what this is?



If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at [Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil](mailto:Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil) with "Identify This" in the subject block **by noon Monday**. Be specific! The winner will receive their choice of a cheap prize from the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs prize closet. There were no correct answers to last week's "Identify This" -- which was the bottom of a common, every day plunger. In fact, there weren't any incorrect guesses, either. Good luck with this week's "Identify This." It might be tough!

## AEWI 36-2903 Tip of the Week

The following information is taken verbatim from the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Feb. 1, 2006, version of AEW Instruction 36-2903

**In Desert Camouflage Uniform:**

2.4.11. Socks must be black or white; must be plain without design or colored bands.

**In PT gear:**

3.7. White socks must be worn (ankle or calf length) with the PT uniform and socks will be visible. Small conservative trademark logos are acceptable. The socks must be over the ankle bone, clearly visible on midsize or hightop sneakers.

**Per direction from Col. David Orr, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Commander, supervisors and commanders will initiate action, starting Saturday, for people who refuse to meet the basic uniform standard.**

## 407th AEG

## Warrior of the Week



### Airman Dustin McBroom

**Unit:** 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

**Duty title:** Lodging Apprentice

**Home station:** 7th Services Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

**Why other warriors say he's a warrior:** "Airman McBroom is our number 1 go-to guy! He improves the quality of life for all tent residents by delivering mattresses, refrigerators and lockers on a daily basis. He learned all lodging responsibilities during the absence of incoming leadership; he ensured a smooth rotation and continuity between AEF 9/10 and AEF 1/2."

- Tech. Sgt. Denell Montanaro, (Lodging Manager) 407th ESVS

**Most memorable Air Force experience:** "Enlisting into the Air Force and interacting with (former) Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Gerald R.) Murray over dinner."

**Hobbies:** "Moto cross Racing."



# Serenity in the sand

## faith-based services schedule

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group **Oasis of Peace** chapel, and at the Army Post Chapel. The *Oasis* is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection.

For details on worship opportunities, or directions to worship locations, please call 445-2006.

Oasis = Air Force Chapel/Bedrock

OA = Oasis Annex

ARAC = Army Religious Activity Center

APC = Army Post Chapel

TCN = Third Country Nationals living area by DFAC

### FRIDAY

11 a.m., Catholic  
Confessions: Oasis  
1 p.m., Muslim prayer/  
service: (TCN)  
6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis  
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service:  
ARAC  
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir  
Rehearsal: APC  
8 p.m. (first Friday of the  
month), Eucharistic  
Adoration and Rosary:  
Oasis

### SATURDAY

5 p.m., Catholic Confessions:  
Oasis  
6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis  
7:30 p.m., Back to the Basics  
Bible Study: Oasis  
7:30 p.m., Gospel Choir  
Rehearsal: APC  
**TUESDAY**  
6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis  
7 p.m., Catholic Choir  
Practice: Oasis  
7:30 p.m., Word of Faith Bible  
Study: APC  
8 p.m., Purpose Driven Life  
Bible Study: OA

### WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis  
7 p.m., Spanish Bible Study:  
ARAC  
7 p.m., Women's Bible Study:  
Army Hospital

7:30 p.m., Protestant Worship  
Service/Bible Study: APC  
8:00 p.m., Catholics Seeking  
Christ Bible Study: Oasis

### THURSDAY

6 p.m., Roman Catholic  
Mass: Oasis  
6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible  
Study: ARAC  
7:30 p.m., Men's Bible Study: APC

# CRICKET MOVIE THEATER

at the **Hot Spot**

Today's times and movie descriptions for the week

**The 40 Year Old Virgin** (2001), 1 a.m., Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, *comedy/drama*; **The Bad News Bears** (2005), 3 a.m., Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear, *comedy/sports remake*; **Cold Creek Manor** (2003), 5 a.m., Dennis Quaid, Sharon Stone, *drama/thriller*; **Dodgeball**(2004), 7 a.m., Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor, *comedy/sports*; **Fever Pitch** (2005), 9 a.m., Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon, *comedy/sports*; **Flightplan** (2005), 11 a.m., Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, *thriller*; **Juwanna Mann** (2002), 1 p.m., Miguel Nunez Jr, Vivica Fox, *comedy/sports*; **The Minority Report** (2002), 3 p.m., Tom Cruise, Samantha Morton, *scifi/thriller*; **Road Trip** (2000), 5 p.m., Breckin Meyer, Seann William Scott, *comedy/teen*; **Starsky and Hutch** (2004), 7 p.m., Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, *action/adventure*; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (2005), 9 p.m., Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson, *action/ adventure*; **Sum of All Fears** (2002), 11 p.m., Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman, James Cromwell, *action/ adventure*; **Stealth** (2005), Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel, Jamie Foxx, *action/adventure*

### Saturday

Flightplan ..... 1 a.m.  
Cold Creek Manor ..... 3 a.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 5 a.m.  
Road Trip ..... 7 a.m.  
Hostage ..... 9 a.m.  
Wedding Crashers ... 11 a.m.  
Saw ..... 1 p.m.  
Saw 2 ..... 3 p.m.  
Dodgeball ..... 5 p.m.  
Starsky and Hutch ..... 7 p.m.  
The Bad News Bears. 9 p.m.  
Minority Report ..... 11 p.m.

### Sunday

Dodgeball ..... 1 a.m.  
Sum of All Fears ..... 3 a.m.  
Two for the Money ..... 5 a.m.  
40 Year Old Virgin ..... 7 a.m.  
The Bad News Bears. 9 a.m.  
Breakdown ..... 11 a.m.  
Dukes of Hazzard ..... 1 p.m.  
Last Man Standing ..... 3 p.m.  
Stealth ..... 5 p.m.  
Starsky and Hutch ..... 7 p.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 9 p.m.  
Juwanna Mann ..... 11 p.m.

### Monday

Breakdown ..... 1 a.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 3 a.m.  
Minority Report ..... 5 a.m.  
Last Man Standing ..... 7 a.m.  
Dukes of Hazzard ..... 9 a.m.  
Sum of All Fears ..... 11 a.m.  
Starsky and Hutch ..... 1 p.m.  
Stealth ..... 3 p.m.  
Two for the Money ..... 5 p.m.  
Juwanna Mann ..... 7 p.m.  
Road Trip ..... 9 p.m.  
Flightplan ..... 11 p.m.

### Tuesday

..... 1 a.m.  
Cold Creek Manor ..... 3 a.m.  
Road Trip ..... 5 a.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 7 a.m.  
Sum of All Fears ..... 9 a.m.  
Two for the Money ... 11 a.m.  
Flightplan ..... 1 p.m.  
Stealth ..... 3 p.m.  
Dukes of Hazzard ..... 5 p.m.  
40 Year Old Virgin ..... 7 p.m.  
The Bad News Bears. 9 p.m.  
Dodgeball ..... 11 p.m.

### Wednesday

Flightplan ..... 1 a.m.  
Stealth ..... 3 a.m.  
40 Year Old Virgin ..... 5 a.m.  
Juwanna Mann ..... 7 a.m.  
Breakdown ..... 9 a.m.  
The Bad News Bears 11 a.m.  
Cold Creek Manor ..... 1 p.m.  
Two for the Money ..... 3 p.m.  
Last Man Standing ..... 5 p.m.  
Fever Pitch ..... 7 p.m.  
Sum of All Fears ..... 9 p.m.  
Minority Report ..... 11 p.m.

### Thursday

Last Man Standing ..... 1 a.m.  
Juwanna Mann ..... 3 a.m.  
The Bad News Bears. 5 a.m.  
Starsky and Hutch ..... 7 a.m.  
Dodgeball ..... 9 a.m.  
Stealth ..... 11 a.m.  
40 Year Old Virgin ..... 1 p.m.  
Road Trip ..... 3 p.m.  
Minority Report ..... 5 p.m.  
Breakdown ..... 7 p.m.  
Cold Creek Manor ..... 9 p.m.  
Dukes of Hazzard .... 11 p.m.



# Bedrock and beyond...

activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

## Today

- 5 p.m., **Circuit Training:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Dominoes:** ACC
- 7 p.m., **Toning:** HOP
- 7:30 p.m., **Bingo and Variety Music Night:** Big Top
- 8 p.m., **Spinning:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

## Saturday

- 6 a.m., **Excel Class:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 11 a.m., **Big Top Movies:** The Man
- 1:30 p.m., **Big Top Movies:** Glory Road
- 4 p.m., **Big Top Movies:** Just My Luck
- 6:30 p.m., **Spinning:** HOP
- 7:30 p.m., **Hip-Hop Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7:30 p.m., **Karaoke:** Big Top
- 7:30 p.m., **Hip Hop:** ACC

## Sunday

- 5 a.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 8 a.m., **Yoga:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 10 a.m., **Spinning:** HOP
- 2 p.m., **Spades:** Hot Spot
- 4 p.m., **Big Top Movies:** Big Momma's House 2
- 6 p.m., **3 on 3 Basketball:** Basketball courts (TNY)
- 6 p.m., **Pilates:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 6:30 p.m., **Big Top Movies:** When A Stranger Calls
- 7 p.m., **Spinning:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **Darts:** ACC
- 8 p.m., **Pilates:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 9 p.m., **Big Top Movies:** Underworld: Evolution

## Monday

- 6 a.m., **Circuit Training:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Toning:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **Ping Pong:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** Muscle Beach (DVD)
- 8 p.m., **Hearts:** Hot Spot
- 8 p.m., **Spin:** Muscle Beach (I)

8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP

## Tuesday

- 5 a.m., **Spinning:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 a.m., **Body Blast:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 6:30 p.m., **Tae Bo:** HOP
- 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Strong Man Competition:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8 p.m., **Madden '05:** Hot Spot (TNY)
- 8:30 p.m., **Salsa:** ACC

## Wednesday

- 5 a.m., **Hip-hop Aerobic:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 7 p.m., **Toning:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **Spades:** ACC
- 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **Spinning:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8:30 p.m., **8-ball:** Hot Spot

## Thursday

- 5 p.m., **Circuit Training:** Basketball Court (I)
- 6:30 p.m., **Tae Bo:** HOP
- 7 p.m., **8/9-Ball:** ACC
- 7:30 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do:** HOP
- 8 p.m., **Texas Hold'em:** Big Top
- 8 p.m., **Spinning:** Muscle Beach (I)
- 8:30 p.m., **Salsa:** HOP

The Hot Spot is organizing a fantasy baseball league. The league starts on June 9 with a regular season running through July 30. The playoffs run through Aug. 27. Rules and scoring for the league are posted in the Hot Spot. Sign up in advance, at the Hot Spot.

- (I)—Instructor
- (DVD)—DVD
- TNY—Tournament
- HOP—House of Pain, Army Fitness Center
- ACC—Army Community Center

Call the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron with ideas for activities at 445-2696; for information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center call 833-1709. For information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities call 833-1745. The 407th ESVS also offers regular tours of the Ziggurat. Check with the Hot Spot staff for details.