

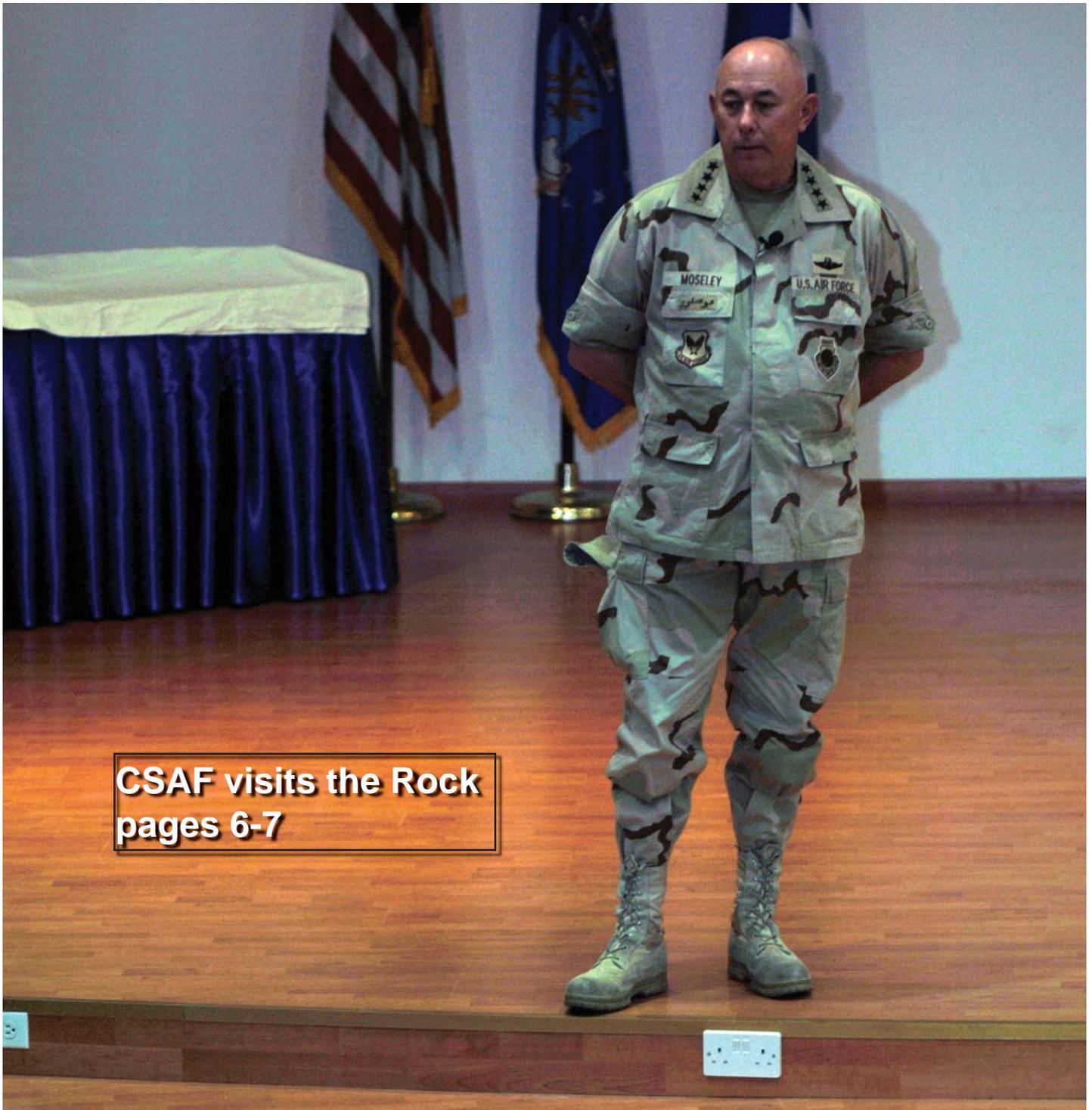
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Service before self, rock solid integrity

Capt. Daniel Thompson

386 AEW Chaplain

A military recruiter found a young man who met all of the requirements and was ready to enlist. Once the recruiter explained the importance of being truthful on the document, the applicant began filling out his paperwork. But when he came to the question "Do you own any foreign property or have any foreign financial interest?" he looked up at the recruiter and sighed with a worried expression. "Well," he confessed, "I do own a Toyota."

The young man was enlisted the next day.

"Integrity First" is our logo, but is it our life? It was for Abraham Lincoln. After all, how do you suppose he acquired the title "Honest Abe"? Though at age twenty-three when a business venture imploded causing him incredible debt, in time Lincoln paid back every penny. When the political environment was fierce, Lincoln rightfully authorized no bargains at the 1860 Republican Convention and advised his constituents to "never add the weight of your character to a charge against a person without knowing it to be true." When his first Secretary of War was caught for improprieties in awarding defense contracts and other shady dealings, Lincoln basically fired him.

President Lincoln fully understood that honesty is fundamental to a leader's credibility because he knew that if you don't believe in the messenger, you won't believe the message. It follows, then, whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. The public can only stomach mistakes made in poor judgment, though is less forgiving for mistakes in motive. Because his intentions were sincere, Lincoln sincerely led. He was much more than a manager of political and tactical affairs, he was a leader. After all, Lincoln set the example for the words of Peter Drucker, "Managers do things right. Leaders do the right thing."

For all intents and purposes, Lincoln always did the right thing. When there was a person who he knew to be dishonest, Lincoln would simply not deal with him. He would stand with people when they were right, but part with them when they would do wrong. Consequently, his honesty was formed in telling the truth, even when the news was bad. What was the result? Did people then turn on him? The opposite happened! Lincoln gained

more respect and support for ideas than those who chose to conceal the truth.

Although President Lincoln did have his flaws, the sixteenth president attained success, approbation, and a positive image by upholding his integrity and honesty. As airmen, we can learn from this great Commander in Chief who modeled for us a sense of honesty even in the smallest things like refraining from stealing the Air Force's office supplies or not embellishing on performance reports.

Interestingly, Gen. Moseley echoed my point about integrity in his recent visit to "The Rock." During his All Call, the Chief of Staff conveyed to us that there is no room for those wearing the Air Force uniform to abandon the very responsibility that we have to serve and defend this great nation. Unfortunately, there are a few Air Force personnel who frequently receive orders to deploy, but always find some lame excuse at the last minute to shirk their duties. Friends, this is an integrity issue! The days for joining the military strictly for earning a college education, receiving great medical benefits, or obtaining a nice pension are over. Certainly, those are added benefits to serving, but in no way should supersede the obligation of responding to the directive to deploy. By evading one's commitment without reasonable cause may directly affect the lives of other individuals who have to deploy at a moment's notice, when it could have been completely avoided by "doing the right thing."

Doing the right thing means having a rock solid integrity as we live on "The Rock." This rock solid integrity will guide your interactions within relationships on and off base. If you are married or have a "significant other" back home, integrity would be the very reason why you would avoid flirting or develop a romantic companionship with someone else. Rock solid integrity will help ward off having an affair when you are bored, feel emotionally abandoned, or lack self-esteem especially when your guard is down because of extended deployments, long distances, sleep deprivation, and minimal communication.

Ultimately, the texture of a person's rock solid integrity is measured by what he or she does behind closed doors. Behind closed doors you may be robbed of your possessions, your happiness, or your rank. But there is one thing that no one can take away from you, and that is your integrity. It can only be given away. Never forget integrity first, service before self, and excellence always. Let that foundation be your rock!



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African American Heritage Month: Mae Jemison

TSgt. Sharon Richardson
386 737 EAS/CSS



Astronaut Mae Jemison was the first black woman to enter space. She served on the crew of the Space Shuttle Endeavor in September 1992. She was born October 17, 1956, in Decatur, Alabama. She has 2 siblings, a sister who became a child psychiatrist, and a brother who is a real estate broker. Her family moved to Chicago, Illinois, when she was 3 years old, she now calls Chicago her hometown. Throughout her early school years, she spent a considerable amount of time in her school library reading about all aspects of science, especially astronomy. When she was in High School, she became convinced she wanted to pursue a career in biomedical engineering. She graduated in 1973 as a consistent honor

student and entered Stanford University on a National Achievement Scholarship.

While attending Stanford, Jemison pursued a dual major and in 1977 received a B.S. in chemical engineering and a B.A. in African and African-American Studies. She served as head of the Black Student Union. Upon graduation, she entered Cornell University Medical College to work toward a degree in the medical field. While she was there, she found time to broaden her horizons by visiting Cuba and Kenya and working in Cambodian refugee camps. When she obtained her M.D. in 1981, she interned at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center as a general practitioner. For the next two and a half years, she was the area Peace Corps medical officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia where she also taught and did medical research. After her return to the United States in 1985, she made a career change and decided to follow a dream she had nurtured for a long time. In October of that year she applied for admission to NASA's astronaut training program. The Challenger disaster of January 1986 delayed the selection process, but when she reapplied a year later, Jemison was one of the 15 candidates chosen from a field of about 2,000.

Some of Mae Jemison's technical assignments include; launch support activities at the Kennedy Space Center, and verification of Shuttle computer software in the Shuttle Avionics Integration Laboratory (SAIL). Dr Jamison was the science mission specialist on STS-47 Spacelab-J (September 12-20, 1992). STS-47 was a

cooperative mission between the United States and Japan. The eight-day mission was accomplished in 127 orbits of the Earth, and included 44 Japanese and US life science/materials processing experiments. Dr Jamison was a co-investigator on the bone cell research experiment flown on the mission.

The Endeavour and her crew launched from and returned to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. In completing her first space flight, Dr. Jemison logged 190 hours, 30 minutes, 23 seconds in space. Dr Jamison left NASA in March 1993.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Jemison received several honorary doctorates including the Essence Science and Technology Award, the Ebony Black Achievement Award, and a Montgomery Fellowship from Dartmouth College in 1993. She was named Gamma Sigma Gamma Woman of the Year in 1990. In 1992, an alternative public school in Detroit, Michigan (The Mae C. Jamison Academy)-was named after her.

Jemison is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She also served on the Board of Directors of the World Sickle Cell Foundation. She is an advisory committee member of the American Express Geography Competition and an honorary board member of the Center for the Prevention of Childhood Malnutrition. Jamison left the astronaut corps in March 1993 and accepted a teaching fellowship at Dartmouth.

Does the Rock have its own SUPER HERO?

TSgt. Roderick Walker
386 AEW Safety

If a Super Hero is someone that fights to protect you from harm and keep you safe... then yes, a Super Hero is here at The Rock.

Who is this Super Hero?

Why, he is SAFETY MAN!

SM, whose alter ego is TSgt Roderick Walker of the 386 AEW Safety Office, works diligently to identify and eliminate hazards to the personnel here at The Rock. SM super powers are mishap prevention, spot inspections, annual unit inspections and staff assistance visits.

"Through simple visits to sections, I can identify a hazard that might exist in an area. Once I identify the haz-



ards... I take them out! The only difference from me and other super heroes is that I actually need the help of everyone... so everyone in a sense is a super hero!"

You don't have to wait until you are face to face with danger to receive help from SM. He is available to be at you work center faster than a speeding bullet. Just call the Safety Office at 442-2239. The Safety Office is staffed with other super heroes that can assist you with Ground, Flight or Weapons Safety... and all your safety needs.

Safety Tip of the Week is...

"When stacking material, maintain an 18-inch clearance around lighting and heating fixtures."

WING AWARDS

Honor Guard Member of the Month

MSgt. John Sherman, 386th Expeditionary Medical Squadron

Airman of the Month (pictured)

Senior Airman Nichole Solinger, 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group

NCO of the Month

Staff Sgt. Vanessa Cosby, 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group

Senior NCO of the Month

Master Sgt. Scott Turner, 386th Expeditionary Operations Group

Company Grade Officer of the Month

1st Lt. Schneider Rislin, 43rd Expeditionary Mission Support Group

Wing Team of the Month

386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, Gold AMU Gold Four Crew Chiefs



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Edward Holzapfel

Art Class ...



Air Force/SSgt. Ian Carrier

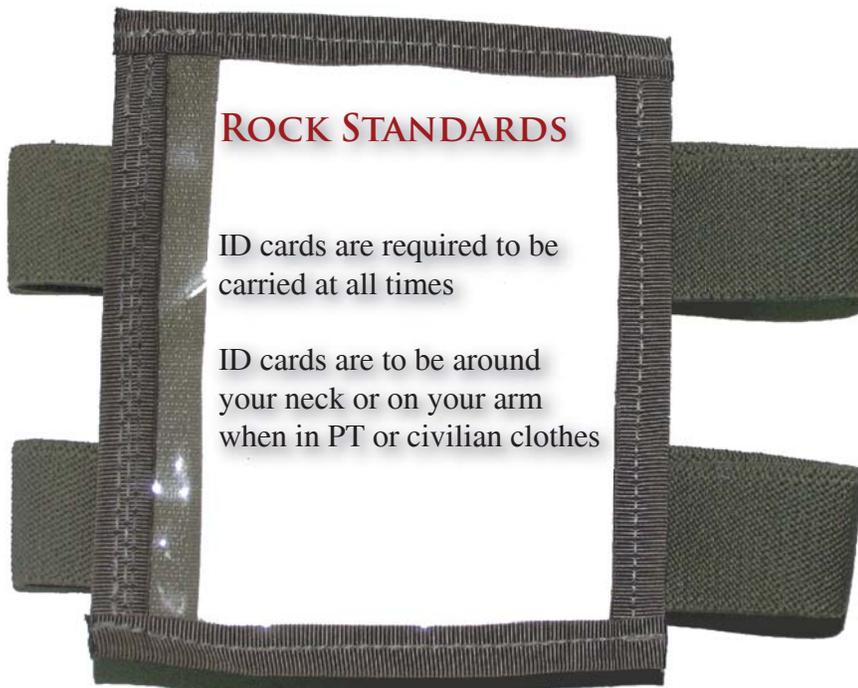
Service members practice their artistic skills under the supervision of award-winning author and internationally renowned painter and artist Thuraya Al-Baqсами at the Flex Jan. 4. Thuraya introduced Airmen and Soldiers to her art during a lecture and techniques of painting during a seminar held on base.

Winter makeover ...



Air Force/MSgt. Oscar Trevino

A re-skinning project winds down on building 2000. Members from the 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron had been tasked with this labor intensive project of removing and replacing the existing fabric with new material. The two-week project was undertaken in support of the Army aviation mission here and will enhance the Army's ability to operate.



EMERGENCY?

For Fire, Security and Medical
Emergencies Dial

911

Be sure to leave your name, location, the incident
and a good call-back number before hanging up.

CSAF spends a day with Rock Airmen

Capt. Rickardo Bodden
386 AEW/PA

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney McKinley visited the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen on Feb. 3 during their tour of the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR). Members of the 386 AEW were privileged to have a briefing from the Chief of Staff.

To begin his address, Gen. Moseley put things into perspective by saying, "This is an Air Force at war. This war we are in...is an existential struggle for the existence of the republic. I believe the republic is at risk now more than its been in perhaps its history...this is about the future for our kids and our grand kids."

He cautioned Airmen to realize that the Air Force has been in this AOR for some time and probably will be for some time to come.

"We have been in a solid fight (in this AOR) since January of 1991... no other service has been out here for this long with this commitment," said Gen. Moseley.

The General stated that he is looking at how to improve the way we fight, methods to improve AEF issues and streamline day to day job requirements. One of the options would be to cut down the amount of additional duties and ancillary training Airmen are mandated to accomplish. Education opportunities and quality of life concerns such as undergraduate and graduate degree opportunities and possibly reducing deployment cycles from 120 to 90 days are all being looked at.

Numerous issues were brought up and discussed, but one main

subject the Chief of Staff talked about at length.

"I am worried about the recapitalization of this inventory of airplanes and satellites we have...this inventory is the oldest one in the history of the Air Force. The average age of these airplanes is about 24/25 years old," Gen. Moseley said.

"Our job is to fly and fight and to be able to maintain air dominance and be able to operate with global vigilance, global mobility, and global strike. We cannot do that in the future with these older airplanes," said Gen. Moseley.

The recapitalization priority list rolled out by the General is for the Air Force to obtain:

- New tanker
- Combat rescue helicopter
- Space systems
- Joint strike fighter
- New bomber

In conclusion, Gen. Moseley instilled in the Airmen present that, "The soul of an Air Force, everything we are about as a military is about range and payload. It is about seeing things on the surface of the earth, either space or atmosphere, reaching those targets...striking them."

Overall, General Moseley is very proud of the men and women of the 386 AEW and is especially proud of those who perform "in lieu of" tasks.

"You guys are awesome, American heroes. You're the best at what you do because you are Airmen," said the General.

It was an honor for us to have the top general and the top enlisted Airman in the Air Force here and they both agree that the 386 AEW is amongst the best at putting boots on the ground.



Air Force Chief of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, meet and greet troops from the 386th Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF). USAF Photo by TSgt Edward D. Holzapfel



(above left) CMSAF McKinley talks with 386th Airmen after eating dinner with the troops.

(above) Gen. Moseley and CMSAF McKinley meet and greet troops from the 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Gen. Moseley and Chief McKinley receive several briefings where they learn about field upgrades in armor that are helping save lives.

(bottom) Gen. Moseley talks to deployed Airmen in the base auditorium during a visit to get his message out to 386 Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen.

all photos: Air Force TSgt. Edward Holzapfel



386th Air Expeditionary Wing Rock Solid Warriors



**Tech. Sgt.
Bradford Trayler**

386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group
3S371 Manpower Analyst: Manpower Analyst

Home unit/base: Hanscom AFB, Mass.

How do you support the mission here? I determine the correct amount of each AFSC the base needs to complete its mission. I also work with the 586th EMSG at Arifjan to identify the correct AFSC requirements to support their Army mission.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique? This is my first time deploying. This is a great opportunity to effectively apply our training and experience to a wartime mission.

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base? This is a full-on wartime mission and the consistent management and oversight of each commander's requirements are essential. At home base I deal with management of peacetime requirements, staffing ACR actions and validation of data by standard or other measurement methods. I'm also involved in AFSO21 and Six Sigma/LEAN applications. The bottom line is managing resources for the best use of the government, and this is accomplished by doing what's right, but not always easy.



**Senior Airman
John R. Maule**

886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron
3P051 6E Escort Team Leader

Home unit/base: 90 Missile Security Forces Squadron/Flight 3 Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

How do you support the mission here? I was originally assigned to USAF/USA compound guarding detainees at Camp Bucca. Since then we, the USAF, took control of the compound. My team and I search caravans for weapons and intelligence, and provide lethal weapons capability for the guard force when they interact with the detainees.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique? This is my first deployment. Being assigned to a missile wing, we don't get opportunities to deploy because of our mission. Most SF troops don't ever get a chance to work in a prison environment, so this is a unique chance to see another facet of our career field. I also get to work in an environment where my base commander is a Marine, my task force commander is in the Navy, working in a facility run by the Army while training Iraqi Correctional Officers (ICO). Pretty cool!

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base? Back home I'm responsible for guarding ICBMs across three different states. The ICBMs are pretty harmless to the folks guarding them. Here I guard some really bad folks that are suspected of attacking Coalition Forces that will try to kill us if we make a mistake. The language barrier with the detainees, ICOs and even the other services can be a big problem too.