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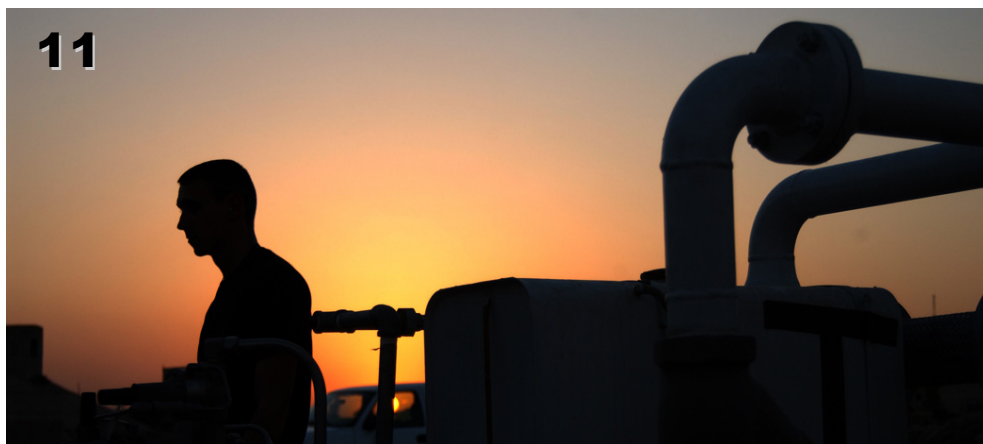
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The crimson used throughout the publication alludes to the original Tuskegee Airmen of the 332d Fighter Group.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African Americans to be trained as WWII military pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps. They were known as the Red Tail Flyers because of the crimson paint scheme on their aircraft's tails.

<http://www.balad.afnews.af.mil/library/redtailflyer/index.asp>

Commander's Action Line



Brig. Gen.
Robin Rand
332d Air
Expeditionary Wing
Commander

As a service for Balad Airmen, the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing operates the Commander's Action Line.

The line is a way for Balad Air Base members to get answers to questions or express concerns about life on the base. Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332d AEW commander, gives action line queries his personal attention. The *Red Tail Flyer* will publish those items that are of general interest to the Balad AB population.

In addition to using the commander's action line, Balad Airmen are asked to remember their chain of command when dealing with problems and concerns.

The action line can be reached via e-mail at redtailflyer@blab.centaf.af.mil. People using the action line should include name, unit and phone number in case additional information is needed and for a timely response.

Pennsylvania Avenue

Q *I'm curious if there are any plans to smooth Pennsylvania Avenue*

near the North entry control point. I saw a crew out there a few weeks ago putting sand bags in the holes but those have already been destroyed. That section of road is the worst I've seen on base and I wonder if we have the capability here to fill the holes in with asphalt or, at the least, concrete.

A Thank you for your query regarding the condition of our infrastructure. We, too, are concerned about the section of Pennsylvania Avenue to which you refer.

Here at Logistics Support Area Anaconda/Balad AB, the Army performs maintenance, repair and construction on our roadways. The 35th Area Support Group is working on a design for the Pennsylvania Avenue repair. Unfortunately, at this time they do not have an estimated completion date. Until a permanent solution is in place, we can expect to see additional temporary measures to ensure the roadway remains passable.

Thank you again for your question. This kind of active interest in the condition of our installation is the first step to ensuring we're making Balad AB and the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing better each and every day. Keep it up!

Safety awards

Fuels Management Flight

447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Joshua McMath

447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jon Godwin

506th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gary Phillips and Senior Airman Antonio Jimenez

332d Expeditionary Operations Support System

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Howard

332d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

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332d EOSS

Tech. Sgts. Carl Crabb, Jason Libman

727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron

Staff Sgt. Constance Graham

332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Alan Ebanks and Senior Airman Lorraine Hunter

332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lett

332d EOSS

Maj. Scott Cline

332d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

Recovery time

A maintainer recovers an F-16 Fighting Falcon after a combat sortie here. The F-16 is a multi-role fighter used at Balad Air Base for non-traditional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance in addition to its close air-support role.



Photo by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

138 Balad Airmen selected for staff sergeant

More than 130 Airmen assigned to Balad Air Base, Iraq, were selected for promotion to staff sergeant Wednesday. The Air Force selection rate was 35.87 percent; 13,298 of 37,071 eligible senior airmen were selected.

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Alfred Winther
Bobby Wood

Around the Air Force



Accident details released

A bearing assembly failure caused an F-16 Fighting Falcon to crash March 30 in an unpopulated dry area close to Carrington Island in the Great Salt Lake, Utah, during a training mission, according to an Air Force report released Aug. 7.

The pilot ejected safely from the aircraft, sustaining minor scratches and bruises. The \$28 million aircraft, assigned to Hill Air Force Base's 388th Fighter Wing, was destroyed on impact.

According to the Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Board report, the engine's No. 4 bearing assembly failure caused the aircraft to experience a compressor stall accompanied by vibrations and loss of thrust. The pilot restarted the engine but the bearing assembly failure reduced engine thrust to a point where the aircraft would not maintain level flight.

Because distance to the nearest recovery field was beyond the aircraft's glide capabilities, the pilot determined the aircraft was unrecoverable and safely ejected.

Model provides accurate weather

The Air Force Weather Agency headquartered took the first steps to use the new Weather Research and Forecasting model, known as WRF, for operational forecasts.

The WRF model, the first worldwide fine-scale computer forecasting program in nearly a decade, was created through a collaborative effort involving the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Air Force, and universities from around the world.

The program's implementation follows a year of evaluation and testing, according to Col. Ron Lowther, director of the air and space science directorate at the Air Force Weather Agency.

The transition of the WRF model will be seamless to warfighters and will provide a more accurate forecast now and in the future.

Airmen encouraged to tell Air Force story

In the latest Letter to Airmen, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne recognizes the importance of every Airman communicating the Air Force story, especially the contribution the Air Force makes to the nation's security.

The secretary said that success of an enhanced strategic communication program will focus on every Airman.

As part of the new program, a booklet about "The Air Force Story" will provide Airmen with information to discuss with family, friends and the public. Deployed Airmen will receive an "Airman's Card" which will provide guidance on how to communicate their story and to be honest, candid and to stay within their area of expertise.

In addition, a new advertising campaign will feature outstanding Airmen describing their contributions to the nation's defense.

New vMPF tools available

The Air Force will add the Selective Re-enlistment and Career Job Reservation programs to the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, furthering Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

Beginning Sept. 1, the automated SRP process will e-mail commanders a monthly roster notifying them of their Airmen projected for re-enlistment. Commanders can choose whether or not to make Airmen ineligible for re-enlistment based on quality force standards. Upon processing of the subsequent month roster, those Airmen who meet the requirements will automatically be made eligible for re-enlistment.

For more information call the Air Force Contact Center at 800-616-3775 (Option 1, 1, 2), (210) 565-5000 or DSN 665-5000.

Standing guard



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Meares

Staff Sgt. Rafael Melendez and Houston patrol the flight-line Aug. 2 at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, where they provide direct support to prevent the illegal use and transport of narcotics through Central America.

Exercise at home drill in combat

by Senior Airman James Croxon
332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron tested their combat lifesaving skills Wednesday through a mass causality drill.

"When we test our combat lifesaving skills back home we call it an exercise, here it's a drill," said Lt. Col. Fredrick DeFranza, 727th EACS commander.

"Keeping these skills sharp is critical. I don't want someone to walk out of his hooch, see an injured Airman and have that be the first time they come across something like that. That's why we test and evaluate as many scenarios as possible," he said.

During Wednesday's drill, three victims needed help; one had a compound fracture, another had arterial bleeding from the arm and one had a laceration to the forehead. More than a dozen Airmen responded

ed to the mock attack.

"We test different units within the squadron each month," said Master Sgt. Dennis Hooten, one of two medics assigned to the squadron. "These are no-notice drills. The only ones with any foreknowledge are the medics, commander and role players."

According to Sergeant Hooten, the Airmen performed superbly. They worked as teams, executed their lifesaving skills and did it while remaining aware of threats from a combat environment, he said.

The squadron, deployed from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., conducts training like this stateside once a quarter. Other recent drills included cardiac arrest and electric shock victims.

"We try to train for every possible scenario," Sergeant Hooten said. "Hopefully we never see any of them real world."



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

Senior Airman Ryan McCrae applies a splint to the arm of Senior Master Sgt. James Griffin. Wednesday's drill was the third to test the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron's combat lifesaving skills this rotation. Past scenarios included cardiac arrest and electric shock victims.



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

Above: Airman 1st Class Kenneth Nance (left) pulls a collapsible stretcher from a bag while Airman 1st Class Zachary Felton performs combat lifesaving techniques on Airman 1st Class Derrick Johnson who plays a patient with arterial bleeding from his left arm.

Right: Airmen from the 727th EACS carry a wounded Airman to safety Wednesday during a drill designed to test their combat lifesaving skills. The squadron has two independent duty medical technicians assigned but all the Airmen assigned to the squadron train and drill for emergencies.



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon



Photo by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

Airman 1st Class Zachary Felton applies a tourniquet to the arm of Airman 1st Class Derrick Johnson to stop blood flow during a combat lifesaving exercise Wednesday.

U.S., Iraqi forces target death squads

BAGHDAD — U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces have stepped up operations in Baghdad to curtail deadly sectarian violence that's plagued the city in recent months, a senior U.S. military officer told reporters in Baghdad Thursday.

Of 11 operations targeting death squads in Iraq over the past week, 10 were centered in or around Baghdad, Army Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, spokesman for Multi-National Force - Iraq, said at a news briefing.

The Baghdad operations were undertaken "to quell the surge of extremists seeking to exert control and impose their narrow, divisive view of the future of Iraq," General Caldwell said.

Some Shiite and Sunni factions have used death squads to intimidate others. Some senior U.S. military leaders have warned that the violence could spiral out of control. However, the U. S. government has vowed not to allow that to happen.

"Iraqi security forces and Coalition forces continue to disrupt the terrorists and set the stage for Baghdadis to live stable lives," General Caldwell said.

Marines capture Jill Carroll kidnappers

CAMP HABBANIYAH — Jill Carroll's kidnappers are now locked up.

Marines captured four members of an insurgent kidnapping cell responsible for the kidnapping of American journalist Jill Carroll of the Christian Science Monitor.

Marines of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment captured and detained three members May 19, in a small village west of Fallujah. A fourth member of the same kidnapping cell was detained later by Marines of 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock

Bullets, no beans

Iraqi soldiers with the 7th Iraqi Army Division discover a weapons cache Aug. 2 during a cordon search at the Al Anbar University in Ramadi, Iraq.

Iraqi soldiers graduate personnel course

BAGHDAD — Seventy soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army Division graduated Aug. 4 from a course on maintaining accurate and reliable personnel and security records.

The two-week training was conducted by instructors from Iraqi

Ground Forces Command in Baghdad and monitored and supervised by Multi-National Division – Central-South military transition team officers.

The first week was devoted to training on high-technology devices for fingerprinting as well as voice and

retina checking. The second consisted of practice training.

The course was designed to establish a unit-level "one-stop" Unit Transition Point that assures personnel and equipment accountability and that proper procedures are followed for pay and

leave. In addition, it strengthens controls for security badges and identification cards.

Multi-National Division – Central-South, which falls under Multi-National Corps – Iraq, is run primarily by members of the Polish military.



Know what this is?

If you can identify this object, send an e-mail to redtailflyer@blab.centaf.af.mil. Staff Sgt. Robert Neubert, 332 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, was the first person to correctly identify last week's picture below, which was the inside of a kevlar helmet.



C-130s fly Jackpot over Baghdad

by Master Sgt. Julie Briggs
332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

A C-130 unit assigned here is carrying a fairly conventional piece of equipment throughout the skies over the Central Command area of responsibility in an unconventional way.

Instead of hauling people and cargo, the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron is carrying an airborne command and control communications suite, helping convoy commanders communicate on the ground.

The Joint Airborne Command and Control Command Post, what the unit calls Jackpot, fits nicely into the back of a Hercules, said Lt. Col. Mark Czelusta, 777th EAS commander.

"It's a way to use airlift other than from a pure logistics and distribution standpoint," the colonel

said. "Using the C-130 in this way is just another piece of the whole airpower umbrella of support the 332nd provides to convoy operators on the ground."

The squadron's primary mission is convoy reduction. They fly cargo drops and movement, distinguished visitor airlift, detainee transport, aeromedical evacuations, troop transport and now Jackpot.

The people operating the equipment and controlling the information flow are from all branches of the military. All elements of the armed forces are represented, Colonel Czelusta said.

The people communicating with the convey operators on the ground are able to manage information and discern problems in advance, Colonel Czelusta said.

These messages range from "A-okay" to "we're engaged," he said.

"Providing this information is vital," Colonel Czelusta said. "Convey missions are dangerous, fluid situations. Collecting information and providing it to decision makers on the ground in a timely, efficient manner saves lives."

Those operating consoles serve as a communications relay center. They should not be confused with the E-3 Sentry, which has a radar system and serves as an airborne warning and control system.

C-130 crews at Balad have been flying the Jackpot missions for several weeks without a gap.

As the first and only forward-based C-130

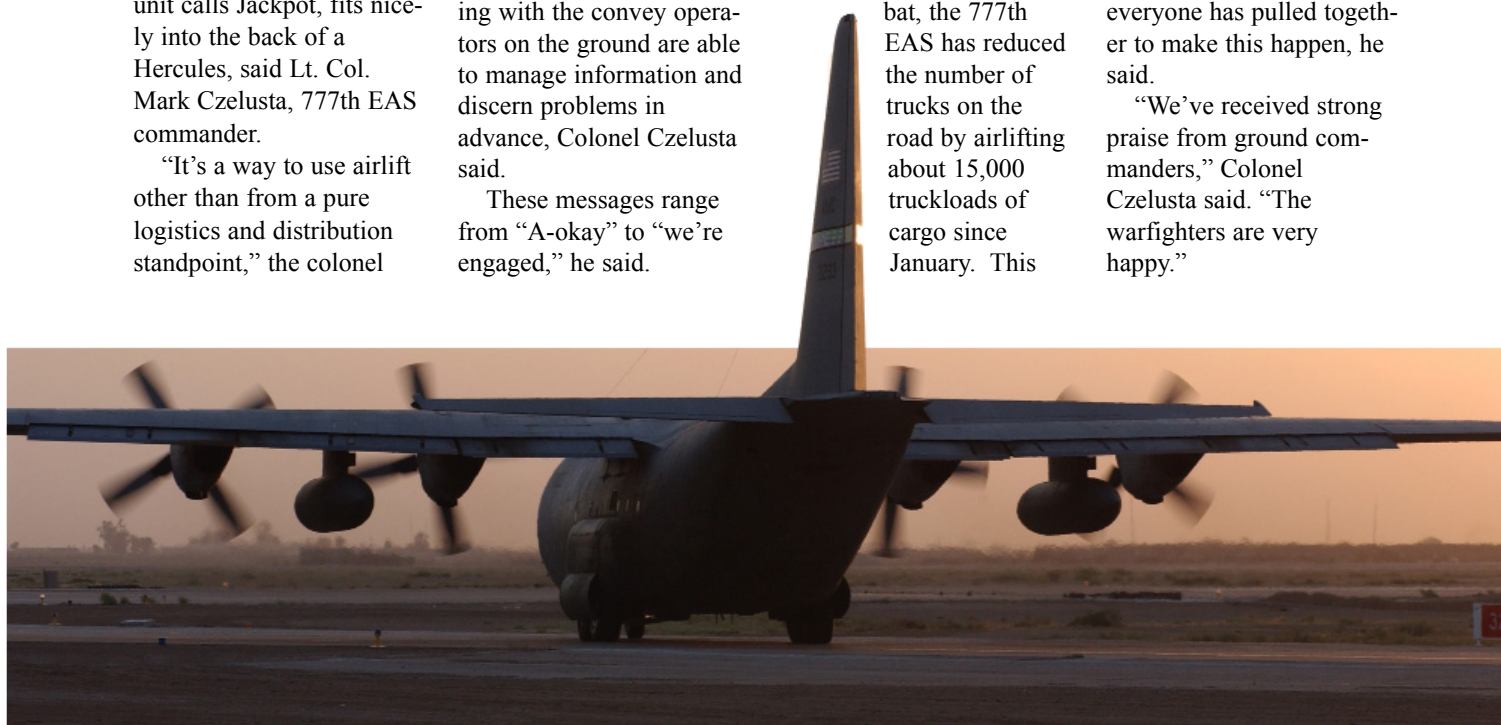
squadron in combat, the 777th EAS has reduced the number of trucks on the road by airlifting about 15,000 truckloads of cargo since January. This

has lowered the number of soldiers exposed to danger. Now, the new Jackpot missions further increases safety for the soldiers on the ground by connecting them with people who are looking out for them, looking around corners and who are ready to call in support.

"I'm very proud of everyone who flies these missions from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines working the consoles to the full-up members of the squadron who fly and maintain the aircraft," the colonel said. "Everyone is working very hard to accomplish this mission."

From concept to execution and now sustainment, everyone has pulled together to make this happen, he said.

"We've received strong praise from ground commanders," Colonel Czelusta said. "The warfighters are very happy."



Education center administers 1,000th exam



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The education center staff recently administered its 1,000th test, helping Airmen achieve academic advancement on its way to surpassing the last deployment rotation's record of 1,406.

Tech. Sgts. Tommy Reid and Darryl Diggs, 332d Services Squadron Education Center, proctored 1,134 tests from May 9 to Aug. 4.

"The goal," said Sergeant Reid, noncommissioned officer in charge, "is to beat and exceed last rotation's record, but, more importantly, to help Airmen complete their academic goals."

For those going for undergraduate credit, 606 exams were given through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support Examination Program, the College-Level Examination Program, and the Excelsior College Examination Program.

Two hundred eighty-one exams were for enlisted and officer professional military education, Sergeant Reid said. One hundred twenty three were end-of-course exams for Airmen completing their respective career development course and 71 were job certification exams. Fifty-two exams were proctored tests for individuals taking distance learning courses and one was a college entrance exam.

Sergeant Reid, who also serves as the job site training point of contact, helps Airmen determine what they need to complete their on-the-job certifications. While

he's at it, he also discusses Community College of the Air Force and undergraduate degree programs. Sergeant Diggs, the wing functional training manager here, trains unit training managers and also counsels Airmen.

The challenge, they said, is getting Airmen to their office. So far, they have assisted 1,323 people, including Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

"Nine times out of 10, once they walk through the door, they will be back to take an exam," Sergeant Diggs said.

During counseling sessions, both tell service members they can complete some degree requirements through exams.

The exams are worth three-, four-, six - and eight-semester hours depending on the course. There are more than 80 exams to choose from, including lower-level courses such as English composition, human resource management and public speaking, and upper-level courses like organizational behavior and nursing concepts.

Airmen wishing to complete their CCAF degree requirement can also earn undergraduate degree credit with the same exam, Sergeant Diggs said. But, he cautioned, they must first check with their respective college or university to ensure the institution accepts credits by examination.

Universities and colleges also have minimum passing scores for these exams. While the minimum passing score for English composition is 50, some institutions may require a higher score before they'll accept the course for credit.

Another advantage to taking

college exams is money.

According to the DANTES and CLEP Web sites, test centers typically charge \$60 per exam with an additional \$15 registration fee. These exams are free to military members.

Unlike other base education offices, the office here doesn't test civil service employees because they don't have the means to accept money, Sergeant Diggs said.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Coffey, the 332d Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron avionics intermediate station section chief and the NCOIC of the wing honor guard, is one of the center's more prolific test takers.

Working on his bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics and one class away from his CCAF degree, Sergeant Coffey has taken 14 tests since his arrival here at the end of May.

"A lot of the stuff I've already read or know about," said Sergeant Coffey, adding that he sometimes takes tests just to see how well he knows the subject.

Sergeant Coffey said he realizes he will have to take traditional in-class courses to finish his degree, but that by taking as many exams as is possible while he's here, he hopes to accelerate the process.

"I have two young kids at home and I want to be able to spend time with them when I get back," Sergeant Coffey said.

And taking exams back-to-back, even if you don't pass, won't hurt Sergeant Coffey's grade point average, Sergeant Diggs said.

But for those who are skittish about taking a test without study-

ing first, Sergeant Reid and Sergeant Diggs said the library has resources and all three national testing programs have Web sites in which to obtain study materials.

As for the college preparatory classes offered here, Sergeant Diggs said they can't be involved in these classes because it's a conflict of interest. They can't teach classes in which they will later administer the test. Instead, they tell people to contact their first sergeants who organize the classes.

Airmen are always welcome to drop in to schedule an exam, order PME courses or receive education counseling, Sergeant Reid said. The education office is located in H6 next to the chapel and open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"If these times aren't convenient, we'll schedule a time before or after duty hours," Sergeant Diggs said. "Our doors are always open."

By the numbers Exams

Credit by examination	606
Officer PME	155
Enlisted PME	126
CDC	123
Certification	71
Other tests	52
College entrance	1

Resources

www.dantes.doded.mil
www.collegeboard.com/clep
www.excelsior.edu

fueling the FIGHT

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson
332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The punch behind the wing's airpower footprint is fed by fuel – nearly 12 million gallons every four months.

The 332d Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's petroleum, oil and lubricants flight provides that fuel to aircraft at the second busiest single-runway in the world.

Aircraft siphon the fuel from the flight's 13 fuel trucks, lightening the driver's 6,000-gallon load until the driver must turn around for more.

"Our objective is make the whole process transparent," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Shirley, 332d ELRS fuels manager. "When we do it right, the end user shouldn't have a second thought as to the quality of the fuel or where it's coming from."

In addition to liquid oxygen, POL troops handle diesel, aviation gas and jet propulsion fuel type 8 for generators and Air Force and Army air assets at Balad Air Base. The flight has the ability to refuel any model of aircraft that lands here and authorized to receive fuel.

The demand for fuel – between 100 to 200 requests every 24 hours – has driven the flight to utilize a fueling system in place when Balad was an Iraqi airfield.

Nine of the fuel bunkers here have the



Staff Sgt. William Ryan, 332d Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, oversees the equipment used to fill aviation gas into a fuel truck. Below, Staff Sgt. Anthony Howell checks the tank of a fuel truck from atop the tank.

"plumbing" to refuel aircraft from within the hardened aircraft shelters. Currently, only two of the bunkers are used to refuel the flight's fuel trucks. The flight is exploring the feasibility of bringing the other seven bunkers' refueling ability online.

"Essentially these shelters have a tap right to the fuel; all we have to do is unleash it," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Glore, 332d ELRS fuels operator supervisor.

The bunker outlets refuel at a rate of 600 gallons a minute, cutting a fuel truck's 45-minute refueling time at fuel bladders down to 10 minutes.

"This won't necessarily mean we'll need less manpower, but it has the potential to make refueling quicker, especially for the alert F-16s," Sergeant Shirley said. "With an aging truck fleet, we need other avenues of refueling."

The POL team also installed aviation gasoline tanks, eliminating the need to fill up from 55-gallon drums and significantly reducing the time it takes to fill a fuel truck. When fuel truck drivers are in the desert heat for five hours at a time, responding to calls from transient alert and the maintenance operations center to refuel aircraft, anything to speed up the process is appreciated.

"We have our own set of challenges out here," said Senior Airman Matthew Barnowski, 332d ELRS fuels controller. "Sometimes, the only thing routine around here is the shift changes."



Uniform Tips



Desert combat boots are authorized for wear with the physical training uniform; however, they must be laced and tied.

Additional guidelines can be found in 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Instruction 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance Standards*, section 2.



This & That

Awaiting orders



An MQ-1 Predator sits in a hardened aircraft shelter Monday at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing here is home to the largest operational Predator squadron in the world, operating about 20 of the aircraft. The shelter still bears the pock marks from U.S. attacks at the opening of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photo by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson



Balad Religious Schedule

Catholic Services

Daily Mass

5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Tuskegee Chapel

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Tuskegee Chapel

5 p.m. Mass

Tuskegee Chapel

Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday Mass

Tuskegee Chapel

11 a.m. Sunday Mass

AFT Hospital Chapel

Confessions available by appointment

Protestant Services

Saturday

7 p.m. Liturgical Service

Tuskegee Chapel

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service

AFT Hospital Chapel

11 a.m. Contemporary Service

Town Hall

2 p.m. Church of Christ

Tuskegee Chapel

2 p.m. Gospel Service

AFT Hospital Chapel

5 p.m. Traditional Service

Tuskegee Chapel

7:30 p.m. Traditional Service

AFT Hospital Chapel

Wednesday

8 a.m. Liturgical Morning Prayer

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Midweek Contemporary Worship Service

Tuskegee Chapel

Other Services

Sunday

3:30 p.m. Orthodox Prayer Service

Tuskegee Chapel

7 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sacraments

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sunday School

Tuskegee Chapel

Friday

7 p.m. Friday Shabbat Service

Tuskegee Chapel

Study groups

Sunday

8 p.m. Parenting Children

Tuskegee Chapel

Monday

8 a.m. Parenting Children

Tuskegee Chapel

9 a.m. Parenting Adolescents

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Parenting Adolescents

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Beth Moore

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuesday

7 p.m. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Song of Solomon

Tuskegee Chapel

8:30 p.m. Catholic Discussion Forum

Tuskegee Chapel

Thursday

4 p.m. 40 Days of Purpose

Tuskegee Chapel

7 p.m. Marriage Enrichment

Tuskegee Chapel

Friday

10 a.m. Renovation of the Heart (Basic Christianity) Tuskegee Chapel

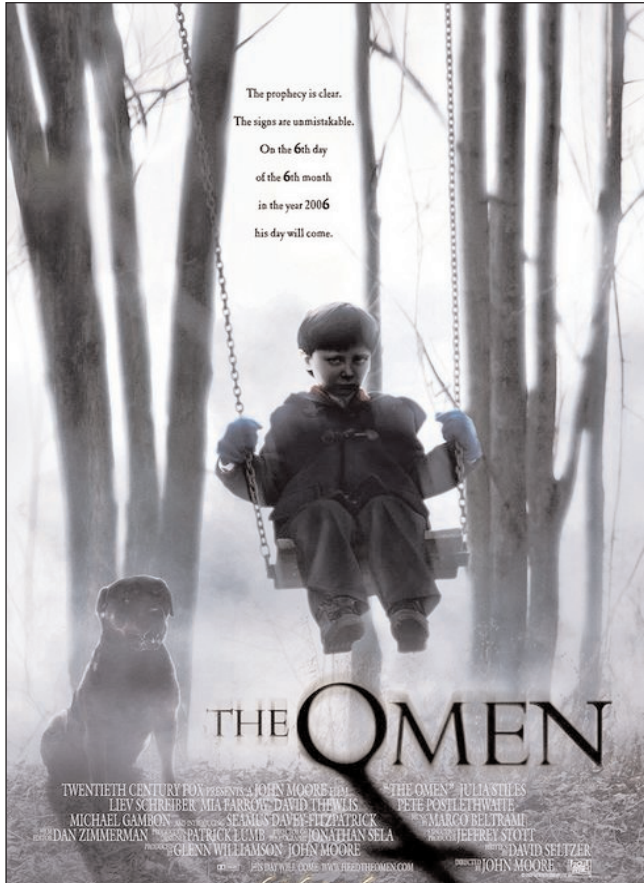
7:15 p.m. Marriage Enrichment

Tuskegee Chapel

8 p.m. Renovation of the Heart (Basic Christianity) Tuskegee Chapel

For more information on worship opportunities or needs, call 443-7703. For the after-hour duty chaplain, call 443-3320.

Sustainer Theater



Today

- 2 p.m. - The Omen
- 5 p.m. - The Break Up
- 8 p.m. - Talladega Nights

Saturday

- 11 a.m. - The Omen
- 2 p.m. - Talladega Nights
- 5 p.m. - The Break Up
- 8 p.m. - Talladega Nights

Sunday

- 2 p.m. - The Break Up
- 5 p.m. - Talladega Nights
- 8 p.m. - The Omen

Monday

- 5 p.m. - The Omen
- 8 p.m. - Talladega Nights

Tuesday

- 5 p.m. - Talladega Nights
- 8 p.m. - The Omen

Wednesday

- 5 p.m. - The Break Up
- 8 p.m. - Talladega Nights

Thursday

- 5 p.m. - The Omen
- 8 p.m. - Talladega Nights

Aug. 11

- 2 p.m. - World Trade Center
- 5 p.m. - The Omen
- 8 p.m. - World Trade Center

Talladega Nights

Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly

Ricky Bobby is a NASCAR racing sensation whose "win at all costs" approach has made him a national hero. When a flamboyant French Formula One driver, Jean Girard, challenges him for the supremacy of NASCAR, Ricky Bobby must face his own demons and fight for his place as racing's top driver. Rated PG-13 (crude/sexual humor, language, drug references, comic violence) 111 min

World Trade Center

Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena

In the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, hope is still alive. Refusing to bow down to terrorism, rescuers and family of the victims press forward. Their mission of rescue and recovery is driven by the faith that under each piece of rubble, a co-worker, a friend or a family member may be found. This is the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Jimeno, the last two survivors extracted from Ground Zero and the rescuers who never gave up. Rated PG-13 (intense/emotional content, disturbing images, language) 129 min

The Omen

Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick, Julia Stiles

Robert Thorn is a senior American diplomat whose wife, Katherine, endures a difficult delivery where their newborn child has died. The hospital priest presents Thorn with another child born that night, whose mother died in childbirth. The priest compels Thorn to take the infant boy as his own. Rated R (violence, graphic images, language) 105 min

The Break Up

Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston

Pushed to the breaking point after their latest, "why can't you do this one little thing for me?" argument, art dealer Brooke calls it quits with her boyfriend, Gary, who hosts bus tours of Chicago. What follows is a series of remedies and underminings suggested by friends, confidantes and the occasional total stranger. When neither ex is willing to move out of the condo they used to share, the only solution is to continue living as hostile roommates until somebody caves. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, nudity, language) 110 min

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