

# RED TAIL FLYER

332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq

A photograph of a male technician in a brown t-shirt working on a large, olive-green aircraft engine. He is leaning over the engine, which has a large fan visible on the right. The engine has the number '509877B' painted in blue on its side. The background is a dark, industrial setting.

Tigers give  
Falcons flight

New fitness center opens

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Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

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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 World War II 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 aircrafts' tails.





**Brig. Gen.  
Robin Rand**  
332d Air  
Expeditionary Wing  
commander

# COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

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 Air Base 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 332.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.



## T U S K E G E E   A I R M E N   O F   T H E   W E E K



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

### AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AARON OETH

**Unit:** 332d Expeditionary Services Squadron

**Air Force specialty:** Services apprentice

**Home station:** Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

**Family:** Wife and son

**Years in the Air Force:** 3

**Deployments:** One

**On-duty contribution at Balad:** Airman Oeth developed two new weekly programs at the recreation center to enhance morale: a video game tournament and a card tournament. The recreation center's attendance went up 5 percent. He also coordinated water coolers and supplies for the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony.

**Off-duty contribution at Balad:** Airman Oeth continued to support services events at the recreation center during off-duty time to ensure his fellow Airmen had a place to relax. He also assisted the transition to the new fitness center by assembling 12 new strength training machines during his day off, enabling the new fitness center to open on time.

## Weather outlook

Today



Sunny

102/70

Saturday



Sunny

100/70

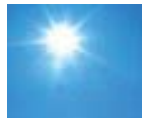
Sunday



Sunny

100/68

Monday



Sunny

100/68

Tuesday



Sunny

100/70

Wednesday



Sunny

102/70

Thursday



Sunny

102/70

LET'S GET READY TO

# RUMBLE

by Brig. Gen. Robin Rand  
332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander

**T**uskegee Airmen, I'm fired up to announce a renewed emphasis on physical fitness and professional image right here in Red Tail Country!

Starting October 2006 and running through January 2007, the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing will embark on a "fit to fight" campaign. The desired results are straightforward ...wing-wide improved combat capability, professional image, and personal wellness! This past week, I have spoken directly to your group commanders, squadron commanders, and senior NCOs about the purpose and goals of this campaign, and have directed them to reinforce the importance of fitness and image with all Tuskegee Airmen.

Let me be very clear about why fitness is important. First and foremost, fitness equates to combat capability! This is proven in a hundred different ways in Iraq where all of us must be prepared to perform strenuous physical activities at a moment's notice. We are warriors and we must be fit to fight. ....it's that simple. Therefore, I became very concerned when it was pointed out to me that more than 10 percent of our Tuskegee Airmen arrived for combat duty with failing scores on the Air Force physical fitness test. We simply must stop this trend!

The second reason fitness

is important is because it helps project a positive professional image. When combined with proper grooming standards, military bearing, and customs and courtesies, a good professional image significantly contributes to good order and discipline. Professional image is an integral part of our military core values, ethos, and tradition. We stress it at the beginning of basic training because it reflects the principles of discipline that are required in a profession that is about "service before self." Here in Red Tail Country, we'll maintain and enforce the importance of a proper professional image at all times.

Finally, increased fitness improves our wellness, reduces stress, and can help lead to longer lives and better health! Therefore, for all these reasons, improved physical fitness will also be a top priority in the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing.

The good news is that many of our Tuskegee Airmen already are "fit to fight." No doubt, we have some of the sharpest airmen that I've ever served with in my Air Force career! However, some of you out there aren't doing so well – I've observed this myself at our "Right Start" briefings. Therefore, starting immediately, our "fit to fight" campaign will be part competition, part fitness, part nutrition, and all about improved

“ The 332d Air Expeditionary wing will embark on a new year-long campaign ... ”

habits and healthy living. Over the next two weeks, we'll weigh in every Tuskegee Airman who is going to be in the 332d AEW during Aerospace Expeditionary Force 3 and 4. The numbers will be entered into a database.

On Oct. 1, we'll officially kick off our fitness campaign with information given to all our assigned Airmen. Over the course of a three-month period, our 332d Expeditionary Medical Group and 332d Expeditionary Services Squadron will sponsor several events to keep healthy nutrition and fitness information at the forefront of business. We'll also publish weekly articles in our respective base papers to keep everyone on track. By the end of the campaign in January 2007, every squadron will once again weigh and measure their members. We'll celebrate in early January with an overall squadron winner and recognize our biggest "losers" – those units that did the best in taking the weight off and living a healthy lifestyle.

This campaign is geared for all of us, but primarily for

those Airmen who are in the "red" for being "unsatisfactory" or "marginal" on their physical fitness tests as well as those Airmen who, although they have passed their PT test, do not pass their squadron commander's eyeball check and need increased motivation to develop and sustain a healthy lifestyle. I expect commanders to provide direct feedback to those individuals, and if needed, mandate their participation in the one of the many multiple fitness educational programs under the supervision of our medical group personnel.

Increased fitness and weight control equate to a leaner and more combat-ready Air Force, ensuring the success of our mission in Iraq! Each of us plays an integral role in the war on terrorism. Our mission is to provide combat air power for America, Right Here ... Right Now. We can do that better when we are fit to fight. When we take shortcuts in our physical fitness, we diminish our discipline and mission effectiveness.

"Fit to fight" is all about making Red Tail Country better, making ourselves better, taking care of each other, and maintaining vital AF standards. Get on board, because the train is about to depart the station!! See you at the fitness center. "Tuskegee Airmen ... the Legend Continues!"

# New fitness center opens in H6



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Kellum

The birth of a  
fitness center

Feb.  
28

CONTRACT AWARDED

March  
8

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
TO PROCEED, MATERIALS  
ORDERED

June  
8

CONCRETE POURED FOR  
FOUNDATION

Sept.  
7

OPENED FOR USE

Sept.  
11

GRAND OPENING

November  
EXPECTED COMPLETION

by 2nd Lt. Lisa L. Kostellic  
332d Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Stating that the timing is perfect, the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander officially opened the new fitness center Monday in H6.

"We're going to start a fit-to-fight campaign in October to promote combat readiness," said Brig. Gen. Robin Rand. "Being fit and being combat ready are one in the same."

The new facility is nearly double the size of the old fitness tent. The increase means about 120 people can now work out at the same time, a 60-percent increase from the old facility.

"There is better lighting and better ventilation, and 95 percent of the equipment is brand new," said 1st Lt. Jason M. Guadalupe, 332d Expeditionary Services Squadron deputy commander.

Emphasizing the physical demands of deployment, General Rand said the new facility is perfect for Balad AB because fitness is crucial to our mission.

"Every time we put on our battle rattle for an extended period of time, there are Airmen who fall out. They are the ones who come over here who could not pass their physical fitness test," General Rand said. "If you don't think someone needs to be fit to load patients onto a C-17 for an aeromedical evacuation in 115-degree heat, you're wrong."

One of the more significant differences in size from the old facility is the aerobics and spinning area.

"The aerobics and spinning room is four times larger than the one in the old fitness center and is large enough to support two classes at once," said Lieutenant Guadalupe who is deployed from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

Other extras included in the new hardened facility are restrooms, an office and more storage space.

"I get re-energized every time I walk into the facility and see highly motivated Tuskegee Airmen working hard to improve themselves," said Chief Master Sgt. Scott Dear-

duff, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing command chief. "It's part of an Air Force cultural change continuing to take place. One that is long overdue."

Although the fitness center is in use, it is not complete, said 2nd Lt. Rebecca K. LaFountain, 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron project manager who oversaw the center's construction.

"The fitness center will not have bathrooms until another project is complete," said Lieutenant LaFountain who is deployed from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. "There is one underway that will bring water and sewer to the new facilities and others in H6."

Pending any project delays, the completion will be this November.

"It's nice to see they made the new gym available for us as soon as possible," said Capt. Bryan K. Wong, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing protocol chief. "It's less crowded and better air conditioned. They have a lot of new equipment, and I haven't had to wait."

## THE FACEOFF

old

vs.

new

space

6,566 square feet

10,800 square feet

storage

virtually none

three times more

restrooms

out the door and to the left:  
portable toilets

restrooms included

capacity

85 at a time

120 - that's 35 more people

machines

61

Morpheus would be shaking  
in his boots: 84

# Balad Commentary



## RED TAIL PERSPECTIVES

by Chief Master Sgt. Scott Dearduff  
332d Air Expeditionary Wing command chief

**Q** *What in your career has prepared you especially for this assignment?*

**A** Throughout my career I have been trained to follow and enforce standards. There is no better place than in the combat environment to be a rules follower and rules enforcer. It doesn't hurt that I spent 22 years as a security forces defender standing post against terror and oppression in places like Europe, Russia, Afghanistan, Qatar, Iraq and Iran.

**Q** *What, in your opinion, is the biggest difference between the Airmen of today and the Airmen you met when you first joined the Air Force?*

**A** The Airmen I worked with when I first came in were "post Vietnam-era" veterans. They had a different focus. The Air Force was down-sizing, we had just received the largest single pay raise in the history of military service (up to 14 percent) and we were dealing with huge drug and alcohol problems in the ranks. Discipline was not as good as it is today. There were very few battlefield Airmen on the ground then, as compared to the ones we see grasping the expeditionary Airmen concept of today. Airmen today are told from day 1 at basic military training they are warriors. That concept did not exist in many career fields back then.

**Q** *What has impressed you the most about the Airmen you serve with here?*

**A** I am very impressed with the implementation of the core value of "Service Before Self" from our Tuskegee Airmen. We can all recount stories of the ones who came here to serve with great sacrifices from the family perspective. You don't have to walk very far before you find Airmen with a story about what they are missing back home, yet they are willing to be here serving in combat at a great time in our nation's history. Some have missed the birth of a new son or daughter, some have missed the passing of loved ones, and some have missed first days of school, first ball games or first recitals. The spirit they carry forth impresses me beyond belief.

**Q** *What do Airmen need to be successful in this environment?*

**A** Airmen need proper training, proper equipment and taskings that can be accomplished. Individually, they need perseverance to succeed in tough times, understanding to adjust to the ever changing environment, and unquestionable loyalty and integrity to all levels of leadership.

**Q** *What do we as an Air Force need to do to make our Airmen more capable, flexible and efficient?*

**A** Fitness and combat readiness are the key areas we must improve upon for years to come. We don't have time to train in combat, and we don't need Airmen who cannot pass the Air Force physical fitness test. Lack of fitness and combat readiness has the potential to hurt or slow down the mission. Streamlined training courses for Airmen are in the works. They will help improve the way we train to fight the continuing war on terror. Light, lean and flexible training and mission execution is going to be key.

**Q** *How crucial is physical fitness to today's battle space, and what is the direct impact on the mission?*

**A** We cannot stress fitness enough. Leaders at all levels back in garrison must enforce fitness standards and prepare their Airmen for the rigors of combat. Fitness failures can result in mission failures. Enlisted leaders need to take this on courageously and help change the Air Force mindset on fitness. Fitness is not about quality of life alone. It's about combat readiness first and foremost. Image among our sister services in the joint war fighting environment is also important and fitness is key.

**Q** *What legacy do you wish to leave behind? What lessons learned do you want Airmen to take back to home station?*

**A** Our legacy will be formed by those who follow and how successful they are in carrying out the mission of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing. Many things we do and say on a daily basis will be remembered by those we come in contact with. The legacy of those moments will be determined by how that information gets used. The story we want Airmen to take back is far reaching and broad. We have attempted to educate all Tuskegee Airmen about how they contribute to the mission, how the wing mission contributes to the national objective and how the national objective leads to good world order. We want them to go home and tell America how well the Air Force is working with the sister services to complete tough missions at a crucial time in our world history. And, of course, we want them to explain to everyone that "Combat Airpower for America, Right Here, Right Now" means more than just combat sorties.





Air Force photo

The Air Force will test alternate fuels on B-52s Saturday.

## Air Force to test alternate fuel

A B-52 Stratofortress powered by a mix of synthetic and JP-8 fuel is slated to take its first flight Saturday from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., bringing the Air Force one step closer to reducing its dependence on foreign fuel.

"This is an extremely important moment for the Department of Defense," said Michael Aimone, the Air Force's assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support.

"Our goal is to by 2016 have 50 percent of our aviation fuel coming from alternative fuel sources," Mr. Aimone said.

As DOD's largest consumer of aviation fuel, the Air Force has taken the lead in the research of alternative fuel sources such as coal and biomass. The Air Force consumes 58 percent of all aviation fuels consumed by the services.

According to Mr. Aimone, energy is both an economic and national security issue, which is why the Air Force has developed a comprehensive energy strategy.

"The Air Force is conducting a flight test using a B-52 powered by synthetic JP-8 to demonstrate our commitment to the president's vision of becoming less dependent on foreign oil," Mr. Aimone said.

To further demonstrate the Air Force's commitment to energy independence, the secretary of the Air Force has stated an interest in acquiring 100 million gallons of synthetic fuel by 2008.

## Airmen provide medical care in Colombia

Fourteen Airmen from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and Lackland AFB, Texas, arrived at Hospital Toribo Maya, Colombia, Sept. 13 and opened the doors to the hundreds of people who had already gathered outside seeking medical assistance.

The team, made up of members from the 55th Medical Group at Offutt AFB and the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland AFB, will be in the country two weeks and visit four clinics within Popayan during its stay.

It is the first medical readiness training exercise to this region of Colombia in nine years.

The team, which has oral surgery, pediatric, internal medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology, gynecology and pharmaceutical capabilities, brought more than \$40,000 worth of medical supplies to use in the treatment of the more than 700 patients it expects to see over the course of the exercise.

The exercise, called MEDRETE, will not only bring quality medical care to people in need, but will also provide mutually beneficial opportunities for U.S. and Colombian forces to share medical expertise and experiences. The team will spend three days at the Hospital Toribo Maya before moving to another clinic in the city.

## Teams fly to Wake Island

A 53-person team of 15th Airlift Wing Airmen, Defense Department employees and contractors arrived Sept. 12 at Wake Island on a C-17 Globemaster III from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The team of civil engineers and communications experts came to assess damage caused by Super Typhoon Ioke and report the findings to Gen. Paul V. Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander.

"Our job is to figure out the price tag on the damage," said Maj. Ron Pieri, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron operations officer. "We know that's going to take some time. What we don't know for sure is how much time."

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Yereance, one of the civil engineer team leaders, said it will be tough to tell how long the assessment will take. All his teams have seen so far is satellite imagery and notes from 36th Contingency Response Group at Andersen AFB, Guam, which arrived at Wake Island earlier this month.

"It could be anywhere from a week or 10 days to a month, possibly, just depending on how much damage is done to the facilities," he said.

Ioke hit the atoll Aug. 31 with 155 mph winds and gusts to 190 mph. By then, Air Force officials already had used two C-17s from Hickam to evacuate all 188 of the island's residents.

For several of those residents, Sept. 12 marked a return home. After two weeks away, with only satellite photos of damage to go on, anxiety was high.

"We're anxious to get back and take a look at things and see the damage or problems that we might have that we can't see from the photos," said Jimmie Taylor, who has lived on Wake Island for a year and a half. "We just don't know how much damage there really is."



Air Force photo

Maj. Joseph Golovach and Capt. John Ramsey bring their C-17 Globemaster III in for a landing Sept. 12 on Wake Island.

# Around Iraq

## Change in scene

Courtesy Multi-National Forces-Iraq

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces this week continued to make progress in the capital city as security operations worked to restore peace to a Baghdad neighborhood, while in broader coalition news, the 101st Airborne Division relinquished command in northern Iraq.

With Iraqi and coalition forces moving into the southern Baghdad neighborhood of Risalah, officials hoped a calm sense of normalcy would return to the area, though they warned there is still work to be done.

“The easy part is searching...the buildings; the harder part is holding the buildings and making sure violence does not reoccur,” said Army Lt. Col. Jim Danna, 2nd Battalion, 6th

Infantry Regiment commander.

In late July and early August there was a spike in sectarian violence in the Risalah area. Colonel Danna said that violence was addressed through a component of Operation Together Forward called Operation Relentless Hunt.

“This is a long-term operation. This is a long-term commitment to this area and to bring in the Iraqi security forces, then later the Iraqi Police,” Colonel Danna said.

According to a Risalah council member, now that the area is secure, the focus will shift toward restoring civil services.

Colonel Danna said among Risalah’s main problems are solid waste and trash removal. Other necessary projects include rebuilding schools and restoring services.

## Into Shaab Ur

Courtesy Multi-National Forces- Iraq

BAGHDAD — Iraqi army and police, supported by Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers, began clearing operations in the Shaab and Ur neighborhoods Thursday in support of security operations during Operation Together Forward.

The combined operation began early today with soldiers from 1st Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division; 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division; and national policemen from 1st National Police Division, cordoning off the neighborhood before conducting deliberate clearing operations; the operations are being supported by the Soldiers of Multi-National Division-Baghdad.

The goal of the Iraqi-led operation is to decrease sectarian violence — specifically, to reduce the amount of violent crime in focused areas identified for their propensity for violence. Shaab Ur is the eighth major area within Baghdad cleared since the beginning of the second phase of Operation Together Forward on Aug. 7.

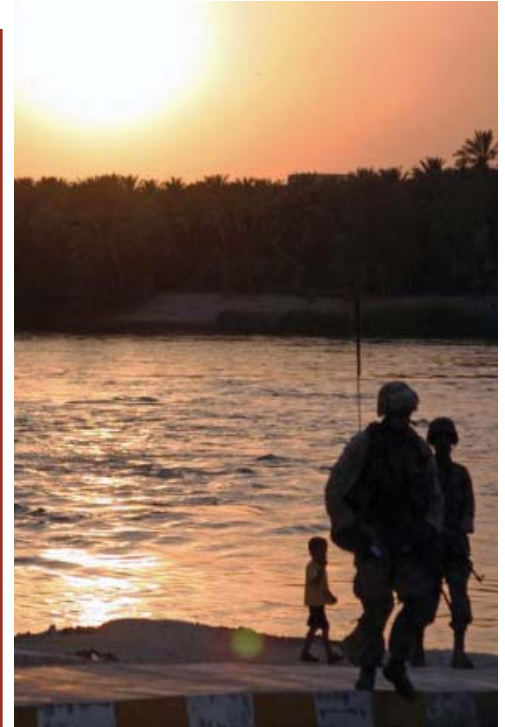


Photo by Marine Cpl. Brian Henner

## Water watchers

U.S. Marines and Iraqi Army Soldiers attached to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment patrol along the banks of the Euphrates River near Barwanah recently.



## Caption this photo

If you have a witty or humorous caption for this photo, send an e-mail to [332.redtailflyer@blab.centaf.af.mil](mailto:332.redtailflyer@blab.centaf.af.mil).



## Last week's captions

Although the Chief's Group proved to be the masters at volleyball, they didn't stand a chance against the local nationals in the bus-pushing contest.

Master Sgt. Angela Lamont  
777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

What do you mean I can't park here?

Tech. Sgt. James Tracy  
332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron



# TIGERS GIVE FALCONS FLIGHT

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

Like an experienced pit crew, the 332d Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance unit, known as the Tiger, keeps the F-16s of the 332d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron in top form.

The crew chiefs, back shops and support Airmen assigned to the squadron's Tiger AMU are primarily from Montgomery Ala.; Madison, Wis., and Springfield, Ill.

"Springfield and Madison are our sister wings," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Mullins, a crew chief deployed from the 187th Fighter Wing, Montgomery, Ala. "We are tied to (Air Expeditionary Force) cycles, but the manning usually gets filled between the

three wings. The amazing thing is we don't have shortfalls. Every Airman we needed to fill the rotation volunteered."

More than half of the Airmen assigned are full time Guardsmen working solely as maintenance Airmen. For them, deployment is a chance to work with other units.

"This is one of the few times we get to work with different folks and learn from each other," said Tech. Sgt. Tony Broome, a Prattville, Ala., native deployed from the 187th FW. "The technical orders tell us how to fix a problem, but we learn a lot of techniques from the other Guard units and the active-duty AMU."

In addition to learning from other units, the increased operations tempo here gives ju-

nior enlisted troops valuable experience they may not acquire back home.

"This is more intense than technical school was," said Senior Airman Joshua Harrison, a jet engine mechanic from Monroeville, Ala., deployed from the 187th FW. "I'm a traditional Guardsman so I don't see the jets this much normally."

During their rotation, the Tiger AMU fixed or inspected the jets twice as much as they would in the states. This is because the jets are flown more often and on longer sorties than they do at home.

"At home, the sorties average about an hour and a half," said Tech. Sgt. Johnny Tucker, a jet engine mechanic from New Site, Ala., deployed from the 187th FW. "Here at

Balad, the sorties are almost five times longer on average. This increases the number of phase inspections we do and shortens the time between inspections."

Most of these Airmen have worked together for a long time, more than 30 years for some. This camaraderie gives the back shops an almost a neighborhood garage feel.

"We are so used to working together that we can do what needs to be done without even talking about it," said Staff Sgt. William Blackmon, a jet engine mechanic from Selma, Ala., deployed from the 187th FW. "One Airman can be working on one part of an engine phase inspection and I'll move over to another piece."

For most Airmen, the Tiger AMU is a chance to serve in the war and see their maintenance put to use by giving the pilots a well-maintained weapon system to drop munitions on the enemy.

"This is a chance to see Tony's Pony in action," Sergeant Broome said referring to the moniker given to his assigned F-16.



Photo by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

Staff Sgt. Kenny McDonald, a crew chief with Tiger AMU, prepares to tow an F-16 to the tarmac for an engine test.



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

Senior Airman Joshua Harrison, a jet engine mechanic assigned to the 332d Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, checks the fan blades on a spare F-16 engine. Both the 332d and 524th Expeditionary Fighter Squadrons deploy with spare engines in case of emergencies.



Photo by Senior Airman Kerry Solan-Johnson

Staff Sgt. William Blackmon (center) and Staff Sgt. Charles Brown (right) with the Tiger aircraft maintenance unit test a newly-installed engine on an F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 332d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. The Airmen of the Tiger AMU and the 332d EFS are deployed from Guard units across the United States.

## To wear...

According to Battle Staff Directive 06-44 and BSD 06-47, there are circumstances when individual body armor must be worn, when IBA must be carried and when IBA is optional.

### **Mandatory wear**

1. When in Uniform Posture 2, U3 and U4, IBA and helmet must be worn when outdoors and when riding in vehicles.

### **Mandatory transport**

1. During duty hours, all personnel must carry or wear their IBA and helmet to and from their place of work.
2. When traveling to the west side of the base, IBA and helmet must be transported.



## or not to wear

### **Optional wear**

1. While in H6 or traveling to Dining Facility No.2 during Uniform Posture 1, the IBA and helmet do not need to be carried or worn.
2. When off duty and traveling a reasonable distance from living quarters on the east side of Balad AB, IBA and helmet are optional.

### **Additional guidance**

1. When wearing IBA and helmet, all closures must be securely fastened. Wearing IBA with the flaps open or helmet with the chin strap unsecured is not authorized at any time.
2. When wearing IBA during hours of darkness a reflective belt must be worn around the IBA.

For more information on uniform wear, see the newly printed community standards policy.





# This & That



Photos by Senior Airman James Croxon

## 3,000 hours

Right: Lt. Col. Scott Patten, 332d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, stands next to the F-16 in which he logged his 3,000th flying hour in Monday. Above: The Alabama Air National Guard F-16 flown by Colonel Patten taxis to its hardened aircraft shelter.



## Balad Religious Schedule

### Catholic Services

#### Daily Mass

5 p.m. Monday through Friday

#### Saturday

4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday Mass

11 a.m. Sunday Mass

Confessions available by appointment

### Protestant Services

#### Saturday

7 p.m. Liturgical Service

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service

11 a.m. Contemporary Service

2 p.m. Church of Christ

2 p.m. Gospel Service

5 p.m. Traditional Service

7:30 p.m. Traditional Service

#### Wednesday

8 a.m. Liturgical Morning Prayer

8 p.m. Midweek Contemporary Worship Service

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

AFT Hospital Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

AFT Hospital Chapel

Town Hall

Tuskegee Chapel

AFT Hospital Chapel

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### Other Services

#### Sunday

3:30 p.m. Orthodox Prayer Service

7 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sacraments

8 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sunday School

#### Friday

7 p.m. Friday Shabbat Service

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

### Jewish Holy Day Schedule

#### Sept. 22

6:45 p.m. Rosh Hashanah

#### Sept. 23

9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah

6:45 p.m. Rosh Hashanah

#### Sept. 24

10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah

#### Oct. 1

6:30 p.m. Yom Kippur- Day of Atonement

#### Oct. 2

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**LITTLE MAN**



## Today

- 2 p.m. - You, Me and Dupree
- 5 p.m. - Little Man
- 8 p.m. - The Covenant

## Saturday

- 11 a.m. - Little Man
- 2 p.m. - The Covenant
- 5 p.m. - You, Me and Dupree
- 8 p.m. - The Devil Wears Prada

## Sunday

- 2 p.m. - You, Me and Dupree
- 5 p.m. - The Covenant
- 8 p.m. - Little Man

## Monday

- 5 p.m. - The Covenant
- 8 p.m. - Little Man

## Tuesday

- 5 p.m. - You, Me and Dupree
- 8 p.m. - Little Man

## Wednesday

- 5 p.m. - Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
- 8 p.m. - The Covenant

## Thursday

- 5 p.m. - The Devil Wears Prada
- 8 p.m. - Little Man

## Sept. 22

- 2 p.m. - Monster House
- 5 p.m. - My Super Ex-Girlfriend
- 8 p.m. - The Last Kiss

## The Covenant

*Steven Strait, Sebastian Stan*

In 1692, in the Ipswich Colony of Massachusetts, five families with untold power, formed a covenant of silence. One family, lusting for more, was banished; its bloodline disappearing without a trace – until now. This thriller tells the story of the Sons of Ipswich, four young students of the elite Spencer Academy who are bound by their sacred ancestry. As descendants of the original families who settled in Ipswich Colony in the 1600's, the boys have all been born with special powers. Rated PG-13 (violence, action, disturbing images, sexual content, nudity, language) 97 min

## The Devil Wears Prada

*Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway*

In the dizzying world of New York fashion, where size 0 is the new 2, 6 is the new 8, and a bad hair day can end a career, Runway Magazine is the Holy Grail. Overseen with a finely manicured fist by Miranda Priestly – the most powerful woman in fashion – the most powerful woman in fashion – Runway is a fearsome gauntlet for anyone who wants to

make it in the industry. To make Runway the fashion bible of New York and therefore the world, Miranda has let nothing stand in her way, including a long line of assistants who didn't make the cut. Rated PG-13 (sensuality) 111 min

## Little Man

*Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans*

Darryl Edwards is so eager to become a father that he mistakes a short, baby-faced thief on the lam for an abandoned toddler. He and his wife take the "baby" into their home while the thief's partner tries to help him recover a stolen diamond. Rated PG-13 (crude/sexual humor, language, drug References) 92 min

## Monster House

*Steve Buscemi, Nick Cannon*

Although no adults will believe them, three children realize a neighbor's house is really a monster. They must find a way to stop the house and save the neighborhood. Rated PG (scary images/sequences, thematic elements, crude humor, language) 91 min