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Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968

Who is the 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group?

Lt.Col. Henri Lambert
586 EMSG/CD

The 386 AEW plays a key role in the Global War on Terrorism. Every member of the Wing is critical. Many wing members may not be aware of their important role in supporting over 1,400 Combat Airmen in the 586 EMSG that serve in support of Army operations in a variety of locations.

The 586 ELRS includes two Movement Control Teams responsible for providing support to the thousands of personnel, vehicles and equipment that arrive in theater.

Other members of the 586 ELRS team are the 424th (Centurians) and 70th (Scorpions) Medium Truck Detachments (MTDs) who perform convoy operations that originate in Kuwait and go to every location where the military lives and works in Iraq. Over the course

of a 6-month deployment, these two detachments rack up over 2.5 million miles on the road in Iraq and encounter an average of 34 improvised explosive device (IED), 17 small arms fire (SAF), and 17 RPG attacks.

These convoys operate completely independently once they cross the border. They are led by TSgts who have to know everything from how to load a M915 armored semi, how to supervise, navigate, and guide a convoy; how to react to enemy contact; how to call in a MEDEVAC helicopter and provide emergency medical care to a wounded Airman or Soldier. The convoys are lead by a 2-person scout team that is responsible for leading and navigating for the convoy and detecting IED and SAF threats. Their jobs are critical and if they don't succeed, critical supplies fail to arrive to Coalition forces up North, or

worse yet, fall into the hands of enemy insurgents.

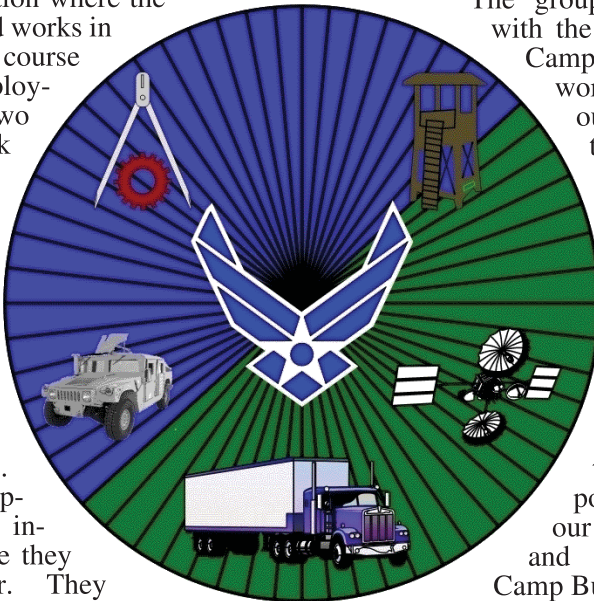
The 586 ESFS at Camp Bucca provide security for supply convoys transiting to and from Camp Bucca. They also conduct base defense for the huge complex at Camp Bucca inside and outside the wire. The 886 ESFS secures over 10,500 detainees housed there, including some of the AOR's most dangerous insurgents. This is a really challenging mission, especially in an area that has recently seen an increase in the active insurgent threat.

The 586 EMSG Detachment 1 runs Kuwait Naval Base in support of Army shipping. Their team includes the FOB Commander and a full staff that perform services, lodging, civil engineering, and a host of other functions on the installation.

The group staff resides with the 586 ELRS on Camp Arifjan and works closely with our Army counterparts and wing counterparts to get the mission done. The 586 Group Mission Operations Center provides intelligence and targeting support to the Army, our convoy teams, and personnel at Camp Bucca to help the Army act on intelligence

that could lead to the destruction of enemy insurgent groups.

We sincerely appreciate the support of everyone in the wing and want you to know that every service you provide to our group members is critical and in many respects may be the difference between life and death. Every member of the wing can be proud in knowing that you play a critical role in providing direct support to the Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, and Sailors operating in Iraq every day!



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Airman travels to Kirkuk for pin-on

Tech. Sgt. Gene Lappe
506th AEG/PA

Through opportune airlift and a little luck, a deployed Airman had the opportunity to help pin-on her brother's Army captain bars. Senior Airman Ursula Rothweiler, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron engineering assistant, traveled to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, to be a part of Army 1st. Lt. Krisjand Rothweiler's promotion ceremony Dec. 15.

"It really made it special," said Captain Rothweiler, 3-7 Field Artillery, Headquarters Battalion. "To have her here made it more special than it normally would have been." He said while the Army may promote around 2,000 people to captain at any one time, not too many of those promotees get to have their sister be a part of it, let alone in a combat zone.

Airman Rothweiler echoed her brother's sentiments.

"It is very important for me to be able to see my brother and be there for his pinning," she said. "Since neither of us have really been able to see one another for quite a while, I am thrilled to be able to see him now."

It can be said that serving in the military runs in their blood. Their father is a retired Naval officer, their mother is a Navy reserve chief petty officer about to be promoted to warrant officer, their step-father is a retired chief petty officer, one grandfather is a retired Air Force master sergeant, one great-grandfather served in the German army during World War II and another served in World War I.

It was almost by accident that Airman Rothweiler made it to her brother's promotion. A chance conversation with the 380th Expeditionary Operations Group superintendent set the wheels in motion, figuratively and literally.

"Every Thursday night at the Rock, the chiefs and first sergeants do a walk about to stop and talk to all the Airmen and see how they're doing, said Chief Master Sgt. Michael LaPlant. "We try to address concerns

and answer questions."

"We stopped visited with Airman Rothweiler and found out about her brother's promotion," he said. "She asked 'what are the chances of her going up there to attend the ceremony?' I told her I could ask the wing

This is the third time that Captain Rothweiler has been "pinned," and each time it has been by a person in a different branch of the service. His first pin-on, at his commissioning was done by his father, a Naval officer. The second was done by a member of the



commander. I did, and he asked his boss and the next thing you know we had approval." Chief LaPlant coordinated the space-available airlift and served as "troop commander" to get her to Kirkuk AB and back.

"I knew my promotion number was coming up soon and I said to her 'wouldn't be funny if you could come up here for it,'" said Captain Rothweiler. "Two weeks later she called asked if I was still getting promoted and I said yes. She said OK, I am coming up."

Army and now his third, by a member of the Air Force.

He added that he would like to return the favor and be a part of one of his sister's promotion ceremonies.

"I am amazed it happened the way it did," said Captain Rothweiler. "I read a story every once in a while about some siblings or parents and their children meeting over here and now I get to be one of them — it is kind of rare and pretty special."

got photos?

What about story ideas?

If so, stop by the PA office or email us at 386aew.pa@asab.centaf.af.mil

WING AWARDS

Honor Guard Member of the Month

Staff Sgt. Steven Aldama, 386th Expeditionary Communications Squadron (pictured)

Airman of the Month

Airman 1st Class Kristopher Hall, 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

NCO of the Month

Tech. Sgt. Richard Johnston, 386th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

Senior NCO of the Month

Master Sgt. Jonathan Lohrenz, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Month

Capt. James King, 586th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Wing Team of the Month

886th Security Forces Squadron, Bravo Team



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Andy Bellamy

ROCK SPORTS

2006/2007 Intramural Basketball Standings

"ROCK" Division	W	L	Div	Streak
1. SFS/FP 1	8	0	6-0	won 8
2. ECES	6	2	4-2	won 2
3. 556 2	6	2	5-1	won 1
4. SVS/MDG	4	4	3-3	won 1
5. ECS	2	6	2-4	lost 2
6. SFS/FP 3	1	7	1-5	lost 2
7. Fire Dawgs	0	8	0-6	lost 8
"SAND" Division	W	L	Div	Streak
1. 556 1	7	1	5-1	won 6
2. SFS/FP 2	5	3	3-3	won 3
3. Wing Staff	5	3	5-1	lost 2
4. Cell (LSA)	4	4	2-4	won 2
5. ELRS	3	5	2-4	lost 1
6. 5 EAMS	3	5	2-4	lost 2
7. EOG	2	6	2-4	lost 4

As of 03 December 2007

Intramural Basketball Champions

386th ESFS

Intramural Women's Basketball Champions

LSA Lady Warriors

3-Point Shootout Champion

SrA Selam Kidane 386th AEW/CP

Free Throw Shootout Champion

SPC Randy Jackson 363rd PSC (LSA)

Intramural All-Star Game Champions

Sand Division

Raquetball

Col. Curlett and Col. Perkinson defeated MSgt Young and SSgt McKenzie 15 - 8, 15 - 11 to win the doubles championship

Putting lead down-range ...



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier

Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors compete in the 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group Detachment 1 Excellence In Competition M-16 Shooting Match. The Match was held Jan 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th at the Kuwait Naval base, TSA ranges. Contestants fired 50 rounds from various distances and stances, with a total possible score of 500.

100 Combat Mission award recipients

Capt. Ramjula Ilangantileke
(Ramstein, Germany)

Capt. Brian Wester
(Yakota AB)

Tech. Sgt. Marty Landry
(Ramstein AB)

Staff Sgt. Robert Hayes
(Ramstein AB)

Staff Sgt. Joshua Woolridge
(Ramstein AB)



Last Combat Mission for 517th C-130's

Capt. Jeff Clark
386 PAO

"Clear number three engine," says Tech. Sgt. Daniel Elliot, 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron flight engineer. One of the loadmasters, Airman 1st Class Bret Oyler, stands in front of the aircraft, ensuring nobody walks into the propeller arc and monitoring the engine start to ensure all goes well before responding, "Number three is clear."

"Turning", calls the pilot, Maj. Andy McGee, as he engages the starter.

"Timing", responds 1st Lt. Jake Duff, the co-pilot.

The prop slowly begins to rotate and quickly gathers speed. Another mission begins in much the same way each flight has since 1954 when the first C-130 took to the sky. The crew readies itself to deliver troops and cargo throughout Iraq, much like any other combat mission. This isn't any other combat mission though; it's the last combat flight of the 517th Airlift Squadron in the C-130. After the last Alaskan C-130 crew leaves the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, they will return home to Elmendorf Air Force Base, where the 517 AS is transitioning to the C-17.

The C-17 Globemaster will be the newest in a long line of aircraft assigned to the squadron. The squadron has performed its mission flying C-47 Skytrains, C-82 Packets, and C-119 Boxcars. In 1960, the squadron received its first C-130. Since that time, it has flown virtually every troop/cargo variant of the C-130, from the C-130A to the present-day C-130H. The squadron earned the name "Firebirds" with fiery jet assisted takeoffs (JATO) from remote arctic sites with the ski-equipped C-130D.

During their time in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, the Firebirds have racked up more than 6,000 mishap-free combat flying hours despite multiple hazards. One young crew had a tire blow on takeoff from a small dirt strip nestled in the mountains. Despite significant damage to the aircraft, they safely landed the aircraft at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Another crew was faced with a sudden pressurization loss. The Firebirds have also performed numerous combat airdrops, including a short-notice resupply of a firebase under threat of imminent attack.

"Flying in combat is what we train for," said Maj. Chad

Christopherson, navigator. "Despite the high ops tempo, it's a really fun job."

The expertise of the Firebirds, however, is not limited to combat. They have projected their tactical airlift capabilities in a broad range of theatres. Among them are tsunami relief in the Philippines, prisoner of war recovery operations in Vietnam, presidential support missions, and scientific studies of the Greenland ice cap. In 1967, they saved a tiny native village from extinction after the caribou they depended on were driven further into the Arctic by wildfire. This turned into a yearly "Santa" flight into the remote village.

It isn't known for sure if the new C-17 squadron will retain the name or heritage of the 517th Firebirds but it seems it will live on with the men who flew the last C-130 combat mission.

"It's nice to be a part of a finale," Maj. Travis Buford who was a second navigator for the flight said, "This was a historical flight for a historic squadron and we're proud to be a part of it."

So proud in fact, many on this crew are already scheduled to fly on the 517th's last mission in a C-130 March 23. The rest of the crew is trying to be onboard as well.

The history of the 517th is indeed storied, but it's also tied to the 386 AEW. Not only was the last combat mission flown while the crew was assigned here, Col. Paul Curlett, 386 AEW commander, was also commander of the 517 AS in Elmendorf from 1998 until 2000.

"I really enjoyed my time in Alaska as the commander of the 517th but I could never imagine being deployed here years later and seeing their last combat mission," Colonel Curlett said. "I'm very proud to witness another moment in the history of such a great squadron."

Pride was the overwhelming feeling shared by the crew but they all said the redeployment home and then move from Elmendorf would be bittersweet.

"I was thinking about all the missions I've been on and all of them have been with the 517th so this is bittersweet," Senior Airman William Oxenford said. "This is my fifth deployment since I've been in the Air Force but even when I physically go home and even leave the 517th Airlift Squadron; I'll still remain united here with my fellow Airmen and warriors."



Air Force/Capt. Jeff Clark

MySpace..... My mistake???

Tech. Sgt. Roberta Samples
386 AEW/JA

When I was young, which was in the LAST millennium, I wanted to get a diary. You know the cute fuzzy kind with the fake brass lock on it. When I begged my mother for it she told me, "Don't ever write down anything you wouldn't want printed in a newspaper". A good lawyer will tell you the same thing! But now, more than ever, people are doing just that, only now it's Cyber news or what some sophisticates would call a "social networking site". There are dozens of these sites available: chat rooms, online dating, blogs, and the ever popular MySpace.

I have four children and all but the two year old have a MySpace account. Apparently, everyone on planet Earth has a MySpace account but me. Enlisted, officer, married, single, in school, professionals....what am I missing? I've conducted a random, unofficial poll and hands down it's to keep in touch with friends and to show off your body, your car or your relationship. Sounds great, but there's a lot more at stake than some might realize.

First, let's start with the wisdom of my

mother. Anything and everything that you post on the internet carries with it the possibility of showing up a few more places than you might want and a few people may see it that you didn't intend to see it. Case in point, the Minnesota Twins were scouting for new baseball players to draft right out of high school. How awesome is that! They started looking at a kid. The scout went to all the games, making sure he was consistent and they liked him, until someone mentioned MySpace. This young man has on his page a picture of him and his friends sitting around smoking a joint. As soon as the team got a hold of that they completely dropped him off the list. He told the scout that his friends did it as a joke, but no one bought it.

Another example, a teenage girl and her older boyfriend were found guilty for the murder of her parents. Apparently the parents didn't want her dating this guy (good call) so they hatched a plan to murder them and make it look like a break in. Problem, they put all their plans on MySpace! Everything on both of their personal pages was brought into evidence.

Now, you might be thinking that these cases are exceptional, random, but they are not. You need to know now; OSI and SFOI routinely check MySpace to gather evidence on criminal activity.

Now remember, once you sign on the dotted line and raise your right hand the

term "criminal" picks up a whole new meaning. If you and your spouse are separated and both dating other people, even with each others consent, this is a military crime called adultery, violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. You have pictures posted of you and your friends drinking in the dorm room, but one of them is underage. No ones driving, no ones fighting, but now there's evidence to show you were in the same room while a minor was consuming alcohol, violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty.

I've found that sexual innuendo is a big part of MySpace and can get you in hot water. The most obvious is having a same sex relationship and posting it on the web. At one base an airman (aged 23) was charged with Article 134 of the UCMJ, indecent acts with a minor. He and the underage female were keeping in touch on MySpace, dad found out, OSI confirmed, and bad days are still ahead for this young man. We're talking jail time and not in an Air Force jail, but in REAL jail.

Most of the examples I shared above are pretty extreme, but the point is the same, whatever you post on the internet can be viewed by the public which includes your mother, father, sister and BIG brother; as in all legal authorities. Be smart, be safe and remember, if you wouldn't want your mother or SFS to read it, don't post it!

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.**

386th Air Expeditionary Wing Rock Solid Warriors



**Tech. Sergeant
Travis Sippel**

386th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron
6C071, Flight Chief, Infrastructure

Home unit/base: 2 CS Barksdale AFB, LA

How do you support the mission here? My flight is responsible for contract support to base infrastructure needs. We provide the services, construction and commodities needed to set new mission effectiveness rates (99.4%)!

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique? This is my 4th deployment and this one is unique because I always deploy alone and in support of the Army (CENT-COM). This time I came with a small group and I'm with the Air Force!

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base? The job isn't different, but when deployed you see the importance and the immediacy of mission support.



**Tech. Sergeant
Brian A. Reybok**

586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group
3P071, NCOIC Armory

319 SFS Grand Forks AFB, ND

How do you support the mission here? I support the 70 MTD by providing 24 hour armory support. My responsibilities include weapons and equipment issue, providing security for over \$1M in sensitive items, accountability of over 100,000 rounds of ammunition and provide maintenance for 226 weapons.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique? I have been deployed 3 times. My first deployment was in 1995 to Port-A-Prince Hattie in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. My mission there was to provide security and support of humanitarian efforts in the country. The second was in 2001 to Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch where I provided base security. What makes this deployment unique is it is the first deployment being assigned to a non security forces unit as well as a first not being assigned directly to Air Force command.

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base? At a deployed location the duties of a Combat Arms instructor are to provide weapons maintenance to the Air Force as well as support other services in needed weapons repair, establish and run a weapons armory and provide expert weapons tactics and employment direction. My duties at home station include weapons maintenance but also to provide weapons training to over 3,000 base personnel on 12 weapons systems.