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A photograph of a forklift operator in a military uniform operating a forklift in a warehouse setting. The operator is visible through the forklift's mast and is wearing a uniform with "U.S. AIR FORCE" visible. The forklift is positioned next to a large stack of white-wrapped pallets. The background shows a warehouse interior with a green container and other equipment.

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Supplying the  
AOR



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Senior Airman Kimberlee Patterson, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management journeyman, operates a forklift at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 22.

## Commentary

# February is Black History Month

By Master Sgt. Grayland Hilt  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Equal Opportunity

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American author and scholar, originally established Negro History Week in 1926.

In February 1976, this event evolved into a month-long celebration now known as "Black History Month."

This commemoration has increasingly been referred to as "African-American History Month," although both names are currently in use. In fact, when referring to this race of people, both Black American and African-American are commonly used.

When Dr. Woodson founded Negro History Week in 1926, the words African-American and Black were seldom used. It was Dr. Woodson's hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots and that togetherness amongst racial groups in the United States would develop out of a mutual respect.

Because he was keenly conscious of symbolism in the American psyche, he wisely chose a period in February to observe Negro History Week.

He chose February because it contains the birthdays of Frederic Douglass, a former slave who became the most powerful slavery abolitionist in the history of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, who signed the Emancipation Proclamation, thereby ending the slavery of African-Americans.

From its inception, Black History Month has involved many ethnic groups,

“ The attention to different heritage observances should not be used to separate various racial groups, but rather to unite all people ”

not just Black Americans.

The purpose of Black History Month is to pay homage to the contributions of African-Americans, many of which have been obscured or inadequately represented in textbooks, media and other communications.

Dr. Woodson's intent was to advance the whole of humanity by teaching a true rendition of history. The fact that some changes have been made in recent years may point to the need for a fuller, more adequate report of African-American contributions.

The attention to different heritage observances should not be used to separate various racial groups, but rather to unite all people. Dr. Woodson intended the original period of Black History Celebration to stimulate and encourage love, respect, understanding and acceptance through education.

His vision and legacy helped pave the way for advances made in the on-going history of African-Americans in the United States.



## Commander's Action Line

- The Action Line is your direct link to Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.
- Use it if you have questions or comments about the base that cannot be resolved by your chain of command or base agencies.
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# Deployed Airman wins design contest

By Maj. Belinda Peterson  
Air Force Services Agency  
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force Services Agency officials here announced the winner of the MyAirForceLife.com T-shirt contest recently here.

Staff Sgt. Nathan Cruz, a radio frequency transmission technician from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., won the contest out of 174 submissions in the adult category. The award was presented to Sergeant Cruz at his undisclosed deployed unit. His design received 1,178 votes.

As the winner, Sergeant Cruz will receive \$2,000 in prizes that includes a laptop computer and graphics software.

Also, Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials will produce his design and offer the T-shirts for sale.

"AAFES is excited about the 'High Speed Life' T-shirt designed by Sergeant Cruz," said James McConnell, an AAFES softlines buyer. "We plan to make the T-shirt available not only at Robins AFB, but (also) throughout the Southeast United States."

"I couldn't believe that

I won, especially because I entered late into the contest," Sergeant Cruz said. "Overall I was shocked and extremely happy and proud of myself. Thanks to all who voted."

Last year, Air Force Services Agency officials launched MyAirForceLife.com, an interactive site to help Airmen stay connected, informed and engaged in programs as part of the Year of the Air Force Family.

"The theme of our campaign is 'The Air Force is a great place to live, work and play,'" said Mike Bensen, the deputy to the commander of Air Force Services Agency. "Our focus is to make it even better for our Air Force family. The Web site highlights the core 'Year of the Air Force Family' programs and activities."

"The site features programs and competitions that will roll out through the year," said Debbie Karnes, an Air Force Services Agency spokeswoman. "We are focusing on the 'play' part of 'The Air Force is a great place to live, work, and play' campaign. There's something for everyone: short story, video short, original song, and photography competition. The site also offers a place for visitors to provide



**Staff Sgt. Nathan Cruz's winning design for the MyAirForceLife.com T-shirt competition. Sergeant Cruz is a radio frequency technician from Robins Air Force Base, Ga.**

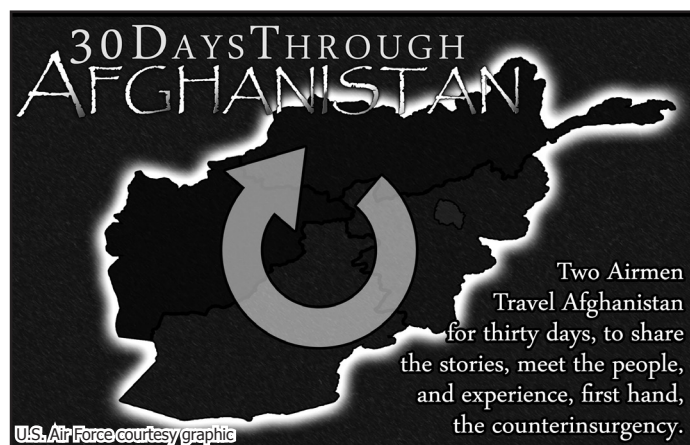
quips and quotes on how the Air Force has enriched their lives in the 'Roger That' section. There's even a new, fun InstaPoll to participate in."

Sergeant Cruz is currently deployed to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center at a non-disclosed Southwest

Asia location as a radio frequency transmissions technician.

To find details about the current short story competition and to enter, Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force MWR programs can log on to <http://www.myairforcelife.com>.

## '30 days through Afghanistan' project, Web site announced



**Two Air Force journalists will spend 30 days traveling throughout Afghanistan, starting Feb. 8, and documenting their daily travels through blogs and video blogs to showcase the troops in an interactive manner.**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- International Security Assistance Force Joint Command officials announced a new Web site Feb. 1 to support a public affairs project titled "30 Days Through Afghanistan."

The Web-based project kicks off Feb. 8 and aims to bring the people, mission and experiences of ISAF's 44 participating nations to a worldwide audience through the eyes of Tech. Sgts. Nathan Gallahan and Kenneth Raimondi.

"The opportunity to show

the world the ISAF counterinsurgency strategy in action, through the eyes of two of our military journalists is unique," said Navy Capt. Jane Campbell, ISAF-JC spokesperson. "The innovation and commitment to the mission by these two Airmen will help people around the world see Afghanistan through the eyes and words of ISAF service members."

Sergeant Raimondi, a broadcaster, and Sergeant Gallahan, a print journalist, will travel

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# TMO hustles supplies to meet mission demands

By Staff Sgt. Kelly White  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

From thumbtacks to treadmills, blood to black olives, aircraft parts to personnel – whatever's coming in or out of this base, the Airmen of Southwest Asia's 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Office have something to do with.

"We're responsible for inbound and outbound cargo, container management, customs waiver requests, official mail, Defense Reutilization and Management Office materials, passenger travel and personal property shipments for permanent-party personnel," said Tech. Sgt. James Carter, 379th ELRS Inbound Cargo NCO-in-charge, deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan. "There's a lot going on at this base to support the area of responsibility 24/7, and all of our personnel, while assigned to a respective area, must be able to do it all."

Airmen working inbound cargo receive more than 6,000 parcels, or about 395 short tons of freight, each month from various carriers, and shipping containers – or seavans – from a local company bringing cargo in via water port, said Sergeant Carter. "They all come at the same time, so we just off-load them back to back. Sometimes seavans will have vehicles in them, sometimes pallets, and other times, they'll be full to the brim with little boxes. We never know what we're going to get until we open them."

Anything coming from the States, whether it stays here or goes elsewhere in the AOR, comes through their area, as well as any cargo needing maintenance before it can go to the States, he added.

When Airmen working outbound cargo know freight is headed to their floor, they get the documents and shipment plan ready for either 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, surface movement by ships or a small carrier, he explained. "The type, size and priority of the cargo determine how the staff plans and ships it to destinations worldwide. Special handling requests coming out of the AOR always go out via Air Mobility Command," the sergeant explained.

As box after box arrives to the outbound cargo area, Airmen prepare



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund

**Senior Airman Jose Huerta, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron receiving journeyman, secures a package at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 22.**

them for their next destination.

"Depending on the integrity of the shipment coming in, we sometimes build special shipping crates," Sergeant Carter said. "Most come already built, and we just have to strengthen them by putting a couple nails in them," he said. "We ship in excess of 2,000 pieces, or about 577 short tons of cargo, each month, (whereas) at my home station, I probably ship 500 a month. The workload changes dramatically for people coming here. It is constantly coming at us."

Cargo coming in and out of the base must also go through customs.

"Customs paperwork for shipments coming here is the responsibility of the carrier, but for outbound, our folks handle it," said Sergeant Carter.

Additionally, large cargo that can't ship via small parcel express carrier must be shipped using heavy tender, from destination to the base, he added. This cargo usually arrives without the necessary customs clearance and the mission is halted until documentation

is received and local customs officials approve cargo receipt.

"Cargo without customs paperwork will sit here for 30 days waiting for all the documentation to be done," Sergeant Carter added. Additionally, shipping freight via water port can't happen until the base customs element clears it with host-nation customs via the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Host Nation Coordination Cell, he said.

Another area where freight waits to be shipped is at the Transit Shipping Point, where Airmen receive, package, stage and prepare customs paperwork, and ship unserviceable items to DRMO.

"It's a junkyard," said Staff Sgt. Mathew Sexton, TSP NCO-in-charge, deployed from Lakenheath AB, England. "We receive and ship anything from TVs to office furniture, to old military working dog kennels and aircraft tires. In addition, we are responsible for unwanted and unserviceable military uniforms people drop off at any of the three turn-in locations on base."



“Everything gets sent back to the States for DRMO via Kuwait, where the items will be sold at auction or destroyed. There are some things, scrap metals and things like that, which Kuwait keeps. Also, the uniforms we collect are destroyed here.

“Until a couple of weeks ago, we used to cut uniforms by hand,” said Sergeant Sexton, “but we just installed an industrial shredder that takes care of it all.”

But even TSP items destined to DRMO require customs paperwork before they can leave the country.

“I account for every container on base, said Tech Sgt. Rebecca Rose, 379th ELRS container manager, deployed from Cannon AFB, N.M., “All the paperwork to get rid of it is mine to do. Right now, there are more than 300 Air Force shipping containers, and as others come in from outside the country, that number will change,” she said.

With multiple containers of items no one can use, Sergeant Rose said it’s important to keep it moving through customs, and the key to that

is communication.

“Knowing how customs wants our documents to read makes the difference between a simple hand-off or unloading and reloading portions of or, potentially, several entire shipping containers,” she said.

If TSP is shipping containers of computers for DRMO, it’s not enough for their paperwork to say “computers,” she explained. But, if it says “used computers to be destroyed,” the inspection portion by the local customs office goes smooth. “It’s a simple fix that will save lot of time. We want to make it as painless as possible for all of us,” Sergeant Rose said.

While TMO isn’t responsible for receiving troops and transporting them to aggregate missions, it is responsible for the travel of troops

on channel missions, emergency leave, TDY, PCS, and coordinating stateside travel for redeploying members

for both aggregate and channel missions. TMO is also responsible for arranging personal property shipments of permanent party personnel.

“I make the travel arrangements for everyone on this base, as well as, everyone else traveling throughout the AOR,” said Staff Sgt. Brandy Pinder, 379th ELRS Passenger Travel NCO-in-charge, deployed from Fairchild AFB, Wash. “The days are hectic, with about 100 travelers in and out all hours of the day, every day. There are also 20 or so emergency leave passengers every day,” she said. “But, I like being here



**Senior Airman Joseph Tadych, 379th ELRS traffic management journeyman, checks in a box for shipment at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 22.**



**Senior Airman Kevin Turner, 379th ELRS deployment, distribution, and cargo journeyman, throws an unserviceable uniform into a shredder at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 22.**

to help people.”

Senior Master Sgt. Darrell Khine, 379th ELRS Deployment and Distribution Flight and Traffic Management Office superintendent, said his is one of the largest deployed logistics readiness squadrons in the AOR, with the busiest mission.

“We’re the hub for many bases across the AOR, supporting about 15 (forward operating bases). We have the only passenger travel office supporting the AOR with commercial tickets 24/7,” he said. “This is especially important for emergency leave support to other bases in the AOR.

“Although we are not being shot at by the enemy, our fast pace in support of the warfighter can put a large amount of stress on our Airmen,” he added. “While the volume of passenger and cargo processed can seem overwhelming on paper, the caliber of Airmen in the Deployment and Distribution Flight allows unparalleled support to the AOR.”



# Bombers keep watch over operations in Southwest Asia

By Tech. Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson  
USAFCENT Combat Camera Team

Airmen from the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, showed how the B-1B Lancer can rapidly deliver massive quantities of precision and non-precision weapons against any adversary, anywhere in the world, at any time, after completing a six-month deployment here Jan. 26.

"We are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish during this moment," said Lt. Col. Steven Biggs, 37th EBS commander. "The achievements of our Airmen during this rotation are reflective of the rich heritage of the B-1, and I am proud to have served with them during this time."

37th EBS Airmen worked to generate 556 sorties, flying more than 6,980 hours, while dropping more than 240 munitions during more than 550 missions supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

"We were able to show why the B-1, and Airmen who support the aircraft,

have been valuable assets to the Air Force for more than 25 years," said Lt. Col. John Martin, 37th EBS B1 instructor weapons systems officer and director of operations. "Our Airmen made their families back home proud and should know they left here making a true impact."

Their impact was truly shown during the attack on Combat Outpost Keating, in October 2009, when hundreds of insurgents armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades attacked Soldiers there.

After more than 10 hours of bombing and strafing from an Air Force B-1B Lancer and F-15E Strike Eagles, nearly 100 militants were killed by the combined response that included Afghan soldiers as well as U.S. air and ground units. Eight Americans and three Afghans were killed, while nine Americans and 11 Afghans were wounded, according to Combined Joint Task Force-82 officials.

"There is no doubt that without the incredible air support we received, it would have been a much worse day," said Army Lt. Col.



U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Manuel Martinez

**Crew chiefs assigned to the 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit wait for a B-1B Lancer aircrew to accomplish system checks prior to take off Jan. 23 at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location.**

Robert Brown, 3-61 Cavalry commander from the 4th ID. "Your ability to keep a steady flow of aircraft and ordnance on the enemy turned what could have been a terrible defeat into a hard fought victory."

A victory 37th EBS Airmen are proud to be a part of.

"It is great to be a part of a mission like that," said Colonel Martin. "To be able to help defeat the enemy after they attack us is something our Airmen will always remember."

While the accomplishments in the air have been numerous for these Bomber aircrews, none of it would be possible without the 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit on the ground.

"Each of our Airmen have

put in about 72 man-hours a week making sure our aircraft are ready to do the mission," said Capt. Chris Reese, 37th AMU officer-in-charge. "We turned over 100 percent of our aircraft ready to fly. We are very proud of our team."

37th EBS returned to their home station at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. and were replaced by the 34th EBS Jan. 27.

"The 34 EBS and AMU are proud to be relieving the 37 EBS, a fellow Doolittle Raiders squadron," said Lt. Col. George Holland, 34 EBS director of operations. "The Tigers have left a great legacy of combat operations, and we will build on this excellence as we support the ground forces – and the B-1 is an excellent aircraft for this mission."



**Maj. Nathan "Gobot" Rowan, 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-1B Lancer pilot, prepares to board a B-1B for the last mission of his deployment Jan. 23 at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location.**



## Senior Master Sgt. Robert Hughes

746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

Loadmaster and Duty Loadmaster supervisor

**Home station:** Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Penn.

**Arrived in AOR:** January

**Deployment goals:** My deployment goal is to achieve 100 percent mission accomplishment and effectiveness.

**Best part of the deployment:** The best part of my deployment is helping others.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy medical rescue.

**Best Air Force memory:** My best Air Force memory is the long years of service I've had in a great wing and outstanding squadron.

*Nominated by Maj. Shawn Donahey: "Sergeant Hughes exemplifies the type of dedication and work ethic needed to successfully support a flying squadron through hard work and dedication. He has selflessly taken the initiative upon himself to pre-flight and load aircraft departing Southwest Asia to missions in the AOR and beyond. He sets the bar with strong work ethic and by tirelessly going above and beyond to ensure aircrews are equipped with all the necessary equipment. He is a true leader, and demonstrates that though his fostering of junior loadmasters."*



U.S. Air Force photo illustration/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund

## Marine Sgt. Mathew Balga

Marine Transport Detachment Andrews (Forward)

VMR operations chief

**Home station:** Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

**Arrived in AOR:** November

**Deployment goals:** By trade, I am a KC-130 Flight Mechanic. Filling the shoes of the operations chief has been one of the more challenging, yet rewarding, experiences of this deployment. I also plan on finishing my Associates of Arts degree.

**Best part of the deployment:** Being given the opportunity to meet and greet the men and women that make the big decisions in the AOR.

**Hobbies:** I have a large interest in physics. I like to know how and why things work.

**Best Marine memory:** My proudest moment during my service thus far was the day I received my aircrew wings. I trained three long years and put every ounce of energy into my studies and training.

*Nominated by Staff Sgt. Shawn Worthen: "As the operations chief Sergeant Balga has distinguished himself throughout his time in the AOR through professionalism, motivation and a tireless pursuit of excellence. His hard work and dedication has been the cornerstone of the detachment's operations"*



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund

## Staff Sgt. Robert Newsome

379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Area Supervisor

**Home station:** Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

**Arrived in AOR:** November

**Deployment goals:** My deployment goals are self improvement, education and mentoring young Airmen.

**Best part of the deployment:** The best part of my deployment has been meeting and networking with different people, experiencing the different culture around the area.

**Hobbies:** I like camping, hunting, hiking and working with computers.

**Best Air Force memory:** My best service memory is when I received my line number for technical sergeant.

*Nominated by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Berndt: "Sergeant Newsome has a lot of potential. He does a great job leading and mentoring more than 40 Airmen every day. He is an area supervisor and responsible for the safety of more than 10,000 coalition forces. He is a volunteer escort for the Fallen Warrior program. He also volunteered to organize and set up the wing's first Dining-In. He is serious about his job and demands perfection in all he does."*



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund



**TOP LEFT:** Senior Airman Thomas Northcutt, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, inspects an aircrew flight mask at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Wednesday.

**CENTER** Staff Sgt. Braulio Jimenez, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron heating ventilation air-conditioning technician, replaces the safety port in an environment control unit at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location, Wednesday.

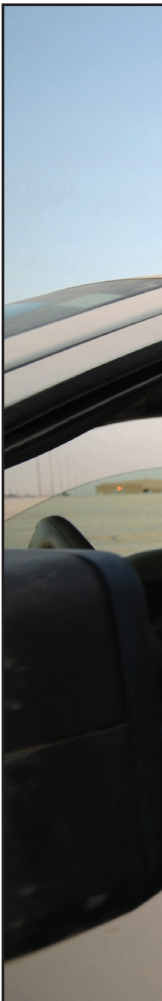
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Tech. Sgt. Naomi Taitingfong, 379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron financial management technician, assists Senior Airman Armond Oliver dispense cash at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location, Monday.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche



Senior Airman, checks mechanic, a





U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche

**TOP RIGHT: Wash-  
ington Redskins  
cheerleaders dance  
with Airmen dur-  
ing a performance  
at a non-disclosed  
Southwest Asia loca-  
tion Wednesday.**

**an Joseph Wells, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron security forces journey-  
s the ID of Navy Seaman Frederick Calija, Combined Task Group 57.1 aviation structural  
t a flightline entry control point at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location, Monday.**



# February enlisted promotions

Congratulations to the 47 Airmen who will be promoted to the ranks of airman first class, senior airman, staff sergeant, technical sergeant, master sergeant and senior master sergeant in the month February.

**The following master sergeant will be promoted to senior master sergeant:**

-Mark Weinandt, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron

The following technical sergeants will be promoted to master sergeant:

-Jennifer Calvin, 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron

-John Cellurale, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

-Thomas Erven, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing

-Travis Huckaby, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron

-Trenton Musel, 609th Air Control Squadron

-Rene Oriano, 609th Air Operations Center

-Estafanie Wanous, 379th AEW

**The following staff sergeants will be promoted to technical sergeant:**

-Amy Bond, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

-Joshua Caudill, 379th AEW

-Paul Flanagan, 379th ESFS

-Dana Granteed, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

-Quinton Holoway, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

-Jarid Jones, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

-Stanley Miller Jr., 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron

-Karina Myers, 379th AEW

-Jonah Nordman, 379th ELRS

**The following senior airmen will be promoted to staff sergeant:**

-Lalaine Bailey, 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

-Kenneth Carroll, 379th EMXS

-Rebecca Cassidy, 379th Expeditionary Medical Group

-Johnathan Epperson, U.S. Central Command

-Matthew Harvey, 609th AOC

-Anne Kitchen, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

-Juan Meneses, 609th AOC

-Landon Mull, 609th AOC

-Oliver Peebles, 609th AOC

-Marco Proctor, 379th ECES

-Roderick Quinto, 379th EMXS

-Sasha Story, 379th ESFS

-Guadalupe Vasquez, 609th ACS

-Andre Walker, 379th ESFS

**The following airmen first class will be promoted to senior airman:**

-Bryan Anchondo, 379th EOSS

-Jessica Bordelon, 609th AOC

-Daniel Cole, 379th ECES

-Devon McManus, 609th AOC

-Alessia Miller, 379th ESFS

-Larry Mitchell, 379th ECES

-Roberto Ortiz Yi, 379th ESFS

-Marc Pohlod, 379th ESFS

-Matthew Richards, 379th ELRS

-Ryan Sheive, 379th ECES

**The following airmen will be promoted to airman first class:**

-Nawaf Al-Khenaizi, 379th ELRS

-Georgia Castellano, 379th ELRS

-Cassandra Czechowicz, 379th ELRS

-Brandon Locke, 379th EOSS

# Monthly, Quarterly award winners

Congratulations to the 10 monthly award winners for February.

**The Base Honor Guard award winners for the month are as follows:**

-Airman of the Month: Senior Airman

Nicholas Knowlton, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

-Non-commissioned Officer of the Month: Petty Officer 2nd Class John Williams, Air Forces Central special staff

-Trainer of the Month: Senior Airman Daniel Cole, 379th ECS

**The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing award winners for the month are as follows:**

-Airman of the Month: Senior Airman Bo Brauer, 379th ECS

-NCO of the Month: Staff Sgt. Michael Partain, 379th Expeditionary Logistics

Readiness Squadron

-Senior NCO of the Month: Master Sgt.

Charles Miller, 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

-Company-Grade Officer of the Month:

Capt. Christopher Reese, 379th EAMXS

-Civilian of the Month: Mr. Claude Baker

-Team of the Month: 379th EAMXS B-1B Lancer production section

**The base award winners for the month are as follows:**

-Airman of the Month: Senior Airman Leslie Garrett, 609th Air Operations Center

-NCO of the Month: Sergeant Partain

-SNCO of the Month: Sergeant Miller

-CGO of the Month: Captain Reese

-Civilian of the Month: Mr. Baker

Congratulations to the six quarterly award winners.

**The 379th AEW quarterly award winners are as follows:**

-Airman of the Quarter: Airman Brauer

-NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Andres Martinez-Archilla, 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

-SNCO of the Quarter: Senior Master Sgt.

Darrell Khine, 379th ELRS

-CGO of the Quarter: Capt. Joshua Pitler, 379th EOSS

**The base quarterly award winners are as follows:**

-Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Andrew Hocker, 609th AOC

-NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Heather Koutnik, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron

-SNCO of the Quarter: Sergeant Khine

-CGO of the Quarter: Captain Pitler

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throughout Afghanistan, for 30 continuous days, visiting each of the five regional commands and giving a first-hand perspective of the counter-insurgency mission. The two reporters will

produce video and print news stories, as well as document daily adventures through blogs and video blogs, to showcase the troops in an interactive manner.

"The goal is to create a 30-

day online conversation with people across the world," said Sergeant Gallahan. "We hope to raise an understanding of Afghanistan and the ISAF mission."

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://30days.isaf.nato.int>. Twitter users can receive tweets on the team's progress at <http://www.twitter.com/30DaysThrough>.



# January's non-judicial punishments

*Editors Note: This list does not include actions from the month still under investigation or those disposed of through LORs, UIFs, etc.*

An active-duty airman first class from the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for sleeping while on post. This NJP action resulted in a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$378 pay per month for one month and a reprimand.

An active-duty senior airman from the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron received an Article 15 for consuming more than three alcoholic beverages and being found incoherent, in the opposite gender's community bathroom, taking a shower while clothed. This NJP action resulted in a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An active-duty technical sergeant from the 379th ESFS received an Article 15 for allowing members of the opposite gender to visit his sleeping quarters, having an unprofessional relationship with a

subordinate and breaking a no contact order. This NJP action resulted in a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for two months, restriction for 60 days and a reprimand.

An active-duty technical sergeant from the 379th ESFS received an Article 15 for failing to report an unprofessional relationship, wrongfully using e-mail for unofficial purposes and impeding an investigation on several occasions by trying to have someone relay a message that was false. This NJP action resulted in suspended reduction to the grade of staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An active-duty captain from the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to show up to his port of call to make his mission flight for deployment. This NJP action resulted in restriction for 30 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An active-duty captain from the 609th Air Operations Center received an Article

15 for consuming more than three alcoholic beverages and passing out in the middle of a street. This NJP action resulted in a reprimand.

A Guardsman captain from the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron received an Article 15 for destruction of a government billeting bathroom, damaging approximately \$3,000 of government property. This NJP action resulted in restriction for 60 days, forfeiture of \$2,000 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

An active-duty senior airman from the 379th ESFS received an Article 15 for receiving oral sex while on post. This NJP action resulted in reduction to the grade of airman basic, with reduction below airman suspended, and a reprimand.

A Reserve first lieutenant from the 609th AOC received an Article 15 for having an unprofessional relationship with an enlisted member and quarters violations. This NJP action resulted in restriction for 60 days, forfeiture of \$2,116 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

## This Week's Caption Contest

### The winner is...

**"Now kids, here's a perfect example of what happens when you handle fresh chicken eggs and don't wash your hands."**

-Staff Sgt. Dan Voegeli

379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron assistant NCO-in-charge



**Photo No. 162 (next week's photo)**

**Photo No. 161**



Do you have what it takes to make the base chuckle? Submit your made-up caption for the photo below to **379AEW.PA@auab.afcent.af.mil** by Wednesday. If your caption is the best (or second best), it will appear in the following week's paper.

Can't come up with a caption but have a funnier photo than we've been using? Submit it to **379AEW.PA@auab.afcent.af.mil** and we may use it.



# SecAF visits Southwest Asia, outlines AF priorities



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund

**Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley socializes with 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen during his visit to a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 29.**

**By Senior Airman Spencer Gallien  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs**

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley visited servicemembers stationed at this non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 29 as he toured military installations throughout the AOR.

During his visit, Secretary Donley met with members of the Combined Air and Space Operations Center and attended multiple briefings, including mission and warfighter briefings. He also spoke to various servicemembers throughout the wing during an Airmen's Call highlighting future Air Force priorities, and he answered

deployed member questions.

"When asked, 'what is the best part of your job as the Secretary of the Air Force?' the answer is real quick for me," said Secretary Donley. "The best part of the job is getting out of Washington D.C and meeting you, the men and women that are making this work for our Air Force, getting the job done 24/7, 365."

As Secretary Donley moves into his second year as SecAF, he stressed the importance of balancing current operations with building for the future.

"We need to focus on moving forward for the future, while maintaining current operations," he said.

"Of course, we have to focus on new investments, and in that realm, the tanker remains our number-one priority, we hope to have a contract by the end of this year on a new KC-X."

He also addressed the high operations tempo and exemplary job the men and women of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and the rest of the team have been doing.

"You have bragging rights here as one of the largest and most diverse wings in the United States Air Force," said Secretary Donley. "The 379th (AEW) Grand Slam, and the rest of the team here, is very representative of our Air Force across the board."

"This base is a hub of coalition



and joint operations,” he added. “With more than 1,500 missions a month and 90 aircraft at the base at any given time, I’m very proud of what you’re doing here, you make operations a success.”

Secretary Donley also opened the floor to deployed members to ask questions during the Airmen’s Call. Lt. Col. Larry Germann, Air Forces Central A3, asked about past force structuring initiatives and what the future may hold. The secretary said the Air Force is currently addressing a number of manning challenges.

“We currently sit at about 332,000 Airmen serving in the Air Force,” he explained. “We’re looking at beefing up manning in the maintenance, cyber, nuclear, unmanned-aerial vehicles and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance career fields.”

Secretary Donley also spoke with servicemembers about the “Year of the Air Force family.”

“I’m making sure you have the support from us, your families and your bases so when you deploy, you can get the work done,” he said. “We want you to know that your families and the bases you left behind are supporting you as an Air Force community and that they also have the support they need to support you.”

As he prepared to wrap up the Airmen’s Call, the secretary left servicemembers with words of appreciation.

“I just want to thank all of you for this opportunity to visit,” he said. “It’s been an honor to see the great work you all do in Southwest Asia and for the (U.S.) Air Force.”



**Staff Sgt. Jamie James, 64th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, briefs Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Mr. Terry Marlow on the Base Defense Operations Center at a deployed location in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Jan. 30. Sergeant James is deployed from the Washington DC Air National Guard.**



**Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley speaks to 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen at the base theater during his visit to a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 29.**





## VICTORY CHAPEL

Open seven days a week,  
24 hours a day,  
'And overtime on Sundays'

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Protestant Saturday

7:30 p.m., Contemporary, Chapel

### Sunday

9:45 a.m., General Protestant,  
CAOC 1st Floor conference room

9:45 a.m., Contemporary, Chapel

11:30 a.m., Traditional Service,  
Chapel

1:30 p.m., LDS Service, Chapel

4 p.m., Liturgical, Chapel

7:30 p.m., Gospel, Chapel

### Roman Catholic Mass

6 p.m., Monday-Friday

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### Saturday Mass

6 p.m., Mass, BPC Mall area

### Sunday Masses

8 a.m., Mass, Victory Chapel

11 a.m., Mass, CAOC 1st floor  
conference room

6 p.m., Mass, Victory Chapel

Muslim  
Buddhist  
Orthodox  
Jewish

### Earth Religions

See Chapel staff or call 437-8811 for  
more information.

# Current chapel classes

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Victory Chapel is now offering the following classes:

## Sundays

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Have you considered becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but want to know more about what the Church believes? Have you begun the RCIA process at an earlier time? Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Voyt will lead RCIA classes for those interested in making this faith journey, 9 a.m., Chapel Conference Room.

**The Truth Project:** This DVD-based small-group study is designed to equip participants with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons detailing God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. 6:30-8 p.m., CC Ministry Center, Building 10006.

**Living Water Bible Study:** An open discussion about God and life's most important issues. 1-2 a.m., Chapel Conference Room.

**Women's Study (His Needs, Her Needs):** A study on the book by Beth Moore, 9 a.m., CC Ministry Center, Building 10006.

**Women's Study (Loved by God):** A study on the book by Liz Curtis Higgs, 5 p.m., Chapel Multi-Purpose Room.

## Mondays

**NOOMA Video Series:** A series of short films exploring the world from the perspective of Jesus. 6 p.m., Victory Chapel.

**Friends of Bill W. (A.A.):** 7:30 p.m. at the CC Ministry Center.

## Tuesdays

**Christian Discipleship Bible Study:** Learn how to be an intimate follower of Christ. Through the use of scripture study, Bible memory, and prayer participants can learn and develop lessons to teach others. 7:30-9 p.m. CC Ministry Center.

**Spiritual Discipline (Men's Study):** Spiritual disciplines can be described

as behaviors facilitating spiritual growth. Spiritual disciplines, then, are spiritual exercises one engages in habitually, which brings one closer to God and thus becomes more godly in character and behavior. 7:30 p.m., Chapel Multi-Purpose room.

**Catholic Bible Study:** "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" -- St. Jerome. Vatican II called upon Catholics to know the Bible more profoundly so they may know Jesus, the Word of the Father. As the Year of St. Paul concludes, participants will delve into the Word of God. 8 p.m., Chapel Conference Room.

## Wednesdays

**Latter Day Saints Men and Women's Study Group:** 7-8 p.m., CC Ministry Center.

**The Five Love Languages:** Are you and your spouse speaking the same language? Participants will study Dr. Gary Chapman's book and learn the key to understanding each other's unique needs. 7:30-8:30 p.m., CAOC AFFOR large conference room.

## Thursdays

**Wild at Heart Study (Men):** John Eldredge helps men rediscover their masculine heart. Wild at Heart, a guide to understanding Christian manhood and Christian men, offers a refreshing new look at manhood. 7-8:30 p.m., Chapel Multi-Purpose Room.

**Church of Christ Bible Study:** Study of the book of Revelation. 7:30-8:30 p.m., Chapel Conference Room.

**Boundaries Study:** 6-7 p.m., Chapel Conference Room.

## Fridays

**The Case For Christ:** Video study based on Lee Strobel's book. 4:30-6 p.m., Victory Chapel Multi-Purpose Room.

**NOOMA Video Series:** A series of short films exploring the world from the perspective of Jesus. 7 a.m., Victory Chapel.

For more information on programs, call the Victory Chapel at 437-8811.



**Follow the happenings of the 'Grand Slam' Wing at <http://379aew.dodlive.mil>, on Facebook at '379th Air Expeditionary Wing' and on Twitter @379AEW**

### **Right Start, Right Finish - Plan Early**

Any servicemember scheduled to depart in the next two months must plan early in order to avoid missing the mandatory Right Start and Right Finish briefings. Right Start and Right Finish briefings have been scheduled for Feb. 12, 19 and 26 at the CC Theater. Right Start begins promptly at 6:45 a.m. and Right Finish begins at 5 p.m. The PT uniform is not acceptable dress for either briefing. Right Finish attendees must bring their ID cards and CED orders or their out-processing checklist.

### **MPS User Responsibilities**

Military Postal Service users are responsible for informing correspondents of their deployed mailing address and should report instances of inadequate mail service or other mail-related problems to the Military Post Office supervisor. The following uses of deployed addresses are prohibited: for business or commercial purposes, to act as an agent for authorized or unauthorized users, or to receive items for resale or donation to off-base charities.

### **Finance Notice**

Visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> to access 2009 tax information. If you are unable to access MyPay, or need your pin updated, visit the 379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron Customer Service office in person to update your MyPay information.

### **Unloading EagleCash for Redeployers**

Members preparing to redeploy can unload EagleCash card funds at any of the nine kiosks on base. Transactions can take three to four days to register in the checking account associated with the card, so members may see transactions against their checking account from the Federal Reserve Bank after they have returned home. Unloaded EagleCash cards should be kept in a safe place, rather than discarded, because they can be reactivated on future deployments. For more information, visit or contact the 379 ECPTS Customer Service at 379ecptscustomerserv@auab.afcent.af.mil, or call 437-8686.

### **Individual Protective Equipment**

The 379th ELRS will be issuing Airmen's Combat Helmets, Individual First Aid Kits and Individual Body Armor to all Air Force Airmen, contractors and civilian employees assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing for longer

than a 30-day period. Individuals will be responsible for maintaining any individual protective equipment issued throughout their deployment, and will be permitted to return items no earlier than three days prior to their departure. For personnel already assigned here, Unit Deployment Monitors will set an appointment for the issue of IPE at building 8404. Appointments will be scheduled Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. All personnel deployed here will have IPE no later than Feb. 26.

### **CACs Lost Off Base**

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Host Nation Coordination Cell recently announced a new policy requiring servicemembers who lose their Common Access Card downtown to file a report with the host-nation police station. The police report must then be shown at the front gate in order to enter the base and to replace the CAC. For more information, call 589-1157.

### **Client Systems Technician**

Effective March 1, the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron will operationalize the Client Systems Technician function in support of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and its tenant units. The new shop will combine the Communications Focal Point, Small Computer Repair, Automated Data Processing Equipment, Telephone Maintenance and Personal Wireless Communication Systems work centers. By combining the sections, the 379th ECS will provide experienced technical support teams responding to customer voice, data and video trouble tickets if CST phone operators are unable to accomplish repairs via remote access. Contact the 379th ECS at 437-3666 for all communication issues.

### **Off-Base Travel Reminder**

In accordance with AUABI 10-6008, personnel may wear the duty uniform off of base when conducting official business. However, when traveling in uniform, uniform blouses must be removed upon departure from installation, and replaced upon arrival at destination; flight suits should be unzipped and folded at the waist upon departure and zipped upon arrival at destination; only the T-shirt should be visible. For more information, contact 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Force Protection at 436-0198.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Victory Chapel will offer the following services for Ash Wednesday. Catholic services will be held at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Victory Chapel. Protestant services will be held at noon at the Victory Chapel and the Combined Air and Space Operations Center.

### **Running Rules**

Running on Enduring Freedom Road in Coalition Compound is prohibited. Runners and walkers should use the sidewalk along the trailers. Also, headphones or earbuds are not authorized while running or walking on base roads. Always run against traffic, in single file.



**Airman 1st Class Jonathan Robson, 379th Expeditionary Communication Squadron computer system operator, repairs a computer server at a non-disclosed Southwest Asia location Jan. 27. Airman Robson has been accepted to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and will head there July 1. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)**

