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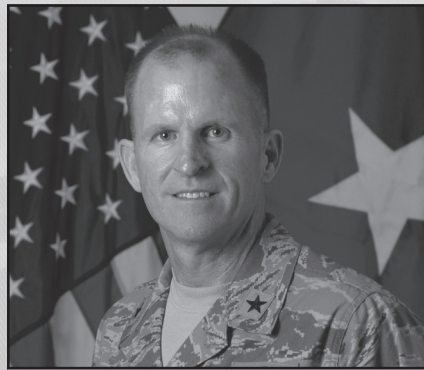
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Commentaries and Warriors of the Week are scheduled according to a squadron rotation. Unit commanders and first sergeants are the points of contact for submissions.

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Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, speaks to the crowd at the grand opening of the Fox Sports Sky Box Friday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Spinner)



Commander's Action Line

Q: I have been a guest here for the last week or so. My air conditioning is wonderful and my dining experience is first class. From the time I walk in the door I am greeted with a clean facility with someone to help if needed. But something in my dining is missing. All through the night I work in support of our forward-deployed members, but it seems we should not forget about them when we are not on shift. Where is the missing man table? Why is it missing?

It is my hope that we can place this item of honor and remembrance for those who can't be with us today. I understand that manpower is short and times can be tough and I further would volunteer to help maintain this tribute if that would aide in the placement of this item.

Thank you very much for a response in this matter and thank you for the continued good work.

Commander's Action Line submission

A: Thank you for your comments regarding a POW-MIA table at the Independence Dining Facility. We've researched options for placing a POW-MIA table there, and in the end, we don't feel we can adequately provide a clearly displayed area in a dignified manner given the current design, traffic flow and space constraints in that particular facility. However, we do display an honorable POW-MIA table at the Blatchford-Preston Complex DFAC where the facility design affords us a better opportunity to properly display the memorial table in a visible location and in a dignified manner. While a table in each DFAC would be ideal, we do believe the POW-MIA table at the BPC DFAC represents our collective remembrance of those who have provided the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Thank you again for your inquiry.

Lt. Col. Paul Kopecki

379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron commander

- **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.**
- **Each question will be reviewed, answered and may be published on a case-by-case basis. E-mail 379aewactionline@auab.afcent.af.mil.**

VOTE! FAVP provides assistance for November 2010 General Election

By Col. James Gray
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
inspector general

As deployed life in the military has transformed from an infrequent to common occurrence - most support systems and networks have also adapted. There are programs and tools in place (such as the Air Force Portal) to help ensure information and services are still available while separated from our families and home stations. As the November 2010 general election quickly approaches, these services become even more important to the warfighter.

Remembering recent elections, the question of military members being able to vote and ensuring that their vote was counted seemed to make the news - mostly in a negative context.

In response, many organizations advocated for military members to have the opportunity to vote while abroad. The federal government also stepped

up, taking significant strides ensuring military members are properly represented at the ballot boxes this year.

There are many offices open for election in 2010 that will impact our nation's top decisions in the coming years, to include the entire House of Representatives, 38 Senate seats, 39 governors and numerous state and local offices.

Therefore, this is an important year for every eligible voter to take time to vote. For military and civilian members stationed overseas, we have the Federal Absentee Voting Program to allow our vote to be counted.

The FAVP involves a two-step process:

- Register to vote in your state and request a ballot - this is a one-step process that can be accomplished by signing up online or filling out a post card application, which can be mailed from the base for free. The post card must be filled out to receive an absentee bal-

lot, even by those already registered to vote.

Around mid September, your state will send you a ballot to fill out, sign and return. No witness signature is needed and some states allow you to cast your ballot electronically via the Internet. If for some reason your ballot does not arrive in time, then there is an absentee "write in ballot" that you may fill out and mail to your state.

Complete those two steps and you will have voted in the 2010 General Elections and your vote will be counted.

The wing hosts 2010 Voting Week Monday-July 7. There will be a voting booth set up at various locations and times during this period to register eligible voters. The specific schedule will be published in the Daily Dispatch.

For more information, contact your unit voting assistance officer or the installation voting monitor at vote@auab.afcent.af.mil.

Safety Snapshot



Who's the **dummy** now?
Wear your **reflective belt**.

GRAND SLAM STANDARD: met, exceeded, continued

By Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
commander

As I finish my tour here with the finest war fighting unit in the world, I want to let each and every one of you know how proud I am to have served as SLAM 1 ... the Triangle K, Grand Slam Wing commander.

My time as commander of U.S. Air Forces – Central's largest and most powerful wing has been the most challenging and rewarding tour of my career. This year in the Middle East has been one of the most demanding and chaotic in recent history. Looking back, I will treasure the memories of my year here with all of you. There have been so many people and experiences I will vividly recall, as together, we fought this war against tyranny and against those who wish to destroy freedom.

Upon my arrival, I threw down the gauntlet and challenged all comers to meet my vectors; take care of the mission first, take care of each other to build trust and an unbeatable team, and take care of yourself with a personal commitment to be the best. In all three vectors, you exceeded every expectation.

You definitely took care of the mission first. You did the J-O-B 24/7/365. You never wavered ... you never faltered ... and you never failed. You continued to build upon the Grand Slam Wing's incredible legacy of innovation and excellence. The overall success of our team rested on the shoulders of each individual in every organization to do the right thing - and do it right, first time every time - and you did. That's called "Grand Slam standard."

The numbers tell only part of the story. You flew more than 26,000 combat sorties and more than 100,000 flying hours. You selflessly performed heroic deeds throughout the AOR with power and precision in the air, and courageously on the ground, in Iraq and Afghanistan. You produced maintenance metrics that not only made history, but have become a benchmark for all to follow. You defended the largest base in the AOR. You enabled

communication for the entire AOR. You delivered tremendous infrastructure support and improvements. You bought for, delivered, sustained and bedded down an 11,000+ mission partner community. You provided world-class health care, while producing the best health statistics seen in the last five years. And you did all of this with a rotational force shifting in and out every 4-6 months. You made this all look easy - it was not. What I have seen has been nothing short of miraculous.

But statistics only tell part of the story; they do not show the people. The people who made it happen, who poured their heart and soul - plus an incredible amount of sweat and effort - into achieving these outstanding results. I know how hard it was during those long, hot, dusty days and dark windy nights fixing broken jets and loading weapons so crews could go fly a 16-hour sortie ... or working construction projects in the heat of the desert ... or standing watch protecting the most powerful and strategic base in the AOR. You never let us down and always made the mission happen. It really is true that when the Combined Forces Air Component Commander or joint-force commander needed combat air power, they dialed 3-7-9 ... and you were always there to answer the phone.

You also took care of each other; building trust and forging an unbeatable team. You embraced the word team - be it active duty, guard, reserve, our joint and coalition partners, civilians or contractors. It was not about your team or my team, but our team. Through thick and thin we accomplished the mission together not as individuals, not as separate groups, but as a united team that together was greater than its separate parts. You made 1+1+1=5. You made a team that is unmatched anywhere in the world. All the joint-mission partners on our team worked together as a well-oiled machine, and that translated into phenomenal, undisputed combat success.

All of you had a part in writing our team's history. Individually and collectively, you played a crucial role.

There is a long list of firsts that will forever stand as a testament to your unwavering commitment and dedication. It was your character, conviction and selfless service - being part of something bigger than yourselves, traits and qualities that make our armed forces the greatest on earth - that produced our team's success.

You worked exceptionally hard to take care of yourself with a personal commitment to be the best. You left family, friends and loved ones behind, volunteered, and answered your nation's call. You accepted that your actions could and would make a difference, not just to the base, but to all the nations in the AOR. Through this commitment, you have created a stronger and more effective team, and by working together, you have made the base a better place to live. You supported each other across the installation and on AFCENT's most demanding flightline. You flew together defending freedom. You kept each other safe and stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the host nation, building partnerships that will last well after you and I are gone. You set the bar high - extremely high - those who follow will strive to reach the bar of excellence and innovation you have set.

Grand Slam Wing: you picked up the gauntlet and exceeded the challenges in ways I never thought possible. With power and precision, you put the mission first. You took care of each other to build trust and an unbeatable team, and took care of yourself with a personal commitment to be the best. You made a difference. You made this base and all our mission partners better, and you made all our sacrifices matter. As I leave the base and finish my tour, I'll watch proudly from home and sleep secure in the knowledge that the Triangle K is on duty and engaged with the enemy, and the 379th is doing the J-O-B ... 24-7. I also know that each and every time you step up to the plate, you'll be focused and ready, and will continue hitting Grand Slams. It's just what you do, each and every day, here at the crossroads of the Middle East.

SLAM 1 ... OUT.

معايير إستثنائية: نفذت، وزادت، واستمرت

بقلم العميد ستيفن ويلسون
قائد جناح الجو 379

مع إنتهاء جولتي هنا برفقة أفضل وحدة قتالية حربية في العالم، أريد إحاطة كل فرد منكم علماً بمدى افتخاري بأن أكون قد خدمت كمعيار إستثنائي 1...المثلث كي ، وقائد جناح المعايير الإستثنائية.

إن فترتي كقائد للقوات الجوية الأمريكية - جناح القوات المركزية الأكبر والأقوى ، قد كانت الجولة الأكثر تحدياً ومكافئة في حياتي المهنية. لقد كانت هذه السنة في الشرق الأوسط ، يمكن القول، واحدة من السنين الأكثر إلحاحاً وأضطراباً في التاريخ الحديث. وإذا نظرت الى الوراء، إنني سوف أؤمن الذكريات للسنة التي قضيتها هنا معكم. كان هنالك كثير من الأشخاص والاختبارات التي سوف استرجعها بقوة، حيث اننا جميعاً قد ناضلنا في هذه الحرب ضد الطغيان وضد أولئك الذين يرغبون في تدمير الحرية.

وعند وصولي، نزعت قفازي وتحديت جميع القادمين لملاقات توصياتي، المحافظة على المهمة أولاً، والإهتمام ببعضنا البعض لبناء الثقة حيث نصبح فريقاً لا يهزم ، والإعتناء بنفسك مع الالتزام الشخصي لتكون الأفضل. ومن خلال هذه التوصيات الثلاث، لقد تجاوزتم كل التوقعات.

بالتأكيد لقد اهتمتم بالمهمة أولاً. لقد قمتم بالعمل 365/7/24. أنكم لم تترددوا...ولم تتعثروا...ولم تفشلوا. لقد تابعتم البناء على إرث معايير الجناح الإستثنائية من ابتكار وتميز. إن النجاح الشامل لفريق عملنا يقع على عاتق كل فرد في كل منظمة لعمل الشيء الصحيح وإتقانه وفي كل مرة - ولقد فعلتم ذلك. وهذا ما يسمى "معايير إستثنائية".

إن الأرقام لا تخبر سوى جزء من القصة. لقد خلقتم أكثر من 26000 طلعة قتالية ، وأكثر من 100,000 ساعة طيران. وبتفان لقد قمتم بأعمال بطولية في جميع أنحاء منطقة المسؤولية بقوة ودقة في الجو، وبشجاعة على أرض الواقع، في العراق وأفغانستان. لقد أنتجتم مقاييس الصيانة التي لم تصنع تاريخ فقط، بل أصبحت معياراً للجميع لإتباعها. لقد حميت أكبر قاعدة في منطقة المسؤولية. لقد ساهمتم في تشغيل الاتصال لجميع منطقة المسؤولية. لقد قمتم

بتنفيذ دعم هائل من البنية التحتية والتحسينات. لقد ساهتم وسلمتم وتحملتم وأنتم أكثر من 11,000 فرد من مجتمعات شريكة في المهمات. لقد قدمتم رعاية صحية من الطراز العالمي، في حين أنتجتم أفضل الإحصاءات الصحية التي شوهدت في السنوات الخمس الماضية. ولقد فعلتم كل هذا مع قوة التناوب التي تتغير قدوماً وخروجاً كل 4-6 أشهر. لقد جعلتم من هذا على أنه أمر سهل - وهو ليس كذلك. وما شاهدت لا يقل عن معجزة.

لكن الإحصاءات لا تقول سوى جزء من القصة، وهي لا تظهر الأشخاص. إن الأشخاص الذين جعلوا من ذلك أن يحدث، والذين صبوأ قلوبهم وأرواحهم - بالإضافة الى كميات لا تحصى من العرق والجهد - في تحقيق هذه النتائج المتميزة. أنني أعلم مدى الصعوبة خلال تلك الأيام الطويلة والساخنة والمغبرة والليال العاتية الظلماء حيث كنتم تصلحون الطائرات المعطلة وتحملون الأسلحة حتى تتمكن طواقم الطيران من التحليق في طلعات جوية استمرت لمدة 16 ساعة...أو العمل في

مشاريع البناء في حرارة الصحراء... أو الوقوف للمراقبة لحماية أقوى قاعدة استراتيجية في منطقة المسؤولية. إنكم لم تخذلونا أبداً وحققتم المهمات دوماً. بالحقيقة أنه من الصدق أن يقال أنه عندما يحتاج قائد المكونات الجوية للقوات المشتركة أو قائد القوات المشتركة الى قوة جوية قتالية، فكانوا يتصلون بـ 7-9-3...فكنتم أنتم دائماً هنالك للرد على الهاتف.

كذلك أيضاً إهتمتم ببعضكم البعض، وبنيتم الثقة فيما بينكم وشكلتم فريقاً لا يقهر. لقد احتضنتم كلمة فريق - سواء كانت في الخدمة الفعلية والحراسة والاحتياطي وشركائنا في التحالف المشترك سواء كانوا مقاتلين أو مدنيين. و لم تكن ذات صفة فريقك أو فريقتي، ولكن فريقنا. في السراء والضراء أنجزنا المهمة معاً ليس كأفراد، وليس كمجموعات منفصلة، ولكن كفريق متحد أكبر و أعظم من أن نكون أجزاء منفصلة. لقد جعلتم من 1 + 1 + 1 = 5. لقد صنعتم فريقاً لا مثيل له في أي مكان في العالم. جميع شركائنا في المهمات المشتركة في فريقنا عملوا معاً كجهاز أحسن تزيتة، والتي ترجمت إلى ظاهرة، نجاح قتالي بلا منازع.

وكان لكل واحد منكم دوراً في كتابة تاريخ فريقنا. فردياً وجماعياً ، لقد لعبتم دوراً حاسماً. هنالك قائمة طويلة من الأوليات التي من شأنها أن تقف إلى الأبد كشهادة على التزامكم وتفانيكم الثابت. إنها كانت طابعكم الخاص بكم وقناعتكم والخدمة في نكران الذات - كونها جزءاً من شيء أكبر من أنفسكم، الصفات والمزايا التي تجعل من قواتنا المسلحة الأعظم على الأرض - التي أنتجت نجاح فريقنا.

لقد عملتم بجد بطريقة إستثنائية لرعاية أنفسكم مع الالتزام الشخصي لتكونوا الأفضل. لقد تركتم الأسرة والأصدقاء والأحباء من ورائكم ، وتطوعتم ، ولبيتم دعوة دولتكم. لقد أيقنتم أن أفعالكم يمكن أن تحدث فرقاً ، وليس فقط للقاعدة ، ولكن لجميع الدول في منطقة المسؤولية. ومن خلال هذا الالتزام ، لقد قمتم بإنشاء فريقاً أقوى وأكثر فعالية، ومن خلال العمل معاً، لقد جعلتم من القاعدة مكاناً أفضل للعيش. لقد قمتم بدعم بعضكم البعض في جميع أنحاء القاعدة و و مدرج الطيران الأكثر طلباً للقوات الجوية المركزية. و تحلقون معاً دفاعاً عن الحرية. لقد حافظتم على سلامة بعضكم البعض ووقفتم جنباً إلى جنب مع الدولة المضيفة، وبنيتم شراكات التي ستستمر حتى بعد رحيلي و رحيلكم . لقد وضعتم حدوداً عالية -عالية جداً - والذين سوف يتبعوكم سوف يسعون بجد للوصول إلى حدود التميز والإبداع الذي وضعتموه.

جناح المعايير الإستثنائية: لقد اخترتم التحدي وتجاوزتم التحديات بطرق لم أفكر أبداً بأن تكون ممكنة. وبقوة ودقة، وضعتم المهمة أولاً، إهتمتم ببعضنا البعض لبناء الثقة والفريق الذي لا يقهر، وإعتنيتم بأنفسكم مع الإلتزام الشخصي لتكونوا الأفضل. لقد قمتم بصنع الفرق. لقد جعلتم من هذه القاعدة وجميع شركاء مهمتنا أفضل، وجعلتم جميع تضحياتنا جوهرة هامة. وعند مغادرتي القاعدة و إنتهاء مهمتي، سوف أراقب من منزلي بفخر وأنام بأمان لمعرفتي بأن المثلث كي مناوب و يقاتل العدو ، و أن جناح 379 يقوم بالعمل 24/7 . وأعلم أيضاً أن عند الحاجة، سوف تكونوا يقظين ومستعدين، وسوف تعملون بالمعايير الإستثنائية . فهذا مجرد ما تفعلوه، كل يوم، هنا على مفترق

الطرق في الشرق الأوسط. المعيار الإستثنائي 1 خرج.

Changes of command



Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, passes the 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group guidon to Col. Korvin Auch, 379th EMSG commander, at the 379th EMSG change of command ceremony Thursday. Col. Auch arrives from Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he served as the military assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Spinner)



Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, passes the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group guidon to Col. Rachel Lefebvre, 379th EMDG commander, at the 379th EMDG change of command ceremony Friday. Col. Lefebvre arrives from RAF Lakenheath, England, where she served as the hospital administrator for the 48th Medical Group, the largest Air Force medical treatment facility in Europe. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Spinner)

Tech. Sgt. Doreen Burton

379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Plans and Integration, Onward Movement

Home station: 161st Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard - Phoenix

Arrived in AOR: January

Deployment goals: My deployment goal is to receive more knowledge and understanding of plans and integration that I would not have received otherwise, if not deployed.

Best part of the deployment: The best part of my deployment, besides working with the best plans and integration section (logistics planners) in the AOR, is seeing the re-dployers excited about going home.

Hobbies: Reading, jogging and traveling

Best Air Force memory: My favorite Air Force memory is attending my first Fallen Warrior Ceremony; humbly giving thanks and respect to a warrior who gave their life for our freedom.

Nominated by 1st Lt. Stephanie Railey: "Tech. Sgt. Burton is a team player who consistently motivates co-workers to do their best."



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

Tech. Sgt. Michelle Cochran

379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Plans and Integration/NCOIC, Redeployment Movements

Home station: Nevada Air National Guard, Reno, Nev.

Arrived in AOR: April

Deployment goals: Being new to the career field, I wanted to get more hands-on training and experience. My goal is to go home with more knowledge of this career field and to network with the logistics community.

Best part of the deployment: The best part of my deployment has been meeting new people and gaining new friendships.

Hobbies: Reading, shopping, golf and traveling

Best Air Force memory: My dad and I served nine years in the Nevada Air National Guard together before he retired. My favorite memory was watching him achieve his goal of pinning on chief master sergeant.

Nominated by 1st Lt. Stephanie Railey: "Tech. Sgt. Cochran has a great attitude and is eager to learn the job and assist with co-workers."



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

Tech. Sgt. Judy Khamphan

379th Expeditionary Medical Group

NCOIC, Systems Help Desk

Home station: Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Arrived in AOR: January

Deployment goals: Study for master sergeant, get in shape and serve in whatever way possible, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Best part of the deployment: Meeting people who I will treasure for a lifetime, mentors, regardless of rank, and sharing life's greatest memories and disappointments.

Hobbies: Golf, traveling, going to the symphony, orchestra or philharmonic, and watching old movies

Best Air Force memory: Being asked by my functional chief to emcee and plan his retirement; the honor, pride, confidence and trust bestowed upon me out of all other choices.

Nominated by Master Sgt. Christopher Gent: "Tech. Sgt. Khamphan continuously goes above and beyond in everything she does. She provides outstanding computer support to 91 healthcare professionals and ensures critical data is captured on more than 2,700 patients a month."



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



Staff Sgt. Kelly White (left), 379th Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs journalist, and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Nichols (right), 379 AEW broadcaster, conduct an interview with Senior Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmaster, during C-130 Hercules mission flight Wednesday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)



Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, hoses down Col. Paul Schultz, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander, after his final flight here Wednesday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche)





TOP MIDDLE: Staff Sgt. Leslie Montenegro and Senior Airman Paolo Melendez, 379th Expeditionary Medical Group bio-environmental engineering technicians, test a chemical for volatile organic compounds here Tuesday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche)

ABOVE: Airman 1st Class Kate Myers, 340th Aircraft Maintenance Unit jet engine mechanic, attaches a safety wire to a fuel bowl of a KC-135 Stratotanker's engine here Monday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)



LEFT: (Left to right) Cadets 1st Class Elizabeth Box and Rebecca Bodtke, U.S. Air Force Academy cadets, place composite airfield matting down to expand the C-21 aircraft ramp here June 17. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche)

Staff Sgt. Lewis Wilder (left) and Airman 1st Class Timothy Craig, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron structures flight, mount brackets to the Fox Sports Sky Box's sign June 17 in preparation for the grand opening. The new facility officially opened Friday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)



GRAND SLAM COMMUNITY 'LIVES IT UP' AT NEW FOX SPORTS SKY BOX

By Staff Sgt. Kelly White
379th Air Expeditionary
Wing public affairs

Base members gathered in the spot of the former Desert Eagle Lounge Friday to celebrate the unveiling of a quality-of-life venture unlike any other in the history of the Department of Defense – the grand opening of the FOX Sports Sky Box in Memorial Plaza.

“On the outside, it looks like one of our buildings, but you walk inside and go, ‘Holy Cow!’” said Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 379th AEW commander. “We’re really lucky to have received such a fabulous place to enjoy – for the 12,000 people here today and the nearly 300,000 folks who pass through here each year. It’s like walking into any nice franchise in the States. This gesture shows the commitment of corporate America – in this case FOX – to supporting our nation’s Armed Forces.”

Opening night drew a crowd of permanent-party and deployed 379th AEW personnel, as well as transients. Among the transient personnel was Senior Airman Dan Rodgers, a helicopter maintainer, en route

to his home station, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., from a 5-month deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

“It’s just like a regular bar back home,” Airman Rodgers said. “I’m a sports fan – all kinds of sports, and it’s really nice that FOX gave us something like this. It makes you feel like you’re home.”

The inspiration to build the FOX Sports Sky Box originated with the FOX Sports Media Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer David Hill.

“David Hill and the FOX NFL crew were here on their way to a live broadcast scheduled in Afghanistan for Veterans’ Day,” said General Wilson. “Terry Bradshaw, Curt Menefee, Howie Long, Jimmy Johnson, Michael Strahan, Jay Glazer, along with FOX Sports executives and staff, went all over the base with us visiting our various units, then stopped to relax at the Desert Eagle Lounge.”

While at the lounge, the FOX Sports party agreed that servicemen and women deserved something special.

“After touring the base and meeting a bunch of great people, they bring us to the base lounge

to wait, and it’s pretty basic,” said FOX NFL SUNDAY co-host Terry Bradshaw speaking for the group. “I mean, it gets the job done in a no fuss, no muss way, but we all agreed that the guys and gals fighting for our country deserved something better. Then we learned that the Air Force planned to re-do the place, so we hatched this idea.”

FOX offered to donate all furniture, fixtures and equipment, to include TVs, pool tables, tables, chairs, flooring, bar and bar equipment, murals and art, and the sound/AV system.

“FOX also donated a franchise license to the local Morale, Recreation and Welfare Fund needed to operate the FOX Sports Sky Box,” said Lt. Col. Paul Kopecki, 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron commander.

“The equipment alone is estimated to be worth over \$500,000,” he added. When including the free franchise license, stateside shipping, signed memorabilia, etcetera, FOX donations amount to considerably more, said the colonel.

Upon higher headquarters review and approval of the FOX proposal, implementation plans went into action.

“FOX’s donations came to 36 pallets, accumulated from about 10 different manufacturers all over the United States,” General Wilson explained. “We just had to figure out how to get it here.”

The answer was to move the pallets here via load training missions for the tanker crews rotating in and out of the base, he added.

Once the pallets reached the base, it was up to Airmen across the 379th AEW to finish the job.

The 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer, Logistics Readiness, Communications, Contracting, Maintenance and Force Support Squadrons, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Judge Advocate staff and the 379th Expeditionary Operations Group all played key roles in the facility’s transformation from concept to reality.

“Our folks have done all the leg work to build this in only 90 days,” General Wilson said. “The building has been 100-percent redone – totally demolished in six days. They took out everything to the studs and put in new flooring, new walls, new electrical, new ceiling, new everything.

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Officials choose Whiteman, Ellsworth for MQ-1, MQ-9 ground control stations

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials released their basing decision for the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper ground control stations Monday.

The final bases approved by the secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force are: Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

"The Air Force uses a deliberate,

repeatable and transparent process to address basing needs. These bases are the right locations for the next set of MQ-1/9 ground control stations," said Kathleen Ferguson, the deputy assistant secretary for installations. "They will provide the Air Force with the right kind of synergy for training purposes."

The MQ-1 ground control station

will be the first squadron and the MQ-9 will be the second squadron. Each base will have an addition of 280 people, both military and civilian.

Initial operational capability for the first squadron at Whiteman AFB is expected to be achieved by February 2011 and the second squadron located at Ellsworth AFB is planned to achieve IOC by May 2012.

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They've all worked very hard to make this happen and they've done a fabulous job."

The project, from start to finish, was a team effort on multiple fronts.

"The FOX Team has been truly exceptional," Colonel Kopecki said. "Their enormous generosity coupled with extreme flexibility to accommo-

date us, made this a once-in-a-lifetime partnership.

"We also had huge assistance from throughout the Air Force," he added. "Volunteers from Shaw, Travis and McConnell Air Force Bases, the Air Force Services Agency and (Manpower and Personnel) have all contributed, as well. It has truly been a remarkable

military and community effort.

Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, DoD civilian employees, contract personnel and Coalition forces living and transiting through the base to or from forward-deployed locations across the Central Command area of responsibility will be able to benefit from the facility.

"The FOX Sports Sky Box

is a great reminder that corporate America still cares and supports our troops, and this place is fantastic," Colonel Kopecki said. "When sitting in the unique Sky Box-themed environment, watching five or six different sports at one time, our servicemembers are going to feel like they're back home in their favorite sports bar."

EO on Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment may occur anywhere. Some examples of sexual harassment include:

- Paying unwanted attention to someone by staring at their body, following or blocking a person's path.
- Displaying sexually suggestive visuals such as centerfolds, calendars, cartoons, screensavers on computer monitors, photos and the like.
- Items such as ashtrays, coffee cups or figurines depicting sexual parts of the body through actuality or innuendo.
- Sexually oriented entertainment in organizations, base facilities or officially-sanctioned functions.
- Sexually suggestive gestures with hands or through body movement - examples include, but are not limited to blowing kisses, licking lips, winking, grabbing crotch, lowering pants or raising skirts.
- Hanging around, standing close to or brushing against a person.
- Touching a person's clothing, hair or body, hugging, kissing, patting or stroking.
- Touching, pinching, bumping or cornering a person.

These are just some of the behaviors that could be claimed as sexual harassment. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. John Mills 379 AEW Equal Opportunity, at 437-2512, or visit him at the Learning Resource Center Bldg. 10010. He is available to conduct refresher training at future Commanders' Calls.

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Visit <http://379aew.dodlive.mil/> for inside access on base events, units and missions through the commander's perspective.

Visit www.379aew.afcent.af.mil for up-to-date Air Force news, multimedia and features on Air Force and Southwest Asia events.



Col. Hassan Mubarak Al-Ghareeb, Host-Base security commander, and Lt. Col. Gregory Reese, 379 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, discuss a Feroocious Falcon exercise scenario here March 23. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Capt. Patrick Cordova)



COMMANDER REFLECTS ON M MOMENTS AT GRAND SLAM



ABOVE: Three Airmen from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing take a moment to rest and reflect after performing pallbearer duties in a Fallen Warrior Ceremony for 21 fallen servicemembers in October 2009. (Courtesy photo) **RIGHT:** Airman 1st Class Matthew Torries, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, drains excess water from a fire hose after helping extinguish a major fire here October 20, 2009. Airman Torries was the first responder on the scene. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jason Edwards)





FAR LEFT: Military members assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing honor fallen warriors during their final journey home in a dignified ceremony here. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Robert Barney) **LEFT:** Tech. Sgt. James Harrell, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, works on B1-B Lancer brakes here March 31. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund) **BELOW:** Senior Airman Bo Brauer, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron cable and antenna maintenance technician, descends into a flooding manhole to perform emergency repair on severed cables here Dec. 14, 2009. The base received 1.06 inches of rain in 24 hours. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Jason Edwards)



MEMORABLE WING

As Brig. Gen. Stephen Wilson prepares to depart, he shared some of the moments that impacted him the most as commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. These photos represent the triumphs, hardships and dedication the Airmen of the 379th AEW exhibited in reaching mission accomplishment each day.



ABOVE: Members of the 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron unload medical supplies from a C-130 aircraft here March 17. (U.S. Air Force photo /Senior Airman Kasey Zickmund)



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7:30 p.m., Gospel, Chapel

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Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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8 a.m., Victory Chapel

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6 p.m., Mass, Victory Chapel

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

Out of the on deck circle

By Chaplain (Capt.) Garrell Calton
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Chapel

People are always trying to emulate others. From the time we are children until we find our own style, we are trying to find our identity. Even my children try to emulate me from time to time. I came home from work one day and found my son wearing my combat boots and ABU cap. He saw me wear them all the time so he put them on to look like daddy.

When I was in elementary school my favorite baseball player was Mickey Mantle. I wanted to be just like Mantle. I tried to swing just like he did; I even wore number seven in high school. We often go through phases of trying to figure out who we are.

I remember when I was in junior high, the way we folded up the bottom of our blue jeans was a big part of our identity. We thought that was so cool. Every day when we got dressed the first thing we did was fold over our pant legs and roll up our jeans. If you didn't do this, you stood out like a sore thumb, so we all did it because no one wanted to be the one who didn't. Honestly, I don't know who started the trend, but thinking back, it looked so ridiculous. However, we did it because everyone else did.

Part of finding our identity is often tied to how we impact others. If someone asked you how you have impacted those on this deployment, what would be your response? The thing about those trying to emulate others is they are always watching those they want to be like. They wear what they wear; they model their actions.

Often I've heard our commander say, "Leave this place better than you found it." For this to happen, each of

us must believe it depends on us; it means, like Mantle, you need to step up to the plate and swing the timber. You're never going to bat over .500 if you stand at the plate and don't take your swings.

People are constantly watching us to see how we act and react. The saying, "for every action there is a reaction," demonstrates how we can impact those around us. What we do affects other people and those effects can make significant changes in others that can, in turn, make the world better. No matter who or where you are, seek to invest in people. Leave them

better than you found them. You can improve others so they too can connect with the ball and do great things.

It was 1951 when Mickey Mantle was called to go to the major leagues. After playing in the major leagues for a little while he was sent back to a farm team. For many, this would be a life crusher, and it almost crushed Mantle.

His father drove up to Kansas City, Mo., and propelled his son into hyper drive. He had watched his son and knew exactly how to motivate him to be the player he would become and the rest is history. He was lethal behind the plate and pitchers feared him because he found who he was. He went on to set many records and became one of baseball's greatest players. In Mantle's case, his father was the person who said, "I will make things better than I found them, and I will invest in the potential of someone else."

Motivating others can be easy once you get started. It can unleash potential that surges them into supersonic mode just like Mickey Mantle's father did. They then go on to do bigger and better things -- making things better than they were before.



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

Send us your photos

Public Affairs seeks base members' deployed mission photos for potential publication in the Daily Dispatch, and casual unit-related photos for the 379 AEW Facebook page. E-mail your best photos to 379 AEW/PA, and include the following information about the photo: rank, first and last name of each person pictured from left to right, what activity is taking place in the photo, where and when the photo was taken, and who took the photo.

Volunteers needed

The Rising 6 seeks volunteers to help raise money for the organization by cleaning aircraft. Volunteers will clean floors and surfaces in the galley, collect trash, put armrests down, fold blankets, fluff and straighten pillows and replace headrest covers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Staff Sgt. Thomas Quinton at 436-2160 or thomas.quinton@auab.afcent.af.mil.

First drill-off competition

The Rising 6 hosts its first drill competition July 10 from 6-8 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Rising 6 organization. The winner will receive a prize along with the opportunity to start the base's first drill team. Rules of engagement and details concerning this event will be provided by the POC. For more information, email or call Tech. Sgt. Martin Jackson, NCOIC, Base Honor Guard, at m.jackson@auab.afcent.af.mil or 436-1533.

Right Start/Right Finish

All servicemembers redeploying in the next two months must plan early in order to avoid missing mandatory Right Finish briefings. ABU, DCU, ACU, or flight suit is mandatory to receive briefing. ID cards and CED orders or an out-processing checklist are required. For newcomers, mandatory Right Start begins promptly at 7 a.m. Right Finish begins at 5 p.m. The next Right Start takes place Friday. Right Finish takes place every Friday. For more info, call 437-3058.

Leased Vehicle Maintenance

The 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Leased Vehicle Maintenance shop provides oil changes and replaces wiper blades, light bulbs and corrects other minor deficiencies on leased vehicles. Leased Vehicle Maintenance is located in the back of Bldg. 6387, hours of operation from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday-Thursday. Additionally, vehicle operators are responsible for ensuring their vehicles are turned in for scheduled maintenance prior to the due date and/or mileage annotated on the service reminder stickers. These stickers are located

on the upper left hand side of the vehicles windshield. For best service, call ahead of time to check customer wait times. For more information, contact the Leased Vehicle Maintenance office at 436-0640.

Airfield Driving

All personnel driving on the airfield must have an Airfield Driver's License and monitor the Ramp Net in case of emergencies and for overall situational awareness. Personnel without an Airfield Driver's License or Ramp Net-capable radio should contact their Unit Airfield Driving Program Manager immediately. Additionally, all personnel driving on the Main Ramp when a Ramp Freeze is initiated must pull over and stop their vehicles immediately until announced over the Ramp Net that the Ramp Freeze has ended. Contact your Unit Airfield Driving Program Manager for more information.

Personnel Traveling in the AOR

All base personnel deploying or going TDY to forward locations in the USCENTCOM or AFRICOM AORs are required to process through the 379 EMDG for an immunizations and medical record review and medical threat briefing. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call 588-5412.

Vehicle Security

When leaving vehicles unattended, make sure to secure the vehicle prior to leaving it. Lock all doors and roll-up all windows. Make sure no operations security material, CAC cards, line badges or other personal items are left unattended inside the vehicle. It is important for everyone to practice good OPSEC.

Enlisted Luncheon

First Friday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Manhattan DFAC Twin Towers Room, junior enlisted personnel, ranks E-1 through E-6, are invited to have lunch with senior enlisted leaders.

SGLI Premium Refund Update

The SGLI Refund for December and March were posted in affected members' paycheck in May. However, due to a system glitch at DFAS, the SGLI refund for April did not get included for the May payroll. Deployed members in support of OEF/OIF who arrived in the AOR on or before April 1, and continued to serve thru May, will receive two-months of SGLI credit in June for the contributions made in April and May.

DFAS is currently working on the on-going problems and are asking for servicemembers continued patience. SGLI refunds, also known as "SGLI Premium Reimbursement Allowance," only applies to servicemembers in the theater of operations for OEF/OIF who have SGLI coverage. This allowance has been in effect since 2006. To ensure proper amounts are credited, members are asked to monitor their LES.

For more information on SGLI refunds, contact finance office at 437-8686.



Senior Airman John Plumadore (left) and Airman 1st Class Jesse Havens, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron security forces armorers, prepare to issue weapons for guardmount here June 20. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche)