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On the cover

SrA Jason Beaucage, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, replaces a static discharger on a KC-10 Extender Monday. Photo by SrA Levi Riendeau.

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Roy's Diner

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, dishes out food with SrA Bridget Brummet, 380th Expeditionary Services Squadron, at Roy's Diner Wednesday.

photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Action Line

If you have a question or comment you would like to direct to the wing commander, send an e-mail with subject line "Commander's Forum" to: 380aew.pa@adab.afcent.af.mil. The commander will provide a response by e-mail for most issues; however, Public Affairs may consolidate duplicate questions and print the responses in a future issue of the Sand Script. Members are encouraged to work issues through their chain of command prior to using the forum.

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win.
I am faithful to a Proud Heritage,
A Tradition of Honor,
And a Legacy of Valor.

I am an American Airman.
Guardian of Freedom and Justice,
My Nation's Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger.
I defend my Country with my Life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, Leader, Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

Perspective

A bone to pick

by CMSgt Kevin Slater

380th Air Expeditionary Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

The human body has 206 bones which serve a myriad of functions. But is every bone vital? Which ones are most important? While I won't add to the debate on the relative value of each and every bone to each and every person, I do believe the three most important bones in a leader's body are the wishbone, backbone, and funnybone.

The leader with a wishbone dreams, wonders, and asks the questions "what if?" "why not?" and "how come?" By doing so, the leader builds Airmen who will do the same; Airmen who focus not only on how to get the mission

done, but how to get it done better. The leader with a wishbone builds Airmen who while implementing today's tactics, techniques, and procedures are constantly probing, questioning, and examining our methods for even the smallest improvement

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**- CMSgt Kevin Slater,
380 AEW Command Chief**

opportunities. The leader with a wishbone

understands today's way of doing business, but works to cultivate an organization which invests time and energy into envisioning how we may do it better tomorrow.

The leader with a backbone stands for something. He or she doesn't just talk the talk, but firmly walks the walk, understanding their actions will always speak louder than their words. Leaders with a backbone embrace the standard, explain the standard to their Airmen, and then hold their Airmen, of all grades, to the standard. Leaders with a backbone recognize mission accomplishment hinges heavily on responsible and accountable Airmen – this is why they will not tolerate any Airman failing to meet this standard.

Leaders with a funny bone take only the serious seriously, and never themselves too seriously. They easily distinguish a hiccup from a crisis, and ensure their Airmen can too. Leaders with a funny bone know how to use humor; to connect with their Airmen, break the ice, ease tension, and help their Airmen and their organization through tough times.

Each day when I drag my 206 bones out of bed and head for the office, I never worry about 203 of them, but I always take time to check the status of my critical three: my wishbone, backbone, and funnybone. As long as these are intact, I'm good to go.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380 EMDG change of command

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, passes a guidon to Col Timothy Pendergrass, new 380th Expeditionary Medical Group Commander, during a change of command ceremony in the Levitow Room Monday.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Turning wrenches

SSgt John Schuler, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, installs a hydraulic hose on a loader at the Vehicle Maintenance Shop Tuesday.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Legal Readiness Seminar

MSgt Kristen Orcutt, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Paralegal, passes on legal information to Capt Darrick Duran, 380th Expeditionary Medical Group Public Health Office, during a Legal Readiness Seminar in the Levitow Room Monday.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Desert Diamond Award

Congratulations to TSgt Lorraine Coleman, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, for receiving the Desert Diamond Award. The Desert Diamond Award is given to Airmen who make wing-wide impacts noticed by the First Sergeant's Council. Anyone in the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing may receive the award if nominated by a first sergeant and voted on at a general First Sergeant's Council meeting. Only eight Desert Diamond Awards will be awarded per rotation.



photo by A1C Cynthia Spalding



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Fire Dogs claim IM basketball championship

Congratulations to the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight for being the intramural basketball base champions. They defeated the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in the championship game Mar. 6, 42 - 39.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau



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The men and women of the unmanned aerial system

by SrA Ross Tweten
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aerial system, recently reached its 10 year and 20,000 flight hour milestones.

More than 15,000 of those hours and most of those years have been amassed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, providing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance to commanders.

The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's flightline has been an integral part in most of those years and hours.

Here, the 12th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron continues to help the Global Hawk reach newer and greater milestones.

"It's great being a part of something so new, there are constantly opportunities to be the first to accomplish something," said Capt Chad Bowden, 12 ERS Global Hawk Pilot. "It's always exciting to do things that have never been done before and the Global Hawk provides many of those opportunities and will continue to do so for quite some time."

The 12 ERS's mission is to provide high altitude day and night all-weather surveillance and reconnaissance in direct support of Allied ground and air forces across the spectrum of conflict.

According to Capt Steven Leblanc, 12th Aircraft

Maintenance Unit Officer In Charge, supporting and maintaining the Global Hawk and its mission takes a herculean effort from Active Duty, contractor, and civilian technicians, engineers and supply chain specialists.

"From completing daily scheduled maintenance tasks to troubleshooting intricate aircraft sensor components, none of it happens without the collaboration of the entire highly skilled 12th AMU team," he said. "The most rewarding part of maintaining the Global Hawk is knowing that the effort our team has put into getting the aircraft off the ground, and into theater, is having a positive effect on the servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The feedback we receive gives us a sense of pride and accomplishment when we learn that our weapon system helped identify buried improvised explosive devices or tracked known terrorists."

The Global Hawk has had a significant role in the Global War On Terror. According to Captain Bowden, its role continues to expand.

"The Global Hawk has already had a big impact on the GWOT and it's only in its infancy," he said. "As we try new things and learn to employ the aircraft more effectively it will play an even bigger role. Once additional aircraft become operational, it will become the go-to asset for operations all over the globe."

The 380 AEW has played an important role in the



photos by SrA Levi Riendeau

Global Hawk's history, which garners much pride amongst its Airmen.

"Not everyone can say they've had a hand in birthing a new weapon system in the world's most

prominent air power, in a combat environment," said Captain Leblanc. "Being a part of such a key component of the GWOT, which affects so many air and ground forces, is truly an honor and privilege."



What does this part of the Airman's Creed mean to you?

I am a Warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.
I am an American Airman.
My mission is to defend our country.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor.
And a legacy of valor.

***I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my
nation's call.***



"I'm part of an elite group of men and women who have unselfishly raised their hands and committed themselves to protecting our nation's freedom."

**- SrA Adam Borrello,
380th Expeditionary
Services Squadron**



"I'm a patriot, set aside to fight for my country."

**- A1C Harry Johnson,
380th Expeditionary Security
Forces Squadron**



"This part of the Airman's Creed makes me feel proud in serving in an all volunteer force, and proud because every Airman is a warrior."

**- Capt Kurt Schmidbauer,
380th Air Expeditionary Wing
Finance Office**



"The Airman's Creed is our contract to our nation, and the words 'I am a Warrior' echo loudly around the world every day. American Airmen serve around the clock, around the globe, answering our nation's call, defending our right to freedom."

**- CMSgt Mark Nicklas,
380th Expeditionary Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron**

Civilian Airman of the Week

Jehad “Jay” Ali



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Squadron: 380th Air Expeditionary Wing

Duty title: Cultural Advisor to the 380 AEW Commander and Host Nation Liaison Officer

Hobbies: Traveling

Most fulfilling part of job: Working with a great organization under great leadership with clear visions for mission success and support

Supervisor’s comments: Our Air Force strength is its people; a blend of Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilians. Jay is a vital member of our Air Force family. We are guests in this country and Jay communicates daily with our host nation counterparts, building enduring relationships. He works tirelessly. He’s available 24/7 to ensure our warriors are taken care of and understand the nuances of the Arabic culture. Without him, our mission would suffer. With him, we Fly the Frag to win the war.

Community Standards Tip of the Week

▶ Physical training t-shirts may be untucked only when people are actively engaged in physical fitness activities.

▶ While in physical training gear, music players and headphones may be worn only when people are actively engaged in physical fitness activities.



◆ Exception: music players and headphones may be worn while seated in designated areas (see Community Standards).

▶ Physical training shorts and pants are to be worn at the waist.





Winner

“Finally, an explanation for the random pattern of building numbers scattered throughout the base”

**Special Agent
Samved Patel,
Air Force Office of
Special Investigations**

Other submissions:

“At the 380 AEW, we add a whole new meaning to ‘coffee to go’.”

Thomas Marongelli, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

“Dude, where’s my coffee?”

SrA Scotty Morgan, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

“And there goes my buzz.”

SrA Jeremy Parks, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Caption Contest

Send your caption to 380aew.pa@adab.afcent.af.mil by 1700 Wednesday.

Captions should be in good taste and no more than 25 words. The winner’s name and unit will be published in next week’s Sand Script.

