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On the cover

SrA Charles Shands, 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs a preflight inspection of an E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System recently. Photo by Senior Airman Levi Riendeau.

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photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

‘Everytime we fly a mission, we save lives.’

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380 Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, discusses recent base issues during a commander’s call at the Pavilion Tuesday. During the call, General Wells discussed what Airmen should be concerned with during their deployment i.e. the focus of the wing’s mission, improving the wing and making a difference, safety and community standards.

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.centaf.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

‘What is it we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?’

Master Sgt Ric Sochor
 380 Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

“It’s hard to get good help around here.”

Have you ever heard a manager say that about their store, restaurant, squadron, wait ... did I just make a reference to our beloved Air Force, the greatest Air and Space Force the world has ever witnessed? You bet I did, because we’ve all experienced that guy behind the counter that was too busy doing who knows what on his computer, or chatting on the phone, or talking to a co-worker to acknowledge you.

What I’m really talking about is displaying good old-fashioned customer service and common courtesy. The kind we should be exhibiting everyday to anyone we come in contact with, regardless of rank, position, or title.

So what does customer service have to do with me and my organization? Aren’t we already exhibiting service before self just by being here? Yes and No. Leaving our families, friends, and dollar beer night back home is only half of the equation. The other half is doing whatever it takes to meet the FRAG and mission. As a total force we’re pretty good at getting it done. Now the difference is in how *well* we do it.

We can put out fires, or we can plan better. We can put things off until tomorrow or we can get them done today. We can yell at our folks for not following the rules or we can properly educate them on the rules and take appropriate action when the rules are not followed.

One of my all time favorite one-liners states, “What is it we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?” I equate this to the golden rule principle of treating others like you would have them treat you.



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Around the wing ...

Left: A1C Donald Adams, 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and A1C Nicholas Barron, 380 Expeditionary Maintenance Group, prepare a U-2 for launch Tuesday.

Below: Lt Col Jay Bickley, 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron Commander, marshals an E-3 Sentry before a flight Saturday.



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courtesy photo

SSgt Catherine Martinez, 380 Air Expeditionary Wing, briefs Airmen during the Financial Wellness Day in the Levitow Room Saturday.

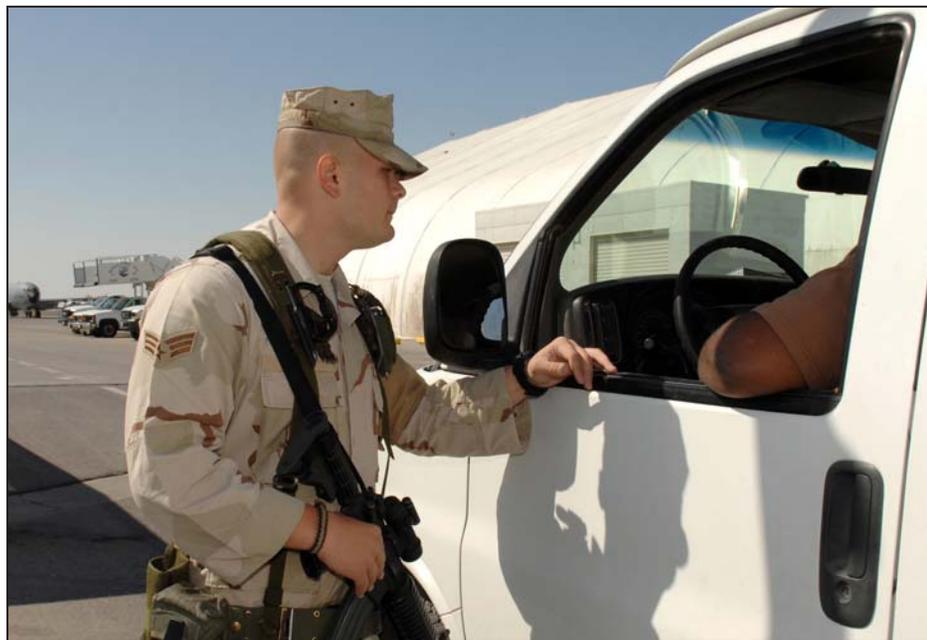


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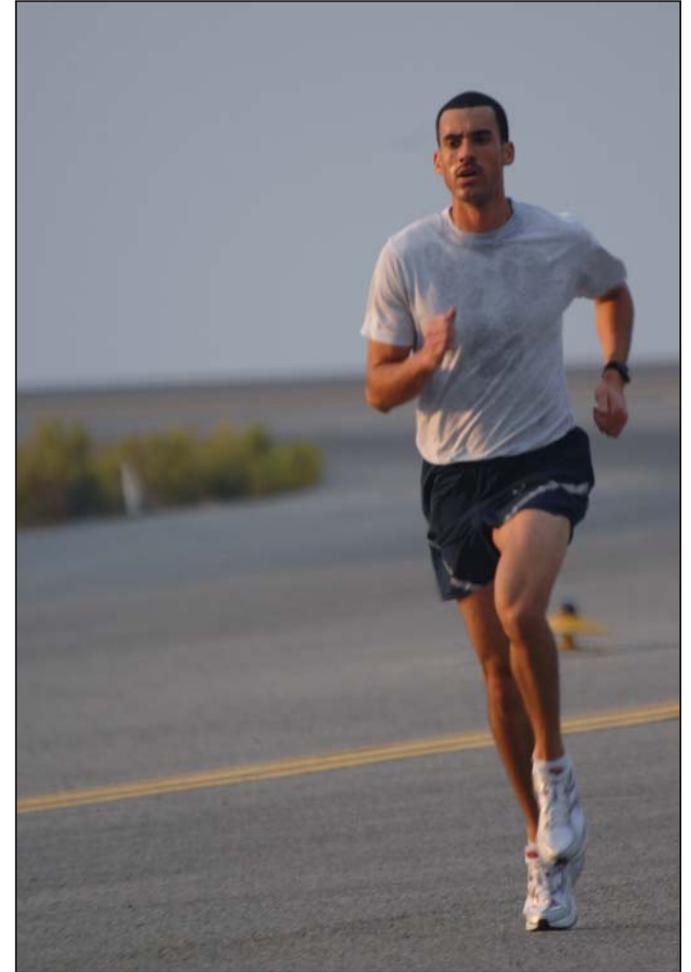
Left: SrA Brent Smith, 380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, checks a line badge at an entry control point Tuesday.



Host Nation 8K Run

photos by SrA Levi Riendeau

Airmen from the base participate in the Host Nation 8K Run Thursday. Congratulations to the following category winners: Ages 17 - 22: A1C Benjamin Polish, 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron; Ages 23 - 30: 1Lt Robert Montgomery, 964 EAACS; Ages 31 - 35: TSgt Paul Woodward, 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Ages 36 - 40: Capt Casey Kopecky, 380 Expeditionary Contracting Squadron; Ages 41 - 45: MSgt Rick Mongeon, 964 EAACS; Ages 46 and up: Mike Michaeliszyn, 380 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron. Congratulations to the following finishers for the women's category: Capt Laura Whitehead, 964 EAACS, first place; Capt Amy Rivera, 380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, second place; Lt Col Jessica MacDonald, 380 Expeditionary Services Squadron, third place; 1Lt Andrea Matalik, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, fourth place; and Maj Kathleen Hubscher, 380 Expeditionary Operations Group.



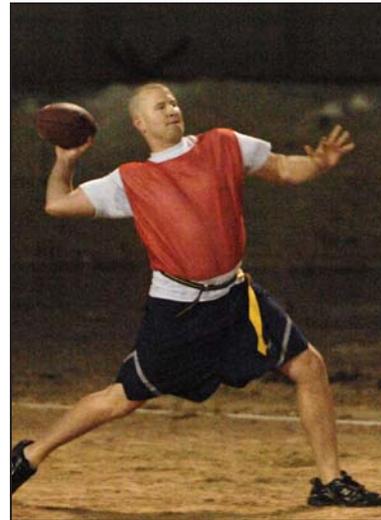


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Chiefs vs. Eagles

Above: CMSgt Kevin Slater, 380 Air Expeditionary Wing Command Chief, pops a baseline jumper during the Chiefs vs. Eagles basketball game Monday. The Chiefs defeated the Eagles 30-25.

Right: The Chiefs and Eagles battle it out in the paint after a shot goes up.



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ADAB Super Bowl

Airmen from the 380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and the 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron square off during the ADAB flag football Super Bowl tournament Wednesday. The Cops moved on to the next round after defeating Maintainers 19-0. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday.

Airman of the Week

SrA Esteban Bedoya



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Squadron:

380 Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

Home Unit:

75 Contracting Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Best part of the job:

The best part about my job is knowing that it has a very big impact on the base, in the sense that if other units don't receive what we buy, they can not perform their mission. In a deployed environment, you actually get to see the end result and interact with the people you are supporting.

Where do you see yourself in five years:

In five years I either see myself with a bachelors degree and crossing into the officer corps, or working for a large private sector company, either in the U.S. or overseas.

Favorite movie:

"Scarface"

Supervisors Comments:

Airman Bedoya is a true warrior, sportsman, and statesman. He's a natural leader. The Air Force truly benefits from having Airman Bedoya amongst its ranks.



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Airman's Creed artistry

Above: SrA Amanda Janetski and 1Lt Rob Montgomery, both from the 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron, help with the painting of the Airman's Creed mural outside the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing headquarters Wednesday. The Airman's Creed mural will consist of a patriotic theme with the Airman's Creed inscribed on it.

Left: SrA Janetski and SSgt Melissa Johnson, 380 AEW, touch up the mural.



Caption Contest

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

Captions should be in good taste and no more than 45 words. The winner's name and unit will be published in next week's Sand Script.

Winner

“Do you have this in passionate pink?”

Larry Ballinger, 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Other submissions:

“Stop squirming, sir. The new reflective belt isn't that bad.”

SrA Kevin Cain,
380 Expeditionary Communications Squadron

“You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around.”

A1C Leigh Holler,
380 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron