

AEF 1 & 2: The Mission Continues





On the cover

SrA Andrew Gillam, 380 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, safety wires an atomizer on a combustion cam at the aerospace ground equipment shop Thursday. Photo by Senior Airman Levi Riendeau.

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Host Nation 8K run

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380 Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, shakes hands with Brig Gen Rashad M. Al-Saadi, Host Nation installation commander, after the Host Nation 8K run Thursday. See next week's issue of the Sand Script for photos and results of the race.

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

Making a difference

Don't let opportunity pass you by

by Lt Col Jay Bickley

964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron Commander

We expeditionary Airmen come from all walks of life.

We have been brought together from bases all around the globe for a common purpose; to show a ruthless enemy they cannot hide from the long arm of airpower.

Whether you work on the flight line, front line, or in a support role your presence here at the 380 Air Expeditionary Wing is critical to our mission to fly, fight, and win the Global War On Terror.

Over the next 120 days of Air Expeditionary Force one and two, in addition to accomplishing the mission, we will all have many opportunities to make a difference. Don't let those opportunities pass you by. As William Pollard once said, "It is the responsibility of leadership to provide opportunity, and the responsibility of individuals to contribute." Our Air Force leadership has given us this unique opportunity and it's our responsibility to "seize the day" and contribute.

You may be asking yourself, what are these "unique opportunities?" Unlike most of the wings we come from, an expeditionary wing is very small, but like our home wings, there are several functions that need to be given our utmost support. For example, in the 380 AEW there are many organizations such as the Company Grade Officer's Council, the Top Three, and the Base Advisory Council, just to name a few, that will need our help. These organizations do great things for the wing on a daily basis and will need members from our AEF to allow them to continue. We'll all have the opportunity to leave this wing better than we found it for the expeditionary Airmen who will follow us.

We've all raised our hands and sworn to defend the Constitution of the United States in a time of war. Now, it's time to raise our hands, volunteer, get involved, and make a difference. We'll be glad we did.

A call of duty

Fortifying the Phoenix Warrior name

by Capt Christina Lewry-Bailey

964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron

Once again, the call of duty is upon us.

It has been several years since the 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron has been called into battle, but here we are—chosen, ready, and proven to get the job done and done right.

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photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380 EAMXS Change of Command

Lt Col James Clavenna, the new 380 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, receives the guidon from Col James Milburn, 380 Expeditionary Maintenance Group Commander, during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 3 Saturday.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380 EMXS Change of Command

Maj Charles Sanders, the new 380 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Commander, receives the guidon from Col James Milburn, 380 Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 3 Saturday.

More than 80 of percent sexual assaults go unreported

New 380 AEW SARC discusses program, statistics

by 380 AEW Public Affairs

The 380 Air Expeditionary Wing recently received a new Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

Capt Marashia McCormick, from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., arrived Jan. 9.

"I'm excited about being here," she said. "I'm proud of the progress made in increasing awareness of sexual assaults and creating a climate that encourages reporting."

According to Captain McCormick, one in three military females and one in 33 military males will be the victim of a sexual assault during their careers. More than 80 percent of

those assaults will go unreported. Sexual assault is also the most under-reported crime in American society.

"In my experience, people have no idea just how prevalent this crime is," she said. "I want people to know the SARC [office] is a safe place. No one should have to deal with sexual assault alone. I encourage all victims to take the first step and contact me."



Capt Marashia McCormick

Sexual assault is not limited to rape. Sexual assault is an umbrella term that includes rape, forcible sodomy, indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact of fondling, non-consensual sexual touching), and any attempt to commit these acts.

"My focus is prevention," said the Captain. "The Air Force Core Values are the foundation of our wingman culture, a culture which teaches us to look out for and take care of one another. Sexual assaults are an attack on our culture because it undermines our ability to trust our wingman."

For more information about the SARC Program, call the 24-hour hotline at 434-SARC (7272) or e-mail 380AEW.SARC@adab.centaf.af.mil.

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photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Bingo Night

A group of Airmen participate in Bingo Night outside the Thirsty Camel Tuesday. Bingo takes place every Tuesday outside the pavilion at 2000 hrs.

WAYS TO REPORT A SEXUAL ASSAULT

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Restricted – Confidential reporting option

- Report **must** be made to the SARC
- Report **will not** trigger the investigative process, command **will not** be notified
- Medical care is provided to include: Counseling, sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy prevention
- Forensic evidence can be collected without giving up confidentiality
- Can be assigned a victim advocate

Who can make a restricted report?

- Active duty military members in the armed forces
- Reserve members if performing federal duty
- National Guard members in federal service (Title 10 status)

Unrestricted – An investigation will take place

- Report can be made to the SARC, the Air Force office of special investigations, security forces, or anyone in the chain of command
- Law enforcement/AFOSI will initiate an investigation
- Medical care is provided to include: Counseling, STD and pregnancy prevention
- Forensic evidence can be collected
- Can be assigned a Victim Advocate

Who can make an unrestricted report?

- Active duty military members
- Retired member of any component
- Dependents
- Air Force civilian employees
- Contractors
- Reserve and Guard members

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On Jan. 7, Lt Col Jay Bickley assumed command of the EAACS. On that day, the 964 EAACS was officially activated to support ongoing contingency operations in the Middle East. The squadron arrived in theater with five combat ready crews, a robust staff, and mission planning cell to support and man 24-hour theater operations.

Between the early 1980s and 1990s, the 964 EAACS was involved in several contingencies within the Middle East region to include Operations ELF-One, Operation Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Operation Proven Force, and Operation Provide Comfort. Since then, Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), the 964 in particular, has been busy safeguarding the skies of our great nation and supporting counter-drug operations in South America. Now, AWACS finds itself back in action as an integral player in the Global War on Terrorism.

Today, we bring forth our experience, talent, and training to embark on a new journey. Our mission here is to provide the best command and control and battle management in the area of responsibility through precise execution of the air tasking orders, airspace control orders, and rules of engagement.

We, the Phoenix Warriors, will provide vigilant surveillance coverage and weapons control for our brethren-in-arms as we patrol the hostile skies of Iraq and Afghanistan. We'll continue to renew ourselves through growth, experience, lethality, and warrant our presence by defending freedom. As the saying always goes, "The key to airpower is flexibility." We, the members of the 964 EAACS, will embrace the ever-evolving tactics of war, rise to the challenge, and fortify our Phoenix name.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Details, details, details

Lt Gen Gary North, U.S. Central Command Air Forces Commander, discusses a flight plan with Capt Luke Urish, 908 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, inside a KC-10 Extender before a flight Monday.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlein Sheets

Fill 'er up

CMSgt Todd Small, U.S. Central Command Air Forces Command Chief Master Sergeant, assists SSgt Jonas Wilcenski, 380 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, with refueling a KC-10 Extender Monday.



photo by TSgt Charlein Sheets

ASP training

SSgt Margaret Dwyer (right), 380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, takes a swing at SSgt Marcus Williams, 380 ESFS, during armament systems and procedures training at the Phantom Center Monday.

Sand: Not just a golf hazard

With the Aerospace Expeditionary Force swap out in full swing, a significant number of people are arriving who may be experiencing their first deployment to a desert environment.

As such, it's important to discuss an ever-present hazard: sand.

The combination of dust, sand and wind can cause health problems, particularly to skin, eyes and lungs. Specifically, dry air, dust and wind can dry out the nose and throat, causing nosebleeds, coughing and wheezing. Body areas, such as ears, armpits, groin, elbows, knees, and feet, which collect dust and sand, are susceptible to chafing, abrasion, and infection.

On average, the airborne dust is considered a low hazard for our area. However, during a sandstorm, this can change, especially for anyone not adequately protected from it.

Sandstorms are unpredictable and dangerous storms resulting from high winds that throw sand particles into the air. They can make it difficult to see, move or even breathe.

There are several precautions you should take to protect yourself during a sandstorm. If mission requirements allow, avoid exposure. You can do this by seeking shelter inside buildings, vehicles, or aircraft. If mission requirements prevent you from seeking shelter, use the proper sandstorm personnel protection equipment.

Proper PPE for a sandstorm includes:
 – Goggles, to protect your eyes from winds, dust, and sand.

– Covering for your nose and mouth to filter out sand particles. Covering could be a respirator/mask, a dust/wind resistant head wrap, or simply a moistened

handkerchief.

To protect oneself during a lengthy exposure to a sandstorm, additional measures can be taken beyond basic PPE:

- Lip protection with lip balm/chap stick to prevent drying and or cracking.
- Use moisturizing skin lotion to prevent skin from drying and or cracking.
- Wash face and eyelids several times per day to minimize irritation and or infection
- Coat nostrils with a small amount of petroleum jelly to minimize drying inside of the nose.

People who are caught in a sandstorm without shelter should move to higher ground, if possible. The greatest concentration of blowing sand is closest to the ground. People should contact a healthcare provider if their efforts to protect themselves from sand fail and

they suffer persistent eye or respiratory irritation.

For people in theater without goggles, a memo can be prepared, which requires a First Sergeant's or commander's signature, and taken to the Base Service Store, 380 ELRS Supply, for issue. It is recommended to call the store at 434-3021 ahead of time to ensure needed items are in stock. Squadrons may also prepare a memo requesting a bulk issue, allowing a larger quantity of items to be picked up at once for issue to squadron personnel. Keep in mind inventories are kept fairly low since it is designed to provide replacement items rather than initial issue for the deployment.

The Base Service Store also has a supply of dust/wind resistant head wraps. T-shirts are NOT a suitable substitute for head wraps or handkerchiefs.

[Article courtesy of the 380th EMDG, EMSG, ELRS, and AEW/SE]

Airman of the Week

Canadian Army Master Corporal Jerry Larkin

Squadron: 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron

Home Unit: Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Best part of the Job: The best part of my job with Eh-WACS ... sorry AWACS ... is extremely hard to pinpoint. On one hand, I truly enjoy ensuring we have contact with whomever we're supposed to, and successful troubleshooting is always a big thrill, but on the other hand, the fact that this job relies completely on the many people of different ranks, experiences and jobs to come together as one cohesive unit is always impressive.

Where do you see yourself in five years: In five years I will have served 16 years in the military and I'm hoping to be in the middle of a four year posting in Europe.

Favorite Movie: Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back

courtesy photo

Supervisors Comments: MCpl. Larkin is a valued member of the 964 EAACS. He's an exceptional technician and his troubleshooting ability on the aircraft has saved countless sorties and resulted in direct support to troops on the ground. He's one of five Canadian forces individuals deployed with the 964 EAACS this Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle. Canadian members are integral members of our squadron and it's good to have them on the deployment.



Community Standards tip of the week

In accordance with AEWI 36-2903, the following locations are authorized as no hat/no salute areas:

- ◆ The flightline complex
- ◆ CES Power Production Plant
- ◆ Vehicle Maintenance Compound
- ◆ POL yard
- ◆ ELRS TMO Cargo Pad
- ◆ Thirsty Camel, stage pavilion

- ◆ AAFES/Pizza Hut pavilions (when seated at tables)
- ◆ Covered pavilion at the sports complex

Please note, hats and hand salutes are required when transiting to and from no hat and no salute areas. (Example: When walking from the Thirsty Camel pavilion to AAFES pavilion hats and hand salutes are required.)



photo by SrA Ross Tweten

MLK run

A group of Airmen participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K run Monday. Congratulations to 1st Lt Rob Montgomery, 964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron, for claiming first place in the run. Tech. Sgt. Bobby McIntyre, 380 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, finished second while SSgt Randall Diericks, 380 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, finished third.

Conventional Attack Procedures

Conventional attacks can happen with little or no warning. Although we're not deployed to hot zones such as Iraq or Afghanistan, it's important to be prepared. How will you respond?

Conventional Ground Attack: (No notice)

1. If you are indoors; take cover in your facility.
2. If you are outside; take cover lying on the ground or in a bunker immediately adjacent to you.
3. If you are in a vehicle; get out and take cover lying on the ground.
4. Perform accountability within your work centers.
5. Perform Post Attack Reconnaissance (PAR) two minutes after attack is over.

Conventional Ground Attack: (With notice; bugle call-to-arms, *Alarm Red*)

1. If you are indoors; take cover in your facility.
2. If you are outside; take cover lying on ground or in a bunker within a five second run.
3. If you are in a vehicle; get out and take cover lying on the ground.
4. Perform accountability within your work centers.
5. Perform PAR IAW AFMAN 10-100, *Airman's Manual* after 'All Clear,' *Alarm Black*.

For more information, stop by the Warrior Day Training Mobility Fair on Wednesday in the Oasis Dinning Facility Levitow Room from 1030 to 1430. In addition to Conventional Attack Procedures the fair will provide lifesaving skills such as unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive device identification, and chemical and biological protection and identification equipment.



“I’m trying for Mr. March for the 2009 Air Force calendar!”

Staff Sgt. Jeff Hauser, 380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Other submissions:

“Help me I can’t stop hitting myself!”

**Staff Sgt. Gary Lambert,
380 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron**

“Anyone see where I left my bicep?”

**Maj. Robert Long,
964 Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron**

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.

