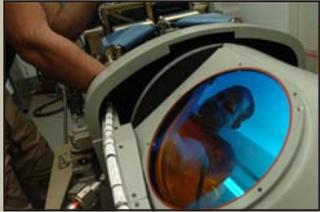


380th locked and loaded



On the cover

SrA Charlie Lorenzo, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, loads light film in preparation for a U-2 Dragon Lady mission Thursday. Photo by SrA Levi Riendeau.

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Happy birthday to you

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, serves up lobster tails during the April birthday dinner at the Levitow Room Tuesday.

Action Line

Action Line question: Can we turn the Phantom Center into a fitness center? We could add more equipment in the larger space allowing more people to work out.

Action Line response: I agree with your view that larger and better fitness facilities are needed on our base. However, as the largest indoor facility in Phantom East, the Phantom Center serves a myriad of critical functions, to include Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation in/out processing, large-scale briefings, commander's calls, and overflow bed space when we surge beyond our dormitory capacity. However, to begin construction of enduring fitness and gym facilities, I recently approved the initial funding request for Phantom West construction. I believe this will be an important step in achieving our long-range facilities plan.

► 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. People are encouraged to work issues through their chain of command prior to using the forum.

Perspective

Leaving it better than we found it

by Lt Col Wayne Blanchette
380th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

With approximately one month remaining in Air and Space Expeditionary Force 1/2, it's essential to stay razor sharp and keenly focused on combat operations supporting our fellow warfighters throughout the Area of Responsibility.

Every Airman is an integral member of an all-star team and our Air Force is counting on us to make sound decisions, display leadership, and leave things better than we found them.

Throughout our deployment, we should have identified ways to improve safety, effectiveness, and efficiency. Additionally, a benefit of the AEF rotation is having a fresh set of eyes to prevent complacency and stagnation. We

should ask, "why do we do things this way?" If there's a process back home that can improve the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, make it happen. Additionally, don't keep good ideas secret.

Part of the enduring wing concept is constantly improving our processes and we need everyone's ingenuity, experience, and expertise to make that happen.

However, we all must be careful not to try and affect change just for the sake of change. The old adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," holds true today, and part of good leadership at all levels is evaluating processes we are responsible for and determining the best way to effectively deliver our combat power. Just because a process works, does not mean it can't be improved.

Making things better doesn't only apply to our job, but also to our base and the way we live. Our collective goal should be to improve the quality of life for everyone at the 380 AEW. Many initiatives here are the result of good ideas and the desire to be a good wingman.

On the day you leave to head home, take a minute to look in the mirror and ask yourself if you have made a difference and will leave the 380 AEW better than you found it. If you currently think the answer might be no, there is still time.

"Part of the enduring wing concept is constantly improving our processes and we need everyone's ingenuity, experience, and expertise to make that happen."

***- Lt Col Wayne Blanchette,
380 EOSS Commander***



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Fire engine redesignation ceremony

SMSgt John Ring, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight Chief, delivers a speech during a fire engine redesignation ceremony Friday. During the ceremony, the Fire Protection Flight honored the fallen firefighters of the New York Fire Department, 9th Battalion, Engine 54, Ladder 4. It was the sixth anniversary of their recovery from the rubble of the World Trade Center.



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Incoming DCFACC visits 380th

SSgt William Ehinger, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, briefs Maj Gen Doug Raaberg on a U-2 Dragon Lady nose during a base orientation visit to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Saturday. General Raaberg is the incoming Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander.

380th's Got Talent 2

Congratulations to Capts Ryan Isokane (left) and Steve Eschmann, who claimed the top prize of \$300 in the 380th's Got Talent 2 contest Saturday.



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Desert Diamond Award

Congratulations to SSgt Andre Denson, 380th Expeditionary Medical 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 are awarded per rotation.



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380th, host nation volleyball tourney

Airmen participate in the three-on-three volleyball tournament Sunday. The tournament consisted of teams from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing and the host nation.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380th, host nation soccer tourney

Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing compete in the host nation soccer tournament Tuesday.



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Trash Dash

SSgt Kalon Pang, 964th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron, jogs on Runner's Road during a Trash Dash Monday. During the Trash Dash, Airmen from the 964 EAACS got in some exercise while picking up garbage along the way.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380th, host nation barbecue

Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing along with members of the host nation enjoy a barbecue under the Pavilion Sunday.

Force protection demonstration

Airmen from the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron give a demonstration of the RQ-11 Raven for members of the host nation during a force protection demonstration Wednesday.



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March Quality Assurance Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following maintainers who were selected for the Quality Assurance Honor Roll for the month of March:

KC-10 Extender

TSgt Martin Alvarez
TSgt David Calabresa
SSgt Eric Lundquist
SSgt Christopher Onders
SrA Christian Davis
SrA Nathaniel Hendershott
SrA Jonathan Lara
SrA William Murray
A1C Amanda O'Gara

E-3 Sentry

SSgt Brad Base
SSgt Michael Folsom
SrA Chad Presley
SrA Brondon Shuttlesworth
SrA Kevin Warren

U-2 Dragon Lady

SSgt William Ehinger
SrA Derria Kemp
SrA Michael Viel
SrA Scott Gossett
A1C Chad Lancaster
A1C Keith Suan

RQ-4 Global Hawk

SSgt Daniel Jones
SSgt Neil Koehn
SSgt George Morris
SSgt Jeremy Randall
SrA Enrico Massagli
A1C Kenneth Orozco

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A1C Cody Gardner

The Quality Assurance program identifies individuals who consistently earn excellent ratings from Personnel Evaluations, Quality Verification Inspections, and Special Inspections. Selections are based on an individual receiving a minimum of three Zero-Defect inspections and or personnel evaluations logged into the QA database. Any individual receiving a major discrepancy, Detected Safety Violation or Technical Data Violation will be automatically eliminated from the list of possible selectees. Monthly QA Honor Roll Program winners receive a certificate of recognition from the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Commander.

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.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

The teacher is in

by SrA Ross M. Tweten
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

“When we walk into an inspection, it’s kind of like a teacher walking into a classroom, everybody puts on their game face.”

According to TSgt Matthew Klein, a Quality Assurance Inspector of the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, a QA inspection with an aircraft maintainer can sometimes be a tense situation.

“Though we try to keep the mood calm, the intensity of an inspection really depends on how confident someone is in their duties,” he said. “There’s a lot of information that these maintainers have to know, so skill level has a lot to do with the mood. Sometimes a three level might be on edge because they think they’re going to miss something, but if you get a confident seven level in there, typically the situation is a lot more relaxed.”

Each month, the inspectors of 380 MXG QA conduct 450 inspections. The types of inspections range from verifying the quality of a maintainer’s work after a task is completed, to a one-on-one personnel inspection where the inspector follows each step of the maintainer and ensures they’re efficient with their knowledge. The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing’s maintainers have scored an Excellent rating as they pass 94 percent of their inspections.

The purpose of QA and their inspections is to continuously improve the capability and readiness of the 380th’s assigned weapons systems and equipment. QA’s goals are to enhance the 380th’s mission performance by improving maintenance quality, contribute to the 380th’s readiness while seeking continuous improvement, and provide a positive effect on the mission.

“We just want to create a better product,” said SMSgt Phillip Easton, 380 MXG QA Superintendent. “The 380th has a great crew of maintainers who always get the job done. We make sure the job is done correctly and safely.”

All QA Inspectors are aircraft maintainers by trade. Each airframe of the 380 AEW has at least one Quality Assurance Inspector, who was at one time a maintainer of that airframe, assigned to it. QA also features Inspectors who evaluate the maintenance of the 380th’s transient aircraft.

According to TSgt Klein, becoming a QA Inspector is highly competitive.

“A lot of QA Inspectors are at the top of their game,” he said. “The job requires an abundant amount of knowledge. To consider yourself a good inspector, you really have to know a lot about maintenance. Especially the things that tend to get overlooked.”



TSgt Matthew Klein (left), 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Quality Assurance Inspector, conducts a personnel inspection with SSgt William Ehinger, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, while he works on a U-2 Dragon Lady on the flightline Thursday.



photos by SrA Levi Riendeau

TSgt Matthew Klein, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Quality Assurance Inspector, inspects a U-2 Dragon Lady engine installation on the flightline Thursday.

“This job brings a great overall sense of accomplishment in knowing that you’re putting out all together better quality products; products that are fighting and winning the Global War On Terror.”

Right: TSgt Cory Huffer, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Quality Assurance Inspector, inspects E-3 Sentry components on the flightline Thursday.



Warrior of the Week

A1C Craig Dodds

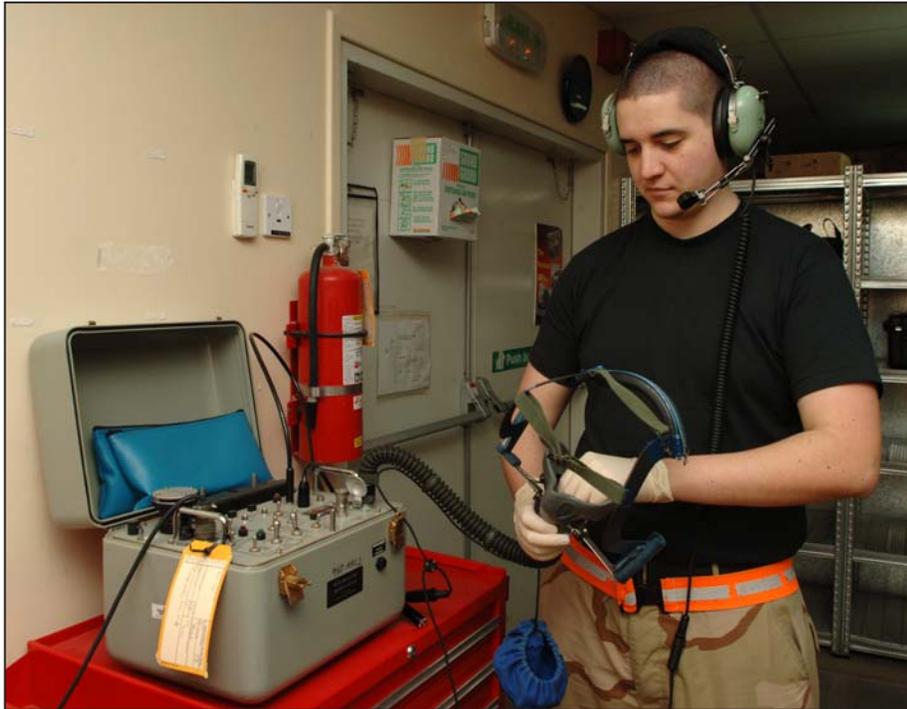


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380th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Aircrew Flight Equipment Technician

Home Unit: Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Hobbies: Spending time with family and going to the movies

Most fulfilling part of my job: Knowing that I'm responsible for inspecting Life Support Equipment that has a direct impact on the mission.

Supervisor's Comments: Airman Dodds is an outstanding professional, hard worker, and top of the line technician. As the section's go-to man he assists other airframes with equipment inspections, and continues to seek self improvement by furthering his education. We're truly fortunate to have Airman Dodds on our team.

Community Standards Tip of the Week

Off Base Travel:

▶ When traveling off base, U.S. military personnel are reminded of the following:

- Personnel will not travel alone
- At least two but no more than seven members per vehicle (Does not apply to ESVS trips)
- Travelers will not depart the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing before 0600 and must return by 2400



- No alcohol consumption unless approved by the 380 AEW Commander

- Military personnel will not rent hotel rooms

- Prior to traveling off base for the first time, all personnel must receive a Force Protection briefing from the 380 AEW Anti-terrorism Office





Winner

**“A sneak peak
at the 2009
Captain’s
promotion
board.”**

**- Capt Darrick Duran,
380th Expeditionary
Medical Group**

Other submissions:

“The administration unveils its new interrogation technique; Yo-yo boring.”

TSgt Sean Moseley, 380th Expeditionary Services Squadron

“Your eyes are getting heavy. When you wake, vote for me.”

MSgt Armando Aguilarleon, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

“The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force was ... let me think ... uhh, next question please.”

Thomas Marongelli, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

“Yo, yo, yo, dawg, I just didn’t feel it. You feel me?”

Capt Jeremy Fortier, 964th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron

Caption Contest

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

Captions should be in good taste and no more than 25 words. The winning caption is published in next week’s Sand Script.

