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### On the cover

SSgt Jesse Slaughter, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, shears off a bolt from the undercarriage of a HUMVEE. Photo by SrA Levi Riendeau.

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### Host Nation Appreciation Day

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, gives a unit mission brief to members of the host nation at the Base Theater during the Host Nation Appreciation Day Thursday.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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

# Your expeditionary medical care

by Col Timothy Pendergrass  
380th Expeditionary Medical Group Commander

The Air Force Surgeon General, Lt Gen James Roudebush, has articulated the Air Force Medical Service Vision as providing quality, world-class healthcare and health service support anywhere in the world at anytime.

The AFMS was established in the summer of 1949 by Air Force General Order No. 35, almost two years after the Air Force itself was established. The AFMS grew rapidly, beginning with the Korean Conflict in 1950 and on through the Vietnam War and the Cold War. Operation Desert Storm saw the largest-ever AFMS deployment. The late 90s saw extensive restructuring of the AFMS deployment platforms into light, lean, lifesaving medical packages which could be built onto one another to tailor medical support for a given deployed base or mission. This construct was named the Expeditionary Medical System, better known as EMEDS, which serves as the basis for our deployed Air Force medical capabilities today.

Here, the 380th Expeditionary Medical Group clinic is constituted from a Preventive Aerospace Medicine team comprised of Aerospace Medicine, Public Health, and Bioenvironmental Engineering; as well as Primary Care, Logistics, and Administrative elements of EMEDS.

The Aerospace Medicine and Primary Care elements work together to provide routine medical care for minor illnesses and injuries, from both the Phantom East Main Clinic and the Flightline Clinic. On-base emergency medical response is available 24/7, activated by calling 911 or the Fire Department Dispatch at 434-2601.

Public Health oversees food safety, sanitation, disease prevention, and monitors disease and non-battle injury rates for worrisome trends. This entails regular inspections on food facilities, public facilities, dorms, and public latrines and showers. The Public Health Officer monitors potential disease threats in the region and, if any are present, recommends protective courses of action to the wing commander. Public Health also does vector surveillance for mosquitoes and other pests and works with the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron to determine the best eradication or personnel protection options.

Bioenvironmental Engineering is responsible for monitoring and consulting on industrial and occupational health, particularly respiratory, hearing, and vision protection. They also work closely with the 380 ECES to assess and mitigate potential environmental hazards. Additionally, they monitor our bottled water supply, tap water and wastewater to make sure our drinking water is safe and our wastewater is correctly disposed of.

Medical Logistics ensures we have the supplies and medications to accomplish our daily mission and maintains our WRM supplies for use in the event of a chemical or biological event. Biomedical Equipment Repair maintains a wide variety of medical equipment, including the numerous Automated External Defibrillators and medical Self Aid-Buddy Care Bags which are stationed around the base. These are pre-positioned to ensure that bystanders can quickly begin lifesaving treatment if needed, without waiting for fire and medical personnel.

Referrals for specialty care above what we can provide on base are arranged through the Primary Care Clinic. Here, we’re lucky to have convenient access to high-quality specialists and full-service hospitals in the host nation. Common examples of referrals include orthopedic surgery (usually for sports injuries), optometry, and dental care. Our main host nation referral hospital is managed by the Cleveland Clinic, a world renowned U.S. health care organization, and is accredited by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation.

Our goal is to keep Airmen healthy by ensuring they have safe water and food, and preventing disease transmission from person-to-person or by vectors. Inevitably though, there may be those times when you just don’t feel that good. So remember, “If you got the chills, we got the pills.”



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### 380th, host nation Firefighter roll call

The 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight held their first-ever roll call with host nation Firefighters at Station 1 Monday. Eight Firefighters with the Fire Protection Flight presented Firefighter badges to their host nation counterparts, and a plaque was presented to the host nation Firefighters to promote brotherhood and mutual respect. 380th Firefighters are also doing monthly training classes with host nation Firefighters, to include rapid resupply of vehicles, tools and equipment training, emergency responses, and communication procedures.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

### Taking host nation under our wing

Members of the host nation listen while an Airman from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing explains the functions of the U-2 Dragon Lady during the Host Nation Appreciation Day Thursday. The purpose of Appreciation Day was to further improve the 380 AEW's relationship with the host nation and to further enhance the host nation's understanding of the wing's mission.



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### AEF 1/2 Blowout Smash barbecue

Airmen load up on lobster and other delectables during the AEF 1/2 Blowout Smash barbecue at the Pavilion Sunday.



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### Infinite featuring Mr. Young

Infinite featuring Mr. Young delivers a blend of world jazz, R&B, and funk at the Pavilion Saturday.



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### Chief Master Sergeant Promotion Ceremony

CMSgt Patrick Stanford, addresses the crowd during his Chief Master Sergeant Promotion Ceremony Wednesday.



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### Sharp Airman Award

TSgt Lorraine Coleman presents SrA Brian Smith, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, with the Enduring 5/6 Foundation's Sharp Airman Award for the month of April. Consideration for the award is based on dress and appearance, customs and courtesies, and work ethic.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

### Measure twice, cut once

Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's Airman's Council prepare the Pavilion stage for new floor tiles Thursday.

### Softball tourney

Congratulations to the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight for taking first place in the Softball Tournament Saturday.



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### Information Managers of the Month

Congratulations to A1C Chase Mason, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, for receiving the Airman Category Outstanding Information Manager of the Month Award for April.

Congratulations to SSgt Kathryn Hutchens, 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, for receiving the Non-Commissioned Officer Category Outstanding Information Manager of the Month Award for April.

Congratulations to MSgt Janice Page, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, for receiving the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Category Outstanding Information Manager of the Month Award for April.

Congratulations to SrA Lucas Spain, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Airman of the Month Award for March.



Congratulations to SrA Samaria Suleiman, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Honor Guard Member of the Month Award for February.



Congratulations to TSgt Alva Benjamin Jr., 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month Award for March.



## 380 AEW Monthly Award Winners

Congratulations to the 380th Expeditionary Medical Group Admin Team, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Team of the Month Award for March.



Congratulations to MSgt Michael Burke, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month Award for March.



Congratulations to Capt Sarah Kaiser, 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Company Grade Officer of the Month Award for March.



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# Desert Comm, Always On

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

Air and Space Expeditionary Force 1/2 was busy for the 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.

They installed, patched, transformed, instituted, refreshed, expedited, and most of all, improved the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing during the rotation.

At the beginning of the rotation, the 380 AEW became the first base in U.S. Air Forces Central to offer a free wireless internet service. Currently, the 380 AEW is the only base providing this large-scale service, thanks to the 380ECS.

According to TSgt Eric Kelly, who is with the 380 ECS and is currently coordinating with five other AFCENT bases to help establish their wireless internet, the wireless internet was intended to increase morale but actually aided our communication operations after a technical accident. Due to cut cables off the coast of Egypt in February, AFCENT had to minimize services on the NIPR by blocking non .gov and .mil sites. To remove any further strain to the network, 380 ECS converted 12 NIPR systems into commercial internet systems in the Chapman's Activity Center.

"While most bases in the area of responsibility could not communicate back home, the 380th's wireless internet was in place to help ease the pain," said Sergeant Kelly.

The 380 ECS also found themselves speeding down the flightline as they installed Remote Wind Sensors in U-2 Dragon Lady chase cars. This system provides real-time weather data to wireless touch-screen notebooks mounted inside the chase cars while they wait on the U-2 for approach, thus eliminating the in-between time for weather updates. The implementation of this wireless weather system has transformed each of the U-2 chase cars into mobile weather stations. The pilots have their data as soon as they need it to ensure a smooth landing.

The 380 ECS found several ways to save the wing money this rotation. One

way, resulting in \$500,000 of savings annually, was a printer refresh.

According to SSgt Charles Martz, 380 ECS, the idea for the printer refresh started with the number of tickets/trouble calls for the support of printers that were utilized beyond their life cycle. Also, newer printers use less toner because of technological advances.

"At the time of the start of the printer refresh there were 43 different models of printers in the wing," said Sergeant Martz. "Now, there's only four."

The 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron had to supply toner for all of the 43 different models, which created a problem of keeping enough of the right type of toner on hand. Now, toner can be ordered knowing that it will get used before the shelf life expires, and technicians can become more knowledgeable about the devices and can quickly troubleshoot and fix problems as they arise.

A \$4 million Land Mobile Radio refresh was also completed during this rotation. All the old LMRs were replaced with new ones. The main reason for the refresh was to meet the new encryption standard chosen by AFCENT.

According to SSgt Derek Hollrah, 380 ECS, the new radios provide a stronger encryption for greater security. Also, the larger inventory allows more Airmen to be in radio contact. All the new radios are the same and have a display for quicker user familiarity. The entire refresh consisted of over \$3.5 million worth of assets.

The 380 ECS also improved the way the 380th's Airmen are entertained.

The wing's media server was upgraded to provide streaming music, movies, radio and TV to a member's desktop.

According to MSgt Franklin Merica, 380 ECS, while most locations in the AOR have some kind of morale server, ours is the only one that provides streaming music and movies.

"By streaming the media instead of copying all of the content to the computer's memory, both network resources speed up. The PC doesn't dedicate all its processor power to converting the media into something playable, allowing the member to actually do work at the same time.

"If any solution were to become an officially accepted morale server standard, my money is on this one. But that's what we do here at the 380 ECS, set standards the rest of the AOR has to try to live up to."

With another item intended for improving morale, the 380 ECS instituted a way of making morale calls from any phone on base, including the comfort and privacy of a dorm room.

This "Morale Minder" allows callers to place up to 30 minutes of DSN or Calling Card calls per week from any phone on base.

Airmen from the 380 ECS also got their hands dirty this rotation.

Ten thousand feet of copper and fiber optic cables were installed for a recent exercise with the 363rd Training Group. Another 17,000 feet of copper and fiber optic cable was installed at the fuel farm. Another 3,000 feet of copper and fiber optic cable was installed for Gate 1, and the first ever fiber optic fire alarm system was expedited.

Recently, the 380 ECS automated the way Airmen out-process. Now, Airmen can virtually out-process with an electronic form



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TSgt Eric Kelly, 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, reconfigures the switches for the commercial wireless connectivity Thursday.



MSgt Franklin Merica, 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, works on the Virtual Out-Processing Server Thursday.

that includes the representative action agencies that can be digitally signed. The benefits of virtually out-processing are extensive. It simplifies a manual process by eliminating over half of the in-person visits the average member would have to make. Digital signatures prove who actually signed the form. Virtual out-processing eliminates lost documents, provides automatic notification messages for action agencies and customers alike, and allows PERSCO to keep a historical record of out-processing checklists for departed members in an easy to manage manner.

As AEF 1/2 wraps up, the 380 ECS looks back on an action-packed rotation. They've impacted nearly every aspect of the base as they've improved both the mission and the morale.

# Warrior of the Week

## TSgt Susan Padilla-Roman



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

### ***380th Expeditionary Medical Goup***

Duty title: Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of Primary Care

Home Unit: Andrews Air Force Base, M.d.

Most fulfilling part of my job: Teaching the medical junior enlisted that they directly prevent illnesses and facilitate high-quality medical care for our Airmen that move the Air Force mission.

Where do you see yourself in five years: Retired Master Sergeant transitioning to a civilian career as an allergy technician.

Supervisor's Comments: Sergeant Padilla-Roman has displayed reference type accuracy in her role as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of the Primary Care Clinic. Her uncanny ability to recite AFIs and OIs on command with precision surely comes from her ability to speed read. It's not enough that she knows the right way to do business but ensures that all those around her have a firm grasp of concepts as well. She worked tirelessly on the revamped Medical Out Processing system enabling work centers to remain robust and focused on the mission. Her positive attitude and commitment to the wing are most evident in her training plan and updated continuity binders established for those that fill her position in the future. She has demonstrated outstanding flexibility by managing a \$200,000 host nation appointment program, and 300 local healthcare appointments. I'm proud of the efforts that Sergeant Padilla-Roman puts forth everyday as she sets the example for all to follow.

# Community Standards

## Tip of the Week

### *Civilian Clothing:*

Please keep in mind that certain items of clothing are prohibited from wear while off base:

- Clothing with sexually suggestive slogans (e.g., "naughty," "sexy," "trouble," "kitten," "foxy").

- Uniform (without approval from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander) or partial uniform items (e.g., hat, desert boots, camouflage day packs, any part of physical training gear). Exception: Desert boots are authorized for hiking or other outdoor recreational activities.



- Clothing with American emblems or any other garment that identifies the wearer as an American. (e.g., U.S. Flag, U.S. sports teams, military patches)

## Looking for photos to take home?

Visit the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's intranet site and click on "Photos" under the "Wing Links" tab.





**Winner**  
**“Warning: Engine noise may be hazardous to your hair”**

**- TSgt Darryl McCamish,**  
380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### **Other submissions:**

**“Dude, I think I can hear the ocean.”**

SMSgt Shayne Newton, 380th Expeditionary Medical Group

**“Hey, this is the new time portal.”**

MSgt Lawrence Edwards, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

**“How hard do you think it would be to turn this into a mist fan?”**

A1C Jason Conwell, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

**“What time do you usually feed her?”**

Ben Lovelace, 380th Expeditionary Communications 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.

