

Pitching in to welcome new warriors





On the cover

SrA Jason Walthers, 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, loads bags belonging to newly-arrived Airmen onto a trailer on the flightline Wednesday. Photo by SrA Levi Riendeau.

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A warrior welcome

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, Col Bruce VanSkiver, 380 AEW Vice Commander, and CMSgt Kevin Slater, 380 AEW Command Chief, greet newly-arrived Airmen on the flightline Wednesday.

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. 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

Value evaluation

by Lt Col Daniel Gerdes
380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Years of being raised in a western culture shape our perceptions of what is "right" and what is "wrong."

These values give us an internal compass about everything from what is good to eat to how a building should be built.

As members of the military, we're offered the opportunity to travel the world experiencing other cultures. This opportunity gives us a glimpse at the world's differing methods of interacting with each other as well as how to solve the day-to-day problems life presents. It's human nature to evaluate the foreign culture we're exposed to by measuring it against the American value system.

More often than not, comments are made that the foreign method is "stupid" or "wrong." You have one of the greatest melting pots of culture in the Middle East immediately off base. You may interact with a traditional Bedouin, a major western firm's CEO, or a British school teacher in the course of an afternoon.

Every time you interact with people while deployed, challenge yourself not to think like an American. Take the opportunity to see how people with a completely different set of values and experiences evaluate a situation and develop solutions. One of my favorite experiences was explaining to new military members in Japan the differences in the Asian "squat" toilets and the American style "seat" toilets. Many thought the Asian toilets were "dirty" or "silly." This attitude quickly changed when it was explained that the Asian style toilets were much more sanitary for public restrooms since no surfaces directly contacted your skin. Many people quickly began to rethink which solution was better to the problem presented. This same group was quick to point out that they would never eat raw fish or sushi. Nearly all could be found downtown eating this Japanese delicacy by the end of the tour.

Take the opportunity to examine your assumptions during your deployment. See how the varying cultures around you are solving the problems presented given the resources at hand. People from a low-technology, low-income lifestyle often come up with some amazingly innovative solutions when compared to our fast-paced, high-technology western ways. The attitude of not thinking like an American allows you to evaluate our host's culture, food, and value systems with a much greater understanding. This understanding greatly benefits both and allows for a much fuller experience for all.

"Take the opportunity to see how people with a completely different set of values and experiences evaluate a situation and develop solutions."
**- Lt Col Daniel Gerdes,
380 ECES Commander**



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Fueling the fight

TSGT Michael Vincent, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, collects fuel samples to ensure proper fuel filtering.



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

Desert Diamond Award

Congratulations to SSgt Victoria Dobberstein, 380th Expeditionary Services Squadron, 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.

380th exceeds AFAF goal, raises nearly \$17,000

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

This year, the Airmen of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing exceeded their goal of \$14,976 by raising a final tally of \$16,959 in support of the 2008 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

Typically, AFAF campaigns are not conducted downrange, but the Airmen of the 380 AEW found time to care about more than combat.

"The AFAF is extremely important so the 380th took the lead to make this campaign happen here," said MSgt Johnny Russell, 380 AEW AFAF Representative. "Although there's no Area of Operation standard, we still found a way to raise funds for Airmen in need."

From the funds raised by the 380 AEW, the Air Force Aid Society will receive \$11,263, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund will receive \$2,689, the Air Force Villages Indigent Widow's Fund will receive \$1,813, and the Gen and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation will receive \$1,194.

Capt Andrew Cawood, 380 AEW Representative, and MSgt Russell would like to thank all the unit representatives for their assistance in this first ever 380 AEW run AFAF campaign.

Now in its 35th year, 100 percent of designated AFAF contributions benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal of \$5.3 million with more than \$7.2 million. For more information on the AFAF, visit <http://afassistancefund.org/>.

Article 15

The following Airman received nonjudicial punishment:

- ▶ A SrA received a reduction to A1C with a suspended reduction to Amn, forfeitures of \$325 pay for two months, and a reprimand for violating USAFCENT GO-1B, download and possession of pornography.



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Defender Challenge

Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing and visiting Soldiers participate in Defender Challenge Saturday. Congratulations to the 380th Expeditionary Services Squadron for taking first place.



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AEW 3/4 ready to Fly the Frag

Left: An Airman unloads bags belonging to new arrivals Wednesday.
Above: Newly-arrived Airmen stream off their aircraft Wednesday.

964 EAACS then, 960 EAACS now!

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

As a wing evolves and endures, so too does its missions.

In February of 2007, coordination began to set up the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System here at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

By the end of March, three E-3s, along with all the facilities needed for the Airmen who support them, were functional enough to begin operations. In less than two months, the 960th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron was activated and was flying missions in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. By the end of the rotation, 71 days later, the squadron amassed more than 650 combat hours.

According to Lt Col Lawrence Brundidge, new 960 EAACS Commander and Commander of the 960th during its infancy, when the squadron left the theater in June of 2007, they identified recommendations to ensure continued success.

Less than one year later, all of the identified capabilities and facility improvements have been realized.

Facilities and network capabilities were upgraded, to include changes in other squadrons. The 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron's Communications Focal Point needed to be expanded to make room for increased access at the mission support side of the base in order to give the increased numbers of personnel mission update capability just prior to going into crew rest.

To support the mission, the most recent squadron, the 964 EAACS, continued to develop Internet Relay Chat capability, Flight Deck real time navigation display, and Night Vision capability for visual observation on

night sorties.

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380 AEW Commander, welcomes the warriors of the 960 EAACS back home.

"They started this legacy one year ago with the return of the AWACS to this AOR," he said. "Now that they're replacing the 964th, it's the 960th's turn to fly the frag and win the war.

"We count on the 960 EAACS Desert Vikings to take the fight to the enemy and save American and Coalition lives."

Going forward, Colonel Brundidge says the best of the E-3 Sentry AWACS has yet to come.

"Our weapon system has some tremendous capabilities and we have only scratched the surface of positive asset control possibilities," he said. "We're only at the threshold of envisioning what a platform designed for Air Defense and Air Battle Management is capable of doing to shape the ground scheme of maneuver."

The 960 EAACS's mission is to provide global power and vigilance for the Combined Forces Air Component Commander by conducting command and control operations in support of fighter, bomber, and combat support forces in a variety of tactical, strategic, and special mission applications.

The E-3 Sentry is a command and control center in the sky that provides information on friendly, neutral and hostile activity, command and control of an area of responsibility, battle management of theater forces, all-altitude and all-weather surveillance of the battle space, and early warning of enemy actions during joint, allied, and coalition operations.

"The AWACS is an essential force multiplier for the Global War on Terror," said Lt Col Jay Bickley, previous Commander of the 964 EAACS. "Its ability to manage the battle space and provide command and control of all aircraft in the AOR is critical to the synergistic use of airpower against the enemy."

Left: Lt Col Lawrence Brundidge, 960th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron Commander, addresses the crowd during the 960 EAACS reactivation ceremony Wednesday.

Right: A crew chief stands outside an E-3 Sentry.



photos by SrA Levi Riendeau

Lt Col Lawrence Brundidge, 960th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron Commander, receives a guidon from Col David Sprague, 380th Expeditionary Operations Group Commander, during the 960 EAACS reactivation ceremony Wednesday.



Warrior of the Week

SSgt Dennis Zemialkowski



photo by SrA Levi Riendeau

380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Dispatch Support Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge

Home Unit: McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Hobbies: Texas Hold'em

Most fulfilling part of my job: Knowing nothing moves on this or any other base without Vehicle Operations.

Supervisor's Comments: Z, as he is called, is an excellent young Non-Commissioned Officer. Since his arrival, Z has spearheaded the base wash rack upgrade by researching and purchasing real vehicle soap and ordering an all-in-one complete car care system. You never have to question his initiative, because he is usually coming up with ideas to better the office and make it more modernized. His responsibilities include making the weekly schedule for 11 personnel, overseeing the base wash rack, and other administrative tasks. One major accomplishment was his ability to create a flight Office Instruction within the first month of his arrival. This OI was the first one since 2006 and will surely make changeover in August much easier.

Community Standards

Tip of the Week

While in PT gear, be sure to remember the following:

- Men will comply with shaving standards when wearing PT gear.
- PT shirts will be worn tucked in unless engaged in PT activity.
- PT jacket (if worn) must be at least half-zipped.



- PT shorts will be worn at the waist and may be worn as swimming trunks by men and women.
- For females: Hair extending below the collar will be pinned up or placed in a pony tail.

Al Dhafra Electricity

FOR DUMMIES

CHECK VOLTAGE RATINGS
All Al Dhafra electricity is 220V, 50Hz unless specifically marked
Many standard American items will not work properly or burn up!

Three prong 220V receptacles do not support two prong plugs with out an adapter - Using them in these plugs bends contactors & can cause failure

Don't rely on size. Check your voltage, wattage and amperage rating as they vary widely

2000 Watt 220v - 110v converter

100 Watt 220v - 110v converter

Common Electrical Ratings
Hair Dryer - 1500 watts
Laptop - 75 watts
PS2 / X-box - 200 watts
Dehumidifier - 500-600 watts
Micro Fridge - 250 watts
Fan - 100 watts
Clock Radio - 4 watts
Flat screen TV - 170 watts
Microwave - 1500 watts
Dorm room are rated for 2500 watts max load

Daisy chaining extension chords / power strips increases electrical load by 20% or more

If your clock radio from home is running slow, check that it is rated for 50 cycles



Winner
“And the sun sets after another wing sports day.”

- Special Agent Samved Patel,
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Office of Special Investigations

Other submissions:

“It’s a two for one sale on Ambien today!”

SMSgt Shayne Newton, 380th Expeditionary Medical Group

“With a line this long, this ride better be good!”

TSgt E. Ann Williams, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

“The Medical Group institutes a new self-serve pharmacy.”

TSgt Ryan Withorn, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

“I hope I win the lottery for the last Anthrax shot.”

SSgt Kevin Bernard, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

“Free Big Mac with every Penicillin shot.”

A1C Jordan Abel, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Caption Contest

Send your caption to
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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.

