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On the cover

SSgt Kevin Brown, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, conducts a pre-flight inspection of a KC-10 Extender recently. Photo by Capt Martin Gerst.

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Committed to making a difference

Prior to flying a combat mission, Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, presents an RMO to Amn Kyle Dedeaux, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Although Airman Dedeaux has been in the Air Force less than one year, he's committed to making a difference by providing outstanding support to our mission and flying the frag. One team, one fight!

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

No goals ... no glory

by Maj Rocky Favorito
380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Commander

Your time here at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing will be more productive and more enjoyable if you take some time at the beginning of your tour to set some goals.

These goals may be mission, leadership, fitness, financial, or educational in nature. Regardless, they should be SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely.

Specific: Goals must be clearly defined and answer the what, why, and how.

Measurable: If you can't measure goals, you can't manage them or determine when success has been reached.

Attainable: Goals which are too far out of reach will erode your commitment to them. Keep your goals high, but achievable.

Realistic: Goals must be relevant with respect to resources, knowledge, and time.

Timely: Set a schedule with key milestones. Without deadlines, goals become too vague.

Once you've set your goals, you should explore the many resources we have here to facilitate their accomplishment. The senior members in your squadron have vast experience in your specialty. Senior non-commissioned officers and officers are

always more than happy to tell you their "war stories" and you might actually learn from them. If you're an NCO, SNCO, or company grade officer, and want to hone your leadership skills, CMSgt Kevin Slater, 380 AEW Command Chief Master Sergeant, periodically hosts a leadership seminar based on *Starship Troopers*, the Sci-Fi classic written by Robert Heinlein.

If your goal is to become a hunk, the 380th Expeditionary Services Squadron provides fitness options through their many different programs. If saving money is your goal, the Chapel routinely offers a Financial Peace University course for those wanting to learn more about living debt-free or investing for retirement. On the educational front, ESVS operates an AOR record-setting education center and a Learning Resource Center supported by the 380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron providing access to a wealth of information via both government and commercial internet services.

No matter where your interests lie, set your goals early. Then, make an effort to measure progress weekly, if not daily.

With goals, your tour here will be more enriching and fulfilling. Without goals, you might find yourself starring in the Bill Murray comedy, *Groundhog Day*, where every day is exactly the same.

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**- Maj Rocky Favorito,
380 ECS Commander**

380th Command Post Airman receives Air Force-level award

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

An Airman with the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Command Post recently received the Air Force Level Command Post Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2007.

TSgt Chante Capers, stationed here from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., showed superlative amounts of dedication and professionalism during 2007.

"We're very excited to have Sergeant Capers as a member of our team," said Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander. "She's a superb warrior."

She proved critical in completely revamping a training program into rigorous training more suited to a globally postured wing. She also provided essential mentorship to a young, inexperienced crew of controllers allowing amazing accomplishments normally seen by more experienced units. Sergeant Capers completed her Bachelors Degree in Business Management and enrolled in an MBA program. In addition to furthering her education, she also found time to assist with the Base Tax Center and is a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate.

According to Lt Col Marc Peterson, Peterson Air Force Base Installation Control Center Director, her achievements over the year attest to her dedication to the Air Force, the mission, and her controllers.

"These attributes reflect extremely well on her NCO professionalism and dedication to the wing mission and to the 'Knight Ops' operations. It's the professionalism of people like Sergeant Capers that allows us to remain 'America's Space Superiority' wing."

According to Sergeant Capers, being recognized as the top Noncommissioned Officer in the Command and Control career field is very



courtesy photo

Brig Gen Lawrence Wells, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, and CMSgt Joseph Newhart congratulate TSgt Chante Capers, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Command Post, on her selection as the Air Force Level Command Post Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2007. One team, one fight!

overwhelming, but gratifying at the same time.

"I'm grateful and humbled for being acknowledge at such a high level, and for being recognized as one of the best-of-the-best at what I do," she said. "I love my career field and everything it represents. This award is very special to me and the people who helped me achieve such a prominent milestone in my career."



photo by Capt Martin Gerst

380 EMXG change of command

Col Raymond Corcoran, new 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Commander, addresses the crowd during a change of command ceremony Wednesday.

Munitions vehicle fire exercise

Left: An Airman conducts first aid on a victim of a munitions vehicle fire during an exercise Friday.

Below: Airmen from the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight extinguish a simulated burning vehicle during the exercise.



photos by SrA Ross M. Tweten

May Quality Assurance Honor Roll

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

KC-10 Extender

TSgt Anson Wightman
SSgt Christopher McClendon
SSgt William Smith
SrA Daniel Ford
SrA Douglas Martin
A1C Jason Davenport
A1C Tahime Green
Amn Jason Freedlander

U-2 Dragon Lady

TSgt David Macalka
TSgt Joseph Murphy
TSgt Scott Reese
SSgt Luis Marrero
SSgt Bruce McClaskey
SSgt Ronald Palumbo
SrA Krystal Randall
A1C Kevin Drye
A1C Alexander Zwilling

E-3 Sentry

SSgt Jeromy Keyworth
SSgt Neagus Pope
SSgt Dallas Thompson
SrA Bradley Barnes
SrA Aaron Brown
SrA Robert McLaughlin
SrA Rodney Poe
SrA Timothy Smith
A1C Christopher Chartier

RQ-4 Global Hawk

SSgt Neil Koehn
SSgt Christopher Palmer
SSgt Christopher Parsons
SSgt Brent Stokes
SrA Enrico Massagli
A1C Leo Hazou

AGE

A1C Trevor White

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.



courtesy photo

In-flight oath

SSgt Luis Merinoalvarado (right), a Flight Engineer with the 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, re-enlists aboard a KC-10 Extender during a mission recently. Sergeant Merinoalvarado, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, committed another six years of his life to the Air Force.

Conventional Attack Procedures

Conventional attacks can happen with little or no warning. 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 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) IAW AFMAN 10-100, *Airman's Manual* 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 5 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, call the Emergency Management Flight at 434-2565

Alarm Green — *Resume Normal Ops*

Alarm Yellow — *Protect Assets, Seek Shelter*

Alarm Red — *Take Cover*
Siren/Bugle Call

Alarm Black — *UXO Recon, Local Accountability*
Steady Tone

380 AEW Monthly Award Winners



Congratulations to SrA Andre Morrison, 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Airman of the Month Award for May. Lt Col Timothy MacGregor, 908 EARS Commander, accepted the award on his behalf.



Congratulations to SSgt Matthew Drangstveit, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Noncommissioned Officer of the Month Award for May.



Congratulations to MSgt Scott Moody, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month Award for May.



Congratulations to Capt Zachery Jiron, 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Company Grade Officer of the Month Award for May. Lt Col Timothy MacGregor, 908 EARS Commander, accepted the award on his behalf.



Congratulations to A1C Jeffrey Self, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Honor Guard Member of the Month Award for May.



photos by Capt Martin Gerst

Congratulations to the Air Terminal Operation Center who earned the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Team of the Month Award for May.

From Guatemala to the GWOT

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

“When I finally came to the United States, I saw its freedom, and its great democracy first hand. I thought this is a nice way of life, and I wanted to be a part of maintaining it.”

That was 10 years ago, when TSgt Marlon Barriosvillagran, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Force Protection Third Country National Escort Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, began to think about joining the Air Force.

Sergeant Barriosvillagran is a native of Guatemala. He was raised on a coffee farm that his father worked with his mother, two brothers and two sisters. Growing up in Guatemala, “a paradise,” as he says, the thought of living in America, let alone serving in a branch of its military, was completely non-existent.

“Growing up, I was aware of the U.S.’s military might, but I didn’t know much,” he said. “Honestly, most of my knowledge of the U.S., specifically of the military, came from war movies. It was exciting to see the U.S. military power in those movies, but the thought of actually being a part of something like that never even crossed my mind.”

As a child, Sergeant Barriosvillagran’s life was simple.

“My fondest memory as a child is growing up on the farm,” he said. “Running around in the fields with my friends, climbing trees, swimming in the rivers, we were living in a paradise.”

At the age of 16, Sergeant Barriosvillagran moved to the city of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, about an hour from his home on the coffee farm, to attend high school. Quetzaltenango is the second most populated city in Guatemala behind the capital of Guatemala City. There, after high school, he began taking college classes. After a few years of college, he was posed with the opportunity to teach computer science at a private school. At the age of 20, for two years, he taught grades two through six in basic computer science in Quetzaltenango.

“I had a great job. I was enjoying it, I was single, getting paid plenty of money, everything was cool,” he said.

Then, Gold’s Gym intervened.

In 1991, Sergeant Barriosvillagran was working out in a Golds Gym, when on the television screens, Desert Storm began to play out in front of him.

“In Guatemala, we thought this was going to be World War III,” he said. “Again, I felt like I was watching an American war movie, with all the missiles

going off. But it was real this time. Me and my friends gathered around that TV in the gym and just stared in awe. Then after a short time, it was all over, the Americans kicked butt. That’s when my first feelings of respect for the American military entered my mind. But still I had no idea that I would one day end up in the U.S. Honestly, I had no desire to live in the US. But, seeing that on the television really had an affect on me.”

Then, Gold’s Gym intervened, again.

In 1992, Sergeant Barriosvillagran met his future wife, Stacey, at the same Gold’s Gym. A native of San Diego, she was working as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching nutrition in Guatemala when they met. At the time, Sergeant Barriosvillagran spoke virtually no English, but Stacey spoke fluent Spanish.

“In my free time I helped her with her teaching,” he said. “We’d ride our bikes to the villages, and she’d teach nutrition to locals and I would help out. I enjoyed that very much.”

In 1995, Sergeant Barriosvillagran married in Guatemala. He and Stacey stayed there for a short time, but she missed the United States and wanted Sergeant Barriosvillagran to come with her.

“At first, I was hesitant, because I had such a great job and life was really going good,” he said. “There’s two types of stories about people who go to the U.S. Either they go to the U.S. and become a success, or they go to the U.S. and a few years later they’re back home for one reason or another and starting over. But my wife assured me there are a lot of opportunities in the U.S. But the first thing I needed to do was learn English.”

In 1995, at the age of 25, Sergeant Barriosvillagran hopped on an airplane for the first time in his life and left Guatemala, also for the first time, bound for Concord, Calif.

“When I arrived in America, my wife was definitely right, there are tons of opportunities for immigrants,” he said. “The state of California has great programs for working and learning English. Thanks to the U.S. government and the state of California, I was able to learn English for free. My books were free, my classes were free. It was truly the land of opportunity.”

According to Sergeant Barriosvillagran, this is when his first sense of patriotism clicked in his head.

“This is when I started feeling like I had to give something back to the U.S. and my state, because it was so good to me. That’s when the armed forces entered my mind. My wife was very supportive of me.”

In 1998, at the age of 28, Sergeant Barriosvillagran joined the Air Force Reserve from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. He was first trained as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic and is now an Information Manager.



photo by SrA Ross M. Tweten

TSgt Marlon Barriosvillagran (at right, pointing), 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Force Protection Third Country National Escort Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, checks in on one of his TCN escorts Thursday.

“When I was on the airplane to basic training, I was thinking that seven years ago, I was in Guatemala, and was admiring the U.S. might on the television, and now, I was fluent in a second language, living in the U.S., and was about to become a part of a great service. I realized at that moment that something amazing was happening to me. I was 100 percent sure that this is what I wanted to do.”

Soon after joining, Sergeant Barriosvillagran was able to gain his American citizenship.

“It was a snap,” he said. “I had my citizenship, and next thing I know, I’m raising my hand at the Crest Theater in Sacramento, Calif., with the Governor. Getting my citizenship has been an awesome experience.”

According to Sergeant Barriosvillagran, the Air Force has provided him with an incredible amount of opportunity, but his wife is who he credits for his success.

“The most significant moments of my life are meeting and marrying my wife,” he said. “She’s been a huge part of my success. Right now, she’s back home with a six-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl. I would’ve never come to the U.S. if not for my wife. And if I had never met my wife, I would never have been able to be a part

of this great Air Force.”

Here, with the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Sergeant Barriosvillagran is on his first deployment for which he volunteered. He supervises 23 TCN escorts. These escorts are in charge of overseeing and supervising the host nation members who work on base.

“The mission here is great, and the job the TCNs are doing is an important one,” he said.

According to Sergeant Barriosvillagran, he’s loved every minute of his time in the Air Force.

“I have gained a lot of fond memories from being in the Air Force,” he said. “I have a great unit back home with the 349th Logistics Readiness Flight at Travis Air Force Base, and I have a great commander and a great chief. I hope to stay in the Reserves as long as I possibly can and to someday make Chief Master Sergeant.

“For me, the most rewarding part about my time in the Air Force is learning about what it takes to be a leader and what it takes to set a good example. It’s a valuable asset that you can acquire from the military. There’s so much opportunity in the Air Force. I recommend the Air Force to anyone who is looking for an exciting place to work and learn.”

Warrior of the Week

SrA Eric Sylvester



courtesy photo

380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Duty title: Communications Project Manager

Home Unit: Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Hobbies: Sports, computers, family (wife and newborn daughter)

Supervisor's Comments: Since his arrival to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Airman Sylvester has demonstrated a professional attitude and has always put the mission first. He quickly took charge of 13 communication projects valued at over \$800,000. Airman Sylvester is also an active member of the Base Advisory Council during his off-duty hours.

Community Standards

Tip of the Week

Dormitory residents are reminded of the following important responsibilities:

▶ *Residents will raise concerns and suggestions regarding living conditions with their dormitory bay chief (senior ranking member in the bay) or lodging staff.*

▶ *Residents will be fully clothed (minimum shirt/shorts/footwear) when in dormitory hallways or dayrooms. When transiting to/from their rooms and the showers/restrooms residents may use closed, knee-length bathrobes to meet the "fully clothed" requirement. Exception: Residents of "dry stacks" must wear a minimum of shirt/shorts/footwear (no flip flops/sandals) when transiting to/from outdoor restroom/shower.*



▶ *Residents will use shower shoes in the showers to prevent spread of germs, fungus, or infections.*



Winner
“Did you hear them? They were chanting my name ... Rudy, Rudy, Rudy!”
- MSgt Glen Carter
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Safety Office

Other submissions:

“Yep, Coach Shannon did tell me I’m the best he’s ever seen.”

Capt Jose Milan, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing

“I’m just one man.”

SSgt Benjamin Bunnell, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

“No, there’s two Os in Goose.”

1Lt Darryl Hebert, 380th Expeditionary Services 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.

