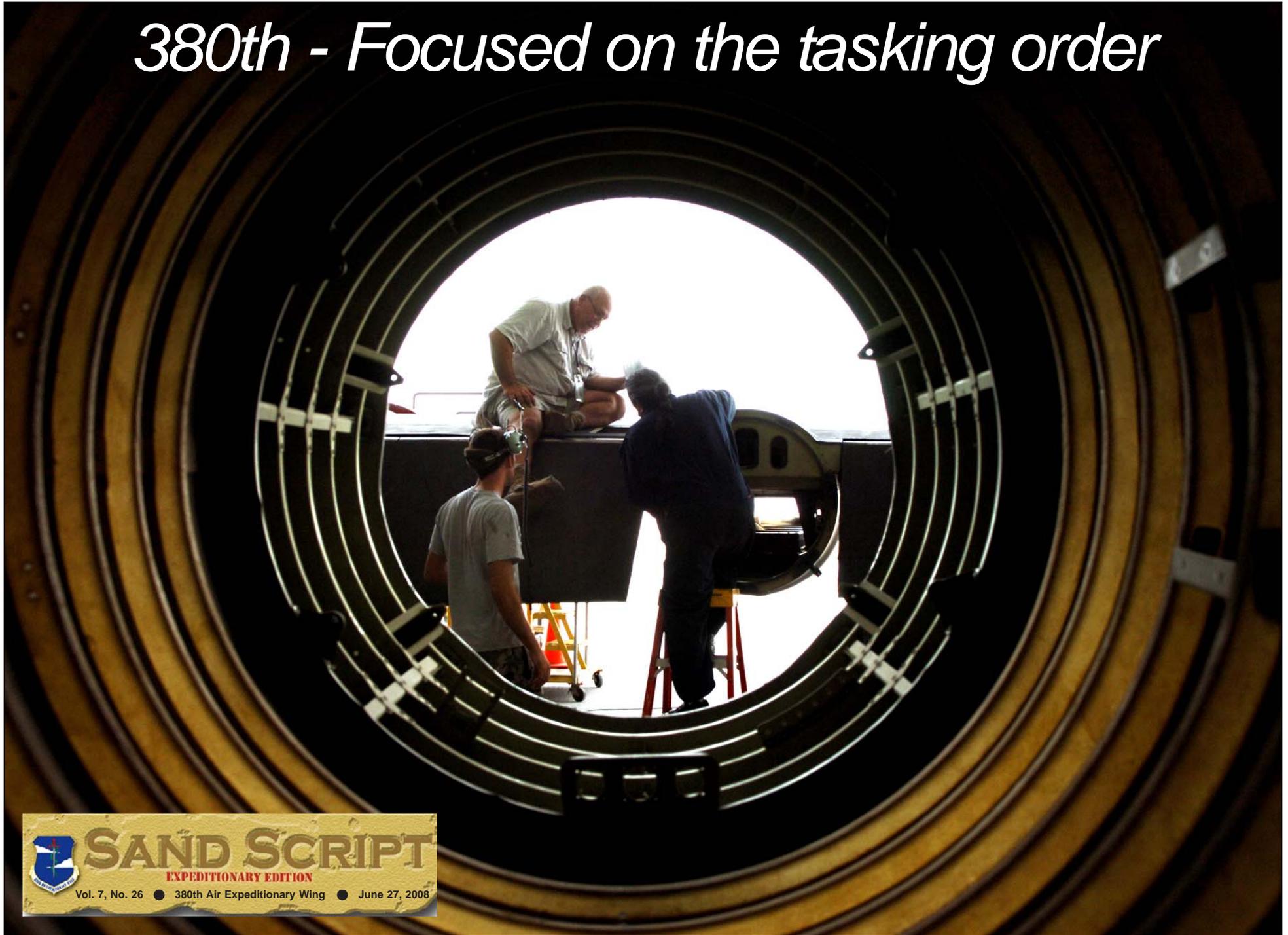


380th - Focused on the tasking order





On the cover

Members of the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron perform phase maintenance on a U-2 Dragon Lady recently. Photo by A1C Kelly LeGuillon.

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A job well done

Brig Gen H.D. Polumbo, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, presented RMOs to (from left) SSgt Joseph Garcia, SrA Sterling Marlow, SSgt Rebecca Miller, and SrA Samantha Downs after their work to “catch” a diverted Distinguished Visitor aircraft recently. All are members of the 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Air Terminal Operations Center.

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

Change is coming, but much will stay the same

by Lt Col James Clavena

380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander

“The only constant is change.”

How many times have we heard this phrase? Change seems to happen a lot, both in and out of the military, and the AOR is no exception.

Enemies change tactics, weather changes, leaders change, facilities change, AEFs change, and units change.

Next month, the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing will undergo several organizational changes, including units that change name, deactivate, and move between groups.

That’s a lot of change. With all that change, you might ask “what’s not changing?”

The mission – When the Expeditionary Maintenance Group is redesignated as the Expeditionary Materiel Group, the mission will be the same. Sure the targets, receivers, and airspace may be slightly different, but odds are the frag we fly will be the same. When the Expeditionary Services Squadron changes to the Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, their mission and their great support for the base mission will stay the same. And I’d submit the same goes for most units across the base. The mission will stay the same.

The Airmen – On July 14, when EAMXS deactivates, Airmen working on the flightline will do the same things they’ve always done. They will continue to work on their same aircraft and help take the fight to the enemy. Their leadership may change, even their workspace may adjust a little, but their focus and spirit will stay the same. The same is true across the base, from POL to Airfield Management, from the Medical Group to Civil Engineers, from Force Protection to Intel, the same Airmen (military, contractor, and civilian) will come to work on July 15 and fight for what they believe in. The Airmen will stay the same.

The dedication, caring, and hard work – On Aug. 1, long after the unit redesignations and deactivations are complete, one thing that will not have changed is the dedication and hard work of Airmen across the base. Everyone’s care for the mission will stay high and leaders’ caring for their Airmen will not have missed a beat. Dedication, caring and hard work will stay the same.

Our fellow warfighters’ need for gas, airspace control, and ISR – Everyday, the 380th supports countless coalition warfighters throughout the U.S. Air Forces Central AOR. Not one of them is worried about our internal reorganization. They’re focused on achieving their mission with our support. They’re counting on us to have a seamless transition and not miss a beat. Their need for gas, airspace control, and ISR will stay the same.

Change is definitely coming. Some of us have seen multiple different organizational structures throughout our time in the service. Every time the Air Force adjusted, Airmen succeeded in accomplishing our mission – that’s what we do.

The mission we are tasked with has a great job of centering our focus on what’s important ... and that’s ultimately what’s not going to change – our Airmen, their dedication, caring and hard work, and our warfighters’ needs.

Failure is not an option, and that is not changing.

380 AEW Commander becomes first General Officer to fly U-2 combat mission

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

An Airman from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing recently became the first General Officer to fly an operational and combat U-2 Dragon Lady mission.

Brig Gen H.D. Polumbo, 380 AEW Commander, completed the 9.8-hour mission, and after doing so, will continue to set records each time he flies the U-2 during the remainder of his deployment as commander of the 380 AEW.

"I like to lead from the front," said General Polumbo. "This is a difficult and challenging mission, but that's how I approach command of an organization; I want to be able to do the mission myself."

The U-2 has a long and renowned history. The General has already played a significant role in the U-2's history and continues to add to it while keeping the mission at the forefront of his mind.

"I don't look at it as a historic event, but as an opportunity to become qualified in another weapons system and contribute to the fight," he said. "I'll leave history to someone else later on down the road."

Here, the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, out of Beale Air Force Base, Calif., is the only U-2 squadron in the



Airmen stand by to greet General Polumbo after his flight.

photos by A1C Kelly LeGuillon

Area Of Responsibility operating in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Their mission is to provide high-altitude intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for the warfighter.

Flying the U-2 comes with its intrinsic rewards and challenges for the General. "It's satisfying to me professionally to provide critical information to other warfighters while handling the challenge of flying a single seat, single engine aircraft as I've done in the past in the F-16."



Brig Gen H.D. Polumbo steps out of his U-2 Dragon Lady after becoming the first General Officer to fly an operational and combat U-2 mission.

380th readies for organizational changes

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

Next month, the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing will undergo several organizational changes as a result of the Global Wing Structure Program Action Directives 08-01 and 07-11.

PAD 08-01 directs the realignment of fighter, rescue and bomber aircraft maintenance units under flying squadrons. The Expeditionary Maintenance Group will be redesignated as the Expeditionary Materiel Group and the Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will deactivate. A new Materiel Group at wing-level will create a new structure that is aligned to better support the logistics enterprise, flying wings and combatant commanders, officials say. The Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aerial Support Squadron and the remaining Maintenance Squadrons form the Materiel

Group and will consolidate traditional logistics functions under a single logistics leader in the wing. The global wing structure also positions the logistics community for future transformation initiatives.

Aligning aircraft maintenance units responsible for sortie generation together with the flying squadrons they support provides combatant commanders with the most complete and capable fighting squadrons possible, officials say. It also allows the operations group commander to focus on the generation and employment of airpower.

PAD 07-11 enables AFCENT to combine our Expeditionary Services Squadrons and PERSCO/Manpower elements into Expeditionary Force Support Squadrons, along the same lines as Force Support Squadrons in traditional wings. The new 380th Force Support Squadron will support overall readiness and preparedness as they provide for the basic needs and human resource management of the warfighter.

To view more photos of what happened around the wing, visit the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's intranet site and click on "Photos" under the "Wing Links" tab.



photo by A1C Kelly LeGuillon

380 ESFS welcomes new commander

Maj Christopher Broman, new 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Commander, addresses the crowd during his change of command ceremony Tuesday.



Egress training

Airmen from the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight conduct KC-10 Extender Egress training. The training demonstrates large-frame exterior firefighting techniques, interior fire extinguishment, pilot egress, search and rescue, and ventilation capabilities.



photos by A1C Kelly LeGuillon



courtesy photo

380 ESFS Airmen claim 3-on-3 b-ball championship

Congratulations to SSgt Mario Gibson, A1C David LeBlanc, and SrA Carlton Epton for taking first place in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament June 19. All three are members of the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.



photo by A1C Kelly LeGuillon

EMSG gathers for retreat

MSgt Robert Perrin, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant, salutes Col David Funk, 380th Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commander, during a retreat ceremony Friday as Airmen of the 380 EMSG stand in formation.



photos by A1C Kelly LeGuillon

Dragon Warrior Challenge

SrA Keisuke Hoshino, 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron (above), and SrA Daniel Peters, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron (right), participate in the Dragon Warrior Challenge Wednesday. To complete the challenge, participants must be able to do 15 pull-ups, 100 push-ups, 100 sit-ups, and run 5K in under 25 minutes.



Airman receives non-judicial punishment

A Senior Airman received an Article 15 for possession of pornography - a violation of General Order 1B. The SrA was reduced to the rank of Airman 1st Class with rank of Airman suspended. If the member is involved in any misconduct over the next six months, the commander may decide to fully reduce the A1C to Amn by vacating the suspended reduction. The A1C's punishment includes forfeiture of pay of \$325 per month for two months and a reprimand.



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Desert Diamond award

Congratulations to TSgt Tracie Taylor, 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.

Career Assistance Advisor adopts 380 AEW

SMSgt Bethann Fleming, Career Assistance Advisor of the 552nd Air Control Wing from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., has adopted the Airmen of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

On June 18, she conducted a briefing on First Term Airman and NCO Retraining via video-conference for 27 Airmen deployed here from 11 bases. SMSgt Fleming's expertise guided Airmen in making good decisions in their Air Force career.

Thanks to MSgt Michael Mujwid, 960th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron First Sergeant, for coordinating this event between Tinker AFB and our base here in Southwest Asia. SMSgt Fleming stated that she looks forward to having more counseling sessions with our Airmen in the future.

For more information about upcoming briefings, call Sergeant Mujwid at 434-5016.



To view the latest news, photos, and videos from around the wing, check out the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's new public Web site:

www.380AEW.afnews.af.mil

Share the site with your family and friends.



Warrior of the Week

MSgt Michael Hobbs, Jr.



photo by SrA Ross M. Tweten

380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: KC-10 Extender Aircraft Maintenance Unit
Lead Production Superintendent

Hobbies: Bass fishing, shooting, baseball

Most fulfilling part of my job: Keeping Airmen safe through education and training so they can accomplish the mission.

Supervisor's Comments: Sergeant Hobbs has been deployed and or TDY to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing 22 times, culminating in approximately 1,200 days. That's roughly 3 1/2 years on station. He oversees 95 maintainers performing daily scheduled/unscheduled, as well as launch and recovery maintenance actions on the wing's KC-10 fleet. I couldn't ask for a more motivated and knowledgeable Senior Noncommissioned Officer to run the 380th's busiest flightline operation. On a daily basis, he's responsible for 10-17 sorties, averaging 450 sorties per month, and by the way making it look easy, which it isn't. His leadership and maintenance management skills are critical to us meeting our Air Tasking Order.

Community Standards Tip of the Week

Driving Requirements

▶ *When traveling by automobile, all personnel, regardless of their position in the vehicle, must wear an operational seat belt.*



▶ *Driver's Licenses. Prior to qualifying to drive off base, all personnel must:*

▶ *Possess a valid International Driver's License and accompanying state license.*

▶ *Attend 380 AEW/SE drivers training.*

▶ *Travel off base as a passenger a minimum of two times (one trip by day and one by night) with a qualified off base driver. These trips are classified as OBT. OBT rules must be followed.*



▶ *Obtain a sticker for their IDL from 380 AEW/SE.*



Winner
**“380 AEW
implements drive-
through aircraft
wash program.”**

- SSgt Albert Thorpe
380th Expeditionary Logistics
Readiness Squadron

Other submissions:

“Now that’s what I call a bird bath.”

SrA Billy Odom, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

“The 380th is now using the “Underwater Landing Exercise” just in case it floods again.”

TSgt Tim Underwood, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

“Next tanker slip-and-slide event is at 1830.”

Capt Shaun Lloyd, 960th 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.

