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On the cover

Airman 1st Class Mack Carter, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a metal chop saw to cut a square stock for a window frame. The window frame will be used for additional security. Airman Carter deployed from the 735th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. His hometown is Sanford, N.C.

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And ... heave!

Members of the 380th Air Transportation Operations Center unload pallets of incoming cargo and supplies off a C-17 Globemaster III here Aug. 7.

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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

One Team ... One Fight!

by Lt. Col. Mark Sloan

380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer
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What does "One Team ... One Fight" mean to you?

Can pilots fly the Air Tasking Order alone? No. Can maintenance crews prepare the jets to 'fly the frag' alone. No. Can a mission supporter or a medical technician change hearts and minds alone? No way.

Everyone at this base has a specific role to support the daily ATO, and in-turn this base is a critical cog to make the Global War on Terror a success. While other bases "drop iron" on targets and kick down doors, they can't do it without gas, command and control, good knowledge for where their adversaries hide and advanced cooperative training.

This base has specific missions that directly support missions at other bases, as well as Army, Navy, and Marine brethren in the field in both Afghanistan and Iraq. The information obtained and shared, the tactical guidance provided and fuel delivered at 20,000 feet ultimately saves lives, hinders those who seek instability and promotes a peaceful world order.

At this base, do you believe what you do has a direct impact on the Global War on Terror? Purposefully read through these run-on sentences: The dining hall quality assurance manager ensures the food is adequately prepared to give the HVAC technician the energy needed to repair the air conditioner

U-2 pilot his which pilot to fly a recon mission Afghanistan in identifies the enemy forces, relayed to the commander, his troops to guys. The

technician gives the shot which protects the defender who protects the firefighter who protects the supply technician who provides the parts to the maintenance crew who fixes the jet that carries the fuel that provides the gas to the fighter aircraft that drops the bomb that removes the terrorist with wrong intentions.

Can these 'tail-to-tooth' series be shortened? ... perhaps. Will the mission function at peak levels? ... no, and it will eventually fail.

As this AEF rotation nears the homestretch, never forget you played a major role in the Global War on Terror. The increasing stability seen in Iraq and a hopeful future seen in Afghanistan proves it.



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Uniform changes come to Southwest Asia

Story by Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson
380th AEW Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force members of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing here are transitioning from Desert Combat Uniforms to Airman Battle Uniforms to meet newly published AFCENT guidance.

United States Air Forces Central issued a memorandum July 31 providing guidance for all pending and current deployers in the USAFCENT Area of Responsibility.

The memorandum, from manpower, personnel and services, states, "All Airmen deploying to the AOR on AEF 5/6 and beyond, will be issued ABUs by their home station prior to departure."

"We're doing our best to prepare for this next deployment cycle," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Mitchell, the 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The incoming cycle of deployers is not the only consideration for the chief of supply, "We also have folks currently stationed here who don't fall into the regular deployment cycle," Sergeant Mitchell said. "We'll need to provide them with complete uniforms."

The 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, is preparing to issue ABUs to those Airmen deployed or assigned to this location whose return date is beyond the Oct. 1 deadline.

The base hosts permanent party members on one-year assignments and deployers who don't fall within the typical cycles. More than 500 of that group will be here beyond Oct. 1.

"We are working through all the issues during this transition to provide the support required. (The 380th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron) is assisting with setting up a local Blanket Purchase Agreement for

name tapes and U.S. Air Force tapes," said Lt. Col. Tanya Kubinec, 380th ELRS commander.

The deadline is approaching quickly and time will tell if supply can meet demand. The 380th ELRS folks intend to do whatever is in their power to meet the guidance, Sergeant Mitchell said.

Incoming deployers should seek further guidance from home station unit deployment monitors and at respective individual equipment offices.

Individuals at deployed locations will receive guidance from their chains of command. The public affairs office here will post updates in the Daily Bulletin.

Squadrons must submit a letter -- identifying current deployers who will be here beyond Oct. 1 and signed by respective commanders or first sergeants -- to the 380th ELRS Material Management Flight.



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Above: Senior Airman Xavier Taggart, places uniform trousers into a bag as Tech. Sgt. Ann Williams takes inventory of the items. Airman 1st Class Shawna Wilson also places uniform items into bags for deployed personnel here. The bags are made up according to lists of members who will still be at this location after Oct. 1.

Left: Tech. Sgt. Ann Williams, Airman 1st Class Shawna Wilson and Senior Airman Xavier Taggart check their inventory for Airman Battle Uniforms for personnel deployed here. All three are deployed to the 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron from the 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

O₂ gets new housing in deployed location, mitigates danger

By Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson
380th AEW Public Affairs



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Representatives from the 380th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Contracting Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron and the U.S. government-contracted design team met with local contractors for a site survey of a new construction project intended to house liquid and gas oxygen.

Air Force officials met with contractors here Aug. 9 for the site survey of a new construction project intended to house liquid and gas oxygen.

Expeditionary constraints led to the tanks being stored in a hangar. The construction of a new facility alleviates the exposure of explosive hazards to Airmen and Air Force assets.

“We’re committed to mitigating this hazard. Though the tanks are secure, the threat does exist,” said Lt. Col. Frederick Thaden, 380th Expeditionary Mission Support Group deputy commander. “We’ll take every possible step to guarantee the safety of our Airmen and assets.”

The building will house liquid and gas products according to safety regulations. The concrete masonry unit will have two bays totaling 20x40 feet divided by a concrete wall.

The cost of the project is expected to be between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Colonel Thaden joined representatives from the 380th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron and the U.S. government-contracted design team as they met with local contractors to go over last-minute questions or discrepancies. The group met at the site to allow possible bidders to get a visual of the location. Not all interested parties came to the site survey; some correspond electronically to get the information they require for a cost estimate of the project.

All the contractors will have about two weeks to submit their proposals after the site survey. The proposals will then be evaluated by the 380th ECES project officer and the design contractor. “The criterion for this project is: lowest price/technically acceptable,” said Senior Airman Matthew Vilsack. Airman Vilsack is a contingency contracting officer for the 380th ECONS. “This means the lowest bid is not necessarily going to be chosen.”

Each proposal will be evaluated on its own merit. The engineer project officers and the design team will make the final decision on who will be awarded the contract. “We want to make sure the plans meet the requirements and are feasible for the design,” said Capt. Jorge Lopez, 380th ECES project manager. “We also look to make sure it’s economically sound. Then we report our evaluation results to the contracting squadron - they’ll take the required steps to notify the bidders.”

The evaluating process could take about a week, according to Captain Lopez. Airman Vilsack sends out a “notice to proceed,” which includes the start date, once the contract is awarded. The contractors have 120-days to complete the construction.

This project includes the building itself, utilities, a fire-suppression system, a pump with housing for the fire-suppression system, a back-up generator platform, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. The contract will also include sunshades. “The bidders should already be aware of the scope of the project because we send them all the data prior to this survey,” Captain Lopez said. “Today we’ll respond to further questions or concerns.”

To date the plans are moving along and the project could be completed within one deployment rotation. “If things go as planned, we could be breaking ground within a month and we could be looking at our new storage facility in December,” Colonel Thaden said. “We’ll do what we can to keep things moving smoothly.”

Author’s note: This is the first in a series of articles regarding construction of the oxygen-storage facilities.

E-5 PROMOTION RELEASE AUG. 20

Staff sergeant promotion results will be released 8 a.m. CST Aug. 20. The following web sites will be available for Air Force members and the local community to access the promotion list:

AFPC Homepage “Spotlight”: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

Enlisted Promotions Splash Page: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/EProm/default.asp?prods3=5&prods2=2&prods1=1>

AFPC Public Web Site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>

These links are also available on the Daily Bulletin.



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Band brings ‘little bit of Texas’ to Southwest Asia, gains new perspective on military, missions

“I’m more scared facing traffic in Houston than when I’m getting escorted by the strongest military in the world,”

- King Cone, lead vocalist and songwriter

By Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson
380th AEW Public Affairs

King Cone and the Tailgate Philharmonic visited the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing here Aug. 13 to “bring a little bit of Texas” to deployed members.

King said he volunteered more than a year ago to support the Armed Forces Entertainment’s efforts to bring some music to deployed military members.

Although the decision to apply to Armed Forces Entertainment was sporadic, King Cone said there are no regrets. “I was outside a bar in Dallas and I saw an ad in a local paper, I thought, ‘That sounds exciting,’ so I sent them a press kit. They (AFE) sent me a letter back stating we were accepted and they’d get in touch if someone needs us.”

King, lead vocalist and songwriter, said it was nearly a year before he received a call from the Pentagon. “I got a call out of the blue explaining a tour opened up in Southwest Asia. I asked, ‘Where’s that?’ The caller said it was in Iraq and surrounding areas.” The singer didn’t hesitate to reply, “Sign me up.”

He and his group are in Southwest Asia for nearly a month-long tour. The 380th AEW is the sixth stop for what has become a journey of enlightenment for the members of the band. “For me personally, I am never going to have any other way to be a part of the efforts here. I’m not a military guy; I’m not the biggest, strongest guy, even if I wanted to be; it’s our tiny way to do something,” said Trevor Meek. The sound engineer, out of Bridgeport, Texas, left his everyday life behind – including his business – to be a part of this tour.

The band members said they’ve learned a lot about

the military, its members and the mission.

The 380th AEW hosted a tour for the group including their first ride in a chase car for a U-2 landing. The group also got to attend their first real mission brief. “It’s incredible what everyone over here is doing,” said Jeff Wallace, bass player, from Longview, Texas. “It really puts a face of reality on what’s going on.”

The bass player recalled an early-morning ceremony he and the group attended in Afghanistan for a fallen soldier. “That left an impression,” he said solemnly.

The group attended that ceremony and also had lunch with an injured military member. “We sat across from an injured military member who told us he and his unit were hit by an (improvised explosive device) – it made me humble,” remarked Paul Piper, drummer. Mr. Piper left a family back in Mesquite, Texas, for the duration of his trip. He said he has gained valuable insight from his experiences here. “I’ll definitely have a different way of seeing things in the news now; we’ve seen it for real and we can place people in the action.”

King said he has also felt the personal aspects of his trip, “If anything changed in the way I look at it, it’s a more personal view of the war; there’s faces now on my war – before it was just a television. These are our American brothers and sisters fighting for us,” he continued. “It definitely changes your opinion on how some things are portrayed in the media.”

Though King said he suffered a brief scare during a ride on a Blackhawk helicopter, he and his band mates have felt nothing but safe since. “I’m more scared facing traffic in Houston than when I’m getting escorted by the strongest military in the world,” he laughed. “I don’t think the folks here realize that (Americans) don’t take



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King Cone, lead vocalist, and Dwayne Bollmeyer, lead guitarist, of the King Cone and the Tailgate Philharmonic band, conduct a medley of plucks and strums as they perform for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing here Thursday. Mr. Bollmeyer is the only one of the five-member band not from Texas, he hails from Cleveland, Ohio.

you guys for granted. We appreciate all the help and the security you provide; and the fact we can do anything we want at home because you guys are over here taking care of us.”

Mr. Wallace echoed his sentiments, “We’ve felt very safe. It’s easy to forget when you’re at home, easy to get back on the golf course and go about your life – but a lot of people came over here and actually did something.”

The band can now add their names to the list of those who’ve been to Southwest Asia, they too came here and contributed something. “I hope we made some people happy, we just took about two hours out of our lives and tried to make ‘em smile, bring ‘em a little piece of Texas and home,” King said.

The band’s visit seems to be a win-win event for both the group and the audience. “What a great group. These guys took time out of their lives to come here and support us,” said Tech. Sgt. Rose Condello, marketing director for the 380th Expeditionary Force

Support Squadron. “That says so much in itself about them. To me, they kind of represent the folks back home who can’t make it, but are supporting us in spirit.”

The band left the stage to applause and appreciative looks, but King said it’s supposed to be the other way around. “Not everyone gets to do this; your local band doesn’t get to travel the world and go to the Middle East – especially when there’s a war going on – and pay the troops back,” he said. “It’s funny because when we get off the plane on arrival at a new place or when we leave after we play, everyone comes up and says, ‘thank you.’ I feel like we should be the ones thanking ya’ll – it’s an honor for us to be here playing.”

The five-man group took the opportunity to learn from military members serving in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; they learned to appreciate the mission and the people behind it in a new way. Judging by the looks of the audience and the rounds of applause, they accomplished their mission as well.



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Above: U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Davis, with the B Company 5-52 Air Missile Defense unit here, “swings” Airman 1st Class Rebecca Richardson around the basketball court Thursday during the concert. Airman Richardson is from the 380th Security Forces Squadron restricted area measures team.

Top right: King Cone, lead vocalist and song writer, belts out a song on stage at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Thirsty Camel Pavilion Thursday. King stated he felt like he was wearing a bathing suit, referencing his sweat-drenched clothing. Peter Piper (background), drummer, beats out the accompanying melody.

Far right: The drummer, Peter Piper, and bass player, Jeff Wallace, withstand temperatures of 94 degrees with 75-percent humidity at 9 p.m. to perform for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Right: Brig. Gen. H.D. Pumbo, Jr., 380th AEW commander, welcomes King Cone and the Tailgate Philharmonic. General Pumbo expressed gratitude to the group on behalf of the men and women of his wing.



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The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing congratulates the following senior noncommissioned officer inductees:

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| Tech. Sgt. Dwayne L. Allen | 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Onyx A. Carter | 380th Expeditionary Operations Group |
| Tech. Sgt. Rose M. Condello | 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron |
| U.S. Army Staff Sgt. David W. Clavette | F Company 5-52 Air Missile Defense |
| Tech. Sgt. Robert R. Coulter | 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Dorian A. Dillon | 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Melinda M. Drake | 380th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Shane F. Griego | 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron |
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| Tech. Sgt. Christopher C. Philips | 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sloan | 380th Operation Support Squadron |
| Tech. Sgt. Scott D. Smith | 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron |

Left: Inductee Tech. Sgt. Rose Condello, marketing director for the 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, makes her way through the cordon at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony here Tuesday.

Above: Right to left, Lane Bourgeois, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing historian; Capt. Colleen Schaeilling, 380th AEW protocol officer; and Lt. Col. Timothy MacGregor, 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander, join voices as they sing the National Anthem at the induction ceremony.