



DVs visit 380th AEW, laud efforts, team





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On the cover

The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing hosted several visits from some of the command's most distinguished leaders over the past week: Lt. Gen. Gary North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander; Maj. Gen. Douglas Raaberg, Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander; Chief Master Sgt. Scott Dearduff, command chief for 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander.

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380th AEW welcomes cycle 5/6

Members of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing help unload bags from a new rotation of Airmen who just touched down here Sept. 1. The 380th personnel are unloading the bags for the new arrivals so they are able to inprocess and check into their new accommodations. The incoming team could be assigned to the 380th for as few as 45 days or upward to one year.

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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

Culture of an enduring wing

Maj. Todd Stratton
380th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Commander

"Can your spending survive the scrutiny of an audit?"

**- Maj. Todd Stratton,
380th ECS commander**

Many of you have heard the term "enduring" used to describe the wing during your stay here. Some of you, like me, heard it applied to our location before you even arrived. What does it mean? According to the American Heritage Dictionary, "enduring" means "lasting; continuing; durable." Why does it matter?

It matters because it provides us all a vision to guide us through our time here. It means when we make decisions, review our processes and manage our resources we should consider the long-term effects of our actions, not just how to survive the next 120 days. This enduring vision is at the heart of our job to "manage the transition, every day."

The challenge is that the mission is relentless. The air tasking order arrives every day, planning begins, aircraft are repaired, launched and then recovered. This all happens while we try to lay the foundation for a new flightline dining hall or "real" maintenance facilities or brick-and-mortar dormitories and communication nodes. To make matters worse, Air Expeditionary Force rotations are not long enough for us to see an "enduring" project payoff. Our successors will be the ones to reap the benefits of our hard work, not us.

We cannot be deterred by these challenges, though. The culture of our wing has been steadily changing from expeditionary to enduring for years. The move from tent city to Phantom East happened only a few years ago – and it didn't happen overnight. There are two areas where we should continue to evolve from an expeditionary to an enduring mindset – our processes and stewardship of resources.

We all live or die by our processes. Organizations can't effectively complete their mission without them. So the next time you ask yourself, "Why are we doing this like that?" Tackle it with an "enduring" mindset. Don't just grease the skids long enough to rotate out – fix it. In many cases there are established ways of doing business, we don't always have to reinvent the wheel.

Stewardship of resources? Come on, we've got current-operations funds, right? Yes, but will we have the funds next year or the year after that? Someday we'll be part of a normal, programmed defense budget. Can your spending survive the scrutiny of an audit? We have recently been audited on three areas here and many more will follow.

The long war will be won through an enduring vision and strategy, not short term gain. We should apply that same logic here, to our decisions, processes and stewardship, as we forge the next chapter in the history of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Air component commander leads by walking around

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

Lt. Gen. Gary North visited the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 to see what the Airmen here are up to first-hand.

General North, 9th Air Force and United States Air Forces Central commander, who also serves as the U.S. Central Command's Combined Force Air Component Commander, said it's important to know the capacity of our people and the capabilities of our airplanes and our command and control capabilities.

"You can't do that sitting in the headquarters. It's leadership by walking around," General North said. "I believe in coming out and looking the Airmen in the eye, patting them on the back and praising them for what they're doing on the ground and in the air."

The commander also said it's vital he visits with senior leaders, "... not only my counterparts, the component commanders – but the senior leaders of the nations of which we work alongside. Last year we were in 15 different nations in the region. The travel schedule is heavy, but it's so very important to get out and see our Airmen throughout the AOR."

General North's responsibilities weigh heavily on the course of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa, as well as 24 other nations in Central and Southwest Asia. As the senior leader in charge of all air operations, his actions must be on target.

"Our air tasking order defines our daily schedule that must be met in the combat zone; our aircraft must take off on time; they must get to the target area on time; they must be overhead for the time allocated in the ATO master plan. If they aren't, our joint and combined warriors and their missions on the ground are at risk," General North explained. "These are our brothers and our sisters, our moms, dads, cousins and uncles. Millions of people back home depend on us to be there on time. They don't know the Sergeant Smiths, Tailors, the Johnsons or the Morris' by name, but they do know what Airmen deliver to the fight."

General North took advantage of his visit to take a look at what the 380th brings to the fight. He said visiting work centers gives him the chance to see the flexibility of Airmen who look at a problem and come up with a solution. He followed up with an overview of an innovation that Brig. Gen. H.D. Pumbo, Jr., the 380th commander, brought up at a recent commander's call.

"Some of my Airmen introduced a new way to do business," General Pumbo said. "The chain of command responded by listening to the experts on the

line – that's the key to good leadership – listening."

The 380th Airmen shared a plan on how to save time and gas that would put more gas over the battlefield, while getting some of the refueling aircraft back sooner for maintenance. Their plan also enabled preparation to do more with the airplanes on call. General Pumbo listened, General North listened; the wheels of change are turning.

"Many of the innovative procedures we find in the field during day-to-day combat operations are now written into our tactics manuals, our procedures manuals ...," General North said.

General Pumbo escorted General North to the flightline to get a better understanding of the wing's most recent idea to improve refueling operations. "I was pleased to be able to meet with the Airmen and the operations behind the idea General Pumbo presented," General North said. "Based on the conversations we had here, I was able to go back to my quarters last night and type up the details of that idea and push it back to the Combined Air Operations Center to our planners. They are right now writing up the operations orders or execution orders to implement some of the changes in our daily flying portion of the ATO."

Even a small change in refueling operations can have a big impact. On average, the air refueling aircraft in the AOR deliver 3.8-million pounds of jet fuel per day from its air-refueling fleet of KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft. More than a million of that is from this wing.

"Three-hundred and thirty times a day we're directing our U.S. and coalition airplanes to our tanker airplanes to refuel so they can stay overhead of our ground forces in the fight," General North explained. "Sometimes you have a tanker directly overhead of a firefight with fighters or bombers on it so they can spin right off the tanker, right back down to the fight."

Although roughly a third of the air-to-air refueling gas delivered in the AOR comes from the 380th AEW, refueling is only one of the missions to reap the benefits of innovative Airmen here.

A few months ago, Airmen from the 380th AEW flying the E-3 Sentry, or Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft, came up with an idea to make their jobs more efficient when operating in combat.

Listening, once again, proved beneficial to the Air Force and its missions in SWA. The Airmen said they had a technical solution to add a new technique to expedite secure communication while in the battlefield. "They introduced the idea, saying, 'this is what we'd like to have to make us more efficient and effective,'" General North said. "We took that idea back to the program



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Lt. Gen. Gary North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander, visits the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's Aerospace Ground Equipment flight Aug. 31. The AGE technicians listen in as General North discusses the role the 380th plays in current operations in Southwest Asia.

managers. (The Airmen) are currently using that new capability. They're flying with it on the airplanes now.

"That's listening to the Airmen who are doing their job; the Airmen who say, 'Sir, this is what we need to do our job better.' And our job is to go get it for them and I think we do that pretty well," he said.

The general rounded off his visit by presenting a noncommissioned officer with a combat action medal earned on her fifth combat deployment; attending a wing promotion and award ceremony; and speaking to 380th AEW personnel about current and future operations here.

"We will be in this fight for a long time; it's a fight which requires air power; it is a fight which requires the specific types of air power this wing generates; it requires disciplined, ready Airmen; and it requires Airmen's families to understand how important that is," General North said.

Leadership by walking around has worked well for the general and the 380th AEW. The contributions by both are ongoing and evident in the changes being

implemented, the missions being accomplished and the ATO being fulfilled.

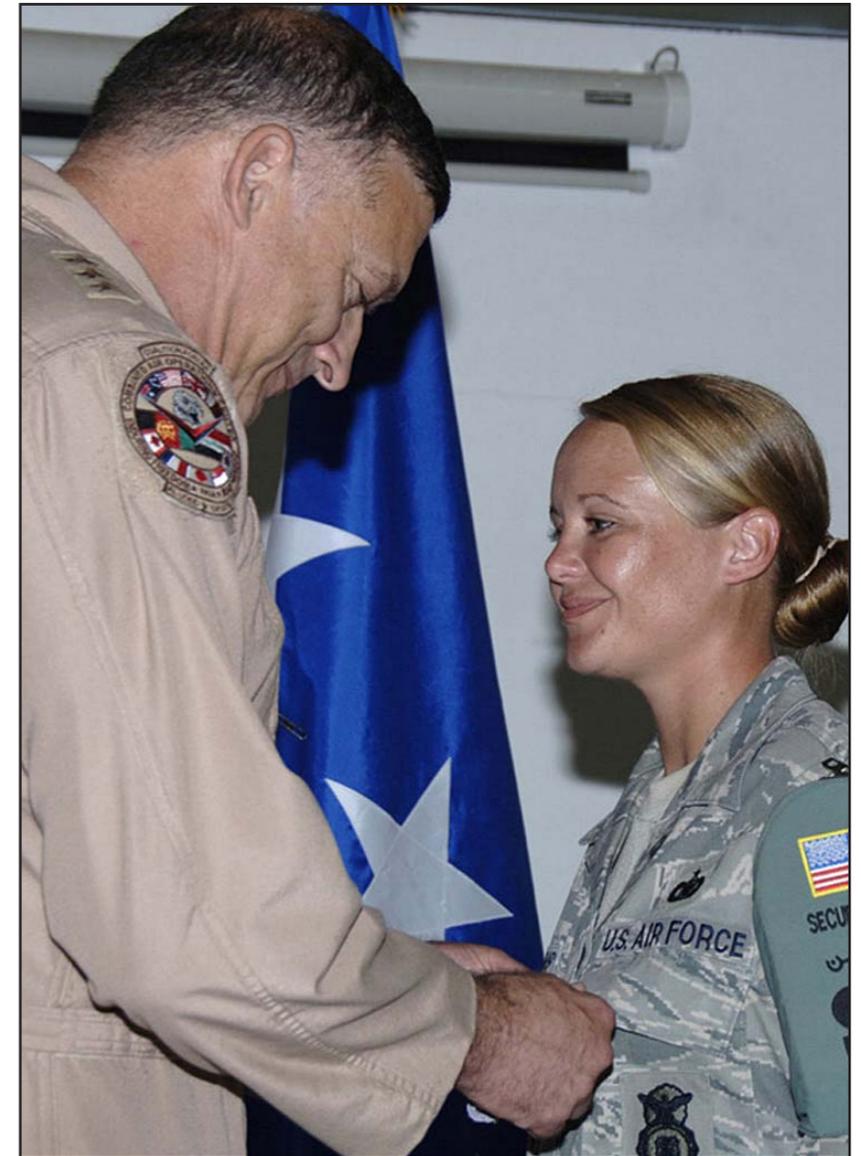
"This wing has an A-plus grade from my perspective," General North said. "And behind our daily ATO execution is the constant hustle of Airmen – it's a thousand moving parts that produce that combat sortie that takes off on time."

General North views those moving parts personally whenever he can, "My best ideas are from wading into our Airmen at every level, in every shop and sitting down and going, 'Talk to me, tell me what you're doing.'"

General North said the senior leadership exists to make the organization run more efficiently and effectively. "The only way you can do that is by going out and seeing our Airmen in action.

"We work for the youngest Airman in the field and the youngest Airman in the field needs to know that from the three-star commander, down to that Airman's wingman, the people behind him or her are working for them. I take that job very seriously," he concluded.

Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central, presented Staff Sgt. Virginia Ganus with the Air Force Combat Action Medal in a ceremony here Sunday. Sergeant Ganus is a tactical automated security system administrator from the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.



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Sergeant Ganus is deployed here from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. She comes from a military family and calls Roanoke, Va., home.

380th Airman receives combat action medal

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

A 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer received the Air Force Combat Action Medal in a ceremony here Aug. 31.

Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central, presented the medal to Staff Sgt. Virginia Ganus, a tactical automated security system administrator, for her actions in Iraq in 2005.

The citation explains how Sergeant Ganus (then Hartberger) distinguished herself as the Fire Team Leader for the 506th Expeditionary Group at a deployed location in Iraq.

“During this period, while engaged in ground operations against the enemy, Sergeant (Ganus) led a fire team during two combat and reconnaissance patrols, ranging as far as eight kilometers off base.”

The citation further states that Sergeant Ganus was directly involved with countering enemy actions directed at the unit’s installation.

While serving as an additional gunner, Sergeant Ganus and her fire team were directed to investigate, engage and destroy the source of a possible rocket launch in their assigned patrol zone. As the team responded to the suspected site, their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device.

“If anything, I feel a better sense of accomplishment in the mission.”

**- Staff. Sgt. Virginia Ganus,
380th ESFS**

“I remember the blast of hot air and the smell,” Sergeant Ganus recalled. “I can’t really describe it, but I’ll never forget it.”

The NCO who is deployed here from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., was at that time, on her fifth combat deployment.

Narrator for the ceremony, 1st Lt. John McElroy, also from the 380th ESFS, read the events that took place subsequent to the explosion, “Immediately after the explosion and without hesitation, Sergeant Ganus exited the disabled vehicle and directed perimeter security around the vehicle. While security was being established she was able to focus her attention on a secondary IED sweep and provide immediate medical aid to the wounded truck commander.”

As Lieutenant McElroy continued with the narration, Sergeant Ganus stood beside General North in front of her current deployed brethren.

The narration concluded with an explanation of Sergeant Ganus’ actions as she stabilized the truck commander’s injuries and provided valuable medical care until her team was evacuated from the scene.

The impact of the IED did more than spur an event leading to this medal presentation; it also affected Sergeant Ganus’ outlook on life. “It made me appreciate life more,” she said. “And even though it’s been three

years, I still appreciate life to the fullest.”

The audience came to attention as the citation was read.

Sergeant Ganus, nearly a foot and a half shorter than General North, attained the full five feet her height would allow as the general pinned on her AFCAM. “This medal means a lot to me,” Sergeant Ganus said. “It was an honor to have General North present it.”

The general shared remarks as Sergeant Ganus stood before her friends and coworkers bearing the new medal.

“One of the biggest honors we have as commanders is being able to recognize excellence in combat,” General North said.

The noncommissioned officer is currently serving her ninth combat deployment and shows no signs of slowing down. “The situation didn’t deter me from pursuing a military career,” she said. “If anything, I feel a better sense of accomplishment in the mission.”

General North closed the ceremony with thoughts on some characteristics he lauds in Sergeant Ganus, and all Airmen. “Sergeant Ganus’ actions represent not only professionalism, discipline and bravery, but the epitome of what we hope all Airmen are every day,” he said.



Above: Maj. Gen. Douglas Raaberg, Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander, greets Master Sgt. Jesse Collins, 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, during a visit to the flightline to discuss air operations here Aug. 28. Sergeant Collins is a production superintendent with the unit.



Right: General Raaberg presents Senior Airman Paul Wilson, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Command Post, with a coin Aug. 28. General Raaberg talked to Airman Wilson and several other members of the 380th AEW regarding the key role the 380th plays in Southwest Asia operations.

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Deputy CFACC visits, reminisces at 380th AEW

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

Maj. Gen. Douglas L. Raaberg, the Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander for United States Central Command, visited the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing here Aug. 28.

The general and the wing are old acquaintances. He served as a FB-111A pilot, instructor pilot and an evaluator pilot for the 380th Bombardment Wing in Plattsburgh, N.Y., from 1983 to 1987.

"It's not a very well-known fact that I'm a 380th alumnus," General Raaberg said. "This is a reunion for me; it's my heritage."

Since that time, both General Raaberg and the 380th wing have undergone several transformations in the Air Force before getting reacquainted.

As the general graduated through air-

frames and assignments, so too, did the 380th. They both had stints with fighters, bombers and refuelers, to name a few, before eventually making their way into their current expeditionary status in Southwest Asia.

As General Raaberg visited the wing, he took time to address a group of Airmen in a Global Hawk hangar, "We work for our three-star, Lt. Gen. Gary North, the 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central Commander. He really respects the extraordinary power capability the 380th brings to the fight in Afghanistan."

The DCFACC explained several ways the 380th AEW contributes to U.S. efforts in the area of operations. "Some of our most advanced technology resides here, bringing us crucial intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance," he explained. "Additionally, the KC-10 is the 'power booster' for numerous strike and support aircraft."

General Raaberg is no stranger to the wing's capabilities, from reconnaissance and intelligence, to the refueling mission. He said the mission here is a key element in his role not only as a Combined Air and Space Operations Center decision maker, but as a qualified B-1 combat pilot, as well.

"time," the command pilot said. "For those warriors on the ground, that can make the difference that saves their lives."

From the big-picture perspective of the area of operations' second in command, the general said he's not the only one to appreciate what the 380th brings to the fight.

"The more than 3.5-million gallons of jet fuel your KC-10s help to offload daily to over 300 U.S. and Coalition aircraft provides critical overwatch capability to our fellow U.S. and NATO International Security Assistance Force members," he said. "Trust me, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coalition

and Afghan forces on the ground really appreciate this wing."

The 380th AEW has transformed air-battle management and high-altitude reconnaissance, the general stated.

"The potential of the Global Hawk and the U-2 required overhead, together with the (Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft), is limitless. In fact, today - as in every day - you will be 100-percent on-target, on-station performing critical and vital response to other warfighters."

Without the warrior Airmen of the 380th, the intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance mission and air-battle management would grind to a halt, General Raaberg said. The kinetic and non-kinetic benefits derived from advanced capabilities delivered by AWACS and the Global Hawk are immeasurable.

"You deliver a profound affect on the

war effort," he said. "The 380th wing is tucked-in tight with the fight. It is unbelievable what you do."

People, according to General Raaberg, are what makes the mission work and succeed.

"We're using the most sophisticated equipment and yet we're still counting on the most capable weapon in our arsenal - people," he said. "It's important to recognize our most valued asset."

Brig. Gen. H.D. Pumbo, Jr., thanked General Raaberg for taking the time to visit the wing and to recognize five of the wing's finest Airmen during his visit.

The 30-plus year veteran has seen his share of great things, most of which he explains are the people he met along the way. General Raaberg said his path is ongoing, "I don't sit at the zenith or the pinnacle of my career. I am honored to sit in the cradle of opportunity."

AFPC CC discusses support for deployed Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The commander of the Air Force Personnel Center discussed how her agency continues to improve its support of deployed Airmen during a visit here Aug. 27.

AFPC is streamlining how it tracks deployments and re-examining how it balances deployments with assignments and training, said Maj. Gen. K. C. McClain, who toured Camp Bucca, Iraq, and two other locations in Southwest Asia prior to arriving at Joint Base Balad.

A major step in this evolution came through moving the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center, formerly at Langley Air Force Base, Va., to AFPC, which is headquartered at Randolph AFB, Texas.

“We’re just finishing the merger of the AEF Center with AFPC, and I think that’s going to pay dividends for all of our deployed Airmen,” she said. “What we had before the merger was two different organizations taking actions in stovepipes. The AEF Center may have been working a deployment, and AFPC may have been working an assignment, and the individual got hit with both of them. Now, by having the two together, we can incorporate the AEF cycle into day-to-day personnel actions.”

Under the merger, the AEF Center became the Directorate of AEF Operations. The merger allows for better visibility on Airmen availability by synchronizing deployment cycles with permanent change of station moves and training requirements, General McClain said.

“For instance, the NCO Retraining Program release will be vetted through the AEF cycle in the future to ensure Airmen aren’t in retraining during their assigned AEF rotation,” she said.

AFPC will also begin tracking deployments by first movement rather than required delivery dates.

“We had an individual who, because of a series of reclama actions, received one week’s notice to go to three months of training before a deployment,” General McClain said. “Our old metrics showed 90 days’ notice because he didn’t have to be in the (U.S. Central Command area of responsibility) until 90 days later ... when, in fact, he had one week’s notice to get to training.”

Tracking deployments by first movement will create a more accurate picture of how much notice a person receives before he deploys, allowing AFPC to notify Airmen and their families sooner, said Chief Master Sgt. Andy Kaiser, AFPC’s command chief.

“We have a relentless pursuit of perfection,” Chief Kaiser said. “If we have one short-notice tasking ... that’s one too many. We’re passionate about meeting our goal of reducing short-notice taskings to zero.”

Airmen will still receive short-notice taskings when someone who is matched against a tasking injures himself and can no longer deploy, General McClain said, “but we want to make sure our processes in working these taskings isn’t responsible for the delay in notification.”

AFPC has also empowered Airmen to manage their own personnel data through services like the virtual MPF and the Air Force Contact Center.

“Anytime that you put something on the Web, it obviously helps deployed Airmen, because they can then get access to their records at any time,” the general said. “We’re trying to give individuals control of their personnel business, just like many banking companies are giving us control over our finances. You can go online and check out your bank account ... you can

access it any day and at any hour of the day. That’s what we’re doing with the personnel services. One of our goals is to give Airmen more control of their personnel actions.”

The AFCC can walk Airmen through Web-based applications as well as answer many of their personnel-related questions.

“The AFCC is open 24/7, so you can call and ask questions,” General McClain said. “If they can’t answer it, they will get you to the subject matter experts who can.”

The Web-based promotion release system has also proven useful to deployed warfighters, Chief Kaiser said.

“With the Web-based system, Airmen don’t have to wonder if the commander will come around,” he said. “Everyone knows at the same time whether they’ve been selected for promotion, and commanders still congratulate their people.” The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing recognized its staff sergeant selectees during a ceremony at Town Hall here Aug. 21, the day after the staff sergeant results were released.

General McClain said she seeks feedback on the Web-based systems and any other ideas from Airmen that can improve personnel processes.

“You put the programs out there, and you think you’ve got them worked and that they make sense ... and then your customers start using them and say that it doesn’t work, or it doesn’t make sense,” she said. “So we’re always soliciting feedback, and that’s one of the reasons I’m on this trip.”

Airmen who spoke with General McClain during her visits here and to other bases in the AOR have given her points that she intends to address when she returns to AFPC, she said. One issue she will examine is special experience identifiers, or SEIs, which the Air Force uses to identify people with critical skill sets within certain career fields. Another is short tour credit, which Airmen currently receive for serving 181 consecutive days or more in locations identified as hostile fire or imminent danger pay areas.

A third issue involves receiving personnel information from home station that PERSCO offices need in the AOR. AFPC is working with U.S. Air Forces Central’s Directorate of Manpower and Personnel to create a solution, General McClain said.

“We’ve got a great A1 staff (in the AOR) led by Lt. Col. Paul Valenzuela, and a great AFCENT/A1 staff (at Shaw AFB, S.C.) led by Col. Ron Barnes,” she said. “We are all joined together as a team to work the issues. Our goal is always to let the home team work it, and if they can’t, they know to push it up to AFPC. We’re all committed to making all personnel processes better.

“It’s been a very productive trip,” she added. “A lot of people are saying complimentary things, so now, let’s move it to the next level. No one out there is saying that the system’s egregiously broken — I think there are some out there who feel it can be better, but I think on the whole, our customers are saying, ‘It’s working; now let’s make some refinements.’ I’ve been pleased about that, and I’m learning about opportunities to refine how we get the right people in the right place with the right skills at the right time.”

The general thanked her home-station unit deployment managers, Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Melville and Tech. Sgt. Shauna Walker, for setting up her first trip to the AOR since she became AFPC commander in January.

“We deploy a lot of the individual augmentation taskings out of AFPC, and Sergeant Melville and Sergeant Walker hand walk people through the process,” she said. “Good UDMs are worth their weight in gold.”

Ramadan

Background: • Muhammed was born c. 570 in Mecca and died (June 8, 632) in Medina.

- Muhammed reports visit by Angel Gabriel in Ramadan 610 AD and told to memorize and recite the verses sent by God.
- These verses later became part of the Qur’an.
- The Qur’an makes observance of Ramadan obligatory.
- Ramadan is the most sacred holiday for all Muslims and is the month of fasting.
- Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam.
- Fasting is a process of purification.
- Fasting is a means to attain the consciousness of Allah’s presence.
- The consciousness of Allah (Taqwa) is a protection against the schemes of Shaitan.

Ramadan Dates:

- Ramadan’s start is based on a Lunar Calendar. (255 days)
- It starts 11 days earlier each year.
- The start date is determined locally through a combination of astrological and eye witness validation methods.
- In 2008, it begins after sundown on or about Sept. 1.

Ramadan practices:

- Fast from dawn to sunset:
 - No food.
 - No water or juice.
 - No sexual activity.
- Fasting during Ramadan “is for Allah and Him alone.”
- Spend time in prayer.
- Read all of the Quran.
- Eat breakfast prior to sunrise.
- Eat supper after sunset.

Night of Power

Lailat-ul-Qadr

- Most significant night of Ramadan.
- It is the night on which the Quran was originally revealed.
- Muslims spend this night reciting the Quran.

Passage from the Qur’an

“We have indeed revealed this (message) in the Night of Power.

And what will explain to thee what the Night of Power is?

The Night of Power is better than a thousand months.

Therein come down the angels and the spirit by God’s permission, on every errand:

Peace! This until the rise of Morn.” (97:1-5)

Eid-al-Fitr

- This festival celebrates the end of the fast; the end of Ramadan. It lasts for three days.
- It is a Joyful celebration of enhanced piety.
- Celebrates forgiveness, moral victory and peace, fellowship, brotherhood and unity. Thankfulness to Allah for help and strength during the month of Ramadan.

This year it begins the night of Sept. 30.