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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Bonser

And they're off

Runners jump past the starting line during the beginning of the 5k run Saturday. Nearly 600 people competed in the race. Airman 1st Class Jessie Hyder finished first in the under 34 male category with a time of 17:45, while Sgt. J.P. Mason, Royal Air Force, won the over 35 male category with a time of 19:30. Capt. Kristin Orlandon won the under 34 female category with a time of 24:30 and Petty Officer 2nd Class Janine Smith won first in the over 35 female category with a time of 25:16.

Aviation Milestones

Brig. Gen. Allen Peck, 363d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, and Col. Homer Smith, 363d AEW vice commander, each surpassed 100 combat hours last week while stationed here.

Lt. Col. Bear Gibbs, 363d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander, also reached an aviation milestone on March 17 by flying his 3,000th hour in the F-15C, something only 17 other pilots have done in the Eagle.

IN BRIEF

Traffic laws

In recent weeks, transportation buses have been overtaken several times at bus stops while picking up passengers. Drivers are reminded that the no-pass policy is intended to eliminate the possibility of hitting a pedestrian walking to or from a bus.

Red Cross volunteers

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers. Volunteering opportunities include helping with Red Cross morale support activities and assisting at 363d Services Squadron functions. Shifts work in flexible times, and no training is needed. Volunteer hours can also be used toward the annual Military Outstanding Volunteer award.

People interested can attend one of three short informational meetings held at the Red Cross in Bldg. 107 at the Coalition Complex, on Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m., or Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m.

Call Red Cross at 434-5406 or 434-5407 for more information, or e-mail them at redcross@psab.af.mil.

Prayer breakfast

The chapel is holding a National Prayer breakfast March 27 at 6:45 a.m. in the Camel Lot dining facility. For more information or to sign up, call your first sergeant or the chapel at 434-7433.

Warm weather brings pests

By Senior Airman Brian M. Kester
Editor

With warmer weather heading to Southwest Asia in the next few weeks, people working here will begin to notice more animals, reptiles, and insects appearing in their work areas. Though the base's presence has altered many of the creatures' natural living environments, there are still numerous occasions each month when these can still be seen and potentially attack.

"Snakes, spiders, scorpions, cats, and dogs are currently residing in and around our base. Most of these animals are wild or feral descendants of pets who have since taken up a more wild existence," said Capt. Javier Ruiz, 363d Expeditionary Medical Group public health chief. "By

the environment they are exposed to and their very nature, they are not very friendly to people. Bites and scratches are a common consequence of playing or feeding these animals. They can transmit diseases to people just by contact or by the parasites they harbor. While a bite or scratch may well cause you immediate pain, it may also lead to serious disease. Rabies is not uncommon, and none of these animals are vaccinated against this deadly disease."



Desert scorpion

According to Capt. Gary Rice, 363d EMDG aerospace physiologist, the areas around Coalition Complex and the main base contain 54 species and subspecies of snakes, 26 that are venomous. The venomous types include saw-scaled vipers,

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puff adders, sand vipers, burrowing asps, Arabian cobras, Egyptian cobras, and black desert cobras. It's hard to distinguish between the venomous and the non-venomous so all should be treated as venomous and never handled.

Of scorpions in the area, there are 14 species with two being medical important if seen. They live in cool, moist habitats, like showers and latrines, as well as areas such as boots, bedding, trash, and tents. They are not usually aggressive and very seldom fatal; their sting usually results in a local reaction like a bad bee sting.

This area also has two types of spiders, the Wolf Spider and the Camel Spider, which aren't poisonous but can inflict a painful pinch with their claws. The Camel Spider, not a true spider or scorpion, is yellowish or tan with reddish-brown markings and relatively hairless, one to three inches long with stout bodies and large jaws. They are very aggressive but are not poisonous. Their bite symptoms are usually limited to moderate to severe pain at the bite. The Wolf Spider is gray or brown and very hairy, one to three inches long with a stout body. They will usually only bite if handled or provoked. These bite symptoms are usually limited to local pain and sometimes a small necrotic area may develop at the bite.



Wolf Spider

Though not poisonous, cats, dogs, and other animals such as small rodents can also be dangerous because they may carry rabies. The most common rodents in the area are the kangaroo rat and the gerbil. They are scavengers and will eat anything including vegetation, insects, and any food improperly discarded. They carry parasites such as fleas and ticks and are a main attractant to snakes.

Lizards are also common to this area

How to treat a bite

- Try to reassure and calm the victim down
- Keep the bite site below the level of the heart
- Do not use a tourniquet
- Remove all rings or other constrictive items
- Wash the bite site with soapy water or bleach and water solution (1:10 parts)
- Give Tylenol for pain, not Motrin or Aspirin
- Do not apply ice
- Do not cut into the bite site and suction the wound
- Identify the snake or other pest if at all possible. Report the size, shape, sound, color, and type of movement, location of bite, site of occurrence and time of bite
- Transport the patient to the hospital for immediate treatment

and should be avoided because many carry Salmonella, a bacterium that causes severe diarrhea. They have been seen in a variety of sizes ranging from inches to feet in length and in various colors, though most are light colored. They are not poisonous, but can inflict painful bite in addition to the possibility of Salmonella.

"It is very difficult to distinguish between a poisonous and non-poisonous snake or scorpion," Ruiz said. "The best policy is to assume that they are poisonous and leave them alone. (If you do come in contact with them), remain calm and leave them alone. Generally these critters will not attack humans unless they are provoked, cornered or feel threatened. So if people back away and give them some space they should be safe."

After any run-ins with these animals, reptiles or insects, people should report the location and time they saw the animals to the proper authorities.

If an animal is spotted in an area where it should not be, such as the Coalition Complex or Ops Town, or if they poses a

threat to mission accomplishment, people should contact the environmental section of 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineering. They can be reached at 434-7057 during normal duty hours or 434-3745 and pager number 713 after duty hours. People may also call the 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron's law enforcement desk can also be contacted at 434-9270 or 434-9271 for an emergency. If bitten or if you see someone who has been bitten, start emergency first aid measures while enroute to the nearest hospital

"In the built up areas such as the coalition complex and ops town, the natural habitat has been disrupted enough that the majority of these critters have probably moved to a quieter area. This is not as true in the less developed areas like the munitions storage area," said Ruiz and Rice.

"With that said, the majority of these critters are nocturnal and like cool, damp areas," he continued they continued. "So people should be safe unless their job has them working in one of the less developed areas at night. For these people, some precautions to avoid contact with creatures are to use a flashlight when walking at night, wear shoes that cover the whole foot, and inspect places before working, especially with uncovered hands."

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Women's History Month

Women honored for past, present service

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Henneman
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historian

Each March we celebrate Women's History Month, remembering those that broke through barriers and made significant contributions to our military. It is remarkable to realize that only 25 years ago, women served under separate chains of command in the segregated Women's Air Force squadrons.

Integration of men and women didn't just happen one day. It was the result of the sacrifices of women for more than a century. Looking as far back as the Civil War, women were not allowed to openly serve, although many did through disguise. However, in the Civil War women revolutionized the practice of medicine, introducing concepts such as sterilization and creating the first professional nurses in the United States. World War I also saw significant contributions of women in the medical field under the Army Nurse Corps, as they tended to some of the most horrific scenes of combat in human history resulting from the introduction of poisoned gas and automatic weapons.

Women pilots also marked many accomplishments in the early days of aviation. Ruth Law set numerous speed records in the United States and was the first person to deliver airmail to the Philippines in 1919. Flying across Europe, Africa, and Asia, Amy Johnson likewise established world speed records, often breaking the ones she had set. In 1921, Bessie Coleman received the first aviation license given to an African-American, male or female. Her dream of establishing a flying school for African

Americans was cut short when she died on a practice flight in 1926.

In World War II, the first women to join the Army Air Force did so through the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in May 1942. Renamed the Women's Army Corps in 1943, more than 280,000 women worked in 200 different specialties. A third of the women deployed overseas with 32,000 serving with the Army Air Forces.

At the same time, 1,074 women completed training as Women's Airforce Service Pilots in the Second World War. Led by Jacqueline Cochran, these women flew every type of aircraft in the inventory, often ferrying them from the factories to bases across the United States.

During their service, WASP members worked as civil servants, not military members. Thus, they did not receive the pay and benefits given to male military pilots based in the states. Yet, they served with great risks, flying untested aircraft directly from the factory. It would be four decades before these women received their due credit.

On Nov. 23, 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation that allowed WASPs to file for veteran status, albeit with limited benefits. Ironically, 1977 was the same year that the first female pilot graduated from the Air Force's lead in fighter training program. Two years later, in 1979, the WASPs received discharge certificates. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan authorized Victory Medals for former WASPs, and women with more than one year of service received the American Theater Campaign Medal.

The end of segregation and opening of jobs for women in the Air Force can largely be attributed to the work of Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, who directed the WAF from 1965-1973. When General Holm took the position of director, only 4,700 women served in the Air Force. This number tripled by 1972. In 1967, restrictions on the number of women in the military and the rank they could hold were lifted. At



Women played key roles in World War II, including being the mechanics and test pilots for the aircraft used during the war. Their services were heavily recruited to fill vacant positions once held only by men.



Women Airforce Service Pilot members look over flightplans with a male counterpart during World War II. More than 1,000 women were part of the WASP.

Holm's urging, restrictions on dependents and pregnant women serving in the military were also repealed.

Perhaps most notably, in 1967 only one-third of jobs in the Air Force were open to women, primarily in clerical and administrative positions. By 1972, only two percent of specialties remained closed, those that were directly combat related.

Today, women make up nearly 20 percent of the Air Force, up from 15 percent just five years ago. Although we now know the caliber and capabilities of women in the service, it is important to remember those who helped bring that realization and establish the military we have today.



During World War II, women got the chance to prove their equality. Today, gender equality is part of what makes the U. S. military great.

DOD investigates bombing mishap in Kuwait

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. military officials are investigating the March 12 F/A-18 training accident in Kuwait that killed six coalition service members and injured seven others.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Mike DeLong will head the investigation coordinated by U.S. Central Command. New Zealand and Kuwait have been invited to send representatives.

Pentagon officials said a Navy F/A-18 Hornet from the USS Harry S. Truman in the Arabian Gulf dropped three 500-pound gravity bombs near Observation Post 10 on the Al Udairi Test Range. The range is about 45 miles northwest of Kuwait City and 30 miles south of the Iraqi border.

The ordnance struck near the observation post manned by the forward air controllers responsible for directing the strikes, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said here March 13. The military personnel were in a small structure and tactical vehicles.

Five of those killed were U.S. service members; the sixth was a New Zealand military officer.

Army officials identified four of those killed as: Staff Sgt. Troy J. Westberg, of Wisconsin, a medical sergeant with 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and explosive ordnance disposal specialists Staff Sgt. Richard N. Boudreau of Florida, Sgt. Phillip M. Frelich of Nevada, and Spc. Jason D. Wildfong of West Virginia, all with the 707th Ordnance Company of Fort Lewis, Wash.

Air Force officials identified the fifth American killed as Staff Sgt. Jason M. Faley, a tactical air controller with the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Four of the injured, two Kuwaitis and two Americans, were treated and released, Quigley said.

Three other Americans were seriously injured and taken to a Kuwaiti medical facility. One has since been flown to Germany for



Photo by Master Sgt. John Snow

Airmen from the 86th Airlift Wing Honor Guard and soldiers from the Army's 37th Transportation Command prepare to carry the remains of the six people killed in the March 12 bombing accident in Kuwait. Ramstein Air Base, Germany, held a fallen soldier ceremony March 15 for the victims.

surgery and is listed in serious condition, officials of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center said early March 14. They said the other two were expected to arrive at Landstuhl that evening.

Navy Cmdr. David O. Zimmerman was pilot of the F/A-18 Hornet and taking part in a quarterly air support exercise when the accident happened between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Kuwaiti time, Quigley said.

Zimmerman commands the USS Truman's Strike Fighter Squadron 37 and has logged 3,000 flight hours in the Hornet, the admiral said. Three days before the accident, he noted, Zimmerman dropped live ordnance at Udairi on a day mission and a practice bomb during a night run.

Defense leaders uphold Army's decision to switch to black berets

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld support the Army's decision to require most soldiers to wear black berets.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced his intent last October to issue the beret to all soldiers and started a controversy among current and former Army Rangers and in Congress. The black beret has been worn traditionally only by Rangers, an elite, highly-trained combat group.

After contention over the decision reached the White House, the president asked DOD to review the Army's decision and Rumsfeld asked Wolfowitz to look into the matter. After meeting with Shinseki, the deputy told reporters the headgear change is linked to the Army's plans to transform from a heavy force to a lighter, highly

deployable force over the next 10 years.

"As we looked at our transformation of the entire institution," Wolfowitz explained, "we thought it important to have a symbolic and a visible demonstration that this Army was prepared for change and undertaking it."

The two spoke about the decision at a Pentagon news briefing. Wolfowitz said that after hearing the general's explanation, he felt it was important that Shinseki present his view to the American people. Shinseki said the decision regarding the black beret announced last October and the tan beret announced yesterday are about change. "The Army will change to remain the most capable and the most respected Army in the world," he said.

A day earlier, the Army had approved allowing its Rangers to wear tan berets instead of black, he noted. Special Forces will retain their distinctive green berets. Army airborne soldiers will continue to wear their

distinctive maroon berets. "Because of that shared history in our Army," he said, "the black beret remains the most relevant color for wear Army-wide today. So at the time of our decision to expand the wear of the black beret last fall, the Ranger regiment was invited to consider, if appropriate, another distinctive color that it might select to designate its formations." The Rangers considered several options and then requested the tan beret, he said.

"The Ranger tan beret will continue to symbolize that great regiment and its challenges for the 21st century,"

"This is about teamwork based on that foundation of trust and confidence between soldier and soldier, between leader and led, between unit and unit serving side by side all across the Army. So this is about the magnificence of that American soldier who has been defending our country for 225 years."

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley is working on an implementation plan that should be done soon. Army leaders plan to complete the change by the Army's birthday in June. Wolfowitz noted that date might change depending on acquisition.

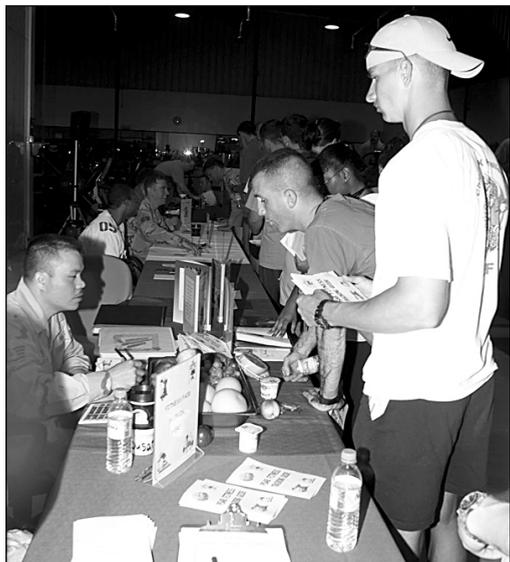


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser

Healthy living

Staff Sgt. Noel Martires, 363d Expeditionary Services Squadron from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., briefs attendees of AEF 4 Fitness Fair on the benefits of proper nutrition.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser

Capt. Darrell Ainsworth, 363d Expeditionary Medical Group stationed at RAF Lakenheath, England, conducts a blood pressure screening session with Tech. Sgt. Adonis Padua, 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Learn from mistakes: Articles 15 from AEF 2

By Capt. Mark Hoover
Deputy staff judge advocate

The legal office at Prince Sultan Air Base was very busy during AEF 2. The staff urges people to learn from past mistakes and leave AEF 4 with a better record.

❑ **Reckless Driving** – A staff sergeant from 763d Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Al Dhafra drove a HMMWV too fast and rolled it, causing \$18,000 worth of damage. He went home with one less stripe and suspended forfeitures of \$826 a month for two months.

❑ **Misuse of government travel card** – A senior airman from 363d Expeditionary Services Squadron gave his official government travel card to a girlfriend for her to use while the member was TDY here. The member is also married to another woman and was found sleeping in a third female member's room here. The commander served the Article 15 to reduction to airman first class. Another senior airman from 363d F-16CJ unit improperly used his government card on a TDY before coming here, specifically he paid for lap dances in Las Vegas. He was also demoted to an airman first class and was given a reprimand.

❑ **Theft** – A senior airman and two airmen first class from the 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron members stole from vendors as they went through the search facility. All three received Article 15s, with the senior airman

losing two stripes and both airmen first class losing one stripe in addition to reprimands for all three.

❑ **Disobeying General Order #1** - An airman first class from 363d ESFS accessed porn over his government computer and received an Article 15 with a suspended reduction in rank, forfeiture of \$100 a month for two months and a reprimand. An airman first class from 363d F15C unit accessed pornographic material and was delinquent on his government visa bill. He received an Article 15 with suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand. Another airman first class from 363d F15C unit looked at porn and received a suspended reduction to airman for one month and a reprimand.

❑ **Disobeying a lawful order** – A staff sergeant from 763d EARS at Al Dhafra received an Article 15 for disobeying an order by a lieutenant colonel to stop visiting with local guards. Also, a senior airman from 363d ESFS disobeyed a lawful order from a lieutenant and was given an Article 15. An airman first class from 363d Expeditionary Support Squadron was supposed to do a job but without authority he made another airman do his work. He also used vulgar and insubordinate words towards his supervisor. He received an Article 15 with a suspended reduction in rank and forfeitures of \$150.

❑ **Sleeping on duty** – A senior airman from 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron was derelict in his duties by fall-

ing asleep while he was supposed to be watching third country nationals. Two airmen from 763d EARS at Al Dhafra fell asleep in their vehicle while posted at the flightline. The senior airman received a suspended reduction in rank, five days extra duty and a reprimand. It was the airman first class's second offense of sleeping on duty so his punishment was losing a stripe.

❑ **Failing to obey search procedures** – Two staff sergeants and an airman first class from 363d ESS loaded unsecured items onto their truck and went through the security checkpoint without going through a search. The senior staff sergeant told the gate guard that they were coming from a location that they weren't and were all secure. The senior staff sergeant received a suspended reduction in rank to senior airman and forfeitures of \$150. The second staff sergeant received a suspended reduction in rank and the airman first class received a letter of reprimand.

❑ **Assault** – An airman first class from 363d F15C purposefully tripped another member and yelled profanity at him. He received a letter of reprimand and an unfavorable information file. An airman first class from 363d ESFS grabbed another member, tripped him and held his arms so he could not break his fall. The airman first class received an Article 15 with a suspended reduction in rank, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

Code of Conduct

By U. S. Marine Corps
Lt. Col. R. A. Wiedower
USMC detachment commander

I recently heard someone try to identify positive leadership by saying, "A good leader knows that surrender is always preferable to death." While surrendering yourself or your command is an extremely difficult decision and may be called for in a very few instances, I do not believe this statement to be generally true, and I'm alarmed that any service member does. This careless attitude undermines the very basis for why we wear a uniform, and scorns the memory of the Americans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect this country and our way of life.

The Code of Conduct is very clear on this matter of surrender, beginning with the first article. Its words indicate that we must have a strong belief in the advantages of American democratic concepts, a love for and faith in the United States, and a conviction that the U.S. cause is just. We need to possess a high degree of dedication and motivation in these principles that we're willing to sacrifice our very lives to preserve those freedoms for which we enjoy. If all of us do not share this same dedication, then the entire organization is weakened.

Article II is even more direct and appropriate to this discussion. It is very

plain; you may never surrender voluntarily. Even if you are completely cut off without any means to inflict further casualties on the enemy or otherwise defend yourself, it is your duty to evade capture and rejoin the nearest friendly force. You are to use every resource available to avoid capture. The authority of a commander never extends to the surrender of the command, even if isolated, while the unit has the power to resist, break-out or evade.

Only when evasion is impossible and further fighting would lead to your certain death, with no significant loss to the enemy, should surrender be considered. But by generalizing this case to say that surrender is always preferable to death is not only unfaithful to the U.S. and its principles, but it also weakens your ability to command at critical moments. Fear of death makes you tentative and may keep you from performing necessary tasks for your unit.

Advocating surrender not only endangers lives, but it could also undermine the ability of our personnel to lead effectively in the future. A better statement by this individual would have been "A good leader lives by, and obeys, the Code of Conduct." This code has served the U.S. military well for many years, and it has been tried and tested during numerous conflicts with exceptional results. It's our responsibility and duty to follow it.

ARTICLE I

I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

ARTICLE II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

ARTICLE III

If am I captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

ARTICLE IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

ARTICLE V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

ARTICLE VI

I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Sharp Troop



Senior Airman Daniel McGranahan

Senior Airman Daniel McGranahan, 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron, was awarded the Sharp Troop Award for his professionalism and volunteerism.

McGranahan, deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was nominated for this award by Master Sgt. R.C. Pinder, 363d ECS first sergeant.

"McGranahan is just one of those troops that's always there to help when you need him," Pinder said. "He is on all the rotators, welcoming the new troops and helping to unload their baggage and get it processed through, making their transition as quick and painless as possible. He has also volunteered to be on the base search and rescue team and is one of my bay chiefs in the dorms. He's an above and beyond airman."

The Sharp Troop Award is given by unit first sergeants as a way to recognize enlisted members whose noteworthy professionalism is evident in their bearing, dress, and appearance.

In addition to receiving the award, the home unit commanders of Sharp Troops are notified of the exceptional performance of their troops during their deployment.

Chapel happenings

Catholic events

Mass, Monday - Friday at 6 p.m.

Mass, Saturdays in the Ops Town main briefing room at 5 p.m.

Sunday mass at 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance, by appointment

Protestant events

Gospel joy night service, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Sunday service in the Ops Town main briefing room at 9:30 a.m.

Traditional service on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Gospelservice on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Church of Christ on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Contemporary service on Sundays at 8 p.m.

Jewish service

Shabbat service, held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel TV room

Islamic prayer

Held daily in the chapel counseling room at noon and 3 p.m.

Music rehearsals

Contemporary praise band practice on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Contemporary praise band on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Gospel praise team on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Catholic choir on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Gospel choir on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Contemporary praise team on Fridays at 8:45 p.m.

Gospel choir on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Religious education

Protestant bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

James Bible study on Mondays at 6 p.m.

Counseling

For counseling appointments or information, call 434-7433 during duty hours. For emergencies after duty hours, call the command post at 434-6705 or 434-6706 to contact the chaplain on duty.

All services are held in building 107, Coalition Complex, unless otherwise noted.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Making repairs

Above, Staff Sgt. Robert Rice and Master Sgt Bob Schabacker, and left, Tech. Sgt. Terrance Peltzer, all part of the 363d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, make repairs to bunkers in Ops Town March. 13.

Desert Warriors One Team ... One Fight



Senior Airman Michael Newman

Unit: 363d Expeditionary Support Group
Home station: Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Time in service: 2 and 1/2 years

Favorite food at PSAB: Ice cream

Favorite Book: Awaken the Giant Within

Favorite Movie: Pretty Woman

What has been your most memorable experience here so far? The day I arrived at PSAB. It was hectic, rushing around. It was great because it was the beginning of a new experience.

What do you like best about your job here? The interaction we have with our customers. Basically, I just enjoy assisting fellow warriors. It's a very rewarding aspect of the job.



Senior Airman Jesecca Manuel

Unit: 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Home station: Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas

Time in service: 6 years

Favorite food at PSAB: Ice Cream

Favorite Book: Snow Falling on Cedars

Favorite Movie: The Matrix

What has been your most memorable experience here so far? Living through the sand storm that happened earlier this week. We were sitting in our truck at the gate when it came through. It was pretty exciting.

What do you like best about your job here? Putting out the fires from the last rotation.

Three Tips AEW first sergeant gives advice how to survive, enjoy PSAB

By Master Sgt. James Lee
*363d Air Expeditionary Wing
 first sergeant*

Well, it's March 22 and the gang's all here. Hopefully your transition to Prince Sultan Air Base has not been too painful.

This is my third time in the "AOR" and in less than two years, my second tour at PSAB. I have been here four months and have eight more to go. Some significant quality of life initiatives have taken place since my last tour. The wing has provided larger American standard walking areas such as red brick sidewalks. The dining facilities offer a more extensive menu. (Rice is not as common as before, and neither are onion rings). Some initiatives that were planned then and are taking shape or recently instituted include the construction of "Central Park" and the Dirab golf trips and cultural tours.

These are the result of creative thinking from Total Force personnel like you and me. Our ideas for a better quality of life have manifested into an environment that is the envy of other areas in the AOR. When I volunteered to pull a remote in Saudi Arabia, PSAB was my number one choice.

However, there are some things about PSAB that haven't changed. There are still dormitory plumbing problems, the occasional sandstorm, and our fast-paced mission. These are things we can't do anything about except accept them and manage the best we can.

There are some unacceptable conditions that we can influence, however. The most common are below-standard dress and appearance, unsafe practices and finally, unprofessional relationships. Past AEF rotations have had the unpleasant, but necessary responsibility of bringing into accountability those who violate local and higher headquarters policies.

□ Dress and Appearance

Dress and appearance standards are by far the most common infraction you'll have an opportunity to correct. Daily, servicemembers walk around in uniform with backpacks strapped to both shoulders and listen to music through headphones. Others will attach sunglasses and floppy hats to the uniform or fit the floppy hat tie-strings on top of the brim. Also, men wear pierced jewelry on the body and women wear pierced jewelry inappropriately. These are to just name a few.

□ Safety

On the television the other day, I saw a bit of trivia that said, "Over 400 accidental military deaths occurred between September 1999 and October 2000." By far, accidents continue to be the leading cause of death for military members during peacetime. Accidents are either preventable or unavoidable. I'm sure the safety chief would agree, most are preventable. The common ground safety infractions at PSAB include not wearing a seatbelt, not wearing a helmet while rollerblading, rollerskating or bicycling, and not wearing

eye protection while playing racquetball.

□ Professional Relationships

Past observations suggest that most of these infractions are due to "unprofessional relationships," not between supervisor and subordinate or between officer and enlisted. The improper relationship seems to be between awareness and accountability. The offender is either unaware of the standard or refuses to follow the standard. Others who are witness to the infraction are also unaware or refuse to attempt to correct the infraction. Ignorance of the standard or failure to correct the infraction for whatever reason disrupts good order and discipline. The last AEF had three times more Articles 15 than its predecessor. Where is the cause? I submit to you that awareness and accountability, hand-in-hand at all levels of self-discipline, impact mission capability and personal growth.

Military discipline brings about the desired environment in which we can best achieve our goals. I want to encourage each of you to make yourself aware of the policies and instructions those appointed over us have established and to challenge anyone violating these precepts, if not for their good then for the good of the mission and yourselves. I want to see you all return home with the rank you came here with or better, with your finances intact. I want to see you walk to the rotator with all your limbs attached. I want to see you become the professional you never thought you could become.

<u>U. S. Marine Corps</u> Warrant officers		<u>U. S. Army</u> Warrant officers		<u>U. S. Navy</u> Warrant officers	
	Warrant Officer		Chief Warrant Officer One		Chief Warrant Officer Two
	Chief Warrant Officer Two		Chief Warrant Officer Four		Chief Warrant Officer Two
	Chief Warrant Officer Four		Chief Warrant Officer Three		Chief Warrant Officer Three
	Chief Warrant Officer Three		Chief Warrant Officer Three		Chief Warrant Officer Five
	Chief Warrant Officer Four		Chief Warrant Officer Five		Chief Warrant Officer Four

□ These warrant officer ranks were inadvertently left out of last week's rank chart. We apologize for the confusion.



Senior Airman Jessica Williams, 363 ECS Post Office from Little Rock AFB, Ark. hauls mail-bags to a staging area. The new post office hours are from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

*Neither heat, nor sandstorm,
nor camel traffic, nor customs
can keep the PSAB mail down*



Senior Airman Arnitra Edwards, 363d Expeditionary Communications Squadron Post Office from Rhein Main AB, Germany, helps a customer at the post office. She says the best part about her job is hearing people say thank you and that they appreciate what she does.



Master Sgt. Thomas Finkle, 363 ECS Post Office from RAF Mildenhall, England, passes outgoing mail to Master Sgt. Sheri Potts, 363 ECS Post Office from Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Staff Sgt. John Gmitter, 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and Rick, 363 ESFS, both from Andrews AFB, Va. check the mail for explosives.



Staff Sgt. Michael Reimers, 363 ECS Post Office from Aviano AB, Italy, unloads a container of incoming mail.

Today

At the lounge: Karaoke, starts at 7 p.m.

Friday

At the movies: "Dr. T and the Women," (PG-13), 1 p.m.; and "Legend of the Drunken Master," (R) 1 a.m.

At the lounge: Country night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Dominoes tournament, starts at 6 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge

Saturday

At the movies: "Bedazzled," (PG-13), 1 p.m.; "The Contender," (R), 6 p.m.; "Proof of Life," (R), 0 p.m.; and "Charlie's Angels," (PG-13), 1 a.m.

At the lounge: R&B night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Darts tournament, starts at 9 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge

Sunday

At the movies: "What Lies Beneath," (PG-13), 1 p.m.; "Dracula 2000," (R), 6 p.m.; and "Ladies Man," 9 p.m.

Activities: Latino night, starts at 7 p.m.

Monday

At the movies: "Meet the Parents," (PG-13), 1 p.m.; "Vertical Limit," (PG-13), 6 p.m.; "Almost Famous," (R), 9 p.m.

At the lounge: Variety night, starts at 7 p.m.

At the community center: Checkers tournament, starts at 7 p.m. at the Oasis Lounge

Tuesday

Combat Bingo: A combat bingo game is at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

At the lounge: Variety night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Bingo, starts at 7 p.m. in the theater

Wednesday

At the movies: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," (PG), at 1 p.m.; "Family Man," (PG-13), at 6 p.m.; and, "The Contender" (R), at 9 p.m.

At the lounge: Variety night, starts at 7 p.m.

Activities: Bid Whistle tournament, starts at 7 p.m. at the community center.

Upcoming events

Intramural volleyball: The indoor intramural volleyball season is now until April 14. For more information or to sign up, go to the fitness center or call 434-8010.

All events are subject to the current THREATCON at PSAB.

Tune to the Commander's Access Channel for updates.

Services webpage

The services webpage lists hours of operation, calendar of events, activities, cultural tour information, and educational opportunities. The address is http://intranet.psab.af.mil/units/support_group/services/index.htm

The Reel Deal

Charlie's Angels

In this remake of the popular 1970s television show, the three angels — Dylan (Drew Barrymore), Natalie (Cameron Diaz), and Alex (Lucy Liu) — are called to duty by their flirtatious boss, Bosley (Bill Murray), to intervene in the kidnapping of a well-known millionaire. The film has been updated from the original TV show in a few poignant ways: The angels are now called "women" (not "little girls") in the introductory voice-over, and they concentrate on strength and martial arts when they fight criminals because they no longer carry guns. Packed with glam action and featuring a fantastic cast — including LL Cool J — "Charlie's Angels" promises to please.

Miss Congeniality

For her entire life, Gracie Hart has dreamed of emulating the career of her mother, Emily, a highly esteemed FBI agent who died in the line of duty. Unfortunately, Gracie's aggressive nature has branded her as a loose cannon, and the only one in the bureau who actually believes in her is fellow agent and friend, Eric Matthews. When a terrorist threatens to bomb the Miss United States pageant, the FBI rushes to find a female agent to go undercover as a contestant. Unfortunately, Gracie is the only female FBI agent who can "look the part" despite her complete lack of refinement and femininity. She prides herself in being "just one of the boys" and is horrified at the idea of becoming a girly girl. To assist her with the emergency assignment, the bureau enlists the help of Victor Melling, an obsessive and pompous pageant consultant, to transform Gracie from a "woman without a detectable smidgen of estrogen" to "Gracie Lou Freebush," glamorous beauty queen. Transformation complete, Gracie must get comfortable with the mercilessly driven and perfectly coifed contestants, infiltrate the pageant and thwart the terrorists.

Almost Famous

Writer-director Cameron Crowe brings the 1970s music scene to life with his semi-autobiographical story of a teen journalist who goes on the road with a rock band. Uncool 15-year-old William Miller (Patrick Fugit) is living every teenager's dream. He's touring with Stillwater, an up-and-coming rock band featuring lead singer Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) and charismatic lead guitarist Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) and writing about it for Rolling Stone magazine, whose editors are unaware of his young age. Though Miller's mentor, legendary rock critic Lester Bangs—portrayed with humor and heart by Philip Seymour Hoffman—cautions him not to befriend the musicians, Miller takes it a step further and befriends both the band and the Band-Aids—the girls who hang around with the band because they love the music. Newcomer Fugit is the perfect William Miller: baby-faced, slightly gawky, and an awestruck observer. Kate Hudson sparkles as Penny Lane, the leader of the Band-Aids, and Frances McDormand delivers a stellar performance as Elaine, Miller's protective and mildly paranoid mother. In the tradition of Say Anything and Jerry Maguire, Crowe's coming-of-age tale is intelligent, well written, and infused with humor in unlikely places.

Dracula 2000

In this modern-day adaptation of the age-old Dracula story, a young vampire hunter (Johnny Miller), leaves his perch in London and travels to New Orleans. There, he hopes to save a young woman (Justine Waddell) from the clutches of Dracula. With special effects and a new make over, Wes Craven Presents: Dracula 2000 is a bloodcurdling treat from director Patrick Lussier and producer Wes Craven.

What Women Want

Director, writer and producer Nancy Meyers's (The Parent Trap) sophomore directorial effort is a lively screwball fantasy featuring Mel Gibson in his first romantic comedy. Gibson plays Nick Marshall, a high-flying, chauvinistic Chicago advertising executive, who, like his musical idol, Frank Sinatra, calls women "baby" and believes he has the world on a string. Nick experiences a rude awakening when the creative director position he coveted goes to Darcy Maguire (Helen Hunt), a savvy outsider—and a woman—who intends to aggressively pursue the lucrative woman's market. While trying to brainstorm ideas for "feminine" products, Nick experiences a freak accident that gives him the ability to hear women's thoughts. Determined to win back his stolen job, Nick uses his terrifying, yet useful new talent to scrutinize Darcy, and finds his smart, beautiful rival may not be the "bitch on wheels" he imagined. Meanwhile, he also must maneuver complex relationships with his estranged teenage daughter, Alex (Ashley Johnson), and a pretty coffee shop waitress, Lola (Marisa Tomei). Once Nick begins to listen to the new voices he hears, his previous worldview is challenged, and he finds that he finally might understand what women want.

Dr. T and the Women

Robert Altman follows up the good-natured Cookie's Fortune with this biting satire of an upper-class elitist Dallas community. Richard Gere plays Sullivan "Sully" Travis (better known as Dr. T), a man whose good looks and overflowing charm have made him the most popular gynecologist in all of Texas. Things begin to go wrong for Dr. T when his beautiful wife, Kate (Farrah Fawcett), begins to lose her sanity. He sends her to a mental hospital with the hopes of a full recovery, but her regression into childhood seems to be permanent. Adding to the mass confusion is an unexpected visit from his alcoholic sister-in-law, Peggy (Laura Dern), who brings along her three children, as well as the constant battles between Dr. T's two daughters: the soon-to-be-married Dee Dee (Kate Hudson) and the jealous Connie (Tara Reid). Upon meeting his country club's new assistant golf pro, Bree (Helen Hunt), Dr. T finally feels like he's met his match—a beautiful, independent woman who has no desire to be swept off her feet. Trying to juggle the pressures of his personal and professional life, Dr. T's recent problems culminate on Dee Dee's rain-soaked wedding day. Working again with screenwriter Anne Rapp, Altman closes his sprawling comedy with an utterly outrageous yet genuinely optimistic finale.

Meet the Parents

Meet the Parents stars Ben Stiller as the unfortunately named Greg Focker, a neurotic nurse intent on marrying his girlfriend, Pam (Teri Polo). But when the couple visits Pam's family home for her sister's wedding, he must first win the approval of her father, Jack (Robert De Niro), a protective ex-CIA agent. Before long, the awkward Greg and the suspicious Jack go head-to-head, resulting in hilarious scenes that feature a lie detector test, a suburban car chase, a toilet-trained cat, and a mean game of water volleyball. As the misunderstandings and mistakes reach an almost nightmarish peak, it seems as though Greg may never win over Pam's unflinching guardian. Featuring the inspired pairing of Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller (and an excellent appearance by Owen Wilson), director Jay Roach's clever comedy exemplifies every man's worst fears about courtship. When things for Stiller's character get bad, they just continue to get worse, culminating in a ridiculously funny airport scene. In the tradition of Annie Hall and Flirting with Disaster, Meet the Parents is an intelligent yet slapstick comedy about the eccentricities of the American family.

What's Cookin'

Friday lunch: Baked cod, grilled pork chops, Franconia potatoes, summer squash, black-eye peas, chicken and rice soup.

Dinner: Pancit chicken, beef stroganoff, fried rice, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, chicken & rice soup.

Saturday lunch: Beef pot pie, glazed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, peas with celery, carrots, bean and bacon soup, pizza.

Dinner: T-bone steak, crispy baked pork chops, baked potato, corn, peas, sautéed mushrooms and onions, bean and bacon soup.

Sunday lunch: Roast beef, spinach lasagna, rice pilaf, carrots, cauliflower, corn chowder soup.

Dinner: Chili macaroni, roast turkey, oven-brown potatoes, squash, green beans, corn chowder soup

Monday lunch: Chicken Adobo, fried cod, rice pilaf, brussel sprouts, peas with mushrooms, beef vegetable soup, chicken wings

Dinner: Baked pork chops with apple rings, Salisbury steak, potato wedges, fried cabbage, bean combo, beef vegetable soup.

Tuesday lunch: Veal Parmesan, hot and spicy chicken, over-brown potatoes, black-eye peas, carrots, taco bar, beef rice soup.

Dinner: Mongolian barbecue.

Wednesday lunch: Tarragon beef and noodles, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, broccoli, Spanish soup.

Dinner: Steak smothered with onions, chicken jambalaya, lyonnaise potatoes, simmed pinto beans, sweet and sour greens, and Spanish soup.

Thursday lunch: Salisbury steak, broccoli and turkey casserole, rice, Lyonnaise green beans, glazed carrots, chicken nuggets, three bean soup.

Dinner: Beef yakisoba, stir fry beef and broccoli, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, corn, egg rolls, egg drop soup.

The menu is subject to change without notice.

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

AEF 4 prepares for its first exercise of the rotation

By Capt. Juan F. Perez
*363d Air Expeditionary Wing
plans and exercise chief*

So you've survived the rotator flight, jet lag, and the Right Start briefings. Now it's time to focus on how to survive PSAB exercises, and more importantly, how to survive the real world threats our forces face.

We all arrive here well trained to respond to chemical and biologic threats, base attacks, and major accidents. At PSAB, we don't train; we maintain proficiency through exercises that usually last about a day. These exercises are designed to adapt previous training to our local environment and its many associated unique circumstances.

Exercises occur monthly and come in three styles: Bugle Calls, Chemical/Biological Attack Exercises, and Major Accident Response Exercises. All exercises will begin with an "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise" announcement over the Giant Voice system. (Any alarm that is not preceded by the exercise announcement is real world and must be responded to immediately.) After most exercises, the Giant Voice will direct all personnel, both military and civilian contractors, to report by any means to their unit control center for accountability.

Bugle Calls, announced with the distinctive "Cavalry Charge," are intended to alert the base to an immediate threat. The immediate action after the sound is to take cover. If indoors, get away from windows and exterior walls, and if outdoors, go to the near-

est bunker or shelter. Once the Bugle Call has sounded, listen to Giant Voice for further instructions. The Bugle Call exercises can be no-notice.

CHEMEX provide the opportunity to use the chemical/biological warfare defense ensemble. The purpose of a CHEMEX is to emphasize the nature of local potential threats, refamiliarize personnel with CWDE equipment, and familiarize personnel with their bunker locations. CHEMEXs are always announced to the base ahead of time.

When executing a CHEMEX, a BattleStaff Directive will dictate when the wing initiates Exercise Alarm Yellow and Exercise Mission Oriented Protective Posture level 0. A Giant Voice announcement will reinforce the status change. The difference between exercise and real-world MOPP level 0 is that chemical defense bags, or C-Bags, containing the CWDE will not be carried during an exercise.

During Exercise Alarm Yellow/MOPP 0, the BSD will dictate uniform wear at all times outside of dorm rooms or no-play areas. (No-play areas normally include the inside of any dining facility, base exchange, fitness center, vending concession, learning resource center, clinic, post office and chapel.) This means, for example, people can take workout clothes to the fitness center to change into but must change back into uniform/MOPP level 0 before exiting the fitness center. Additionally, the pool and jogging track will be closed for the duration of the exercise. Check the BSDs and Exercise Special

Instructions for specifics of any exercise.

At some point during the CHEMEX, scenario injects will drive PSAB into an Exercise Alarm Red, Exercise MOPP level Alpha. "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise" over Giant Voice will precede the alarm signal of a one minute broken warbling tone, three seconds on, one second off. Upon hearing the alarm, proceed immediately to the nearest bunker or shelter and then don your gas mask.

The senior-ranking individual will then break the seal on the equipment locker, retrieve the SRI bunker checklist, and perform the checklist procedures. The checklist should be read out loud and each bunker should have a battery powered voice projection unit to aide the SRI. The good news here is that the Exercise MOPP level Alpha only lasts 10 to 20 minutes. To terminate Alarm Red, the Giant Voice will announce either an Alarm Black, which means to begin the Post Attack Reconnaissance checks, or Alarm Yellow, which means PAR checks not required. People are directed not to leave the bunker until Alarm Yellow or the "All Clear" message is issued from Giant Voice.

With the experience and training we all bring to PSAB, we will be able to effectively respond to any situation. The Khobar Towers memorial is a moving testament to our fellow warriors' courage and our commitment to the mission. We need to take advantage of our exercise program to improve our readiness, survive any threat, and continue performing the mission we do so well.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser

Staff Sgt. Maskule, 363d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and 1st Lt. Percy, 363d F-15C, show the proper wear of Exercise Alarm Yellow, MOPP level 0.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Loren Bonser

Maskule and Percy demonstrate the proper Exercise Alarm Red, MOPP level Alpha. People should don their gas masks after entering their designated bunker.