



# Tallil Times

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Weather changes

Due to the weather and associated conditions, the following policies are in effect at services activities:

The Hot Spot Recreation Center will be closed from 1 to 3 p.m. daily for cleaning.

The Sand Box Lounge (closest to the shopette) will remain open during this time.

The only authorized entrances to the Hot Spot will be the front door and the door to the Sand Box Lounge, all others entrances will be off limits.

The Muscle Beach Fitness Center will limit access through the cardio room door only. A clean pair of shoes must be brought to change into. Leave dirty footwear in the aerobics area neatly lined against the wall.

When eating meals at the Tallil Tavern Dining Facility, airmen must sign in for every meal consumed. Signatures drives the dining facility authorizations and the quantity and quality of the food we purchase.

The library will be closed due to flooding and standing water by the entrance.

These policies are effective immediately and will be in effect until further notice.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chenzire Moore

Staff Sgt. Daniel Craig, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operator, digs a deep trench Wednesday in order to relieve excess water throughout tent city after two days of heavy rains.

## Rain bombards Tallil, tent city

by Staff Sgt. Chris Stagner

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Tallil Air Base has received more than an inch of rain in the last week and a half, leading to flooding in some areas.

“What you see is what you get until Silver’s [AEF cycle] over,” said Tech. Sgt. Don Gossel, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron weather superintendent. “Through April we can expect at least a half an inch per month.”

The rain has caused numerous problems throughout Tallil.

“The biggest thing it’s done is make it difficult to keep our activities clean,” said Lt. Col.

Frank Ladson, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron commander.

The Hot Spot is now closing from 1 to 3 p.m. daily to clean, according to Ladson. In addition, the Muscle Beach Fitness Center has had to implement a policy requiring patrons to bring clean shoes with them when they visit. Flooding has also led to the temporary closure of the library until the weather clears up.

“The weather has put a damper on people coming out, and I can’t blame them, but our facilities are open,” said Ladson.

“The weather at Tallil has laid down some unique challenges to the 332nd ECES,” said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Eide, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer

Squadron deputy chief of operations. “Electricity has been one of our biggest concerns. The equipment was installed in a very dusty, dry climate, and with the recent rains we are experiencing many power outages due to ground faults.”

Mud and flooding in tents have also been issues.

“We have ordered a large amount of both ballast rock (3-inch rock) and rock similar to what you see in tent city now (1-inch rock),” said Eide.

Tallilians can assist in keeping tent city as clean as possible.

“A method that has worked the best is the folks who have dug a trench around their tent and properly placed a double row of sand bags,” said Eide.



### Commander's Corner

This past week has been a challenging one. Not much rain by most standards, but in a desert in a place with no drainage system, even a small amount of rain creates huge 'mud puddles!'

It has caused a significant amount of work for our civil engineers, communications airmen and services troops.

They have had to work extra hours in tough conditions to overcome all of the hurdles brought on by the rain. And they came through like they always do!

The Silver rotation is nearly complete and the 'new people' are rapidly getting up to speed in the bare-base, combat zone environment.

There is no doubt that all of us in Silver will continue to make things better every day.

Those who were here before us did it in brutal heat and

dust storms, so we can take it to the next level in a little mud!

We all know the holidays are rapidly approaching – please remember to continue to 'take care of your buddies.' Make sure no one is suffering in silence when we have all of the resources available to help those people out.

Take advantage of squadron activities as well as the many other things going on that the services squadron has on the calendar.

We know it won't be the same as home during this holiday season, but we will do everything we can to make as close as we can.

Continue the great positive attitude as we accomplish our critical mission here and add to the legacy of the 332 AEW!

## Attack actions importance

by 2nd Lt. Zachary Moore

332nd ECEC Readiness

*(Editor's note: The lieutenant is the squadron's readiness flight commander.)*

The headlines in newspapers around the United States continually report of attacks on coalition troops in northern Iraq. By comparison, it's been quiet here, and airmen shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security.

Airmen at Tallil Air Base got a wake-up call last week when the Italians detonated unexploded ordnance.

Due to a miscommunication, wing officials didn't know in advance it was going to happen. That's been fixed, but airmen should know what to do if the base is attacked.

The threat is out there, and it's real. Not too long ago, a number of the coalition's Italian partners paid the ultimate price not far from Tallil's front gate.

The cold, hard truth is people die in combat zones, but by taking precautionary measures air-

men can improve their chances of survival if attacked.

First and foremost, airmen should take cover immediately. Airmen must also keep protective gear close by at all times, and put it on if an attack is suspected.

Second is to wait for the alarm green signal. After alarm green is announced, report to your unit's designated rally points or the unit control center for accountability. Wing officials must know that everyone is fine or who might need assistance.

"The stakes are life and death," said Col. Kevin Williams, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander. "We all walked off the plane that brought us to Tallil, and we want to leave the same way. There is no room for error when we must respond to an attack. Ninety-nine percent correct on this exam is an 'F.' One hundred percent correct is a satisfactory. Remember, when the Alarm Red sounds: Get down and take cover, your life depends on it."

## Tallil Talks ...

How has the rain affected your stay at Tallil Air Base?



Master Sgt. Dwayne Brown, PERSCO superintendent:

"We survived it. It's all good."



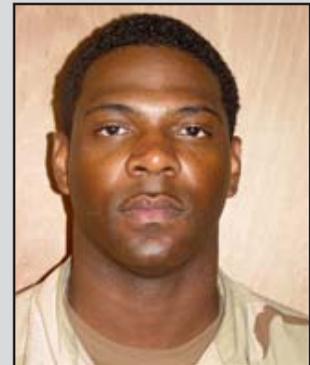
Tech. Sgt. Barry Cottman, 332nd ESFS pass and ID NCOIC:

"It's made it as good as can be expected."



Master Sgt. Alana Stillwell, TMO superintendent:

"I think it adds to the uniqueness of Tallil."



Specialist Will Elliot, 63rd Signal Battallion:

"My tent flooded and my computer broke."



# Dutch coalition forces have change of command

**Story and photo by  
U.S. Army  
Capt. Suzanne Martin  
Engineer Officer**

If words like Blauw Houp and “Kick them over the fence” don’t sound familiar, then attend a change-of-command ceremony with the Dutch air force. Nov. 28 LKOL Rob Gouders passed command of the Dutch air force detachment on Tallil Air Base to LKOL Wido Gerdson, who assumes command until mid-March.

The ceremony was conducted with farewell and introduction speeches and the traditional “Kick them over the fence” or the outgoing commander’s walk outside the camp’s perimeter as the soldiers line the walkway and clap. The Blauw Houp,



Outgoing Dutch commander LKOL Rob Gouders speak while incoming Dutch commander LKOL Wido Gerdson looks on.

translated to the Blue Dinner, is a traditional Dutch dinner adopted from their former colony, Indonesia.

In Gouders’s speech, he thanked the combined effort of the coalition forces for a successful mission. Gerdson said he

would carry his succession maintaining the same high standards set by his predecessor.

The Dutch detachment mission provides air MEDIVAC support to the Dutch Marines in As Samawah, Iraq, other coalition forces and the local population.

Gouders took command of the detachment July 19 and received the first helicopter Aug. 8 and became operational the same day.

His team flew more than 168 missions, logging 330 hours.

The ceremony was attended by a host of well-wishers and coalition supporters. Of those were LKOL Opellarr, the commander of the Dutch mission in Iraq, Col. Lawrence Larsen, the Army Supply Garrison commander, Col. Kevin Williams, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander, and Colonel Cheon, Young-Taek, Korean commander on Tallil.

To support coalition stabilization of Iraq, Gouders said, “The Iraqi children deserve a bright future.”

## Congratulations to the 332nd AEW’s December promotees!



Master Sgt. Lunette Grant  
Master Sgt. Frank Urbina  
Tech. Sgt. Merlin Garrett  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Glass  
Tech. Sgt. Tammy A. Richards  
Staff Sgt. Bernard Harper  
Staff Sgt. Benjamin Hill  
Staff Sgt. Todd Murphy  
Staff Sgt. Sylvetris Rufus  
Senior Airman John Adams  
Senior Airman George Booth  
Senior Airman Antyon Brown



Senior Airman Donwon Cooley  
Senior Airman Alexander Gottorno  
Senior Airman Brent Hunt  
Senior Airman Billy Moore  
Senior Airman Rupinder Sekon  
Senior Airman Christopher Smith  
Senior Airman Joshua Talmadge  
Senior Airman Deanna Vazquez  
Senior Airman Kenneth Wilburn  
Airman 1st Class Erika Evans  
Airman 1st Class Sherisha Guillory  
Airman 1st Class Kristina Zastawny

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## IN BRIEF

All times are local.

### AF Worship Services

Worship is at 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Chapel, unless otherwise noted.

#### Catholic

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday through Friday, 6 p.m.

**Vigil Mass:** Saturday, 6 p.m.

**Confessions:** 5-5:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room

**Sunday Mass:** 8 a.m.

**POC:** Chaplain Martin King at 459-0038

#### Protestant

**Traditional:** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

**Liturgical Communion:** Sunday, 10:30

**Gospel Service:** Sunday, 11:45 p.m.

**Contemporary Choir rehearsal:** Sunday, 6 p.m.

**Contemporary Worship Service:** Sunday, 7 p.m.

**POC:** Chaplain Michael Warner at 459-0038

### Latter Day Saints

**Lay-Led Service:** Sunday, 2 p.m.

**For details, call 573-1107**

#### Jewish

**Lay-Led Service:** Friday, 8 p.m.

**POC:** Chapel staff, 459-0038

#### Muslim

**(LSA Adder Chapel)**

**Prayer:** 12:30 p.m. and sunset daily

### Bible Studies

*Women's*

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (chapel)

*Men's*

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)

*Catholic (RCIA)*

Thurs, 6:30 p.m. (chapel annex)

*Catholic*

Sunday, 6:30 (chapel annex)

*Men and Women*

Thursday 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)

*LDS Study*

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)

Saturday, 6 p.m. (chapel annex)

### AF and Army Notices

#### Run Routes

Running in groups of two or larger is authorized in two locations: from the BX/PX parking lot and off the main gate road toward the burn pit.

The required uniform is T-shirt and shorts or pants. Running is not authorized on any other road.

#### Ziggurat of Ur

Visits to the Ziggurat require a pass. For information, U.S. Army personnel may call 573-1107.

Air Force Services has expanded its tour schedule to include two afternoon visits to the Ziggurat. For more information, call the Air Force Rec. Center at 459-0121.

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays, Tuesdays, Thursdays:

10 a.m. (show time of 9:30 a.m. at the Rec. Center).

Sundays and Wednesdays: 2 p.m. (show time of 1:30 p.m. at the Rec. Center).

### 332nd ESVS News

#### "The Hot Spot" Rec. Center

Bingo is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight at the indoor theater.

A Madden '04 Playstation 2 tournament is scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m.

Visit the Thirsty Scorpion Sports Bar for reduced-price drinks on Thirsty Thursdays.

#### Movie schedule

##### Tonight:

*Son in Law* (Hot Spot at 7 p.m.)

##### Saturday:

*Gone in 60 Seconds* (Hot Spot at 6 p.m.)

**Monday:** No movie will be shown due to the talent showcase auditions.

**Tuesday:** *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* (Indoor Theatre, 7 p.m.)

**Wednesday:** *Seabiscuit* (Indoor Theatre, 7 p.m.)

**Thursday:** *Beyond Borders* (Indoor Theatre, 7 p.m.)

## 332nd AEW Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Marchello Tolbert



**Unit and duty title:** 332nd Expeditionary Medical Supply Squadron, biomedical maintenance technician

**Home unit:** 59th Logistics Squadron, Lackland AFB, Tx.

**Why other warriors say he's a warrior:** "SrA Tolbert has met and exceeded every challenge both within, and outside, his primary duties since his arrival at Tallil AB.

As a team member he has volunteered to perform honor guard duties for the pending redeployment of our English comrades and been selected to represent the EMDG on the tent city counsel."

**Most memorable Air Force experience:** Graduating first in my class in tech school.

**Family:** Wife, Keturah; daughter, Adyalen

## Chapel holiday schedule

#### Catholic Schedule

Monday, Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation), 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Dec. 18, Advent Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 24, Caroling at the Chapel, 11 p.m.

Midnight mass – midnight Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass (Oasis of Peace), 10 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass (DFAC Wing C), noon

Jan. 1, 2004, Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), 10 a.m.

#### Ecumenical Services

Dec. 12, Decorating the Chapel for Christmas, 6:30 p.m.

#### Protestant Services

Dec. 21, "An Evening of Song" - Christmas carols, 8 p.m.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve service (Oasis), 9 p.m.

Dec. 31, Watch Night Service, 10 p.m.

#### Jewish Services

Dec. 21, Hanukkah celebration, 6 p.m.



# EOD ensures safety of people, resources

Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Chris Stagner

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Remnants from the first Gulf War still reside on Tallil Air Base, and the 332nd Civil Engineer Explosive Ordnance Disposal team here is ensuring those remnants are not able to put Tallians in harm's way.

Using render-safe procedures, the EOD team is working to remove ordnance found in the vicinity of the runway that was doing just that; putting people and resources in harm's way.



Tech. Sgt. Philip Davidson, 332nd ECES EOD technician deployed here from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., builds protective around Russian sub-munitions; preparing for render-safe procedures.

"The munitions were found on Tallil by the Italian camp," said Capt. Jerry Sanchez, EOD flight commander, deployed here from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. "They're all over the place."

With Italian and Dutch personnel and aircraft in the vicinity of the munitions, they pose a direct hazard to the Tallil operation.

"The fragmentation distance is about 530

feet," said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin FitzGerald, EOD flight superintendent, deployed here from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. "[The munitions] are within that distance to the aircraft. A detonation could cause fragmentation holes in the aircraft."

The EOD team could not conduct an in-place disposal of the munitions due to the danger to coalition personnel.

"The hazardous items were USSR high explosive, anti-tank sub-munitions that were possibly ejected from an ammunition supply point bombed during Desert Storm," said Sanchez. "The sub-munitions were armed,

not allowing EOD to safely transport items in their existing condition. In addition, the location of the sub-munitions could not withstand a high-order detonation; eliminating the possibility of an in-place disposal, and thus requiring a more dangerous procedure of rendering safe."

The render-safe procedure is more dangerous than an in-place disposal for more than one reason.

"Rendering safe increases the amount of time a technician is in a hazardous situation. It also forces the technician to bring tools and equipment

around a very hazardous device," said Sanchez. "These tools must be properly placed for the procedure to work. All these additional factors increase the possibility of something going wrong (during the render-safe procedure)."

The actual render-safe procedure requires the EOD technician to remove the fuse from the unexploded ordnance without detonat-



Senior Airman Dustin Heines, 332nd ECES EOD journeyman deployed here from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., sets up an MK-2 dearmer by putting in an electric 50-cal blank, used for the explosive charge.

ing the ordnance.

"The fuse uses a small amount of sensitive explosives to initiate the insensitive explosive found within the ordnance. Removing the sensitive explosives from the insensitive explosives makes the ordnance safer to transport," said Sanchez.

"Rendering safe ordnance is what separates EOD personnel from all other personnel that do explosive disposals, handle military ordnance or do explosive operations. EOD is the only unit authorized to conduct render-safe procedures on military ordnance," he added.

Saving lives and resources is what EOD does.

"There's a lot of traffic here. If one (UXO) went off while someone drove by it could kill them," said FitzGerald.

## This Week In History

Dec. 7, 1941.

At 7:55 a.m., the Imperial Japanese Navy air force strikes military facilities at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, (including Hickam and Wheeler Fields) in a sur-

prise attack.

In response to the attack, 2nd Lt. George Welch gets his P-40 aircraft into the air over Pearl Harbor and manages to shoot down four Japanese aircraft.





## Safety First

“Mishap prevention”  
The “key” to combat  
readiness

The Air Force Mishap Prevention Program is based on the premise that mishap prevention is “key” to combat readiness.

The goal is to preserve Air Force combat capability by helping commanders conserve resources while accomplishing their mission.

When mishaps occur, we have failed to achieve that goal, workers suffer injury, workloads are increased for other employees, valuable resources are lost or damaged, the cost of mission accomplishment increases and chances are, taxes will increase or funds will be diverted from other needed projects to cover the losses. In the long run, we all lose from the effects of unwanted mishaps.

The key to the success of any mishap prevention program depends on how well supervisors and employees perform mission tasks.

Two leading causes of mishaps are failure to follow technical data and inadequate supervision. Both are considered controllable. Constant leadership emphasis is necessary for us to eliminate these two mishap causal factors.

As supervisors or managers, you are charged with the responsibility to provide a safe and healthful work environment. The only way to fulfill that responsibility is by being proactive towards preventing mishaps. This includes making a critical evaluation of your work environment, operations, and task performances with emphasis on safe mission accomplishment and immediate corrective actions are implemented in areas requiring improvement. If mishaps are frequently occurring in your area of responsibility, you should ask yourself “When was the last time someone analyzed my area for hazards?” You might be surprised at what you find.

# Brits, Yanks work together, keeping Iraqi skies safe

Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Knowing who and what is flying in the skies over southern Iraq is important, and that task lies with a British Royal Air Force air and control center and three American airmen, who are working together here to keep the skies safe and to ensure that Air Force and coalition aircraft can operate effectively over the skies of Iraq in support of the Army.

Nearly 100 British airmen from the No. 1 Air Control Center keep a keen eye on the sky, tracking and identifying everything in their sector.

The Air Force’s airmen, communications experts from Aviano Air Base, Italy, work to keep the specialist lines of communication open.

“[The Air Force airmen] are pivotal, especially with [communication] related equipment,” said Flight Lt. Simon Gilmore, a RAF airman in the air control center. “Because we’re using some American equipment, we need the American expertise and personnel.”

The expertise the three airmen bring to the fight is computer maintenance support and radio repair.

They also work as liaisons to access classified information being sent via the SIPRNET, which is short for secret internet protocol router network.

Between tracking broken equipment in need of repair and fixing computer equipment, the airmen assist with the co-ordination of each day’s scheduled flights from the Combined Air Operations Center in Qatar to ensure the British controllers can track aircraft when they are detected by radar. As changes are made to flight plans, that information is passed along, too.

The members of the No. 1 ACC track com-

mercial and military aircraft in their sector in Iraq, much like U.S. airmen do in the United States at each of the three sectors there: the Northeast, Southeast and Western air defense sectors.

One group of British airmen tag each aircraft on radar that’s known to be operating in the region from the list of scheduled flights provided by the American airmen, and identify the aircraft they don’t have information about.

Another group directs air traffic to keep flight paths clear for all aircraft in the sector. Commercial aircraft travel in specific corridors, while military aircraft may cross those corridors several times during one sortie. If a commercial aircraft begins to stray out of a corridor, controllers contact the pilot and recommend corrective action.

Behind the scenes, the three American airmen - Staff Sgt. Daniel Gonzalez, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Gomez and Airman Husam Abou-Hossa - each work separate eight-hour shifts, seven days a week, to provide 24-hour support to the British mission.

Besides working together, both countries’ airmen have taken time to learn more about each other.

“They’ve brought a different sense of humor than we have,” Gilmore said.

The Air Force airmen have also taken time to eat at the British dining facility, instead of making a long drive across base to eat at the Air Force dining facility.

“They kind of ruined me the first night I was here,” Gonzalez said. “They were cooking steaks.”

While he’s enjoyed some of the British food, Gonzalez said he’s not too hot about the morning tea.

“They asked ‘Do you want some tea?’” Gonzalez said. “I’m like, ‘It’s first thing [in the morning], I’m good, thanks.’”



Staff Sgt. Daniel Gonzalez, a communications specialist from Aviano Air Base, Italy, retrieves data from the SIPRNET for members of the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force.



Photo courtesy of U.S. Army

SENDING SUPPLIES: Soldiers remove equipment from a Ch-47 Chinook helicopter at a remote firebase near Gereshk, Afghanistan. The Soldiers are assigned to the 10th Mountain Division's 10th Forward Support Battalion.

## Army notes

### Thanksgiving

A special thanks to the DFAC and all its employees. Their dedication and hard work was outstanding. They ensured all soldiers had the best Thanksgiving they could.

### Driving issues

In the past two weeks while conducting traffic spot checks, Headquarters, Garrison Support Command officials have discovered several discrepancies:

- Soldiers driving military vehicles without their Kevlar.

- Soldiers driving military vehicles without proper vehicle registration.

- Soldiers driving military vehicles without their driver's license.

- Soldiers driving military vehicles and not being in proper uniform.

Commanders and leaders at all levels it is our responsibility that our soldiers in this base camp stay safe and alive. The Garrison Support Command needs every soldier's help in policing up the shortcomings identified above.

### Turkey trot

More of those outstanding Turkey Trot t-shirts are going to be ordered. Get yours from the S4/726th OD BN. We will send a notice on when they come in.

Also, remember to think safety and control your speed when driving on post.

## Latest 'Stop Loss' keeps thousands of Soldiers in place

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Nov. 19, 2003) - Soldiers assigned to units that have been selected to participate in the second rotation of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the fifth rotation of Operation Enduring will not be allowed to voluntarily leave the Army or change duty stations under the most recent approved "Stop Loss and Stop Movement" program.

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee approved the implementation of the Active Army Unit Stop Loss/Stop Movement Program Nov. 13. Soldiers in affected units will be subject to Stop Loss/Stop Movement 90 days before their deployment until 90 days after their redeployed, according officials from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

Soldiers not affected by this Stop Loss/Stop Movement program implementation include National Guardsmen and Reservists. Those Soldiers are already subject to a Reserve Component Unit Stop Loss program. The RC Unit Stop Loss policy was approved in November 2002, by Reginald J. Brown, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). Stop Loss begins

for RC Soldiers when the unit is first alerted and will last 90 days after demobilization.

There will be other categories of Soldiers that will not be affected by this Stop Loss/Stop Movement program, such as, Soldiers on terminal leave or those being involuntarily separated from the Army, ODCS, G1 officials said.

Headquarters, Department of the Army also implemented a Stop Movement, feature to the Stop Loss program, which suspends permanent change of station moves for Soldiers assigned to units that will fall under the Active Army Unit Stop Loss Program, according to ODCS, G1 officials.

Instituting the Active Army Unit Stop Loss, Stop Movement and retaining the RC Unit Stop Loss is to provide equity for all components and ensure unit stability from alert, through redeployment and demobilization, officials said.

The Army Human Resources Command remains the Stop Loss/Stop Movement exception to policy authority.

This decision, by Brownlee, also lifted the last two special-

ties affected by the All Component, 12-month Skill-Based Stop Loss program. The lift is for officers in the Information Systems Management Field, 53 and Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialists, 55D. This effectively discontinues the All Component, 12-month Skill-Based Stop Loss program for both the active and Reserve components.

Personnel whose military occupational specialty was lifted from the All Component, 12-month Skill-Based program will have the opportunity to continue serving, if in good standing, or they may separate from the Army when they have fulfilled their yearlong commitment under Stop Loss.

By way of background, there have been five increments of Stop Loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, dating back to November 2001. Operation Noble Eagle involves Reserve component Soldiers who were mobilized to support homeland security.

However, the Army continually reviews all job specialties and units to make sure that readiness will not be adversely impacted, G1 officials said.

# This Week's Coalition Force Profile:

## Italian Air Force

**About the Italian Flag:** The Italian flag consists of three equal vertical bands of green, white, and red. It is similar to the flag of Ireland, which is longer and is green, white and orange. The design was inspired by the French flag brought to Italy by Napoleon in 1797.



**Coalition Country Name:**

Conventional long form: *Italian Republic*  
 Conventional short form: *Italy*  
 Local long form: *Repubblica Italiana*  
 Former: *Kingdom of Italy*  
 Local short form: *Italia*

**Coalition Government Type:**

Republic

**Capital:**

Rome

**Tallil Unit:**

6 Reparto Operativo Autonomo

**Detachment Size:**

Approximately 300 personnel

**Equipment:**

**Helicopters**

HH-3F

AV-412

Chinook



**Mission:**

The personnel assigned to the 6th R.O.A. are responsible for performing medical evacuation and CASEVAC alert missions. In addition, the unit participates in assigned Special Operations missions and convoy escort missions. The 6th R.O.A. also participates in Joint Combined Combat Training while assigned to support operations here at Tallil Air Base.

**Background:**

Italy became a nation-state in 1861 when the city-states of the peninsula, along with Sardinia and Sicily, were united under King Victor Emmanuel. An era of parliamentary government came to a close in the early 1920s when Benito MUSSOLINI established a Fascist dictatorship, lasting until the end of World War II. A democratic republic replaced the monarchy in 1946 and economic revival followed. Italy was a charter member of NATO and the European Economic Community (EEC). It has been at the forefront of European economic and political unification, joining the European Monetary Union in 1999.

**Enlisted Ranks**

<b>Aviere Scelto</b> Airman	<b>Maresciallo Di 3 Classe</b> Warrant Officer 3rd Class	<b>Sottotenente</b> 2nd Lieutenant
<b>1st Aviere</b> Airman 1st Class	<b>Maresciallo Di 2 Classe</b> Warrant Officer 2nd Class	<b>Tenente</b> 1st Lieutenant
<b>Aviere Capo</b> Senior Airman	<b>Maresciallo Di 1 Classe</b> Warrant Officer 1st Class	<b>Capitano</b> Captain
<b>Aviere Capo Scelto</b> Chief Airman	<b>1st Maresciallo</b> Chief Warrant Officer	<b>1st Capitano</b> 1st Captain
<b>1st Aviere Capo</b> Corporal	<b>1st Maresciallo Con Qualifica Di Luogotenente</b> Chief Warrant Officer Qualified as 2nd Lieutenant	<b>Maggiore</b> Major
<b>1st Aviere Capo Scelto</b> Senior Chief Airman	<b>Sergente</b> Sergeant	<b>Tenente Colonnello</b> Lieutenant Colonel
<b>Sergente Maggiore</b> Sergeant Major	<b>Sergente Maggiore</b> Sergeant Major	<b>Colonnello</b> Colonel
<b>Sergente Maggiore Capo</b> Sergeant Major	<b>Sergente Maggiore Capo</b> Sergeant Major	



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Patterson

◀ **WELCOME TO TALLIL:** Members from the 1st Combat Communications Squadron pose for a photo claiming the radar as their own.

# BEST

— Give Us Your —

# SHOT



Photo by Army Capt. Suzanne Martin

▲ **SLIP 'N' SLIDE:** Two soldiers take advantage of the rain.



Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Shawn Fallin

▲ **RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY:** The rain at Tallil this week led to many natural lakes. This one was a parking lot.

### Here's How:

We want to see Tallil Air Base and the surrounding areas from the inside and out and we need your help. If you've got a digital camera, then we want to talk to you!

Send us your best digital photo for the week and we'll choose the top shots to be published in the next issue of the *Tallil Times*.

When submitting photos, make sure they are of reasonable quality and in any PC compatible format. Next, make sure you provide us with an accurate description of the event and **COMPLETE** names of all persons pictured.

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# New base fitness program starts Dec. 15

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The Tallil Triple Threat begins here Dec. 15 and ends Feb. 28, 2004, pushing airmen toward a maximum fitness peak.

Officials encourage all airmen to sign up for the program, which, if followed, will better prepare service members for the Air Force's new fitness test.

Male participants will need to complete 2,400 push-ups, 2,800 sit-ups, and run 150 miles.

Female participants must complete 1,000 push-ups, 2,000 sit-ups, and also run 150 miles.

Some airmen might think the program is geared for failure, but it's not.

Males who work out four times a week would need to do 60 push-ups and 70 sit-ups per day to meet the required minimum numbers. In addition, they'd need to run two miles a day over the 10-week period.

Women would need to complete 25 push-ups and 50 sit-ups four days a week, and they'd need to run two miles a day over the 10-week period.

Every member who completes the Tallil Triple Threat will receive a T-shirt and have their name

posted in the Muscle Beach Fitness Center.

Airmen who want to enter the

program can stop by the fitness center Dec. 15 to pick up a sheet to track their progress.

### Men's qualifications

Push-ups - 2,400      Sit-ups - 2,800  
Run - 150  
Push-ups: 60 per day x 4 workouts per week x 10 weeks = 2,400  
Sit-ups: 70 per day x 4 workouts per week x 10 weeks = 2,800

### Women's qualifications

Push-ups - 1,000      Sit-ups - 2,000  
Run - 150  
Push-ups: 25 per day x 4 workouts per week x 10 weeks = 1,000  
Sit-ups: 50 per day x 4 workouts per week x 10 weeks = 2,000



Photo by Senior Airman David Roche

▲ **COME RAIN, HAIL, SLEET OR SNOW:** The recent weather affecting walks to the latrine and work was not enough to stop Italian Tedde Roberto from winning his second Tallil 5-K in a row with a time of 17:16.

## Tallil 5-K order of finish:

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Tedde Roberto     | 17:16 |
| 2. David Zondor      | 17:33 |
| 3. Richard Mears     | 18:05 |
| 4. Jeff Yost         | 18:26 |
| 5. Brendan McDermott | 18:31 |
| 6. Antony MiDomenco  | 19:10 |
| 7. David Hildreth    | 20:53 |
| 8. Jason Kane        | 21:04 |
| 9. Tom Deangelis     | 21:18 |
| 10. Terry Cunningham | 21:21 |

## Tallil 2-mile walk order of finish:

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Donald Williams  | 24:44 |
| 2. Steven Woolnough | 24:51 |
| 3. Brett Newman     | 24:52 |
| 4. Angelia Messer   | 27:27 |
| 5. Paul Klein       | 27:28 |

## Sports briefs

### Aerobics

The base fitness center offers aerobic classes.

Classes are:

Kickboxing, Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Step aerobics, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Total abs, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

### Volleyball

Intramural volleyball season is on the way. The preseason starts Monday and the regular

season begins Dec. 15.



Unit sports reps need to turn in a letter of intent to the fitness center today to en-

ter a team into the league.

### 10-K run

The fitness center sponsors a 10-kilometer run, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the finance building. Show time is 7 a.m. Saturday