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NEWS BRIEFS

Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron have extended the Tallil Tavern's dining hours during lunch Thursday. Lunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The breakfast and dinner meals will remain at the same times.

Potable Water

The Tallil Tent City water supply has been tested and approved for consumptive purposes, such as oral hygiene, food preparation and ice production. Tallilians no longer need to take water bottles into the shower facilities. If you do, do not leave them on the sinks when you are finished — dispose of them properly.

Fire Phones in Tent City

Fire Phones have been strategically positioned throughout tent city. These phones will automatically ring 911 when the handset is lifted, so they can not be used to call anywhere else, on or off base. The phones are labeled "Emergency Phone Only."

Smoking Areas

Tallil Tent City residents are reminded to smoke only in authorized areas. These areas are clearly marked with an approved sign placed by the 332nd ECES Fire Department. While some members have created ad hoc smoking areas — remember, if there is not an official sign at the location, it is not an approved smoking area.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham

▲ Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ledoux, the wing's new command chief, greets Senior Airman Ancele Prince, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, at the Thursday morning Right Start briefing for newcomers.

New command chief takes on Tallil

by Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham
332nd AEW Public Affairs

Challenges are plentiful for airmen here, and the wing's new command chief master sergeant has his eyes on four hot items that will affect every airman in the wing.

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ledoux, the wing's top enlisted member and liaison to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, said the dining hall closure, upcoming holidays, each airman's mindset and the status of the base at the end of the rotation are issues he's ready to tackle.

Priority No. 1 is the holiday season. The chief urges deployed airmen to talk with their loved ones back home. The holidays can be stressful, deployment adds to that stress. The chief urges supervisors to be in tune with their subordinates.

Dining hall

The chief said he thinks the Air Force dining hall is a force multiplier for airmen here at Tallil.

"I think the dining hall is not just a place to go eat dinner," he said. "It's a place where we kind of get together ... it gives us an opportunity to sit down and talk (with each other) with

combat operations over in May, but there are still bad guys out there who wish to harm coalition troops, the chief said.

no pressure. I am hoping that we don't lose that with the closure of the dining facility."

He said the Army's dining facility is great, and he's sure it will continue to serve great tasting food. Since the Army's dining facility is farther away, "we'll need to ensure we have adequate transportation to get folks back and forth from tent city."

that we'll hear an explosion and then take action. It might be the only thing that happens, it may only happen one time and then that's it for the

"I want a sense of urgency (from our airmen)," the chief said. "I want them to know what it is they're supposed to do if we get a mortar attack. We're not going to get that initial notice that says: 'Alarm red, incoming.' I just don't see that happening, but if it does, I want folks to know what to do. The likely scenario is

that happens, it may only happen one time and then that's it for the

The Chief Ledoux File

Home:
Fall River, Mass.

Family:
Wife and two sons, Jeffrey and Brian

Date Entered Service:
Aug. 21 1975

Quick Quote:
"You can accomplish more with a positive 'can do' attitude."

War zone mentality

The president declared major

See *Command Chief*, Page 2 ▶



Commander's Corner

It's great to be back at Tallil Air Base after two months of off-station duty at other locations! What's amazing is how many improvements have been made to the quality of life here in that time. There is no doubt that Silver AEF is going to continue to "advance the ball downfield" just as those in Blue AEF did.

As we do so, I want to remind everyone of some important things to remember. At the top of the list is always think Force Protection - never forget you are in a combat zone. Be positive, make this place better every day, don't walk by a problem, and take care of your buddies. Airpower!

Command Chief

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night."

He said the wing's senior NCOs should take the lead and educate airmen about the steps the airmen should take when an attack occurs. Commanders and supervisors at all levels should take the threat seriously, he said.

Blue versus Silver

"I think (AEF) Blue has left us sitting pretty well," he said. "They have given us the foundation of the facilities that we need. It's now up to Silver to expand upon those."

Areas the chief sees for improvement are:

The recreation center is not for tall people, he said. Taller people have to stoop over to move around. He'd like to see more comfortable chairs for the troops besides the metal chairs currently in use. The facility is nice, but improvements can be made, he said.

The outdoor movie theater was great, he said. But as the weather turns colder an expanded indoor theater is needed.

The fitness center is a crown jewel for the wing, he said. But to take it to the next level, aerobic classes are starting.

The Harvest Falcon latrines and showers are on the way out. "We're now installing "Cadillac" latrines and showers ... a great quality of life improvement."

An arcade and dance club are also being discussed as another way for Tallilians to let their hair down.

"We're going to lose a gathering place when we close the dining hall, so we have to find a way to capture that in another location," the chief said.

The chief said he also sees that his role is to help foster positive relationships with the other U.S. military services and the coalition forces in and around Tallil.

The chief is deployed here from his job as the 8th Air Force command chief on Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Safety First

by Lt. Col. Paul Roberts

332nd AEW Safety Office

Some of you may be beginning your tour and some of us are within days of returning home. Here are some simple steps of safety that can make your journey here at Tallil or elsewhere a safer experience.

Operational risk management ORM is a decision-making process to systematically evaluate possible courses of action, identify risks and benefits, and determine the best course of action for any given situation. ORM enables commanders, functional managers, supervisors, and individuals to maximize operational capabilities while limiting all dimensions of risk by applying a simple, systematic process appropriate for all personnel and functions both on and off duty. Appropriate use of ORM increases both an organization's and individual's ability to accomplish the mission.

Personal risk management PRM is a common sense approach used to accomplish any task - whether at home or at work. Take a moment to think things through and identify what the risks are, if they can be reduced, or if the end result is worth taking the risk. **Assess, Consider, Take Action—ACT!**

Assess the environment for risk

- Be aware of surroundings, duties, and tasks on and off duty
- Analyze what could go wrong—How can I hurt myself?
- What are the chances of something happening?

Consider options to limit risk

- What can you do about it?
- Is it worth the risk to do it?
- Does the risk require elevating decision-making?

Take appropriate action

- Implement risk controls. Take preventive action
- Does your action control the risk? If not start again
- Spread the word! Let others learn from your experience.

Be vigilant and remain safe!

ACTION LINE

332AEW.actionline@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil

The Commander's Action Line is the direct link to the 332nd AEW Commander, Col. Marke F. Gibson. It's your opportunity to make Tallil Air Base a better place to live, work and play.

First give your chain of command and the appropriate base agencies a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, send an e-mail to 332AEW.actionline@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil.

Items of basewide interest may be published in the Tallil Times.

Q: As new people arrive here, they need to be made aware of our laundry issues - leaving laundry and not returning in a timely manner and stopping laundry during the drying cycle and not restarting it. How can we educate the Silver rotation?

A: Tallilians must look out for each other on the battlefield. That mindset should also be applied to everything we do here, including laundry.

The average washer cycle time is 20-25 minutes and the average dryer time is 50 minutes. If you leave the laundry tent, be courteous and return within the required timeframe to remove your clothes. This will free laundry space and prevent other personnel from removing your laundry from the machines.

Each dryer has a light illuminated when in use, so there is no need to open the unit to see. If you open the unit to check, be sure that you restart the cycle by depressing the start button on the dryer. Simply closing the door does not restart the cycle.

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IN BRIEF

All times are local.

AF Worship Services

Worship is at 332nd AEW Chapel, unless otherwise noted.

Catholic

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

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

Confessions: 5 to 5:40 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

POC: Chaplain Martin King at 459-0038

Protestant

Liturgical: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Liturgical Communion: Sunday, 10:35 to 11:15 a.m.

Gospel Service: Sunday, 10:30 to 10:45 p.m.

Contemporary, nondenominational: 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

(LSAAdder 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)

See the Nov. 28 issue of the Tallil Times for a schedule of holiday religious services.

AF and Army Notices

Morale Calls

Do not use workplace phones for morale call purposes.

Driving on Base

Speed limits on base are 20 mph. Helmets are required in all tactical All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and "Gators."

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.

Ammunition Storage

The 38th Ordnance Group provides ammunition storage for units on Tallil Air Base. Contact Mr. Matheson at 573-1258 for more information.

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).

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"The Hot Spot" Rec. Center

Bingo is scheduled for 7 p.m. - night at the outdoor theater.

A NBA Live Xbox tournament is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

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

What's playing?

Tonight:

Survivor (indoor at 10 p.m.)

Survivor (outdoor at 10 p.m.)

Saturday:

Two Weeks Notice (indoor at 6 p.m.)

College Football (outdoor at 7 p.m.)

Sunday:

NFL Football (indoor at 8 p.m.)

NFL Football (outdoor at 8 p.m.)

"Muscle Beach" Fitness Center

A 2-on-2 co-ed basketball tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday. The single-elimination tournament is open to all military branches. Sign up is available at the Fitness Center and the first 10 teams to sign up will play.

A 5K Run/2Mile Turkey Trot will take place Thursday. The start time has been changed to 7:30 a.m. in front of the Finance Building.

The Fitness Center has recently begun the "Silver Rotation 200 Mile Run, 100 Mile Walk Club." See your unit sports representative or visit the Fitness Center for more information.

332nd AEW Warrior of the Week

Tech. Sgt. Rick Vice

Unit and duty title: 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron nondestructive inspector

Home unit: 165th Maintenance Squadron Savannah, Ga.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: "Sergeant Vice worked during his off-duty time to help build the floor and doors to the new enlisted club," said Master Sgt. Russell Highsmith, 332nd EAMXS first sergeant. "In addition, he filled sandbags and helped erect tents for incoming units and went on to build seven porches for other squadron members."

Most memorable Air Force experience: Working to help set up an airshow while stationed in Louisiana.

Family: Wife, Patricia; daughter, Chelsea; and sons, Ricky and Joseph.



V CORPS'

Government Property

IN CONCERT AT TALLIL!!

WHO: "Government Property" - an Army performing group

WHEN: Wednesday at 1 p.m.

WHERE: BX/PX parking lot

The Army has extended the invitation to all Tallilians.

Come out and enjoy everything from Motown to Metal, alternative, rap, country, R&B, classic rock and more.



Not getting mail? Check the address ...

□ Post office offers tips on sending and receiving mail

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class
Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

As Tallil welcomes the Silver rotation, the Army and Air Force combined Post Office welcomes new mail.

Just like in the states, your address is the most important thing when it comes to mail.

Whether it's coming to, or going from, Tallil Air Base — an incorrect address could cause delays and confusion.

Personnel must ensure folks at home are using the correct mailing address in order to have their mail arrive quickly.

"We here at the post office see every variation of the correct mailing address on a daily basis," said Army Staff Sgt. Michael Milosh, 806th Adjutant General Postal Company post of-

fice NCO in charge. "Often times 'deployed specialist', 'K-9', 'B-Flight', etc. are used — this simply leads to misrouted mail throughout the theater and obvious delays in its receipt. Additionally, do not use Tallil AB, Iraq, or names of operations in the address. If your unit is not identified correctly, we have to track you down to determine where to send it, which will delay your letter or package."

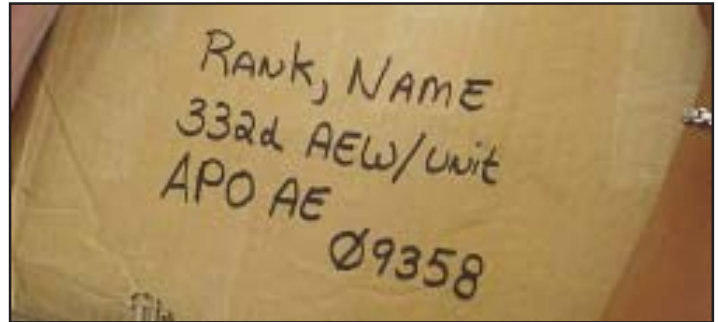
According to the Post Office staff, the biggest problem is people using the wrong APO number, which

causes mail to wander around the AOR until it finds the right place.

"Unfortunately what usually ends up happening is the item is returned to sender," Milosh said. "Due to the large amount of mail we process daily, problems with addresses are common and we do our best to track you down and get your mail in

a timely manner. Sometimes that just isn't possible with what we have to work with."

To ensure fast, trouble-free delivery, post office personnel remind



DEMONSTRATION: 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron Post Office personnel remind Tallilians of the proper way to address incoming and out going mail.

Tallilians to address letters and packages with Rank/Name, 332 AEW/E (squadron), APO AE 09358.

"The biggest tip I can give people is to simply use the three-line address, anything extra simply slows down the process we have in place to sort mail," Milosh said. "Also, let people back at home know when they are using incorrect information, otherwise it will continue to slow down receipt of your mail or be returned."

The post office staff asks patrons to have patience when sending packages from Tallil.

"We are the only APO for Tallil and Camp Adder, so expect a line if mailing a package," said Tech. Sgt. James King, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron Tallil Post Office postmaster.

The post office also offers free mail.

To qualify for free mail, items must weigh 13 ounces or less and contain correspondence of a personal nature, such as a letter, post

card or audio or video tape. However, cameras, film, and bills or business correspondence do not qualify for free mail and must have postage paid on them.

On qualifying items, deployed members can simply write "FREE" in the upper right hand corner where the stamp would go and it will get delivered.

"As an extension of the United States Postal Service, the Tallil Military Post Office's basic function is to bind the service member to their family, friends and business associates through a prompt, reliable and efficient service in any area and under any circumstance," King said. "Even in a combat zone, personnel should be able to send and receive mail, not just for morale purposes, although that is the main reason our customer feedback tells us, but because it is one of the few ways we have to communicate to the world outside of the AOR. Phones and computers can be limited at times, but the mail will always travel."

Mail Tips

- ▶ Keep personal messages and notes to a minimum on the outside of mail.
- ▶ Pack items as though you are going to 'kick it off a cliff' to prevent damage to contents.
- ▶ Liquids, flammables and anything that can melt should not be sent.
- ▶ Do not send items that cannot be replaced. Carry valuables.
- ▶ Do NOT seal packages until the post office has a chance to inspect the contents



The "Times" are changing ...

... and so is the "Tallil Times" staff.

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101st raids lead to capture of criminals

(Editor's note: This release is the culmination of two articles submitted by the 101st Abn. Div (AA) Public Affairs Office.)

MOSUL, IRAQ - Twenty-four personnel suspected of violence against U.S. forces in northern Iraq were captured Nov. 12 in a series of raids by the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The first incident occurred in the 1st Brigade Combat Team area of operations when an individual who was wanted for questioning was stopped at a traffic control point. He was believed to have information on acts taken against coalition forces.

The second incident occurred when an improvised explosive device exploded, causing minor injuries to two soldiers. Two suspects in the area were immediately detained. They are also believed to be linked with earlier attacks on U.S. forces.

The third incident took place in the 1st BCT area when a joint U.S. and Iraqi border patrol element identified a suspicious vehicle south of Mosul. Individuals in the vehicle fired at the joint patrol. The patrol returned fire, and then searched the vehicle, which contained six

individuals and 20 complete rocket propelled grenade systems. All six were detained. There were no U.S. injuries.

The infantrymen patrol the streets 24 hours a day, looking for law-breakers and people intent on causing harm to Soldiers and local citizens, said Staff Sgt. Nathan Smith, squad leader, Company B., 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment. Soldiers go to mechanic shops and garages looking for people who make car bombs.

Local citizens are also helping the patrolling units net criminals who may be planning terrorist acts. In Mosul a series of overnight raids netted 10 suspects, seven AK-47s, one RPG, two RPG rounds, a pistol, and an assault rifle. The suspects were caught when an Iraqi citizen informed a soldier

from the 2nd BCT that individuals were planning an imminent attack on U.S. forces.



Photo by Private 1st Class Joshua Hutcheson

▲ Soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) detain a man who was seen leaving the house of a suspected arms dealer.

This Week In History

Nov. 21, 1970 — Son Tay POW rescue attempt

A task force of Army and Air Force volunteers, led by Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons, executed a daring plan to rescue prisoners of war at the Son Tay prison camp near Hanoi, Vietnam. One helicopter purposely crash-landed inside the camp while other helicopters land just beyond the perimeter. The assault team



Aerial photo of Son Tay prison camp in 1970.

suffered no deaths and killed at least 50 enemy troops. Sadly, Son Tay's POWs had recently been moved to a new location, so none are rescued — but the raid sent a clear message to North Vietnam to treat American POWs better. The rescue attempt also raised hope among POWs that they are not forgotten.



Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense

▲ A Soldier of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-63 Armor holds hands with an Iraqi boy he has befriended during a medical visit in Iraq. U.S. Soldiers are helping to improve quality of life for the Iraqi people.



‘One click, one call’ customer service

□ New system answers members questions on pay, personnel issues

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — A one-stop customer service phone number and Web page are up and running, linking several call centers and online resources Air Force people use when managing personnel and pay information.

A single phone number and a companion Web site now make it easier for Air Force active-duty and reserve component military, as well as U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees to find what they need quickly, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Customers can find answers to questions by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or visiting www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst. Until now the burden has been on Air Force people to determine which agency handles a particular issue before contacting customer service by phone or on the Web. Customers will be able to access any of the following support services by using the new number and Web site:

— Air Force Contact Center for general military personnel inquiries, including discrimination and sexual harassment concerns and assistance in navigating the virtual military personnel flight application.

— Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver

for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel inquiries.

— Defense Finance and Accounting Service’s Cleveland Contact Center for Air Force military pay inquiries and assistance with the myPay application.

— AFPC Technical Assistance Center for technical support for applications such as vMPF, assignment management system, AFPC Secure and PC-III.

— AFPC Recruiting Service Center for civilian appropriated fund job opportunities.

— AFPC Benefits and Entitlements Service Team for civilian appropriated-fund benefits and entitlements.

This latest evolution in customer self-service is the product of revolutionary cooperation between different agencies inside and outside of the Air Force, officials said.

“A substantial partnership between military and civilian personnel, Air Force financial services (military pay), and Defense Finance and Accounting Service — years in the making — is making one-stop customer service possible,” said James Short, the Air Force’s deputy assistant secretary for financial operations.

“It goes beyond just a phone number and a Web page,” said Roger Blanchard, assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel. “What our customer service transformation team is beginning to do is actually combine customer service efforts behind the scenes to serve customers faster and more efficiently.”

Several of the linked call centers reside at the personnel center, where leaders have been

facilitating the consolidation of Air Force customer-service operations.

“We are making sure that customer service is a lot more than a 1-800 number,” said Maj. Gen. Tom O’Riordan, personnel center commander. “Our

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Maj. Gen. Tom O’Riordan
personnel center commander

focus is making sure we meet the needs of the field, and that we accelerate those changes which make life simpler for the commander and our airmen.”

Customers calling from international locations and hearing-impaired employees should continue to dial the number they currently use to access support for personnel or pay matters, officials said. The new toll-free number should begin accommodating foreign area calls early next year, officials said.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service.)

► OPERATION IVY CYCLONE:

A pilot in an A-10 Thunderbolt II deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, drops a flare Nov. 17 during Operation Ivy Cyclone. The operation is a combined-arms operation designed to root out and crush insurgents in Iraq. The aircraft is from the 74th Fighter Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey A. Wolfe



► **OASIS IN THE DESERT:** No matter the time of day, the Oasis of Peace Chapel is sure to capture the attention of all who pass by.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Elven Gilliam

BEST

— Give Us Your —

SHOT



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wolf

▲ **SLEEPING TIGER:** A flightline view of one of Tallil's A-10s at Sunset.



Courtesy photo

▲ **OUT WITH THE OLD:** (left to right) Senior Airmen Jared Weimer and Mark Rivero, Airmen 1st Class Terrence Clagett and Josh Blackburn and Tech. Sgt. Mike Windell, members of the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Transient Alert take a final farewell photo.

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 chose 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.

Photos without complete information cannot be considered. Photos must be in good taste and not compromise safety or security in any manner.

If you have questions, contact the Public Affairs Office at DSN 459-0014 or send your questions directly to tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil.



ESVS improves Tallil's facilities, programs

"When you work we work, but when you play we work harder."

by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Fricke

332nd ESVS

When you deploy, far away from the familiarity and comfort of home, whom do you look to?

The things that we take for granted back home, like a hot nutritious meal, a warm comfortable place to lay our head and get some much-needed sleep, or just a place to relax, where do you find it?

More than 60 airmen, from four locations now make up the Silver rotation of the 332nd ESVS.

Upon arriving here at Tallil, Team Services set out to improve on the foundation laid by their predecessors.

"Leave it better than we found it," the mantra of the 332nd ESVS, is evident in the many programs in place and the planned improvements being worked

everyday.

Currently, the Hotspot Recreation Center offers many organized and self-directed programs from card tournaments to weekly bingo games.

Morale phones and computers are available to help troops stay in touch with family and friends at home.

The fitness center, a workout haven for many, has acquired a plethora of fitness equipment.

And the Tallil Tavern provides four hot meals a day to approximately 2,600 troops.

Even with the fine programs in place, there is always room for improvement.

Some of the projects in the works include expanding the fitness center.

The building has already been enlarged to accommodate new equipment and a new aerobics program.

"We've started the ball rolling on the Intramural sports program along with a large variety of special events aimed at fostering esprit de corps and boosting

morale here at Tallil AB," said Staff Sgt. Eddie Tacub, 332nd ESVS fitness center NCO in charge and special events director.

The Hotspot is nearing completion of a 300-seat indoor movie theatre that will also double as a location for official functions.

A recently constructed lounge named the 'Sand Box' was opened in response to customer requests for a club-like atmosphere.

"We have relocated equipment rental from a separate facility to the Hotspot, a move that will allow customers a one-stop shop for most recreational needs," said Tech. Sgt. Alicia Skinner, 332nd ESVS recreation center NCO in charge.

The Tallil tavern has worked with vendors to improve the quality of meals offered to patrons.

A full-on Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner are in the works, making it just a little bit more like home.

Another major addition to Tallil will be the arrival of a learning resource center team

from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

This team will be able to offer assigned personnel the opportunity to pursue their education while stationed here.

Career Development Course and College Level Exam Placement testing will be just a few of the services offered.

The lodging staff of the Freedom Inn is currently working with the civil engineers to have cement floors poured for all the tents.

Nearing completion is the new on-site laundry facility with an expected two-day turnaround on laundered items.

All programs, both in place and projected, are an ongoing effort to enhance the quality of life for all airmen deployed here.

So remember, when you sit down in the Tallil Tavern for that hot meal, play a game of pool at the Hotspot, or just lay your head down to get some sleep, the 332nd ESVS is here for you.

When you work we work, but when you play we work harder.

Tournament results

3-on-3 basketball

Seven teams participated in Saturday's 3-on-3, single-elimination basketball tournament.

Members of the winning team are as follows:

Daniel Funches, ESVS; T.J. Parker, ESVS; Howard Shelton, Fire Department; and P.T. Carter, ELRS.

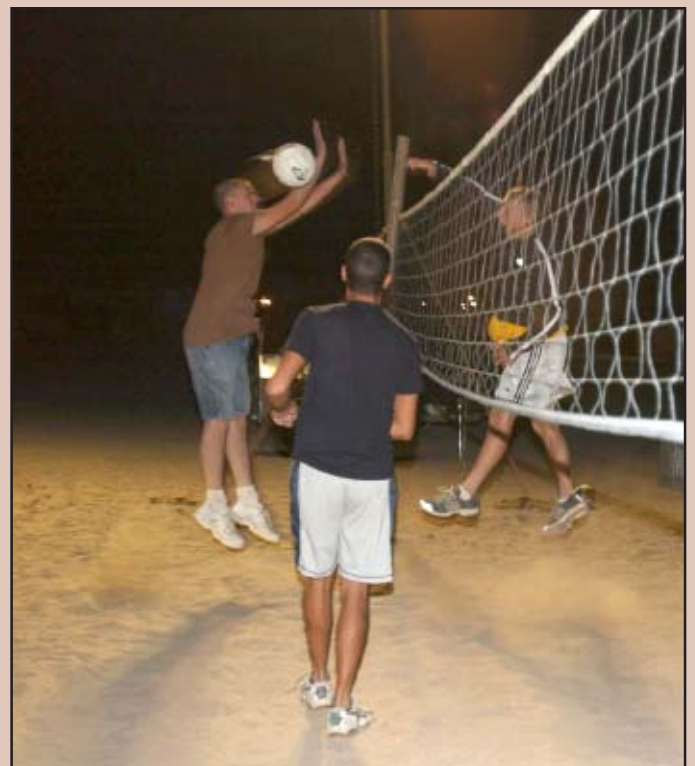


4-on-4 volleyball

Five teams participated in Sunday's 4-on-4, single-elimination volleyball tournament.

Members of the winning team are as follows:

Todd Maker, ECS; Michael Carson, ECS; John Marcaeu, ECS; and Sal Coluccia, Italian Air Force.



► **FOR THE WIN:** A spike flies over the net and past the defense in one match during Sunday's 4-on-4, single-elimination volleyball tournament, sponsored by the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron.

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