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NEWS BRIEFS

New Tent City Rules

Tallil Tent City residents are required to read and adhere to the tent city rules while deployed to Tallil Air Base. The latest copy of the tent city rules are posted on the wing's intranet home page, or available by contacting any unit first sergeant.

Air Force Dining-In

Members interested in attending Tallil Air Base's first Dining-In Sept. 18 should reserve a spot by contacting their unit first sergeant no later than Sept 5.

Change of Command for Medical Group commander

Col. Darr Lafon is scheduled to relinquish command of the 332nd EMDG Sept. 1 at 8 a.m. to Col. Brent Klein.

Remembrance Service

The 332nd AEW Chapel Staff is hosting a Prayer and Remembrance Service Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Oasis of Peace Chapel to honor our fallen comrades in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Check Cashing Limit

The 332nd AEW has temporarily raised the check cashing limit to \$300 for purposes of the Services Bazaar Sept. 1. This limit will be in effect through Sept. 1 and will return to \$100 per week following the event. Members are reminded to bring their military ID in order to cash checks.

Seat Belt Use

Seat belt use is mandatory for all vehicles equipped with them on Tallil Air Base. Don't risk your life or the lives of others – Ensure everyone is using these restraints properly. Violators will be reported to their units for disciplinary action.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Grande

▲ **BIRD OF PREY:** Tallil Air Base is home to the 64th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron. The 64th ERS operates and maintains the base's Predator aircraft. These cutting-edge aircraft roam the skies of Iraq providing real-time information to commanders around the world.

Talli's Predators patrol Iraq

by 1st Lt. Daniel DuBois

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Information – today, it may be the world's hottest commodity. It is often the key to success in all walks of life: sports, business and definitely, in the military.

The MQ/RQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle has been providing information to the military since the very beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. However, the military wants more than information, it wants information superiority.

The Air Force defines information superiority as the control and exploitation of the information domain. It allows us to engage any target, in any battle space around the world. The Predator has been vital to the military obtaining that information superiority during OIF.

"The Predator has become a force multiplier, with extended loiter times, increasing the reconnaissance capabilities within the AOR," explained Major Scott Start, commander of the 64th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron.

According to Major Start, the Predator has a 600 mile range, 20 hour mission time, and three sensor cameras: Day TV, Infra-Red, and Synthetic Aperture Radar. It delivers real-

time analysis, enhancing time sensitive targeting and battle damage assessment. This provides commanders with a multi-function platform to assist ground forces on the battlefield.

"The Predator has brought us into a new arena of increased awareness in evaluating theater threats and reducing response time to engage enemy activity," Start said. "Better intelligence, better awareness and more effective war fighting translates into coalition lives saved."

During a July 2003 speech, Air Force Secretary James Roche gave an example of another way the Predator creates effects on the battlefield, describing a mission to knock out Iraqi television.

"As entertaining as Baghdad Bob was, it was really time for him to go away," explained Secretary Roche.

Intelligence revealed that the Iraqi TV satellite dish was near the Grande Mosque in Baghdad and 150 feet from the Fox News Channel antenna, Roche said. Due to the type of sensitivities, a Predator was tasked to take out the antenna system.

According to Roche, the Predator flew into Baghdad very quietly, so as not to be detected. It stealthfully located the antenna and

generator, destroying both with a Hellfire missile.

While such stories have existed since the start of OIF, the Predator was not always part of the Air Force arsenal.

During Desert Storm, near real-time imagery was in short supply, said Capt. Jon Hodge, 64th ERS director of operations. Capt. Hodge served as a B-52 pilot during the first Gulf War.

"On my B-52 missions, after six hours of flight en route to a target, we had next to nothing added to the pre-flight briefing eight hours earlier," Hodge said. "In flight, we were lucky to have voice updates from high value airborne assets."

Hodge explained that the predator now provides live video directly to commanders and cockpits in every phase of the mission. The effects upon battle damage assessment are dramatic. Long waits are replaced by BDAs coming so quickly that the original striker could re-attack.

This instant information ultimately leads to a competitive advantage over our enemy – information superiority. The Predator has been a key player throughout OIF in giving our military information superiority and will continue to do so in the future.



ECES opens third power plant for Tallil AB

□ New generators will allow additional tent city facilities to open

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

332nd AEW Public Affairs

The 332 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron will be bringing a third power plant online over the course of the next two weeks to help meet the demand for electricity at Tallil Air Base.

The new generator farm, located near the Iraqi tower, will allow the 332nd ECES to better manage the electrical power needed for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing to expand its mission and improve quality of life for Tallil AB's tent city residents.

"If it wasn't for the heat, the main power plant here could handle the load," said Master Sgt. Timothy Pugh, 332nd ECES power production NCOIC. "But, with the heat we can only run our generators at about 80 percent of capacity. Bringing this plant online will allow us to provide more electricity for the wing to use."

According to Sergeant Pugh, once the new plant is fully operational, Tallil AB's tent city residents will notice some immediate changes.

"I've never deployed with as aggressive a services squadron as we've got here at Tallil," he said. "There are a lot of quality of life items that have already been put into place, but we just didn't have

the power to support – until now. Among other things, this power plant will allow the additional freezer units at the dining tent to be turned on, and power a second gym."

The members of the 332nd ECES power production shop are a mixed group of members from bases around the United States, with most of them arriving in mid-July. Working 12-hour shifts around the clock, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, they have been challenged to keep the generators powering Tallil AB running – but they have also been preparing for expansion of the local power grid.

"We knew we needed more power as soon as we got here," said Staff Sgt. Ronald M. English the power plant's day shift supervisor. "We're still growing, adding more load and more customers daily."

The third power plant will support not only parts of tent city, but operations around the area including the Iraqi tower, fire department, E-Meds and some flightline area among others. More importantly to the members of the power production shop, it will allow them to plan for the future, while keeping their existing customers happy.

"We've been telling people 'no' (to adding new facilities and equipment to the existing power grid) for so long, it feels good to be able to say 'yes' for a change," Sergeant English said. "Now we can bring more things into tent city, like the second

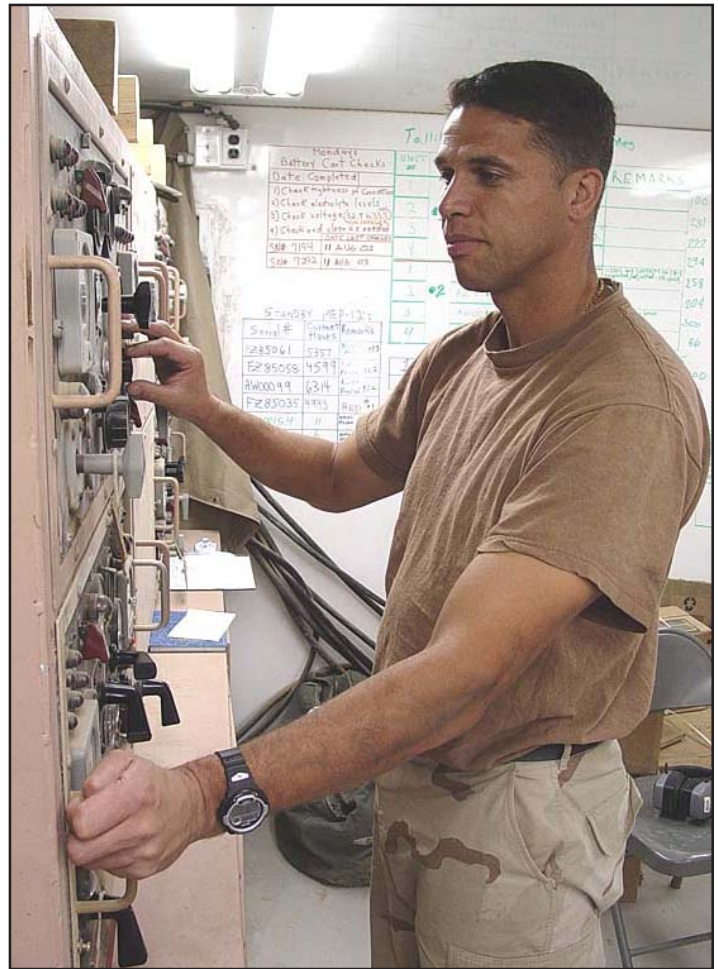


Photo by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

▲ **MORE POWER:** Staff Sgt. Ronald M. English, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, power production plant day shift supervisor, balances the load between the generators powering Tallil Air Base's tent city. The civil engineers are in the process of bringing a third power plant online to meet the growing needs of the base.

gym, or whatever it takes to make things better for the people living there."

Even as the third power plant comes online, the 332nd ECES is already making plans for further expansion.

"This probably won't be the

last power plant we put in during this rotation," Sergeant Pugh said. "With more planes and coming in, we'll need more power. I'd expect us to have a fourth power plant online someday. But for now, I'm just glad to get this plant up and running."

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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: Monday through Friday, 6 p.m.

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

POC: Ch. Eugene Theisen at 459-0038

Protestant

Noon Prayer/Praise

Monday through Friday, 11 to 11:15 a.m.

Contemporary Liturgical Communion

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Liturgical Communion

Sunday, 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Contemporary, Nondenominational Sun, 7 p.m.

Gospel Service

Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

POC: Ch. Roger Ericson, 459-0038

Latter Day Saints

Lay-Led Service

Sunday, 2 p.m.

POC: Staff Sgt. Hager, 573-1107

Jewish

Lay-Led Service

Friday, 8 p.m.

POC: Ch. Ericson, 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)

Catholic

"Our Fathers Plan" Part 1 —

Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel annex)

"The Gospel According To John"

Part II — Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

(Chapel annex)

Bible Overview

Men and Women — Thursday

7:30 p.m. (dining room)

LDS Study

Thursday, 7 p.m. (Chapel annex)

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).

Bring helmet and flak jacket for the trip.

AF Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for 5K Fun Runs. For more information, call A1C Bret Lockerbie at 459-0118.

Volunteer drivers are needed for Ziggurat Tours. For more information, call Bernard Ashlock at 459-0117.

332nd ESVS News

"The Hot Spot" Rec. Center

A 9-Ball tournament is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 4.

Bingo is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight in the Tallil Tavern.

Trivial Pursuit games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Tallil Tavern

What's playing?

Anger Management

Tonight at 9 p.m.

Basic

Saturday at 9 p.m.

Spiderman

Sunday at 9 p.m.

"Muscle Beach" Fitness Center

A Sports Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Tallil Tavern.

A Punt & Pass Contest is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 6.

Muscle Beach has started a 200-Mile Running Club and 100-Mile Walking Club as a personal program that requires participants to keep track of run/walk distance and personal goals. See your unit sports representative for a tracking log. Once completed tracking logs can be turned in to the Fitness Center for a T-shirt.

The Sports Challenge is scheduled for Aug. 31 through Sept. 1.

The schedule is as follows:

Aug. 31 —

Dizzy bat at 6 p.m.

Softball throw at 6:30 p.m.

3 on 3 basketball at 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 —

5Krun, 2 mile walk at 6 a.m.

Mile relay at 7:30 a.m.

Egg toss at 8:15 a.m.

Football throw at 8:30 a.m. Water balloon toss at 8:45 a.m.

Ping Pong at 10 a.m.

Darts at noon

Billiards at 1 p.m.

Tug of War at 5 p.m.

Lip Sync at 6:30 p.m.

332nd AEW Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Moises Velasco

Unit and duty

title: 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group Emergency Room shift leader

Home unit:

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

Why other

warriors say he's a warrior: Sergeant

Velasco's leadership is key in providing quality medical care for the Tallil community," said Master Sgt. Gary Harrington, 332nd EMEDS first sergeant. "As a shift leader for the ER team, his expertise in trauma response aided in the saving of two lives. His quick reaction and precise direction of ER technicians after he discovered a coalition forces member going into heat shock, was critical in the positive outcome for the patient."

Most memorable Air Force experience: Deployment to Tallil Air Base, Iraq.





Not everyone wearing khaki and sandy-brown uniforms in Tallil Air Base's tent city has a U.S. Air Force patch on their uniform. The Royal Air Force members assigned to Tallil are part of the coalition team helping to win freedom for the people of Iraq. As part of the No. 1 Air Control Centre, these members provide top-notch support for our coalition forces. If you want to know more about communications technology ...

The BRITISH are listening and talking and networking and conferencing ...

by RAF Sgt. Adrian Fox

No. 1 Air Control Centre

The Royal Air Force Tactical Communications Wing has the motto 'Ubique Loquimur,' meaning 'we speak everywhere.' This has never been more true than in the current climate of Operation TELIC, the British support to Operation Iraqi Freedom. TCWs were deployed at 16 locations, in seven different countries within the Joint Operations Area.

These detachments provide a variety of services: formal messaging, telephones, video conferencing and IT networks. They range from teams of three personnel, who provide assistance to specialist headquarters, to teams of 30 personnel charged with providing the complete communications infrastructure for deployed operating bases and the air component headquarters.

In addition to providing communications to deployed elements of the RAF, Joint Headquarters and Coalition forces, the Tactical Communications Wing has also provided communications for the 16 Air Assault Brigade and 1 UK Armored Division. This role is normally fulfilled by the British Army Royal Signals regiments. While this is an unusual role for a TCW, the unit has demonstrated it is up to the task.

Operation TELIC has seen its wings field new equipment – a



and talking and networking and conferencing ...

Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Grande

▲ **SCOPING THE SKIES:** Members of the Royal Air Force's No 1 Air Control Centre focus intently on their radar screens to track and identify aircraft flying over the skies of southern Iraq. The 1ACC is deployed to Tallil Air Base as part of Operation TELIC, the British equivalent of the United States' Operation Iraqi Freedom.

demanding task in the operational environment, especially when faced with the challenges of being deployed on an unprecedented scale.

Nevertheless, the TCW has risen to the challenge, meeting its mission of 'providing secure communications in an uncertain world.' The TCW unit has been in existence for 35 years, since the Suez Crisis of 1968. At that time, there was a need for deployable support to air operations in out of area locations. Since 1976, the Tactical Communications Wing has been located at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, just down the road from RAF Fairford.

The TCW role is to install, operate and maintain transportable tactical communications and

information systems. This role supports RAF squadrons and units deployed worldwide in support of national interests. Among the unit's many missions are commitments to support United Nations operations and NATO reaction forces. The mission requires training and evaluating the TCW's ability to support these operations, even in the most austere environments – like here in southern Iraq.

Aside from training commitments, the TCW is regularly committed to real-time operations such as Operation Granby (Operation Desert Storm), Sarajevo, Kosovo, Nepal, Turkey, Angola, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Oman, Sierra Leone, Italy, Qatar, and the UAE.

TCW's main customers are fixed wing aircraft, deployed to out of area airfields or to remote field

locations. In wartime the wing is expected to provide the facilities for aircraft and their support organizations. This allows them to operate from a bare base to a well-founded base. The British wing also supports air-to-air refueling, maritime reconnaissance and transport operations including staging airfields for major logistic and troop movements.

One of TCW's growth areas is support to the No 1 Air Control Centre (1 ACC), currently here at Tallil Air Base, Iraq. This unit, through the use of mobile radar and fighter control assets, provides deployable air space management – the Tactical Air Control Centre. TCW Detachment Tallil is a 14-man detachment providing support to the 1 ACC mission and is one of four TCW detachments currently in Iraq.



▲ **HOME ON THE RANGE:** The No. 1 Air Control Centre houses the communications professionals deployed to Tallil Air Base as part of Operation TELIC.



While the information below won't make you fluent in a new language, it just might come in handy while you're deployed to Tallil. Here's a quick list of terms and phrases you can use as an introduction to ...

Basic Arabic Language

Useful Terms:

Starting a conversation

Good Morning	Sabah Al Khair
Good Evening	Masa Al Khair
Greeting	Assalam Aalaikum
Hello	Marhaba
Goodbye	Ma'assalama
Please	Min Fadlak/Fadlik (Male / Female)
Thank you	Shukran
How are you?	Shlonik/Shlonitch? (Male/Female)
I don't speak Arabic	Ma ah-chee Arabi

Food and dining

Water	Maa'
Breakfast	Fotour
Lunch	Gada
Dinner	Asha
Food	Ta'am
Fruits	Fawakeh
Vegetables	Khod'rawat
Coffee	Gahwa
Tea	Shai or Chai

Generally Useful Phrases

Yes	Naam or Ee
No	La
Good	Zein or Kowayyes
Bad	Moo Zein or Shain
Hot	Har
Cold	Ba'red
Little	Qalil
A lot	Katheer
Small	Sagheer or Izghrayr
Large	Kabeer or Chabeer
Forbidden	Mamnoo'
Allowed	Musmooh

Around the base

Automobile	Sayyara
Plane	Ta'erah
Gasoline	Bunzeen
Emergency	Tawarie
Hospital	Mostashfa
Doctor	Tabeeb
Shirt	Gameis
Shoes	Heda'a
Gold	Thahab
Silver	Fedda

In most locations around Tallil, the unusual numbers you see are in Hindi, not Arabic. Arabic numerals are the same ones you're probably used to seeing used in America and Europe. Here's a quick comparison:

<i>Hindi</i>	१	२	३	४	५	६	७	८	९	०		
<i>Arabic</i>	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
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Safety First

by Master Sgt. Michael Andrzejewski
332nd AEW Safety Office

While we are still in the process of analyzing the data from the safety surveys, a few of the concerns that many of you have expressed are motor vehicle accidents involving runners and pedestrians at night.

Tallil AB has several hazards that make running, walking and driving hazardous.

Narrow, poorly lit roads with open pits, numerous ruts and wires make it a challenge for all of us.

Control measures are already in place for these hazards, but some individuals are either unaware of them or choose to ignore them.

Running is only authorized from sunrise to sunset in the two designated running routes. The area surrounding tent city is **not** a designated running area.

Pedestrians are required to wear a reflective belt and carry a lighted flashlight when walking outside of tent city and whenever possible walk facing traffic.

Just like back home, the use of headphones is prohibited on any roadway. Drivers at all times, but especially at night, must wear their seatbelts and pay close attention to their speed and the conditions around them.

When in doubt slow down – Tallil is small enough that driving ten or twenty MPH over the speed limit will only save a few minutes.

We are fortunate not to have had a motor vehicle (or any other type) fatality to Air Force personnel. Regrettably, our Army counterparts have already seen two of their people die in motor vehicle mishaps.

Of the 47 fatalities in July, 40 percent of those were non-combat deaths. We need everyone's help to prevent a fatality here at Tallil.

Hometown News Release Program sends Airmen's stories 'back home'

by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Promotions, medals, training and education are but a few on a long list of reasons for airmen to fill out a DD Form 2266, Hometown News Release.

Being assigned to Tallil Air Base, is a reason all by itself.

The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office is encouraging Team Tallil to let everyone in your hometown know you are supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Our men and women here are serving their country in the Global War on Terrorism and that deserves recognition in their community newspaper," said Col. Kevin Williams, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing acting commander, "and the community gets to see what their sons and daughters are doing, from proud parents to friends to perhaps even that kindergarten teacher who still remembers him or her."

The 332nd Expeditionary Communication Squadron Visual Information Office is also taking part in the program to make it

easier for Tallilians.

Airmen wishing to submit a photo along with their Hometown News Release can make an appointment with VI to have their mug shot taken.

"All customers need to do is

call 459-0368

and make an

appoint-

ment," said

Master Sgt.

Kenneth

Velez, 332nd

ECS Visual

Information

base visual

information

manager. "We

will arrange a

date and time

and then the

customers

simply come

over to the

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compound and we take their

picture."

The 332nd AEW Public Affairs

Office will process your DD Form

2266, and pass it along with your

mug shot, on to the Hometown

News Release Service, where your

information will be sent out to

your local newspapers based on the zip codes provided.

"Hometown news releases are one way of letting people back home know what I'm up to and how proud I am to serve my country," said

Airman 1st

Class

Heather

Simpson,

332nd

Expedition-

ary

Communica-

tions

Squadron

help desk

technician.

"Everyone

tells me how

proud they

are to see me

doing well

for myself,

and half of

these people wouldn't know if it wasn't for this program."

For more information on the

Hometown News Release

Program, contact the 332nd

AEW Public Affairs Office at

459-0014 or e-mail

tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil.

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Col. Kevin Williams
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
acting commander

► STAY IN THE LINES:

Senior Airman Jamal Wynn, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron computer systems operator, paints some of the fine details on the Oasis of Peace Chapel Aug. 22. Other members of the artistic team for the facility's new mural are Staff Sgt. Matthew Weiner, Senior Airmen Allen Thill and Bridgett Rocheleau.



Photo By Airman 1st Class Kara Philp



Personnel units help validate 3d ID redeployment

by Army Staff Sgt. Nate Orme
3rd Personnel Command

CAMP NEW YORK (Army News Service, Aug. 22, 2003)—“It was really quick compared to the (Soldier Readiness Process) in the states,” Pfc. Anthony Tudela said. “It’s a step closer to going home.”

Tudela, a health care specialist with the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Infantry Regiment, a subunit of the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., was referring to a new process for redeploying soldiers out of theater, known as the Deployment Cycle Support Contingency Plan.

Previously, units would return home before attempting to reconstitute, said Maj. Clois Hill, director of replacement operations for the 3rd Personnel Command. “Basically, this was done at home station. This has never been done in theater before,” Hill said.

Maj. Charlie Foreman, also of 3rd Personnel Command, is the officer-in-charge of the validation operation here. He explained how the plan worked — “We validate units like the 3rd ID. Redeploying soldiers come in and receive a series of briefings — first a general information briefing on the process, then a briefing each for medical, legal, chaplaincy and finance.”

Next, soldiers go to “manifest,” where they swipe their ID cards (through a computer reader) to ensure they are in the theater data-

base, said Foreman. Soldiers without ID cards or dog tags can have them made at another station. “Soldiers have to have both items in order to get on the plane home,” said Foreman.

Next comes a stop at the 444th Personnel Services Battalion where soldiers get validated and complete the administrative paperwork they will need when they get home.

The validation team works directly with redeploying unit’s administration office, Foreman explained. “They make sure all the information each soldier needs is correct before the unit leaves the validation site,” Foreman said.

Redeployment is normally about a four-day process. Upon arrival into camp, units first must secure billeting and register with the dining facility.

The validation operation is the next step in the process, Foreman said. After validation, units begin the laborious process of cleaning personal equipment, drawing and turning in of supplies such as ammunition, cleaning vehicles at the wash rack, and tending to internal unit business matters.

The validation group of 12 soldiers from the battalion is split into two teams. Each does the same task on different shifts, said Foreman. “We validate an average of 500-800 soldiers a day,” he said.

Since May, 11,000 soldiers, most from the 3rd ID as well as a couple



U.S. Army Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Nate Orme

▲ LINE UP TO SHIP OUT: The 444th PSB validation team prepares for redeploying 3rd ID soldiers at Camp New York.

of National Guard units, have processed through the validation center at Camp New York, said Spc. Kuchineal Campbell, a personnel services specialist with the 546th Personnel Services Battalion, Bravo Detachment, Ft. Hood, Texas.

The 546th is an active-duty unit that works closely with the 3rd PERSCOM. Kuchineal works at the Quality Assurance table, where he makes sure each soldier’s paperwork is completed before he signs off on it.

The 444th will finish processing the 3rd ID Wednesday, said Sgt. Lamar Howard, the assistant team leader for the validation process. The 444th PSB also has validation operations at camps Udari, Virginia and Arifjan, validating many other units for redeployment in addition to the 3rd ID.

“After the 3rd ID is out, everyone will be redeployed directly from Iraq by 5th Corps,” Howard said.

“We’ve already successfully redeployed the 2nd and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams of the 3rd ID. We’re now redeploying their 1st BCT,” said Howard, a homicide detective with the Baltimore, Md., police department who was transferred to the 444th by the Army Reserve for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“It was pretty smooth,” said Staff Sgt. Lascelles Cuff, a chemical operations specialist with the 3rd ID, of the process. “We filled out our medical forms in Iraq, so all they had to do was initial each section on the checklist and get a final signature at the validation station.”



DoD Photo

◀RECOVERY EFFORT: Soldiers of a U.S. Army disaster response mortuary affairs team bring supplies to aid the recovery process after a truck bombing at the U.N. headquarters building in Baghdad, Iraq, Aug. 19.



The Padre’s Pen

It is not good enough to say, “I am free.” We must also say, “I am responsible.”

– dignitatis humanae (paraphrased)

Freedom without responsibility yields only anarchy and meaninglessness.

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AF Academy ranks among nation's best

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFP) — The U.S. Air Force Academy has one of the nation's top undergraduate engineering programs, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The national news magazine released its America's Best Colleges 2004 edition, which rated universities in a number of general areas. In the overall engineering rankings among undergraduate institutions, the Air Force Academy ranked sixth in the nation.

In terms of specific academic programs, the magazine rated several of the Air Force Academy's engineering programs among the nation's best. For aerospace engineering, the academy ranked second.

In civil engineering, the academy ranked ninth in the nation. For electrical engineering, it ranked sixth. The academy's mechanical-engineering program is now at eighth, up one spot from the 2003 rankings.

The rankings of undergraduate engineering programs are based solely on a peer assessment survey, according to U.S. News & World Report. Surveys were sent in the spring to the deans and senior faculty of colleges with engineering programs accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology. Survey participants nominated up to 10 of the best programs in each engineering specialty area.



Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Squires

◀ **DUST DEVIL:** A sand storm winds its way through Tallil Air Base Monday. Called "Haboobs" by local residents, storms like these are common in the southern Iraqi area during this time of the year. Also referred to as "simooms" or "simoons" in certain Arabic countries, haboobs are broader, local "microburst" dust storms and are prevalent during the more turbulent atmospheric conditions of the spring and the fall. These larger area dust storms can last for as brief as ten minutes or linger as long as two hours.

This Week In History

September 1, 1975

Another famous Tuskegee Airman, Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. pins on his fourth star. He is the first African American to attain the rank of general, at which time he becomes the Commander in Chief of North American Air Defense Command.



332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Bus Schedule

Morning Shuttle 0500-0830							Evening Shuttle 1700-1930						
Route Times							Route Times						
Shuttle	1	2	3	4	5		Shuttle	1	2	3	4	5	
Stops	Location	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Stops	Location	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
1	Tent City Finance Side	0500	0530	0600	0630	0700	1	Tent City Finance Side	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900
2	CE/SFS	0503	0533	0603	0633	0703	2	CE/SFS	1703	1733	1803	1833	1903
3	TMO	0506	0536	0606	0636	0706	3	TMO	1706	1736	1806	1836	1906
4	Tent City Flight Line Side	0510	0540	0610	0640	0710	4	Tent City Flight Line Side	1710	1740	1810	1840	1910
5	A-10 Maintenance	0514	0544	0614	0644	0714	5	A-10 Maintenance	1714	1744	1814	1844	1914
6	Supply	0517	0547	0617	0647	0717	6	Supply	1717	1747	1817	1847	1917
7	King Ops	0519	0549	0619	0649	0729	7	King Ops	1719	1749	1819	1849	1919
8	Predators	0521	0551	0621	0651	0721	8	Predators	1721	1751	1821	1851	1921
9	AGE	0522	0552	0622	0652	0722	9	AGE	1722	1752	1822	1852	1922
10	VMF	0526	0556	0626	0656	0726	10	VMF	1726	1756	1826	1856	1926

Afternoon Shuttle 1030-1330							Midnight Shuttle 1030-1330						
Route Times							Route Times						
Shuttle	1	2	3	4	5		Shuttle	1	2	3	4	5	
Stops	Location	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Stops	Location	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
1	Tent City Finance Side	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1	SFS/CE	2300	2330	0000	0030	0100
2	CE/SFS	1033	1103	1133	1203	1233	2	TMO	2303	2333	0003	0033	0103
3	TMO	1036	1106	1136	1206	1236	3	POL/A-10 Maint	2308	2338	0008	0038	0108
4	Tent City Flight Line Side	1040	1110	1140	1210	1240	4	Supply	2311	2341	0011	0041	0111
5	A-10 Maintenance	1044	1114	1144	1214	1244	5	Predators	2316	2316	0016	0046	0116
6	Supply	1047	1117	1147	1217	1247	6	AGE	2318	2348	0018	0048	0118
7	King Ops	1049	1119	1149	1219	1249	7	King Ops	2321	2351	0021	0051	0121
8	Predators	1051	1121	1151	1221	1251	8	Tent City Flight Line Side	2325	2355	0025	0055	
9	AGE	1052	1122	1152	1222	1252	9	DEFAC	2329	2359	0029	0059	
10	VMF	1056	1126	1156	1226	1256	10	VMF					

Shuttle times are approximate and can vary due to traffic. Questions can be directed to 332nd ELRS Vehicle Dispatch, 459-0268.



► **BUG PATROL:** A member of the base's security forces keeps an eye out on the horizon with his combination binoculars and cricket disguise kit. This unique piece of technology allows the member to see for long distances while providing him with a near-foolproof disguise. This is the new, fashionable look for the cunning, stealthy SF defender at Tallil Air Base.



Photos by Staff. Sgt. Robert Grande

BEST — Give Us Your — SHOT

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 compactible 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.

► FOR SALE BY OWNER:

8-12 bedroom split plan, fully furnished; easy access to public transportation, dining and leisure facilities; A/C unit like new; all yard care provided by association; big yard for pets; growing gated neighborhood; 24/7 roving security protection; and VA approved. Available Sept. 1.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Albert Gibson

HOUSE FOR SALE by Owner

- 8-12 Bedroom Split Plan, Fully Furnished
- Easy access to public transportation, dining and leisure facilities
- Like NEW A/C Unit
- All yard care provided by Association
- Big yard for Pets
- Move in as early as 1 September
- Growing Gated Neighborhood
- VA Approved
- All offers considered, seller is HIGHLY motivated!
- 24/7 Roving Security Protection



Photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Velez

▲ **QUITE A HANDFUL:** Local Army soldiers comfort and play with some children from an Iraqi orphanage during a recent visit.



Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

▲ SET 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM IN: Tech. Sgt. Bernard Ashlock, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron Rec. Tent assistant NCO in charge, puts together a treadmill in Muscle Beach's future cardio room Saturday.

Fitness center to open 'cardio room'

by Staff Sgt. Terry Jones
332nd ESVS

The new Tallil Fitness Center addition opened this week for Tallil Air Base's tent city residents.

The new addition includes eight treadmills, 10 cross trainers, six stationary cycles, and three step machines.

The new equipment has been much needed, according to Tech. Sgt. Mary Gunter, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron fitness center director.

"The new equipment is a great addition to our facility," Gunter said. "Our customers will not have to wait as long to use the equipment, and we now have added more variety to our facility."

Airman 1st Class Bret Lockerbie, 332nd ESVS fitness center special events coordinator

agreed that the new equipment is a welcome sight. "With the large number of customers we have using the facility, having the new equipment and new facility provides more fitness opportunities for everyone."

The fitness center staff plans to use one facility for free weights and selectorized equipment, and one facility for cardiovascular equipment.

The weight room will also get some new additions, as 19 pieces of selectorized equipment has arrived here, fueling the possibility of adding another fitness tent.

"There's a good possibility we may be getting a third fitness tent, which we would combine cardio and weight equipment," said 1st Lt. Elenah Kelly, 332nd ESVS deputy commander. "Our customers deserve a first class facility, and we are doing our best to meet their demands."

Volleyball court construction complete, season underway

by Airman 1st Class
Jessica Snow

332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron

Intramural Volleyball has begun, and the competition is looking tough.

Games began Monday night with a competition between ESVS/EMXS and ECS-Team 1.

The first match was close but ECS came out ahead 16 to 14 and went on to win the second game.

Postal and ECES were next on the court.

The first game was forfeited because Postal team arrived late, but ECES showed little mercy, winning the second game and the quick match.

EMEDS and EOSS finished the night with an amazing turn-around.

EOSS stomped on EMEDS the first game 15 to 0, but EMEDS came back with two straight wins for the overall victory.

Tuesday night was another successful night of volleyball.

Postal came out playing with only four players against ECS-Team 2, but played strong and played to win. Postal won the match in two games.

Next came the match between the firefighters and EOSS.

The firefighters prevailed in two games with a lot of great volleys.

The final game of Tuesday night was between the AEW Staff and LRS-Team 2. AEW won in two tightly-contested games, 16-14 and 15-10.

Schedules for all games are posted in the Fitness Center. Everyone is invited to come out and support their squadron.



5K run, 2 mile walk results

The following are the top 10 runners and the top 5 walkers from the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron 5K run/2 mile walk Aug 22:

Top 10 runners

1. Mel Petersen	332 EOSS	16:09
2. Arthur Tsepelin	Estonia	19:59
3. Troy Long	332 ERQS	20:11
4. Kyle Evans	332 ELRS	20:58
5. Allan	332 ECS	21:02
6. Whitby	Britian	21:12
7. Audus	Britian	21:37
8. Skaperin	Estonia	21:41
9. Reiland	332 ESFS	21:44
10. Burrows	IACC	21:49

Top 5 walkers

1. Rodger Ericson	332 AEW/Chapel	25:56
2. Eric Curry	332 ECS	27:12
3. Sylvia Goodwin	332 ECS	27:15
4. Elenah Kelly	332 ESVS	27:20
5. Sharon Morrison	332 ESVS	27:25