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NEWS BRIEFS

Concrete Floor Installation

The 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron has begun installing concrete floors in the Air Force's Tent City. Residents will be relocated in 10-tent blocks to transient tents overnight to expedite the process. For a complete schedule, or any questions on the project, contact your unit's first sergeant.

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.

Promotion Letters

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing members who expect to be promoted during their deployment to Tallil Air Base must have a valid promotion letter on file with their unit before their effective promotion date. If you, or a member of your unit, need guidelines or information on acquiring a valid promotion letter, contact your unit's orderly room or first sergeant's office.

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 today.

Remembrance Service

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



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Maj. Gen. Larry L. Twitchell, deputy commander, 9th Expeditionary Task Force, Chief Master Sgt. Fest Miles, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing command chief master sergeant and Col. Marke F. Gibson stand at attention as the orders are read transferring command of the 332nd AEW to Colonel Gibson Wednesday.

Gibson takes command

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien
332nd AEW Public Affairs

The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing welcomed a new commander Wednesday as Col. Marke F. Gibson assumed command of the wing in a short ceremony held at Tallil Tent City's outdoor theatre.

More than 200 service members from Air Force, Army and coalition partners attended the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Larry L. Twitchell, deputy commander of the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force based at Al Udiyd Air Base, Qatar presided over the event, transferring command of the 332nd AEW to Colonel Gibson from the wing's acting commander Col. Kevin E. Williams.

"I am confident that Colonel Gibson, based on his past accomplishments, will excel in the challenges facing him in leading the 332nd AEW," General Twitchell said. "His record speaks to excellence and points to why he was chosen for this command."

Before taking command of the 332nd AEW, Colonel Gibson was the vice director of NORAD operations at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo. Prior to serving in NORAD, he was the vice commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB, S.C. He is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours in T-38, F-16 and A-10 aircraft, including 33 combat missions as an F-16 pilot.

Colonel Gibson is a 1978 graduate of the Air Force Academy and has held numerous operational, command and staff positions during his career—including an assignment within the Secretary of Defense's office.

"I'm looking forward to leading the 332nd AEW," Colonel Gibson said. "Our nation's senior leaders are counting on us to help establish a free Iraq for its people. This mission is important, and the airmen assigned here are top-notch."

Colonel Gibson said he has some tough shoes to fill, thanks to the strong leadership of Colonel Williams, who remains at Tallil Air Base as the wing's vice commander.

"Colonel Williams set the bar high here, with his leadership ability and people skills," Colonel Gibson said. "I'm glad to have Kevin remain here at the wing as my vice commander."

One of the first tasks facing the new wing commander is meeting the members deployed to Tallil under his command. Colonel Gibson plans to actively reach out and communicate his philosophy and leadership principles to the wing's airmen.

"The men and women deployed here will get to know me," the new wing commander said. "I plan to go out and visit all the units in the wing, and I'm looking forward to speaking with the members assigned here at Tallil."





South Korean medical group helps Iraqis

Coalition partner hopes to heal the hearts as well as the bodies of local citizens

by 1st Lt. Daniel Dubois

332nd Public Affairs

When members of the Korean Hospital first arrived at Tallil Air Base they had expectations – expectations about the climate, about the landscape and about the people of Iraq. However, the last of those expectations was quickly shattered as the medical professionals began helping the people of An Nasiriya.

The 320th Republic of Korea Medical Support Group has been conducting humanitarian medical assistance to local Iraqis for several months now, and the experience has influenced the way they approach their mission.

According to Captain Jong-hwa Oh, 320th MSG unit spokesman, some of the soldiers arrived here thinking that the Iraqis would be aggressive and hostile. Instead, they met multitudes of people who just

needed help, including children without shoes or even food.

“That really motivated our people here,” Captain Oh said.

According to Captain Oh, every member of the South Korean medical staff strives to warmly receive the locals whenever they come to the hospital. The unit’s doctors and medical staff not only want to treat the Iraqi’s bodies, they want to treat the Iraqi’s ‘hearts’ as well – giving them hope for the future.

Perhaps the situation reminded many 320th members of the Korean War when their country was in a similar situation, Capt. Oh reflected. The South Koreans were poor and in need of help too. The United States helped his people then and now,



Courtesy Photos

▲ HELPING HAND: A member of Republic of Korea’s 320th Medical Support Group takes a blood pressure reading from a local Iraqi citizen. The members of the 320th MSG provide medical care to the citizens as part of the coalition presence here at Tallil.

▶ CHECKING IN:

A member of the 320th Medical Support Group helps a local Iraqi obtain medical treatment at the South Korean hospital here at Tallil.



as part of the coalition, the South Koreans hope to help the Iraqi people achieve a better future.

As part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, coalition countries provide such things as supplies, logistical support, basing and over-flights, humanitarian and reconstruction aid. Korea is one of those nations providing humanitarian relief with their hospital here at Tallil.

Eight doctors, 10 nurses, one x-ray technician and one lab medic comprise the staff. The hospital receives 50 to 60 patients daily, many suffering from serious illnesses such as tumors, cancer and even some diseases the doctors have never seen before.

Many of those patients have made an impression on the soldiers who work at the hospital.

Whenever they return to Korea, one thing is certain – long after memories of sandstorms and sweltering heat fade away, the 320th Medical Support Group will fondly remember the Iraqi people whom they have helped.

The soldiers will remember the smiling, thankful faces of the Iraqis riding the bus to the hospital. They will remember children with desperation in their eyes but hope in their hearts. But mostly, they will remember how the Iraqis touched their lives in ways they will never forget.

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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).

For more information on trips to the ziggurat, see pages 4 and 5.

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

Spades games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday.

A "Madden Tournament" is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Hearts games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

Trivial Pursuit games are scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Tallil Tavern. Teams of four can sign up before 7 p.m.

What's playing?

Tonight:

Don't say a word (indoor at 7 p.m.)

Saturday:

What's the worst that could happen (indoor at 9 p.m.)

Enough (outdoor at 8 p.m.)

Sunday:

NFL (indoor at 9 p.m.)

NFL (outdoor at 8 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.

Intramural Basketball season is scheduled to begin Monday. Games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the new basketball court.

A Tug-of-war competition is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept 12.

A Bench Press Competition is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Tent city residents interested in participating in Muscle Beach's 200-Mile Running and 100-Mile Walking Clubs should see unit sports reps. or call 459-0118.

332nd AEW Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Robert Mejia

Unit and duty title: 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator.

Home unit: March Air Force Base, Calif.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: "Sergeant Mejia volunteered to forward deploy from Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in March," said Master Sgt. Michael Squires, 332nd ELRS first sergeant. "As one of the first vehicle operators to roll onto Tallil, he has witnessed and transitioned Tallil through countless changes. He is personally responsible for coordinating and downloading all Air Force and Red Tail Express convoys. As a true warrior, he is currently working on his second rotation here and has provided valuable knowledge to the new rotation of vehicle operators."

Most memorable Air Force experience: Watching Tallil Air Base being built from nothing to an active military base with coalition forces working together to achieve common objectives.





City of Ur offers Tallilians a look into the past by way of the ...

ZIGGURAT

by Airman 1st Class
Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

The Ziggurat of Ur; you may have heard stories of it around tent city, or you may have seen it off in the distance from various locations on Tallil Air Base.

Ziggurats are one of the archeological treasures of Iraq and part of the mission of Tallil Air Base personnel is to preserve these treasures for future generations of Iraqi people.

The 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron offers trips for Tallilians to visit the historical monument, but the more you know about the Ziggurat ahead of time, the more enjoyable your experience will be.

Just beyond the gates of Tallil, lies the ancient city of Ur.

Referred to in the Bible as Ur of Chaldees, the area is historically known as the home of Abraham, father of the Hebrews, Christians and Muslims.

"The ziggurat we see today dates back to about 4,000 years, but archaeologists have learned that an original ziggurat stood there nearly 5,000 years ago," said Master Sgt. Robin Rosenberger, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing historian.

Construction of the Ziggurat of Ur was directed under King Ur Nammu during the second dynasty of Ur, and was erected around 2113-2096 B.C.

The outer faces of the ziggurat were constructed of baked brick encasing a solid core of mud bricks covering 62.5 by 43 meters of ground and reaching 17.25 meters high.

"Although there are several ideas about the symbolic meaning behind ziggurats, it appears the ziggurat was built at Ur so worshippers could get closer to the moon," Rosenberger said.

Access to the ziggurat was through three converging ramps from where a central stairway continued to the second stage. The shape of the staircase leading to the third stage is unclear.

According to Rosenberger, Nabonidus, the king of Babylon, was a reverent worshipper of the gods of heaven and earth.

"The moon-god was the lord of the gods and the city of Ur in Abraham's time has been described as 'the most splendid of all the ancient Sumerian cities of Mesopotamia,'" he said.

"The significance of the moon on religion was quite intense in these early times," he said. "Its features reflect from the nighttime



Photos by Staff Sgt. Robert Grande

▲ CITY OF UR: Visitors can get an upclose look at remains of the city of Ur and a cemetery to the east of the ziggurat.



▲ START CLIMBING: The center staircase leading to the second story of the Ziggurat of Ur.

waters. For this reason and others, worshippers linked the moon to the birth of life."

Although the Ziggurat can be seen from Tallil, there is much more to the city of Ur than meets the eye.

To the east of the ziggurat is a vast cemetery dating back to the third dawn of dynasties, 4,500 years ago, according to the City of Ur Web site.

The house of Abraham can be seen from atop the mighty ziggurat, but is not as easily located from the ground.

"It is here that Abraham first received the word of God and smashed his father's idols to Nannar and other gods," Rosenberger said.

There are several references to Ur in the Bible including, Genesis 15:7, which reads "He also said to him, 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it,'"

Other references of Ur can also be found in Genesis 11:28 and 12:1.

"This is an incredible opportunity to visit Abraham's birthplace, let alone sleep in tents just one mile away from it," Rosenberger said. "When I go home, I can pick up a Bible, point to Genesis 15:7, and say 'I was there!'"

Iraq has seen its share of political turmoil since 1980, and



Ziggurat

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visits have been all but impossible for Americans since the Gulf War, Rosenberger said.

“This is a rare opportunity for two reasons,” he explained. “First, Abraham isn’t just ‘one’ of the Prophets — he’s one of the first, and he’s embraced as a Prophet by Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike.

“Second, Abraham’s childhood home was buried under sand for centuries and was only excavated in the 1920s.”

According to Rosenberger, the site was originally identified in the 1850s and some cuneiform writings were unearthed. The writings weren’t translated until 60 years later, at which time J.E. Taylor, an archeologist who began excavations and the site’s true importance came to light.



▲ **ROYALTY:** An underground staircase leads to an area that was formerly used as a royal cemetery.

Excavation began soon afterward and continued under the direction of Sir Leonard Woolley.

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Interested participants are required to sign up ahead of time and there is a two person minimum and five person maximum on each trip.



▲ **ARTIFACTS:** Pottery, bricks and other artifacts dating back as far as 2,100 B.C. can be seen in areas surrounding the ziggurat.

We asked you ...

“What is your favorite thing to do off duty?”

And here’s what you had to say:



Capt. Christily Silvernale

332nd Expeditionary Medical Group

“Early morning runs and eating unsalted sunflower seeds at the Black Hole.”



Staff Sgt. Arturo Ayala

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing/PERSCO

“Socialize — spend time with my friends, just sitting down and talking.”



Senior Airman Michele Nichols

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing/INTEL

“Watching outdoor movies or NASCAR, using the library and cutting peoples hair.”



Omar Cuadra, contractor

332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron

“I enjoy reading about wine and working out.”



1st Lt. Joop Rutgers

Royal Netherlands Air Force

“Sit back, relax and take an alcohol free beer with friends and have some fun.”



Italians, Dutch provide flightline security

by Army Staff Sgt. Ward Gros

171st Area Support Group

Troops from the 28 countries that have committed forces to support the international coalition in Iraq have begun assuming more and more duties. Dutch and Italian forces are working together to provide internal airfield security here at Tallil Air Base.

The Dutch conduct roving patrols, while the Italians man checkpoints and provide a quick-reaction force for the airfield.

“Although we have different responsibilities, our area of responsibility is the same,” said Italian Master Sgt. Gianni Pitzalis, who works in force security. The quick-reaction force responds to immediate calls, while the roving patrols conduct regular sweeps of the area. “We share the same areas, but we don’t patrol together because of the language barrier,” Pitzalis said.

Dutch Air Force Capt. Wim Verschagen, officer in charge of the Dutch security force, said, “Even though both the Italians and our forces speak some English, during training for emergency response the soldiers immediately began working in their own language.”

As members of NATO, both Dutch and Italian soldiers follow NATO procedures. Some previously have worked with other NATO forces.

“This is my third deployment,” said Dutch Army Staff Sgt. Roy Thomas, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Dutch security patrols. “In Bosnia, I worked with the English, in Kosovo the Germans, and now (in Iraq) I’m working with Americans and Italians.”

Thomas and the other soldiers on the Dutch security force are members of one of Holland’s oldest artillery battalions, the 11th



U.S. Army Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Ward Gros

▲ **KEEPING THEM FLYING AT TALLIL:** Italian Airman Alberto Pignatelli, an aviation mechanic, stands guard over a helicopter at Tallil Air Base in southern Iraq. Italian and Dutch forces are playing an increasing role in force protection and security.

Horse Battalion. They usually man a Palladin, a self-propelled 109 mm howitzer.

“Every deployment is different,” Thomas said. “My soldiers have learned what to do for airfield security. In case of an intruder, we have a machine gun and the Italians have their machine gun. And when we catch intruders, we turn them over to the American security force.”

No intruders have approached the airfield yet, and the role of the coalition force reinforces but does not duplicate security provided by Americans in the area.

“We’re glad they are here,” said Senior Airman Nollée Ciballas, 332nd Expeditionary

Security Forces Squadron. “I’ve learned how to interact with different countries, and it’s good to see America work with other nations.”

In addition to providing airfield security, both Dutch and Italian forces have their own helicopters at the airfield. Their helicopter missions are similar in scope, and include medical evacuations as well as force protection and security.

“Force protection is integrated with the United States here in Tallil as well as in An Nasiriyah,” said Italian helicopter pilot Capt. Sismondini Diego. “Working with the coalition is a great opportunity for all of us.”

Congratulations to the 332nd AEW’s September promotees!



- MSgt Christopher Pickerel
- SSgt Donnele L. Starks
- SSgt Henry Vanderwerken
- SSgt Josh Trenkle
- SSgt David E. Haegele
- SSgt Chad R. Shipp
- SSgt Eric Olbera
- SrA Joseph Cooney
- SrA Philip Schwabach
- A1C Richard Bradley
- A1C Todd R. Maker
- A1C Gregory M. Smith



- A1C Christopher M. Jones
- SrA Adam S. Runquist
- SrA John Leach
- SSgt Kedric C. Simmons
- SSgt Kevin McPeek
- SrA Thadeus Ramsey
- SSgt Javier Martinez
- SrA Kyle Walawender
- SrA Donnell E. Kelly
- SrA Nicholas Hastings
- SrA Matthew Snyder
- SrA Jesse Hopkins



Local soldiers aid Iraqi return to normalcy

by **Army Staff Sgt. Ward Gros**
171st Area Support Group

Helping Iraqis re-establish normalcy in cities that have survived two wars in 12 years isn't something that happens overnight.

Col. Lawrence Larsen, commander of the Army Reserve's 171st Area Support Group here, says he is beginning to see gradual improvements in the town of An Nasiriyah.

Improvements such as restoring electrical power for six hours a day have helped the entire city, Larsen said. A water treatment plant and sewage system, both on Larsen's wish list, would cost millions of dollars that are not immediately available. But making smaller, yet meaningful, improvements has become easier, thanks to the generosity of U.S. service members, their communities back home and the Commander's Emergency Response Program.

Larsen and other commanders can now request up to \$50,000 per project that would help stabilize Iraq through the program.

"We go through a grant-writing type of process where we identify the projects we could work on, the impact that these projects would have on the community, and cost," said Larsen, a reservist who in civilian life is a college biology professor in North Carolina.

Larsen is using the program to

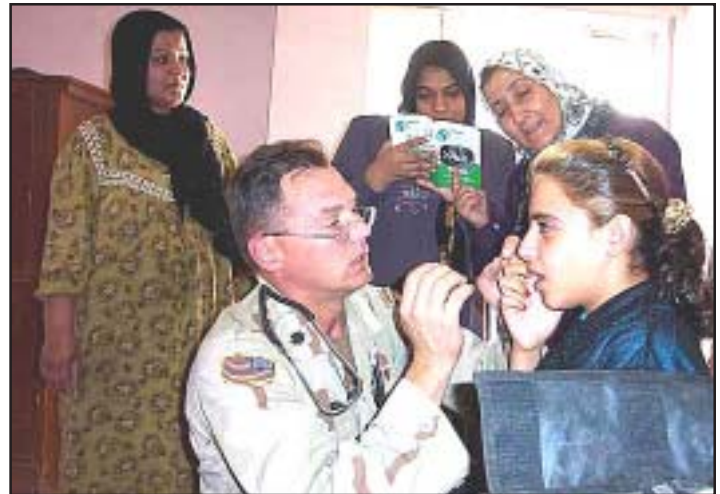
help three orphanages in An Nasiriyah. The Army Reserve's 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion sponsored orphanages for boys and girls ages 6 to 16, and another for younger children and babies, in April. Before most of the civil affairs team left the area, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Szakal of the 171st ASG took up the sponsorship for his unit.

"When the 402nd Civil Affairs asked for someone to take up (sponsorship of) the orphanages, I raised my hand," he said. "It's something that really tugs at my heartstrings."

Szakal, a Vietnam combat veteran, collected money from soldiers and bought stoves, refrigerators, fans, televisions and bed frames, all on the local economy. During his first visits to the orphanages, he brought a doctor to provide medical help and engineers to assess facility improvement projects. The engineers' appraisals for structural repairs will be submitted through the Emergency Response Program.

Szakal also wrote to family, friends and co-workers at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, N.C., where he is a dean in civilian life, as well as to members of his church.

"People back home want to donate clothes and food," he said. "They really want to help." Szakal said he would like to see cupboards



U.S. Army Photo

▲ **BRIGHT EYES:** Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) Peter Weina, assigned to the 804th Medical Brigade here, examines a girl's eyes at an orphanage in An Nasiriyah. The 171st Area Support Group sponsors three orphanages in the town.

in the orphanages' kitchens, which lack shelves and storage space. Soldiers bought kitchen chairs and tables.

The frustrations and hardships of everyday life in An Nasiriyah — a town where the Marines encountered some of the fiercest fighting during the initial combat of Operation Iraqi Freedom — have affected the ASG's support program for the orphanages. Donated food was stolen from an outside storage room. Soldiers have since put bars on the windows and a lock on the door. Fans were installed to keep the room as cool as possible in 140-degree heat.

The Americans have helped, said

the director of the orphanages, who gave her name simply as Amira. Szakal has been very good for the children, she said.

The 171st ASG has supported the orphanages for the past month, and even though significant progress has been made through initial purchases and a request for Emergency Response Program funds, Szakal said he would like to provide more.

"Right now I see a lot of trying," he said. "Our biggest success is letting them know that somebody cares. We want people to know that we are here to help and not fight. In a way, seeing the children smile helps me explain why I'm here."



DoD Photo by Army Spc. Shauna McRoberts

◀ **HOPE DINING HALL:** Staff Sgt. Robert S. Potter Jr., an imagery analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, and Spc. Omid P. Zehtab, a tanker assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, unveil the plaque, officially dedicating the unit's Baghdad dining facility to Bob Hope.



Force Protection Tip of the Week

Are you paying attention to what you're saying to your buddy at the dining facility, PX/PX or Shoppette? If you're not, you better believe that the Third Country National or Local National employees who work there are! A simple harmless tidbit of information, such as a rotator date or unit size, added with more harmless tidbits of information, can lead to disaster for all of us. Stay safe and secure, and we'll all make it home.

Just a reminder from your friendly neighborhood FP office



Safety First

by Lt. Col. Paul Roberts

332nd AEW Chief of Safety

Safety Day Survey Results

After more than five months in operation, Tallil AB personnel participated in the first Safety Day survey. After much tabulation and number crunching, the results are in. I want to express my thanks to all who participated in the survey and share some significant results.

● 15 percent of the people surveyed stated they feel pressure to take short cuts to complete their jobs. There is NO job at Tallil that requires a short cut. Follow the guidance in your instructions and technical orders. Ultimately, commanders and supervisors must ensure all operations are conducted properly.

● 17 percent surveyed stated they have seen people not wearing PPE or smoking in unauthorized areas. Indeed it is difficult at times to tell people NO, especially if they are our friends and co-workers. The alternative is even worse. Motor vehicle accidents and tent city fires have occurred in the AOR. If everybody does his or her part, it will not happen at Tallil Air Base.

● 33 percent surveyed stated the next mishap would be a motor vehicle accident involving pedestrians or another motor vehicle. Walking and driving at Tallil can be dangerous. The roads are narrow, uneven and unlit, the visibility at night is non-existent, and numerous types of vehicles (Gators to 2-ton trucks) share our roads. Wear a reflective belt, carry a flashlight, walk facing the oncoming traffic and minimize travel at night.

Let these numbers be a lesson, and remember – everybody is a SAFETY person. Practice ORM, be safe and remain vigilant.

Army and AF News Service heads out to record holiday greetings

Videographers expected to visit Tallil Air Base in early October

by 2nd Lt. Adrienne Traxinger

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service will begin collecting holiday greetings from troops overseas Sept. 8. A team of broadcasters are currently scheduled to visit Tallil during the first week of October.

Three teams of military broadcasters are expected to return here with more than 13,000 individual messages to be sent to local television and radio stations in the United States. The videotaped greetings will be edited and sent to servicemembers' hometown TV stations. Airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines are invited to participate.

"We like to think visiting with troops truly separated from their families and spread out across the world provides a morale boost not only for the servicemembers, but also their families back home," said Tom Taylor, the service's chief of broadcast news. He added that it is also important to show the American public the sacrifices military people are making in unaccompanied assignments like Iraq and Korea.

Teams will make stops in Europe, the Pacific and Southwest Asia. They will visit about 75 installations in less than six weeks.

"As we plan this mission each year, the list of installations wanting to participate grows," Taylor said. "We've adjusted our schedules this year so that we'll have longer stays in the most forward-deployed regions. Some of the traditional stops in Europe have been cut back to allow our (Southwest Asia) team to concentrate in ... Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and others."

The teams began training in August.

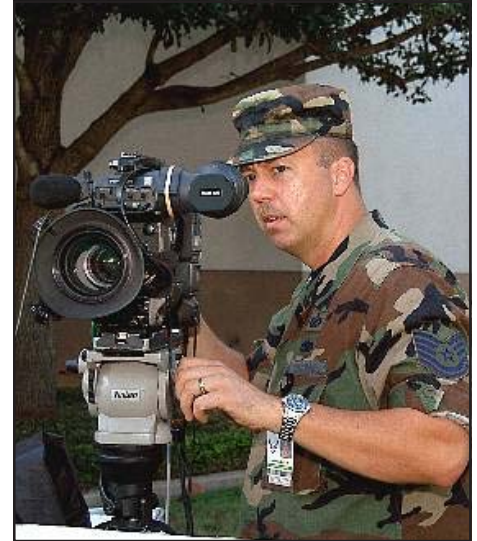


Photo by Bobby Mathis

▲ SAY CHEESE: Tech. Sgt. Erich Schwab tapes a mock holiday greeting during training here Aug. 27. Three teams of broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service will travel the globe to tape airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines who want to send a video message home for the holidays. The teams will visit more than 75 bases in less than six weeks.

"The better everyone understands the process, the faster it will go in the field. If we're all on the same sheet of music, we will be able to do a higher volume of quality (greetings)," said Army Sgt. 1st Class James Posten, the service's non-commissioned officer in charge of broadcast operations. "And that's what the mission is about: Giving as many people as possible the opportunity to send a message to their families back home."

While some greetings will be posted on the Hometown News Web site, Taylor said some radio and TV stations are also posting local servicemembers' greetings on their Web sites.



The Padre's Pen

"There are two classes of people in this world: those who fall and stay down, and those who fall and get up again."

— Fulton Sheen

This Week In History

September 8, 1962

The 550th Strategic Missile Squadron stands up at Schilling AFB, Kansas, armed with the "Atlas F" intercontinental ballistic missile. The Atlas F is the first of its kind to stand upright in a hardened silo, and it can be launched in just five minutes if its propellant is loaded in the silo. But can be an extremely dangerous process, as it results in four spectacular silo explosions.





Photos by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

▲ **ENCORE, ENCORE:** (left to right) Staff Sgt. Jimmy Cox, Tech. Sgt. Mary Gunter, Tech. Sgt. Meshelle Dyer, Airman 1st Class Jessica Snow, 1st Lt. Elenah Kelly, Staff Sgt. Amy Webster, Senior Airman Sharon Morrison, Airman 1st Class Erik Hammer and Staff Sgt. Cindy Noel of the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron blew away the competition as well as the judges during their flawless performance of Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy by the Andrews' Sisters. The groups' smiles, swing dancing, costumes and enthusiasm earned them a perfect score.

332nd ESVS sponsors first-ever lip sync contest



▲ **QUITE A HANDFUL:** Capt. Marc Dauteuil sweeps the material girl, aka Staff Sgt. Phillip Parker, off 'her' feet during the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing staff agency's performance of Material Girl by Madonna.



▲ **OOOOHHWEE:** Staff Sgt. Jimmy Williams (front) and Airman 1st Class Marcus Palmer show their moves in a performance of Candy Girl by New Edition, which gave the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron the points needed to take first place in the Sports Challenge weekend.



▲ **JUMP ON IT:** 1st Lt. Christopher Hall and Senior Airman Jelani-Ahmad Liggins, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, got the crowd 'rollin' in the isles' with a performance of Apache by Sugar Hill Gang.



332nd ECES captures commanders' trophy

by Staff Sgt. Terry Jones

332nd ESVS

The 332 Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron captured six first place finishes and blew away the competition in the first Tallil Sports Challenge held on August 31 - September 1. ECES scored a total of 48 points in the 14 event sports challenge, winning by 14 points over runnerup 332 Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron. EOSS had two first place finishes on their way to scoring 34 points. The 332nd Communications Squadron finished third with 31 points, including two first place finishes.

Scoring was based on a 5,3,2,1 system for first through fourth place. Teams

who completed their registration before the deadline received two additional points, and teams who competed in each event were awarded five additional points.

ECES rout began on August 31, when they swept all four events that day. They captured the Dizzy Bat Relay with a time of 4:56, then won the Softball Throw with a combined total of 1504 feet. ECES really kicked it into gear under the lights at the

First Place Finishers:

Event	Unit
Dizzy Bat	ECES
Softball Throw	ECES
3 on 3 Basketball	ECES
4 on 4 Volleyball	ECES
Mile Relay	EOSS
Egg Toss	ECS
Water Balloon Toss	ECS
Football Throw	ECES
Ping Pong Doubles	ELRS
Darts	ELRS
Billiards	EMEDS
Tug-O-War	ECES
Lip Sync	ESVS

*All units represented in the 5k run/2 mile walk were awarded five points

volleyball/basketball pavilion, defeating OSS 15-7 in the volleyball final, and downing the 332 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron in 3 on 3 Basketball.

ECES' other first place finishes were in the Football Throw, with a combined total of 2051 feet, and the Tug-O-War,

where they defeated the Communications Squadron in the champion-



Photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Velez

▲ **EASY DOES IT:** Tallilians cringe as water balloons fly during the water balloon toss event of the Labor Day Sports Challenge weekend.

ship match in 32 seconds.

ECES Sports Representative Jimmy Williams reflected on his team's victory. "Our overall strategy was to come together as a team and go out and do the best we could in every event. We tried to take first (place) in every event," Williams commented. "After the first night, I knew we had it (championship) wrapped up, since we took first place in everything. I thought the competition could have been a little

tougher, but CE came to dominate. We had the whole squadron out here supporting us, cheering us on and boosting our confidence."

One of the highlights of the Sports Challenge was the Lip Sync Contest, where teams performed a routine to music. The 332 Expeditionary Services Squadron's hot dance routine to the song 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy' received a standing ovation and netted a perfect score of 160 and an encore performance.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **AT YOUR SERVICE:** Maj. Maurizio Mazza, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander, passes fruit plates to Senior Airman Shannalee Karrick, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron and Senior Airman Angeline Dibernardo, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadrons' monthly birthday meal Aug. 29.

Intramural Volleyball Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sept. 12
7:45 p.m.	7 vs. 12	6 vs. 8	1 vs. 5	9 vs. 10	1 vs. 12
8:30 p.m.	2 vs. 10	9 vs. 12	3 vs. 8	4 vs. 6	2 vs. 3
9:15 p.m.	3 vs. 5	1 vs. 7	8 vs. 12	5 vs. 7	9 vs. 11
	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
7:45 p.m.	3 vs. 6	5 vs. 6	1 vs. 9	Air Force's	3 vs. 11
8:30 p.m.	4 vs. 11	2 vs. 7	4 vs. 8	56th	4 vs. 10
9:15 p.m.	9 vs. 5	3 vs. 10	2 vs. 11	Birthday	5 vs. 8
	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	
7:45 p.m.	6 vs. 11	3 vs. 4	4 vs. 5	10 vs. 12	
8:30 p.m.	1 vs. 8	6 vs. 9	3 vs. 9	1 vs. 11	
9:15 p.m.	4 vs. 9	2 vs. 8	6 vs. 10		

Team Key

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| 1 ECS - Team #1 | 7 EOSS |
| 2 ESVS/EMXS | 8 ECS - Team #2 |
| 3 EMEDS | 9 ESFS |
| 4 AEW staff | 10 Postal |
| 5 ELRS - Team #1 | 11 ECES |
| 6 ECES (firefighters) | 12 ELRS - Team #2 |