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NEWS BRIEFS

Birthday Meal

The 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron is hosting their Monthly Birthday Meal Oct. 23 at the Tallil Tavern. Individuals with birthdays during the month of October should contact their unit first sergeant to reserve a seat no later than Oct. 21.

Flu Shots

Members of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing will begin receiving their yearly flu immunizations as soon as the vaccine arrives. The latest schedule is printed on Page 5 of this paper. Please contact your unit's first sergeant or the 332nd EMDG's immunization flight for more details.

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.

Tent City Rules

Tallil Tent City residents are required to read and adhere to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's tent city rules and General Order 1 while deployed to Tallil Air Base. The complete set of rules are available on the wing's intranet home page, under the link entitled "Tallil Air Base Policies."



Photo by Senior Airman Karolina Gmyrek

▲ TIME TO UNLOAD: The trucks of the last Red Tail Express gather in the cargo delivery area of Tallil Air Base's Tent City. The Red Tail Express covered almost 30,000 miles of roadway, on its 59 convoy trips north into Iraq, delivering materials to Tallil, Kirkuk Air Base and Baghdad International Airport.

Last Red Tail departs Tallil AB

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien
332nd AEW Public Affairs

Refrigerators, wall lockers, office desks, computer equipment, construction vehicles and regular pickup trucks, along with hundreds of other odds and ends – loaded and strapped onto 18-wheelers with flatbed trailers, all winding their way across dusty desert roads.

Except for the armed escorts flanking the front and rear, it looks like a large-scale flea market robbery. However, this 21st Century caravan is the Red Tail Express, delivering the parts, pieces and supplies needed to help create an air base out of the remains of a battered airfield.

The last stop of the Red Tail Express was at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, Oct. 10. More than 20 trucks filed into Tallil's vehicle holding area, unloading the salvaged pieces of one air base, rebuilding a new one.

"Without the Red Tail Express, Tallil would not be what it is today," said Capt. Anthony Min, 486th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron commander. "Every time the Red Tail Express came through the front gates, it was like Christmas for us."

Besides Tallil, the Red Tail Express provided materials and equipment to Baghdad International Airport and Kirkuk Air Base in northern Iraq. In total, 59 convoy trips ventured from Al Jaber Air Base Kuwait, traveling almost 30,000 miles through hostile areas of Iraq, delivering more than 7,000 short tons of cargo.

The idea of moving such a large amount of equipment through desert roads began at Al Jaber Air Base when two of the base's senior leaders tried to find a way to move more war-fighting material into theater as

quickly as possible.

Maj. Dave Flippo and Chief Master Sgt. Frank Washburn of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron had more goods to move into Iraq than they had airlift to move it with. Mission essential equipment, including ammunition, fuel and water was needed further north – and quickly.

The 332nd had access to a lot of trucks, and motivated men and women to drive them. Members from across the wing even volunteered to pull shotgun escort duty. Pilots, maintainers, cooks and even two different wing commanders volunteered for the trip north into Iraq. Every unit of the wing contributed personnel for the hazardous journey. Thus, the Red Tail Express was born.

Chief Washburn came up with the name of the Red Tail Express after the Tuskegee Airmen who painted the tails

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Commander's Corner

We're continuing to make additions and changes to the landscape of Tallil Air Base. It seems like every week brings an important new building or a project to another successful completion.

While we will continue to see changes and progress made, I am continually amazed at the progress the men and women of this wing make in meeting these new challenges.

The next few weeks will be very busy with the arrival of new people, new missions and new challenges. As many of our members enter the final few weeks of their deployment, I urge all of you to continue giving 110 percent – right up until you get on the flight home. Thanks for the outstanding effort!

Tops In Blue plays Sunday



Courtesy Photo

▲ The 2003 edition of Tops In Blue, "Soaring with Eagles" pays tribute to the proud history of the Centennial of Flight and 50 years of the Air Force Entertainment program, known as Tops In Blue. The evening is a 90-minute, high-energy, fun-filled show, which is great for deployed members.

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

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Tops In Blue 2003 takes center stage Sunday evening at 8 p.m. at Tallil Air Base's Outdoor Recreation Area in a performance for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing members.

This year's show theme, *Soaring with Eagles*, celebrates 50 years of entertainment history of Tops In Blue and 100 years of powered flight.

Members will enjoy catching the evening of musical celebrations as they revisit their favorite songs from the past five decades.

Tops In Blue 2003 is sponsored in part by AT&T and First Command. Members can register at the show for a chance to win a prize of \$200 AAFES gift certificate sponsored by First Command and 1,000 call minutes from AT&T. In addition, entries collected during the show

will also have a chance to win one of two grand prizes of 10,000 calling minutes provided by AT&T.

"We are so pleased to have Tops In Blue visit Tallil Air Base," said Staff Sgt. Amy Webster, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron's Tops In Blue program coordinator.

"The men and women chosen to perform in Tops In Blue are among the most talented members of our Air Force, and put on an excellent show," she said. "This will be a great chance for people to get out of their tents and see 90-minutes of great live entertainment."

The Tops In Blue cast will perform in the area around the Tent City Basketball Court, and members are encouraged to arrive early for the best seating. In addition, members may bring their lounge chairs out for a fun night under the stars – with the stars of Tops In Blue.

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: How can I get a Hometown News Release for myself or my people?

A: You can let your family and friends know how you are supporting the Operation Iraqi Freedom mission in your hometown newspaper. Fill out a Hometown News Release from the 332nd intranet page by clicking on the 'Public Affairs' link and then the link entitled 'Hometown News Release.' Complete the form and drop it by the Public Affairs office in the WOC and then contact Visual Information (459-0368) for an accompanying photo.

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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.
Confessions: 5 to 5:40 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room
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.
Lutheran/Episcopal Communion: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Traditional Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Liturgical Communion Sunday, 10:35 to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel Service Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Contemporary, "nondenominational"
Sun, 7 p.m.
POC: Ch. Rodger 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 annex)
Catholic Sunday, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Chapel annex)
Men and Women Thursday 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)
LDS Study Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)
Chaplain Led Saturday, 6 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

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

What's playing?

Tonight: The Adams Family (indoor at 8 p.m.)
R&B night (outdoor at 8 p.m.)
Saturday: Spiderman (indoor at 6 p.m.)
Amateur Night (outdoor at 6:30 p.m.)
Sunday: Tops in Blue (8 p.m. at the basketball court)

"Muscle Beach" Fitness Center

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

Tech. Sgt. Lunette Grant

Unit and duty title: 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commanders support staff chief

Home unit: 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.

Why other warriors say she's a warrior: "In addition to managing personnel issues for three deployed squadrons, Sergeant Grant manages the A-10 flag flying program, assisting in more than 1,000 flags flown since the squadrons' arrival at Tallil," said Master Sgt. Norman Evans, 332nd EAMXS first sergeant.

"While on a recent trip to the ziggurat, one member was taken ill and Sergeant Grant stepped up to care for and ensure the safe arrival of the individual to EMDG."

Most memorable Air Force experience: My dad embarrassing me by responding to my commander's letter to my parents telling them I had won 24 CAMS maintenance support person of the year. Parents just normally don't respond to that kind of stuff. My dad did and the commander made me call home — I hadn't called home in months!!



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Support, teamwork go hand-in-hand

332nd EMSGs mission plays key role for all Tallilians

by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

The 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group is made up of many units with very different missions.

Their common ground is the EMSG mission — to provide all Force Protection, Base Infrastructure, and a myriad of combat support services to enable Tallil to sustain itself within a combat expeditionary environment.

From network connections and convoys to food and fuel, the 332nd EMSG defines support and that's what makes them unique.

"The most important ingredient is our people, it starts from our leadership and vision on down in setting the tone for great working relationships among our squadrons," said Lt. Col. Manny "the Matador" Hidalgo, 332nd EMSG commander.

The mission support group is made up of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer, Communications, Contracting, Security Forces, Logistics Readiness and Services Squadrons and a PERSCO team, which combined, account for more than 800 Tallilians.

"The squadron commanders and senior NCOs within the group have a great working relationship — 'one team, one fight,' they just keep charging," Colonel Hidalgo said. "For example, Contracting goes hand in glove with Services for food vendors and logistics resources; Security Forces provides convoy security to get us what we need to sustain our operation; CE is the power glue that enables us to continue to function during our day-to-day operations; Comm gives us the capability to give quick response capability to our Security Forces — it goes on and on, they are a



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **A LITTLE FURTHER:** Lithuanian Cpl. Darius Jarasiunas, 332nd Expeditionary Logistical Readiness Squadron Aerial Port Flight ATOC, directs a loader to unload pallets off a C-130.

force multiplier to the 332nd mission."

The Expeditionary Mission Support Group plays a huge role in the lives of all Tallilians from the moment they arrive on base.

332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Tent City wouldn't be here without the excellent support of CE, who also played a huge role in intergating our new C-130 partners by bedding them down and moving them in smoothly. "Our mission is to protect, operate, maintain, and improve the physical environment (facilities, infrastructure, and utility systems) of the Tallil Air Base community," said Maj. Mic Wehmeier, 332nd ECES commander. "However, without the other EMSG squadrons backing us up, we'd just

be bystanders."

CES also provides Fire Protection, EOD, Readiness (Disaster Preparedness) and water purification.

332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron

"ECS's mission is to provide robust and reliable communications in support of the 332nd AEW missions and to enhance the achievement of Information Superiority across the battle space," said Maj. Maurizio Mazza, 332nd ECS commander.

ECS additionally employs the Air Traffic Control and Landing System (ATCALs), including Precision Approach Radar, Airport Surveillance Radar and TACAN, providing 24-hour ability to land aircraft in other than VFR conditions seven days a week. Postal operations process approximately 30,000 pounds of incoming and outgoing mail transits, servicing approximately 27,000 customers from all units and coalition forces of surrounding areas equaling.

"ECS is an integral part in fulfilling the MSG's mission to support all facets of base functions," Major Mazza added.

332nd Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

"Our mission is to provide the supplies, services and construction necessary to make 332nd AEW's mission happen," said Capt. Gerald Ray, 332nd ECONS commander. "In essence our mission is the same as the MSG mission. We support the men and women of Tallil Air Base."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Athena Snow

▲ **CONTRACTING AND CO.:** The 332nd ECONS team and contractors from Al-Benian construction company prepare for a feast together, a middle east tradition, after closing a deal recently. Al-Benian construction company provides Tallil with gravel, heavy equipment and concrete.



EMSG

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From contracted host-nation support in the dining facility and maintaining vehicle and heavy equipment leases, to various purchases to include gravel, gym equipment, paint, bleachers, port-o-potties, furniture purchases, miles of cable for computers and telephones; office supplies, hinges for tent doors, guard shacks for security forces, paint for the airfield and more, we make it happen, he said.

“Contracting supports every unit on base directly, but our largest customers are CE, Services, Comm and LRS,” Captain Ray said. “It makes perfect sense to group us with those we support the most. Teamwork is not only important it is essential.”

332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

The Security Forces mission is to control and exploit the Iraq aerospace environment by providing coalition forces lethal combat air power, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, search and rescue, and air mobility ops.

Tallil relies heavily on the convoy support of the ESFS for food shipments and supplies as part of the Red Tail Express.

“They’re a unique unit in that they’re almost all airborne, air assault qualified and have their own medics, OSI, and INTEL, something no other Security Forces group in the Air Force has and they do a great

job,” Colonel Hidalgo said.

332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 332nd ELRS motto is ‘leading the way through lean logistics, right application, right results.’

In addition to Supply, vehicles, TMO and fuels, our LRS handles the ATOC and PAX terminal. Even the Welcome to Tallil Air Base sign that people see when they come off the plane is a LRS facility.

332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron

Services not only feeds you, but provides billeting in addition to all of the MWR events such as last night’s Oktoberfest and the upcoming Tops in Blue, along with entertainers such as Brian Dennehy. The library, the upcoming LRC, cardio and weight gym, and the Hot Spot are just a few of the other things in addition to the Dining Facility that Services provides for us. And if they have to, they do mortuary affairs as well.

“I can really say, and everyone would confirm, that they are the best Services squadron in Iraq,” Colonel Hidalgo said.

332nd AEW/PERSCO team

PERSCO’s mission is to provide force accountability, casualty reporting, replacement and manpower actions, and personnel services to deployed members.

“PERSCO provides outstanding ‘first impressions’ for every deployed member arriving Tallil by providing initial arrival briefings and Right Start briefings,” said Capt. the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

▲ **MOUNT UP:** Members of the 332nd ESFS prepare for a duty day after a shift change. The base’s security forces provide around the clock protection for Tallil.

Debbie Horne, 332nd AEW PERSCO team chief. “We also provide personnel support to over 1,200 deployed personnel including reenlistment, retraining, promotion and assignment notification actions.”

PERSCO also has an important role in decision-making — by relaying figures to senior leaders, they are able to make critical decisions on such topics as tent and meal requirements.

Changes to manpower positions for the Blue/Silver AEF rotation are also provided by PERSCO.

“We assists unit commanders with returning members to home station and requesting replacement personnel,” Captain Horne said.

According to Colonel Hidalgo,

the reach of the EMSG touches everybody at Tallil in some shape or form.

“We do all of the support so that the other groups of the wing can concentrate on their own equally important missions without distraction in carrying out national strategy in Iraq,” Colonel Hidalgo said. “The most critical personnel that make things happen are our people at Squadron level from the most junior of airmen to our NCOs and officers. I am very proud to serve with them.

“The men and women of the EMSG are the most dedicated personnel I’ve ever commanded,” he said. “They just keep charging — Ole!”

Updated flu shot schedule

Date	Unit	Time	Location
Monday	EMDG	8 a.m. to 4 p.m	Immunization Clinic
Monday	ESFS/FP	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	ESFS medical clinic
Tuesday	ECS	7:30 to 8:30 a.m., 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Compound
Wednesday	ERQS	5:30 to 9 p.m.	Riggers Tent
Thursday	ELRS	2 to 5 p.m.	Supply Bldg. Rec. Rm.
Thursday	AEW	7 to 9 a.m.	WOC Conf. Rm.
Friday	EMSG	8 a.m. to 4 p.m	Immunization Clinic
Friday	PERSCO	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
Friday	ERS	6 to 7:30 a.m.	ERS medical Clinic
Friday	ECES	8 to 9:30 a.m.	CE main compound
Friday	ECES	10 a.m. to 11 p.m.	Fire Dept.
Oct. 25	OSI	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
Oct. 25	EOG	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
Oct. 25	EFS/EMXG	7 to 9:30 a.m., 6 to 8 p.m.	A-10 Ops. Med. Clinic
Oct. 25	EMXS	10 to 10:45 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m.	Conf. Rm.
Oct. 25	EAMXS	11 a.m. to 1p.m.	Flight line moral tent
Oct. 27	ESVS	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Immunization Clinic
Oct. 27	EOSS	6:30 to 8:30 a.m., 6 to 8 p.m.	OG Conf. Rm. (2nd floor)

Words for Warriors

“We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.”

— Omar Nelson Bradley



Safety First

Watch Your Back

Your autumn yard work probably includes more than just raking and carting away leaves. Repairing sprinkler heads, moving rocks, discarding dead tree limbs... whatever.

All that lifting and carrying can lead to back trouble if you don't do it right, and most people simply don't lift correctly. They bend over, grasp an object and straighten up their backs to lift it. All the strain is put on the lower back, and sooner or later the back gives out.

For a clue to the right way, look at the weightlifters at athletic events. Although their form is specialized, they do one thing the rest of us should remember: They lift by using the power of their legs. To help control your lifting, and prevent back pain, there are basic rules everyone should follow.

The National Safety Council suggests the following:

- ❑ Get a firm footing. Keep your feet parted, with one alongside and the other behind the object.
- ❑ Keep your back straight. Tuck in your chin so the head and neck continue the straight back line.
- ❑ Grip the object with the whole hand. Get a firm grip with the palms of your hands, because the palms are stronger than the fingers alone.
- ❑ Draw the object close to you, with arms and elbows tucked into the sides of the body to keep your body weight centered.
- ❑ Bend your knees, and lift with the legs. Let your powerful leg muscles do the work of lifting, not your weaker back muscles.

Note especially that twisting during a lift is a common cause of back injury. If you have to turn with a load, change the position of your feet. By simply turning the forward foot out and pointing it in the direction you intend to move, the greatest danger of injury by twisting is avoided.

By following these few simple steps, you can minimize your chances of injuring your back – and that's a good thing.

(Article courtesy of the Air Force Safety Center's Road & Rec magazine)

Red Tail

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of their aircraft red to distinguish them from other fighter wings. The 332nd Expeditionary Air Wing, comprised of units at Tallil, Baghdad and Kirkuk Air Base, is the legacy of the WWII aviators – who never lost a single plane they escorted. The modern-day airmen had much the same goal with the Red Tail Express, getting each truck and each member home safely.

“There were some rough moments, especially during the first few runs, but everyone who went out on a Red Tail mission came home safe,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Mejia, convoy liaison for CENTAF on the Red Tail Express.

“Probably one of the most tense situations on any of the convoys was during our third trip out,” Sergeant Mejia said. “We were alert for members of Saddam’s fedayeen, who may be hiding out along our route. And sure enough, as we were driving along, a black robed silhouette popped up near the roadside.

“I raised my weapon and waited to see if he would do anything, but he didn’t,” Mejia said. “As we passed by, I could look out my rear view mirrors and see each of our trucks in turn raise their weapons towards that area – but fortunately, not a shot was fired.”

Not all the memorable events encountered by the Red Tail Express were of the life-threatening variety; some of them were more humorous than harmful.

“From time to time, the convoy would have to stop because a vehicle or piece of equipment would break. We expected things like that to happen,” Mejia said. “But one time we had to stop for a camel crossing. That was one thing we didn’t expect to happen.

“I mean there wasn’t a whole lot we could do, they were there first,” he said. “So we made the best of it, taking pictures and laughing at the situation. It’s not every day you can stop a fleet of military trucks with 20-30 camels crossing the road.”

According to Captain Min, who was on the receiving end of the convoys at Tallil, and ended it by sending the material from Al Jaber, every convoy and every delivery has made a difference for everyone involved with the Red Tail program.

“The Red Tail Express convoys were a complete total force effort; active duty, Guard and Reserve members,” Captain Min said. “Their accomplishments are a tribute to the men and women of the logistic readiness squadrons, security forces and others who served in the Red Tail Express mission with selfless dedication and professionalism. We brought the materials needed to establish a bare base, and did so safely and efficiently.”

Almost six months after the first trucks of the Red Tail Express headed into Iraq, the final vehicles are being unloaded at Tallil Air Base’s cargo area. The trucks have delivered mission-essential items including A-10 and Predator parts, quality-of-life items such as furniture and air conditioners, along with oversized and salvaged items for almost every operational group on the base.

Three hours later, the last flatbed of the Red Tail Express has been unloaded. As it departs the cargo loading area, it winds its way back home across dusty desert roads. But the trucks leave behind more than the equipment and materials used to build Tallil; they leave behind a legacy – the legacy of the Red Tail Express.



▲ A LINE IN THE SAND: The first Red Tail Express makes a stop to repair a vehicle on its way north into Iraq. More than 7,000 short tons of material were delivered as part of the program.

Courtesy Photo



Flightline Driving 101: Where you should be, where you shouldn't be

by Capt. Marc Dauteuil

332nd AEW Flight Safety

Driving on the flightline is just common sense. Well, maybe it's not so common. As an F-16 pilot, I was pretty insulted the first time "they" told me I needed special training to drive on the flight line.


Wait a minute—I drive airplanes around the flight line. You think I can't figure this out?

Well, truth be told, I didn't have a clue. SO, the following are some helpful tips that should enhance your flight line driving experience.

Oh—and they may save you from being "That Guy." As in, "Hey—did you hear about That Guy who drove onto an active taxiway and got hit by a taxiing C-17? Trust me, you don't want to be "That Guy."

Now, just reading this article won't give you permission to drive on the flightline.

If your job requires you to be able to drive on the line, you must obtain a wing flight line driver's license through your VCNCO and/or Airfield Management.

Okay—disclaimer complete—now for the good stuff. Let's break it down. Check out the Mandatory Power Point Slide: 

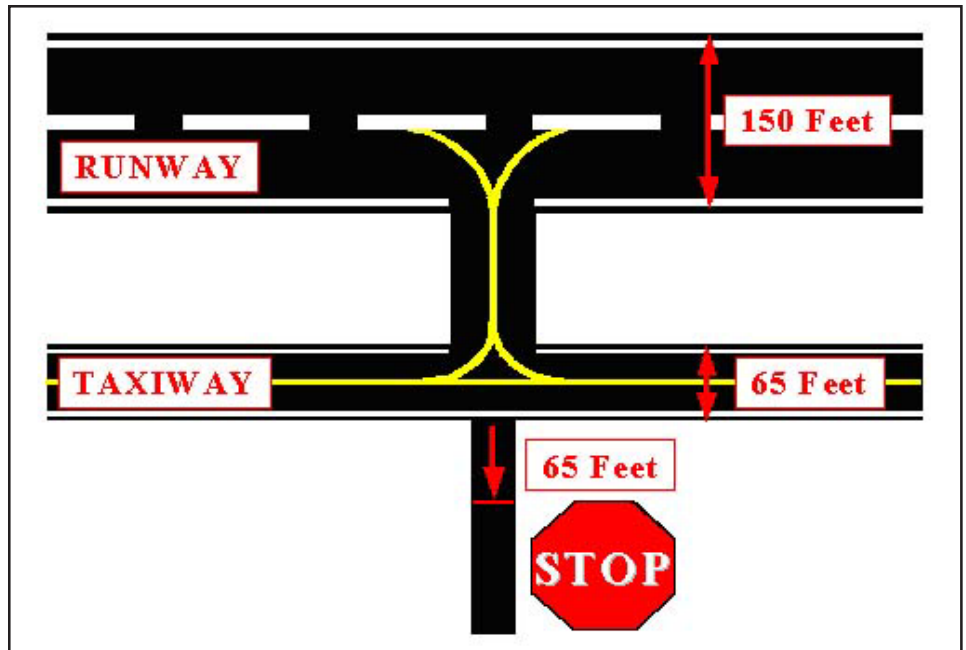
Our "Death By Powerpoint" graphic shows the most common surfaces on Tallil's airfield. They are labeled appropriately. Notice the large, white, dashed lines on the runway surface. The runway borders are painted with solid white lines. The taxiways have big fat yellow lines on them to lead taxiing aircraft. Their borders are also painted with white lines. (Note: you may see double yellow taxiway edge stripes back at base X.)

See that big fat stop sign? You will not (yet) see that sign here at Tallil on roads leading to active taxiways.

You must maintain situational awareness and keep an eye out for that taxiway. You might ask, "Why should I stop 65 feet short of the taxiway and check for aircraft?"

Well, the taxiway is about 65 feet wide here at Tallil. If our largest and most common airplane (i.e. C-130) is on the center of the taxiway and moving towards you, his wingtips will extend well beyond the edges of the taxiway because its wingspan is greater than 130 feet. So, if you stop about 65 feet short (this is to make it easy here at Tallil—cage your eyes with the width of our normal taxiway), you will have the REQUIRED MINIMUM 25 FEET, plus a little extra, between you and the wingtip as the Hercules passes by.

Yes, an A-10 wingspan is smaller, but if you stop at the same place, I GUARANTEE the Hawg will have adequate wingtip clearance to make it by. You don't want to be "that guy" in the following picture:



▲ **DEATH BY POWERPOINT:** Read this slide, heed this slide. Keeping your vehicle in the right place at the right time can save you from being "That Guy." You don't want to be "That Guy."

Finally, for those of you that must drive on the flight line, please do not forget the speed limits. Here they are:

- **5 MPH/8KPH**—Within 25 feet of an aircraft and vehicles towing aircraft.
- **10 MPH/16KPH**—Special Purpose vehicles.
- **15-MPH/24KPH**—General Purpose vehicles >25 ft away from aircraft.
- **25-MPH/40KPH**—General Purpose vehicles on service roads, taxiways, and runways.

■ **Emergency vehicles** will drive at a speed that allows safe and expeditious access to any emergency situation (must have flashing lights).

Let me foot stomp the big one: if you are CLOSE TO AN AIRPLANE (within 25 ft. or so), 5 MPH is the speed limit. Also, don't forget that a moving airplane has the right of way (with the possible exception of a responding emergency vehicle).

When in doubt, get out of the way and stop. In summary, as a moving vehicle, never assume you have the right of way.



▲ **THAT GUY AT WORK:** See what "That Guy" did? "That Guy" parked his bread truck on an active taxiway – unfortunately the pilot failed to notice, until it was too late. "Those Guys" are in some trouble.

Remember that if you are going to drive anywhere near the taxiways or runways, you must have a flight line driver's license. You can NEVER drive in the controlled movement area without the license, a two-way radio, and permission from the tower. For more information, see the Base Flight Line Driving OI at <http://intranet/OSS/index.htm>. Click on **Airfield Management** and scroll down to the OI. Contact your Flight Safety Office at 459-0003 or Airfield Management at 459-0501 if you have any questions!



Army sending Strykers to Iraq

Fort Lewis-based unit sends first deployable units into action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

by John Randt

MTMC Public Affairs

TACOMA, WASH. - The Army's new Stryker armored vehicles are headed for their first operational assignment — service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Vehicles of the Fort Lewis-based Stryker Brigade Combat Team began rolling onto ships today at the port of Tacoma, Wash. The Stryker vehicles and related equipment will support 3,600 soldiers from the I Corps' 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division who will begin their assignment in Iraq in a few weeks.

This week's move at the port of Tacoma represents several benchmarks for the port, according to the Military Traffic Management Command. It's the biggest movement of military cargo at the port since Operation Desert Shield in 1990. In addition, this is the first time Large, Medium-Speed, Roll-On/Roll-Off vessels of the Navy's Military Sealift Command have ever visited the port. The two vessels designated for the move are the USNS Shugart and the USNS Sisler.



U.S. Army photo

▲ ALL ABOARD: Stryker armored vehicles line up at the port before being loaded onto ships. The Strykers are being deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, marking the vehicle's first use in a combat environment.

"This is an historic move," said Lt. Col. Darren Zimmer, commander of the 833rd Transportation Battalion, the unit conducting the loadout for MTMC. "This is the first use of the Stryker vehicles

in an active combat environment. My unit is honored to have such a significant role in support of both a changing Army and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The Stryker Brigade Combat

Team completed its combat certification at Fort Polk, La., in May. The wheeled Stryker vehicles are part of the Army's transformation to move to a more agile combat force that may be transported faster.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jonathan C. Anderstrom

◀ HELPING HANDS:

Spc. Jeffrey Markle, left, delivers donated meat to a needy family in the village of Strpce, Kosovo. Markle and Maj. Gregory Neverson, center, Civil Affairs team chief for the Strpce/Kacanik municipalities, are conducting missions to help improve the quality of life for people of Kosovo.

Words for Warriors

"This fight will test our perseverance, our stamina, and our resolve, but I assure you, we will not be found wanting. We intend to protect America and our way of life. The people of this nation are counting on us — we will not let them down."

— Gen. John M. Keane
former Army Vice Chief of Staff



AF unveils force development plan

by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders are launching a spread-the-word tour in November to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements — enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard — will eventually benefit from the force development construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

“Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future,” he said. “It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression.”

As the chief of staff’s “change agent” for force development, the Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is leading this effort. AFSLMO officials are working with key Air Staff and Air Force Personnel Center leaders to reassess and transform how the Air Force educates, trains and assigns the total force.

Current and future phases of this transformation will include adjustments to officer academic and professional military education and professional development processes, enlisted professional development and professional military education programs, management of senior enlisted leaders and development of Air Force civilian employees.

According to the AFSLMO director, Brig. Gen. Richard S. Hassan, force-development doctrine consists of three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

At the tactical level, airmen will continue to concentrate on learning primary skills.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **PLANES ON THE PATCH:** A pair of C-130s sit on the flightline here awaiting their next mission. The men and women who fly, maintain, load and support these and other Air Force assets are the target of a “spread-the-word tour” by Air Force leaders explaining how the Service plans to train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges — like supporting Operation Enduring Freedom here at Tallil.

At the operational level, airmen begin developing complementary skills and an understanding of the broader Air Force perspective. They will learn how a wide variety of individual capabilities combine to complete an organization’s mission as well as the Air Force’s and its joint partners’.

At the strategic level, airmen combine skills and experiences to develop a knowledge base that extends beyond the Air Force into Defense Department, interagency and international arenas.

“This is a huge cultural shift for our institution,” Hassan said. “Force development is about better development and better utilization of the total force. It also takes into account that all airmen will not necessarily need to be, or want to be developed through all three levels. We need great tactical and operational leaders in our Air Force and as the chief said, we will value each and every one of them, at all levels.”

Hassan compared the force development construct to the way the Air Force fights.

“When we’ve gone to war we (have) thought about it in terms of doctrine — how we would employ forces,” Hassan said. “For example, you don’t send an (Airborne Warning and Control System) or (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) over enemy territory uncovered. We deploy our assets in an integrated fashion, not one at a time. But we didn’t do the same thing with our people. In the current system, we think about officers and everybody else all separately, and in some cases leave them uncovered.”

It is all about taking care of the Air Force’s most valuable resource, Hassan said.

“What force development does is recognize their value, consider their expectations and provide them with the right set of skills to help them be the best they can at what they do,” he said.

This Week In History

October 20, 1922
First Parachute Bailout

During a “manoeuvrability test” in an aircraft with experimental ailerons, Lt. Harold R. Harris loses control of the stick. He chooses to bail out with a parachute — at 2,500 feet — and pulls on a leg strap three times before he grabs the ripcord. The canopy opens at 500 feet and Lt. Harris lands safely in a back yard. He becomes the first pilot to bail out of an airplane and survive using a parachute.





Basketball league recap

by Staff Sgt. Terry Jones

332nd ESVS

The 332 Expeditionary Services Squadron was bounced from the double elimination intramural basketball play-offs in a pair of upset losses as play got underway on Tuesday.

The 439th Quartermasters pinned the first loss on the second seeded 332 ESVS team with a come-from-behind 47-44 double overtime win. Wednesday, the 332 Expeditionary Medical Group knocked 332 ESVS out of the tournament with a 38-28 win.

The 332 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, the tournament's top seeded team, showed why they are the team to beat as they recorded two impressive wins. Tuesday, they destroyed the 332 Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Firefighters 57-35, then came back the next night and thrashed 332 ECES team #1, 51-32.

In other action, the 332 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron outlasted 332 EMEDS 47-42, and 332 ECES team #1 nipped the 332 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron 33-30.

Wednesday's action saw the 332 EMXS knock the Firefighters out of the tournament 36-25, and 439 QM sneaked past 332 ELRS 26-25.

Action continues tonight with the quarterfinals matchup at 7p.m., followed by the semifinal contest at 8:15 p.m. The championship game will be played Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Gold Team Beats Red Team In Women's BBall League Play

The Gold team overcame a 17-8 half-time deficit to defeat the Red team 32-25 in a women's challenge basketball contest Sunday.

Coach Rutorrestt Larsen's Gold team used a smothering defense in the second half to force numerous turnovers. Coach Donelle Starks' Red team seemed to tire in the second half under Gold's relentless pressure.

The Red team's Angela Westbrook and Sharon Morrison led them to an early first half lead. Gold's Carmen Simpson scored all eight of her team's first half points.

Gold came alive in the second half as Tangi Nettles scored with a couple of layups. Yvette Blount began to penetrate inside the taller Red players for layups, and Gold scored at will throughout the half. Red coach Donelle Sarks called several timeouts, but to no avail as Gold put the game away.

Simpson scored 12 points to lead the Gold team, while Morrison's 10 points topped the Red team.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ GOT HANDLES?: The action was intense during the 332nd ESVS Women's basketball game Sunday. Women's league games take place on Saturday and Sunday nights. For more information, call 459-0118.

CE captures Columbus Day Sports Challenge trophy



Photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Velez

▲ TALLIL BLUES: Master Sgt. Hugh Fitzpatrick, 332nd ESVS, performs the Tallil Blues during the Sports Challenge Talent Show Monday. Fitzpatrick took first place followed by acts from CES, COMM, AEW and ESFS.

The 332 Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron claimed seven first place finishes and ran away from the competition to win the Columbus Holiday Weekend Sports Challenge Monday.

ECES scored 128 points, far outdistancing second place 332 Expeditionary Communications Squadron, which scored 95 points. The 332 Expeditionary Medical Group finished third with 81 points, barely squeezing past the 332 Expeditionary Services Squadron, which finished fourth with 79 points.

ECES was in the driver's seat after the first day of competition, winning three events and placing second in two others.

ECES started the by placing second in the mile relay, then ran off three straight first place finishes in the tug of war, dizzy bat relay, and 3 on 3 basketball. ECES capped their first day's festivities by plac-

ing second in the 4-on-4 volleyball tournament.

The Engineers picked up on the second day's competition where they left off after day one, winning ping pong and finishing second in billiards.

ECES finished the third day in a blaze, winning the long jump, three point shootout, and water balloon toss, and finishing second in the talent show.

The highlight of the Sports Challenge was the talent show, as five acts performed superbly to a capacity crowd at the outdoor theater. When the smoke cleared, the 332 ESVS Hugh Fitzpatrick's rendition of the "Tallil AB Blues" won the judges over for first place. (Article courtesy 332nd ESVS)

Sports Challenge Scoring

ECES 128, ECS 95, EMEDS 81, ESVS 79, AEW 78, EOSS 78, ESFS 54, ELRS 27, EMXS 17.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME:** A thoroughly camouflaged tent city, as seen from a helicopter high above Tallil Air Base.

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Here's How:

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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.



Photo by Ch. (Lt. Col.) Rodger Ericson

▲ **WHERE'S THE BRIDGE?:** While visiting Baghdad in support of the Jewish Holy day of Yom Kippur, the 332nd Chaplain team stopped to see one of Saddam's palaces. The palace, surrounded by a moat, has an estimated value of more than \$300 million.