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NEWS BRIEFS

Uniform Recycling

Members departing the AOR who want to get rid of their old Desert Camouflage Uniforms may donate them to the 332nd AEW's uniform recycling program. These uniforms will be re-issued to members deployed to the AOR without DCU uniforms. A collection box for donated DCUs is located in front of the 332nd ESVS Rec. Tent. Members are reminded to wash and remove all name tapes, rank and uniform insignia from their DCUs before placing them in the box. For more information, contact the program coordinator, Airman 1st Class Kara Philp at 459-0014.

Fire Phones in Tent City

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

Promotion Letters

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing members who expect to be promoted during their deployment to Tallil Air Base are reminded they must have a valid promotion letter on file with their unit before their effective promotion date.

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.

Base helps bombing victims

Terrorist blast in An Nasiriyah kills 27, injures over 100



Photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Velez

▲ **URGENT CARE:** Members from the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing and Italian military forces assigned to Tallil Air Base move an injured patient to the base's triage area set up following the terrorist bombing of an Italian military police compound in An Nasiriyah Wednesday. The base provided medical support to victims of the attack.

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

332nd AEW Public Affairs

Immediately following the terrorist bombing of an Italian police station in An Nasiriyah Wednesday, the men and women of Tallil Air Base rushed to the aid of their fallen comrades.

According to coalition press releases, at approximately 10:50 Wednesday morning, a truck loaded with explosives entered the compound of the Italian military police headquarters in An Nasiriyah. The resulting blast leveled a large area of the compound, and killed at least 26 people, including coalition forces and Iraqi citizens.

"We had 15 Italian coalition forces brought to us by ambulance, all of which had varying degrees of injuries as you would expect to see associated with an explosion," said Col. William B. Klein, 332nd Expe-

ditionary Medical Group commander. "Most had moderate to severe lacerations and contusions. A few had fractures or serious internal injuries which proved fatal in one case."

According to Colonel Klein, six of the injured Italians underwent surgical procedures at the hospital.

"Most of the patients were stabilized and transferred to the Italian hospital for recuperation," Klein said. "Five patients remain with us, one is still in serious condition, and the rest are stable."

Colonel Klein said the wing's training and preparation saved lives when put to the ultimate test.

"The mass casualty plan was executed flawlessly by the men and women of the 332 EMDG," he said. "Our success was enabled by help we got from the 332nd Expeditionary Group's Services Squad-

ron, Civil Engineers, and Force Protection. Our wing came together seamlessly and did an outstanding job taking care of our coalition partners."

The wing's senior leader said the event reinforced the fact that the members deployed to Tallil Air Base are still in a combat environment.

"In the midst of this terrible incident, the men and women of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing responded to assist the victims of this heinous act," Colonel Marke F. Gibson, 332nd AEW commander said.

"This event underscores the reality that the global war on terrorism is real, difficult and dangerous," Gibson said. "But we will continue to help the people of Iraq establish their own county - free from the influence of terrorists and dictators."



Commander's Corner

I'll be taking a short break from life here at Tallil to visit my family back home. For those of you in AEF Blue also departing back stateside, I wish you a safe journey home.

For the folks who are part of AEF Silver, I encourage you to stay in touch with your loved ones during this holiday period. Your friends and family will be glad to hear about the extraordinary things you're accomplishing over here, and I'm sure they'll be just as proud of you as I am.

Colonel Williams will be the commander in my absence, and I ask everyone to show him the same hard work and dedication you've shown me. Everyone, both Blue and Silver rotations, are making a difference in building a free Iraq, and I appreciate your efforts.

Army, AF honor Veteran's Day



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ PARADE REST: Members from military units across Tallil gathered Tuesday honoring servicemembers past and present during a joint Veterans' Day formation at the Army's Chapel Parade Ground.

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

332nd AEW Public Affairs

More than 250 members of Army, Air Force and coalition forces gathered at Tallil's Chapel Parade Grounds Tuesday honoring servicemembers past and present who have faithfully served their country.

Flags from deployed units across the base were raised in a joint formation, highlighted by speeches by the base's senior leaders and the laying of a ceremonial wreath in remembrance of veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting the freedoms we enjoy today.

The Veterans' Day event was hosted by the Army's 171st Area Support Group, who modeled the event on the unit's previous Memorial Day event.

"This formation was simply an inspiration by the members of the 171st," said Command Sgt. Major Bob Zakal, the unit's se-

nior enlisted member. "We wanted to come together and honor those who have come before us in the service of our country."

After flybys of C-130 and A-10 aircraft, followed by a Blackhawk helicopter, Col. Lawrence M. Larson, 171st ASG commander spoke to the gathered troops about the hardships veterans have faced in the service of their country.

He said honoring past the nation's veterans of the past can inspire today's servicemembers deployed to Iraq.

"Soldiers and airmen alike have suffered many hardships to earn the freedoms we enjoy today," Colonel Larsen said. "Ceremonies like the Veterans' Day formation show how much we respect the men and women who have worn the uniform before us – and that in the future, new generations of soldiers and airmen

will recognize the people serving today."

According to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, Col. Marke F. Gibson, the sacrifices of the men and women deployed to Tallil Air Base will never be forgotten by the American public back home.

"The country owes you so much gratitude for your service, and it is a debt that can never truly be repaid," Colonel Gibson said.

"Your stories, and those of veterans before you, are the story of our history, because America rose to greatness on veteran's shoulders," Gibson said. "America owes people like you for their very way of life, their freedom to live, work and raise their families as they please.

"I thank you for your sacrifices, and all you're doing for this great country," he said. "You are the nation's unsung heroes."

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 come the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service we get here shows so much football, and why can't we see regular commercials during the broadcasts?

A: Time after time, surveys prove professional football and college football are the most popular television sporting events with only one exception: the Olympics. However, AFRTS tries to present a representative sample of other major sports throughout the year. Recent AFRTS audience surveys indicate football is the number one sports choice among viewers and listeners. Regarding stateside commercial advertising, DOD Regulation 5120.20R prohibits commercial advertising on AFRTS stations. Most countries would not allow AFRTS broadcasts if they were shown.

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IN BRIEF

All times are local.

AF Worship Services

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

Catholic

Daily Mass: Tuesday through Friday, 6 p.m.
Vigil Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.
Confessions: 5 to 5:40 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
POC: Ch. Martin King at 459-0038

Protestant

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. Michael Warner at 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 (RCLA)
Thurs, 6:30 p.m. (chapel annex)
Catholic
Sunday, 6:30 (chapel annex)
Men and Women
Thursday 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)
LDS Study
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (chapel annex)
Saturday, 6 p.m. (chapel annex)

AF and Army Notices

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).

All Ziggurat tours have been cancelled until further notice.

Volunteers Needed

The 332nd ESVS fitness center is currently looking for volunteer referees for the upcoming Intramural Volleyball season.

Certified aerobics instructors who are interesting in teaching classes starting Nov. 18 contact Senior Airman Tia Thomas or Staff Sgt. Eddie Tacub at 459-0118 or via e-mail.

332nd ESVS News

"The Hot Spot" Rec. Center

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

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

What's playing?

Tonight:
Ghost Ship (indoor at 4 p.m.)
Survivor (outdoor at 10 p.m.)
Saturday:
A Man Apart (indoor at 6 p.m.)
NCAA Football (outdoor at 7 p.m.)
Sunday:
8 Mile (indoor at 6 p.m.)
NFL Football (outdoor at 8 p.m.)

"Muscle Beach" Fitness Center

A 3-on-3 co-ed basketball tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday. The single-elimination tournament is open to all military branches. Sign up is available at the Fitness Center and the first 10 teams to sign-up will play.

A 4-on-4 volleyball tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday. The single-elimination tournament is open to all military branches. Sign up is available at the Fitness Center and the first 10 teams to sign-up will play.

Beginning Monday, the Fitness Center is scheduled to begin the "Silver Rotation 200 Mile Run, 100 Mile Walk Club." See your unit sports representative or visit the Fitness Center for more information.

The Muscle Beach Fitness Center will begin aerobics classes Tuesday. The schedule is as follows:
Step Aerobics - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m.
Total Abs Class - Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.
Kickboxing Class - Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
See page 10 for more information on the new aerobics program.

332nd AEW Warrior of the Week

Tech. Sgt. Mel Powell

Unit and duty title: 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, C-130 Crew Chief.

Home unit: 914th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y.



Why other warriors say he's a warrior: "Nov. 7 Sergeant Powell identified a rocket warhead that had been partially uncovered by a sandstorm, less than 50 feet from two C-130 aircraft," said Senior Master Sgt. Steven Larwood, 332nd EMXS first sergeant. "He quickly cordoned off the area, notified his supervisor and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit. His actions helped to prevent serious injury or loss of life to Air Force personnel and damaging \$60 million worth of aircraft."

Hobbies: Weightlifting, spending a lot of time with his son.



WAR TROPHIES: DO'S AND DON'T'S

by Airman 1st Class
Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

War trophies.

Everyone has heard the term "war trophies" from Right Start to Right Exit, but the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Legal Office is squashing myths and offering advice.

As Blue Rotation members pack their belongings and head for home, legal staff offers their services to ensure you and your souvenirs arrive at home safely.

What is a war trophy?

Air Force Joint Instruction 31-217 defines war trophies as "any item of enemy public or private property utilized as war material (i.e. arms, military accouterments) acquired in a combat area or zone within a prescribed period of time."

In other words, a war trophy is anything used by an enemy force during a time of military conflict.

According to CENTAF's General Order-1A, "no weapon, munition or military article of equipment

obtained or acquired by any means other than official issue may be retained for personal use or shipped out of the USCENTCOM AOR for personal retention or control.

What can members take home?

According to the CENTCOM Judge Advocate's Office, "... lawfully purchased souvenirs not obtained from the battlefield are permissible. Captured enemy equipment (historical artifacts) can be retained by military units for subsequent use in service museums."

With that being said, the 332nd AEW Legal Office reminds Tallilians certain paperwork is required to bring allowed items through customs.

"If you have purchased a qualified souvenir, you must contact the legal office to receive appropriate documentation to clear customs," said Lt. Col. Brent Wright, 332nd AEW Staff Judge Advocate. "Otherwise, like other unfortunate military service personnel, you could end up facing criminal charges under the UCMJ."

So, if you've been souvenir shop-



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **A GIFT FOR MOM:** In order to avoid trouble from customs officers on the way home, the Legal Office reminds Tallil Air Base members to keep 'war trophy rules' in mind while purchasing souvenirs.

ping during your stay at Tallil, the Legal Office staff offers their services to you.

"Let us determine the appropriate way to get your souvenirs home – we want to make your trip home

as easy as possible," said Master Sgt. MaryAlice Rebis, 332nd Legal Office paralegal.

For more information visit the SJA link on the 332nd AEW's intranet home page.

War trophies 101

You **CANNOT** keep these war trophies:

- ◆ Guns (even if disassembled)
- ◆ Chemical suits/gas masks
- ◆ Ammunition/shell casings

You **CAN** keep souvenirs purchased from local (Iraqi) vendors.

Examples of qualified souvenirs are as follows:

- ◆ Bayonets
- ◆ Military blouses (without nametapes/tags)
- ◆ Rank insignia, helmets, berets, medals and badges

You **MUST:**

- ◆ Have proof of purchase, or
- ◆ Obtain an Affidavit from the Base Legal Office detailing all souvenirs purchased for your personal use to be transported out of Iraq.

You **NEED:**

- ◆ Military I.D. and detailed description of each purchased souvenir



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Grande

▲ **SLIGHTLY USED:** While these Iraqi chemical masks shouldn't be used again, they are still a good example of a war trophy. While items like this shouldn't be taken home for personal use, with proper coordination they may become part of your unit's museum or training display.



Safety First

Ladder Safety Don't fall down on the job!

Slips and falls are the leading cause of deaths in and around the home and workcenter, killing more than 6,000 people a year. Many more people are disabled in similar mishaps suffering disabling injuries. A major subset of these mishaps involves ladders, which are involved in more than 30,000 injuries per year. Although ladders appear simple, there are rules to follow when using them.

- Use the right kind of ladder for your task, and make sure it complies with specifications of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and that it is listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Most homeowners need a stepladder and a straight ladder (usually an extension ladder).
- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label attached to the ladder.
- Make sure your ladder is tall (or long) enough. For stepladders, obey the "not a step" markings on the top steps and the shelf.
- Check over your ladder before you trust it. Looks for damaged rungs, steps, hinges and braces. If damaged, repair it or replace it. Antiques are nice, but not when it comes to ladders.
- Make sure you can lock the spreaders on stepladders in place.
- Extension ladders should have "safety feet" that stabilize the ladder and keep it from slipping.
- Set your ladder on a solid surface and keep it level.
- Open stepladders fully.
- When using a straight ladder, the base should be one foot away from the vertical surface for every four feet of height (to the point when the top of the ladder will rest).
- If you're climbing onto your roof or a platform, make sure the ladder extends above the edge at least three feet.
- Never lean a ladder against an unstable surface, such as a tree limb.
- Always face the ladder when climbing. Carry tools in a tool belt or a bucket that you can raise and lower with a rope from the ladder.
- Make sure your shoes aren't slippery.
- You can put non-skid on the rungs of an aluminum ladder.
- Hold on with one hand while working on a ladder. Don't reach too far to the sides or behind you.
- Don't climb higher than the second step from the top on a stepladder or the third from the top on a straight ladder.
- Only one person should be on the ladder at a time.
- Tables, boxes, and chairs aren't ladders.
- Don't put ladders on barrels, boxes, concrete blocks or other unstable bases.

(Information courtesy of the Naval Safety Center.)

Iraqi child flown to America

Almost killed by a land mine, EMEDS helps critically injured 9-year old boy seek advanced medical care

by Master Sgt. Don Perrien

332nd AEW Public Affairs

A C-130 aircraft from the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing here airlifted a critically-wounded Iraqi child Saturday on the first leg of an extended aeromedical evacuation mission to the United States intended to save the child's life.

The child, 9-year-old Saleh Kahlaf, was critically wounded in October when he and his 16-year-old brother discovered an Iraqi-made landmine near their school in An Nasiriyah. The older brother was killed instantly when the device exploded, and Saleh lost one hand, an eye and suffered severe damage to his abdominal area. Saleh's initial care occurred in a nearby city hospital and he was subsequently moved to the United States Air Force's 332nd Expeditionary Medical Squadron (EMEDS) hospital located at Tallil Air Base.

While at the 332nd EMEDS, Saleh underwent a number of stabilizing procedures. The complexity and extent of his injuries required a level of medical care not available in the region. Through a combined effort of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the Iraqi Ministry of Health and the United States Air Force, Saleh was given permission to travel to the United States for advanced medical care.

During his 32-hour journey



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

▲ **CARING HANDS:** Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group's Critical Care Transport Team prepare 9-year-old Saleh Kahlaf for an aeromedical evacuation flight from Tallil Air Base, Iraq to The Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, Calif., Saturday. Saleh was critically injured by a land mine near his school in An Nasiriyah and was cared for by members of the 332nd EMDG until the AE mission to America could be coordinated.

to the United States, Saleh and his father, Raheem Kahlaf, traveled onboard USAF military transport planes accompanied by a USAF Critical Care Transport Team to his final destination of The Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, California.

"The men and women of the 332nd EMEDS worked very

hard to save this child's life," said Col. Jay Johannigman, deputy commander 332nd EMEDS. "Saleh is a brave young child who became an innocent victim of a horrible device of war. We hope that our support, and the medical support he will receive in America will help him to recover and lead a full and happy life as a free Iraqi citizen."

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is available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/tallil/Tallil.pdf>



Rumsfeld: 'Success' is exit strategy

by Gerry J. Gilmore

Americal Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — With “success” as the exit strategy, the numbers of U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq in the meantime “will depend on the security situation on the ground,” the Defense Department’s top civilian said here Nov. 10.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld added that American troop strength in Iraq also depends on “the pace at which Iraqi security forces are able to assume additional responsibilities.”

DOD planners estimate U.S. troop strength in Iraq decreasing from around 130,000 today to about 105,000 by May, when a rotation of fresh troops arrives.

The purpose of the troop rotation “is not to reduce the number of U.S. forces in Iraq,” Rumsfeld said, or to develop an exit strategy.

“Our exit strategy in Iraq is success; it’s that simple,” Rumsfeld said. “The objective is not to leave,” he said, but rather is “to succeed in our mission.”

Iraqi forces involved in internal security — about 118,000 today — are expected to increase to 150,000 to 200,000 by the end of 2004, he said.

United States and coalition troops in Iraq today are on the offensive, Rumsfeld said, capturing or killing pro-Saddam Hussein diehards and anticoalition foreign fighters.

“And we’re doing so with a growing number of Iraqis,” he said, “who are participating in the defense of their country.”

Thirty-two nations are now providing on-the-ground support for Iraqi reconstruction efforts, Rumsfeld said. The secretary is expected to discuss Iraq issues with South Korean and Japanese



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andy Dunaway

▲ **MAKING A POINT:** Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld testifies before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington earlier this year. Secretary Rumsfeld said the number of American forces in Iraq “will depend on the security situation on the ground.”

officials during an upcoming trip to those countries.

Insurgent actions in Iraq make it “a dangerous place,” Rumsfeld said. Each country has to decide according to its own interests whether or not to send people to assist in Iraqi reconstruction.

Rumsfeld said that Iraq is “an important country” that for decades had suffered under a brutal dictator.

Saddam’s Stalinist-styled regime, the secretary said, destroyed Iraq’s infrastructure, repressed its

people and killed “tens and tens and tens of thousands” of innocent Iraqi men, women and children, as well as neighbors.

Would not most nations want to participate in Iraqi reconstruction, “to do something truly important for a terrible troubled region in the world?” Rumsfeld asked.

“I think most countries would like to,” he said. He also said he was not surprised that 32 nations are providing on-the-ground assistance in Iraq.

“And, I hope, there are more,” he said.

This Week In History



November 14, 1965

Captain Freeman earns Medal of Honor

Army helicopter pilot Capt. Ed “Too Tall” Freeman is supporting a pinned-down battalion in the Ia Drang Valley during one of Vietnam’s fiercest battles. The landing zone is closed due to intense direct enemy fire, but Captain Freeman ignores it — and flies his unarmed helicopter for 14 hours through gauntlets of flying lead. His deliveries of ammunition, water, and medical supplies have a direct impact on the battle’s outcome. He also flies 14 rescue missions when medivac choppers refuse to follow him into the besieged landing zone. He is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, but he will later receive the Medal of Honor in 2001.



Army theme changes to focus on war

by Army Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army introduced its new theme this week, declaring that Soldiers know that they have a fight on their hands, but are ready to respond.

“Our Army At War - Relevant and Ready” describes the proactive strategy of the Army’s new chief of staff.

“We’re going to move before the other guy moves, and we’re going to reach out and touch him at his place, not ours ... We’re going to have to be strategically more agile,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoomaker during a joint transformation conference in Anaheim, Calif.

The key, he said, is to work more closely in the joint arena, to move toward joint interdependence.

A 100-word message accompanies the Army theme and can be read by logging onto www.army.mil. An Army at war serving on a joint force is the focus of the message, and is emphasized by Schoomaker at the majority of his speaking engagements.

Schoomaker announced in October that he wants to see immediate attention given to more than a dozen focus areas. One of those areas is strategic communications - making sure his goals and objectives are articulated throughout the Army.

The Army theme and its message are based on the chief’s directions and developed by Strategic Communications, an addition to Executive Office of the headquarters, supporting both the secretary of the Army and the chief of staff of the Army, headquartered at the Pentagon.

The theme is based on

Schoomaker’s objectives, said Patti Benner, the STRATCOM acting director. “After meeting with Gen. Schoomaker, it was apparent that he wants to make it known that there is a national security crisis going on right now. It’s no longer business as usual.”

Only two years ago, the Army’s focus was Transformation. However, the new enemy that the Army faces changed the focal point to war.

“America’s Army is at war. We are attacking terrorism today in its home nests and spawning grounds, providing vital protection for the American People. We will not rest until our country is safe and the enemies of freedom are defeated.”

“Transformation continues in the ranks,” Benner said, “but we’re going to take ideas, technology and concepts that were being developed

for future defense and apply them to the present.”

Fifty percent of the force is engaged in the war, and funding should go toward the equipment that is already in the hands of Soldiers instead of future combat systems, Schoomaker said during the Annual Association of the United States Army conference held in October.

Soldiers not directly supporting the war shouldn’t worry about their relevance, Benner said. Schoomaker has been informing noncommissioned officers Armywide that no longer is a Soldier’s worth determined by distance from the front line, she added.

This Army’s theme wasn’t created for change sake, but is an end state where the chief wants to see the Army, Benner said.

(Cynthia Bauer from the Air Mobility Command Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.)

Wing’s Command Chief leaves Tallil



◀ **A FOND FAREWELL:** Chief Master Sgt. Fest Miles, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant departed Tallil Air Base Thursday. He said serving as the wing’s command chief was a highlight of his career, and wished the men and women of the 332nd AEW the best of luck in the remainder of their tours and for continued success in their Air Force careers.

Photo by Senior Airman Karolina Gmyrek



► **STREAK FREE:** Senior Airmen Robert Ahern and Dustin Holman, 332nd EMXS C-130 crew chiefs, wipe down the windshield of a 'HERC' prior to a flight to Kuwait Monday.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp



Photo by Master Sgt. John Wesley

▲ **PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF:** A sunset over the flightline at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, highlights the mighty propeller of C-130. The plane's crew from Oklahoma City is currently stationed at Tallil Air Base.

Here's How:

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

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

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

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

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

BEST — Give Us Your — SHOT



Anonymous photo

▲ **SIGHTSEEING:** Zeke, the official mascot of the 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, takes a trip to the birthplace of Abraham Oct. 26.



Fitness Center offers new aerobics classes

☐ Muscle Beach adds ways for Tallilians to stay fit to fight

by Airman 1st Class Kara Philp

332nd AEW Public Affairs

As yet another improvement to Tallil's quality of life, the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron Muscle Beach Fitness Center's first aerobics class will take place Tuesday.

A variety of classes will be available in the Fitness Center's new cardio area following Tuesday's kick off.

Step Aerobics Classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., Total Abs Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. and Kickboxing Classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

If you've never taken an aerobics class or if you are an old pro, the Fitness Center staff is encouraging anyone interested to participate in the classes.

"The classes will be basic and simple and everybody is welcome to attend," said Senior Airman Tia Thomas, 332nd ESVS

intramural director and aerobics instructor. "It's all in fun. Everything we offer is with the customer in mind."

According to the Fitness Center staff, the classes are important for physical fitness and good for moral.

"Aerobics is so important to ones daily life — to keep fit and full of vigor is key to mental and physical health," Airman Thomas said. "It keeps the blood flowing and the heart healthy. We try to make everything fun to increase morale."

The classes will be offered at a variety of times to accommodate all who wish to participate.

"I'm excited about the aerobics classes," said Master Sgt. MaryAlice Rebis, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing staff. "I've been wanting to try

aerobics but I haven't had the time at home."

"Usually at a deployed location only a weight room is offered with a few pieces of equipment. Here we are trying to include group activities that can help motivate people to get to the Fitness Center as though they were at their home station."

The aerobics classes play directly into the 332nd ESVS mission.

"Providing different ways for our fellow airman to keep in shape is something that is really important to Services," Airman Thomas said. "We try to offer as much as we can to help people to get where they want and need to be physically."

As part of the mission, the Fitness Center staff has set a goal to accommodate all Tallilians.

"Our goal is to reach out to as many people as we can," Airman Thomas said. "Whether they need a little motivation or they'd like to be put on a

personalized program to help pass the Air Force's new Fitness Program — that's what we're here for."

Fitness Center aerobics class schedule:

Step Aerobics Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Total Abs Class - Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.

Kickboxing Class - Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Italian runner wins ESVS' Veterans' Day 5K event

Tedde Roberto took first place in the 332nd Expeditionary Service's Squadron's Veterans' Day 5-Kilometer race with a time of 17:38, narrowly beating the 332nd Expeditionary Squadron's David Dominguez who finished only three seconds behind.

Three members of the wing finished the 2-Mile Walk event in identical times of 22:38. Eric Curry, Richard Safonovs and Maurice Barfield each crossed the line with the quickest time among all the walkers from across the base. (Information courtesy 332nd ESVS)

5K top five finishers

1 Tedde Roberto	17:38	Italian
2 David Dominguez	17:41	ECS
3 Richard Mears	19:05	EMXS
4 Fin Macleod	20:17	British
5 Arthur Tsepelin	20:38	Estonia

2 mile walk top three finishers

1 Eric Curry	22:38	ECS
1 Richard Safonovs	22:38	ECES
1 Maurice Barfield	22:38	ECS



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▲ RING KINGS: LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airman 1st Class Robert Luna (right) lands a punch on Senior Airman Richard Mora during a light-welterweight bout in the 2004 Air Force Boxing Championships here Nov. 7. Luna is assigned to the 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Mora is assigned to the 552nd Consolidated Maintenance Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla. Luna won the match.