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Thumbing through (Left) Col. John Brunhaver, 386th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, shows Lt. Gen. John Baker, Air Mobility Command vice commander, "the brick" a compilation of all relevant information aircrews must know before a flight. General Baker was here to see first hand how the 386th supports "boots on the ground."

Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

By Capt. Karen Ashton
386th AEW CFC-O chairperson

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas began Oct. 4 and will run through Dec. 3. The CFC-O provides a valuable opportunity for Department of Defense military and civilian personnel to join together in support of charitable organizations that serve those most in need.

Through the generosity of servicemembers and civilians serving abroad, the 2003 campaign raised more than \$14 million for the many participating charities. This year's CFC-O theme, Make a World of Difference, emphasizes the fact that we have the power through our collective contributions to make a positive difference in our own communities and in our world.

There are over 1,500 American and U.S.-based international charities. Whether saving rain forests, honoring military veterans, ensuring a clean water supply, aiding refugees or advancing medical research, the CFC-O has something for everyone. Contributors can also give to their local military community's family support and youth programs.

Those who want to contribute to the agency or agencies listed in the CFC-O booklet can do so by cash, check or payroll deduction. Contributions can be divided among as many agencies as donors want to designate on their pledge cards. In addition, one-time gifts are also possible.

This year, CFC-O is also offering something new – a give-

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The 386th Expeditionary Services Squadron is hosting a bazaar in the Flex Sunday.



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Voting gives you power

By Maj. Dave Miller
**386th Expeditionary Mission
Support Group**

As Airmen we have all taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution that guarantees our right to vote. I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of Government.

This year, Americans will have the opportunity once again to exercise that right by going to the polls. Even if you are stationed far from your home of record, you can vote through the absentee ballot process.

Each of our votes count, with over 1 million members in the U.S. military, we are one of the larger voting groups in the country.

To get a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), contact a voting representative. I'll also be in the dining

facility this week for lunch and dinner to answer questions and provide the FWAB.

Since state requirements vary, voters should ask a voting representative or consult the FVAP Web site (<http://www.fvap.gov>) for state-by-state instructions to determine submission deadlines and rules for state absentee ballots.

If a state absentee ballot has been requested but does not arrive by voting week, Oct. 11-16, a FWAB should be submitted.

In the event the state ballot shows up after the write-in ballot is sent, it also should be marked and returned. Votes will not be counted twice, but in the event the state ballot makes it to the state by the deadline, it will generally be counted instead of the write-in because it includes nonfederal offices.

(Editor's note: some information from Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper's August article was used)



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Next stop - Iraq

1st Lt. Damon Overson, 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, scans the instrument panel of his C-130 during a flight into Iraq Sunday.

ROCK SOLID WARRIOR

Staff Sgt. Ron Casey, 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels bulk storage supervisor, inspects a stopped leak on a local fuel bladder Thursday.



(Above) Sergeant Casey connects an R-22 pumping unit's receiving hose to a tank truck. The unit handles approximately 113,000 gallons of fuel a day.

Photos by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

Staff Sgt. Ron Casey

Unit: 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Logistics Readiness Flight

Job: fuels bulk storage supervisor

Home Unit/Base: 96th LRS/LGRF

How do you support the mission here?

I supervise the daily receipt and storage of JP-8 aviation jet fuel tank trucks.

How many times have you deployed to the AOR and what makes this one unique?

I have been deployed twice before. This deployment is unique due to the caliber of people I work with. I couldn't have won this award without their help and support.

What will make this deployment memorable?

With this deployment, I get to work with fuels mobility support equipment (FMSE) that we do not have back at home station, (R-14's, R-22's). Fuels equipment is the heart of any forward deployed base.



Photo by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

Reaching out
Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Kang, Dai Heui is welcomed to the Rock last night by members of the ROKAF advance team and the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. Colonel Kang, ROKAF wing commander, landed on the first of four ROKAF C-130s which will join the 386th in flying missions in support of the rebuilding of Iraq.

Memo improves job protection for guardsmen, reservists

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Labor Secretary Elaine Chao have signed a memorandum of understanding to ensure employment rights of people returning from military service are vigorously protected.

The memorandum streamlines and strengthens enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994. Congress passed the act to safeguard the employment rights and benefits of servicemembers upon their return to civilian life.

“The brave men and women protected by (the act) voluntarily set aside the

comforts of civilian life and stepped in harm’s way,” Mr. Ashcroft said. “We owe it to them to make sure that their employment rights and protections are fully and vigorously protected upon their return from military service.”

“Our (servicemembers) have been there for us, so now it’s our turn to step up our efforts for them,” Ms. Chao said. “This agreement will strengthen enforcement of (the act) by ensuring faster resolution of (its) cases and quicker enforcement action by the government when it is necessary.”

The memorandum deals exclusively

with each department’s role and responsibilities in the enforcement of the act.

The memorandum will streamline the enforcement process ensuring the protection of servicemembers’ rights. When a complaint raises an “issue of immediate and significant harm” and each agency agrees that the complaint appears legitimate, it may be referred for enforcement immediately, officials said.

This prevents two agencies from working on the same issue, wasting time and resources.

Department of Labor officials also issued new regulations strengthening the act’s protections. Besides the new regulations, Ms. Chao and the DOL’s veterans’ employment and training services have taken other steps to reduce the rate of violations.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photos by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

Mask Mondays
Remember to inspect and clean your protective mask every Monday. Note the inspection on the DD Form 1574 (yellow card). Also ensure a real world filter is on your mask. For questions, call 442-2291/9992.



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away. Simply completing a pledge card, whether you choose to donate or not, makes you eligible to win. First prize is a 2005 Jeep Liberty Renegade.

Second prize is two roundtrip airline tickets and third prize is a \$1,000 savings bond.

Over the next few weeks, your CFC-O unit representative will contact you to explain the program and answer any questions you may have. The goal for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing is 100 percent contact with all members of the wing. Choosing to donate is entirely at your discretion.

The CFC traces its origins to President Eisenhower who formalized the responsibility of fund raising in the federal government. In 1961, under President Kennedy, the CFC as it is now known was born.

The CFC is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country and the only campaign authorized to solicit and collect contributions from federal employees in the workplace.

For more information, check out: www.opm.gov/cfc.



Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

Capt. Karen Ashton, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas chairperson shows Col. Mike Keltz, 386th AEW commander, the donor form for this year's campaign. The campaign runs through Dec. 3. For more information, see your unit representative.



Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

Get your shots
Inoculations for the flu season are expected to begin later this week. The Rock's vaccine comes from the U.S. and is FDA approved. Those needing anthrax shots or the small pox vaccine can stop by the clinic from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Air Force revises CJR 'wait list'

The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list to meet end-strength goals under force shaping.

While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained Air Force specialties receive quotas and have a ranked wait list established. All first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation (before) re-enlisting in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Dee Wolfe, NCO in charge of Air Force re-enlistments at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "That job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.

"The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by Air Staff," she said.

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed.

First-term Airmen serving in currently constrained career fields may not be allowed to re-enlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation," Sergeant Wolfe said.

"We encourage Airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, through military civilian employment or through an interservice transfer to the Army via blue to green."

Only first-term Airmen selected for re-enlistment by their commander will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For further information and a complete list of constrained specialties, Airmen can contact their local military personnel flight's re-enlistment office or visit the CJR Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

Honorable retreat

Staff Sgt. Lydell Scott, 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, gathers the flag as Staff Sgt. Jacob Sanchez, 386th ESFS, stands by during the wing retreat Friday. The retreat was performed by the Rock's first honor guard.

Ramadan reminder Holiday impacts Salem members

By Capt. Aaron Burgstein

386th AEW Public Affairs

Today marks the beginning of Ramadan, one of the five pillars of Islam and holiest times of the year. Ramadan, which will last through Nov. 12, is also a period of self-denial, meditation and spiritual purification for Muslims.

This means that many Muslims will be fasting during the daylight hours, which means no food or drink.

As guests in this country, we are not required to participate in this fasting.

However, it is against local laws to eat or drink or smoke in public during Ramadan. This includes certain areas on the Rock.

Everyone assigned to or transiting

here must observe the following rules during Ramadan:

- ❖ All eating and drinking will be done inside buildings.

- ❖ Drinking water on the flight line or in the performance of primary duties is permitted, but will not be openly flaunted outside or in view of Kuwaitis or others who may be practicing Muslims.

- ❖ Do not eat, chew gum or drink while driving or riding in a vehicle, and do not offer food, drink or cigarettes to a Muslim during fasting hours.

- ❖ Smoking is permitted only in designated areas and should not be openly displayed. Additionally, smoking is prohibited in several areas from dawn to dusk out of consideration of those working in the area.

These areas will also be marked with an appropriate sign.

- ❖ Do not exhibit any public displays of affection, to include physical contact, with a member of the opposite sex.

- ❖ Do not ridicule anyone observing Ramadan including U.S. servicemembers of the Islamic faith.

- ❖ Do not be an "ugly American" toward our local hosts or the Third Country National workers.

- ❖ All personnel must wear long pants when off the Rock during daylight hours (this includes walkers/runners whose route takes them off the Rock and along the perimeter road). Long sleeve shirts are highly encouraged.

If you must travel off-base during Ramadan, remember to review these guidelines.

The off base police will strictly enforce local laws relating to Ramadan violations and will arrest those who violate the law.

Civil relief act: members have rights

By Master Sgt. Lisa Bevenour

386th AEW Judicial Affairs

Most of you will remember this act by its original name of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. However President George W. Bush signed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) into law superseding the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

In several key areas, the SCRA strengthens the rights and protections afforded to members in military service, and in some case their family members. It provides essential clarification of benefits continued from the SSCRA.

First, the SCRA provides relief from certain civil obligations and temporary suspension of judicial and administrative proceedings and transactions involving civil liabilities when military service materially affects the ability of a servicemember to meet or attend to civil matters.

Information on the SCRA is particularly applicable for those who are currently deployed because the deployment may impact their ability to meet the financial commitments they entered into at their home location.

So who's covered by SCRA?

All people on active duty with the uniformed services, including activated Reserve and National Guard.

A member of a reserve component who has received orders to report is covered by Title I (General Provisions), Title II (General Relief), and Title III (Rent, Installment Contracts, Mortgages, Liens, Assignment, Leases) from the date of receipt of orders through the date of reporting for military service. From the reporting date, this member gains full coverage of the Act due to active military service.

This is a basic overview of some items which may arise and be covered.

For specific questions, concerning your rights under the act, contact the base legal office.

Specific subjects of the act include:

- Protection from default judgments
- Suspension of judicial and administrative hearings of civil (but not criminal) suits against members
- Limitations for individuals seeking to enforce civil liabilities of members concerning leases, installment contracts, mortgages and liens
- Preservation of members' rights with regard to suspension of life insurance premiums, public land rights, taxes and business obligations

Fire prevention week

(Right) Senior Airman James Hickman, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, demonstrates how firefighters gear up in 60 seconds or less. The demonstration was part of a firefighters competition held Saturday for Fire Prevention Week.



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(Above) Airman 1st Class Christopher Gerritz, 386th ECS, hauls the fire hose down to the next stage of the competition.



Photo by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

Staff Sgt. Harvey Munoz, 386th Expeditionary Communication Squadron, aims the fire hose in an attempt to knock over a cone as Airman Anthony Legarreta, 386th ECES firefighter, provides backup.

Team "Purgatory Bound" readies themselves seconds before starting the last event for the firefighters competition. The team had a total time of 3:59 making them the first place overall winners.



Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

All the right parts

746th EMXS members replace a C-130 engine



Photos by Senior Airman Nicole Spence

Airman 1st Class Figueros Torres, 746th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, engine mechanic, safety wires the top bolts on an engine fuel control assembly Friday as part of a C-130 engine replacement.



Airman Torres tightens a cannon plug on an engine fuel control assembly.



(Right) Senior Airman Nicholas Raia and Staff Sgt. Anthony Mobilian both 746 EMXS, engine mechanics, install an engine cowling.

Desert Events

Today:

Dominoes 7 p.m.
Dart Tourney 8 p.m.
Flag Football – 6 p.m.
Martial Arts – 7 p.m.

Saturday:

Ping Pong 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Latin Night 8 p.m.
Racquet Ball Tourney 3 p.m.

Sunday:

Sumo Wrestling 7 p.m.
Softball 7a.m.

Monday:

Bingo 8 a.m.
Family Feud Twist 2 8 p.m.
Flag Football 6 p.m.
Martial Arts – 7 p.m.

Tuesday:

Black Jack 7 p.m.
Martial Arts – 7 p.m.

Wednesday:

Pool Tourney
8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Flag Football 6 p.m.

Thursday:

Bingo 8 p.m.

Oct. 22:

Spades 7 p.m.
Flag Football 6 p.m.

Oct. 23:

Chess Tourney 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
70's and 80's Night 8 p.m.

All events in black are held at the Flex Facility. All events in gold are fitness center competitions.

Chapel Schedule

Sunday:

Catholic Mass – 8 a.m.
Inspirational Service – 10 a.m.
Traditional Protestant –
11:30 a.m.
LDS – 1 p.m.
Lutheran Communion – 3 p.m.
Gospel Service – 5 p.m.

Monday:

Catholic Mass – 7 a.m.
Praise Team – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Open Prayer – 6 a.m.
Catholic Mass – 7 a.m.
Bible Study – 7 p.m.
Gospel Choir – 8 p.m.

Wednesday:

Catholic Mass – 11 a.m.
Communion – 5:30 p.m.
Praise Team – 7:30 p.m.
Flightline Service – 11 p.m.



Thursday:

Open Prayer – 6 a.m.
Catholic Mass – 7 a.m.
Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Friday:

Catholic Mass – 7 a.m.
AA Meeting – 2 p.m.
Jewish Sabbath – 5 p.m.
Wiccan – 6:30 p.m.
Gospel Choir – 8 p.m.

Saturday:

Catholic Mass – 8 p.m.

Movies



Today:

Chronicles of Riddick 6 p.m.
Mean Girls 8 p.m.
Kill Bill 2 10 p.m.

Saturday:

Stepford Wives 7 p.m.

Sunday:

Lady Killers 1 p.m.
Shrek 2 3 p.m.
Raising Helen 5 p.m.

Monday:

13 Going on 30 6 p.m.
Around the World in 80 Days 8 p.m.
Van Helsing 10 p.m.

Wednesday:

Dodgeball 6 p.m.
Envy 8 p.m.
Chronicles of Riddick 10 p.m.

Oct. 22:

Dawn of the Dead 6 p.m.
Day After Tomorrow 8 p.m.
Garfield 10 p.m.

Note: Times subject to change

Activity Locations

Oasis (Building 375):

Open every day
24 hours:
*Morale computers,
phones*

Flex Facility:

Open every day
24 hours:
*Play Station 2, bil-
liards, foosball, televi-
sion, gift shop*
Open for special
events such as bingo,
bazaar and karaoke
shows
*Call to reserve the
facility for special
events*

Tent City Mirage Recreation Center:

Open every day
24 hours:
*PS2, music, billiards,
foosball, ping pong,
darts and sports televi-
sion*

Rock Theater:

Open Monday,
Wednesday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday
*Call for
showings*

Rockers Reading and Study Lounge:

Open every day
24 hours:
Paperback exchange

Tent City Morale Trailer:

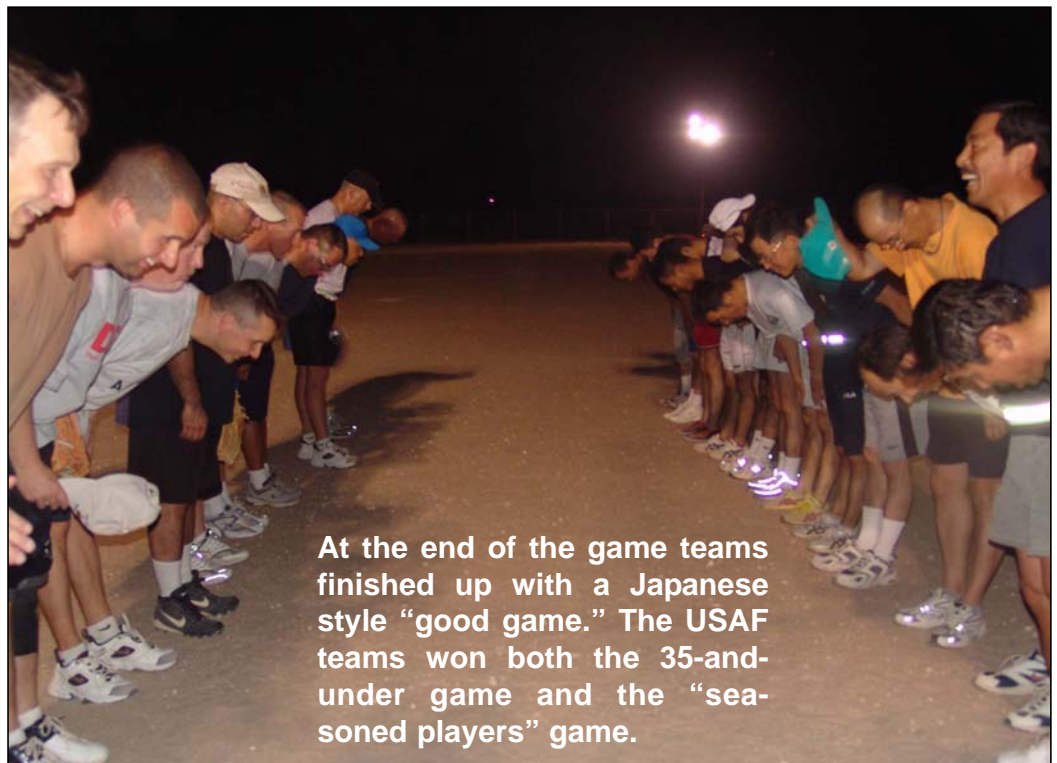
Open every day
24 hours:
Morale phones

Playing hard ball *JASDF vs. USAF*



Photos by Capt. Aaron Burgstein

Col. Mitsuhiko Ozeki, Japanese Air Self Defense Force defense attaché, tags Master Sgt. Trent Topolski, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, out at first base during game two of the JASDF-USAF double-header Saturday night.



At the end of the game teams finished up with a Japanese style "good game." The USAF teams won both the 35-and-under game and the "seasoned players" game.