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JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Airman 1st Class Alexander Moyo, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit C-130 crew chief, cleans the cockpit windows of a C-130 Hercules here April 16. The windows are being cleaned prior to take-off to ensure maximum visibility after a dust storm here. Airman Moyo is deployed here from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and hails from Sacramento, Calif.



BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – Members of the 455th Expeditionary Aeromedevac Flight carry Airman 1st Class Brent Noah, from 376th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, to an ambulance at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, March 26. Airman Noah dislocated his hip while exercising at Manas the day before.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Erik Cardenas (RELEASED) 090326-F-0465C-053

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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC – During the Birdik Village School ground-breaking ceremony April 14, Principal Olga Voroshihina shares homemade bread, called nan, with the U.S. Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Tatiana Gfoeller, Manas Air Base commander Col. Christopher Bence, and Birdik Village Mayor Syrgak Kudykeev. The distinguished visitors broke bread to symbolize peace and prosperity and good progress for a \$470,000 project the United States has undertaken to renovate the 200-student school in the Kyrgyz Republic.



ALI BASE, Iraq – The Prisoner of War/Missing in Action table at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group combat dining-in stands silent as a tribute to missing servicemembers April 11 at Ali Base, Iraq. The dining-in is a long-standing military tradition.

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BAGHDAD – U.S. Air Force Pararescuemen from the 64th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, are hoisted into an HH-60 Pavehawk helicopter outside of Baghdad during a proficiency exercise April 10 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Lt. Gen. Gary North, 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central commander, receives a heavy equipment operation briefing from Airman 1st Class David Roberts, 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron April 16 at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. Airman Roberts is a pavement and construction equipment apprentice deployed from Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., and hails from Bristol, Tenn.

U.S. Air Force photo by
Capt. Jennifer Pearson

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Rebecca Roa, 386th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, cleans the liquid oxygen nozzle before attaching it to a C-130 aircraft at an air base in Southwest Asia, April 11. The liquid oxygen is serviced into the aircraft after flight and, when needed, it is converted by the aircraft system into a breathable, gaseous state for aircrew use. Airman Roa is currently deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and is originally from Eagle Point, Ore.



BAGHDAD – Technical sergeants Brian Partido (left) and Jay Wingfield, 821st Basic Technical Training Squadron Coalition Air Force Transition Team fire rescue advisors, show students how to extinguish a burning vehicle in Baghdad April 11. Sergeants Partido and Wingfield help the students of the Iraqi Joint Fire Academy in the practical portion of the course. The two-month course is made up of 26 students from the Iraqi air force and Iraqi civil defense. Sergeant Partido is deployed from the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron in Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and is a native of El Paso, Texas. Sergeant Wingfield is deployed from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and is a native of Peoria, Ill.



ALI BASE, Iraq – Members of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Honor Guard, post the “Colors” during a ceremony at the 407th AEG Combat Dining-In April 11. The dining-in provided an opportunity for 407th AEG Airmen to unwind and enjoy themselves, while sharing an important Air Force heritage with visitors from the Army and Navy.

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Andrew Kim, 379th Medical Group bio-environmental engineering technician, checks the temperature reading from a wet bulb globe thermometer here April 14. The WBGT provides a composite temperature used to estimate the effects of temperature, humidity, wind speed (wind chill) and solar radiation on humans. Airman Kim is a native of Walnut, Calif., and is deployed from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

U.S. Air Force photo by
Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Senior Airman Richard Berni, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron simulated patient, rests and waits for his vital signs to be checked after being transferred from the initial scene during a Base Response and Readiness Exercise at an air base in Southwest Asia, April 13. In the event of an emergency, patients are assessed and treated by most critical patients first to minimal care. Airman Berni is currently deployed from Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard base, N.Y., and is originally from Manorville, N.Y.



SOUTHWEST ASIA – Staff Sgt. Ruben Ramones, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron wheel and tire shift lead, stores a C-130 wheel and tire after it passed the assembly inspection April 13 at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The base Wheel and Tire shop supports eight forward operating locations and seven different types of aircraft with a full range of wheel and tire services. Sergeant Ramones hails from Sacramento, Calif. and is deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan.



MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – Col. Christopher Bence, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, and French Air Force Capt. Arnaud Viltart, a C-135FR navigator, pass equipment and aircrew gear up the entry hatch of a KC-135 Stratotanker prior to an aerial refueling mission from Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, April 8. At Colonel Bence's invitation, two French C-135FR aviators accompanied the U.S. Air Force crew during the mission; only the second time in which coalition personnel have flown on an American tanker during a combat mission over Afghanistan. Along with American KC-135 Stratotankers, Manas AB is home to a detachment Spanish C-130s and of French C-135FR aerial refuelers, which is the French version of the U.S. Air Force KC-135.

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq – Airman 1st Class Andrew Frovarp, 506th Security Forces Squadron, sets the sites on his weapon here April 14. Frovarp was preparing for a vehicle patrol around the perimeter of the base. Airman Frovarp is a native of Moorhead, Minn., and deployed here from the 119th Security Forces Squadron, Fargo, N.D.

U.S. Air Force photo by
Senior Airman Jessica Lockoski

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ALI BASE, Iraq – Chaplain (Maj., U.S. Air Force) Kevin Lockett, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Protestant chaplain, delivers his Easter Sunrise Service sermon April 12 from atop the walls of Abraham’s home. The biblical story of Abraham — revered by the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths—is found in the Book of Genesis. Chaplain Lockett is deployed from the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. , and is a native of Rockford, Ill.

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