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Combined Forces Air Component Command Airpower Statistics

German-born Airman focused on dedication to adopted home
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7/2/2013 - SOUTHWEST ASIA -- For each service member, the reason they decide to serve is different. For some it's school. For others it's a chance to see the world. Still, others choose to serve because they feel obligated to give back.

The latter is the case for Airman 1st Class Sven Raemer, a special mission aviator on the HH-60 Pave Hawk. Born in West Berlin, Germany, he moved with his parents and sister to Colorado in 1993, eventually receiving his American citizenship in 2010, the first in his family to do so.

Raemer is currently deployed to the 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, from RAF Lakenheath, England. For Raemer, it's just another step in his effort to give back.



Airman 1st Class Sven Raemer is a special mission aviator with the 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron. Raemer was born in West Berlin, Germany, before he and his family moved to Colorado in 1993. He is deployed from RAF Lakenheath, England. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Raymond Hoy)

"I think service, even before the military, was really important to me," he said. "Giving back for all the liberties and freedoms we have is a big deal. If you're appreciative of what you have, you should really give back."

However, giving back by joining the military, especially by being an aerial gunner, may not have been what his parents had in mind.

"Growing up, I came from a very peacenik kind of family," Raemer explained. "My mom used to participate in protests, my dad never touched a gun, probably still hasn't. We didn't have violent video games, no BB guns. I guess I sort of sought it out as a kid."

Seeking it out eventually led to Raemer joining the military in April, 2011. Initially a door gunner, the Air Force would merge the career field with helicopter flight engineer to create the new special mission aviator. Raemer was one of the first in his squadron to become a fully qualified SMA.

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For the Airman in the Flight, multi-media project on Airman 1st Class Sven Raemer, visit:
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Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2008-2013 Airpower Statistics

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Afghanistan

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/International Security Assistance Force

Close Air Support

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release	
2009	27,815	2009	2,050
2010	33,707	2010	2,517
2011	34,514	2011	2,678
2012	28,768	2012	1,975
2013	11,189	2013	851

Number of Weapon Releases

Less Activity  More Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	163	203	362	461	454	438	381	445	254	541	238	207	4,147
2010	156	154	175	197	300	457	325	416	739	1,043	866	272	5,100
2011	405	341	337	339	426	610	695	516	597	663	308	174	5,411
2012	170	116	229	252	406	521	504	588	385	414	297	202	4,084
2013	193	297	248	284	378	382							1,782

- Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification

Combined Data

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	16,193	18,898	28,747	38,198	34,937	14,926
Airlift Sorties	51,945	52,905	63,324	58,914	37,611	11,590
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	251,738	264,839	298,079	230,230	240,656	110,800
Airlift Passengers	1,269,710	1,301,740	1,369,002	1,114,376	730,358	264,600
OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	16,576,297	32,267,606	60,400,000	75,956,235	36,365,283	7,600,000
Tanker Sorties	18,361	17,465	17,296	19,469	16,007	5,808
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	1,106	1,076	1,050	1,095	980	348
Aircraft Refuelings	86,288	82,095	82,603	90,476	67,020	24,973
Casualty Evacuation Sorties	-	-	3,712	2,959	2,171	294
Saves	-	-	1,888	1,611	1,187	96
Assists	-	-	2,964	2,121	1,646	276

- Data not available

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