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RED TAILS ROUND UP

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A Royal Jordanian Navy Frogman jumps from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter into the Gulf of Aqaba during exercise Agile Rescue, March 28, 2022 in Aqaba, Jordan. The search and rescue exercise developed and refined rescue agile employment processes, testing the ability of multinational rescue forces to work in unison with USAF Rescue forces to beddown, sustain, and execute maritime search and rescue. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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Actress, Spy, Nun

Leadership reflects on women's history month

By Special Agent Rebecca Bates, OSI 332d Expeditionary Detachment 2417

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — When I was a little girl, I asked my mom how she knew she wanted to be an accountant when she grew up. My mom told me she never wanted to be an account, but it was the best of the three career options for women of her time: accountant, teacher, or secretary. I had a hard time understanding why she only had three options, and I proudly declared I would one day be an actress spy nun. My mom did not think the Pope would let me be a spy and an actress on top of my sisterly duties. I told her I'd write him a letter, and he would obviously change his mind.



Pictured: Lt. Col. Jennifer Pruitt, Maj. Brooke Cultra, Maj. Jacqueline Camacho, Maj. Melissa Day, Maj. Candis Woods, and Special Agent Rebecca Bates.

There was a time in history where women serving in the military seemed about as far-fetched as my aspirations to be a spy nun who acts. Thankfully, thousands of women before me saw societal norms as pointlessly restrictive and legislative road blocks as speed bumps to roll over. They were determined to serve their country, whether it meant concealing their identity, protesting policy, or

prompting change through written word.

A well-worded letter was the first step for Col. Jacqueline Cochran in her journey to lead the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II. In the early 1930s, Jacqueline Cochran discovered her love of flying after a friend offered her a ride in an aircraft. Within the next two years, Cochran earned her commercial pilot's license and quickly garnered recognition as the best female pilot in the United States. As World War II began, Cochran wanted to fly in service to her country, but was limited by the legislation of the time. So, she wrote a letter.

In 1939, Cochran wrote to Lt. Col. Robert Olds to introduce the proposal of starting a women's flying division in the Army Air Forces. In her letter, Cochran suggested women pilots could be employed to fly non-combat missions for the Air Corps Ferrying Command. By 1943, Cochran was appointed as the wartime head of WASP, leading over 1,000 female pilots flying all types of military aircraft from factories to military installations. She pioneered the integration of women into military aviation and ultimately retired from the USAF Reserves as a Colonel in 1970.

The legacies of Col. Cochran and countless of other female leaders have blazed the trail for the inclusion of women in all aspects of our Air Force. Today, we have over 250 female Red Tails who serve in every capacity of our deployed wing, from defending the installation to launching air strikes. We are critical contributors who are leaders in delivering combat air power to counter our greatest adversaries. And, best of all, we are a normal and common component of this wing. We are Airmen who serve based on our merits and capabilities, just as the original Red Tails and Col. Cochran fought for. Thank you for continuing our proud trail blazing legacy of radical inclusion.



Weather Flight protects 332d AEW

By Tech. Sgt. Lauren M. Snyder, 332d AEW Public Affairs

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — With four dual-functioning forecasters and observers, a flight chief and one weather officer, the 332d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight protects 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen and assets.

“We're here with 24/7 operations and we're always at work,” said 1st Lt. Judith Swan, 332d OSS Weather officer-in-charge. “We're supporting the base, the people here, aircraft above, assets on the ground and the area around us.”

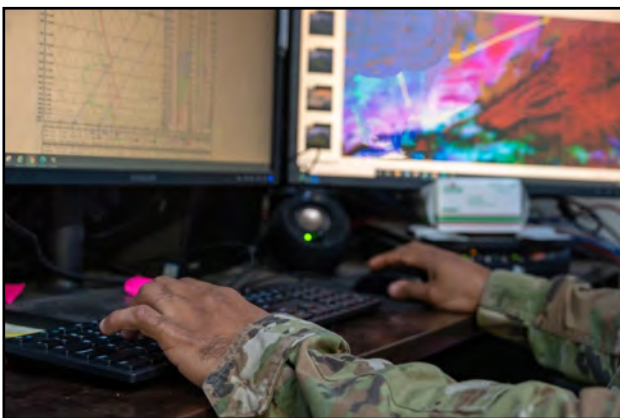


Clear days with light winds may be the norm here, but with extreme temperatures or other significant weather, agencies around the base need situational awareness so they can take protective measures.

“If it's going to be below freezing for five days in a row, we'll need to talk about our generators or the electrical lines that could freeze over,” said Swan. “For today's strong winds, we've been forecasting that the last five days so everyone can plan accordingly. Back home, bad weather is a temptation to stay home, but here we can't stop the mission. It's a very different mindset here because they're going to keep working on their jet up until the very minute it's absolutely unsafe for them to be out there. There's more pressure on our forecasters to make sure that they've got it right.”

The 332d EOSS weather flight reaches back to the 28th Operational Weather Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, for graphics and can check with some local sources for current conditions, however the 332d AEW is in a rather meteorologically data-sparse environment.

“All of the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility is classified as a limited data area, because we don't have weather sensors at all of our locations,” said Swan. “Observing sites are very few and far between which makes forecasting and giving accurate real-time information difficult. We can't just call the next station because the next closest might be over 250 miles away, where they're not seeing what we're going to see.”



Another way weather contributes to 332d AEW awareness and capabilities is with the 332d EOSS Intelligence Flight.

“We have products that analyze adversary locations across the AOR to determine their ability to target us. It says which airfields have good weather to launch assets specifically to us here and which ones are the most likely to make those kinetic attempts,” said Swan. “It feels really different in a good way to be so tied into the mission here. We are building a relationship and aligned with Intel; it makes sense as they're forecasting people and we're forecasting outside.”

The 332d EOSS Weather Flight delivers customized meteorological support for the 332d AEW's varied structural and agency sensitivities, multiple aircraft, and ensures the wing's continued success in delivering combat airpower and regional security.



Partner Nation Integrates with U.S. Rescue Forces for joint training

By Master Sgt. Kelly Goonan, 332d AEW Public Affairs

AQABA, JORDAN -- 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group Airmen recently conducted Exercise Agile Rescue alongside the Royal Jordanian Navy in Aqaba, Jordan, Feb. 27 – March 3.



The search and rescue exercise developed and refined rescue agile employment processes, testing the ability of multinational rescue forces to work in unison with USAF Rescue forces to beddown, sustain, and execute maritime search and rescue.

“This was the first ever U.S. Air Force Rescue integrated training with the Jordanian Frogman Group,” 1st ERQG deputy commander said. “Based on the resounding success, we intend to repeat this training as we have assets available. We effectively demonstrated the ability of the Rescue Group to conduct ACE at low cost and high yield to meet all training objectives for both USAF and RJN.”

Agile Combat Employment (ACE) is an operational concept aimed at supporting joint all-domain operations to provide a more lean, agile, and lethal force that can generate airpower from multiple locations. The 1st ERQG Commander noted that, “To be truly agile means you have to rely on support from outside your unit, our incredible Jordanian partners offered their base and logistics support, they provided everything we needed to successfully complete this training with a small footprint.”

USAF Rescue’s operational task of locating, communicating with, and recovering isolated personnel aligns with the maritime mission of the RJN’s Frogman group, a special unit responsible for conducting missions involving search and rescue at sea as well as all RJN underwater operations.

As part of the integrated training, the 1st ERQG conducted several bilateral “helocast” events with a combined team of USAF Pararescuemen (PJs), an HH60G pave hawk helicopter with CSAR aircrew, and Jordanian frogmen, over the Gulf of Aqaba. Air Force PJs are the DOD’s only elite combat forces specifically organized, trained, equipped, and postured to conduct full-spectrum, dedicated personnel recovery. They are the most highly trained and versatile Personnel Rescue specialists in the world and are tasked with rescue and medical treatment in combat environments.





Helocasting, a technique used to quickly get military forces into hard-to-reach maritime areas, is accomplished by hovering a helicopter just above the water's surface while rescue forces jump from the helicopter into the water below as close to the survivor as possible. Once in the water, the RJN Frogman and USAF PJ team worked together to learn extraction by hoist and later by rope ladder. Culminating the six-day exercise, the 1st ERQG demonstrated a rapid water hoist strop extraction showcasing the expertise and ability of rescue forces to quickly execute their maritime mission anytime, anywhere.

“It is amazing what we were able to accomplish in such a short amount of time,” Frogman Lieutenant Commander Mahmood Bany Omar, said. “I hope in the future we can build on this and do a full search and rescue exercise integrating all available means.”

In addition to demonstrating aircrew and PJ proficiencies over water, Agile Rescue provided expeditionary maintenance Airmen the ability to test their capabilities by operating in realistic terrain and within the constraints of an austere environment.

“The constant barrage of salt and sand in this environment demands high caliber, cost effective, and rapid reaction maintenance,” the 801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Commander explained. “This exercise proved that those challenges can be overcome on short notice with minimal tools at their disposal and speaks to the caliber of our rescue maintenance team.”

Exercises like these continue to strengthen international military-to-military relationships and provide venues for developing, evaluating, and refining materiel and non-materiel approaches. They give Airmen the edge in a crisis by sharpening the skills necessary to prepare, plan for, and execute recovery operations by ensuring individuals are trained to react quickly to recover personnel and prevent capture, exploitation, or loss of life.

“These Things We Do, That Others May Live”



CMSAF Visits Red Tails

By Tech. Sgt. Lauren M. Snyder, 332d AEW Public Affairs

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass visited 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen, March 23, 2022.

During her trip, she held an all-call where she gave shout-outs to different work sections, Total Force Airmen, Guardians, and sister service members, and acknowledged the years of experience in the room.

With more than 29 years of service, Bass has seen a transformation in the Air Force's warfighting focus and has been pivotal to some of its recent culture and regulation changes.

"When I came in, we had to be strong in air, land, and sea, but in 2022, we have more domains," Bass said. "We're the smallest we've ever been and now we have to be strong in land, air, sea, space, cyber, and information. While our competitors are developing fast, we have American grit, spirit of innovation, and power, which you all bring. I need every Airman to understand it's critical you're supporting this mission, because what you're doing here matters."

Following her comments to the crowd, she answered questions from Airmen in the audience. Many of the answers stemmed from one of her priorities -- taking care of Airmen.

"Only one percent of our nation chooses to wear this uniform. We need to play the long game to ensure in 10 years we have the right people and talent serving in our U.S. Air Force," she said. "We've got a lot of changes to make and that's what [Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Brown Jr.] is talking about when he says we have got to accelerate, change or lose."

Before departing the 332d AEW, Bass recognized some Red Tail Airmen for outstanding job performance and made a quick stop at Fire Station 1 to meet Fire Department Airmen.





US, Pakistan Air Forces strengthen partnerships during bilateral training exercise

By Capt Monique Roux, 332d AEW Public Affairs

ISLAMABAD -- Airmen from the U.S. and Pakistan Air Forces conducted their first bilateral training event in three years during Falcon Talon 2022, an Agile Combat Employment operation, at a Pakistan air force base from Feb. 28-March 4.

“Celebrating the 75th anniversary of U.S. and Pakistan relations, our militaries were happy to increase our interoperability and partner capacity during Falcon Talon,” said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Sindler, Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché-Pakistan. “Engagements such as live flying with PAF and U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, as well as exchanges with our maintenance and security forces professionals, ensured our militaries are ready to fight to win today and postured for tomorrow.”

Falcon Talon 2022 was Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central)’s first major training event in Pakistan since 2019.

The large-force ACE operation included live flying events and activities to strengthen interoperability across multiple capabilities, including maintenance, security forces and support functions.



Participants also highlighted the U.S. Air Force’s multi-capable Airmen to PAF partners by demonstrating how each Airman serves their primary role and additional tasks outside of their career field. The ability to perform duties outside of an Airman’s Air Force Specialty Code is essential in the execution of the ACE warfighting concept.

AFCENT works with regional partners during training events and real-world operations to strengthen theater security cooperation efforts against aggressors within the region.



332d Military Working dog demonstration

Staff Sgt. Hailey Goetz, 332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and her MWD, Cory, provided a demonstration to 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen, Feb. 25, 2022. Demonstrations such as these are a validation of readiness and a chance for MWDs to exercise their training.



“Jolly 51” memorial ceremony



By Master Sgt. Kelly Goonan, 332d AEW Public Affairs

On March 15, 2022, 46th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, 52nd ERQS, and 801st Expeditionary Maintenance members held a memorial ceremony for the seven service members who made the ultimate sacrifice on March 15, 2018 in the helicopter crash of “Jolly 51” that was flying contingency operations in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

The Airmen held a remembrance of the fallen crew members by recounting their mission and personal stories. The group participated in a special “Jolly 51” workout, hosted a group barbeque and posed for a photo with a helicopter

hovering above battlefield crosses displayed to remember the fallen.

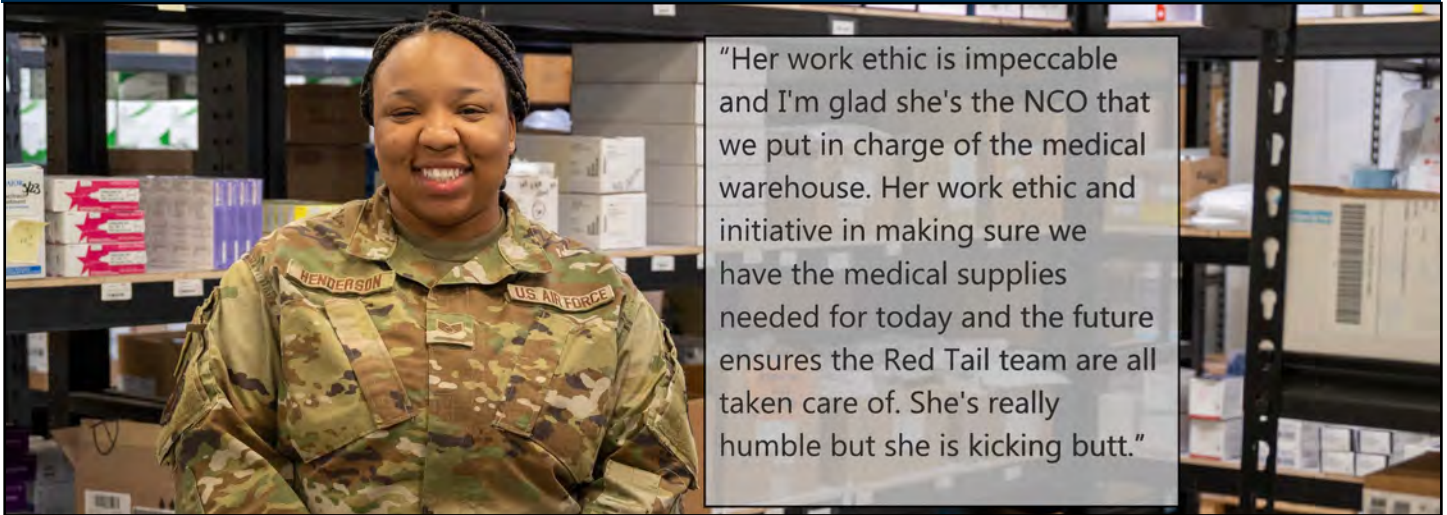
The “Jolly 51” crew members were:

Capt. Mark K. Weber, 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia
Capt. Andreas B. O’Keefe, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base, New York
Capt. Christopher T. Zanetis, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski ANGB, New York
Master Sgt. Christopher J. Raguso, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski ANGB, New York
Staff Sgt. Dashan J. Briggs, 106th Rescue Wing, Francis S. Gabreski ANGB, New York
Master Sgt. William R. Posch, 308th Rescue Squadron, Air Force Reserve, Patrick AFB, Florida
Staff Sgt. Carl P. Enis, 308th Rescue Squadron, Air Force Reserve, Patrick AFB, Florida



March's Warriors of the Week

Warrior of the Week is a competitive recognition program that highlights significant contributions made by individual Airmen who raise the Red Tails standard and enhance the mission and capabilities of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing.



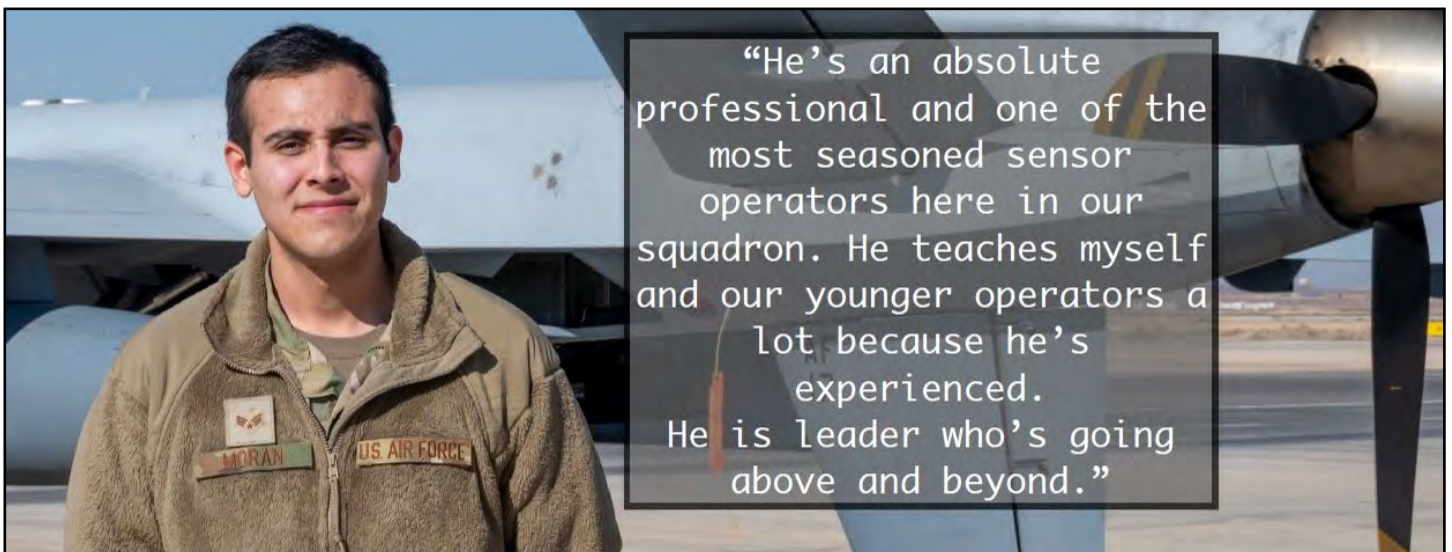
"Her work ethic is impeccable and I'm glad she's the NCO that we put in charge of the medical warehouse. Her work ethic and initiative in making sure we have the medical supplies needed for today and the future ensures the Red Tail team are all taken care of. She's really humble but she is kicking butt."

▲ Staff Sgt. Jalisa Henderson, 332d EMDG

The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's Warrior of the Week for the week of March 7, 2022, is Staff Sgt. Jalisa Henderson, 332d Expeditionary Medical Group Logistics section noncommissioned officer in charge. Henderson functions as the lead NCOIC over the six sections of Medical Logistics and acts as the medical group's Resource Advisor. "My responsibilities include quality assurance, getting things out to the different sections, processing supply orders, managing clinic equipment, budgeting for the med group, and tracking coronavirus stats and related supplies," said Henderson. "I am very motivated and organized. In the two months I've been here we've completely reorganized the supplies, established reorder points, and reestablished support to our geographically separated ground surgery team."

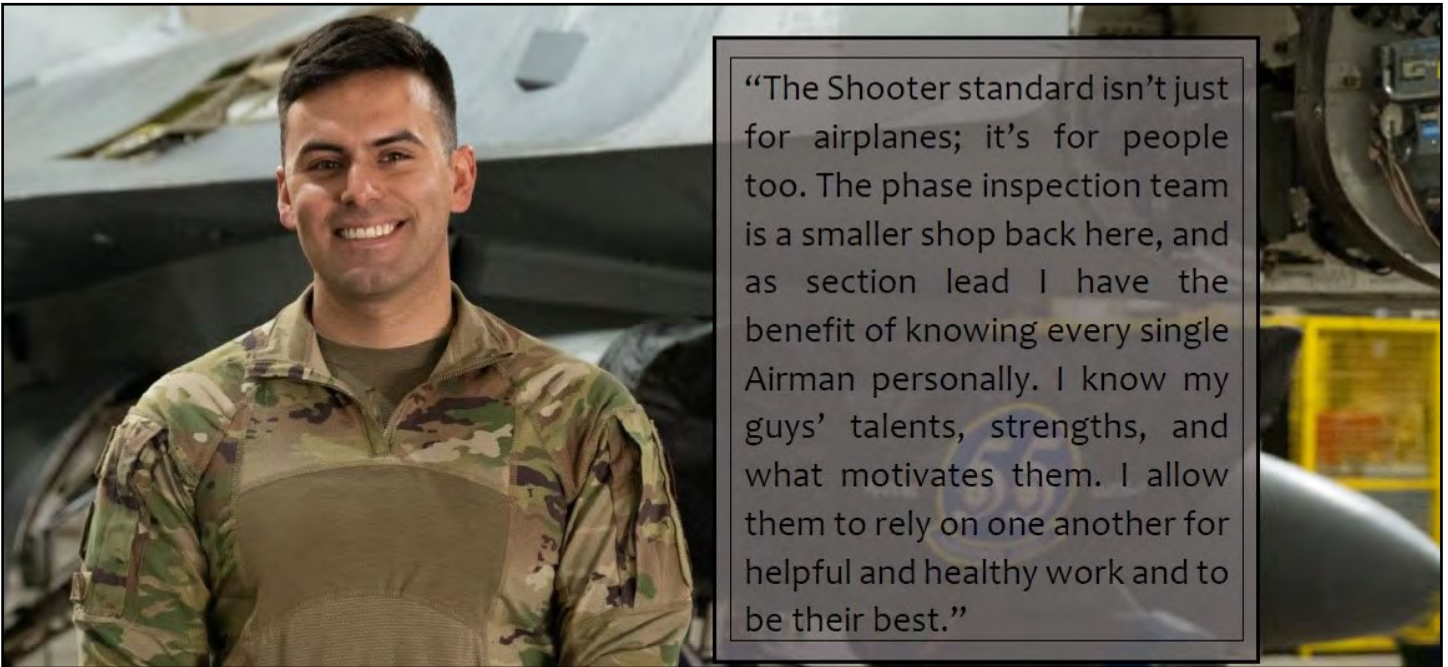
Senior Airman Gregory Moran, 361st EATKS ▼

The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's Warrior of the Week for the week of March 14, 2022, is Senior Airman Gregory Moran, 361st Expeditionary Attack Squadron MQ-9 Reaper aircraft launch and recovery sensor operator. During his time with the Red Tails Wing, Moran has completed 66 launch & recovery sorties contributing to 4,500 hours of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. Additionally, he is the squadron Resource Advisor where he manages the budget for tracking and supplying the 361st EATKS as well as the Squadron's Emergency Management representative charged with ensuring 361st EATKS Airmen are always mission-ready.



"He's an absolute professional and one of the most seasoned sensor operators here in our squadron. He teaches myself and our younger operators a lot because he's experienced. He is leader who's going above and beyond."





“The Shooter standard isn’t just for airplanes; it’s for people too. The phase inspection team is a smaller shop back here, and as section lead I have the benefit of knowing every single Airman personally. I know my guys’ talents, strengths, and what motivates them. I allow them to rely on one another for helpful and healthy work and to be their best.”

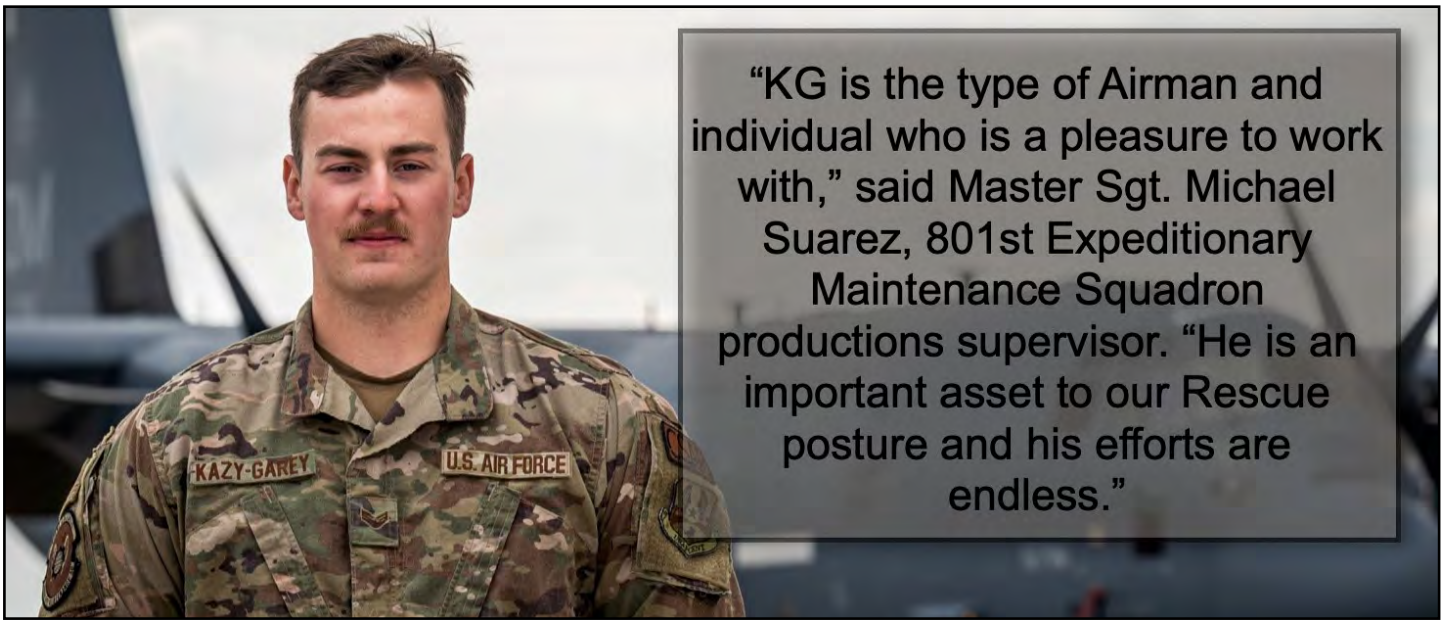
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Owens, 55 EFGS ▲

The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's Warrior of the Week for the week of March 1, 2022, is Staff Sgt. Nicholas Owens, 55th Expeditionary Fighter Generation Squadron Phase Inspection Section shift lead. Owens' team was responsible for removing and reinstalling 20 parts from an F-16 in three days without any quality assurance discrepancies, ultimately completing the aircraft phase inspection two days ahead of schedule, which returned the aircraft back to its mission of ensuring regional stability faster than anticipated.



Senior Airman Kazy-Garey, 801st EMXS

The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's Warrior of the Week for the week of March 21, 2022, is Senior Airman Michael Kazy-Garey, 801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance journeyman. Since arriving here, Kazy-Garey helped launch a lifesaving transport of an injured pararescueman. Kazy-Garey was also a member of the maintenance recovery team that performed a brake and tire change for a grounded aircraft in the U.S. Air Forces Central area of responsibility, resulting in the aircraft being fully mission capable in less than 24 hours. Furthermore, Kazy-Garey provided critical support for the repair of a Medivac HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter.



“KG is the type of Airman and individual who is a pleasure to work with,” said Master Sgt. Michael Suarez, 801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron productions supervisor. “He is an important asset to our Rescue posture and his efforts are endless.”





◀ **557th RED HORSE, PRIME BEEF**
 Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d AEW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Sean Milligan, 332d AEW command chief, visited various work sites and met team members from the 557th Expeditionary Prime BEEF and 557th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadrons to get hands-on experience and tour their facilities at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia March 12, 2022.

General, Command Chief immerse with RED HORSE, PRIME BEEF & Expeditionary Force Support Squadron Airmen



55th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron ▶

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean M. Milligan, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing command chief, visited with 332d Expeditionary Force Support Squadron Lodging Flight Airmen to get hands-on experience and tour their facilities in an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia March 26, 2022. Chief Milligan's immersion visits give him a better understanding of the unique skillsets every Airman brings to the 332d AEW Red Tail team.



Rapid Airfield Damage Recovery Exercise

By Tech. Sgt. Lauren M. Snyder, 332d AEW Public Affairs

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — The 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, responsible for base infrastructure, conducted a Rapid Airfield Damage Recovery (RADR) exercise here March 10, 2022.



This exercise tested the ability of the 332d ECES to rapidly repair runways and runway support structures to recover and resume airfield operations after it has experienced significant damage.

“The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander has spoken about flush and dispersal plans which is where we can send aircraft to other sites within the Central Command area of responsibility if given enough warning of an attack,” said Master Sgt. Wesley Ross, 332d ECES RADR Operations noncommissioned officer-in-charge. “RADR is what enables us to recover aircraft,

recover the base, and re-launch aircraft to get the fighters up in the air to address whatever threat may be in the area.”

RADR allowed the 332d ECES to practice their real-world capabilities by involving multiple squadrons from around the base and nearly every specialty within the civil engineering field. From heavy equipment operators to electricians, climate control to plumbing, explosive ordinance destruction team to pest management; everyone contributes to the essential ability to get jets and heavy aircraft back on the runway. This process enables Airmen to get a damaged airfield back up and running in a matter of hours.

“RADR is more than the airfield,” Ross said. “It’s a full-base recovery effort comprised of multiple skills throughout and fully encompassing civil engineering.”

Due to the wide range of threats, ranging from chemical and biological threats to explosives and inclement weather, Airmen must train regularly and be prepared to effectively respond and resume operations as soon as possible.



“Once EOD establishes the airfield minimum operating strip, we have our designated repair area,” said Ross. “This was the first time anyone from this rotation has worked together on RADR and they did really well; we repaired two craters for our exercise in three hours. Everyone was safe and took their time, and I was pleased with the quality of the repair especially since it was the first time. For the most part, everything went smoothly.”

Ross explained that the RADR exercise improves the wing’s ability to recover the airfield, validates emergency response actions, and demonstrates the versatility and competence of ECES as a whole.

“I understand heavy equipment capabilities, but I didn’t realize the scope of the RADR exercise,” said Senior Airman Darren Hiatt, 332d ECES heavy equipment journeyman. “It surprised me a bit with how the different skills worked in tandem to contribute to this one exercise and capability. I didn’t realize how much goes on behind the scenes with what I do and the exercise. Overall, it was a really good experience.”





February's Monthly Award Winners

Airman:

Senior Airman Brenin Haney, EMSG/ECES

NCO:

TSgt Jerry Santiago, EMSG/ECES

SNCO:

MSgt Teko Robinson, EMXG

CGO:

Capt Carlen Vician, EOG/EOSS

FGO:

Maj Celia Jarratt, 1 ERQG/26 ERQS

Team:

Quality Assurance, EMXG

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