



332d AEW

# RED TAILS ROUND UP

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332d Air Expeditionary Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft conduct aerial refueling with a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron above the Red Sea, Feb. 16, 2022. The live fly event with U.S. and regional assets, tested information distribution capabilities during a simulated unmanned aerial system threat scenario, improving collective counter-UAS capabilities and increasing theater security and stability. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jerreht Harris)

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# Red Tail legacy empowers diversity

By Lt. Col. Prichard Keely, 332d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

**332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING** — The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing has a neighborhood feel that keeps people smiling throughout the day and cherishing memories of their time here.

As current day Red Tails, we strive to practice radical inclusion – the intentional inclusion of people from all walks of life. However, this was not the case for the society from which the 332d Fighter Group was formed at Moton Field, Alabama.

The Tuskegee Airmen there faced challenges at every corner. They were given outdated and broken aircraft, forced into segregated training, and prevented from fighting in the initial stages of the European theater. However, even in the midst of hatred and segregation they focused on the mission. They knew that no matter the color or creed of the Airmen flying on their wing, they must get them to the target.

Much like the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, it is the mission that brings us together. In a society fractured into factions, we have been brought together by our duty to protect our Area of Responsibility. The differences that can divide society are the greatest strengths for Red Tails. The various backgrounds, upbringings, and traditions from our racial and ethnic dissimilarities help us view problems from different paradigms. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Charles Brown, implores us to Accelerate Change or Lose. This cannot be done if we only look at our problems from the same set of experiences and bias. Our diversity is our greatest ally when fighting close-minded enemies.

We must take time to learn about the members of our neighborhood. One of the best ways to carry on the Red Tail standard of acceptance and understanding is to stay curious about people and cultures different from our own. Slow down and take time to recognize and reflect on diversity within your daily routines. This can be differences in race, gender, age, socioeconomics, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or religion. We must acknowledge our own, unintentional, blinders to keep our wing inclusive. Do this by spending time with people outside of our workplace or friend group. Give yourself extra time to stop throughout your daily travel to really get to know where others come from – not just in geography but the fabric of their history.

Our amazing wing is full of vibrant and diverse heritage, culture and values in both our civilian and military members. This melting pot of diversity weaves us into an inseparable and unstoppable Red Tail team.

Thank you for holding a high standard of inclusion and staying curious about the diverse group of people we proudly call Red Tails. The 332d AEW has a neighborhood feel that keeps people smiling throughout the day and cherishing memories of their time here.



# Dining Facility reopens after renovations

The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing completed its multi-phase dining facility renovation to extend its durability today.

“Along with supporting the longevity of the facility, the renovation modernized the structures and HVAC system to improve the health and safety for customers, ensuring we take care of our warfighters,” said Master Sgt. David Moreno, 332d Expeditionary Force Support Squadron sustainment services superintendent.



The multifaceted, three-phase project was organized by the 332d EFSS in conjunction with the 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and benefits approximately 4,000 diners a day.

“The first phase was the roof work itself,” said JaNeen Newman, 332d EFSS site manager. “The second phase focused on the dining portion of the ductwork, which prompted us to move the dining room into an overflow tent and serve from there.”

Newman went on to explain that the final phase involved closing the main kitchen which required moving all cooking functions to the flight kitchen on the other side of the installation.

“The main dining facility typically feeds about 2,500 people a day,” she said. “Whereas the flight kitchen feeds around 1,500 a day so that kitchen has been handling an extra 53% their normal capacity during this last phase of renovation.”



Along with facility improvements, 332d AEW Airmen can also expect more variety now that the dining facilities have resumed normal operations.

“We’ll go back to our Monday through Friday schedule of different meal themes for each day,” said Newman. “We’re opening with a Mongolian night on the 10th. Some highlighted days we do a signature build-your-own-burger that’s a lot of fun, and days with local fare. There are quite a few things that we have to offer.”

In addition to the extended climate-control ducting, roof improvements and a fresh coat of paint, there are also new, hand-painted murals.

“It’s a beautiful thing to see the dining facility finally come all together,” said Megan Kearney, 332d EFSS Red Tail Dining Facility shift lead. “It feels like a miracle with how much work was put into it through the last days of the renovation. This is an essential service, though. Food brings us together a little bit so that we’re recharged and ready to go back to work full speed.”

The 332d EFSS supports food service and lodging activities, recreation and physical fitness programs, laundry, linen exchange, postal services, education and learning resources, mortuary affairs activities, and personnel support for contingency operations.



# EFSS Supports Super Bowl LVI



# Maintainers refuel multiple aircraft



332d Air Expeditionary Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft maintainers recently epitomized the Multi-Capable Airman concept by refueling a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft during a hot-pit exercise in Southwest Asia, Feb. 5, 2022. While Air Force aircraft maintainers traditionally focus on mastering the maintenance of one specific aircraft, these Airmen employed their new skills to hot-pit refuel a 384th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron Stratotanker from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

“A regular refuel requires a shutdown, but a hot pit refuel leaves one engine running,” said Master Sgt. Tracy Curry, 384th EARS maintenance flight chief. “It saves a lot of time and enables them to complete more missions with limited support maintenance personnel needed. This extends refueling capabilities and airpower in the region.”

The F-16 crew chiefs visited the 384th EARS in Incirlik for a week, learning procedures in daily classroom lessons and KC-135 hot pit refuels to build experience and qualifications, explained Curry.

“Part of the agile combat employment strategy is optimizing the ability to move fighters around the theater, but you can't have fighter operations without gas,” said Col. Brian T. Stahl, 332d Expeditionary Operations Group commander. “These crew chiefs are an example of multi-capable Airmen because now I can have an F-16 crew refuel the refueler.”



The KC-135, used to refuel military aircraft midair, is more than twice as long and five times as heavy as an F-16. These 332d AEW Airmen were the first trained in the wing for this cross-aircraft refueling capability.

“In the rare case a KC-135 has to divert, having this crew qualified to refuel shows how refueling capabilities can be extended,” said Curry.



The 384th EARS commander challenged the refueling crews to accomplish three hot-pit refuels as part of their training. F-16 crew chiefs helping expedite the process show how efficient everybody can be together, Stahl explained.

The U.S. Air Force routinely flies a variety of aircraft and units throughout the Middle East. These dynamic deployments represent the U.S. commitment to allies and enhanced regional security.



## February'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.

"Supporting the 332d AEW is a great opportunity because it reminds me of why what I do is important," said Graham. "It feels good to just be a part of a team and be right here on the front line. As a supply troop, I don't usually get to see the impact of our job firsthand but now I can immediately see the importance of what I do for the big picture."



### ▲ 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group

1st Expeditionary Rescue Group's Warrior of the Week for the week of Feb. 6, 2022, is Staff Sgt. Ashlee Graham, 801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Mission Readiness Spares supply technician. Within 10-days of her arrival to the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Graham had coordinated with the 386th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, for the delivery of a replacement HC-130J propeller. She also expedited the inventory of approximately 8,000 items for the 801st EMXS Mobility Readiness Spares and Parts kit within three days.

### 332d Air Expeditionary Wing ▼

332d Air Expeditionary Wing Warrior of the Week for the week of Feb. 20, 2022 is Tech. Sgt. Brandy M. Brown, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Religious Affairs Airman. Tech. Sgt. Brown is the non-commissioned officer-in-charge of chapel operations and is responsible for the volunteer program. She is responsible for advertising and training volunteers for the Airmen Ministry Center, the OASIS. In this responsibility she also manages the care package to ensure adequate supplies are available to Airmen.

"Being chosen as the Warrior of the Week has shown me that all of the hard work and long hours don't go in vain to ensure our Red Tails have a place to come re-charge for the next mission ahead."





“I feel like my role in the Red Tail mission is very important. As aircrew flight equipment journeymen, my teammates and I are constantly checking and repairing our Aircrew’s equipment. Our priorities are to ensure aircrew equipment is in working order and help with getting them back home safe.”

## 332d Expeditionary Operations Group ▲

55th Expeditionary Operations Group’s Warrior of the Week for the week of Jan. 30, 2022 is Senior Airman Jagan M. Hayes, 55th Fighter Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman. Hayes is responsible for the maintenance and safety of flight equipment and runs the composite tool kit and precision measurement equipment laboratory programs.

## ▼ 332d Expeditionary Mission Support Group

332d Expeditionary Mission Support Group’s Warrior of the Week for the week of Feb. 21, 2022, is Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Hamilton, 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Response Training & Readiness noncommissioned officer in charge. Hamilton was selected as the Warrior of the Week after providing training on emergency response as the Program Manager for the installation’s bunker program to more than 350 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen and is the lead coordinator for weekly Civil Engineer rapid airfield damage recovery exercises.



“Jeremy is a Red Tail and teammate from top to bottom, who absolutely wants to leave the unit better than he found it. He’s committed to his goals for his team and himself. I see an Airman who is squeezing every bit of goodness out of a deployment, and we’re honored to have him.”



# Fire Department holds emergency response F-16 pilot egress exercise

The 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department exercised their emergency response procedures for the F-16 Fighting Falcon here, Feb. 18 and 19, 2022.

This pilot egress-focused training enabled firefighters to complete multiple continuing education units while honing the skills necessary to save lives and support military installations.

“This exercise knocked out over 50 CEUs for our firefighters,” said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Cappel, 332d ECES Fire Department Assistant Chief of Training. “Our preparation for responding to an event like this has been successful because every training unit was accomplished correctly and within time limits. They sharpened their aircraft firefighting skills and gained valuable experience in extricating a live pilot during an emergency.”



Egress is the ability of a pilot to survive and separate from the aircraft when something goes wrong. This simulation required the fire department to rescue a fighter pilot incapacitated with smoke in his aircraft, under threat of possible erupting flames and live munitions.

The 322d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department provides base fire prevention and protection and works in a multilateral environment, training with partners on multiple types of emergencies and aircraft.

## Valentines Day Munitions Drop



332d Air Expeditionary Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft dropped munitions at an isolated range during a training exercise in Southwest Asia Feb. 14, 2022. These training events are accomplished to maintain pilot proficiency with various munition deliveries because the F-16 employs a multitude of munitions.

The F-16 is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft that delivers airpower to the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility.





# Counter Small Unmanned Aircraft System Exercise



Members from 332d Expeditionary Fire Department, Security Forces and Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams conducted a readiness exercise in accordance to Department of Defense counter unmanned aircraft system strategy in Southwest Asia Feb. 12, 2022.

The lead from the fire department established the incident command center and took point on communication with team leads from security forces and explosive ordnance disposal being the subject matter experts. Together they create a plan, coordinate efforts to mitigate the emergency. Training exercises like these test tactics, techniques and practices to ensure base security for any possible threats.

## ARC advisors visit 332d AEW

Colonel Amy Boehle, Senior Air Reserve Component advisor for Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central), and Lt. Col. W. Sterling Anderson II, Deputy ARC advisor, brief 332d Air Expeditionary Wing's Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen in Southwest Asia Feb. 16, 2022. The advisors held three briefings



focused on specific processes, benefits and entitlements available to ARC Airmen. ARC advisors are responsible for advising commanders and staff on Reserve and Guard related issues and advocating for deployed ARC personnel. They visit locations throughout the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility where ARC members are serving to provide in-depth briefings, provide insights and answer questions. Over 21% of the 332d AEW's members are ARC Airmen.

The 332d AEW, headquartered in an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, has a wide array of combat Air Force capabilities including Precision strike, Aerial refueling, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, space, and Combat Search and Rescue in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. The five groups that make up the wing are comprised of total force Airmen who operate across three different countries.





## ◀ 332d Expeditionary Medical Group

332d Air Expeditionary Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Sean M. Milligan, visited with 332d Expeditionary Medical Group Airmen here in Southwest Asia Feb. 26, 2022. These immersion visits give him a better understanding of the unique skillsets every Airman brings to the 332d AEW Red Tail team.

## General, Chief immerse with AFE, EMDG Airmen



## 55th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment ▶

Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d AEW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Sean M. Milligan, 332d AEW Wing command chief, visited the 55th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron aircrew flight equipment shop in Southwest Asia Feb. 12, 2022. These immersion visits give leadership a better understanding of the unique skillsets every Airman brings to the 332d AEW Red Tail team.



# Mobile Aircraft Arresting System Certification



332d Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Power Production Airmen performed an aircraft arresting system certification Feb. 24 here. This annual aircraft arresting system certification for the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft tests the stability of the Mobile Aircraft Arresting System barrier which acts as a braking system to safely slow F-16s during emergency landing or if aborted during takeoff conditions through the use of a retractable tail-hook catching cable.



“If the system has not had an emergency arrestment within a 12-month time frame, a certification engagement is required to ensure the integrity of the braking

system,” Tech. Sgt. Eric Erquiza, 332d ECES, explained.

The aircraft arresting system uses a 1 ¼ inch diameter pendant cable which is supported by six inch cable support disks. The cable runs the width of the runway and is then attached to nylon purchase tapes. The system has a runout of 1200 feet and can stop a jet traveling up to 220 mph. The Power Production team raises and lowers the cable as directed by the Air Traffic Controllers.



The 332d AEW has a wide array of combat Air Force capabilities including Precision strike, Aerial refueling, and Combat Search and Rescue. The wing’s warfighters, which generate, execute and sustain combat airpower in support of U.S. Air Forces Central and CENTCOM Commanders, seize combat initiative by, with, and through mission partners – building on the Red Tail legacy of excellence.





## January's Monthly Award Winners

### Airman:

A1C Havea Langi, 332d AEW/CP

### NCO:

TSgt Kayleigh Jones, 46 ERQS

### SNCO:

MSgt Sean Tuttle, 332d EMSG/ELRS

### CGO:

Capt Connor Colas, 332d EOG

### FGO:

Maj Corey Carnes, 332d EMDG

### Team:

Counter ISIS Team -  
CIC/55 EFGS Weapons Section/55 EFS Weapons,  
332d EOG

## 9 AF (AFCENT) FY22 1st Qtr Safety Award Winners

### Crew Chief Safety Award

SSgt Savanna Huntzinger, 55 EFGS

### Explosives Safety Award

55 EFGS Team: MSgt Cassandra Moore, SSgt Avary  
Kemp, SrA Joshua Chantharathy, A1C Calease  
Brown, 55 EFGS

### Flight Line Safety Award

747 Mishap Response Team: ECES, ELRS, EMXG,  
EOSS, ESFS, WSA (CP/PA/SE)

### Flight Safety Award

Maj Tyler Hanrion, Capt Keene Nettles, MSgt Jere-  
my Burch, and Mr. Matthew Miller, 332 AEW/SE

### Pilot Safety Award

Maj Dustin Nordman, 384 EARS

## Combat King sustains airpower

A 332d AEW HC-130J Combat King II performed night-time Helicopter Air-to-Air Refuel (HAAR) in Southwest Asia Feb. 14, 20022. The Combat King II is the only Air Force dedicated fixed-wing personnel recovery platform; its mission comprises of personal recovery in both combat and peace-time environments, helicopter air-to-air refueling, airdrop, humanitarian aid and disaster relief. The HC-130J is a valued resource to advance interoperability and increase partner capacity used in planning and executing complex training missions with combined and joint partners.

