



332d AEW

RED TAILS ROUND UP

June 2022



A 332d Air Expeditionary Wing HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter receives fuel from an HC-130J Combat King II aircraft, also assigned to the 332d AEW, in Southwest Asia, June 12, 2022. The primary mission of the Pave Hawk is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during conflict. The HH-60G is also tasked to perform military operations other than conflict, including civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, security cooperation/aviation advisory, NASA space flight support, and rescue command and control. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Parr)

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Juneteenth: the last vestige of slavery ends

BREMERTON, Wash. (AFNS) -- Juneteenth will be celebrated as a federal holiday June 20, 2022, after becoming an official holiday in 2021 by an executive order from President Joe Biden.

Juneteenth honors the date, June 19, 1865, when the last Confederate community of enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, received word that they had been freed from bondage. Union General Gordon Granger led the unit in Galveston who would ensure the proclamation was enforced.

In the years before Granger's landing, news of the proclamation was slow to reach Texas, and did not reach some quarters at all. In other places, the news was hidden by slaveholders to preserve slavery.

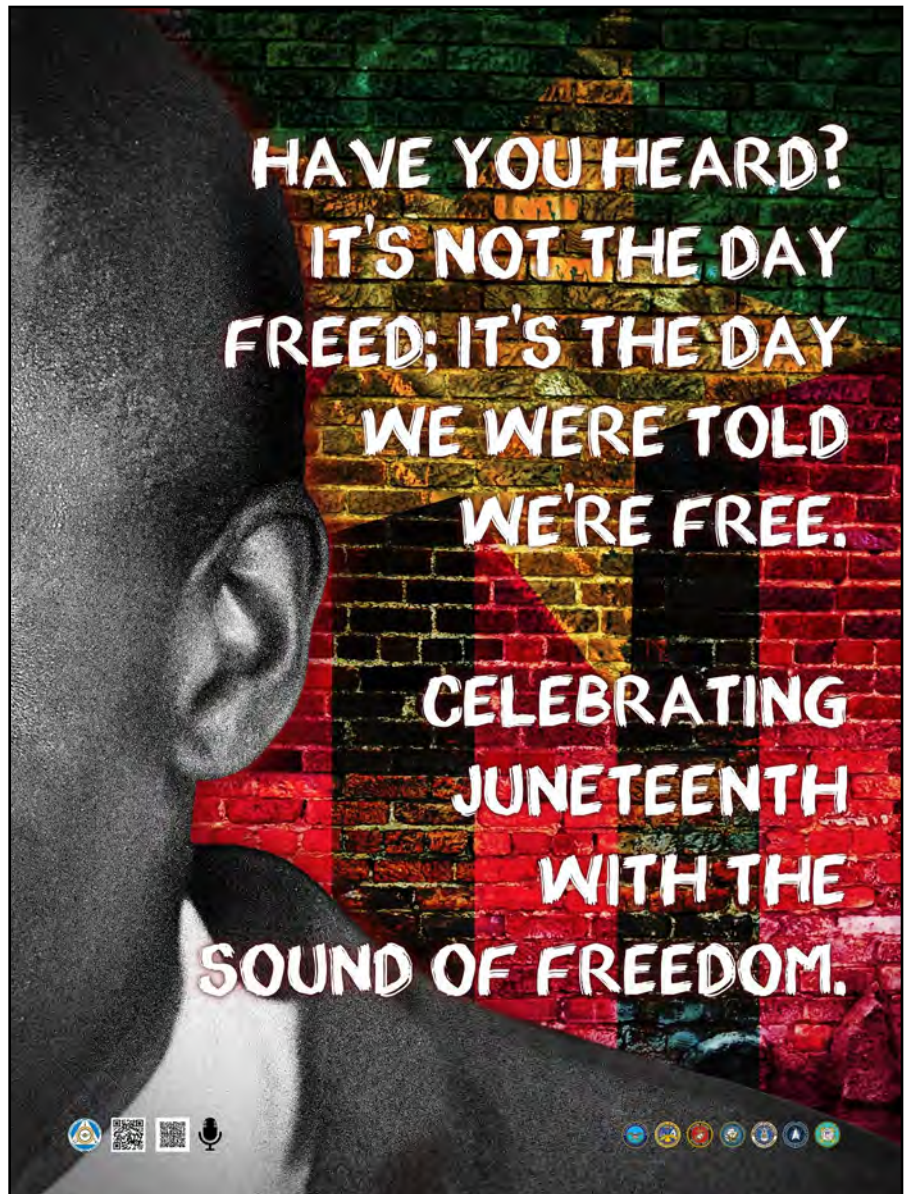
While the Emancipation Proclamation had freed enslaved people more than two years prior, it wasn't until the end of the Civil War that Union troops had the strength to enforce General Order No. 3 in the once Confederate states.

The Reformation Amendments that followed further expanded the freedoms and rights of African Americans. The 13th Amendment ended slavery in all states; the 14th Amendment provided citizenship, due process and equal protection; and the 15th Amendment provided the opportunity to vote and hold office.

But Juneteenth always held a sacred space for those who had endured the horrors of slavery and racism. Many formerly enslaved African Americans and their descendants continued to celebrate Juneteenth in Texas—sometimes making pilgrimages to Galveston in honor of the day.

Juneteenth has been an official holiday in Texas since 1980.

In President Biden's proclamation of the official federal holiday he wrote, "In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans...A day in which we remember the moral stain and terrible toll of slavery on our country—what I've long called America's original sin. A long legacy of systemic racism, inequality, and inhumanity. But it is a day that also reminds us of our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve."



332d Civil Engineers Squadron—Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron guidon with Lt. Col. Sean Chun, 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 2, 2022.

332d Expeditionary Communications Squadron— Change of Command



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332d ELRS Aerial Port moves Wing's mission



332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — Everything that comes in and out of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing on an aircraft is processed by the 332d Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Aerial Port section.

The different flights within Aerial Port, such as the Air Terminal Operation Center, load planning, ramp, cargo, and passenger services, work in concert to coordinate movement of aircraft, passengers, equipment, and everything else requiring air travel.

“ATOC is the brains of Aerial Port,” said Technical Sgt. Gilbert Carrera, 332d ELRS ATOC information controller. “Whenever the airport needs something, they call us and we coordinate to direct the information, track communication and inform leadership about what we're doing.”

Every flight in or out of the 332d AEW requires extensive coordination. For example, some flight plans can take weeks to fully and accurately arrange.

“When a shipper wants to bring something in, they go through cargo,” said Staff Sgt. Macrino Diaz, 332d ELRS passenger services lead. “If it's a special type of cargo, the shipper goes to special handling. Cargo and special handling inspect the cargo and the cargo team builds the pallet. Load planners inspect the pallet, checking that weights and labels are correct to make a load plan to see where the pallets go on the aircraft. Once that's all approved the plan goes to ATOC, who disseminates the information. ATOC then gives the info to the ramp team so they have the cargo sequences loaded, ensuring everything goes on in the right order. Passenger services does something similar to move people. Last, we let ATOC know the times and they forward that information. All of these sections work diligently to ensure seamless operations.”

Every section of Aerial Port performs a vital role in providing the wing with air transportation, which allows the 332d AEW to maintain its role of providing regional security throughout the area of responsibility.

“We all work in line with each other,” said Technical Sgt. Jason Dixon, 332d ELRS Aerial Port supervisor. “We have our maneuverers, processors, coordinators, and inspectors. ATOC collects and disseminates all that information so that everyone will know and can do what they need to.”

The 332d ELRS provides sustainment operations that enable the 332d AEW to conduct its mission to generate, execute, and sustain combat airpower.

“Everybody knows their job, so we all work together seamlessly,” said Technical Sgt. Freddy Torres, 332d ELRS special handling and joint inspection noncommissioned officer in charge. “There's a ton of coordination and many checks-and-balances to make sure everything on a flight is good. We have our different sections but at the end of the day, we all have the same mission: to put cargo and people on aircraft or take them off aircraft safely.”



332d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron — Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron guidon with Lt. Col. James A. Harris, 332d OSS incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 4, 2022.

332d Expeditionary Contracting Squadron — Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Contracting Squadron guidon with Major Daniel P. Monroe, 332d ECONS incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 4, 2022.



Acts of courage fuel change

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — The 332d Air Expeditionary Wing Sexual Assault and Prevention and Response team recently began hosting a series of conversations bringing awareness to the Department of Defense’s Men’s SAPR campaign.

According to the DoD, the Men’s SAPR Campaign is an initiative that was developed from the 2016 “Plan to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Assault of Military Men” and focuses on sexual assault experienced by male service members. Its aim is to address the personal impact and negative effects on readiness and unit cohesion when sexual assaults occur. The campaign also provides vital education and access to important resources for both SAPR professionals and victims of sexual assault.

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“This is to discuss items and topics that people may be unaware of or topics that need to be addressed because of rising trends,” said Staff Sgt. Kory Talbert, 332d AEW SAPR victim advocate. “So with this conversation method in mind, we decided to create a monthly topic to focus on, allowing people to attend and then voice what they would like to hear about.”

The goal for this conversation-based campaign is to increase awareness, education, and empathy but goes further than that.

“The tagline ‘courage to report fuels change’ is spot on but it’s also more than that,” Talbert explained. “When it comes to sexual assault, it’s not about reporting and trying to pin perpetrators for their crimes. It is about the victim taking power and control back. At the root of any SA, the victim’s power, dignity, control, and peace have been ripped away, broken down, or shattered. Coming forward to seek help, guidance, or mentorship, especially as a male where society almost mocks men for doing this, takes an extreme amount of courage and bravery.”

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The campaign acknowledges that coping with and surviving the aftermath of sexual assault takes immense courage.



332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron — Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron guidon with Major Dexter R. Binion, 332d ESFS incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 11, 2022.

332d Expeditionary Medical Squadron — Assumption of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Medical Squadron guidon with Colonel Charles Moniz, 332d EMS incoming commander, during an assumption of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 24, 2022.



Mental Fortitude — Sexual Assault survivor overcomes trauma

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332d Expeditionary Force Support Squadron — Assumption of Command



Colonel David Och, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing deputy commander, exchanges the 332d Expeditionary Force Support Squadron guidon with Major Steven Deal, 332d EFSS incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 27, 2022.

On approach



Sergeant Mike Conway, 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, joint terminal attack controller, watches as a U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle approaches at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 14, 2022.



Joint effort expands runway capabilities

332D AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING — Flight operations at the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing will expand as the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group completes a runway project later this month.



The runway extension, or overrun, will better accommodate aircraft take-off and landing operations and provide extended mission capabilities for the 332d AEW by replacing the non-load-bearing surface and providing improved capabilities in the event of an emergency takeoff or landing.

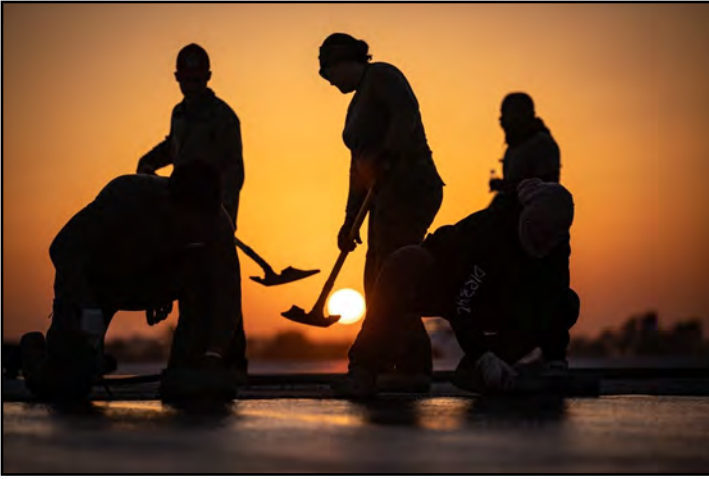
The 1st ECEG provides theater-wide engineering technical services and agile engineer forces in both developed and austere environments across the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility. The group engineers combat airpower and establishes and sustains combat platforms for USCENTCOM and other joint forces.

“The 1st ECEG builds warfighting platforms and delivers emergency response capabilities,” said Col. Clifford Theony, 1st ECEG commander. “The overrun repair project here is an important part of our mission.”

The 1st ECEG capabilities are executed by two squadrons: a Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron and a Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force Squadron. Often RED HORSE and Prime BEEF work separately, both with different primary roles, but are working in unison to complete this project because its scope requires skillsets from both units.

The 577th Expeditionary RED HORSE is typically responsible for full building or large airfield construction. The 577th Expeditionary Prime BEEF handles all special capabilities as well as provides a mobile construction force to backfill requirements of main base civil engineer units.





“My job is to provide the right Airman, right tools, and the right materials at the right place and time, moving Airman all around the AOR to accomplish the mission and have this project ready by the June 30th deadline,” said Theony. “I am impressed with the coordination between the units to form one team and execute the mission safely. It’s a commander’s dream.”

This disparate group of Airmen were brought together from across the AOR and executed their schedule at an astounding pace Maj. William Kenny, 557th ERHS site officer in charge, remarked. Due to its time-sensitive nature, the two squadrons combined to ensure this project stayed on course, he added.

“In my 14 years in the Air Force with three RED HORSE deployments, I’ve never seen or even imagined the two squadrons could work as closely and as well as this team did,” said Kenny. “This combined teamwork made the project successful, no question about it.”

The aggressive timeline for project completion required continuous operations with one crew placing the concrete at night and another setting the forms for the next pour during the day. This allowed for a reduction of three months from the initial proposed schedule and the project is on track to fall under the original budget. “This project will set the benchmark for what fully-integrated group projects should be,” added Kenny.

The lessons learned here will have a lasting impact on how Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel integrate into future, large-scale rapid building projects across the globe.



801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron — Change of Command



Colonel Charles Bris-Bois, 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group commander, exchanges the 801st Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron guidon with Maj. Eric Cranford, 801st EMXS incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 30, 2022.

1st Expeditionary Rescue Group — Change of Command



Brig. Gen. Christopher Sage, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing commander, exchanges the 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group guidon with Col. Chad Kohout, 1st ERQG incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, June 30, 2022.





May's Monthly Award Winners

Airman:

Airman First Class Havea Langi, Special Staff

Noncommissioned Officer:

Staff Sgt. Darian Mauricio, ECES

Senior Noncommissioned Officer:

Master Sgt. Ian Money, A5

Company Grade Officer:

Captain Garret Smith, EFGS

Field Grade Officer:

Major Elbert Chan, D5

Team:

Electrical Power Team, ECES

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