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'Witch Doctors' go fishing at Lake Yajoa

By Lt. Dwayne McJunkins

United States Army Air Ambulance Detachment

The United States Army Air Ambulance Detachment (Honduras), Central American's lone MEDEVAC, conducted live hoist proficiency training over the waters of Lake Yajoa, Sept. 17.

USAAAD, the "Witch Doctors" as they are commonly known on the flight line, is a four-helicopter MEDEVAC detachment attached to the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment. The unit is composed of eight aviators, six flight medics and six crew chiefs who provide 24-hour MEDEVAC coverage for the air base and military units throughout Central and South America.

The unit recently deployed two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to Lake Yajoa for over water rescue training. During the exercise, a flight medic was lowered 70 feet by rescue hoist from the aircraft to the water with a horse collar that was used to rescue a simulated casualty. The flight medic and patient were then hoisted into the aircraft and taken to the shoreline.

Rescue hoist missions over open water are delicate operations where exact communication and crew coordination between the crew chief, flight medic and the pilots is a must for a successful mission.

Teamwork and communication are vital during over-water operations because the pilots lack visual references that help them to hold a stationary hover over the patient. Winds, water spray and low visibility also compound this difficult task. Rotor wash will also cause the patient to drift away from the helicopter during the rescue. The crew chief must verbally guide the pilots directly over the casualty so the flight medic can place a flotation collar around the casualty. Once inside the collar, the crew chief can raise the medic and casualty into the aircraft.

All aircrew members must be thoroughly trained and evaluated on rescue-hoist operations before being designated as a fully-mission-capable crewmember on MEDEVAC flight crew.

Rescue hoist training culminates when the MEDEVAC crew conducts a rescue hoist mission with a crewmember on the aircraft's jungle penetrator. The jungle penetrator is a bullet-shaped device with fold out seats that is lowered through the trees to extract personnel from a confined area where there isn't enough room for a helicopter to land. The crew chief must once again control the hoist and verbally guide the pilots directly over the confined area. Additionally, they help the pilots maintain their position by announcing aircraft drift so the crewmember on the hoist does not become injured or entangled in the canopy of trees below.

The whole process can require the helicopter to hover over one spot for up to ten minutes depending on illumination, winds, and environmental conditions.

Rescue hoist operations can be very stressful and potentially dangerous. Excellent coordination between the pilots and the crewmembers assures the successful completion of this task in even the worst conditions.

The most recent real-world hoist mission for USAAAD happened in April dur-



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer David Stumph

A USAAAD MEDEVAC UH-60 Black Hawk trains for an over-water rescue hoist at Lake Yajoa.

ing a Central Skies drug interdiction mission in Costa Rica. A Costa Rican police officer was knocked unconscious and broke several ribs when a large tree limb fell on him. There was no suitable landing zone available; so, the Witch doctor aircrew hoisted their flight medic down through an opening in the trees to the ground. On the ground, he assessed the casualty and prepared him for extraction. During the rescue operation, a second police officer severely cut the back of his hand with a machete and was also hoisted to the aircraft.

Completing the mission required the crew chief to hoist up the first patient in a litter, secure him in the aircraft, hoist up the medical gear, and finally bring up the other casualty and the medic using the jungle penetrator. The pickup alone required the pilots, with the crew chief's guidance, to hover low over triple canopy jungle for approximately 20 minutes with limited visual references. The patients were transported to a hospital in Limon, Costa Rica for more definitive care. If the police officer had not been air transported from the jungle environment, he might not have survived.

Missions requiring a rescue hoist are generally rare. However, due to the sometimes-inaccessible terrain and triple canopy jungle in Central America, rescue hoist capability and competent crewmembers are a must for mission success. Tough, realistic training is essential to perform these types of rescues. The next training challenge for USAAAD will be to certify its crewmembers on over water hoist operations while using night vision goggles, but the Witch Doctor's are up to the task.



photo by Spc. George Kyriakeas

Brenda Jaqylin Vanegas, 5, gets help from her mother, Angela Adriana Vanegas, as she eats some cake JSF brought to CASAYUDA Tuesday.

JSF makes new friends at CASAYUDA

By Spc. George Kyriakeas

Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

Bearing cake and soda, 13 members of Joint Security Forces paid a visit to CASAYUDA Help Center for the Disabled Child and Young Adult in Comayagua Tuesday.

Members of JSF have met with the school director Nelly Zelaya several times over the past two weeks, but Tuesday's visit marked the first time they went to the school as a unit, said Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Williams, senior enlisted advisor for JSF.

CASAYUDA has been teaching disabled and handicapped students for four years in Comayagua and two years

in their current schoolhouse, said Zelaya. Until the Honduran government started providing 50 percent of their budget in July, they relied on donations to survive and their staff of six teachers volunteered their time with the students. While the funds from the government have helped and their teachers now draw a salary, the center still has a laundry list of items it urgently needs – enter JSF.

From educational supplies, sports equipment, food and medicine to repairing the street leading into the center and repairing its electrical system, JSF has agreed to help in a myriad of ways, said Williams.

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Commanders Corner

Areas of Improvement

By Lt. Col. Thomas Dean
AFFOR Commander

If you're a member of the 612th Air Base Squadron (AFFOR), you most likely have heard me express my desire for you to improve yourself during your time here in Soto Cano. I tell this to the new troops during my newcomer's brief, I talk about it at all of our commander's calls and took the time to write it down on the AFFOR commander's philosophy memo for the troops. Now I would like to take a moment and use this medium to tell all the airmen and soldiers here at Soto Cano what I mean.

Throughout our careers and time in service we have heard the words Duty, Honor, Country. These are important words used to express commitment to our nation and to our respective service; and how you should act towards the mission at hand. I would like to talk

about your commitment to yourself and to your families at home. Call it personal growth.

We all have a requirement to accomplish the mission, take care of ourselves, and take care of our families at home. To do this, I ask AFFOR personnel to work on three areas of personal growth while stationed here at Soto Cano— physical, emotional and spiritual.

Physical – some stationed here are physically fit, while others are out of shape. Some hit the gym, some jog or bike, and others lounge around their room channel surfing during their off time. What I am suggesting is no matter what your physical statute is, challenge yourself to improve during your time here. The operation tempo here is such that we all have free time on our hands— use it wisely. Set a personal goal; lose weight, lift more, run faster, trim fat; we all have room for improvement. Start with small goals if you need, then adjust them as you improve. (Please consult MEDEL if you're out of shape). Don't wait until New Year's to

come up with a resolution, set it now and go do it!

Emotional – no single personal feeling can make your day or ruin someone else's. You need to be on top of your game, your coworkers do too, and if you have a family back home, they also need you emotionally sound. There are multiple ways to stay emotionally fit. We have a very generous phone call policy here, 30 minutes a day, not to exceed 90 minutes a week. Use those minutes to talk with loved ones, stay in touch with family and friends, or connect with an old buddy. Don't abuse, but use what we have. The same can be said for e-mail and on-line chatting after duty hours. Your emotions are directly connected to knowledge of what is happening with family and friends back home. We also have a wonderful MWR program here—get out and see the country and people. Make sure you're utilizing all the quality of life initiatives available to you. You earn

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The Chaplain's Corner

SUBSTANCE, SUPPLENESS, AND STRENGTH

By Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick R. Basal
JTF-Bravo Chaplain

Over the last several months I have watched the soldiers and airman of Joint Task Force Bravo, brave the sun and heat, and battle the wind and rain. Ever so vigilant, ever so enduring. Always exhibiting that "can do" spirit. The work has been hard, long and tiring, the heat has been unrelenting, but yet, as soldiers often do, we make the best of a situation and complete the mission.

It is during hard times such as this that God molds us for his divine intentions. In the Old Testament book of Jeremiah 18: 1-6, God used the image of a potter shaping and reshaping the clay until it became a worthy vessel. "Just like the clay in the potter's hands, so are you in my hand," says the Lord. God is shaping us through what we endure and go through to become a person of character. In-order to shape us He has to prepare us by giving us substance.

Clay has to be prepared in order to use it. You cannot just use any clay that is not prepared, otherwise it will not hold up and will crumble. Clay is prepared by grinding up Granite or Flint into a powder and adding it into the clay, this will give it substance. We are made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, He has given us certain qualities or characteristics to hold us together in times of struggle. They are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

We not only need to be prepared with substances, we need to be flexible and pliable enough to be shaped. We need to be supple and humble enough to submit to His will. God will then mold and remold us until we are fit for His use. It is through the discipline of life... by warnings and reproofs, by failures and disappointments, by prosperity and success, by sickness and health, by every opportunity He will educate and teach us to know and do His will. But in-

order for us to learn through the disciplines of life we must yield to the power and authority of God. That is sometimes the hardest thing for us to do.

The Cavalry has always needed the Blacksmith and his forge to keep their horses shod. In-order for the smith to make the horse shoes, he takes long iron rods and heats them in the forge until they are so hot they glow. He then places the end of the rod on the anvil and starts to pound it with a hammer to shape it. If there is pig-iron in the metal rod it will not bend or flatten out, it will break instead. Pig-iron is the impure substances in iron that were not removed when the rod was formed.

The smith will discard the rod into a bin with other pig-iron rods, when he has collected enough he will melt down the discarded rods. The true iron will melt and be drained off, while the foreign metal, the pig-iron sinks to the bottom of the vat. That pig-iron is the stubborn metals that do not bend or shape, and they must be discarded.

We do not want God to discard us like the pig-iron, unwilling to yield to his authority. Become supple and flexible enough to allow God to shape you for His purpose. But, know that God will also give you the strength to carry out His intentions. Like the clay after it has been shaped and dried, it is placed into a kiln and heated until it reaches 1400c, the process is a slow one where the heat is gradually increased.

Firing the clay vessel makes it firm and gives it strength. God strengthens us by firing, giving us moral courage, endurance, and firmness so that we will be able to make it in our everyday life. I have been watching many of you become soldiers who are made of substance, who are supple enough to be used and have the strength to endure all things. Keep it up.

PAX DOMINE
(The Peace of the Lord)

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Deployment effects may linger after your return home

By Pfc. Brian Trapp
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Fort BENNING, Ga. (Army News Service)—A deployment's strain on a relationship doesn't end when the soldiers come home. Stresses of readjustment to family life can be tough on a family, too.

"While on a real-world deployment, soldiers deal with stresses of the unknown, being away from their family, and there is a 'no-kidding' life and death struggle," said Lt. Col. John C. Chin, Ph.D., command psychologist, who has worked with special operations the majority of his career.

"When soldiers get a sense of mortality, it wakes them up, and they realize it's their family and children who matter the most," he said. "If they maintain a solid foundation in those areas, it makes for a better life."

There are more concerns for younger marriages, Chin said. Spouses are faced with new challenges, like financial and child care concerns and become more independent and may feel contempt for the returning soldier for taking some of their independence.

During redeployment, family members typically deal with conflicting emotions. There is the excitement that the soldier is coming home. On the other hand, there is some apprehension, according to the Department of the Army study "The Emotional Cycle of Deployment, a Military Family Perspective."

Some concerns include "Will I give

up my independence? Will we get along?"

Ironically, even though the separation is almost over, there can be renewed difficulty in making decisions.

"Soldiers reconnecting with family are coming from profound emotional experiences, and the spouses also had these experiences, dealing with day-to-day issues by themselves, financial issues, taking care of the children and gaining independence, Chin said.

"Sometimes partners can't understand what the other was dealing with while they were apart," he said. "It's better to ease into the relationship -- maintaining a degree of independence and not to push spontaneous reconnection. It's a new relationship. Both partners have changed from their experience."

Many spouses also have a burst of energy during this stage, according to the study. There is often a rush to complete "to-do" lists before their mate returns -- especially around the home. It is almost inevitable that expectations will be high.

Homecoming for the soldiers can be a joyous occasion, but also a frustrating one.

The date of return may change repeatedly. Despite best intentions, the spouse at home may not be able to meet the returning soldier -- short notice, sitters can't be found in the middle of the night, unable to get off work.

Soldiers may expect to be received as "heroes" and "heroines" only to find that they have to make their way home.

The reunion with the children can al-

so be a challenge. Their feelings tend to depend on their age and understanding of why the soldier was gone.

Babies younger than 1 year old may not know the soldier and cry when held, according to the study. Toddlers may be slow to warm up. Pre-schoolers may feel guilty and scared of the separation. School age children may want a lot of attention. Teenagers may be moody and may not appear to care.

In addition, children are often loyal to the parent who remains behind and do not respond to discipline from the returning soldier, according to the study. They may also fear the soldiers return if a parent says, "Wait till Daddy gets home."

Eventually, soldiers will want to reassert their role as members of the family, which can lead to tension, according to the study. This is an essential task and requires considerable patience to accomplish successfully.

It is not realistic to return home and expect everything to be the same as before the deployment.

Reconnecting and understanding both have changed sometimes during the deployment is critical, Chin said. The soldier may become a control freak but must realize the spouse gained independence during their time apart, and that's a good thing. It helps take some of the day-to-day responsibilities off of the soldier.

Soldiers may not approve of privileges granted to children by the non-deployed parent, according to the study.

However, it is probably best for the soldier not to try to make changes right away and to take time to renegotiate family rules and norms. Not heeding this advice, the soldier risks invalidating the efforts of their mate and alienating the children.

Soldiers may feel hurt in response to such a lukewarm reception, according to the study. Clearly going slow and letting the children set the pace goes a long way toward a successful reunion.

Post-deployment is probably the most important stage for both soldiers and spouse. Patient communication, going slow, lowering expectations and taking time to get to know each other again is critical to successful reintegration of the soldier back into the family.

The separation of deployment provides soldier and spouse a chance to evaluate changes within themselves and what direction they want their marriage to take.

Although a difficult as well as joyful stage, many military couples have reported that their relationship is much stronger as a result.

"NCO and officer leadership need to know their people intimately," Chin said. "Family support groups need to reach out to the young folks, particularly the ones who don't participate, to prepare them for the stresses of deployment."

Most Army installations offer a wide range of service and support for soldiers and their families, Chin said, including counseling from mental health professionals, chaplains and Army Community Service advocates.

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30 days of leave per year, make sure you use these days vacation! Use your time wisely and focus on yourself, but also friends and family in the states.

Spiritual — How many of you stay up late Saturday night and sleep in Sunday morning? How many of you have visited the chapel and seen what they have to offer Soldiers and Airmen here? Do you even know where the chapel is? I would encourage you to attend just one Sunday morning (before Christmas) and experience the excitement our chaplain has. Did you know the chapel offers the same trips MWR offers, but at a reduced rate? Did you know they offer a variety of religious services? Did you know improving your spiritual well-being will improve your health and improve the emotional health of loved ones back in the states? I invite you all to visit the chapel and get involved. Be active in your spiritual walk.

It is my philosophy that if you are aggressively improving your personal growth in these three areas during your free time, you grow individually, your relationships with friends and family at home will grow and will be emotionally sounder, and finally, the mission of JTF-B will improve.

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While some of the centers' needs, like supplies, can be given immediately, others will take time. To that end, Williams is stepping down from heading JSF's end of the project and they will set up a committee to see what aid can be given immediately and what will be long term projects, he said.

Williams predicts it will be at least a month before they can begin giving viable assistance. JSF is working on getting funds now, Williams said adding, "ARFOR and AFFOR have generously agreed for JSF to do the cooking on Latino Nights, and we will donate 100 percent of the money we make."

JSF will also donate all money raised from T-shirt and coin sales, as well as proceeds from the only JTF-Bravo unit patches that they expect to receive in two weeks.

Fund-raisers will also be held so all JTF-Bravo members can help to fill specific needs at CASAYUDA. One such supply drive to provide school supplies will begin Friday and run to the end of the month. (see page 7).

Most of the contact JSF will have with CASAYUDA will be on a soldier/airman

level while they go out to work on projects, but they plan to make a trip en-mass such as they did on Tuesday once a quarter, said Williams.

JSF's first project for the center will be to build an outhouse at a residence in Comayagua where CASAYUDA houses students whose homes are far from the school.

The outhouse flooded this past weekend and JSF hopes to use their manpower, with materials from J5, to construct a new outhouse on higher ground, said Williams.

Improvements for the house receive a high priority among items CASAYUDA has asked for, said Williams. CASAYUDA is one of the few facilities in Honduras capable of meeting the needs deaf and mute students, so some of these students must travel long distances from home to attend the school. CASAYUDA currently houses eight such students along with a student's mother and siblings and a volunteer nun in a building which contains only the basic conditions required to live, he said.

A large porch, bare save for clothes drying on lines, leads to two equally

empty rooms, one each for the boys and girls living in the home. These rooms each lead to a bedroom which contains bunk beds, the only pieces of furniture in the house. Several deaf and mute kids who came from far afield to attend school at CASAYUDA returned home within a week because they did not want to live in the house, said Williams.

Despite the many challenges facing the center, Zelaya is confident that CASAYUDA's new relationship with JSF is a step in the right direction. "This is obviously a positive relationship," said Zelaya adding, "I see a good relationship with a lot of local businesses coming to help the kids based on our relationship with JSF."

Working with CASAYUDA is JSF's first such effort in recent history here, Williams said. It is a relationship, however, that benefits the soldiers/airmen as much as the students. "We go there for the kids but the troops get as much out of it as they do." It is also a relationship that he hopes will continue long into the future, he said adding, "I'm here for two years. I know we'll be doing this for at least two years."

AIRMAN DOWN!

Soto Cano's Search, Rescue team tested in mountainous terrain

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. G. A. Volb
Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

Having dropped 30 feet from a Blackhawk helicopter into the thick, tree-covered forests of Honduras, she made her way to the bottom of a steep cliff and into a rocky crevice along the river to keep safe.

There, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tami Jones took inventory of her wounds: an impaled branch in her left forearm bled profusely, while the migraine she had told her she had a concussion and quite possibly a fractured skull. And then there were the numerous bruises and scratches showing through her shredded uniform.

Surely the unit would be sending out a search and rescue team, she thought, but she wouldn't be easy to find given the location. Plus, she was in no shape to travel and make it easier on her "rescuers."

But that was a challenge purposely included in the Sept. 20 Search and Rescue Exercise for members of Joint Task Force-Bravo's 228th Aviation Battalion, medical element, and both Army and Air Force Forces.

The fictitious Jones, played in the exercise by Army Sgt. Lori Dispenza, had numerous injuries to purposely make it hard for the team of rescuers and medics, said Army Staff Sgt. Robert Nelson, the medical evaluator for the exercise. "They had to worry about head and spine injuries.

"They (the rescue team) also had to move a 165-pound 'patient' with a basilar skull fracture up a very steep cliff without causing further injury," said Nelson. "In the real world, we would have used a Stokes

Litter and an internal rescue hoist to pull the patient out of the ravine, but in this scenario, this equipment was not available, so they had to carry the patient out."

"The exercise tested our coordination with the 1-228th air assets, air and ground search techniques, communications, first aid skills, security and interacting with civilian local nationals among other things," said 1st Lt. James Galloway, officer in charge of the SAR team."

Galloway said the SAR team is a theater-level requirement comprised of members from all the major units on Soto Cano Air Base; they are on call 24-hours a day, and need to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

"The initial medical treatment went very well," said Nelson, "as did the evacuation to the top of the cliff. I don't think anyone could have done any better. The one area they could have improved upon was the use of the Kindricson Extraction Device or KED—it was missing the head straps. While they did well to improvise by using tape, it wasn't as secure as it needed to be and could have caused more injuries to the patient. Overall though, it was definitely a success. We'll look at our mistakes and work to eliminate them altogether—that's what training is for."

"It went very well," added Galloway. "There are a lot of new members every time we do a SAR team activity. Our skills as a team were tested and I think we performed well together."



Feature

Team goes the way of Little Red Riding Hood ... through the woods



Opposite page, top right: 1st Lt. Bryan Meece, a physician's assistant at JTF-Bravo's medical element, provides treatment to the "downed airman." Opposite page bottom left: Army Staff Sgt. Robert Nelson, a medical evaluator, looks on as the team makes its way through the river with their "patient." Opposite page, bottom right: The team traverses the slippery rocks. Current page, top left: A steep climb up a cliff side challenged the team as they made their way through several hundred yards of forest to the landing zone for the evacuation. Below: The team also had to navigate barbed-wire fences, rocks and fallen trees on the way. Bottom: A Blackhawk helicopter from the 1-228th Aviation Battalion prepares to land and extract the team and patient.



Teamwork spans across miles of water

by 1st Lt. Erin Kingsley-Smith
40th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFPN) -- While they may not ride the same shuttle to work or eat in the same dining facility, members of the 40th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron are very much a part of the deployed 40th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The 40th EMXS is located at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and provides contingency phase inspections on B-52 Stratofortress aircraft. This service eliminates extended flights back to home stations for required phase inspections, saving combat flying hours and extending aircrew availability.

"This saves the crews and the aircraft 40 hours of transit time for each contingency phase we perform," said Maj. Michael McManus, commander of the 40th EMXS. "It also reduces the need for tanker support because B-52s don't need to refuel between Guam and the forward operating location."

Since Guam is an American territory, the turn time for receiving aircraft parts ordered through the supply system is considerably shorter than it would be on foreign soil, said Chief Master Sgt. Michelle Bailey, superintendent of the squadron.

Each B-52 can receive a maximum of three contingency phase inspections before it has to return to its home base in the continental United States for a full-phase inspection.

A typical contingency phase inspection takes about 48 hours and consists of repairing any maintenance discrepancies; changing hydraulic fluid, engine oil and fuel filters; and washing, inspecting and lubricating the aircraft, McManus said.

To date, the team of more than 50 people has performed 37 contingency phase inspections since December.

"None of this would have been possible without the outstanding support we've received from the 36th Air Base Wing at Andersen, not to mention our Navy brethren stationed here, who have also contributed to several maintenance fixes," Bailey said.

The squadron's efforts over the past year have returned

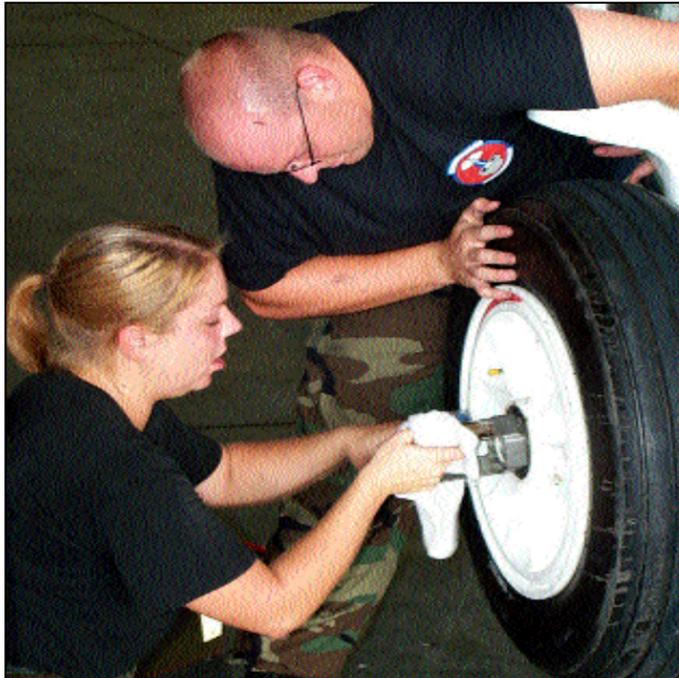


Photo by Maj. Michael McManus
Senior Airman Jamie Weatherholtz (left) and Staff Sgt. Scott Ferrel, members of the 40th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, replace a tip gear tire assembly on a B-52 Stratofortress during a contingency phase inspection.

11,400 flying hours to the forward operating locations for OEF.

"The 40th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's support of our B-52s dramatically improves our warfighting capability," said Col. Kevin Kennedy, commander of the 40th AEW.

"We're fortunate to have their expertise and support."

McManus said squadron members often work 14- to 16-hour days for two to three weeks at a time to ensure the job got done. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

B-1B Lancer crash cause remains unknown

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- Air Force investigators have determined the cause of the crash of a B-1B Lancer bomber into the Indian Ocean on Dec. 12 remains unknown.

An Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Board

report stated that aircraft malfunctions affecting the reliability of the pilots' attitude information might have made it difficult for the pilots to maintain control of the aircraft.

The four-member crew ejected and sustained minor injuries. They were found by

a Navy rescue team.

The aircraft, which was destroyed on impact with the ocean and sank, was not found.

The B-1B was assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

At the time of the crash, the aircraft was temporarily assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron to fly combat missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

(Courtesy of ACC News Service)

SECAF: Space forces have become indispensable

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Even as the Air Force strives to meet the conventional demands of a new era driven by transformation and the war on terrorism, the service's secretary remains focused on national security space management.

"We must ensure our space forces, equipment and concepts of operation remain as innovative and capabilities-based as those we develop for

air-breathing systems," Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche said recently.

"Space capabilities in today's world are no longer nice-to-have," he said. "They've become indispensable at the strategic, operational and tactical levels of war."

Recent space-based contributions to the war on terrorism include locating the enemy by using intelligence and surveillance assets, tracking and targeting them through the combined employment of weather and communications

systems, and engaging the enemy and assessing battle damage with navigation and reconnaissance systems.

Roche said he sees America's military capability growing beyond the traditional role of force enhancer, to being more active in preventing, fighting and winning wars.

"Our adversaries have noted the advantages we gain from space," he said. "Given the total interdependence of air and space power, we cannot risk loss of space superiority."

But, as important as the

space hardware is, the secretary is committed to the individual airman.

"The resource most critical to ensuring (our) space superiority in the years to come is not technological or fiscal -- it's people, like everything else in the Air Force," Roche said. "We must develop a well-thought out approach to what it is we want from our space systems and our space cadre, and then educate warfighters throughout the joint community on how these capabilities can positively affect warfighting."

Services duke it out in sprint football

NEWARK, N.J. (Army News Service) -- For the first time in its 24-year history, the Pride Bowl will host a battle between sprint football juggernauts Army and Navy Oct. 6.

Sprint football, a regular tackle game, limits a player's weight to no more than 165 pounds.

In Army's season opener, cadet quarterback Clay Bibb tossed two touchdown passes to tight end Steve Duperre, and ran for 68 yards as Army upended St. Peter's, 27-12, Sept. 22. Bibb completed 6-of-7 passes for 58 yards during the game.

"This (Pride Bowl) game means a lot to us," said Army head coach Gene McIntyre, whose team is unbeaten in its two Pride Bowls appearances. "First of all, it's Navy. That's all I have to tell my players. It's that kind of rivalry."

Army took an undefeated team into the final game of last season against the Midshipmen with the league title on the line and lost a heartbreaker, 17-10, in overtime at West Point. To add to the drama, Navy quarterback Chris Ashin-hurst, who dove over for the winning score, returns to lead the Mids this year.

Among key Army returnees are offensive captain and wide receiver Macharia Brown, and starting linebacker Kwame Boateng, both of whom have played in two Pride Bowls in Newark, N.J.

"We played there against Princeton in 1999 and 2000 and a number of our returning players played in both games," said McIntyre. "They all have a relationship with the city now."

As always, the game is the chief fund-raiser for Project Pride Inc. The group has served the children of Newark for 24 years. It has sent 870 youngsters to college, and runs after-school sports and recreation for 2,000 more.

The organization, founded by veteran sportswriter Jerry Izenberg, boasts an innovative academic program for elementary school students, and has established an SAT program at three high schools.

Project Pride has no executive director, no paid staff, relies primarily on volunteers and has never taken federal or state funds.

"This matchup is incredible," said Izenberg. "The pageantry and the tradition of Army vs. Navy make this the game we have wanted for a long, long time."

Army has won the Collegiate Sprint Football League title 29 times; Navy 28.

SERVICE NEWS

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CASAYUDA supply drive

JSF is conducting a school supply drive for the Casa Ayuda Handicap School. Personnel interested in helping us, may drop off school supplies (paper, pencils, crayons, markers, tablets, copier paper, notebooks, acrylic hand held writing boards, and/or educational games) at the drop box located at the JSF Law Enforcement Desk.

For those personnel wishing to make small monetary donations, a donation jar will also be available at the JSF Desk. The drive will start on 3 Oct 02 and continue until the end of the month.

Gospel Service

Where: Soto Cano Base Chap
When: Monday - Prayer 1900
Wednesday - Choir Practice 1900
Friday - Gospel Enrichment 1900
Sunday - Gospel Service 1300
For More Information Please Contact:
Major Selina Williams @ 4461/4412 or
SGM Ron Campbell @ 4320.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire prevention week is October 7-11, 2002. The Fire Protection Flight will be going throughout base facilities inspecting extinguishers and smoke detectors. Remember, One Team, One fight..... Team Up for Fire Safety.

PAE Self Help Center

PAE Self Help Center is pursuing activities and programs that make life easier for its customers while stationed here at Joint Task Force-Bravo.

The center is located next to the Self Service Supply Center in building G-04. It offers minor construction materials, tools and safety equipment.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information call José Reyes, supervisor, at 4139, or Laura Recarte, clerk, at 4700.

Soldiers on Letterman

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) – Air assault soldiers will make an appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman by rappelling down a 130-foot building on Oct. 10th.

Dave's "Top 10 List" will feature five soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N. Y., and another five from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. Each soldier will recite one of the "top 10 things Army soldiers say before rappelling."

The rappel site is located adjacent to the fabled Ed Sullivan Theater, home for the Late Show.

Soldiers record history in Afghanistan

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley
28th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (Army News Service) – People always say that history repeats itself and one way the military learns from the past is by what is recorded during wartime.

The 49th Military History Detachment, from Forest Park, Ill., is documenting the planning, execution and significant events of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"Future soldiers and generations, both civilian and military, can not only know about the history of the Army and its missions, but also learn from our mistakes and gain knowledge from our experiences for future missions," said Sgt. 1st Class Brandi R. Schiff, detachment noncommissioned officer in charge.

One way the detachment completes its mission is by conducting oral interviews with those who played an im-

portant role in the mission, said Schiff. These are soldiers of all ranks. The unit transcribes the interview and sends it to the Center for Military History.

"It can take eight to 12 hours to transcribe an interview because they can run in the neighborhood of 30-100 pages, because we have to transcribe them word for word," said Schiff.

In addition, much of what the unit needs to know for preservation cannot be repeated for operational security, so the soldiers have to be careful with the material collected.

Along with the interviews, the four-soldier team collects artifacts. These can be anything from photographs and documents, to weapons and things the troops use on a daily basis.

"It could be anything from an AK-47, to the water bottles we drink out here, to the orders to deploy. Anything to let future generations know how we operated and lived here," Schiff said.

For some people, history is boring,

but not for Schiff.

"For me, it has been an educational experience," she said. "I have spent my entire career as a journalist in Public Affairs, which is a bit more action-oriented. However, interviewing key members of the operation has taught me a whole lot about the stages of development of operations, in general, and OEF, in particular."

"The things I have learned are things I never would have had access to or knowledge of in Public Affairs," she said. "In addition, because it is for the history books, generals are more apt to share their knowledge and experiences with me, which is not only interesting, but educational."

If there is something pertinent to the mission and soldiers want their grandchildren to know about their involvement in OEF, they should talk to the history unit, Schiff said.

The history unit is located in Bagram Air Base's Motel 6 on the second floor.

Private dominates all-Army golf tryout camp

By Master Sgt. Steve Miller
Fort Bliss Public Affairs Office

FORT BLISS, Texas (Army News Service) – A private first class from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, used strong drives to win the men's open division by 18 strokes and dominate a field of 17 golfers during the All-Army Golf Tryout Camp which ended here Sept. 21.

Pfc. Chad Saladin fired a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to secure one of the four men's open division slots on the All-Army golf team, beating 10 competitors. Two of four women golfers and two of three senior men also earned slots to make up the eight-member Army golf team which will take on eight-member teams from the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy during the U.S. Armed Forces Golf Championships here Sept. 25 to 28.

Saladin finished 8 under with a four-round total of 280. The next best score was a 292 by senior-division winner Mark Johnson, a lieutenant colonel from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"He's the best ball striker I've seen, bar none. We're here, and he's up here," said second-year All-Army teammate Michael Withrow, a master sergeant also from Schofield Barracks, motioning with his hands. "He's the best by far."

Saladin attributed his success to hard work and knowing how to deal with wind - which reached 40 miles per hour during Wednesday's first round. He attributed familiarity with wind to being stationed on Oahu.

"The wind on the first day actually helped me because I'm used to playing in it, and the others fell back. I'm more proud of that round (par 72) than I am of any of the others."

Saladin had that one par round, two rounds of 1 under and the 6 under in the final round.

"I didn't really get going until today when I started making some putts," Saladin said after Saturday's final round.

Despite Saladin's dominance, there was some drama during Saturday's final round.

Emily Blevens of Fort Jackson, S.C., won a two-hole playoff with Vicki Warren of nearby White Sands Missile Range, N.M., to earn the second and final women's berth on the All-Army Team, the third straight year she's made the squad. Blevens was in last place among the four

women, five strokes out of All-Army position, when Saturday's final round began, and Warren was three back in third.

"I knew if I was patient the putts would drop," Blevens said of her final-round comeback. "We both two-putted and parred the first playoff hole. On the second hole, I managed par and she bogeyed. That was it."

Stephanie Mann, a sergeant from Rhine-Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern, Germany, won the women's division by 14 strokes. This is her fifth appearance on the All-Army golf team, and she's coming off a second-place finish in the women's division of last year's interservice golf tourney.

"We'll have to shoot better than we did this week," Mann said, conveying a popular sentiment, when asked about the Army's chances in the interservice golf tournament. "The Air Force always has a tough team to beat. I'll be on the driving range a lot until then. I need to work on my swing."

Indeed, the Air Force dominated last year's interservice golf tourney, one year after the Army trounced the blue suiters by 22 strokes.

The Army golfers are hoping that a week's worth of play in El Paso's tricky winds will provide an edge over the other services.

Johnson, the men's senior champion, is on the All-Army team for the ninth time. He's played on Army teams that won the interservice title in 1992, 1996 and 2000. He echoed Mann's statement that the Army must play better in the interservice tourney but likes their chances.

"If our open guys play solid and the two women hold their own, we've got the potential (to win)," Johnson said. "Mike (Armstrong) and I have to play well in the senior division too. I feel pretty good about the team."

Armstrong, the other senior team member, was stationed at Fort Bliss as a Patriot missile test officer until June. He is now with the Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va., and has made the All-Army team for the first time.

Other members of the All-Army golf team are Christopher Douglas, a private first class from Fort Bragg, N.C., making his first appearance, and Damon Ragsdale, a captain from Fort Hood, Texas, appearing on the All-Army squad for the second straight year.

JTF-B 10-miler team races toward D.C.

By 2nd Lt. Carla Pampe
Public Affairs Director

As the Army 10-Miler race draws closer, members of Joint Task Force - Bravo's team are preparing hard for the race.

With workouts five days a week, the team members are working toward their goal of giving JTF-B a good showing in the race, which takes place Oct. 20 in Washington, D.C.

"Every year they put a team together to represent Joint Task Force Bravo," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Alvaro Delgado, Joint Security Forces. "We meet about five times a week, and as far as training, we run an average of 25-40 miles each week."



Miller



Delgado

Delgado said there are eight team members and two alternates, and each person works to improve and to keep each other motivated.

"During the Army 10-Miler, all team members will take off at the same time," he said. "Since we are a mixed team with both male and female members, they will take the top four combined times of three males and one female."

Army 1st Lt. Ruth Miller, an EMT staff nurse with the medical element here, said just about every unit in the Army has a team represented in the race.

"It instills pride in the unit that you're with to be the best you can be," she said. "I tried out for the team because I've never tried out for any Army races before," Miller said. "Plus, I've tried in the past to work toward a race, but with working shifts at the hospital, I've never really had a chance to train with a team."

Delgado said being Air Force, he saw it as a goal and a challenge to make JTF-B's 10-Miler team. "It's a privilege and an honor to be on the team and represent JTF-Bravo in Washington, D.C.," he said. "We are going to do our best to represent JTF-B in the race. I think we have a decent chance to make a good placement and a good representation of the men and women of JTF-B."

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Editor's note: In this issue, as we profile some members of the JTF-Bravo team, they explain their reasons for participating in the race and why they

feel it's important for JTF-Bravo to have a team in the event.

Col. Raymond Thomas JTF-Bravo Commander

† "I tried out for the team as part of my relentless struggle against Father Time – refuse to get old!"

† "I think it's important for JTF-B to participate in the 10-Miler to remind everybody in D.C. that we represent the great service members of this organization who are forward deployed in Honduras supporting our country's policies and objectives."

Lt. Col. William J. Sternhagen Army Forces Commander

† "I like to compete and wanted to represent the JTF in Washington, D.C. at a great athletic event."

†† It improves the morale of the members of JTF-Bravo to have their unit well-represented and gives the competitive runners a chance to do their best against the best runners in the Army and across the nation."

Capt. Douglas E. Hutcheson Army Forces Deputy J-2 Director

† "I like to compete in road races. The Army 10-miler is a particularly enjoyable race because of the scenery along the course and the logistical support before and after the race."

† "It calls attention to our presence here and to the quality of the soldiers and airmen who are serving here."

Capt. Lee A. Brinker Army Forces Staff officer, S3, S3Air, S1, S4

†† [I tried out for the team] because I like to run and used to be good at it."

† "It's always important to compete as a team and see where your organization stands in friendly competition with your fellow units."

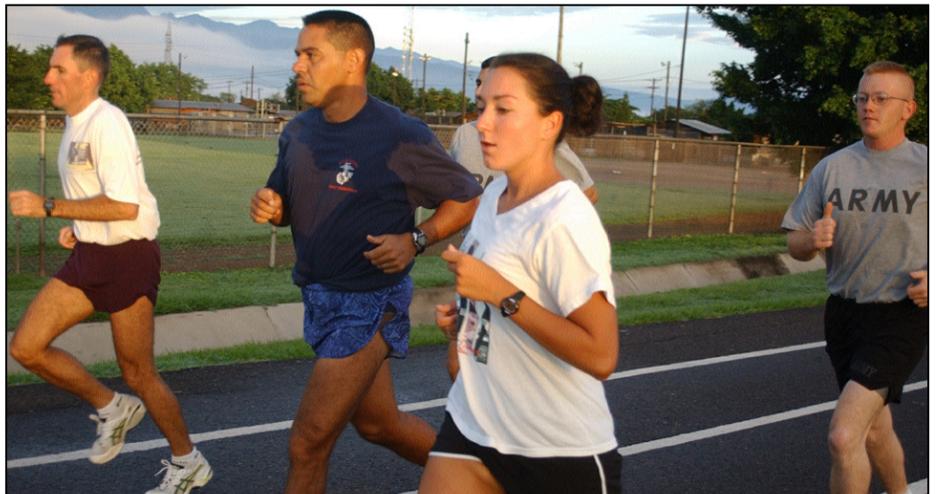
1st Lt. Ruth Miller Medical Element EMT Staff Nurse

† "I like to run. I've never run in the 10-miler and have always wanted to, it's good training and a challenge."

† "[It's important to have a team in the Army 10-Miler] to represent this unit. Most Army units have a team that is involved in the race. It's also a good opportunity for people of the Army and Air Force to work together as a team."

Sgt. First Class Ibrahim A. Rosado J-4 Section Contracting officer representative

† "I decided to try out for the JTF-B team because it's always an honor to represent the Base or Post of station and in particular JTF-B being in the location that we are, a lot of people station around



Photos by 2nd Lt. Carla Pampe

Members of the Joint Task Force - Bravo 10-Miler team do a group run early in the morning. The team trains five days a week, with one day on the track, and the rest of the time spent running the perimeter road.

the world probably don't expect or don't even know that we're having a team.

† "I feel it's important for the JTF-B to have a team because of the importance and magnitude of this event. They are teams from military bases all over around the world and also is open to civilians.

"This year's event will have around 18,000 runners, to once again 'the largest 10 miler in the U.S.' In addition it shows the rest of the Army that here in JTF-B we're physically fit and ready to compete, I honestly believe that we have a

chance to rank very high in this year event."

Tech. Sgt. Alvara Delgado Joint Security Forces Military Liaison Officer

† Delgado said he tried out for the team because, "being Air Force, I saw it as a goal to be on the Army's 10 Miler Team."

† "[Participating in the race is important for building] Esprit de Corp, promoting physical fitness and representing JTF-B in the nation's capitol."