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455th AEW opens new aircraft parking area



U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Pike, commander, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, opens the new Sierra Ramp at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 4, 2010. The 18-acre ramp will increase the parking area and refueling capabilities for large-frame transit aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by/ Master Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)

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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan— On June 5, 2010, a ribbon cutting ceremony here officially opened a new aircraft parking ramp as one of six military construction projects to improve mis-

sion capability.

The addition of Sierra Ramp, an 18-acre parking area with five in-the-ground fueling points will greatly increase the throughput and capability of equipment to troops in the field, according to U.S. Air Force Col. Christopher Pike, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, commander.

“I have been an air mobility guy most of my career and I understand the capability this brings to the airfield and the mission,” Colonel Pike said.

“To those who have come in and out of here every day, the ramp has

See Ramp, Next

Ramp, Cont.

grown as the grass grows,” Colonel Pike said. “A few days and another strip of concrete goes in and it just happens.

“Obviously everyone realizes that something like this doesn’t just happen,” he said. “This is engineers at their best. It isn’t just one person or one organization; it took a whole team of people to get this done and to get it done ahead of schedule so we can bring more combat air power to the airfield.”

Lt. Col. Mike Fitzgerald, Army Corps of Engineers, officer-in-charge of the Bagram Airfield area office, deployed from Kansas City, Kan., said the long process to build Sierra Ramp came to a culminating point with the final opening.

“We want to thank everyone who worked on this project to complete it ahead of schedule,” Colonel Fitzgerald said. “We had a lot of environmental and security challenges to overcome but we adapted and overcame.”

Major John Mazzitello, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron military construction project manager, deployed from the Minnesota Air National Guard, said the project constituted months of hard work on many people’s parts but this massive project, which included more than 73,000m of concrete, 26,500 steel reinforcing dowel rods and more than 16 miles of saw cutting to create concrete expansion joints, could not have been possible without the cooperation between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Air Force, the contractor CH2MHILL and the hard work of the Afghan workers whose dedication saw the project completed.

“There is an old adage in the military that MILCON projects never move,” Major Mazzitello said. “I was very happy to see that with the Army Corps of Engineers and our contractors the projects here do move. We have a lot of progress and will keep it up and complete all of the projects done here soon.”



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Scott Chambers, commander, 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, cuts the ribbon to open the new Sierra Ramp at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 4, 2010. Colonel Chambers is deployed from the Minnesota Air National Guard, and is from Cottage Grove, Minn. (U.S. Air Force photo by/ Master Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)



455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group changes command



U.S. Air Force Col. Jack Briggs, commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, turns over command of the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group to Col. Tom Miller at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 8, 2010. Colonel Miller is from Montgomery, Ala. (U.S. Air Force photo by/ Master Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)

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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Airmen welcomed their new commander during a formal change of command ceremony here, June 8, 2010

Col. Tom D. Miller, previously assigned as a National Defense Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., assumed command from Col. Lawrence Gatti.

“Tom, welcome to the team and welcome to the fight,” said Col. Jack Briggs II 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, commander and offi-

ciating officer. “As you assume command of this group, do not try to fill Colonel Gatti’s shoes. Instead, stand on his shoulders as you take this group to an even higher level of performance, discipline and execution. That performance, discipline and execution are what distinguishes the 455th EMXG and the 455th AEW as key members of the joint fight.”

“Colonel Gatti I am humbled to follow you in command here,” Colonel Miller said. “You have done an incredible job here.

“The disciplined maintenance performed by this group is known throughout the Air Force. It is what gives airpower to the joint

fight and that is what we are here for.

“There has always been a moral obligation between maintainers and aircrews and the aircrew’s family to provide a safe reliable aircraft to take into battle and to come home in and it’s clear to me from only a day or two watching that this group takes that obligation to heart,” Colonel Miller said.

“This group is comprised of professionals from throughout the total force but you have come here under one guide-on and as one team and today I am honored to join that team.”

Colonel Gatti’s next assignment is at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

455th Expeditionary Operations Group changes command



U.S. Air Force Col. Jack Briggs, commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing turns over command of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group to Col. Scott Long at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan June 8, 2010. Colonel Long is from Homestead, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by/ Master Sgt. Jeromy K. Cross)

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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – 455th Expeditionary Operations Group Airmen welcomed their new commander during a formal change of command ceremony here, June 8, 2010

Col. Scott C. Long, previously assigned as the Director of Operations for Alaskan Command and Joint Task Force-Alaska Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, assumed command from Col. Patrick T. McKenzie.

“Chemo, welcome to the greatest adventure of your career,” said Col. Jack Briggs II 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, commander and officiating officer. “You are qualified

and ready for this job and it is with great confidence that we hand it to you. Colonel McKenzie has built you a capable and motivated team. You are taking over at a critical time and your efforts in this group will help decide the outcome of this war.”

“Colonel Briggs, thank you for this amazing opportunity,” Colonel Long said. “It is a complete honor and privilege to serve and command in combat, especially beside you and team Bagram.”

Colonel McKenzie expressed his confidence in Colonel Long by saying, “Colonel Long, I wish you all the success in the world. You are the perfect guy to write the next chapter for the 455th EOG. This will be the most challenging and

rewarding year you will ever see. Cherish your time, as your year will go by fast.”

Colonel Long explained, “Vultures, we are going to continue to defend Bagram with vigilance and we are going to supply the fight for the folks out there that need us and we are going to win, and we are going to win big.

“We are going to leverage the amazing power that our Airmen represent,” he said. “I don’t care what you do, you are part of this fight and I am privileged and honored to be able to command and help lead this team.”

Colonel McKenzie’s next assignment is Secretary of the Air Force Legislative Liaison Weapons Directorate, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

455TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Senior Airman Katrevious Swift, 455th Expeditionary Medical Group



information of previous awards and decorations presented to U.S. servicemembers leading to their proper recognition and presentation of the Purple Heart Medal.

“I am honored,” Airman Swift said. “I am humbled my leadership selected me out of everyone in the hospital.”

Airman Swift said all the jobs in the Craig Joint Theater Hospital are important and she feels her job is important because her team tracks patient care for all patients coming through Bagram Airfield.

“If we did not track all patients, medical care in theater would be difficult,” Airman Swift said.

Her supervision praised Airmen Swift’s performance and said her commitment to excellence ensures the mission is completed.

Whether she is completing a biometric scan on a local national which ensures the safety of the patients and staff, or providing a status update to the Department of the Army, Airman Swift is a consummate professional.

Senior Airman Katrevious Swift is this week’s 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Warrior of the Week. She is a health services management technician assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Medical Group/Task Force Medical.

A Conyers, Ga., native, Airman Swift is deployed from the 6th Medical Group, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman Swift coordinates pa-

tient data throughout Regional Command East and supporting forward operating bases, ensuring servicemembers, coalition forces and local nationals are accurately registered for medical attention. She also responds to aeromedical evacuation initializing the patient tracking process for all injured U.S. servicemembers.

She collects and verifies vital

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Must wash their hands
before returning to work...

Camp Cunningham Tips of the Week

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Dress and Appearance Standards

All,

With another rotation chance going on in the wing and the influx of new people it's time to brush up on some dress and appearance standards. This particular letter will cover the AF PT uniform (AF PTU).

Below are the most violated AF PTU standards/some of the new changes. We expect each Airmen (all ranks) to learn, follow and enforce all standards not just dress and appearance. Supervisors should also ensure they are getting out the word and mentoring those who refuse to learn, follow or enforce them. Commanders, chiefs and 1st Sergeants should not be the only people who are enforcing these and all standards. It is everyone's responsibility!

IAW AF PTU Wear Policy:

1. PTU shirt (long and short sleeve) will be tucked in at all times except in your room or in the shower/bathroom, not walking to them in the hallways/outdoors.
2. You cannot push/roll up the sleeves on the AF PTU long sleeved t-shirt or sweat shirt.
3. WHITE is the only authorized color for socks, small logo authorized. Black, gray or any other color is not authorized to include two-toned socks.
4. All grooming standards apply! For example, males must shave when wearing the AF PTU on days off. Note: Shaving waivers must be issued locally by the Craig Joint Theater Hospital here at Bagram IAW 455 Air Expeditionary Wing policy and it must be shown when asked.
5. Tattoo policy applies, excessive tattoos (covers more than a 1/4 of the exposed limb) must be covered using an authorized uniform item IAW Air Force Instruction 36-2903.
6. You cannot stand/walk with hands in the pocket (in any AF uniform)
7. Only black or dark blue spandex may be worn and "visible" under the AF PTU shorts.

IAW AFCENTI 36-2903

Sunglasses will never be placed on top of the head or hung from pockets or other parts of the uniform.

IAW 455 AEW Supplement to AFCENTI 36-2903

1. Hooded sweatshirts or other long sleeved shirts are no longer authorized to be worn under the short sleeved AF PTU T-shirt.
2. Long leggings (spandex) are only authorized when working out or in transit to and from work out. You can no longer wear the long leggings in leisure status i.e. DFAC, SVS PEB, BX, hanging out, etc.
3. Vibram or other brand "Toed" shoes are not considered conservative and are not authorized here at Bagram Airfield.
4. The optional blue baseball style cap displaying the Air Force Symbol with/without lettering may be purchased, at individual expense, and worn with the AF PTU.

If you have any questions please refer to the proper guidance first, use your chain of command next then let me know if you still can't find the answer/guidance.

Thanks in advance for your support!

JEFFREY M. CUI, CMSgt, USAF
455 AEW Command Chief Master Sergeant

455th ESFS: Keeping their eyes on target

Photos By: Staff Sgt. Richard Williams, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs



(Top Left) Members of the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron prepare their Barrett M107 .50 caliber rifle for a trip to a test fire range near Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The Airmen use the small arms range to ensure rifles are sighted accurately. **(Top Right)** 455th ESFS Airmen receive the operations order giving them guidance on convoy actions and rules of engagement should an incident occur.



(Center) Once the convoy arrives at the range Airmen prepare their M107 for sighting. **(Bottom Left)** An accurate target distance is determined using a spotting scope to gauge proper rifle firing distance for paper target placement and ensure accurate sighting. **(Bottom Right)** Once targets are in place, shooters, accompanied by their spotters site in their rifles. The Barrett M107 has an effective range of more than 5,000 feet.



SARC FAQs

Sexual Assault Prevention Safety/Risk Reduction Information:

- *When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other and leave together. Be a good Wingman!*
- *Be aware of your surroundings at all times.*
- *Do not allow yourself to be isolated with a person you do not know or trust.*
 - *Travel with a friend or in a group.*
 - *Plan your outings and avoid getting into a bad situation.*
 - *Walk only in lighted areas after dark.*
 - *Keep the doors to your B-huts, RLB, and vehicles locked.*
 - *Know where the nearest phone is located.*

Always take a Wingman

If you are interested in becoming a
Victim Advocate, contact
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The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror. Eagle Eyes teaches people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it. You are encouraged to learn the categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings.



- **Surveillance** – Recording or monitoring of activities
- **Elicitation** – People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people.
- **Tests of Security** – Any attempts to measure reaction time to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- **Acquiring Supplies** – Purchasing or stealing military sensitive equipment (ACOGS, NVGs, AN-PEQ 1.5), weapons, ammunition, uniforms, passes or badges or any other controlled items.
- **Suspicious Persons** - People who do not belong in the workplace or base.
- **Dry Run** – Putting people into positions and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.
- **Deploying Assets** – People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

All Bagram personnel (military and civilian) are vulnerable to exploitation. The Eagle Eyes program relies on everyone to report suspicious activity they observe. If you notice any suspicious activity with an immediate threat, report the incident to the Provost Marshall's office or Security Forces. If the incident is just suspicious, please call AFOSI at 481-8469.

NEWS BRIEFS

NEWCOMERS INPROCESSING: All Air Force members are required to in-process with PERSCO. The in-processing will start your combat pay entitlements. If you have been in the area of responsibility for at least 30 days and you are not receiving combat pay, visit Finance in the crow's nest tower on Camp Cunningham. If you know for a fact that you did not in process with PERSCO, visit PERSCO located in Bldg. 700 near the passenger terminal. Call 431-2070/4409 for more information.

COMBAT O: Combat Orientation is every Friday at 1245Z/0515L at the MWR Clamshell. Due to construction, this formation will be held in the PERSCO in processing room June 11 and 18. Uniform is Air Force PT uniform for fitness assessment. This is a mandatory briefing for all Air Force personnel assigned to Bagram Airfield. Accountability is tracked and will be forwarded to the first sergeants.

BAF MAIL:

BAF residents, ensure individuals sending mail have your most current contact information. Ensuring proper postal codes are used alleviates any delays in receiving your mail. Below is the contact information required for individuals to receive mail.

NAME - (Eg. Jane Doe; no rank)

UNIT - (Eg. 455 ECS/SCXK)

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CITIZENSHIP FOR MILITARY MEMBERS:

If you are a deployed member of the U.S. Armed Forces and interested in becoming a U.S. citizen, you may be eligible to apply for citizenship under a special provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act. The Combined Joint Task Force 82 legal client service office can assist and conduct naturalization ceremonies on Bagram Airfield in May and November of each year. For any questions or assistance contact the CJTF- 82 legal client service office at 481-8540.

COMBAT STRESS: has two new programs to help servicemembers cope with traumatic events. Trauma Restoration helps individuals overcome stress reactions from traumatic combat and operational events they've experienced, while Trauma Resiliency training helps the individual prepare for successfully performing in a future potentially traumatizing event. Groups are available each week-contact CSC for further information at 431-4639 or view the RC East CSC website at <http://bgrma7afgmedsh1/CSC/default.aspx>.

455th AEW Safety tip of the week

HEADPHONES— Headphones and their associated devices, (CD players, MP3 players, radios, etc) are only authorized in indoor exercise and recreation areas. They are prohibited for outdoor use, including outdoor physical fitness activity. Military personnel who violate this prohibition are subject to prosecution under Article 92 of the UCMJ, as well as any other applicable article of the UCMJ. Civilian personnel are subject to administrative disciplinary action and/or termination of employment and redeployment. If you have questions, please contact the Safety Office at 431-4743

455th AEW Financial Tip of the Week

ACCRUAL VOUCHERS -DTS orders: will be filed in the DTS system and processed by your home station finance

Non-DTS orders: log in to virtual MPF, click on the Accrual Travel Voucher link, fill out the form and submit. Once submitted, your home station finance will receive the accrual voucher for processing and you will receive an email notification showing you what you have claimed for your records.

Purpose of Accrual Voucher: to pay off what you owe on your Government Travel Card. If you paid for travel expenses out of pocket, it will also reimburse you in your personal bank account. An accrual is just an advance on your final travel voucher, so make sure you claim everything when you get home as if you never filed an accrual. Keep your receipts!

455th AEW Policies and Procedures

FLIGHTLINE PHOTOGRAPHY — Personnel on Bagram Airfield are not authorized to take still photography or video imagery on the airfield flightline unless authorized by the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs office and 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. Images must be used for official use only. Violators of this policy will be detained and possibly taken into custody. Call 455th AEW/PA at 431-2371 for more information.

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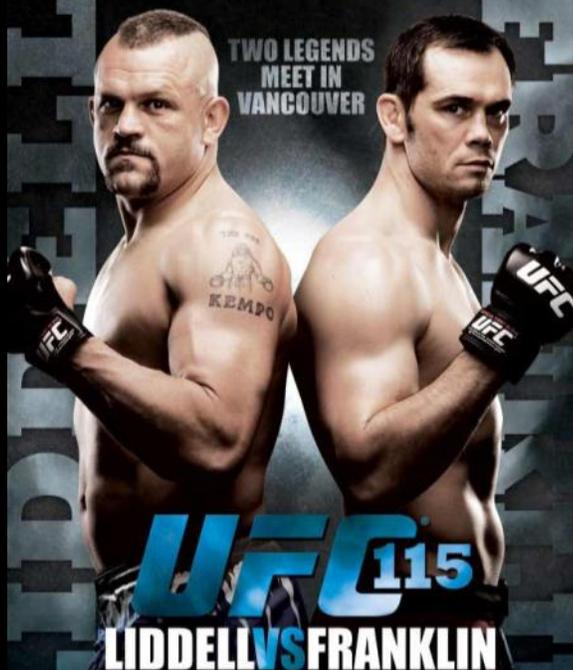


For more information please contact
Chris Carlsson or Kenny Jenkins
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431-3585



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