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CMSAF visits Bagram Airfield, engages Airmen



Senior Airman Keegan Donnelly and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy discuss the recent attacks that occurred at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 25th, 2010. Airman Donnelly is a sentry assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Chris Boitz)

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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy met with Airmen at Bagram Airfield here June 24-25, seeing firsthand the

diverse missions contributing to Afghanistan's security and development.

Chief Roy toured the base and spoke with Airmen of all ranks to see what the Air Force is doing to support the warfighter on the ground, and discuss how senior leadership can

make sure Airmen are properly prepared to execute the mission.

"I've come back to U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to see how the build-up is

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going and see personally how our Airmen are contributing to the fight,” the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force said.

Chief Roy last visited Bagram Airfield in November 2009, but noted that much has changed.

“Bagram Airfield continues to expand with more ramp space and people. The size of the base itself is huge and con-

tinues to grow as the mission here grows,” he said.

The chief noted Airmen are contributing not only here, but across Afghanistan in a variety of roles.

“As the mission in Afghanistan grows, the U.S. Air Force and our Airmen will continue to help build the capacity of our host nation,” Chief Roy said.

“We have Air Advisors and Combat Advisors here,” he said. “Airmen are filling Joint Expe-

ditionary Taskings across Afghanistan.”

According to the chief, that flexibility and dedication to duty have been noticed by others too.

“Our Airmen are doing things today we never expected them to be doing and they are doing a tremendous job,” he said.

“As I talk with the joint lead-

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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy receives a tour of a F-15E Strike Eagle from Airman 1st Class Jordan Baker at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 25th 2010. Airman Baker is an Strike Eagle crew chief assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group and is a native of Adair, Ky. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Boitz)



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ership team here, they couldn't be more proud of our Airmen. They absolutely see and appreciate the capability provided by the Airmen here in this AOR."

Understanding what the Air Force brings to the fight isn't a one-way street though.

The chief also thinks it's important for Airmen to know just how important they and their mission are to other warfighters.

"At Bagram Airfield, I've had the opportunity to meet with our operations and maintenance Airmen," Chief Roy said.

"I always ask them, 'Can you make a connection to that war-

fighter on the ground?'

"They can and they do," he said. "Our Airmen understand they shape the battlefield. Whether they are loading munitions, maintaining an aircraft or making sure the base is secure they do it to the only level they know: And that's the best.

"When an aircraft is orbiting overhead, all of our Airmen are, in turn, affecting the battlespace," the Air Force's top enlisted leader said.

"As the 455 Air Expeditionary Wing commander is fond of saying, 'Airpower truly is the power of Airmen.'"

During his visit, Chief Roy made sure to engage Airmen at every stop he made to the vari-

ous shops around base.

Time was allotted at each stop to make sure Airmen had the opportunity to ask one of the Air Force's senior leaders anything on their minds.

The chief answered many questions about deployment rates and managing the force.

"We have many Airmen who are at a 1:1 dwell, and frankly, some are at less than a 1:1 dwell," he said.

"Most importantly, we have to ensure we are properly preparing our fellow Airmen for the fight and take care of them once they are here."

Next, the chief said, the Air

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Maj. James Upchurch and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy congratulate Airman 1st Class Jordan Baker on his Below-the-Zone promotion to Senior Airman at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 25th 2010. Airman Baker is an F-15E Strike Eagle crew chief assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group and is a native of Adair, Ky. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Boitz)

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Force is looking at many different options to improve the manning situation in critically manned career fields.

“We look at selective re-enlistment bonuses and increasing promotion rates in stressed career fields to try and increase retention for Airmen within those particular career fields that are short,” he said.

“Keeping and bringing Airmen back into those AFSCs is the way we get to the bottom of the dwell-rate issue.”

Making sure Airmen are properly trained and equipped prior to stepping foot in the AOR is an issue the chief is passionate about.

“It is incumbent upon us as leadership to make sure when we put our Airmen into a situation, we bring them up to speed,” the chief master sergeant of the Air Force said.

“We have to send them to the right combat skills training. It’s important when Airmen go to that training they get as much out of it as possible.

“It’s also important that as our Airmen process through the system,” he said, “they are equipped properly for the missions they are going to be executing while in theater.

“If they are going to be operating outside the wire, they need to make sure they have the proper gear versus if they are going to be operating inside the wire.

“It’s extremely important for leadership at home station, with the unit deployment manager and with the leadership here in the theater to stay engaged and make sure those Airmen are properly trained and equipped to come “downrange” and do the mission that’s been



Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy speaks with Staff Sgt. Amanda Swenson at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, June 25, 2010. Sergeant Swenson is assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Boitz)

asked of us by our nation,” the chief said.

Another aspect of taking care of Airmen is making sure the post-deployment reintegration is handled correctly and that families left behind are never truly left behind.

“I would like to send a sincere thank you to our family members who are left behind holding that family together,” he said.

“I recognize the many sacrifices they endure every single day,” he said. “We are so proud of them.”

Chief Roy expressed his gratitude and good wishes for all U.S. servicemembers serving

in the AOR as the build-up continues.

“You are going to see an increase of people and equipment flowing throughout Afghanistan as the Coalition works with our host nation to steadily increase the capacity here,” Chief Roy said.

“I am extremely proud of the entire armed forces of the United States and what they are doing here in Afghanistan and across the Central Command AOR,” he said.

“I’m particularly thankful for what all of our Airmen are doing every single day in the fight.”

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Senior Airman Eve Seymour, 510TH Human Resource Company



The five “R’s” describe the major activities that cause Soldiers and civilians to enter, depart or transit a deployed area of responsibility.

R5 processing centers operate on a 24/7 basis and are responsible for the data collection of personnel information, documenting theater status and integration of personnel into the theater database.

Her supervision nominated Airman Seymour because of her dedication to duty and can-do attitude as she assists over 1,387 people daily

who transit through the Bagram Airfield personnel terminal, the largest of its kind in Afghanistan.

She fields a myriad of questions from Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and civilians to help them locate their luggage, procure billeting and contact their units.

Senior Airman Eve Seymour is this week’s 455th Air Expeditionary Wing *Warrior of the Week*.

She is a Reception, Replacement, Return-to-Duty, Rest and Recuperation and Redeployment team specialist deployed from the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron, McGuire Air Force

Base, N.J., assigned to the U.S. Army’s 510TH Human Resource Company.

As a R5 specialist, Airman Seymour’s duties include the management and execution of support activities involved in tracking and verifying the accountability of Soldiers moving into, through or out of a theater.

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Camp Cunningham Tips of the Week

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Dress and Appearance Standards

PROPER WEAR OF ABU PATROL CAP



*AFI 36 - 2903, DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, Table 2.2.
Men's Battle Dress Uniform, page 56*

Headgear (BDU Cap) Mandatory - ABU rules apply because it is the same style hat

Squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap; when not being worn, may be stowed in either of the lower cargo pockets on the trousers.

BDU caps required for all deployments, field training, mobility exercises and recalls.

Hat may not be pushed, rolled, folded or tucked in. (e.g.; Ranger Fold) Plain without design.

AFCENTI 36-2903; DRESS AND APPEARANCE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO USCENTCOM AOR

3.1.2. ABU caps will not be rolled, tucked or otherwise formed (Ranger Roll and other adjustments are not authorized). Caps will be worn in their natural form.

Bagram Airfield Air Force PT Uniform Standards...

Shirt must fit properly.

Wear shorts at the waist.

Wear white socks not black socks.



Shirt must be tucked in.

Do not roll up your shorts.

TATTOOS are not to exceed over 1/4 of the exposed body part. Excessive tattoos are required to be removed upon notification of the commander. If you have a tattoo in question seek guidance from your chain of command.



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SARC FAQs

Sexual Assault Prevention Safety/Risk Reduction Information:

Sexual Assault can occur in any type of relationship, but most perpetrators of sexual assault are known to their victims. Among victims ages 18 to 29, two-thirds had a prior relationship with the offender. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) reports that, in 2000, 6 in 10 rape or sexual assault victims said that they were assaulted by an intimate partner, relative, friend, or acquaintance. Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) at 431-4060 or contact via Command Post at 431-4400 for help. Army members should seek assistance with their Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) or D-SARC (Deployed SARC); you may also call 431-4060 or 431-4400 via Command Post for assistance.

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 15), 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. 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 101 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- 101 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

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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