



455TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN DEPLOYMENT GUIDE





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MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

FROM: 455 AEW/CC

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your assignment and welcome to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. Our mission is to Support the Fight, Defend the Base, and Win! You will play an important role among them during your time here.
2. The 455th AEW provides close air support; air mobility; combat search and rescue; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; electronic attack; and aeromedical evacuation for forces within our AOR. We defend approximately 30,000 personnel on Bagram Airfield and the battlespace that surrounds it from the ground and air. We operate Operation ENDURING FREEDOM's largest Role III hospital, and we provide all the support and maintenance capabilities necessary to care for our people and assets.
3. You can expect your assignment here to be both challenging and rewarding. While we have tremendous resources here to ensure you're well cared for, there is no substitute for your own personal mental and physical preparation. I and your teammates need you focused from the moment you arrive until you return with honor. This guide will help.
4. I look forward to serving beside you. Thank you for your service and the sacrifices your friends and family endure while you are here. Welcome to the fight!


JOSEPH T. GUASTELLA
Brigadier General, USAF
Commander



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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPLOYING AIRMEN

FROM: 455 AEW/CCC

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Warriors, welcome to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing! I know first-hand how difficult it is to be away from family and friends; thanks in advance for your selfless service and unwavering devotion to duty. Our wing executes a very dynamic, critical mission in support of U.S. and Coalition forces in a challenging environment. No matter what your job is, you will play an important role in our ability to accomplish that mission.
2. This guide was developed to provide you a general overview of what you can expect when you deploy to Bagram. Please take the time to read through it, the 455 AEW Community Standards, and the supplement to AFCENTI 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance for AF Personnel Deployed to USCENTCOM AOR* from cover to cover. In addition, it's very important that you read and comply with the USAFCENT Reporting Instructions. Those instructions, this guide and your Unit Deployment Manager should give you all the information you need to prepare for your deployment, succeed while you're here and return home with honor once your deployment is complete.
3. If you have any questions regarding your deployment, please don't hesitate to contact me at DSN 318-481-0423. I look forward to serving with you in combat as we execute the mission and take care of Airmen at such a pivotal juncture in our nation's history!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bohannon", is positioned above the typed name.

STEVEN L. BOHANNON, CMSgt, USAF
Command Chief Master Sergeant

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN

*“Providing expeditionary combat and combat support
...in the Afghan Theater of Operations....”*

Bagram Airfield is located in eastern Afghanistan approximately 25 miles north of the nation’s capital of Kabul. The installation is surrounded by the Hindu Kush mountains and sits at an elevation of nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. The airfield was originally constructed in the 1970s by the Soviet Union and served as the Soviets’ main air base during the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989). During the 1990s, Bagram witnessed fierce fighting between the Northern Alliance and Taliban. American forces began operating from Bagram Airfield in late 2001 and their presence has continued to grow.

Afghanistan is a culturally diverse country made up of many ethnic groups. The majority of Afghans fall within the Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, and Hazara ethnicities with a variety of small minorities present. While more than 32 languages and dialects are spoken here, most Afghans speak either Pashtun or Dari; Dari is predominant in the area around Bagram.

Afghanistan is a Muslim nation, with 84 percent of its population Sunni and 15 percent Shi’a. Modesty, hospitality, and strong family/tribal ties are the central pillars that support Afghan culture.

UNIT HISTORY

The 455th Air Expeditionary Wing first heeded its nation’s call during World War II. As the 455th Bombardment Group, the unit flew B-24 Liberators from bases in Italy against strategic targets throughout Europe. By the end of the war, the group earned 12 campaign streamers and two Distinguished Unit Citations, the highest honor bestowed upon a unit.

During the Cold War, the 455th Strategic Missile Wing stood up Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile operations at Minot AFB, North Dakota. Only six months after receiving its first missile, the wing positioned its 150th and final missile and was declared combat ready. The 455 SMW stood strategic alert with three ICBM squadrons for five years as a part of Strategic Air Command. In a major Strategic Air Command reorganization, the 91st Strategic Missile Wing replaced the 455th at Minot and the wing inactivated in mid-1968.

The 455th was reactivated in December 2001 for the Global War on Terrorism. In July 2002, the group was redesignated the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing with six assigned groups. Since then the wing has provided close air support, air mobility, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, combat search and rescue, electronic attack, aero medical evacuation, and combat support as the lead Air Force organization in Afghanistan.

As a member of the 455 AEW, your actions are helping to write a new chapter in our proud heritage.

CAMP CUNNINGHAM

On March 4, 2002, the Air Force compound on Bagram was dedicated in honor of Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation ANACONDA.

Airman Cunningham was the primary Air Force combat search and rescue medic assigned to a quick-reaction force in Afghanistan. The force was sent to rescue two American servicemen evading capture in austere terrain occupied by al-Qaeda and Taliban forces.

Before landing, his MH-47E Chinook helicopter received rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms fire, disabling the aircraft and forcing it to crash-land. Crewmembers formed a hasty defense and immediately suffered three fatalities and five critical casualties.

The citation accompanying his Air Force Cross reads, "Despite effective enemy fire, and at great risk to his own life, Airman Cunningham remained in the burning fuselage of the aircraft in order to treat the wounded. As he moved his patients to a more secure location, mortar rounds began to impact within 50 feet of his position. Disregarding this extreme danger, he continued the movement and exposed himself to enemy fire on seven separate occasions. When the second casualty collection point was also compromised, in a display of uncommon valor and gallantry, Airman Cunningham braved an intense small arms and rocket-propelled grenade attack while repositioning the critically wounded to a third collection point. Even after he was mortally wounded and quickly deteriorating, he continued to direct patient movement and transferred care to another medic. In the end, his distinct efforts led to the successful delivery of 10 gravely wounded Americans to life-saving medical treatment."

USAFCENT GENERAL ORDER 1-B

Current operations and deployments place United States Armed Forces into USAFCENT AOR countries where Islamic law and Arabic customs prohibit or restrict certain activities which are generally permissible in western societies. Restrictions upon these activities are essential to preserving U.S./host-nation relations and combined operations of U.S. and friendly forces. In addition, the high operational tempo combined with often hazardous duty faced by U.S. forces in the region makes it prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline and ensure readiness. **Violation of USAFCENT General Order 1-B can result in serious punishments such as an Article 15.**

General Order 1-B can be found at the following link.

<https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/public/Docs/Welcome%20Page%20Docs/AFCENT%20GO-1B.pdf>

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

All personnel deploying to (or attached to) Bagram Airfield are expected to understand and comply with the Community Standards supplement to GO-1B and Air Force Policy Directive 36-29. Topics addressed include: Standards of Conduct, Arrival and Departure Procedures, General Guidelines, Safety and Health, Security, Weapons and Ammunition, Physical Training and Living Standards.

Bagram Air Base Community Standards can be found at the following link.

[https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/public/Docs/Welcome%20Page%20Docs/455%20AEW%20GO-1%20\(Community%20Standards\).pdf](https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/public/Docs/Welcome%20Page%20Docs/455%20AEW%20GO-1%20(Community%20Standards).pdf)

CJTF-1 BASIC STANDARDS

Bagram Air Base resides within Bagram Forward Operating Base. Base Operating Support and Infrastructure (BOS-I) is supplied by Combined Joint Task Force-1 (CJTF-1) as part of Regional Command – East (RC-E). CJTF-1 has its own Basic Standards. All personnel deploying to Bagram need to be familiar with the CJTF-1 Basic Standards since most of the base, to include the BX and DFACS, reside outside Camp Cunningham.

CJTF-1/RC-E Basic Standards can be found at the following link.

[https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/public/Docs/USAFCENT%2036-2903,%20Dress%20and%20Appearance/RC-E%20\(CJTF-1\)%20Standards%20book%20final.pdf](https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/public/Docs/USAFCENT%2036-2903,%20Dress%20and%20Appearance/RC-E%20(CJTF-1)%20Standards%20book%20final.pdf)

PREPARING FOR DEPLOYMENT

All personnel deploying to (or attached to) Bagram Airfield are encouraged to visit the *455 AEW Bagram homepage* and click the *Welcome to BAF* link for useful information on their upcoming deployment (CAC required).

<https://my.afcent.af.mil/AFCENT/WINGS/455/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition, all deploying personnel will review, understand and comply with the AFCENT Reporting Instructions and USAFCENT Location Specific Instructions which can be found at the following link.

<https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>

Mobility Bags & Protective Equipment:

- a. Personnel must deploy with a modified A-1 bag from home station.
- b. IBA, CWDE, ACH helmets, DEET, and IFAKs will be provided at the Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center (ETDC) at Manas or Al Udeid. Personnel will be required to sign a hand receipt and be accountable for assets. Assets must be returned to an ETDC prior to redeployment.

Weapons Requirements:

- a. Members deploying to Bagram need to verify if their position is part of the Weapons Pre-positioning Program. If it is, members need to arrive current and qualified in their assigned weapon and one will be issued at Bagram.
- b. M4s are NOT included in the pre-positioning program.
- c. Currently, members deploying with 966th Air Expeditionary Squadron will **NOT** be part of the Weapons Pre-positioning Program. 966 AES deployers must refer to Reporting Instructions for specific requirements and restrictions. Line remarks will state whether an M9, M16 or M4 is required.

Uniforms and Personal Effects

- a. Members will deploy with a **MINIMUM** of 4 sets of the duty and PT uniforms. Two pair of athletic shoes meeting the AF guidelines are recommended. Due to laundry turn-around time, 6

to 8 sets of PT uniforms are recommended. Limited supplies of PT uniform items are available at AAFES. The normal duty uniform effective 1 April 2012 for personnel deploying to Afghanistan is the OCP uniform. Military personnel operating off-base (“outside the wire”) will wear a fire-retardant uniform issued at home station. Those requiring all-cotton duty uniforms due to career-field requirements will also have them issued at home station. The nomex desert flight duty uniform is only authorized for those members performing crew duties. Only the DCU 8-point cap or DCU floppy/boonie hat are authorized for wear with the desert flight duty uniform.

- b. There are no self-service laundry facilities available. Laundry service is locally contracted and provides a 4-5 day turn-around; members must provide their own laundry bags and only 21 items are allowed per bag and only two bags per day in most laundry facilities.
- c. Personnel are advised to bring a pillow. Some beds are longer than US standard twin mattresses so it is recommended deployers bring 2 sets of bed linens and a blanket for an XL- twin bed.
- d. Hand-carry a 72-hour overnight bag for use at the Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center (Al Udeid or Manas) while awaiting onward transportation.

Special Training / Reporting Requirements

- a. Anyone on a UA-series ULN will be an Individual Augmentee (IA) to a Joint Task Force or Headquarters unit. All IAs should reference the following web site for the latest information on preparing for the deployment and to verify they have the required pre-deployment training: <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>.
- b. Personnel deploying to Group Commander or Deputy Group Commander billets will attend the Incident Management Course.
- c. Air Force personnel who will be assigned to the 966 AES filling CENTCOM RFF/JET requirements may log onto the 966 AES Communities of Practice (CoP) website at: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=OO-MS-AC-28>. Members deploying to 966 AES should also refer to Reporting Instructions under the AFRIT website for specific requirements and restrictions <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>.
- d. **All** Air Force personnel must inprocess with PERSCO at Bagram Airfield regardless of unit affiliation or mission immediately upon arrival for accountability purposes. POC is 455 EFSS/PERSCO, email - 455EMSG.PERSCO@bgab.afcent.af.mil and DSN 318-481-6609.

TRAVEL

Critical Items: OCPs, or an authorized fire retardant uniform or Desert Flight Duty Uniform (DFDU) for fliers, are mandatory for all Air Force members while traveling to and from the AFCENT AOR. If you wear your uniform during your commercial flight from home station, you must carry a change of appropriate civilian clothing in case of a delay enroute. You must carry one complete uniform in your carry-on (including your boots and hat if uniform is not worn when departing home station). Additionally, you must hand carry your mobility folder and copies of your orders. Make sure to put a

copy of your orders in each of your travel bags. It is recommended you carry a reflective belt in your 72 hour bag.

ETDC Transit: Members can expect to spend approximately 1 – 3 days at Manas or Al Udeid. Make sure you pack enough uniforms and personal items/medications/toiletries in your carry-on for a 72-hour stay. Access to checked baggage is limited while transiting the ETDCs. If you are traveling during the winter months, expect subfreezing temperatures in Kyrgyzstan. Be sure to have gloves, hats, and coats readily accessible when you deplane.

Your Flight to Bagram: Most of you will travel from Manas to Bagram on a C-17 or a C-130. It is approximately a two-hour flight by C-17 and slightly longer by C-130.

When You Land: Upon your arrival at the Bagram Airfield Passenger Terminal, you will be greeted by the Joint Personnel Reception Center personnel who will collect your CAC for processing. A PERSCO member will then greet you and start your inprocessing. You will receive a quick briefing and complete your emergency locator information. You will need your mobility folder and copies of your orders. The items that PERSCO requires include Record of Emergency Data, 1 copy of CED orders, AF Form 245, Activation Orders (ANG and Reserve only) and Medical records (unless your unit has its own flight doc). When PERSCO has finished your inprocessing, they will release you to your sponsor so that you can get a lodging assignment and claim your bags. If a room is not yet available for you, transient tents are available until a permanent billet opens up.

Your First Days: Your first 72 hours at Bagram will be rather busy. You will conduct turnover with your predecessor before that individual rotates home. You'll be issued your weapon and ammunition at the armory. You will fill out the paperwork to establish your NIPR and SIPR email accounts (it's recommended to take care of this prior to arrival). Within fourteen days of arrival, you must attend Combat Orientation, a two-hour introduction briefing opened by the Wing Commander.

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS

General: Due to lack of sleep, constant contact with people, and not eating right, many people develop cold or flu symptoms soon after arriving. To avoid the "Bagram Crud", make sure you're physically fit before you travel and wash your hands often. In addition, follow three simple rules while you travel: eat, sleep, and drink water every chance you get — you never know when you may get another opportunity.

The Sun: Even during the winter months, sun exposure can be a problem. Apply SPF 30 or higher to all exposed skin when working outdoors.

Wild Life: Do not attempt to catch, kill or harass spiders, snakes, scorpions, cats, dogs, or any other animals on base. Consider all bugs and snakes to be venomous. Shake out your boots. Wear gloves when working around sandbags. Keep your fingers in sight. Do not feed any rodents or stray animals. Wear DEET, treat your uniforms with permethrin, and take your malaria pills. Keep your working and living areas clean. Food scraps attract rodents and rodents attract snakes.

Water: Bottled water is provided for drinking at one of the water sheds around Camp Cunningham. The water in the latrines is *only* suitable for bathing and brushing teeth, *not for drinking!*

Vaccinations: All personnel deployed to Bagram are required to stay current on all necessary immunizations, including flu shots. Public Health will notify you if you need any shots and will provide them during their normal duty hours. All personnel deploying to Bagram are required to deploy with the anti-malarial medication. Be sure to take it as prescribed prior to your arrival and during your stay.

MEDICAL CARE

For all emergencies (life, limb or eyesight), dial 9-1-1 or go to the Emergency Room at Craig Joint Theater Hospital on Disney Drive.

Aircrew: Except for emergencies, all Air Force aircrew are seen at 455 EOG Camp Cunningham's Flight Medicine Clinic (431-4413). When medical care is completed outside of Flight Medicine, aircrew should report back to Flight Medicine East or Camp Cunningham Flight Medicine to ensure treatment is properly documented and appropriate aeromedical disposition is made.

Non-Aircrew: For non-aircrew Air Force personnel, medical records are maintained at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital. Routine medical concerns and sick call can be addressed at the Outpatient Clinic (431-3214). Non-aircrew seen at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital should report to their unit following emergency room visits or if any duty limitations were provided during treatment (profile or quarters).

TRANSPORTATION

Camp Cunningham is conveniently located in the middle of Bagram Airfield, with nearly all work areas and services on the west side of the flightline within easy walking distance. A shuttle bus runs along the single main street. Vehicles or bus transportation are provided for the Airmen working further away from the camp. For units working on the east side of the flightline, personnel will be lodged within walking distance, with services also located in the immediate area. Buses run around the entire airfield on a constant rotation.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

A contracted laundry service is available for up to 21 items per bag if itemized, or 25 items per bag if bulk. Note: a pair of socks counts as one item. Only two bags per day may be dropped off. There are two laundry drop off points; one at the entrance to Camp Cunningham and one on the East side near the Yelner DFAC; operating hours are 0700-2100 7-days a week. Linen turn in is only on Saturday. Clothing is not accepted for turn in on Saturday. When dropping off laundry/linen, members must provide their own laundry bag and fill out the appropriate paperwork. All laundry turn-around is normally 4-5 days, so plan accordingly. It is recommended members bring at least three sturdy laundry bags.

RECREATION

EFSS provides Airmen with ample opportunity to unwind and regenerate at the end of the duty day with a 24 hour, 7 day a week recreation program. Nightly games such as Texas Hold'em, Bingo, and Spades are held in the two-story Pre-Engineered Building (PEB) known as the *Vulture's Nest*. There is also a mini concession counter which sells a variety of items such as candies, drinks, Camp Cunningham coins and t-shirts. Additionally there is a mini concession counter in the Old Passenger Terminal that sells a variety of items. There are also two Ad-hoc MWR facilities/B-huts on the East side in front of RLBs 1-

4. Also, as the Base Operating Support-Infrastructure (BOS-I), the host Army unit provides a variety of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation activities.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

There are a variety of fitness centers located throughout BAF designed to provide the necessary equipment for a total body workout or a thorough cardio session. The popular centers on BAF include the following:

- a. The Rock Fitness Center - located on Camp Cunningham, specializes in aerobic and weight training.
- b. The Pebble – located on Camp Cunningham, hosts numerous and varied fitness classes.
- c. The Den – located on Camp Cunningham, caters to functional fitness training.
- d. The Army Clamshell Gym-located at the “4-Corners” on Disney road (1-minute walk from Camp Cunningham) and has a covered Basketball court, Sand Volleyball, aerobic and weight training.
- e. The Warrior Fitness Center- located on Warrior Compound (East side) next to the main laundry facility.
- f. Smack Town Fitness Center - located inside Smack Town on the East side of BAF.

If you have a desire to run outside, Bagram’s main street, Disney Drive, is closed every morning 0530-0700 to most vehicle traffic to provide a safe running route. You can run on the sidewalks at any other time and on the perimeter road during the day. Running/exercising is not permitted on the flight line. The use of MP3 players or headphones are ONLY authorized while inside a Fitness Center.

TESTING/BAGRAM LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

The Education Center is located in the Base Exchange area. The staff can assist with your CDCs and PME testing needs. The AF has a Testing Facility in Smack Town (Bldg. 35695A) on the East side of Bagram. Contact the AF Testing Officer or further information or to schedule a test at e-mail 455efss.tcotestingoffice@bgab.afcent.af.mil or call 318-481-9797. They also offer CLEP/DANTES testing and college courses.

The LRC is located in tent # 25218 in Camp Cunningham and Bldg. 35695A in Smack Town. They provide a quiet environment for studying/reading and a large selection of books and DVDs for checkout.

COMMUNICATIONS BACK HOME

Two 15-minute morale calls per week are allowed. If you need more time to handle personal issues, contact your First Sergeant. The *Vulture’s Nest* has several morale computers/phones and is open 24hrs/day. Free wireless internet is also available there and in other morale locations. Additionally, Bagram’s movie theater located directly across from the Dragon DFAC, has phones and computers available for use. The outgoing morale call number is 312-431-1211, and the 800 access number is 809-463-3376. Due to limited network bandwidth, Bagram does not have videophone capabilities over

government lines; however it does have limited VTC capabilities for official use. The USO across from the passenger terminal offers free wireless internet services, however it is frequently very slow due to high demand. A commercial internet provider will provide service to your B-hut/RLB for a fee; however, service is expensive compared to CONUS, is sporadic, and can also be slow at times. The USO also has a reading program that lets you record a book to stay in touch with children.

EMAIL

All personnel are authorized to use official email for limited morale purposes, provided it does not violate AFI 33-119. You can access most web-based email providers, such as Hotmail and Yahoo. Due to limited network bandwidth availability, all personnel should limit the size of any attachments on emails, as well as web surfing, to the absolute minimum required for the mission. Also, most banking and finance e-banking sites are fully accessible.

It is recommended that you fill out the required paperwork for your NIPR and SIPR email accounts prior to your arrival. Please fill out the form and send it to the person you are replacing so they can obtain the necessary approvals and have your account created prior to your arrival. To access your new account(s) when you arrive at Bagram, you will also be required to present a current Air Force Information Assurance training certificate of completion. You can download the required DD Form 2275 using the following link: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2875.pdf>.

MORALE WIRELESS

All Air Force personnel on active duty have the privilege of accessing free wireless on BAF. The morale wireless system is for personal use only. The intent is to keep members in touch with their family and friends. All members will adhere to General Order 1B while using the system. It is recommended that you do not use the morale wireless for any finances as the system goes through a local provider.

All members will be required to agree to the acceptable use policy before registration. For any questions, comments or concerns please contact the Wireless Support Team at 447-2888 or 455aew.wireless@bgab.afcent.af.mil.

PORTABLE HARD DRIVES

Personal portable hard drives are not authorized to be used on government-owned computers. However, with 455 ECS approval, government-issued portable hard drives may be used for official use in support of mission requirements. Home station, government-issued, portable hard drives brought to Bagram may have official duty files downloaded after 455 ECS approval is granted. Airmen are generally given 24 hours to download any official documents after the portable hard drive is scanned by 455 ECS.

MAIL SERVICE

Your mail delivery address during deployment is:

First Name Last Name
UNIT / OFFICE SYMBOL
Bagram Airfield or BAF
APO, AE 09352

Example:

John Doe
455 EFSS/PERSCO
Bagram Airfield
APO, AE 09352

Bagram Airfield has one main post office in Camp Cunningham and a satellite Postal Service Center in Camp Warrior. The 455 ECS works with the main post office and unit mail clerks to deliver mail. Mail and packages average 10 to 14 days shipping time from the US during non-holiday periods. During holiday periods, these times can easily double. There is an outgoing letter box at the Camp Cunningham and Camp Warrior post offices, as well as several other locations where you can mail letters and cards for free. Write "FREE MAIL" at the upper right corner of the envelope (where the postage stamp is usually placed). Mail packages at either post office. All packages will be inspected by Customs Officials for unauthorized items. *Do not seal your packages prior to taking them to the post office.* Customs forms are available at the main post office. Tape is available for sealing packages after a customs official completes a package search. **The post office only accepts cash and Eagle Cash cards—no credit cards or checks!**

SPIRITUAL RESILIENCY AND RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

The Enduring Faith Chapel (located near Camp Cunningham), the Warrior Chapel (located near Warrior ROSI), and the AMC Chapel (located on the east side across from the control tower in Building 4200) offer a wide variety of worship opportunities. A schedule of services and activities may be found in the BAF Quadfold at <https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/455/spstf/hc/Pages/455HCkw.aspx>. The Air Force Chaplain Corps' offices are located in Camp Cunningham, the Craig Joint Theater Hospital, the flight line facilities on the East-side and in the Security Forces compound. The chaplains regularly offer classes on biblical, spiritual, and relational studies. Confidential counseling, religious guidance, and pastoral care are always available. Phone: 318-481-6677.

DINING

There are eight dining facilities (DFACs) at BAF. The Koele and Thunder (Aviation) Inns, and the BBQ DFAC are located South off of Disney Drive. The Dragon Inn is on Disney Drive adjacent to Camp Cunningham. Heading north on Disney Drive, there is the North DFAC near the North BX. These five facilities are less than a ten-minute walk from Camp Cunningham. The Yelner, Grady and Warrior DFACs are located on the east side of the flight line. There are also coalition DFACs with limited hours. In addition to the DFACs, Bagram Airfield has two Green Bean coffee shops, two Pizza Huts, two Subways and a Popeye's Chicken.

FINANCE

The Air Force has financial representatives on Camp Cunningham in building 24095 (Pink Palace). However, **this office does not conduct cash operations or transactions**. The Army Finance office located in Motel 6 (Bldg 815) on Bagram can cash personal checks up to \$400.00 every month, or deduct money from a member's Eagle Cash card, subject to the same limit.

Automatic Teller Machines are presently located in both Base Exchanges, but are not under AF nor Army control, and if used, are done so at the risk of the member. The Base Exchange will take debit/credit cards, STAR card and Eagle Cash cards. **Eagle Cash cards are mandatory** for all Airmen in the AFCENT AOR and are available at the Camp Cunningham Finance Office. It is recommended that all transactions are made through the Eagle Cash card – it is reliable, safe, and convenient.

Air Force member's AOR entitlements (**Hostile Fire Pay** and **Tax Exclusion**) are automatically started upon interface with personnel system when first transitioning through an ETDC. These entitlements can take up to 45 days before members see differences in their pay. If, after 45 days, members do not see these entitlements, they can contact Bagram Air Force Finance at 455AEW.FM@bgab.afacent.af.mil. In addition, **Hardship Duty Pay (HDP)** can be started at the request of the member after being in the AOR for 30 consecutive days. The member can visit the Bagram Air Force Finance Office or send an email with their SSN# and date arrived at ETDC to start this entitlement. For **Family Separation Allowance (FSA)**, a completed DD Form 1561 and a copy of the member's orders are required. FSA can only be started at the request of the member when the member has been away for more than 30 consecutive days from home station. The request procedure for FSA is the same as HDP. If a member does not initiate payment for FSA and/or HDP while in the AOR, a lump sum payment will be made upon submission of their final travel voucher.

LODGING

There are several types of lodging facilities located on Bagram Air Base. These include dormitory facilities of various sizes, Relocatable Buildings (RLB), Small and Medium Shelter Systems (tents), and B-Huts which can house up to 16 personnel in 8 small rooms. Most include bunk beds and you will most likely share a room with 2-6 personnel. Your lodging can be based on many factors. You will often be located near your work area and with members of your unit. The shower and latrines can be in the same building (Dorms & RLBs) or a small walk away (Tents/Bhuts). Proper clothing is important if you have to walk to your shower or latrine given the winter extremes.

LEGAL OFFICE

The Air Force's Legal Office offers services such as powers of attorney, wills, notary services, legal assistance, claims, and command support. It's currently located in building 24095 (Pink Palace).

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE (SARC)

The SARC is available to provide guidance on reporting options and support services available to victims of sexual assault. To preserve your reporting options as a victim, visit the Air Force SARC in Camp Cunningham building 25117B or call 481-7272 for more information and to have a Unit Victim Advocate assigned.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The 455 Air Expeditionary Wing Equal Opportunity (EO) office is an avenue for DoD civilian employees & active duty military members (including active duty family members and retirees) to address issues of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. The goal of the EO program is to create an inclusive AF culture that embraces, values, and utilizes the diversity within our service and actively promotes fairness and EO in the workplace. The EO office is located on Camp Cunningham, bldg 25117B, ext: 481-6226.

PERSONNEL SUPPORT

You must inprocess through PERSCO for accountability and to receive Hostile Fire Pay and Combat Zone Tax Exclusion.

PERSCO offers limited MPS functions. Personnel services include reenlistments, extensions, emergency leave, R&R leave processing, and other personnel actions requiring home station MPS coordination. They do not have PC-III/MilPDS/DEERS capabilities.

For SSgt-selects who have not completed Airman Leadership School and MSgt selects who have not completed Non-Commissioned Officers Academy – check with your Commander or First Sergeant for a waiver that will allow you to sew on your stripe while deployed. Limited rank insignia is available at Bagram. Uniform alterations can be performed by two AAFES vendors.

The US Army personnel office, located on the second floor of *Motel 6* (bldg 815), can issue ID/CAC cards.

INSPECTOR GENERAL

Bagram Air Base does not have an assigned IG. For issues, members can contact the Bagram IG Liaison at 318-481-1855. Members may also contact the AFCENT Inspector General at 318-436-1774.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING WITH YOU

Specific items that you must bring are identified in the AOR reporting instructions provided by your Unit Deployment Manager/Installation Personnel Readiness Unit.

Almost everything you will need for personal hygiene can be purchased through the BX. If you have a brand preference, you should bring enough for your tour due to the limited selections available. In regards to electronics, both your living and working areas will have 110-power and use U.S. plugs.

Below is a list of recommended items you should consider bringing to Bagram, in addition to your issued items and clothing.

- Personal credit/debit card for use at the BX.
- Personal checkbook for cashing checks.
- Some cash for travel.
- AF PT uniform (min 4 sets, recommend 6-8 sets).
- Socks/underwear to last 10-12 days.
- Shower shoes.
- Prescription glasses/reading glasses & ballistic eye protection.
- Sunglasses & sunscreen.
- Small flashlight with spare batteries.
- Reading light.
- At least one-month supply toiletries if you desire a specific brand. Note: airlines restrict liquids/gels/ aerosols to 3oz containers in one, quart-size zip-lock container.
- At least 3 laundry bags.
- Travel combo or key lock for your bags and one for securing room locker.
- Alarm clock; wind-up or electric.
- Electric blanket (Oct - Mar).
- 2 sets of extra-long twin-sized bed linen, blanket & pillow.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Red Cross: An American Red Cross office is located on Bagram Airfield, 318-431-4242. Give your family members the phone numbers of your home station First Sergeant or Commander in case of emergencies.

Emergency Leave: Emergency leave will be considered IAW AFI 36-3003 on a case-by-case basis. Emergency leave will normally be granted for deaths and terminal illness of your (or your spouse's) parents, children, siblings, sole surviving relative, and persons meeting in-loco-parentis criteria. Emergency leave is *not* granted for normal childbirths, marital problems, to attend to legal or financial problems, or for emergencies involving friends, fiancés, or other than immediate family members. Contact your commander as soon as possible if you anticipate the need for emergency leave.

United Service Organizations (USO): Located across from CUSTOMS and the PAX Terminal, the USO provides movies, snacks and services to include free wireless internet access.

Return Information: Give your families a window of time that you should be leaving the AOR. Plans change frequently and for many reasons, so giving specific dates is asking for trouble and heartache. Approximately 30 days from your departure window, you will be scheduled on a flight from an ETDC and be asked to complete a passenger travel card to schedule any required commercial transportation back to home station.

WEATHER

Month	Average Temperature		Extreme Temperature		Average Liquid Precipitation	
	High °F	Low °F	High °F	Low °F	# of Days	Inches
Jan	43	24	61	-6	8	1.3
Feb	50	31	70	7	12	2.2
Mar	64	42	82	21	12	1.8
Apr	74	49	91	34	11	1.5
May	83	57	97	39	9	0.6
Jun	92	67	102	48	3	0.2
Jul	96	71	104	57	2	0
Aug	94	68	104	52	1	0
Sep	87	59	97	45	2	0.1
Oct	77	46	95	32	3	0.1
Nov	63	36	81	23	6	0.7
Dec	49	28	68	9	8	1.2



WELCOME TO THE FIGHT