Training keeps Travis sharp

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**WARRIOR OF THE WEEK**

Name: Arman E. 2nd Class, Jaded Cayner

Hometown: Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

Time in service: 33 months

Why are you a sailor? I grew up in a military family.

What is your greatest accomplishment? Graduating Basic Military Training.
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Afghan president greets Black Hawks

Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel
438th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Top Afghan and Resolute Support officials welcome the first two UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters Oct. 7 at Kandahar Airfield.

Led by President Ashraf Ghani, an official ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the landmark progress of the Afghan Air Force’s modernization effort and inaugurated the helicopter into their fleet.

Ghani spoke about the new helicopter and pilot training and its impact on the fight against the enemies of the nation, civil order and peace. He said Afghanistan is not just a frontline; it’s the first line of defense of democracy and freedom.

“We share the same value of defending freedom, of living without fear. Terrorists of this world should know … they will not thrive here. We will eliminate them,” Ghani said.

Ghani also thanked U.S. Army Gen. John Nicholson, Resolute Support commander and the U.S. military’s senior leader in Afghanistan, for his sacrifices, dedication and NATO’s work in bringing the Black Hawk to Afghanistan.

“Afghanistan is not only fighting for its own future,” Nicholson said. “You are fighting for humanity’s future. We are with you in this fight and we will stay with you.”

Citing more than 15,000 flown sorties and 9,000 delivered munitions by Afghan airmen, Nicholson highlighted the importance of the AAF in defeating the insurgency.

“A tidal wave of Afghan airpower is on the horizon,” Nicholson said, emphasizing that the UH-60 is part of the modernization that will strengthen the force sustainably into the future. “The momentum has shifted, and it is irreversible.”

Together with NATO and coalition partners, Nicholson said, the Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces will continue to make strides toward critical warfighting capabilities needed in defeating the insurgency.

The UH-60A has been selected to enhance the AAF helicopter fleet and will augment the capabilities currently offered by the Mi-17 for a stable, reliable improvement of the force.

Modernization will provide better capabilities for air missions supporting ANASF operations throughout Afghanistan and increased interoperability with allied forces.

The event culminated with a ceremonial signing of certificates that officially completed the transfer of the first Black Hawks from the U.S. military into the AAF fleet.

The signatories of the document included Maj. Gen. Mohammad Sharif, AAF commander, and U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Steve Nichols, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, presents a recognition on behalf of Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, Air Mobility Command chief, to Senior Airman Virginia Young, 60th Security Forces Squadron, during a presentation Sept. 29 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Young was the Air Mobility Command Airman of the Month for September.
Ceremony welcomes new NCOs

Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Beedle
438th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan — Faith is a center piece of life for many people in the world. In the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, however, it is a matter of identity. This is no less true for Afghan airmen and soldiers on the frontlines in the fight against an anti-government insurgency that is active in much of the country.

Assigned to Team, Advisor, Assist Command-Air, Chaplains (Maj. Chris Conklin), the first air advisor charged with assisting the Afghan military’s religious and cultural affairs program with the mission of effective religious care and spiritual readiness for those who defend their nation.

“One priority for the future is to prepare this essential office to keep pace with the Afghan air force’s growth,” Conklin said. “We want to ensure the teams’ movement or growth in the total force grows and want to produce clarity on career progression (for religious advisors). Additionally, we want to encourage thought into what requirements members are going to have in the Afghan air force.”

Once a week, Conklin meets with his counterpart, Afghan National Army Col. Abdul Basir, the Afghan air force’s lead Religious and Cultural Affairs officer, to discuss issues surrounding religious and cultural support operations in Kabul and bases throughout Afghanistan.

To attend meetings with their Afghan partners, Conklin and his chaplain assistant, Staff Sgt. Chris O’Neal, have their secured combat zones in their offices and are expected to be joined by additional maintenance Airman in the near future. Additionally, Conklin said, “My goal is not to teach them how to be good Islamic scholars,” Conklin said. “In the same way we train our Air Force chaplains here at home, we’ve been providing safe, reliable aircraft for far above our normal working lines-0 to ensure we meet all emerging requirements and will continue to do so to the very best of our skills.”

They are expected to remain on the island from anywhere between 45 days to four months, depending on several variables. While in location, their mission will be to provide maintenance support for C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 aircraft. They will be working hand-in-hand with other aircraft maintenance Airmen from other AMC bases, which are also expected to be joined by additional maintenance Airmen from Dover AFB in the transiting the island while delivering humanitarian relief supplies and personnel. One of these seven, Airman 1st Class Ronald Mideksa-Rounds, 436th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, is a Puerto Rican native.

The team of seven maintenance Airmen departed on a bus from Dover AFB Oct. 9, 2017, to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. There they caught a flight on a C-17 Globemaster III to San Juan.

“Senior Airman Zachary Caccia, 436th Airlift Wing public affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Team Dover has responded in force to support the ongoing Hurricane Maria relief operations in Puerto Rico since the storm made landfall and devastated the island two weeks ago.

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Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson spoke about the importance of our military presence and the need for our armed forces to rely more on jointness.

In her speech, she highlighted the importance of the United States military as a whole, and specifically mentioned the role of the Air Force in maintaining a strong and capable fighting force.

Wilson emphasized the need for a joint and integrated approach to national security, and the importance of maintaining a strong alliance with our key partners and allies.

She also discussed the role of the Air Force in providing critical support to other branches of the military, and the importance of continuing to invest in technology and innovation.

In conclusion, Wilson stressed the importance of maintaining a strong and capable military, and the need for continued investment in technology and innovation to ensure our military remains ready to meet the challenges of the future.
CBRN training increases Travis readiness

Under a thick coat, pants, cotton and rubber gloves, comfort-seam boot covers, a tightly pulled hood, a gas mask and a hot sun damper, Tech. Sgt. Donovan Root, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, customer service support administration, was Airman Lautrice O. Whitter, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, protective measures as they would do their best to live in a timely and efficient manner.

When I did the training, it was overwhelming, said Whitter. I was sweating so much that I remember pulling my mask off and it was as if my face had melted into it. But the 46th Civil Engineer Squadron here does its best to make it as real as possible. The sweat is just a part of being able to handle these types of situations when and where they happen.

Whitter was one of many Airmen performing their annual CBRN defense training in September. Tech. Sgt. Donovan G. Root, 60th CES NCO in charge of Emergency Management logistics, was her instructor.

CBRN is one of those things that people don’t believe will happen to them until it’s really hit you and it’s not only in the stateside, but also in deployed locations where CBRN has been used in the past. Scenarios here are a lot different. It’s a firm believer in the necessary training and the good jobs that do these types of things for Team Travis and the U.S. Air Force.

Despite the heat, sweat, gas mask and heavy clothing, Whitter and her instructor believe in the necessity of the training and the good jobs that do these types of things for Team Travis and the U.S. Air Force.

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Providing that training real- ly came down to the emergency manager’s willingness to put in long hours, Root said. "Due to the course of the two weeks of training, the emergency managers offered classes designed to be more accessible to maintainers and shift workers with start times as early as 3:30 a.m. and late as 9 p.m."

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Despite CBRN warfare being banned by the international community under the Geneva Conventions, said Root. "They care about what weapons of mass destruction. They don’t care about crimes against humanity or war crimes. So they will gladly use this stuff. That’s why we need this annual training to research, train, and test this equipment in the event it’s ever used against us.”

For Root, the matter of CBRN defense goes further than personal safety. In order to rapid- ly project American power, air- men need to be able to land, take off and maintain a presence in a contaminated environment. "The mission doesn’t stop just because you are," said Root. "We need to train to keep the mission going no matter what environment we find ourselves in."

Despite the heat, sweat, gas mask and heavy clothing, Whitter’s passion for this necessary training made the experience not only possible and fun, but rewarding knowing he were helping out the wing.”
News Notes

In the next week ...

A Ribbon-Waving Bash: A mid-year bash will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Travis AFB Main Club. The bar will remain open until 1 a.m. for those looking to continue celebrating. A bar band will perform starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Benefits go to the Travis Air and Space Museum. Call 707-424-4596 for more information.

Lock-Up the Domestic Abuser: The Domestic Violence Team will host a family event from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 20 on the 3rd floor of the Family Housing Community Center in Building 380B. Hay rides will be available for $6 per person. This event is open to the public and will feature a haunted hay ride, a photoshoot, and much more. Call 707-424-2282 for more information.


“House on Haunted Hill”: 8 p.m. Oct. 26. Tickets are available on the Travis AFB Main Club Facebook page. Reserved tickets are $19 and reserved tickets are $20. Tickets can be purchased at the bar or at the door. Call 707-424-4596.


LGBT Fair: 1-5 p.m. Oct. 26. Travis AFB Main Club. The annual fair will have plenty of decorations, games, music and more. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Mathew Sanchez at 707-424-5883 or lgbtalliance707@gmail.com.

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**Memo**

From Page 13

traditional tools of diplomacy, ensuring that President Donald J. Trump and U.S. diplomats negotiate from a position of strength.

“We are a department at war,” Mattis wrote, describing the increasingly complex global security situation as characterized by “an accelerating decline in the management of the rules-based international order.”

He specified North Korea, Russia, China and Iran, and, despite gains made against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, terrorist groups that continue to murder innocents and threaten peace.

“Pursuit of global security and stability requires our armed forces to remain the world’s preeminent fighting force,” Mattis continued, “and our department has three lines of effort to enable us to remain the world’s preeminent fighting force.”

**Lines of effort**

The first part of the secretary’s three-pronged plan is to restore military readiness as the department builds a more lethal force.

“We will execute a multi-year plan to rapidly rebuild the warfighting readiness of the Joint Force, filling holes in capacity and lethality while preparing for sustained future investment,” Mattis wrote.

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MWDs

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So, I have made soup, sandwiches and other foods for the folks at Travis,” said Shannon. “It’s hard to watch so many people lose everything and know there is nothing you can do about it.”

Lackluster transformed her home into a drop-off location where volunteers could pick up items in need of clothing, blankets, toiletries and building AAF capabilities.

Despite the turmoil, the mission to fight for peace, however, continues. Stewart said, “Shannon has become huge,” said Shannon. “We were taking in so many things that we couldn’t hold it all. We collected anything that could help people moving forward and help them get through the next week.”

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Domestic violence also has a large impact on children. Children witness some of the issues, FAP offers counseling, classes and workshops for both adults and children. Some children feel left out and are at risk for personal and family violence.

In 2014, DOD reported 7,769 cases of child abuse or neglect. Thirty of those cases resulted in deaths, including 18 children who were less than 1 year old.

FAP gets involved in child abuse cases when the victim is under age 18 or suffers from a physical or mental incapacity and is in the legal care of a service member or military family.

FAP also provides in services at all DOD child care centers, by asking families for feedback and sharing information. Additionally, families are involved in the decision-making process.

Domestic violence in the military is a problem, and it affects military families, making it necessary to address the issue.

Victims of domestic violence need help to protect themselves and their children. Without intervention, there is a higher chance of violence.

Family advocacy exists worldwide, and it’s crucial to support families affected by domestic violence.

In order to properly address the issue, the military should offer resources and training to help families cope with domestic violence.

The military should also be aware of the signs of domestic violence and provide support to victims.

In conclusion, domestic violence is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. The military should provide resources and support to help victims and their families.

For more information, please visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline or contact Family Advocacy Program at DGMC.
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