

3595th MEDICAL GROUP



332ND AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

Mission

Combat Airpower for America - Right Here, Right Now

Joint Base Balad is home to the headquarters of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing — the most forward deployed Air Force Wing in Operation

Iraqi Freedom. The heritage of the 332 AEW is tied to the famous 332nd Fighter Group led by the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II. With a rally cry of "The Legend Continues," the wing has pioneered modern warfare tactics using advanced weapons systems including the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for close air support and traditional and non-traditional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. The base is host to a C-130 squadron that provides intra- and inter-theater airlift, delivering passengers and cargo to bases around the country. The wing also operates a contingent of HH-60 helicopters that provides combat search and rescue capability for the entire Iraqi theater. On a monthly basis, JBB logistics readiness experts process 950+ Cargo Aircraft, 12K tons of cargo and 19K passengers making it the busiest aerial port operation in the AOR and in all of DoD. In terms of aircraft movements, JBB is the busiest single runway operation in the DoD. JBB is the busiest single runway operation in the DoD.

Location

Joint Base Balad is located approximately 42 miles north of Baghdad in the southeastern corner of the Sunni Triangle, which was considered the power base of Saddam Hussein. Under Saddam Hussein, JBB was home to the Iraqi air force academy and was also the site of a training facility for many of Iraq's premier athletes.

Organization

The 332nd AEW is the only Air Force wing in Iraq and is comprised of eight distinct groups, five of which are located at JBB:

332nd Expeditionary Operations Group: The operations group is responsible for all of the expeditionary flying operations squadrons at the 332nd. The group oversees the day to day operations of three F-16 fighter squadrons (two active and one Guard or Reserve), a Predator UAV squadron, a C-130 squadron and a combat search and rescue squadron (HH-60s). In addition, the operations group oversees a range of support functions such as airfield management, air traffic control, intelligence, weather and an expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation flight.

332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Group: The maintenance group provides combat-ready aircraft and munitions to the air component commander in support of coalition forces throughout Iraq. The group is comprised of two squadrons responsible for on- and off-aircraft maintenance and sortie generation in support of F-16CG/C+/CJ, C-130H/H3/E, HH-60G Pave Hawk, and MQ-1 Predator aircraft, as well as launch, recovery and servicing support for military and commercial transient aircraft. The group also has administrative control over an Air Mobility Command detachment, responsible for direct maintenance support for Air Force airlift assets.

332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group: The mission support group provides a wide range of expeditionary combat support capabilities necessary to protect, enable and sustain combat operations for the 332 AEW and its tenant units. These functions are spread among five different squadrons responsible for communications, services, civil engineering, force protection and logistics readiness operations.

332nd MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY GROUP

Other units at Lockbourne Field, OH:

318th Army Air Force Base Unit**

332nd Airdrome Group**

332nd Maintenance Squadron, 332d Maintenance and Supply Group**

332nd Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine**

332nd Base Service Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine**

332nd Finance Disbursing Unit**

580th Air Service Group
602nd Air Engineering Squadron
1062nd Air Materiel Squadron
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2260th Air Base Squadron*
4413th WAF Squadron

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ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "332D EXPEDITIONARY MAINTENANCE GROUP" in Blue letters.

Symbolism

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The panther symbolizes the Squadron's strength, dedication and devotion to duty. The flames emitting from its mouth represent the unit's capability to accomplish the Air Force mission worldwide. The blue and yellow nebule connotes day and night operations.

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