

9th AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITARY TASK FORCE-IRAQ

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USAF Expeditionary Units Inactivated: Kuwait—The Air Force inactivated the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, along with the 321st Air Expeditionary Wing, 368th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group, and 467th Air Expeditionary Group Sunday afternoon local time. The ceremony took place in a hangar at an undisclosed installation here just five hours after the last US troops left Iraq. "It's been an honor to serve with so many men and women who poured their heart and soul into this mission," said Maj. Gen. Russell Handy who led the task force since August 2010. Handy also thanked airmen and their families for their "personal sacrifices." Nearly 4,500 US military members died during Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn and more than 32,000 were wounded. "Understandably, many of you will look back and wonder if it was worth the price. That question is one we all will have to ask ourselves because sacrifice is a deeply personal thing," said Handy. He assured each airman

that they are leaving the Iraqis with more opportunities than they had before. "As you all depart here very soon, hold your heads high as proud members of a specialized fraternity of warriors," he said. 2011

332nd AEW Reactivated, New Missions Planned The Air Force, which continues to build up its in-theater infrastructure to support Operation Inherent Resolve, reactivated the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at an undisclosed Persian Gulf nation earlier this month. With more aircraft and missions operating from the base, Air Forces Central Command re-designated the 332nd Air Expeditionary Group as a full-fledged AEW. Col. Mike Kocheski took over command of the 332nd AEW during a May 19 ceremony at the new wing, where Maj. Gen. Peter Gersten, commander of the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force, declared the wing would be "expanding in terms of mission sets" in the near future. The 332nd AEW eventually will incorporate a rescue group to support OIR taskings within the region, and will add an air advisory group to assist Iraqi Air Force, Army, and aviation assets grow in capability. The 332nd AEG stood up late last year in the Gulf region to support USAF deployments for OIR, to include A-10s and other assets. "We've come a long way, but there's much more to be done," Gersten said. The 332nd AEW inactivated previously in 2012, after supporting combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. 2015

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