

A DAY THE LIFE

You can be at the wing comm shop or on the front lines fighting the Global War on Terror. When we decided to theme June's *intercom*, "A Day in the Life," we knew we'd get some extraordinary submissions. The following pages are snapshots in time from March 12, illustrating that when the bell goes off, comm is ready to answer the call to duty.



◄ Staff Sgt. Jamie McCarrison of the 15th Comm Squadron operates the controls of the Video Conferencing unit at Hickam.

Michael Dey / 15th CS



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▲ Members of Hickam's 15th Comm Squadron Network Communications Center relax for a moment while they keep Hickam's network running.

◄ Master Sgt. Cody Vance of the 15th Comm Squadron at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, works on an illustration he created for the Air Force.

► Tech. Sgt. Lester Sjoblom, 119th Communications Flight graphic artist, prepares to scan a photo in the 119th Fighter Wing multimedia center, Fargo, N.D.



Senior Master Sgt. David Lipp / 119th FW

Datebook Entry

DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — On Friday, March 12, the 612th Air Communications Squadron was deeply involved in two major contingency operations.

Fifty-five ACOMS personnel were just completing their first full week at the Al Udeid CAOC in Qatar, part of a 150-member team from 12th Air Force, the first Numbered Air Force tasked to substantially man the Al Udeid CAOC under the AEF construct. At the same time, 40 additional ACOMS personnel were completing the palletization and marshalling of pallets, CAD bins, and rolling stock for deployment to Operation Secure Tomorrow in Haiti.

During the day, all 40 personnel processed through the Personnel Readiness Unit in preparation for departure within 72 hours. Four personnel and 3,500 pounds of equipment departed within 24 hours to support the first Joint Personnel Recovery Center in Haiti. Col. Wayne Scott, the unit's commander, assembled the entire squadron in the morning to brief on the mission in Haiti, the capabilities we were deploying and the dangerous and austere conditions these personnel would face. Much of this information was based on input from the first squadron member to deploy to Haiti with the ADVON team. He was in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, living under camo netting and performing a site survey to design the communications architecture for the first deployment of an Air Component Coordination Element to a location with no existing communications infrastructure.

2nd Lt. Daniel Peden
612th Air Communications Squadron



Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier / 35th CS



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▲ Senior Airman Justin Hudson from the 35th Communications Squadron at Misawa AB, Japan, performs a resistance check on the TRC-187 Time Of Day Transmitter. The transmitter provides the time base for anti-jam operation of Have Quick radio sets.

◀ Staff Sgt. John Lontoc a ground radio journeyman at Misawa AB, installs an Advanced Encryption Standard chip into the XTS-5000 handheld radio.