

376th Air Expeditionary Wing



Manas Air Base, Kyrgyz Republic

Manas Air Base was activated December 21, 2001, when coalition forces deployed to Manas International Airport and began supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The base continues to play an important role in the ongoing operations in Afghanistan, helping promote regional stability in Central Asia.

Mission

Manas Air Base is the premier mobility hub for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. The wing's around-the-clock mission includes strategic airlift operations, aerial refueling, combat airlift and airdrop, and aeromedical evacuation.

Aircraft

Coalition aircraft supporting the mission include U.S. KC-135s and C-17s, Spanish C-130s, and French C135FRs.

Personnel

The base has approximately 1,200 personnel assigned, including U.S., Spanish and French forces. Additionally, the base employs more than 600 contract and local personnel to assist with day-to-day operations and to support the personnel assigned to and transiting through the base.

Community Outreach



Manas personnel have made a difference in the lives of Kyrgyz people through volunteerism. The Manas Air Base Outreach Society (MABOS) is a private service organization that works with local charities. Since its creation in December 2003, MABOS has funded 94 heart operations for children and donated 36,100 hours for ten charitable organizations. During the AEF 9/10 rotation, 263 MABOS members contributed 1,100 hours to the community. More than \$20,000 in goods and services were invested in orphanages, Habitat for Humanity projects, school repairs, aid to the elderly, and 13 heart surgeries. Over 1,200 local people were personally assisted. In the last four months, MABOS also received nearly \$20,000 in monetary donations from RECC and others.

The village partnership pairs military units with local villages to perform community service. Squadrons work closely with town mayors to identify and prioritize needs. This rotation Airmen have logged thousands of volunteer hours. The groups raised money for supplies and donated labor as well. Projects in the six base villages included renovating/repairing schools, constructing an ice skating rink at a local park, cleaning and restoring a village WWII memorial, raising funds to buy and install water pumps and space heaters, purchasing coal for a pre-school furnace, repairing 17 school computers and much more.



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Cycle 6 AEF 9/10 Summary
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Colonel Harrison Smith
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376th Expeditionary Operations Group

As the lead KC-135 aerial refueling unit for Afghanistan operations, the AEF 9/10 rotation logged the highest fall operations tempo in more than four years with 783 sorties flown and more than 43.7 million lbs. of fuel off-loaded to 1,938 U.S. and Coalition fighter, bomber and reconnaissance planes.



The wing's effort enabled 1,181 'strike,' 'show of force' and 'troops in contact' missions to be directed against the enemy this rotation.

Passenger and cargo movement remained steady with the detachment of C-17s assigned to Manas. 692 sorties were flown that delivered 19.5 million lbs. of cargo and 31,025 passengers to or from Afghanistan, as well as a record-setting 891 airdrop bundles equaling 1.3 million lbs. of cargo.

Despite the high operations tempo, the wing was also able to complete \$615K in airfield improvements to enhance flying safety, including paving the A17 parking spot shoulder and access road, paving the shoulder next to the Juliet ramp to prevent FOD, restriping the airfield with reflective paint, and upgrading two Juliet parking spots with concrete to increase their lifespan.

Members have also been helping host nation controllers prepare for their upcoming Level 4 International Civil Aviation Organization certification through assisting them with their English skills.

**Mission First
Safety Always**

376th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

The high operations tempo to support coalition ground forces was met in significant part due to the aircraft generation and support efforts of flightline, back shop, AGE, support, and supply personnel. Their combined efforts maintained 81 percent KC-135 and 88 percent C-17 mission capable rates. More importantly, EMXG professionals sustained a 97 percent logistics departure reliability. Significant accomplishments included: technicians performed 7,214 maintenance actions; QA conducted 246 inspections with 89 percent KC-135 and 95 percent C-17 pass rates; no FOD incidents; and no aircraft reportable MISHAPs. A Multi-MAJCOM SAV reviewed all functions and found "Operations across the 376 EMXG were indicative of dedicated leadership to ensure successful mission generation."



376th Expeditionary Medical Group



The safety and health of the Air Force's most precious asset – our personnel – was entrusted to the 376 EMDG. In addition to having the top vaccination program in the AOR, the group treated more than 2,000 patients, performed two emergency surgeries, and coordinated seven aeromedical evacuations. The 376 EMDG aided the Kyrgyz Republic's development as a democratic and free state via multiple engagement activities: the Bishkek and Manas AB Medical Partnership Visit brought 18 prominent Kyrgyz medical staff to Manas; the surgical team "scrubbed in" at the National Surgical Center to observe and share techniques; and the group helped restore \$4.4K of medical equipment at the Kryrgyz National Hospital.

376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group

During AEF 9/10, EMSG worked as an integrated team to identify, plan and execute many institutional process improvements that greatly enhanced the quality of life for transient personnel. The group's motto "World Class Warrior Care" was put into practice with improved baggage unloading and movement services that delivered bags directly to APIs, dorms and tents, and streamlined PERSCO inprocessing and accountability for over 12,000 personnel. A new \$562,000 latrine facility was unveiled at the API complex in October. The civil engineers laid new sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety and finished the bulk of the work on a new Medical Clinic and maintenance facility, while the communication squadron made great strides in migrating the base to fiber-optics from copper wiring to improve bandwidth capacity. Contracting and services worked together to award a new \$25 million BOS contract that includes DFAC food services and the contracting out of services at Pete's, Shooters and Lodging.



Services also provided over 475,000 meals and 562 recreational events, including the USO's 'Chairman's Holiday Tour.' The post office processed 200,000 pounds of mail through the holiday season, while security forces defenders shunned the severe cold during six consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures providing airtight base defense and opening a new checkpoint at Ops Town to increase security. Logistics readiness greatly improved PAX services while handling 24,408 passengers and 3,718 short-tons of cargo for delivery into and out of Afghanistan and fitting and equipping 4,500 Airmen with protective gear. POL delivered over 35 million pounds of fuel vital to air power in Afghanistan. EMSG also improved relations with the Kyrgyz Republic and local communities, supporting the U.S. presence in Central Asia. From hosting a gourmet dinner for the mayors of six local villages to honoring "Great Patriot" WWII veterans, as well as conducting a tour showcasing environmental practices, the group worked tirelessly to promote cultural understanding.