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One Mission, Many Nations Highlights from Around the Coalition

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, works by, with and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Mentoring, advising and assisting are key components for building our security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. The Coalition has military contributions from more than 30 nations.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **Two Australian medics provide critical care during rocket attacks**
- **U.S. Soldiers participate in a mortar readiness exercise**
- **9 AETF-L welcomes new commander through virtual ceremony**

Two Australian medics provide critical care during rocket attacks

On March 11 and 14, Australian and New Zealand personnel, as part of Task Group Taji 10 (TGT-X), along with Coalition partners, were exposed to terrifying events when multiple rockets impacted their camp north of Baghdad, Iraq.

Australian Corporals Nixon and Liversedge scrambled to a nearby tent to grab medical stores and prepare the resuscitation room, while rockets exploded.

Over the next few hours, both corporals provided critical medical support to wounded casualties at the medical aid station. .

TGT-X Commander, Colonel Nick Foxall, praised the heroism of Corporal Nixon and Corporal Liversedge following the attacks.

“Corporal Nixon and Corporal Liversedge showed





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exceptional care and courage during both attacks. The actions of these two soldiers almost certainly saved the lives of the injured Coalition members,” Colonel Foxall said.

(Source: Australian Department of Defence International News Webpage)
<https://news.defence.gov.au/international/medics-excel-under-fire>

U.S. Soldiers participate in a mortar readiness exercise

Soldiers deployed to At-Tanf Garrison, Syria, trained on an 81 mm mortar weapon system during a readiness exercise on April 22, 2020.

Coalition and partner forces from the Maghaweir al-Thowra, remain united and determined in our mission to degrade and defeat Daesh in southern Syria.

(Source: Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)
<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6183174/tanf-garrison-mortar-readiness-exercise>



9 AETF-L welcomes new commander through virtual ceremony

Due to current precautionary measures to mitigate impacts from COVID-19, the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force-Levant (AETF-L) held a virtual change of command ceremony as U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Kenneth P. Ekman assumed command from U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Alexis G. Grynkeiwich on April 20, 2020.

Service members at units located across the Middle East dialed into a central video teleconference line as a means to preserve military tradition, while complying with current health and safety guidelines set forth by the Department of Defense and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.





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“Even in uncertain times, the tradition and continuity of the military remains strong,” Grynkeiwich said as he stood in a conference room with only a handful of joint, Coalition service members. The majority of his audience listened in from more than 20 remote locations.

In addition to commanding the 9 AETF-L for the past year, Grynkeiwich was dual-hatted as the Deputy Commander for Operations of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve. He thanked commanders and members from both organizations and reiterated the importance of fighting as a team now more than ever.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2157522/9-aetf-l-welcomes-new->

