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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. Since 2014, the Coalition has military contributions from more than 30 nations.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **French Rafale jets bomb a Daesh hideout**
- **U.S. Air Force sergeant awarded for excellence**
- **Erbil Air Base, Iraq, honors fallen service members**
- **Helicopter training flights over Erbil Air Base, Iraq**

French precision bomb destroys a Daesh hideout

A patrol of two French Rafales aircraft contributed to the reduction of the military potential of Daesh by firing an SBAS 38 AASM (modular air-to-ground weapon) bomb May 20, 2020.

The bomb destroyed a bed down location for Daesh fighters, which was used as one of their sanctuaries southeast of Mosul.

According to French Col. Benjamin Souberbielle, "The AASM is a formidable asset for the Coalition. Its variable capacity offers us innovative modes of action. Our enemies hide at the slightest noise. Firing from afar creates surprise and deprives the enemy of sanctuary. "

The Rafales continue their daily mission of armed





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reconnaissance, over Iraq and Syria alongside the armed forces of the Coalition, in the fight against Daesh.

(Source: Operation CHAMMAL Public Affairs)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/brev es/chammal-une-bombe-aasm-detruit-une-position-de-daech-en-irak>

Recognizing excellence: Tech. Sgt. Chorpenning

Elmira, N.Y., a small community bursting with historical charm and neighborly locals, was the starting point for a young 19 year old looking for an opportunity to branch out of his hometown.

When deciding his next step in life – a passing glance at a flyer turned into a life-changing encounter.

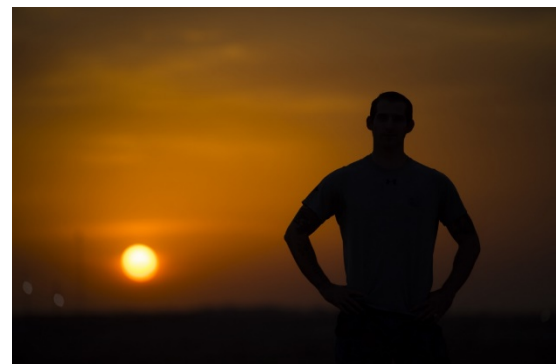
“I just saw the [Air Force recruiting] ad and it sounded like fun,” he remarked.

Now, at 27 years old, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. David Chorpenning serves as a SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) specialist for Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

“Walking around the woods and teaching people are two of my passions; SERE has definitely fulfilled them,” Chorpenning noted.

During a virtual troop engagement event, the most innovative and hard-working Airmen supporting vital military operations in Southwest Asia were coined by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. Guastella Jr., Commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command – Chorpenning was among those recognized Airmen.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force - Operation





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<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/370982/recognizing-excellence-tech-sgt-chorpenning>

Erbil Air Base, Iraq, honors fallen service members

In honor of Memorial Day, illuminated lanterns with the names of service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country are displayed at Erbil Air Base in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, May 25, 2020.

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

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6224848/fallen-soldiers-honored-memorial-day-erbil-air-base>



U.S. Soldiers participate in a training flight over Erbil Air Base, Iraq

U.S. Soldiers pilot a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during a training flight over the city of Erbil in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, May 23, 2020.

Training is key to ensuring our forces are prepared to continue CJTF-OIR's defeat Daesh mission.

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

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