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Deployment Experience

Lessons Learned





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Learning Objectives

- Review the controlled substance forms used during deployments
- Describe the different types of deployment missions for both Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians
- Discuss lessons learned and key take-aways for a positive deployment experience
- Understand the role of the Deployment Transition Center and how it can assist in re-deployment efforts



Deployment Lessons Learned

MSgt Chona Crose





INTRODUCTION

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Home Unit: Nellis AFB

Current Position: Pharmacy Flight Chief





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V24002-02	579	DR HENRY (494)	Ambien	2Jan24	Ambien 5mg (RIN + closed sign)
V24002-03	579	DR HENRY (494)	Ambien	2Jan24	Ambien 10mg (closed)
V24005-01	579	DR HENRY/494	Ambien	5Jan24	Zolpidem 5mg
V24006-01	579	MEDSAFE	Ultram (tab)	6Jan24	Tramadol 50mg
V24006-02	579	MEDSAFE	Zolpidem (tab)	6Jan24	Ambien 10mg
V24006-03	579	MEDSAFE	Tamoxifen (tab)	6Jan24	Doxetil 30mg
V24006-04	579	MEDSAFE	Versed (iv) 2ml	6Jan24	Midazolam 5mg/ml
V24006-05	579	MEDSAFE	Ketamine (iv) 10ml	6Jan24	Ketamine 50mg/ml
V24006-06	579	MEDSAFE	Diazepam (iv) 10ml	6Jan24	Valium 5mg/ml
V24006-07	579	MEDSAFE	Morphine (iv) 1ml	6Jan24	Morphine 4mg/ml
V24006-08	579	MEDSAFE	Fentanyl (iv) 2ml	6Jan24	Fentanyl 50mcg/ml
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V24006-13	579	RSI Kits	Morphine 1ml	6Jan24	Morphine 4mg/ml
V24025-01	579	DR HENRY (494)	Ambien	25Feb24	Ambien 10mg
V24033-01	579	DR HENRY (494)	Dexedrine	2Feb24	Dexedrine 5mg
V24051-01	579	Retrich, Ivan (Quinn)	Ketamine	20Feb24	Ketamine (R 2) 50mg/ml (Closed)



Priorities

MASCAL Exercises



Working
Hard !!!





Deployment Experience

Jordanian Air Force Women Military Training Center

Tactical Combat Casualty Care Training



After Work Activities !!!







Deployment Lessons Learned

Maj Angelo Boss





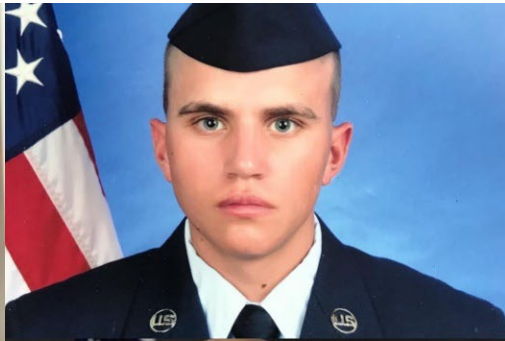
Introduction

- Maj Angelo Boss
- Home Unit: Nellis AFB
- Current Position: Support Element Chief
- Time in Service: 6 years
- Favorite leadership quote: “Implementing Extreme Ownership requires checking your ego and operating with a high degree of humility.” –Jocko Willink





Introduction



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Deployment Experience

- Deployed October 23- April 24
- 332 AEW, Undisclosed Location, SWA
 - 24.1 rotation, Role I MTF
- Medical Support Flight Commander
 - Pharmacy
 - Lab
 - Radiology
 - Systems
 - Logistics



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Opportunities

- Learning curve on understanding ancillary services and their roles in the downrange mission
- Collaborate with CENTCOM consultant to perform SAVs, move drugs in theater and act as Pharmacy liaison for country.
- Establish Walking Blood Bank
- Complete process improvements shared across the AOR
- “Re-blued” based on proximity to the mission





Deployment Experience

- Wing priorities:
 - Deter Iran
 - Counter VEOs
 - Compete Strategically
 - Defend the Base/Mission
- Experiences
 - Aircraft mishaps
 - Tower 22 support
 - MASCAL Exercises
 - Host nation integration/relations
 - Regional Tensions
 - Incentive flight/pet the jets





Personal Challenges

- Displacement from family/time zone difference
- Sleep
- Food
- 24/7 Mission Mentality
 - Overnight Ops
 - Bunker Dives
- Hot taskers
 - Rapid medication acquisition
- Mental resilience
 - No off-base travel/1 drink limit





Lessons Learned

- Opportunities at the MTF level paid dividends in terms of leadership and job knowledge
- Inpatient/Critical Care training shortfalls
 - Develop MOUs
 - Ensure 43Ps at med centers are exposed to inpatient setting
- Importance of deployment prescription program
 - Members arriving in theater without supply of medication
 - Providers/patients naive to DPP
- Supply chain in the AOR





What To Expect

- Depending on the site, you will be the medication SME for multiple providers/locations
 - Includes logistics process- Become familiar with DMLSS/TEWLS and make friends with the SWA Pharmacist
 - Perform site visits of neighboring GSUs/TMCs
- Your formulary is limited compared to home station ops
- Become familiar with CENTCOM policies
 - 1 site visit from your consultant per rotation
- Don't downplay your role at a Role I
 - ACLS/TCCC- be prepared to stabilize for transport
 - Develop host nation hospital relations
- Embrace the Jocko Willink mentality of challenges: "Good"
- Food/living arrangements may not be perfect
- Roller coaster of motivation
- Make your presence/role known as a pharmacist
- The most rewarding assignment of your career



Wins

- Integration with Army brothers/sisters
- Pharmacy everywhere at 332 AEW
 - Pharmacy OIC, A-staff, Squadron Commander
- Fitness goals
- Incentive flight
- Mission connection



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Deployment Lessons Learned

Capt Danny Ortiz-Velez





Deployment Readiness



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Deployments

Operation Refugee Allies (IRF Team)

- August 2021
 - Afghani retrieval response (EMEDS)
 - Acute medical service to refugees transiting or residing on base
 - Support role
 - US and Qatari forces

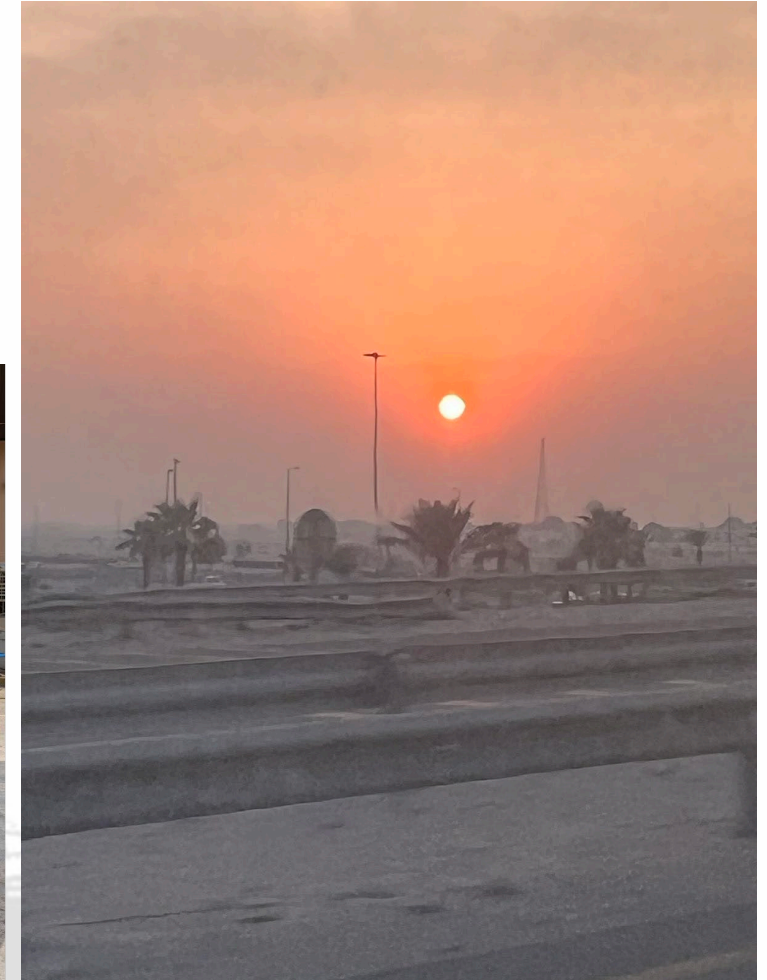




Deployments

Operation All Allies Welcome (Joint Mission)

- May 2023
 - Afghani retrieval response
 - Full range services for refugees residing on base
 - Support role
 - US Army



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What to Expect

- Short notice
 - Communication
 - Preparation
 - Will
 - Power of attorney
 - Auto-Pay
 - House, vehicle, pet and personal item care



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low manning<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-person shop• Leadership• 24/7 ops | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restriction<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry country• Lockdowns | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work limitations<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supply• No Automation• No Internet | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language• Religion |
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How to Prepare

- Out-patient
 - Cough and cold (clinics)
- In-patient
 - ACLS
 - Aseptic technics and admixture preparation
- Administrative
 - Supply!!!
 - CETCOM
 - USAMMC-SWA
 - Europe





How to Come Back

- Many changes
 - Family
 - Work
 - Changes in routine
 - Changes in your world view
- Seek help
 - Taking care of you is readiness!
 - PTO
 - Mental health
 - Find your mission...



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Deployment Transition Center

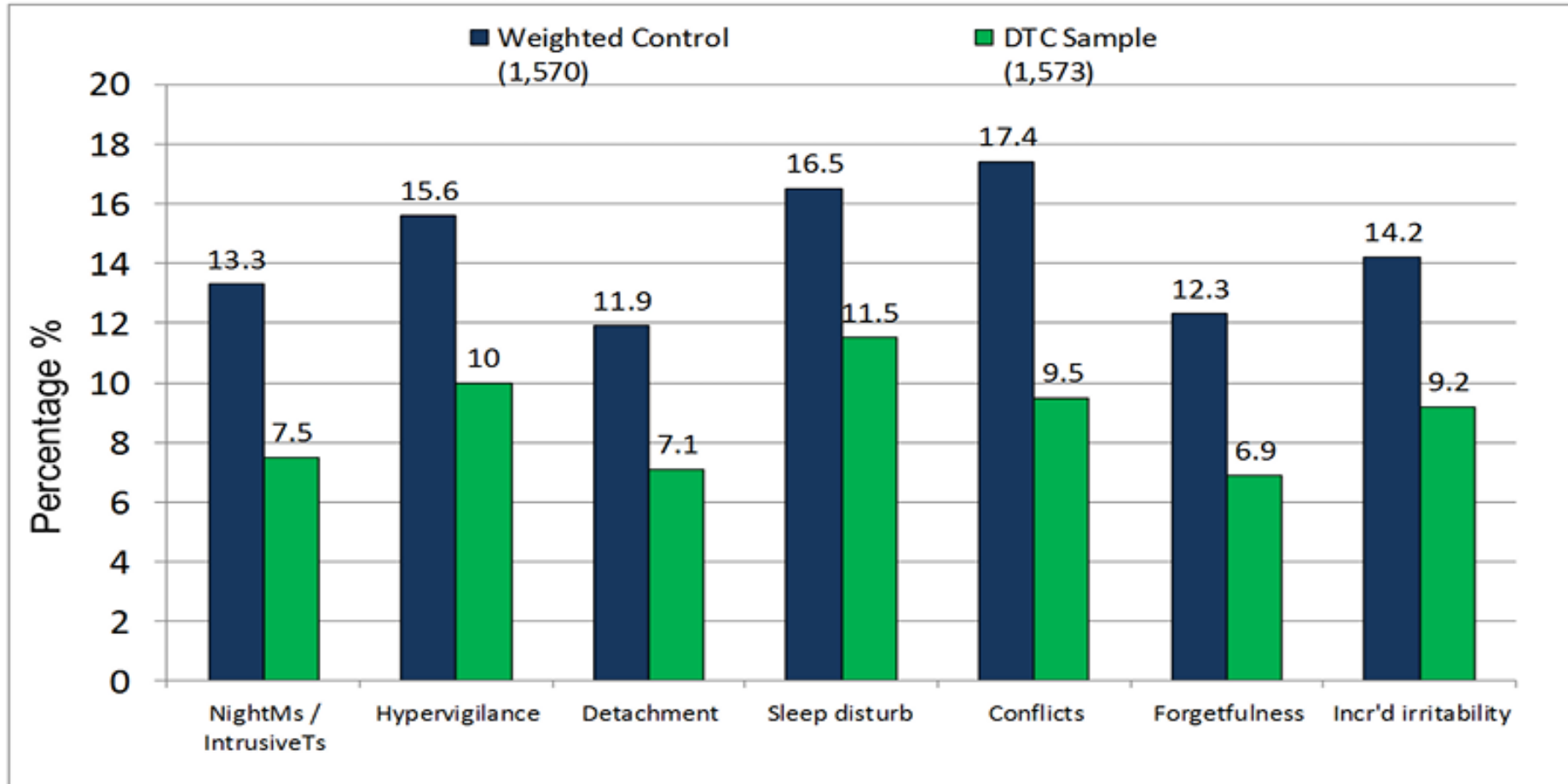
- Program
 - 72 hours (10 hours program and 62 hours of liberty)
- Mission
 - The U.S. Air Force Deployment Transition Center at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, operates a continuing world-class organization, en-route to redeployees' home station
 - The program provides critical reintegration skills and decompression opportunities for redeployees
- Vision
 - To be the DOD's Center of Excellence for returning Warfighters by bridging positive combat and home-front skillsets





AF/SG Post-deployment Health Assessment/Re-assessment Study

Comparing Redeploying SFS, EOD, TACP & Convoy Ops; Jul '10 – Dec '11



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Taking care of yourself is READINESS



Question & Answer





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