



Billy Bass Bulletin

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The Adventures of Airmen Billy Bass and John Pangelinan

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FAQ: Okay, okay; as more and more people are joining my distribution list, they are requesting an explanation - my name is Airman Billy Bass and I have been activated to serve my country. My GL friends at Intel Corporation introduced me to John and we are deployed together to Al Jaber. I have started this bulletin to keep my friends and family informed as to our well-being and also to share our adventures. Hope you enjoy the trip.

The Adventure Continues...

THE AL JABER BASE TOUR:

Hello and Welcome to Al Jaber! Following are a few base pictures to give you and idea of the base we live on. Upon entering the main gate after an exhausting wait of as much as an hour or more for bomb searches, you will encounter the Al Jaber base commander's welcome sign.



With very little greenery to enhance the base, we have had to find creative ways to 'spiff up' the base a little. So in military fashion, we took advantage of the environment and did with what we could. The base is well protected with 8-foot concrete barriers. With permission from the base, each unit has been given the opportunity to utilize a barrier to show unit expressions or unit words of wisdom. Here are some of my favorite barriers.



The facilities on base are predominantly framed tent structures with a few warehouse-like buildings. Here is the



'office' I work in. It is the 332nd COMM Squadron and we are responsible for continued connectivity for telephone, network, microwave, and satellite connections. Here you can see John and I working away on some of the documentations for our office. My visio experience I gained from Intel has come in quite handy...



OUT AND ABOUT:

Well, John and I finally got a day off to go explore around the base. We were fortunate enough to have our day off the same time the monthly bazaar was happening on the Kuwaiti side of the base. It's kind of an unusual set up. Our base is actually located within a larger Kuwaiti base. The relationship with our Kuwaiti counterpart is quite friendly and spirited. John and I were able to experience a camel ride at the bazaar. I didn't care for the height of the camel so I took a picture of John trotting around on one. We did manage to take a picture of the two of us posing with one of the camels. They may not smell very sweet, but at least this one was very friendly. Friendly enough to give John a camel kiss.



Shopping...

The Kuwaiti shops in the downtown area remind me a lot of the shops I remembered in Okinawa, Japan... couldn't read the signs in Okinawa either... Managed to buy some bargain items for the wife and kids. Learned quickly that you need to be very careful. When a shop owner sees you showing interest on an item, they will quickly bag it for you whether you want it or not. Need to quickly say "LA'A" (no) quickly before they ring it up for you!



After a satisfying day of shopping, I surveyed my purchases and I can't help but put a smile of understanding on my face... Now I know why women say shopping is so therapeutic. It cleanses your soul AND your wallet at the same time...

FOR FUN: I have taken some of the following excerpts from the base daily bulletin below which I found very funny and entertaining. Friends have also contributed some good stories to hopefully increase the laugh value. Hope you enjoy it...

Al Jaber Happenings... (Some items modified for your entertainment)

SENIOR MOMENTS: An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car, you scumbags!" The four men didn't wait for a second invitation, but got out and ran like mad, whereupon the lady, somewhat shaken, proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale white males were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than 5' tall, glasses, and curly white hair, carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed.

REASONS PEOPLE GIVE FOR MY CURRENT STATE OF MIND...

1. Fell out of the family tree.
2. Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
3. Has two brains; one is lost and the other is out looking for it.
4. He's so dense, light bends around him.
5. If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate.
6. If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
7. If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change.
8. If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean.
9. It's hard to believe that he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm.
10. One neuron short of a synapse.

FOR THOSE GOING HOME SOON:

Don't forget to appreciate your loved ones support while you were deployed.





FROM THE “I HAVE BEEN HERE TOO LONG” CATEGORY:

Anna the Camel is currently seeking psychiatric counseling and has filed sexual harassment charges against an un-identified Air Force member from Al Jaber. Apparently the UNNAMED member was a bit confused on the concept of host nation relations and is currently in custody...and having his eyesight checked and lips sanitized.

WEATHER

16-Mar-02	OBSERVATION AT: 0755Z
3 DAY OUTLOOK	
Sunday	17 Mar 2002
CLOUDY WITH SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS / VIS 3-5 MILES DUE TO SHOWERS High of 88°F / Low of 70°F WINDS OUT OF THE S-SW AT 10KTS GUSTS TO 15KTS	
Monday	18 Mar 2002
CLEAR TO PARTLY CLOUDY / VIS UNRESTRICTED High of 88°F / Low of 70°F WINDS OUT OF THE W AT 05-10KTS	
Tuesday	19 Mar 2002
PARTLY CLOUDY / VIS UNRESTRICTED High of 85°F / Low of 61°F WINDS N-NW AT 05-10KTS	

Quote for the Day

- ❑ “If you don't care where you are, you ain't lost.” Chief Eugley
- ❑ The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it. -- Thomas Jefferson

For Your Inspiration

- " Hope is a miracle waiting to happen. Do what ever needs to be done, and never abandon hope, simply because a miracle has always been, and always will be - hope fulfilled."

UPCOMING EDITION.

- The Wild Side: Airman Billy Bass interviews some of the local wildlife.
- Aiming High: A tour of the “flock” we maintain.