



Defender training

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Senior Airman **James McGregor**, a vehicle operator with the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Truck Company, scans the horizon for potential threats in preparation for upcoming convoy operations throughout the region. Airman McGregor

graduated from a training course designed to teach transportation Airmen how to survive while on convoy operations in potentially hostile locations. He deployed from the Air National Guard's 939th Air Refueling Wing, Portland International Airport, Ore.

Two new medals recognize units

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Secretary of the Air Force **James Roche** approved two new medals recognizing units for outstanding heroism in combat and for achievement or service in direct support of combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation and the Meritorious Unit Award can be awarded to Air Force active duty, Reserve and Guard units for actions or service while directly supporting combat operations.

The Gallant Unit Citation is awarded to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States. The action must be while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

This ribbon is worn immediately before the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Meritorious Unit Awards are presented to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service directly supporting combat operations for at least 90 continuous days. The military operations must be against an armed enemy of the United States on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

This ribbon is worn immediately before the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Subsequent awards will be denoted by oak leaf clusters.

Both medals are currently in the design phase, which may take several months before they are ready for wear.

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True action heroes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — California Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger** shakes hands with Airmen during a visit here in May. The governor thanked Airmen for their "outstanding jobs" and said they were "true terminators and true action heroes."