

184th FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

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STATIONS

McConnell AFB, KS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

Dedicated professionals serving all wing members and their families by providing a full spectrum of human resource management, quality of life, and family readiness services such as recruiting, training, meals, fitness, awards, recreation, lodging, retention, mortuary affairs, and family preparedness. Provides prompt, courteous, and reliable customer service; advises unit leadership on a range of force management and quality of life issues; and trains and maintains both Prime Readiness and Personnel Contingency Operations Teams for worldwide contingency operations.

Master Sgt. Edgar Salazar-Aguirre and Staff Sgt. Christopher Guild, members of the 184th Force Support Squadron, are currently providing that service to thousands of U.S. service members and coalition forces at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Salazar-Aguirre is a facility

manager at one of the many dining facilities while Guild oversees daily operations at the food distribution warehouse. The multimillion dollar facility includes dry goods storage; giant freezer and refrigerator sections that house produce, dairy and meats; and metal cargo containers used to store frozen items such as ice cream, fried foods, meat, fish and ice. The food items are later transported to the dining facilities and served to thousands of military members, civilians and contractors. Maj. Steven Shook, 184th Force Support operations officer, praised the sergeants for their achievements. "Sergeants Salazar-Aguirre and Guild were eager to volunteer for the deployment to Qatar. The skills and expertise they take with them to the field will continue to demonstrate the dedication and commitment that Air Guardsmen offer the total force efforts around the world." Guild has had to overcome weather and electrical issues while maintaining the warehouse. "It's been reaching 120 degrees here," he said. "Since we're in charge of the connex freezers with all the food, it's been a constant battle with the heat trying to keep the food at safe temperatures to where it doesn't spoil. We've had about five connexes go down in week, so some days I get pulled out of bed before sunrise to move product and avoid incredibly large monetary losses. All of our connexes are overheating trying to keep the food frozen." Guild was also on hand to assist the grand re-opening of the Fox Sports Sky Box in June 2010. The sports bar, funded in part by the Fox Network, was renovated over a five-month period. Although the base hosts other franchise eateries such as Baskin Robbins, Green Beans Coffee and Burger King, the Al Udeid dining facilities continue to serve over 500,000 meals a month. Guild's daily tasks are to ensure food and ice deliveries have a timely arrival to food storage facilities in theater. While Sergeants Salazar-Aguirre and Guild miss their families and friends, they are motivated to provide first-class service to their customers. "I'd say that without me, the food wouldn't get to the base and we wouldn't have all the amenities that remind people of home. I guess I would just like people to know how much Force Support does and how critical we are to the base standard of living."

2010-Force Support Squadron superintendent began a 180-day deployment to serve at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Deployed two Services Sustainment personnel to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, for 120 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Deployed two Personnel Contingency Operations members to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, for more than 60 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Deployed two Personnel Contingency Operations members to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., to provide real-world personnel support to joint/coalition forces in support of 12th Air Force and Air Force South's 2010 Blue Flag exercise.

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