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Overview

- Warfighter’s Perspective: Munitions Employment
- Warfighter’s Perspective: Weapons Safety
- Weapons Challenges to the Warfighter

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Warfighter’s Perspective: Munitions Employment

- Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
- Bagram Air Base
  - Mission: Defend the Base, Supply the Fight and Win! The Wing vision is to provide the International Security Assistance Force with responsive airpower
Warfighter’s Perspective: Munitions Employment

- Munitions Flight
  - **Objective:** Fully maintain, assemble and deliver a ready supply of ammunition for A-10 operations in direct support of United States coalition forces
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- Munitions Challenges:
  - Diverse Mission
  - Combat Environment
  - Frag Changes
  - Hot Pit Sorties
  - Production
Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq MSA Mishap (June 2004)

- Cause
  - Excessive vegetation (dry) within MSA
  - Mortars start grass fire which spreads to MSA

- Munitions involved
  - Surplus Iraqi munitions stored outside

- Consequences
  - Blast/shrapnel damage 6K ft from MSA
  - No Injuries
  - Fire burns for 19.5 hrs

Case Studies
Warfighter’s Perspective: Weapons Safety

- Munitions Storage Area Relocation
  - USAF / USA
  - 10 Day Required Timeline
  - 250K Munitions
  - 450K Short Tons Equipment Assets

- Mission Requirements
Warfighter’s Perspective: Weapons Safety

- **Mission Accomplishments**
  - Exceeded Required Timeline by 40%
  - Zero Safety Mishaps
  - Hazard Reduction
  - Optimized Storage Capability
  - Enhanced Mobility
Weapons Challenges to the Warfighter

- Current Storage Conditions Across the AOR
- Sea/Land Container Excessive Heat Build-up
- Unimproved Surfaces
- Natural Disasters
- NEW Limitations
The Nation has come to rely on this strategic flexibility to create desired, timely, and precise effects at times and places of our choosing, and your Air Force is committed to providing it, even as current combat operations wind down. Note that historically, as land forces withdraw from active combat, the relative requirement for airpower typically increases.

- USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Schwartz