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Photo by Spc. Andrew Orillion

Spc. Eric Crump shakes hands with Linebacker Matt Farris during the Frankfurt Galaxy's home opener, March 24. Crump, a HET driver and recipient of the Purple Heart, was a special guest of the team.

## Gridiron 'Galaxy' meets Purple Heart hero

By Spc. Andrew Orillion  
3rd Corps Support Command Public Affairs

The meaning of the word "trust" turned out to be just one lesson members of the Frankfurt Galaxy football team learned from Purple Heart recipient Spc. Eric Crump, a former vehicle driver for the 377th Transportation Company (Heavy Equipment Transporter) during his visit with the team on March 24.

Crump was invited to speak at a team

meeting the night before the home opener. He was nervous, but after all he had been through, he wasn't about to quit now. For Crump, the evening was a chance to tell his story, and to offer the wisdom that can come from a brush with death.

Feb. 18, 2005 was the day that changed Crump's life forever.

"It started as a five day mission that became an 11-day mission," said Crump,

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# Commander welcomes troops home from two fronts

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Applause echoed and cameras flashed Friday, March 10, as family and friends officially welcomed back Soldiers from the 26th Quartermaster Company of the 485th Corps Support Battalion and the 619th Movement Control Team.

“Thank you all for coming out to celebrate the return of the mighty logistics warriors of the 26th Quartermaster Company and the 619th Movement Control Team,” said 7th Corps Support Group Commander Col. Catherine Haight, during the welcome home ceremony.

The 26th QM Co. had returned from a deployment in

support of Operation Enduring Freedom, while the 619th MCT was stationed in

An-Nasiriyah, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While the 26th QM Co. was holding down the fort in Afghanistan, the Soldiers of the 619th MCT were busy providing support for OIF.

“They provided the highway regulation function of movement

control and in transit visibility for all convoys moving through the area,” Haight said.

The 619th MCT had to coordinate traffic flow to prevent convoy stacking and to move convoys efficiently.

“This was accomplished for over 7,700 convoys, an average of over 20 per day, with over 190,000 vehicles and 250,000 Soldiers,” said Haight.

**“Everyone who deployed with these units came home and is here today.”**

**Col. Catherine Haight**

**7th Corps Support Group Commander**



Photo by Spc. Andrew Orillion

**619th MCT troops stand in formation March 10, during their homecoming ceremony at the Carswell Gym in Hanau, Germany.**

Haight also acknowledged the work of the men and women on the home front.

“There were home repairs, car repairs, sports teams, scout meetings, bible studies, hundreds of meals, a gazillion loads of laundry, science projects, history papers, trips to the commissary and on and on,” Haight said. “And did I mention that the kids kept growing the while all this was happening?”

# Quartermaster company masters multiple missions unscathed

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“Out of the frying pan and into the fire,” is an apt description of the last three years for the 26th Quartermaster Company of the 485th Corps Support Battalion.

“Shortly after returning from a brilliant year of mission accomplishment in OIF 1, 26th Quartermaster was informed that it would return to the fray—but this time it would be in Afghanistan,” said Col. Catherine Haight, 7th Corps Support Group commander, during the unit’s welcome home ceremony March 10.

The 26th QM Co. returned home to Germany Jan. 16, after a year deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. It was the unit’s second deployment, having previously deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003.

In support of OEF, the 26th QM Co. provided logistical support from multiple locations in Afghanistan including Bagram Air Base, Forward Operating Base Salerno, and Mazar-e Shariff as well as

Karshi-Kanabad in Uzbekistan.

Fuel farms run by the 26th QM Co. in Jalalabad, Farah, and Naray supplied more than 15 million gallons of fuel to troops



Photo by Dennis Johnson

**Sgt. Thomas Higgins - 26th Quartermaster Company retention NCO - is welcomed home by his wife Jennifer, son Grayson and daughter Anna Katherine.**

in Afghanistan while the warehouse in Salerno contained more than 1,800 items.

Logistics was only part of the mission for the 26th QM Co.

“In addition to our regular duties, we had to do entry control point duty which is usually reserved for combat arms Soldiers,” Capt. Kristopher Pataboy, 26th QM Co. company commander. “During our deployment we searched over 2,000 foreign trucks.”

“While dangerous, ECP duty was beneficial because it allowed us to have a lot of contact with the local nationals,” Pataboy added.

The 26th QM Co. also completed humanitarian aid missions. The unit maintained and ran a humanitarian warehouse containing more than 12,000 bundles of much needed supplies.

The bundles were in demand in October 2005, when a massive earthquake devastated parts of nearby Pakistan.

In April the 26th QM Co.’s mortuary affairs team was called into action after

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# Homecoming: A Reason to Jump for Joy

26th Quartermaster Company  
welcome home fest on  
Fliegerhorst Kaserne  
March 10

Photos by Dennis Johnson, USAG Hessen Public Affairs Office



Spc. Angela Watkins - 26th Quartermaster Co. petroleum supply specialist - jumps high with help from bungee cords.



A German R & R band "Madhouse Flowers" entertains Soldiers and families of the 26th Quartermaster Co.



Soldiers challenge a mechanical bull.

## -26th QM cont.

a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed in a sandstorm near Ghazni, Afghanistan, killing 18 Soldiers.

"It was an unfortunate task but something we had to do," Pataboy said.

Many of the 26th QM Co.'s Soldiers served in both OIF and OEF. Most agree that OEF was the less stressful of the two deployments.

"During OIF we worked from the ground up. We were staged in tents and had to dig our own foxholes," said Staff Sgt. Chad Richard Beasley, Headquarters

platoon sergeant. "In Afghanistan we stayed in hard buildings which were much nicer. But more importantly, we were more experienced, which really made things easier."

Beasley's wife Karlette agreed that this deployment was not as hard on the families as the previous one.

"This deployment was easier because we got to communicate more often. We spoke almost everyday," Beasley said. "During OIF, we spoke only about once every two weeks."

Although less stressful, being in Afghanistan was no picnic.

"OEF was a bit more laid back and a lot less dangerous," said Sgt. First Class Mario Perez, platoon sergeant for the petroleum, oil and lubricant section. "But the job was more challenging because the unit was spread out."

With its footprint stretching from Italy to Afghanistan, Pataboy was most impressed with how much the 26th QM Co. accomplished and how well it adapted to its various tasks.

For Haight, and the families back home, the 26th QM Co.'s greatest accomplishment lay in its perfect casualty rate. Every Soldier who left made it back alive.

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telling the story of his last day in Iraq. “Vehicles kept breaking down and we couldn’t move. We were finally on our way back home when it happened.”

Crump was riding in the second vehicle in a convoy of 26 when insurgents detonated their favorite weapon, an impro-



Photo by Spc. Andrew Orillion

**Spc. Eric Crump watches as the Frankfurt Galaxy players roll to an inspired victory.**

vised explosive device. The blast ripped through the M1070 heavy equipment transport, tearing off the doors, and all but destroying the 20-plus ton truck used to transport tanks and other large vehicles.

As for Crump, his burned, battered and bloodied body was thrown clear of the HET. He was alive, but barely. The driver, a husband and father, Sgt. Carlos Gill, died on the scene. Beyond sheer proximity, Gill’s death had a special significance for Crump.

“I was supposed to be driving that day,” Crump told the audience. “Sgt. Gill pulled rank [so he could drive]—he shouldn’t have died.”

### **Feeling cold**

With complete composure Crump continued.

“I don’t remember a whole lot about what happened, but I remember feeling cold, which was scary because I was in the desert and I knew I shouldn’t be cold.” Crump said.

Although his injuries were severe,

teamwork and Crump’s trust in his fellow Soldiers, a common theme of his words to the Galaxy players and coaches, saved his life.

“At first everyone around me was scared. They didn’t know what to do,” Crump said. “They stood around with their mouths open just staring at me. But once I spoke, they pulled it together, patched me up and got me out of there. When I heard that helicopter coming in, it was like a huge rock had been lifted off me,” he said.

A player later asked Crump how he built the level of trust in his teammates that got him through those first harrowing hours.

“Trial and error,” Crump answered. “Just stick together long enough and you’ll find out what works when it comes to building trust.”

“I’ve been through a lot, but I tell you, I couldn’t do what you guys do,” Crump began. “Go out there and get pounded everyday—no way.”

Standing before a room of professional football players, Crump answered questions and

spoke from his heart about his life, what happened in Iraq and the hard lessons learned from a hard war.

“You’re going to have set backs, but if you pull together you can work through it and you can achieve anything.”

### **Growing up fast**

Crump’s life began on the hard streets of Atlanta, Georgia. A misspent youth, Crump alluded to being involved in gang activity, which led Crump to question his lifestyle and make a change for the better.

“It took some time but eventually I realized that my life was going nowhere and that if I was going to succeed I needed some discipline,” Crump said. In 1999 Crump found the discipline he lacked by joining the Army as heavy vehicle driver.

Crump spent the majority of his time in the Army in the Middle East, including tours in Turkey and Kuwait. In 2003, Crump deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Although he emerged physically unscathed, he was involved in head-on collision that killed two Soldiers.

“That was hard, but my family helped me through it,” Crump said. “Anytime I felt like I couldn’t handle it, I just called back home.”

It took the full support of Crump’s family, and a good dose personal courage to overcome what would happen next.

In 2005, Crump returned to Iraq for a second tour. This time his tour was cut short.

“I almost didn’t live to see 25, when you think about that, that’s kind of scary,” said Crump. “But if what happened taught me anything, it’s that you have to keep your mind in the game.”

One player asked Crump how the experience changed his life. Crump’s response reflected his new-found outlook.

“I had an epiphany,” Crump said. “I love to drive, but I what I really want to do is fly. The schooling is going to be long and hard, but after what happened to me in Iraq, I think I can survive five years of flight school. What I’m really trying to say is that you have to use what God gives you. When things get hard, just use your soul like a shovel and dig deep.”

After Crump finished speaking, Frankfurt Galaxy head coach Mike Jones told his players, “The one thing I want you to take away from what you just heard, is trust. Trust is a big thing. That young man had trust in his fellow Soldiers. That is the kind of trust you need to have in each other out there on the field.” The players nodded in agreement.

The team meeting ended shortly after Crump finished telling his story. As the players filed out, many stopped to shake Crump’s hand and tell him how proud they were of him.

The night after the team meeting, Crump was a VIP guest for the Galaxy’s home opener against the Hamburg Sea Devils. Crump’s injuries kept him from joining the players on the sidelines until the second half. Many of the players came off the bench to talk with Crump and thank him for showing up. Some even posed for pictures. Linebacker and fellow Atlanta native Travis Harris took Crump’s story to heart.

“It’s really great to see him down here having fun after all he’s been through,” Harris said.

Did Crump’s message truly inspire the team? The final score was 31 to 14 in favor of the Galaxy.

# USAREUR Soldiers connect with 'greatest generation'

By Nancy Marquardt

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Eight 7th Corps Support Group Soldiers and a member of the U.S. Army, Europe Band met up with members of our nation's "greatest generation" March 21 when they participated in a commemorative ceremony honoring veterans from the 65th and 71st Infantry Divisions in Passau, Germany. The relationships forged between the Soldiers and their World War II counterparts confirmed that Soldiers of all generations share a common bond in the successes and challenges they face.

Handpicked by 7th CSG Command Sgt. Major Willie Tennant to perform color guard duties at the event were noncommissioned officer in charge Staff Sgt. Assane Gueye, Staff Sgt. Felix Marbury, Spc. Dionisio Dossantos, Cpl. Brian Yoder and Pfc. Christopher King, all from Headquarters and Headquarters Company; and Staff Sgt. Reginald Bell and Sgt. Douglas Vaskey, from the 240th Quartermaster. 7th CSG Chaplain (Maj.) Joel Russell and USAREUR Band bugler Staff Sgt. Stephen Miles completed the special unit assigned to the tribute mission.

World War II historian and author Anna Rosmus, who grew up in Passau, arranged the ceremony. Rosmus spent much of the past decade researching the roles the 71st and 65th played in liberating prisoners from Nazi concentration camps near her small hometown.

Rosmus said, "I wanted a just tribute to these liberators for the sacrifices they made to free those who were held captive by an unjust tyrant. After all these years, I wanted them recognized for their heroic acts."

Gueye and his special unit provided an impressive U.S. military image as they ushered the distinguished veterans to their seats before the ceremony. The Soldiers, with polished silver helmets reflecting the light of a 300-year old crystal, gold-gilded chandelier overhead, respectfully offered an outstretched arm as they marched each one down the convent chapel aisle.

Gueye said, "We were proud to have



Photo by Nancy Marquardt

**World War II veteran Mickey Dorsey connects with 7th Corps Support Command Soldiers during a veterans tour stopover in Passau, Germany. The Soldiers performed color guard duties for a commemorative ceremony honoring veterans of the 65th and 71st Infantry Divisions.**

been chosen for this mission, and wanted to make our contribution to the ceremony particularly memorable."

At the reception and gala dinner that followed, the two generations connected

periodic redeployments and R & R like they do today."

"Although it made for a long separation from our loved ones, our units became our families and we learned to read each other and operate effectively both in and out of battle," he said.

Mickey Dorsey, a former 71st Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop gunner and radio commander for the 71st Infantry Division, and one of the most lively and animated veterans on the trip, easily connected with the young Soldiers. After staying up until after 1 a.m. sharing military poetry and stories with the group, Dorsey was the first one up and out the following morning. Marbury said, "I want to be Mickey when I grow up."

1st Armored Division Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. Michael Tucker, who Dorsey considers a surrogate son, said, "Mickey is a close friend and is a national treasure. He represents one of the finest examples of America's 'greatest generation.' To know him is to love him!"

Tucker recognizes the value of multi-generational military relationships and thanked the Soldiers for their terrific support.

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***Brig. Gen. Michael Tucker***

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in ways neither could have imagined. The Soldiers listened as the veterans shared stories of discovering mass graves where bodies were stacked like cordwood, and ensuring a proper military burial for the thousands who had suffered such indignity in death.

The young Soldiers discovered that in their time, these veterans had endured deployments lasting three years or more with no furlough. Veteran Stephen Mahoney explained, "Once you shipped out with a unit, you stayed with that unit until you all went home together. We didn't have

# Rear detachment commended for ‘War on Excess’

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1st Armored Division Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. Michael Tucker visited Wiesbaden Army Airfield March 24 to check on the progress of the 3rd Corps Support Command’s “War on Excess.” Tucker inspected five bunkers and multiple connexes, and what he saw impressed him immensely.

While touring the storage bunkers, Tucker was greeted by only the sound of his voice in three of the five bunkers. The others were well on their way to having their own echo. As Tucker met with some of the Soldiers who helped clear the bunkers, he distributed coins and thanked them for their hard work.

“A lot of folks downrange think the rear detachment is just sitting around twiddling their thumbs,” Tucker said. “What I’ve seen today tells me otherwise.”

“The Army spends \$11 million a month renting connexes for storage,” Tucker said while walking between bunkers. “Think of all the ways that money could be better spent.”

3rd COSCOM began fighting its “War on Excess” in October 2005, when an internal audit revealed a significant amount of excess equipment and material, said Maj. Alan Morgan, 3rd COSCOM Rear Detachment Deputy Commander. The task was challenging, but by January 2006 the command had made enough progress for Tucker to declare that 3rd COSCOM “served as an example for all USAREUR,” when it came to eliminating excess.

“We had five bunkers stacked floor to ceiling with all kinds of equipment—everything from tents, to hard drives to radio equipment. There was even a Jeep in one of the bunkers,” Morgan said. “We have made it our mission to get everything out of those bunkers by the time the unit gets back from its deployment,” he said.

With the main body deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 3rd COSCOM rear detachment set to work clearing the bunkers of all excess material. The goal was simple: a clean house with not one piece of excess, said Morgan.

The numbers tell the rest of the story. Rear detachment Soldiers removed 1,886 mission oriented protective posture suits—MOPPS, 513 camouflage tents and eight tractor-trailer loads of miscellaneous equipment from the bunkers.

It was not just old computers and office chairs that plagued 3rd COSCOM. The command also hauled away 19 2½-ton trucks and cleared excess equipment from bunkers, the motor pool and other areas of the airfield as part of the “War on Excess.” Clearing the bunkers of excess equipment was not simply a mat-

ter of backing up a dumpster and piling unneeded equipment into it. The unit had to work with the Defense Reutilization Management Office to make sure that other units didn’t need the equipment and that all necessary paper work was filled out correctly. This seriously slowed the clearing process.

Unless you have someone who knows all the ins and outs of how DRMO works, turning in things can be a nightmare because of all the details involved, said Morgan. Luckily, personnel at 1st AD came up with a program dubbed “Free Chicken.”

DRMO is a very formal process and everything has to be just right, said Morgan. “With ‘Free Chicken’ the various units that make up 3rd COSCOM could turn in excess equipment and let people who know what they’re doing handle the paper work,” Morgan said.

The rear detachment “War on Excess” is also being fought by



Photo by Spc. Andrew Orillion

**Brig. Gen. Michael Tucker, 1st Armored Division Assistant Division Commander-Support, discusses the “War on Excess” with Maj. Alan Morgan, 3rd COSCOM deputy rear detachment commander and Lt. Col. Keith Mattox, 3rd COSCOM rear detachment commander, while touring connexes used to store equipment.**

3rd COSCOM civilians. Local nationals Cleto Sugano and Marie Abanum-Kuhn each received a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$500 cash award for helping to eliminate \$400,000 worth of excess equipment in only a month’s time. Some of the equipment went to National Guard units who needed it for their missions.

3rd COSCOM’s “War on Excess” may be a success, but there is still much to be done before the rest of 3rd COSCOM returns from OIF. Morgan said “Our goal is to be 100 percent free of excess by the time everyone gets back. We are well on our way to meeting that goal.”

# Commander's Corner

## Know your Inspector General

The Inspector General has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Helps train the Army
- Is responsible to the U.S. Army, the Inspector General System and the Commanding General
- Sphere of activity includes everything for which the Commander is responsible
- IGs provide assistance, conduct inspections, investigations and/or investigative inquiries, and also teach and train
- Ultimately the IG is the extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the Commander
- IGs can only advise, not order or direct a Commander to act upon a situation
- IGs can inquire/investigate violations of laws, regulations, policies and directives

### **WHO MUST COOPERATE WITH AN IG?**

- Army Active duty personnel, Reserve (Federal Status), National Guard (Federal Status) and other DoD military and civilians must cooperate with an IG

### **PENALTIES FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS**

- Army Regulation 20-1 establishes the prohibition against making an unlawful communication with an Inspector General, Member of Congress, or Office of Special Counsel. Persons subject to this regulation will not knowingly make an unlawful communication with an IG. An example of unlawful communication is a false official statement (Article 107, Uniform Code of Military Justice.)

- Personnel subject to the UCMJ who make unlawful communications are subject to punishment under Article 92, UCMJ. They may also be subject to adverse administrative action, and other adverse action authorized by the United States Code or Federal Regulations.

### **IGs FOLLOW-UP ON ALL ISSUES**

IGs will not close cases until all issues have been thoroughly addressed and IG responsibilities have been fulfilled. A pri-

mary concern is with ensuring IG actions; command decisions or proponent actions were completed. Review for appeals or due process actions. If a problem is not resolved, the IG must determine the reason for it. The IG also will not close a case until all appropriate actions are completed.

References: AR 20-1 <http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r20>

### **CARE PLANS ESSENTIAL**

During these changing times in our Army and the pace of deployments, unit commanders face serious problems with Family Care Plans. It appears that losing commanders are not counseling their Soldiers on FCP responsibilities once they receive assignment instructions to an outside United States unit or once a Soldier is identified as being pregnant or NLT 90 days from expected date of birth. AR 600-20 Chapter 5 outlines the details and responsibilities of the commander.

### **WHO REQUIRES A FAMILY CARE PLAN?**

1. A pregnant Soldier who-
  - (a) Has no spouse; is divorced, widowed, or separated; or is residing without her spouse.
  - (b) Is married to another service member of an Active or Reserve component of any service (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard).
2. A Soldier who has no spouse; is divorced, widowed or separated, or is residing apart from his or her spouse; who has joint or full legal and physical custody of one or more family members under the age of 19 (or who has adult family members) incapable of self-care regardless of age.
3. A Soldier who is divorced (not remarried) and who has liberal or extended visitation rights by court decree which would allow family members to be solely in the Soldier's care in excess of 30 consecutive days.
4. A Soldier whose spouse is incapable of self-care or is otherwise physically, mentally, or emotionally disabled so as to require special care or assistance.

5. A Soldier categorized as half of a dual-military couple of the AA or RC of any service (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard) who has joint or full legal custody of one or more family members under age 19 or who has adult family member(s) incapable of self-care regardless of age.

### **NONSUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS**

In USAREUR, 40 percent of the Inspector General Action Requests are non-support of family members. As Soldiers, we are obligated by regulation to support our families. AR 608-99 governs family support, child custody, and paternity.

A Soldier is required to provide financial support to family members. This obligation is frequently complicated when the Soldier is geographically separated from the family. In the majority of these situations, the Soldier and the family can manage the financial support without command involvement. These arrangements may include joint checking accounts or voluntary allotments to the family as appropriate.

The commander must become involved when the parties are unable to agree on a proper method to provide financial support to the family members. This obligation does not arise until a family member or an authorized representative of the family member complains to the command that the Soldier is failing to provide proper support.

The company or battalion commander, as appropriate, will fully investigate every inquiry alleging financial nonsupport on the part of a Soldier and provide complete, accurate, and timely information to the individual making the inquiry. The commander should seek legal advice from the servicing SJA office if in doubt as to the requirements or application of this regulation in a particular case. This advice should not come from a legal assistance attorney who advocates the client's interests. The responsible commander will send a written reply in response to each inquiry within 14 days of receipt.

# Bavarian lodge and resort offers great R & R value

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For 60 years, the Armed Forces Recreation Centers in Europe have supported the European command with rest and recreation locations

for U.S. servicemembers and their families in the beautiful Bavarian Alps. Established in the winter of 1945-46 as an R & R center for the U.S. Occupation Forces, AFRC immediately initiated programs to enhance the morale of the war-weary Soldiers. In the spring of 2000, the U.S. Army senior leadership and congress approved plans to consolidate AFRC-Europe and construct a

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block leave status. (Guests must provide their DA31 upon check in.)

To allow the maximum number of Soldiers and family members to participate in the block leave Operation R & R Program, reserva-

tions are limited to two nights. If space is available, block leave participants may extend their stay the evening prior to check out.

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Veterans from the 65th and 71st Infantry Divisions and 7th Corps Support Command Soldiers pose with their hosts at the Hotel Wilder Mann in Passau, Germany on March 21 following a gala dinner held in honor of the World War II liberators. (See story, p. 5)

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