



# Task Force Peacekeeper

716th Military Police Battalion

## WELCOME TO SHAMSHAD

Special points of interest:

*Progressive Afghan Logistics Systems*

*Remembering Our Fallen Soldiers*

*Day-to-Day Life at Work in Kabul*

*Subordinate Units:  
127th, 164th, 549th MP*

*A Glimpse of Home at Fort Campbell*



202d AUP Zone Headquarters Shamsbad Kabul, Afghanistan

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The Headquarters building where the primary AUP staff works.



AUP from the 202d Shamshad wait outside of the gymnasium for their friends to join them for lunch.



Soldiers transported the Korean Provincial Reconstruction Team for a KLE.

## Our Campaign

Through their embedded partnership, Task Force Peacekeeper will prevent Afghanistan from once again becoming a haven for terrorists, help provide security, and contribute to a better future for the Afghan people. The task force will coordinate and synchronize AUP training, growth, and sustainment in order to foster AUP legitimacy among the Afghan people and enhance their ability to sustain independent operations. They will set the conditions whereby the AUP are able to exercise

their authority throughout the 202d AUP Zone in support of the larger mission to legitimize the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA). Although Peacekeeper mentors at the Zone are only assigned counterparts on the primary staff, the task force is responsible for the development of the entire system at the Zone Headquarters as well as oversight of the development at the eight Provincial and 76 District Headquarters.

*"Factors in the art of warfare are: first, calculations, second, quantities, third, logistics, fourth, the balance of power, and fifth, the possibility of victory is based on the balance of power."*

-Sun Tzu

# Logistics Make Our World Go 'Round

TF Peacekeeper Logistics is busy at work establishing operations in Kabul. With two main efforts, the section is putting in long hours and learning new tasks that aid in the transition of authority from 728th Military Police Battalion to 716th Military Police Battalion. Not only is the S4 responsible for supporting the Battalion and three subordinate companies, but they are assigned as primary mentors at the 202d AUP Zone Headquarters (ZHQ). Transfer of mentoring responsibilities was seamless as CPT Mounce, 728th S-4 OIC brought 1LT Threadgill, 716th S-4 OIC up to speed on the mentoring responsibilities. CW3 Morris and CW2 Goodlin also had key involvement in the Battalion Motor Officer and Property Book Officer RIP process, learning many aspects of the AUP Mentor mission. Not to be forgotten is the S-4 NCOIC, SFC Jennings, who wasted no time establishing multiple funding sources for the unit and assuming six contracts which continue to enable the Headquarters to

continue mission.

The mentoring of the Combat Service Support Kandak (which means Battalion) is the main effort for the Logistics Mentors as they are on track to be independent. CW3 Morris, CW2 Goodlin and the S-4 are busy at work mentoring 13 officers of the CSS KDK staff. The Battalion also has a Transportation Company that is distributing supplies throughout the Zone to all eight provinces. They also attended the quarterly logistics conference hosted by the 202d at the headquarters in Kabul.

CW3 Morris is partnered with the 202d AUP Traffic Officer as a primary mentor to assist in drivers training throughout the Zone. CW2 Goodlin and the Primary S4 also expanded mentoring responsibilities to include the 202d Zone S-4, which is comprised of a 12-person staff and the ZHQ DFAC facility. The DFAC recently received storage boxes to properly store food and



The 202d CSS Kandak on one of many logistics convoys to distribute materiel and supplies throughout the zone.

*"Because of my wartime experience, I*

**am insistent of the point that logistics know-how must be maintained, that logistics is second to nothing in importance in warfare, that logistics training must be widespread and thorough, and that it is folly to waste time on mediocre talent."**

- Vice Admiral Robert B. Carney, USN

*"Amateurs think about tactics, but professionals think about logistics."*

- General Robert H. Barrow, USMC (Commandant of the Marine Corps)

materials form Mentors. TF Peacekeeper Logistics Mentors are also now mentoring the Zone Contracting Office and Facilities Office to assist the Afghan AUP in becoming self-sufficient in funding all sustainment projects.

SFC Jennings, SGT Romero, and SGT Clay hold down the TF Peacekeeper



AUP Logistics Conference

organizational unit requirements as day to day operations continue. SFC Jennings procured over \$25,000 worth of equipment to support the Headquarters, as the 716th established living and TOC operations on a different camp than 728th. SGT Romero supports the HHD by conducting food resupply missions and ordering office supplies and other equipment necessary to continue the mission. He assumed duties as the Mail Distribution NCO for Camp Julian, which has approximately 1,000 coalition forces that reside on it. SGT Clay keeps the unit running as he conducts weekly quality assurance checks on the vehicles after Peacekeepers conduct maintenance on them. He ordered over \$250,000 in

parts to keep the vehicles in the best fighting condition possible. SGT Clay also supports at least five other coalition elements by conducting maintenance on their vehicles and ordering parts for them.

The past two months were very busy for the Logistics staff, yet all completed their tasks in high spirit. The Primary S4 is impressed with the ability of the staff to adapt and learn new processes in minimal time in order to continue to provide support to the 716th Military Police Battalion Headquarters. The Battalion would also like to thank the families and friends of the Logistics Section for their continued support, without it they could not be completely focused on their mission.

## 728th Transfers Authority to 716th

On the morning of 29 January 2012 at Camp Julian, Afghanistan, Task Force Warfighter transitioned authority of their police mentoring mission to Task Force Peacekeeper. After awarding members of Task Force Warfighter for their "irreplaceable" accomplishments, BG Richardson, DCG(S) extended his most sincere thanks, reminding us that it was a long year for the task force who "faced complex problems, a non-linear battlefield, and difficult terrain, both physical and human." He was followed by LTG Fazluddin, the 202d

AUP Zone Headquarters Commander, who showered the task force with many praises, humble gratitude, and best wishes as he bid farewell to his friends and welcomed the new task force. The success of the 202d AUP is marked not only by the number of successes that they and Task Force Warfighter enjoyed over the past year, but by their thirst for more knowledge and education for the AUP. The TF Warfighter Commander beamed with pride in his Afghan counterparts as he lauded their accomplishments. As LTC

Thompson took the podium, he welcomed the responsibility to take the mission to the next level, pledged Task Force Peacekeeper's continuing support as they work toward independence, and spoke to the Soldiers' professionalism and valor. After charging them to pour everything they have into this mission for the next year, to stand shoulder by shoulder with their Afghan counterparts, he stated with conviction, "The Peacekeepers are trained, ready, and confident to begin our next Rendezvous with Destiny."



LTC Thompson and CSM Smoot uncased the 716th MP BN Colors at the TOA Ceremony on 29 January



## Commander's Note



LTC Thompson and his counterpart, LTG Fazluddin, flew to Parwan Province to meet with the Korean Provincial Reconstruction Team Mentors

Sal'am Alaikum! Hello from the Task Force Peacekeeper headquarters at Camp Julien, Kabul, Afghanistan! For more than a month now, the Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers of HHD, 716th MP BN have been deeply engaged in the mentoring and advising mission with the leaders of the 202d Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP) Zone Headquarters, Shamshad. The Peacekeepers picked up where TF Warfighter, the 728th MP BN, left off without skipping a beat. We are building rapport, improving systems, and making strides every day toward an effective and independent Afghan Police force.

The key to working with our Afghan counterparts is building relationships. Last week we brought American cuisine to share with the staff of the 202d, and the event was a hit! On the menu were two types of chicken, sweet potatoes, cornbread, and several other sides. In less than 30 minutes, the food was gone, but smiles were everywhere. Our counterparts are very excited to celebrate with us again on March 20th when we will ring in the New Afghan Year 1391 with them! (Part of the excitement is that we are bringing two cakes!)

In addition to our busy schedule at the Shamshad,

HHD takes an active role in the Camp Julien and Camp Dubs community, assuming responsibility for both mail and Chaplain services to the American military, Coalition forces, and civilian populations. Thunder Soldiers lead the way both outside the wire and in!

Working just as hard as HHD are our three companies spread across Afghanistan. The Speed and Power Soldiers of the 127th MP Company out of Fort Carson, Colorado along with the Outlaws of the 164th MP Company from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska remain steadfast as they wrap up their missions in Afghanistan. Job well done! Very soon they will transition with the 110th MP Company Hell Raisers from Fort Carson and the 381st MP Company Guardians of the Indiana National Guard (respectively).

The Enforcers, the 549th MP Company out of Fort Stewart, Georgia, took over for the 307th MP



CPT Norris, Chief Morris, Ms. Franklin, and CPT Parker serve American-style cuisine to the 202d AUP during the monthly partnership luncheon.

Company, an Army Reserve unit from New Kensington, Pennsylvania. The 307th since redeployed, but the 549th proves more than capable of pushing forward with their mission in the face of adversity.

While we work diligently to build relationships with our counterparts at the Shamshad, execute support operations at the camp, and run missions in four separate provinces, we must never forget that we are still at war. Recently, two of our very own TF Peacekeeper Soldiers and One of a Kind brothers from the 549th MP Company out of Fort Stewart, Georgia made the ultimate sacrifice. SGT Joshua Born and SGT Timothy Conrad Jr. are American heroes, and their families and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. Your sacrifice is not forgotten!

TF Peacekeeper is on point in the fight to help the Afghan Security Forces become independent of Coalition support. We win that fight every day as the 202d AUP transforms into a fully operational and independent regional police headquarters. Though challenges lie ahead, the mighty 716th MP BN is poised to meet them head on, complete the mission, and come home! *Kh'ub ast!* (That's "good" in Dari!) Air Assault!

**Stand shauna ba shauna with your Afghan brothers and sisters, and take advantage of the opportunity you have been given to serve your country."**

- LTC Thompson, CDR



## Command Sergeant Major's Corner

A few weeks ago, while out on a Battlefield Circulation, I attended a ceremony where three Soldiers received their Purple Hearts. During that same ceremony, more than 25 other Soldiers received their Combat Action Badges. Following the presentation of the awards, which were given in front of the unit's formation, there was a loud clapping and cheers from their comrades. When I spoke to some of the Soldiers following the ceremony I could tell that they were proud to receive their awards, but also very humbled. There was a time in the Army when leaders were very hesitant to submit a Soldier for any recognition; just receiving a certificate was an accomplishment. Even then, one might just get handed the certificate as one walked past their NCO in the hallway. I was ex-

tremely proud of the unit's leadership for recognizing those Soldiers in front of their unit. It is important that leaders recognize the accomplishments and sacrifices of their Soldiers. In my humble opinion, leaders oftentimes take some things for granted. We have been at war now for more than ten years, and the all-volunteer Army still has young Americans volunteering to join our ranks. Pausing for just a few minutes to distinguish a few of those volunteers in the presence of both their peers and brothers in arms is well worth it. Hopefully long after this war is over and the next generations of leaders emerge, they will remember how to properly recognize their Soldiers' achievements rather than passing them a certificate in the hallway as they walk by.



CSM Smoot with 202d CSM Delegha

# Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment

## THUNDER



### Commander's Note

Since departing Fort Campbell on 11 January, the "Thunder" of HHD, 716th Military Police Battalion rolled into Afghanistan and settled into Camp Julien, just outside of the capital of Kabul. During our transition with the 728th MP BN our Soldiers tackled the monumental task of relocating the tactical operations center (TOC) from Camp Dubs to Camp Julien. The S6 section comprised of SFC Jackson, SPC Bates, SPC Krakowiak, and SPC Obrien worked around the clock re-wiring the entire building and installing a multitude of computers, phones, and radio communication equipment. Their tireless efforts allowed the battalion to assume control of our mentorship mission on schedule.

Our challenges didn't stop there. As we assumed the mission of mentoring the leaders of the Afghan Uniformed Police Zone 202 Headquarters, the Afghan winter appeared in full force. Despite the sub-zero wind chills and too many inches of snow to count, the Soldiers of HHD continued to roll

out on mission. PFC Cooper, PFC Murphy, PFC Springob, and PFC Merchant transported our mentorship teams over treacherous roads every day with ZERO accidents. Additionally CW3 Morris and SGT Clay provided the mechanical know-how to keep the fleet fully mission capable. The combined efforts of these Soldiers made it possible for the detachment to maintain 24 hour operations for the first 45 days of our deployment. As some Afghans protested the recent events involving the accidental burning of the Quran, our Soldiers adjusted their security posture and continue to conduct missions at the Zone 202 Headquarters.

I am beyond impressed by the professionalism, competence and confidence of these Soldiers as they execute every task given to them. While there are still ten months and many more challenges ahead, there is no doubt that the "Thunder" of HHD will continue to succeed at every turn.

-Thunder 6



Captain Jason R. Joynes



### First Sergeant's Corner

First, I would like to congratulate MSG Shoaf who was recently promoted from Sergeant First Class to Master Sergeant effective 1 February 2012. Also, congratulations goes out to SPC Bates who recently attended the promotion board and was selected to be promoted to the next rank.

Morale of the Soldiers in HHD is very high. Soldiers are excited about the mission we inherited and have grown to develop camaraderie with their Afghan counterparts. During the recent protest we made the decision to withdraw our equipment from the Zone 202 Police Headquarters. CPT Becker and MSG Shoaf led the endeavor to retrieve all of our equipment in a timely organized manner. Some of the soldiers who were instrumental in the hasty but deliberate movement included SFC Reed, SFC Jackson, SSG Holcom, SGT Clay, SPC Obrien, SPC Guthrie, SPC Counterman, SPC Salyers, and PFC Grilley. My thanks go out to you all. The professionalism of our Soldiers during the past few days has greatly mitigated

any negative feelings between the Afghan counterparts and our unit. It is apparent that the relationship and trust between the Afghan Uniform Police and our Soldiers is as strong as it ever was and will only grow stronger as we come closer to achieving our overall mission in Afghanistan.

As of the beginning of February, the 716th has taken on the responsibility of running the mail room for both Camp Julien and Camp Dubs. SGT Romero and PFC Curtis have lead the way in receiving mail and sorting it out for the various coalition forces that reside at both camps and number well over 700 personnel. Both SGT Romero and PFC Curtis and are doing an outstanding job in managing and distributing mail, good job!

In closing, I want to thank all of the Soldiers in the 716th HHD "Thunder" for the tireless hours of hard work in order to accomplish the overall mission.....Air Assault!!!

Thunder 7



SFC John C. Thomas



# In Memoriam

*"To fallen Soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing. Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord."*



Sergeant Joshua Alan Born

Task Force Peacekeeper mourns the loss of two of our own after small arms fire erupted at their COP where the unit conducts embedded mentorship. Task Force Peacekeeper extends its condolences to the family members, loved ones, friends, coworkers, and anyone who had the fortune of knowing  
Sergeant Joshua Alan Born  
and  
Sergeant Timothy John Conrad Jr.  
A memorial in their honor was held in Eastern Afghanistan on 29 February 2012.



Sergeant Timothy John Conrad Jr.

*"No more bleeding, no more strife. No prayers pleading through the night. Just divine embrace, eternal light in the Mansions of the Lord."*

*"Remember what happened here, remember what you did here, and make sure that no American forgets why we stood here."*

- BG Richardson, DCG(S)



*"Where no mothers cry and no children weep. We will stand and guard, though the angels sleep. All through the ages safely keep the Mansions of the Lord."*



*"Now is not the time for vengeance. Now is the time to look deep inside your souls, remember your mission, remember your discipline, remember who you are. We'll come through this together as a unit."*

- General Allen

# Chaplain's Monthly Sitrep

**It is a great practice to review what the Lord has done so that we will not forget the movement of His sovereign hand weaving together the tapestry of history.**

## Camp Julien Chapel

In the time that we arrived to our duty location here at Camp Julien, all Chapel operations have completely moved from one camp to another. Camp Dubs, our original destination, will be closing soon and all coalition action will be consolidated to Camp Julien. In anticipation of this, we have been able to place Chapel services in a temporary building provided to us by the COIN Academy, and with the support of the Mayor Cell, the new permanent Chapel location and building will be up and running in about two months. Praise God for His blessings.

I am also grateful for the Chapel community that I have had the pleasure of joining and being able to lead. Through the support of a devoted deacon, Mr. Harry Chipchase, and talented musicians, MAJ Scott Goodman (USAF), LTCDR Perter Ball (Canada), CPT Ben Fry (UK) and CPL Wood (UK), we have a thriving Protestant Chapel community. I am grateful for the work of Steve and Robert, for their devoted leadership in the Julien Catholic community, and lastly for CPT Nate Loomis (USMC) for his willingness and initiative in leading the LDS community worship.

## Soldier Support Supplies

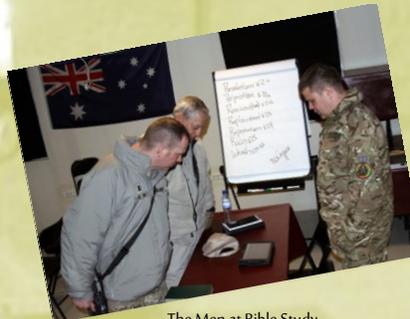
Through the generosity of multiple individual and organizational supporters of the Armed Forces, I have had the privilege, thus far, of processing 70 boxes of supplies meant to directly meet the needs and comfort of our Soldiers: everything from hygiene products to snacks to games to cards to athletic socks. We cannot put into words the gratitude we have for the support of our folks back in the States. You truly make the time here more bearably comfortable.

## Bible Study

Last week we began a new study in the book of Romans utilizing curriculum created by Tommy Nelson of Denton Bible Church. The title of the series is The Letter That Change The World. In the next 12 weeks we will work our way through the first eight chapters of Romans via the Observation-Interpretation-Application hermeneutic. The first lesson we covered was on Romans 1:1-17, which dealt with Paul's desire to go and see the Christian Church in Rome, defining the Gospel and setting the theme for the Romans as a whole. The big point was that the Gospel is the power of God's provision of righteousness is revealed with increasing faith that leads to greater obedience.

## Ash Wednesday, Lent, & Easter

Ash Wednesday began the Lenten Season this past week culminating in the Easter Celebration. This is my absolute favorite season in the Church Calendar. What begins in self-reflective repentance and recognition of our sin and mortality leads to the celebration of Grace and the Resurrection of Christ our Lord, the anchor and linch-pin of our Faith. Peace be with you!



The Men at Bible Study



"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things... Love never fails."  
— 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

- Romans 12:11, 12



716th MP Battalion Unit Ministry Team  
CH (CPT) Andrew Calvert & SGT Kevin McDaniel



Here is LTCDR Peter Ball (Canada) and CPT Ben Fry (UK) practicing and preparing to lead worship. A perfect example that the Church is larger than the U.S. These two men have become friends and great supporters of the ministry. Thank you, gentlemen.

Camp Julien Chapel

# Our New Home

# AFGHANISTAN



Left: The Colonel's Fleet.



Right: The Mentors' Fleet.



Above: Outside the new TOC at Camp Julien

Left: Inside the new TOC at Camp Julien, when we first arrived.

Below: Inside the TOC NOW!



Left: Afghan Snacks  
Above: Afghan Chai (Tea)



*'Camp Julien is a picturesque little FOB with panoramic vistas covering majestic mountains and the wide-ranging city of Kabul. The accommodations are amicable, and we have daily interaction with our European allies. A tiny slice of Heaven away from home.'*

- CPT William Sharp, USA

## The Battle Space

TF Peacekeeper may be living and working on a daily basis here in Kabul, but the area of responsibility and potential involvement in operations extends far beyond the city limits. The 202d AUP Zone consists of eight provinces: Bamyan, Laghman, Panjshyr, Panjway, Nuristan, Nangarhar, Kunar, and Kapisa. Remember, these provinces are divided amongst one of the most jagged (and beautiful) mountain ranges in the world. That means that culturally, they rarely intermingle. Although there is the commonality of

Islam, they speak many different languages, wear different clothes, and follow different traditions— Oh, and they are not commonly fond of each other! These culture groups over the years have formed into tribes, and typically the tribes reside in pocketed villages in the mountains. It is a difficult task to expand the AUP influence into these hidden regions of a country who never underwent an industrial revolution, who has never seen a train, and who's version of a Ferrari is a new 2002 Toyota Corolla.

*You can tell where many Afghans are from by their headdress.*



## A Motley Crew

SSG Stoffer Commands the attention of his Security Squad.



The Security Squad is the cream of the crop when it comes to Soldiering and caring for Soldiers. These individuals, spanning from the ranks of E-3 to E-6, were hand-selected by the Command Teams themselves. These Soldiers work incredibly long hours and are assigned challenging duties well-beyond that of their primary MOS and the typical Soldier. Throughout the year many of them will also find themselves working in a joint medium with International Security Assistance Forces, which will be eye-opening and expand their skill sets for the future.



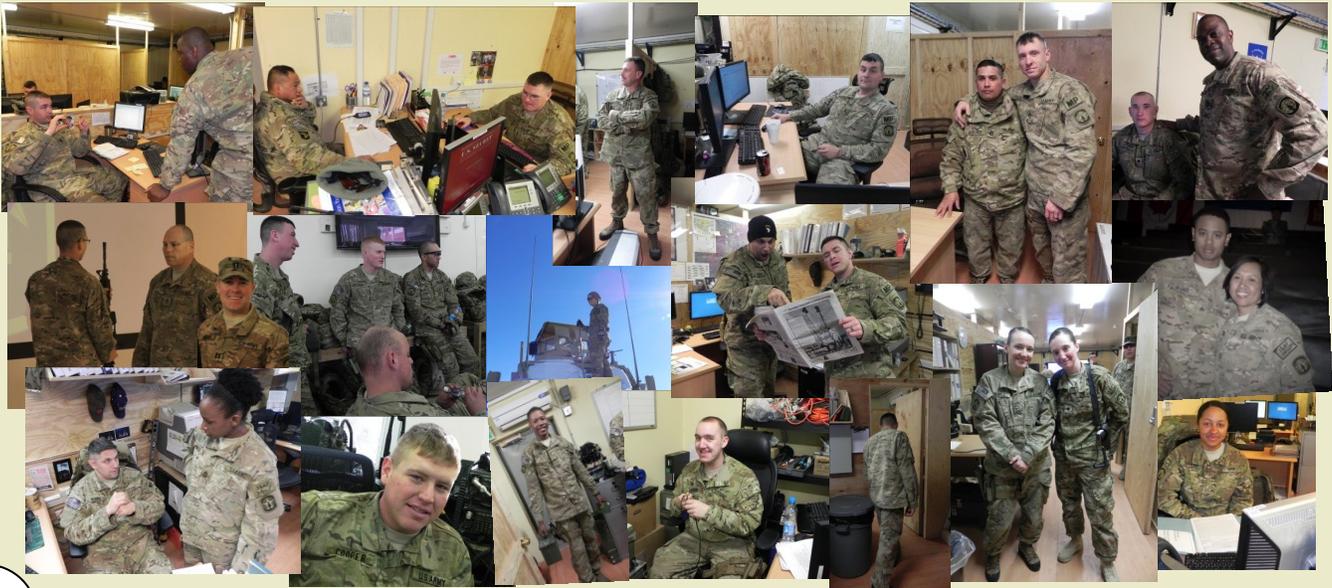
The Security Squad:  
SSG Stoffer  
SGT Low  
SGT Regnier  
SPC Lindsay  
SPC Donohue  
SPC Cortes,  
SPC Dipasquale  
SPC Lira,  
SPC Guthrie,  
PFC Hess  
PFC Sejat

# Police Mentorship

*We could talk about it, but there's just too much to say!*



# Behind the Scenes



# 127th Military Police Company

**From the Commander:**

Speed and power! I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and sound. The 127<sup>th</sup> has entered its final few months and the tempo doesn't seem to be slowing one bit. The entire unit completed its 4<sup>th</sup> and hopefully final move this month. We were uprooted from the Kunar province and now call home Combat Outpost Xio Haq. We are just getting settled and plan on conducting numerous Military Police missions and your Soldiers are performing with Speed and Power. They have performed at a level that has far exceeded my expectations. Thank you! Now we own our very own outpost and look forward to learning the ropes of this new area and set the conditions for our relief. We thank all the families who have contributed so much and gotten us through this far. Without

you and your support, I'm sure we wouldn't be as successful. I would like say it has been pleasure to be part of the peacekeeper family. Though our time together is short, we thank you for all your support and we look forward to working with you for the short time we have left. This being my first and last news article, I would like to wish you a safe and successful deployment. Please keep speed and power in your prayers and remember to make the children say Speed and Power during our homecoming ceremony.

**From the 1SG:**

After traveling the breadth of the Afghanistan Empire with Speed and Power, the I finally had a chance to go down and see the 3rd Platoon Assassins down in Andar. They have been doing great things, and I was impressed by their motivation and physical fitness. They were also able to smoke and chew at the same time. Very impressive. I wanted to thank Thor and SFC Lopez for their hospitality. I also made it up to Kabul and made contact with the pride and joy of the COMISAF...the PSD Team. They have become experts in their

fields and no doubt get better by the day. I drove around town with them, and they performed driving techniques that were commensurate with expert drivers. I greatly appreciated their hospitality as well, and SFC Waterhouse is on point for the nation. 2nd platoon is doing the do and taking it to the enemy at every angle. Both squads continue to react to the enemy's ever changing paradigm. 1st platoon has made remarkable strides training the AUP and continue to travel the empire unfettered by enemy activity. SSG Torres, the PSG, cut his hair to a respectable length and actually looks smarter! The Soldiers of the 127th MP Co Speed and Power continue to get stronger and smarter as they traverse the roughest terrain known to man, and they remain flexible to a myriad of changes.



SPC Englund and PFC Mayberry after "Supergirl," took 2nd Place at the Army 10-miler!



"FIX IT, Ramlogan, FIX IT!"



YES, IT IS A JOB

**"As the soldier waited quietly, for the judgment of his God. Step forward now, you soldier, You've borne your burdens well. Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, You've done your time in Hell."**

**From the Platoons:**

Yet another busy month has been logged in to the deployment leaving headquarters with their eyes on the finish line. With another chapter closed they can reflect on the accomplishments with a sigh knowing that it is over and a grit in the teeth to charge the finish line, knowing how busy they would be with the loading cleaning, packing, and customs inspections. Of note last month was "Operation Clean Sweep". The motor pool has thousands of parts valuing in excess of 3.5 million dollars, and they worked hard days and long nights along with other headquarters personnel to gather, sort, inventory, and prepare for ship out. The operation ended on the 22 January with ten, forty-foot semi-tractor trailers

loaded for turn-in. They also loaded three organizational containers to be shipped home leading their return. Sections such as supply and communication have a job that never lets up. There is always a constant mission for these two sections, and yet they still assist as needed. With supply constantly working for the outlying platoons as well as the big five, their tasks are never ending. From meetings with staff and Commander to checking on property and hand receipts, there is a large responsibility for attention to detail. Communication is pulled at the arms by the Operations cell and platoons for assistance. They ensure communications are squared away for both missions and the TOC, a job both

taking and thankless. The Communications team also works closely with supply to ensure the ordering and turn-in of equipment to keep the unit mission-ready. This is not to say that the remaining sections have worked less or have a less important job, because that is not the case. All sections work hard and carry their part of this unit on their shoulders. For 1st PLT, January at FOB Wright was a compilation of missions, loading containers bound for Fort Carson, ranges, and a lot of time in the gym! As their time dwindles down, they stay focused on the mission while getting anxious for their return to Colorado. As they approach the final weeks of their deployment, the morale of the Soldiers is at an all-time high.

**"Wow, Sir. Christmas came twice this year!" said SPC Wooster upon receiving his snow shoes."**

They have fought hard and made a lasting impact in the Nangahar and Kunar Provinces of Afghanistan. As a direct result of their success, they will soon assume responsibility for AUP mentorship in Laghman Province. Speed and Power Soldiers have truly demonstrated that they are flexible assets capable of performing countless duties while contributing greatly to the overall security of the country. There will be many moving pieces and upcoming milestones in the weeks to come as they prepare to transition home. The days are by no means getting shorter as they set the conditions for the arrival of their sister unit. These Soldiers embody and live the Military Police motto "Assist, Protect, and Defend" in every aspect of day to day operations. This, combined with relentless enforcement of the stan-

dard, has contributed greatly to their successes to date. Mentoring and training the AUP and performing maintenance and layouts of all equipment are a few examples of what 2nd Platoon Soldiers will be expected to do in next few months leading to redeployment. The values they possess, paired with their aggressive work ethic and heightened level of morale, will facilitate the successful TOA to any unit. Fredrick the Great's quote "Audacity, always audacity!" summarizes the endeavors of 3/127. The Soldiers of 3rd platoon rang in the new-year with a calm snowy night. January marked the final month for Soldiers to take R&R leave; punctuating the fact that the Madden 2012 tournament is behind them and redeployment is rapidly approaching. Neer-beers aside, the Soldiers realize

that there is still a lot of work left here in Afghanistan. This month has introduced a new challenge to the Soldiers, who are now expected to conduct their missions in the ice and snow. In an effort to defeat mother nature, the U.S. Army has provided the Soldiers with snow spikes for their boots. "These are really cool Sarge!" commented SPC Leatherwood. "Wow, sir Christmas came twice this year!" said SPC Wooster upon receiving his snow shoes. CPT Cranson came to FOB Andar to visit the Soldiers and left with his tail tucked between his legs due to PFC Amezola continually beating him at video games. Amezola however could not beat CPT Cranson at a push-up contest or anything physical, for that matter. All in all, it has been a good new year, and everything has been going seamlessly.



Above: SPC Davis gives 'til it hurts. Below: Soldiers conduct Packout and Customs inspections.





# 164th Military Police Company



Within hours of being notified, Soldiers of 1st and 2nd platoon had boots on the ground, keeping the civil population safe while on foot through the rugged Afghanistan mountains. ARCTIC TOUGH!!

The past month has been a great opportunity for reflection in the Outlaw community as we've packed up our equipment and shipped it home, further preparing our forces for transition with our inbound replacements. Part of the reflection process involves remembering those who have given everything in the support of our great Nation, and looking among the ranks at the sacrifices that both each Soldier and their family and friends have made since we deployed in March 2011. No Soldier, no matter how tough they may be, can stay cemented to the life of Soldiering without a strong force on the home front. To the spouses, loved one's, children and friends of the Outlaws, I would like to extend a final thank you before leaving Afghanistan. There is no success that our Soldiers our unit has accomplished that does not have a direct link to the level of love and support you've shown each of us. On a similar, vigilance is

safety, and it's the art of keeping your Soldiers in the fight by staying focused on the task at hand until we come home. I'd ask that you please encourage your Soldier to maintain their energy, drive, and discipline until we return. Your Outlaws have done an amazing job and have much to be proud of!

As we prepare to transition back to Alaska, Soldiers will need additional support from family members and friends. This is the first combat deployment for many of our young Warriors. Traditionally, during the last 60 days of a combat tour Soldiers may become complacent and distracted due to the anticipation of returning home. It is imperative that we provide our Soldiers with an overwhelming amount of emotional support during this critical time period of the deployment. Currently, Soldiers remain vigilant, focused and actively

**"Your Soldiers have spent countless hours in conjunction with a constant flow of missions and in theater requirements to complete this process."**

engaged with our current mission in Afghanistan. Over the past 11 months, I have watched our Soldiers develop into the most diverse, agile, and adaptive Warriors that I have served with over my 19 years of service. I am extremely proud of our Squad Leaders who carry the weight of the entire Company on their shoulders. They continue to conduct daily operations and receive praise from senior leaders at every level throughout Combined Joint Task Force-1. The 164th Military Police Company is successful because of these leader's commitment to duty and relentless approach toward mission accomplishment.

Headquarters Platoon has been working as hard as ever to ensure that they and their equipment will make it home in

good order. It may sound like a simple task, but most everyone works around the clock to do the behind-the-scenes tasks that are necessary, yet rarely brought to light. Their group of Soldiers and leaders are the cream of the crop. They had to say goodbye to CPT Gutierrez, MSG Fields, SFC Klier, SFC Wells, and SSG Porsche this month. Without hesitation, anyone could say that due to their hard work, this company was and is successful. It was their first indication that they will actually be back with their Outlaw family soon enough. They still have work to do here in order for that to happen and are very willing to do whatever tasks are ahead of them to ensure that goal is met. Headquarters has met these tasks with a raise-the-standard-high approach. If

there is a task given in the future, I am sure that my mind will be called back to these Soldiers who excelled in their fields and never left anything undone.

The most severe weather that Afghanistan had to offer did not deter the Renegades as the redeployment process was kicked off with two massive container shipments back to home station. As January came to close they honored some of their Soldiers with Purple Hearts, Army Commendation Medals with Valor, and Combat Action Badges. A true testament to the sacrifice and bravery exemplified within the Outlaw family.

January was an exciting month for the Gunslingers as they shipped more TRI-CONs home and deployment ran closer to its end. Their leaders could not be

**To the spouses,  
loved ones, family,  
and friends of the**

**Outlaws, I  
would like to**

**extend a final  
thank you before  
leaving**

**Afghanistan."**

- Outlaw 6

## "Vigilance is Safety"

Dismounted patrols are equally difficult as they are constantly slipping and falling. A special congratulations to SGT Winn for reenlisting for another 2 years in the Army!

The month of January has been good to the Warriors! They were able to get out and enjoy the snow fall on several occasions and ran some interesting missions to help pass the time. They would like to recognize SPC Hufford and his promotion to Sergeant this month, as well as SGT Oslund and SGT Oblisk's reenlistment. This month they continued spent a lot of time traversing the battle space and many other interesting locations, working with multiple international partners in ISAF. These types of interna-

tional relationships are something they couldn't develop anywhere else. As they look forward to coming home, they would like to take the time to thank friends and families of the Warriors for their continued support, care packages, and encouraging words that have kept them going for so many months. They appreciate the time taken out of the day to support them! They're all very excited to return home to Alaska and see everyone soon!



1SG Black says goodbye to SFC Klier as he leaves to go back to Alaska.

more proud as they successfully completed 11 months. The fair share of snow in the past two months has made them nostalgic of Alaska. The roads there are not paved and their big trucks sometimes find it difficult to maneuver.



3rd Platoon presents LT BB with a plaque to thank her for all the hard work



# 549th Military Police Company

On January 2, 2012, 149 Soldiers from the 549th Military Police Company said goodbye to Family and friends and departed Fort Stewart for Afghanistan. Despite the 22 hour flight, all the Enforcers safely arrived at Manas International Airport, where they remained for approximately 3-4 days, waiting on the weather at Bagram to clear up. Manas Air-base provided the Soldiers the opportunity to catch-up on sleep and talk with their loved ones before the departure to Bagram, Afghanistan. Every day, Soldiers would drag their bags to the terminal, and wait for confirmation that the flight was still on-time. Once everyone arrived at Bagram, everyone immediately began mandatory train-

ing, and once completed, began the journey to the various locations that the Enforcers would occupy for the month of January. For most of the company, the next leg of the trip would take them to Jalabad, Afghani-

stan, and then a follow-on flight to FOB Shinwar. For a select few from 1st platoon, they would travel directly to FOB Connelly, where they are currently living now. As the relief-in-place started, two more elements from the 549th Military Police Company would be tasked out to support two additional Troops within the E. Nangahar area, to include one squad from 2nd platoon, and the remaining squad from 1st platoon (currently at FOB Finley-Shields). The first chapter of this journey is over, and the 549th MP CO Soldiers continue the legacy started long ago, in World War II. They are highly trained, extremely professional, and ready to accomplish this mission, as they have always done.

We want to thank our friends and Families for giving us the tremendous amount of support thus far in the



2LT Jauregui on patrol in Shinwar village

***"They accomplish every-thing from Key Leader Engage-ments with local leaders, to patrolling the streets at day and at night."***

***"Our task is unique, our mission set is broad, and we continue to rise to and surpass all expectations from our higher headquarters"***

deployment. We arrived at our final destination and were immediately put to work. Because of the tireless work and effort the Soldiers and this Company put into the pre-deployment training, the Soldiers were fully prepared to conduct missions immediately upon arrival at their respective FOBs. Within one week, Enforcers were conducting missions and receiving praise from the Squadron Commander for their professionalism, attention to detail, and discipline. Our Soldiers are already making a difference, helping Afghan Security forces seize illegal weapons, and narcotics, in addition to conducting partnered



Soldiers from 3rd Platoon patrol a local village.

patrols, 24 hours a day, with the Afghan Police, Border Patrol, and Afghan National Army. Every mission brings new challenges, as the Enforcers are responsible for three districts, which includes everything from infrastructure improvement, to security patrols, to rebuilding schools and helping with female vocational training. We just recently initiated a female vocational school centered around tailoring, where approximately 30 women now have the opportunity to learn tailoring skills, and following graduation, will be given a sewing machine and small business grant to start their own business. As always the

children are extremely interested in Soldiers, and are never afraid to ask for a pen or for school supplies. We are extremely excited to finally get this mission started, and can-not thank everyone enough for the outpouring of support we have received. Please know that not a day goes by that we don't think of you all, our Friends and Family back home in the United States and around the world. Leave will start soon, and the 1SG and Commander will continue to work hard everyday to ensure your Soldiers are prepared for the challenges they face here everyday. God Bless Everyone and keep the Soldiers of this awesome Company and the Smith, Born, and Conrad families in your prayers.

Sadly the Hooligan (1st) platoon has



SSG Peagler and one of several "jingle" trucks in the yard.

been split in half, yet we continue to do great things in Afghanistan. The first half of the platoon, some-times referred to as "1.5 squad," is away at a real FOB doing real missions. The platoon leader, SSG Webb, and SSG Greene are the leadership with this half of the group at FOB Connelly. The second half, known as "3rd squad," are living in an old Russian palace. Is there jealousy...who knows? Regardless, those at Finley Shields are doing well!

***"From mechanics, to cooks, to communications specialists, to personnel actions, the headquarters sections have cemented their importance and commitment to the successful operations of the 549th."***

Paired with Blackfoot Troop, part of 3-4 Cavalry Squadron, they are being taken very good care of, and provided support as if they were one of their own.

2nd Platoon at FOB Shinwar was also divided. 1st squad operates with Apache Troop as the Apache Green element, and the other remains with the 549th MP Co as the Renegades. SGT Day and LT O'Ceallaigh have taken the reins of Apache Green, while SSG Benson and SSG Mendoza are running the operations of 2nd Squad. 3rd Platoon is also settled in at FOB Shinwar. The OPTEMPO is intense and the Soldiers spend many days

hard at work towards assisting their Afghan counter-parts. They contribute to everything from Key Leader Engagements with local leaders to patrolling the streets at day and at night. The spouses, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters from headquarters platoon are doing and have done a phenomenal job of establishing the basic foundations for company operations.

We are overly confident in the training the Soldiers of the 549th MP Company have received, and their actions thus far showcase that they possess the fortitude to accomplish any task asked of them.



CPT Riddle and the Mohmand Dara Chief of Police planning operations

# From the Rear



Left:  
716th Military Police Battalion,  
Sustainment Brigade Linemen,  
in the 101st Airborne Division run 24  
February.  
Photo by 101st ABN DIV PAO



Right:  
Soldiers from the 716th Military Police  
Battalion welcome military working dog  
team  
SGT Smith and Samu  
home to Fort Campbell.

## Story of the Month "Operation Linus"

101st SBDE PAO - The Military Police patrols at Fort Campbell prepare themselves to respond to a wide array of calls. In case they come across a distressed child, they're outfitting their squad cars and SUVs with handmade blankets.

"Operation Linus" is a partnership between the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, and the Clarksville chapter of Project Linus to provide blankets to kids in a devastating situation.

"The idea of Project Linus is that they give blankets to traumatized children," said Capt. Diana Benton, the provisional executive officer for the 716th MP Battalion. "When you think about it, any child that was at the scene of a crime, whether it's a natural disaster or some kind of crisis, might be in a situation where they're needy, upset, or maybe even a medical issue with hospitalization."

The mission came down from the 16th MP Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C. The commander wanted each battalion, spread across posts in the Eastern U.S. to look into Project Linus because he wanted blankets in each of the patrol cars, Benton said.

Benton started out the operation here by meeting with the local Clarksville chapter of Project Linus at one of their monthly meetings to explain what the battalion was doing and how it would help them out.

"When I contacted them, they were

pretty excited because they never thought about the law enforcement side of things," she said, "but since we come into contact with the public a lot, they were excited to help us help kids out."

Project Linus is a national organization, with nearly 400 chapters, that has delivered more than four million blankets to children for security and comfort.

"I can see the benefit of the blanket because now, you literally get to wrap it around them and they get warmth," said Sgt. Maj. Jason Mosher, the sergeant major for the Directorate of Emergency Services, here. He pointed out that a fire usually happens in the middle of the night.

"They're cold. They're scared. There's a lot of factors going through the child's mind that are very normal," he said, "and so you wrap them in this blanket."

After a fire, a family will be constantly on the move making sure they have a place to sleep, food to eat and clothes to wear. The security of a kid's blanket can be lost in the hustle of things, but provides a powerful sense of security.

"You have a child who's very distraught, and they just lost everything," Mosher said. "You don't know if that kid had a favorite stuffed animal, but now they will latch onto that stuffed animal and they're one step closer to normal. That's where things like that really kick in."

Fifteen blankets were donated at first to keep in the patrol vehicles just in case. The patrols know that there is a blanket

if they are responding to an incident with a child.

Spc. Ignacio Rivera, an assistant patrol supervisor with the 551 Military Police Company, 716th MP Battalion, recalled a call he received with a traumatized child.

"The kid wouldn't talk to anyone except for me because I could relate my own experiences with him," Rivera said. "Having a lasting impression of him with not only words, but with something to give him that would be really good for him later on."

While the patrols keep the blankets in their vehicles, the battalion is also aiming to pay it forward and help out Project Linus. The battalion Family Readiness Group is looking into sewing blankets themselves.

"This is an opportunity for us to receive and give as well," Benton said. "A lot of military families are moving around a lot and it's hard for them to set down roots in a community very quickly. So it's another way for our families and our battalion to have a connection to the community."

"What I would hope is that people in the battalion can participate in Project Linus, as well as our patrols give out those blankets to kids, because then it's benefiting many, many people."



*When you think about it, any child that was at the scene of a crime, whether it's a natural disaster or some kind of crisis, might be in a situation where they're needy, upset, or maybe even a medical issue with hospitalization."*

Spc. Ignacio Rivera, an assistant patrol supervisor with the 551 Military Police Company, 716th MP Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, places a handmade blanket in his patrol vehicle. Blankets are being included in the patrol kit bags as part of "Operation Linus," a mission to give comfort and security to children in stressful situation. Photo by 101st SBDE PAO.

# Family Readiness Group

## Since you've been away...

The HHD FRG has had two meetings. On January 24th they gathered in the battalion classroom, where they hosted a craft night so the kids could make Valentines to send to their family members downrange. On February 2nd they listened to a short presentation on the mission of the

USO and how to get involved if they wish to volunteer. They discussed ideas for future meetings, activities, and fundraisers. Mrs. Thompson reiterated that help is available if they are having problems coping with the deployment and how important it is that they seek it out.



Toni Thomas and daughter Emelin get in the spirit for her first Valentine's Day!

*"Time is too slow  
for those who wait,  
too swift for those  
who fear, too long  
for those who grieve,  
too short for those  
who rejoice, but for  
those who love, time  
is eternity."*

- Henry Van Dyke

## Current Projects

They are...

Collecting orders for reminder bands in MP Colors.

Collecting homemade blankets for Project Linus.

Working with Stephanie Douglass on creating a t-shirt and sweatshirt design.

Developing an excel spreadsheet for POC's to fill out monthly so they know that family members that have soldiers deployed are being contacted once a month.

*"Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
Carnations are  
Sweet And so are  
you.  
And so are they  
That send you this  
And when we meet  
We'll have a kiss."*

## Future Meetings

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Self-Defense Class at the Taylor Youth Center

March 8<sup>th</sup> - OPSEC Briefing and Craft Night (Deployment Countdown)



Belinda Lambert, 716th Military Police Battalion FRG Leader, helps children create their Valentines on January 2nd.

# Task Force Peacekeeper Awards

## The Bronze Star Medal

February

CPT Jacob D. Gutierrez 164MP CO  
SFC Scott M. Wells 164MP CO

March

CPT Christopher A. Gehri 164MP CO  
1SG Kendrick A. Black 164MP CO  
1LT Rianon J. Blaisdellblack 164MP CO  
1LT Paul E. Ewing 164MP CO  
1LT David T. Frebel Jr. 164MP CO  
1LT Garland L. Pierce 164MP CO  
MSG James T. Camba 164MP CO  
MSG Leonard P. Habig III 164MP CO  
SFC Ryan M. Bahnmann 164MP CO  
SFC Lawrence Garcia 164MP CO  
SFC Derick L. Justice 164MP CO  
SFC Jason D. Smith 164MP CO  
SFC Derek S. Swenson 164MP CO  
SSG Seth J. Alderman 164MP CO  
SSG Jonathan S. Enlow 164MP CO  
SSG Roger L. Gaines II 164MP CO  
SSG Molly R. Griffiths 164MP CO  
SSG Stephanie D. Johnson 164MP CO  
SSG Kevin D. Lindsey 164MP CO  
SSG Benny N. Markos 164MP CO  
SSG John L. Maxie Jr. 164MP CO  
SSG Joel L. Mercado 164MP CO  
SSG Angel M. Sanchez 164MP CO  
SSG Vincent E. Vesterkind 164MP CO  
SGT John D. Cruz 164MP CO

## The Army Commendation Medal

March

1LT Joseph R. Price 164MP CO  
SFC Ryan Bahnmann 164MP CO IMPACT  
SSG Brittany N. Roberson 164MP CO  
SSG Dominic S. Pearson 164MP CO  
SGT Jeffrey J. Albert 164MP CO  
SGT Thomas R. Beard 164MP CO  
SGT Anthony R. Cabassa 164MP CO  
SGT Robert E. Carter Sr 164MP CO  
SGT James M. Cullen 164MP CO  
SGT Aaron R. Deboer 164MP CO  
SGT Christine A. Gracia 164MP CO  
SGT Tristan D. Gomez 164MP CO  
SGT Evert A. Heilbronreyes 164MP CO  
SGT Bryan D. Hufford 164MP CO  
SGT Sean R. Kahly 164MP CO  
SGT Steven D. Kirschbaum Jr. 164MP CO  
SGT Mark A. Langford 164MP CO  
SGT Lucas A. Musseau 164MP CO  
SGT Michael Mussone 164MP CO IMPACT  
SGT Michael K. Mussone 164MP CO  
SGT Benjamin M. Oblisk 164MP CO  
SGT John F. Obrien 164MP CO  
SGT Colton J. Oslund 164MP CO  
SGT Zachary H. Patt 164MP CO  
SGT Jordan C. Phillips 164MP CO  
SGT Cody R. Pierce 164MP CO  
SGT Jared Z. Powell 164MP CO  
SGT James N. Santiago 164MP CO  
SGT Adrain M. Seijemai 164MP CO  
SGT John A. Shoemaker 164MP CO  
SGT Dominique C. Stewart 164MP CO  
SGT Caroline T. Train 164MP CO  
SGT Caleb J. Walker 164MP CO  
SGT Anthony W. Wiley 164MP CO  
SGT Robert Wilton 164MP CO  
SGT Benjamin T. Winn 164MP CO  
CPL Sergio R. Bermudez 164MP CO  
SPC Derek L. Abernathy 164MP CO  
SPC Glenn R. Alexander 164MP CO  
SPC Matthew A. Arthurs 164MP CO  
SPC Frederico S. Baker 164MP CO  
SPC Jacob D. Blackburn 164MP CO  
SPC Daniel W. Bright 164MP CO  
SPC Jimmy L. Brown 164MP CO  
SPC Derrick G. Brubacher 164MP CO  
SPC Zakary T. Callahan 164MP CO  
SPC John C. Cannings 164MP CO  
SPC Alexander P. Cole 164MP CO  
SPC David A. Collins 164MP CO  
SPC Richard P. Connell III 164MP CO  
SPC Karina P. Cosay 164MP CO  
SPC Jason L. Dooley 164MP CO  
SPC Dana C. Elmer 164MP CO  
SPC Kip N. Fairley 164MP CO  
SPC Tyler J. Fetherolf 164MP CO  
SPC Victor A. Franco 164MP CO

SPC Tommy L. Gillespie 164MP CO  
SPC Kyle A. Hayes 164MP CO  
SPC Michael P. Hazelton 164MP CO  
SPC Otniel Hernandez-Gonzalez 164MP CO  
SPC Quinten T. Hicks 164MP CO  
SPC Alex J. Hoyer 164MP CO  
SPC Michael T. Jackson Sr. 164MP CO  
SPC Brandon V. James 164MP CO  
SPC Jeremy L. Johnson 164MP CO  
SPC Stacey M. Jordan 164MP CO  
SPC Michael P. Kechula 164MP CO  
SPC Dale E. Kratzer 164MP CO  
SPC Shakira A. Lamb 164MP CO  
SPC Bill J. Lewis 164MP CO  
SPC Robert L. Lingenfelter 164MP CO  
SPC Martin E. Lorenz 164MP CO  
SPC Justin K. Maegaard 164MP CO  
SPC Thomas A. Marshall 164MP CO  
SPC Francisco R. Meza 164MP CO  
SPC Brian A. Minosh 164MP CO  
SPC Michael R. Montgomery 164MP CO  
SPC Timothy J. Moon 164MP CO  
SPC Jennie L. Niccum 164MP CO  
SPC William P. Nucero 164MP CO  
SPC David M. Ocoin 164MP CO  
SPC Donald S. Petry 164MP CO  
SPC Benjamin L. Prouty 164MP CO  
SPC Joshua M. Pruitt 164MP CO  
SPC Matthew E. Ramage 164MP CO  
SPC Peter J. Reilly Jr. 164MP CO  
SPC Marquillo R. Rhynes 164MP CO  
SPC Danny X. Rico 164MP CO  
SPC Daniel M. Richardson 164MP CO  
SPC Tyler W. Ridley 164MP CO  
SPC Damien Rivera 164MP CO  
SPC Hugo D. Rodriguez 164MP CO  
SPC Jay A. Roeleveld 164MP CO  
SPC Caleb A. Rundlett 164MP CO  
SPC Justin R. Salerno 164MP CO  
SPC Traci F. Schellhammer 164MP CO  
SPC Jacob L. Sharp 164MP CO  
SPC Joshua O. Sherzad 164MP CO  
SPC Derrick D. Simon 164MP CO  
SPC Ian J. Sindorf 164MP CO  
SPC Christopher J. Smith 164MP CO  
SPC Mitchell D. Stossmeister 164MP CO  
SPC Brett M. Terry 164MP CO  
SPC Steven M. Thigpin 164MP CO  
SPC Justin T. Tobener 164MP CO  
SPC Michael A. Tobias 164MP CO  
SPC Joaquin S. Torres 164MP CO  
SPC Bobby J. Trevino Jr. 164MP CO  
SPC Steven D. Tucker 164MP CO  
SPC David W. Watson 164MP CO  
SPC Jordan J. Welch 164MP CO  
SPC Justin L. Whaley 164MP CO  
SPC Billy J. Whitaker Jr. 164MP CO  
SPC Joshua T. Wilmoth 164MP CO  
SPC Robert J. Worthington 164MP CO  
PFC Charles T. Graziosi Jr. 164MP CO  
PFC James S. Hampton 164MP CO  
PFC Paul D. Unzueta 164MP CO

## The Army Achievement Medal

1LT Frebel, David 164MP CO  
SPC Whitaker, Billy 164MP CO  
SPC Jackson, Michael 164MP CO  
SPC Arthurs, Matthew 164MP CO

## Certificate of Achievement

February

SPC David W. Watson 164MP CO

## The Purple Heart

February

SGT John D. Cruz 164MP CO  
SPC Joaquin S. Torres 164MP CO  
SPC Justin K. Maegaard 164MP CO

## The Combat Action Badge

February

SFC Ryan Bahnmann 164MP CO  
SSG Joel L. Mercado 164MP CO  
SSG Stephanie Johnson 164MP CO  
SGT Lucas Musseau 164MP CO  
SGT Anthony W. Wiley 164MP CO  
SGT Aaron R. Deboer 164MP CO  
SGT Tristan D. Gomez 164MP CO  
SGT Sean R. Kahly 164MP CO  
SGT Benjamin T. Winn 164MP CO  
SGT Jared Powell 164MP CO  
SGT Caleb Walker 164MP CO  
SGT Bryan D. Hufford 164MP CO  
SPC Michael Hazelton 164MP CO  
SPC Bill Lewis 164MP CO  
SPC Justin Maegaard 164MP CO  
SPC Timothy Moon 164MP CO  
SPC David O'Coin 164MP CO  
SPC Cody Pierce 164MP CO  
SPC Joaquin Torres 164MP CO  
SPC Robert Lingenfelter 164MP CO  
SPC Francisco R. Meza 164MP CO  
SPC Justin R. Salerno 164MP CO  
SPC Matthew Ramage 164MP CO  
SPC Bryant Roy 164MP CO  
SPC Stacey M. Jordan 164MP CO  
SPC Joshua M. Pruitt 164MP CO  
SPC Paul Unzueta 164MP CO  
PFC James Hampton 164MP CO  
PFC Brett M. Terry 164MP CO  
PV2 Alejandro Carr 164MP



PFC Paragus  
receives a NAM

# Task Force Peacekeeper Birthdays

## January

- 01 - CW2 Martin Goodlin HHD 716MP BN
- 01 - PFC Kellie Schanbeck 549MP CO
- 04 - SPC Nicole Collins 127MP CO
- 04 - SPC Nickels 549MP CO
- 07 - PFC Brown 549MP CO
- 07 - SPC Peschke 549MP CO
- 08 - PV2 Triay 549MP CO
- 11 - SPC Garrett P. Womack 127MP CO
- 11 - MSG Jones 549MP CO
- 12 - SGT Elizabeth H. Hughes 127MP CO
- 14 - PV2 Hawk 549MP CO
- 15 - SPC Nicholas E. Shokes 127MP CO
- 16 - SGT Scott T. Whitfield 127MP CO
- 17 - SPC Christopher M. Odium 127MP CO
- 17 - SGT Brent M. Riley 549MP CO
- 17 - SPC Taliaferro 549MP CO
- 18 - PFC Wayne Detwiler 549MP CO
- 21 - SFC Thomas 549MP CO
- 24 - SSG Peagler SGT Riley 549MP CO
- 25 - PC Brian D. Gentry 127MP CO
- 25 - SPC Juan Tirado HHD 716MP BN
- 26 - SGT Scretchings 549MP CO
- 28 - PV2 Van Cleave 549MP CO
- 29 - SPC Jermaine E. Johnson 127MP CO
- 30 - LTC David Thompson HHD 716MP BN

## February

- 02 - CW3 Richard Morris HHD 716MP BN
- 03 - PFC Stephanie Mayzes 549MP CO
- 06 - SGT Gray 549MP CO
- 08 - SPC Demetrius C. Robinson 127MP CO
- 09 - SPC David Almaguer HHD 716MP BN
- 09 - PFC Seeds 549MP CO
- 12 - SGT Christopher M. Luoma 127MP CO
- 13 - SPC Enrique M. Amaya 127MP CO
- 13 - 1LT O'Ceallaigh 549MP CO
- 16 - SGT Donald Kopatz HHD 716MP BN
- 17 - SGT Austin L. Harter 127MP CO
- 17 - SPC Matthew D. Luning 127MP CO
- 17 - SPC Billy L. Tully 127MP CO
- 19 - SPC Cortez Miller HHD 716MP BN
- 20 - SPC Dan T. Barton 127MP CO
- 21 - PFC Keanan M. Kite 127MP CO
- 22 - 2LT Jauregui 549MP CO
- 23 - CPT Andrew Calvert HHD 716MP BN
- 24 - SPC Marsh 549MP CO
- 27 - SGT Edwards 549MP CO
- 29 - SPC Ian Cooper HHD 716MP BN

## March

- 03 - SPC Louis Dipasquale HHD 716MP BN
- 03 - SSG Gerber 549MP CO
- 04 - PFC Hopkins 549MP CO
- 04 - PV2 Christopher B. McDaniel 127MP CO
- 04 - SPC Jasmine D. Roundtree 127MP CO
- 05 - SPC Billy Guthrie HHD 716MP BN
- 05 - SGT Jesse Low HHD 716MP BN
- 08 - SPC Daniel L. Willmont 127MP CO
- 09 - SPC Austin G. Haynes 127MP CO
- 16 - SFC Aaron Q. Lopez 127MP CO
- 16 - SFC Lonnie Norris HHD 716MP BN
- 17 - SGT Rodney Ramlogan 127MP CO
- 19 - SPC Garcia 549MP CO
- 21 - SGT Eric J. Hamza 127MP CO
- 21 - SPC Jacob Young 549MP CO
- 22 - CPT Jason Joyne HHD 716MP BN
- 22 - PFC Alexander M. Cornelius 127MP CO
- 23 - PV2 Oguri 549MP CO
- 24 - PFC Bilodeau 549MP CO
- 25 - SPC Christopher W. Melton 127MP CO
- 25 - SPC Perry 549MP CO
- 29 - SPC Clinton Bullock 549MP CO
- 29 - SPC Chase 549MP CO



# Task Force Peacekeeper Promotions

## January

### To Specialist

PFC Hopkins 549MP CO

### To Private First Class

PV2 Amezola 127MP CO  
 PV2 Mauldin 549MP CO  
 PV2 Mojicavega 549MP CO  
 PV2 Oguri 549MP CO  
 PV2 Potts 549MP CO  
 PV2 Rouse 549MP CO  
 PV2 Seed 549MP CO

## February

### To Master Sergeant

SFC James Camba 164MP CO  
 SFC William Shoaf HHD 716MP BN

### To Sergeant

CPL Jeffrey J. Albert 164MP CO  
 SPC Bryan D. Hufford 164MP CO

### To Specialist

PFC Katrina Cosay 164MP CO  
 PFC Tyler Ridgley 164MP CO

### To Private First Class

PV2 Appadu 127MP CO  
 PV2 Gonzalez 127MP CO  
 PV2 Horwood 549MP CO  
 PV2 Laguna 549MP CO  
 PV2 Vanleave 549MP CO

## March

### To Master Sergeant

SFC Leonard P. Habig III 164MP CO

### To Sergeant First Class

SSG Clemons 127MP CO

### To Sergeant

SPC Cody R. Pierce 164MP CO

### To Specialist

PFC Brett M. Terry 164MP CO

### To Private First Class

PV2 Cornelius 127MP CO  
 PV2 Pena 127MP CO



Sergeant Major Griffin congratulates MSG Shoaf on his promotion to Master Sergeant on 01 February 2012

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Command Sergeant Major: CSM Willard A. Smoot

"Law and Order"

The 716th Military Police Battalion is the most decorated Military Police Battalion in the United States Army and has provided continuous distinguished service to the nation since its activation on 15 January 1942.

## Winter in Kabul

The busy streets of snow-packed Kabul.



Refugee Camps in Kabul.  
Photograph by Andrea Bruce, NY Times.



View of the King's Palace from our Camp here in Kabul. Built during the 1920's as a part of the endeavors by King Amanullah Khan, and shelled by the Mujahedeen during the Soviet Invasion, these ruins offer a reminder of Imperial ambitions.

