



Task Force Peacekeeper

716th Military Police Battalion

Welcome to Shamshad

Special points of interest:

S1 Takes the Spotlight

The Queen's Palace

Soldiers Risk Their Lives to Help Others

164th Transfers Authority to 381st

Back at Home



202d AUP Zone Headquarters Shamshad
Kabul, Afghanistan

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BG Richardson joined Task Force Peacekeeper and the 202d AUP for lunch at the Shamshad



MAJ Curry and MAJ Jensik enjoyed tea on the lawn with ANP Leadership, Dr. Nigina, and the Human Rights and Gender Department

MAJ Jensik was invited to join the Afghans as they traditionally plant new trees in celebration of the new year

Task Force Peacekeeper Human Resources Support

The S1 section of the 716th Military Police Battalion leads the way in Human Resources Support operations both at Camp Julien and at the 202d Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP) Zone Headquarters (ZHQ)! In administrative support of three line companies and one detachment, the S1 shop stays unwaveringly engaged in all four Army Human Resources (HR) core competencies: Man the Force, Provide HR Services, Coordinate Personnel Support, and Conduct HR Planning and Operations.

Before leaving Fort Campbell in January, the S1 shop managed the pre-deployment personnel readiness of HHD, specifically with personnel records in the eMILPO (Electronic Military Personnel Office) system and in monitoring readiness via the Unit Status Report (USR). Since its arrival in theater, Task Force Peacekeeper assumed administrative control (ADCON) of three Military Police line companies in addition to the

headquarters. The Personnel Accounting and Strength Reporting for these companies, managed by SGT Donald Kopatz, involves accounting for over 500 Soldiers located at over nine separate locations across the Afghanistan Theater of Operations. The S1 also maintains Personnel Information Management of these Soldiers utilizing several unique HR enabling systems, with special emphasis on the Deployed Theater Accountability Software (DTAS).

The deployment is a learning experience for everyone in the shop. "I didn't know anything about DTAS before now," SGT Kopatz said of his familiarity with the in-theater HR system. In the last two months, however, he has quickly become the go-to expert for all things related to Personnel Accountability. Though he admits he is still learning, SGT Kopatz's tracking and attention to detail have had direct impact on the success of two separate company Reliefs-in-Place (RIPs) within



The Task Force Peacekeeper S1 Shop

"Today's Adjutant General's Corps is at the forefront of transforming the way the Army manages its most important resource - people."
- Official History of the AG Corps

'Human Resources

professionals must Task Force Peacekeeper.

**be versatile and
flexible enough to
sustain
uninterrupted**

**Human Resources
support in today's
contemporary
operating
environment."**

-FM 1-0,

Human Resources Support,

April 2010

Managed primarily by SFC Gregory Baldwin, the S1 NCOIC, HR Services for Task Force Peacekeeper encompass a variety of tasks to include Essential Personnel Services (EPS), Postal



Her outstanding work with the mail earned PFC Curtis a coin from the Task Force Hydra Command Sergeant Major, CSM John Smiley

Operations, and Casualty Operations. PFC Andrea Curtis sets the bar for awards and decorations processing, continuously impressing the 1st Cavalry Division staff with her fast, error-free work. In addition to her duties in the shop, PFC Curtis is one of only five Soldiers in the detachment authorized to handle mail. As such, she has been at the forefront of HHD's management of the Camps Julien and Dubs postal system. Just this month, her outstanding work with the mail earned PFC Curtis a coin from the Task Force Hydra Command Sergeant Major, CSM John Smiley.

PFC Curtis is learning a great deal during her first tour in a Battalion S1 shop. On top of becoming a subject matter expert on correcting and processing awards, she

engaged in on-the-job training for NCOERs (Non-Commissioned Officers Evaluation Reports). "I've learned what to look for when you correct them, how to proof them, and the different codes that you use," PFC Curtis said.

One of the most critical S1 functions is Casualty Operations. This is an area within which we already had the unfortunate occasion to work. SFC Baldwin's deliberate preparation and steadfast attention to detail enabled the S1 shop to quickly and accurately process recent casualties.

The work we do here at Camp Julien includes Coordinating Personnel Support, such as working emergency leave in conjunction with American Red Cross messages), and HR Planning and

'By people. I do not mean 'personnel.' I do not mean 'end strength.' I do not mean 'percent of fill' or any of those other labels which refer to people as a commodity. I mean living, breathing, serving human beings. They have needs and interests and desires. They have spirit, and will, and strengths, and abilities. They have weaknesses and faults. And they have names.'
- GEN Creighton Abrams, USA

Operations, part of which involves developing running estimates and providing HR input into the operations process.

At the 202d AUP ZHQ, CPT Johnathon Parker engages in HR Support operations by actively mentoring four separate Afghan Police staff sections: Administration, Personnel, Finance, and Recruiting. Since arriving in theater, CPT Parker has applied the HR core competencies to operations at the Shamshad to identify areas of weakness in HR operations, particularly in the way the Administrative and Personnel Officers track personnel utilization. Other areas of focus include working with

the 202d Finance Officer to identify solutions for delivering monthly pay to the AUP in remote areas of Nuristan Province and working with the Recruiting Officer to track the level of Afghan Local Police (ALP) in the various districts.

CPT Parker continues to develop rapport with his Afghan counterparts at the Shamshad. Recently, he celebrated the Afghan New Year with the AUP staff officers he mentors by giving them each a challenge coin representative of their respective US Army counterpart branch - an AG Corps coins for the Administrative and Personnel Officers, a Finance Corps coin for the Finance Officer, and a

Retention Coin for the Recruiting/Retention Officer. The gifts represented the bond between the 202d ZHQ and Task Force Peacekeeper in the effort to drive the zone toward independence.

The 716th Military Police Battalion's Sustainment warfighting function is thriving thanks to the efforts of the Task Force Peacekeeper S1 section. As we continue to focus on our mission of building an independent Afghan Uniformed Police force in the 202d Zone, the Adjutant General's (AG) Corps Soldiers of the S1 section concurrently maintain excellence in HR Support Operations. Defend and Serve, and Air Assault!



COL Matiullah, 202d AUP Zone Command Administrative Officer, explains the monthly Personnel Status Report to the Task Force Peacekeeper Admin Mentor, CPT Johnathon Parker



Commander's Note



LTC David G. Thompson
On BFC in Parwan Province

Greetings Soldiers, Families, and friends! Spring is finally upon us here at Camp Julien! More than two months into our mission, the Soldiers of Task Force Peacekeeper are in high spirits and executing their mission with increasing expertise and efficiency. Every day we develop stronger working relationships with our Afghan counterparts at the 202d Afghan Uniformed Police

(AUP) Zone Headquarters, and every day we sharpen our skills in all facets of our mission.

The snow has melted, and to take advantage of the beautiful weather, HHD recently coordinated a company run up a nearby hill to the "Pancake House," the old Soviet Officers' Club adjacent to the Queen's Palace. Though running up the hill was a challenge—1.88 miles uphill!—the view from the top was worth the effort!

HHD continues its leadership role in the Camps Julien and Dubs community, especially in the realm of postal operations. Thunder Soldiers assumed the mail mission to create a consistent and reliable postal operation that has garnered praise from the Kabul Base Cluster leadership. CSM John Smiley, the Task Force Hydra Command Sergeant Major, traveled to Camp Julien last week to award coins of excellence to SGT Elmer Romero and PFC Andrea Curtis for their outstanding performance and dedicated work ethic in building the Julien/Dubs postal program. Plans are already in place to exploit this success by constructing a new mail facility and relocating operations to Camp Julien in preparation for the closure of Camp Dubs.

On April 1st, the 127th MP Company transitioned authority to the 110th MP Company. Personnel from both units worked diligently to share lessons learned, learn the ropes, and provide essential mission continuity. I know the Hell Raisers will do an amazing job taking over duties from the Speed & Power Soldiers in their missions throughout Laghman Province!

The Guardians of the 381st MP Company have officially taken over the mission set from and relieved the 164th MP Company Outlaws. In addition to their area security duties around Bagram Air Field (BAF), the Soldiers of the 381st are partnered with units from the Afghan National Army (ANA) to conduct patrols and deter insurgent activity in the region. The Guardians have not skipped a beat in their transition with the Outlaws!

The 549th MP Company continues its outstanding work in partnering with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in Nangarhar Province. While one element of the Enforcers recently oversaw Afghan-led opium eradication, another worked with Afghan police to capture one of Nangarhar's most wanted. At every level of our Task Force, Soldiers work to build Afghan capabilities that will ultimately lead to their independence from Coalition Forces support.

I hope everyone enjoys the great weather this season, and remember to "Stay khub'ast, my friends!"

Air Assault!

*"The
impersonal hand
of government
can never
replace the
helping hand of
a friend."*

- Hubert Humphrey



Command Sergeant Major's Corner

We now surpassed our 60 day mark in theater, and everyone seems to be settling into their daily routines. For those first time deployers, the newness of the deployment may still linger, but for those old timers, who have already done this a time or two, it is starting to seem a little more like Groundhog Day.

How good or how long a deployment seems is usually determined by those with whom you are deployed. If you are surrounded by motivated, hard working Soldiers, the deployment rolls along quickly. Although you may miss your loved ones back home, those that you are deployed with become your new family and the deployment becomes an experience rather than just a difficult time. Every day as I walk around Camp Julien, the hard work and efforts put forth by the Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers makes me proud to be their Command Sergeant Major.

Early each morning, Soldiers of all ranks are out at the trucks preparing them for the day's mission. Virtually every day the Battalion's mentors roll out to work with their Afghan partners in an effort to better prepare them to take control of their country's future.

Throughout the day the Battalion's staff sections keep busy processing promotions, running the mailroom for the camp, and working contracts. The planning and preparing for future operations is a never-ending job, but we have the best NCOs and Officers working that. The upkeep and maintenance of our fleet and computer systems is another never-ending job that, luckily, we have the very best working those jobs as well. I can definitely state that those I am surrounded by are making my deployment an enjoyable experience!

For those spouses and loved ones in the rear, everyday is just another day that brings you closer till the day your Soldier comes home. Although it may also feel like Groundhog Day for you and as though time is standing still, I can assure everyone back home that your Soldiers are serving with distinction and honor. The mission and task that your Soldiers perform are as important to the American people as it is to the country of Afghanistan.

Air Assault!



CSM Willard A. Smoot

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment



Commander's Note

THUNDER

The "Thunder" of HHD continues to roll in Kabul, Afghanistan, and the snow and cold temperatures finally gave way to decent weather. This provided Soldiers the opportunity to improve our footprint on Camp Julien and accomplish some additional training. SGT Romero, SGT Low, SGT Regnier, and PFC Hess used their carpentry skills to build much needed storage racks for supplies and equipment. SSG Stoffer trained CPT Norris, CPT Lambert and 1LT Threadgill on driving the M-ATV. This training gives our police mentorship teams the ability to operate all of our available vehicles and increases their flexibility. We also started construction on the new postal service center for Camp Julien as the mayor's cell works to close neighboring Camp Dubs.

Despite the recent events here in Afghanistan, we continue to cultivate strong working relationships with our Afghan counterparts and execute our mission as mentors with the Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP). In March we hosted key leader

engagements (KLE) between Lieutenant General Fazluddin and both Major General Allyn and Brigadier General Richardson from Combined Joint Task Force-1(CJTF-1). These KLEs provided an opportunity for Task Force Peacekeeper to demonstrate our ability to coordinate joint security operations with the AUP. CPT David Becker and MSG William Shoaf headed the effort to secure the 202d AUP Zone Headquarters during the visits by the 1st Cavalry Division leadership.

On a lighter note, Soldiers of HHD passed the 300-day mark and began R&R leave this month. The first group of Soldiers are already safely at home with their Families enjoying some well earned time-off. Our Soldiers continue to impress me with their determination and professionalism while executing a challenging mission. Every day brings us closer to the Afghan police independently policing their communities and providing safety and security for the Afghan people. Air Assault!!!

Thunder 6



CPT Jason R. Joynes



First Sergeant's Corner

First, I would like to congratulate SFC Teklinski who has recently completed his Associates Degree in General Studies with Central Texas College - good job! Also, congratulations to SGT Romero and PFC Curtis. These Soldiers received coins from Command Sergeant Major Smiley, of Task Force Hydra, for taking the lead on running mail services for both Camp Dubs and Camp Julien.

The morale and motivation of the Soldiers in HHD continues to run high. Soldiers are consistently improving their relationships with their Afghan counterparts. On the 19th of March we hosted a luncheon for the Afghan Uniform Police counterparts in celebration of their New Year on the 20th of March. The luncheon was a great success thanks to the efforts of 1LT Threadgill and SFC Jennings who coordinated the food for the celebration. The Afghans eagerly enjoyed American style fried chicken and hamburgers to celebrate the arrival of 1391 on their calendar. Let us not forget SGT Kopatz, SGT Clay, CPL Bates, SPC Obrien, and

PFC Grilley who provided the muscle to support this event for our Afghan Uniformed Police counterparts.

SPC Lindsey and SPC Almaguer recently traveled to Bagram Air Base and completed training for the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station (CROWS). This is a remote weapon station that sets atop the vehicle, providing the operator with the ability to operate his weapon while safely inside the vehicle protected by its armor. This system greatly enhances our capabilities to accomplish our mission while protecting our Soldiers.

As we continue our mission of mentoring the Afghan Uniformed Police, I see the sense of pride and achievement that our Soldiers feel in working towards transitioning control to Afghan Security Forces. Soldiers of the HHD, 716th Military Police Battalion are a model for all units in the Army for dedication to the mission, professionalism and esprit de corps. We are truly "Peacekeepers" in heart, mind and action. Air Assault!!!

Thunder 7



SFC John C. Thomas



Chaplain's Monthly Sitrep

"Your path led through the sea, Your way through the Mighty waters, though Your footprints were not seen"
 - Psalm 77:19

Camp Julien Chapel Operations

In the past month, the Camp Julien Chapel has gone through a tremendous amount of change. The Chapel Ministry operations are now hosting four distinct weekly services.

- Catholic Mass and Liturgy of the Word on alternating Fridays lead by CH (MAJ) Irizarry and Mr. Steve Orie.
- On Mondays, CPT Nate Loomis, USMC, leads the developing Latter Day Saints service.
- Every Tuesday gives the Camp Julien community the opportunity to participate in a "Prayer and Worship" Service.
- Finally, on Sundays, CH (CPT) Calvert leads the Protestant Worship Service.

The Protestant Worship Service has undergone the most change with the entire worship team being replaced. As our previous leaders have redeployed home, God, in His gracious nature and answer to specific prayer, has provided the Protestant Service with a strong team of individuals that love the Lord and desire to lead people to greater levels of committed worship. We are blessed to not only have a guitar player, but a vocalist, pianist, bass, and an ukulele player.

The way ahead for the Chapel Community looks to have yet more transition on the horizon. As the adjacent Camp Dubs closes and buildings on Camp Julien are being modified and refitted for the base consolidation, the Camp Julien Chapel will likely move locations one to two more times before the Chapel will be able to put down its stakes and claim permanent property on Camp Julien. Like any small community church or church-plant in the States, the Julien Chapel community does not take for granted what has been provided. Being in a state of transition actually draws the Chapel community together in mutual support. This ministry here has been exciting, transforming, and a catalyst for great expectation for what God has in store for this small piece of earth in Afghanistan.

Soldier Support & Supply Connex

Thanks to the generous and near overwhelming support of our friends and families back home, the Unit Ministry Team needed to find a better solution to distribute the donated goods. This past month, we were able to take possession of a container and re-appropriate its use for a better distribution of Soldier Support Materials to the uniformed personnel on Camp Julien. We have been able to have this "Free PX" of sorts open three days a week for a couple of hours each day.

International Darts Spectacular

The UK facilitated and hosted the International Darts Spectacular. Their plan was to provide a night of entertainment, which they executed sensationally. The night was definitely more about the show rather than the darts. Each participant had to enter as a "character" and provide a background story that the moderator would announce to the audience. The team pictured to the right attempted to pair off players according to their distinct characters of which nine different nations participated. It turned out to be an amazing amount of fun and a great way to boost camp morale bringing the entire coalition force together. Brilliant!



SGT McDaniel finding the humor in every moment



CH Calvert preaching the second sermon of a series of questions leading to Easter

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

- Proverbs 4:23-27



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



The International Darts Spectacular Team



CH Calvert in the character of Thor for the dart competition

The Queen's Palace Tour

From the Official NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan (NTM-A) Counter-Insurgency (COIN) Academy Course of Instruction



SPC Donahue climbs through the ruins for an even better view of the city

In 1919 the Afghans fought a war of independence with the British in which they won the right to handle their own foreign affairs. Led by King Amanullah, Afghanistan's "Modernizer King," the country held ties with the USSR, France, and other countries. He was inspired by Ataturk (Turkey), and wanted Afghanistan to follow suit. His plan highlighted reorganization of the government administration, reform of the education system to be educational, creation of a new capital (to be called Dar al-Aman), creation of a railway, and it forced Kabulis to wear Western clothing.

Amanullah wanted a new capital to symbolize his modernization plans, located south of Kabul, to be named Dar al-Aman (Place of Peace). He hired German architects and engineers to build two key buildings: the Taj Beg Palace (Queen Soraya's Palace, 1919-1924) and the Dar al-Aman Palace (Parliament, 1919-1927). They were linked to Kabul by rail.

The King's key mistake was that he attempted reforms before building up his army in order to solidify control. His reforms were very controversial, and the public unveiling of his queen furthered the perception that he had an anti-Islamic agenda. He agitated Sunnis, Paktya, and Khost. In 1929 the Shinwari tribal uprising unseated Amanullah. After him, Habibullah Kalakani reigned for only 9 months in 1929. King Nadir Shah reigned from 1929-1933, King Zahir Shah from 1933-1973, and Daoud Khan from 1973-1978 (Republic). He supported the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), but then turned against the PDPA. He was killed by the Russians. With support from the PDPA, Taraki, the

first Communist President, was put in power by the Communists from 1978-1979. Hafizullah Amin killed Taraki and became the second Communist President from Sept-Dec 1979. He purged the PDPA, which prompted a Russian invasion, during which they assassinated him.

Operation Storm 333 kicked off on December 27, 1979. Dressed in Afghan Army Uniforms, a Soviet

Special Operations Force group assaulted Taj Beg Palace. The mission was counted a success because they killed Amin, his son, and approximately 200 guards. The Soviet Union suffered approximately 9 KIA and 50 WIA, while the Afghans suffered 200 KIA, 200 WIA, and 1700 POW. The Russians turned the Palace into the headquarters for the 40th Soviet Army, from which they directed the Afghan war. Babrak Karmal then became the third Communist President from 1979-1986.

The early Nineties marked the end of the PDPA and the beginning of a Civil War. Shahnawaz Tanai led a March 1990 Coup attempt, backed by Pak ISI. From the Dar-al Aman Palace he shelled the Taj Beg Palace, who reciprocated, causing massive destruction to both. Dr. Najib was saved by NDS, and Tanai fled to Pakistan, to become an ally of HIG. Dr. Najib and PDPA fell in 1992, under multi-faceted pressure from Mujahedeem factions. The Mujahedeem government formed, and the political situation quickly dissolved into factional fighting.

With this came the transition to Taliban. Dr Najibullah was the fourth and last Communist President from 1986-1992. He was offered safe passage by Massoud, but was executed by Taliban (ISI supported). The Taliban Ruled from 1992-2001.

The Taj Beg Palace survived Communism intact. It was the Civil War that caused the extensive damage. It became battle ground between Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (Hekmatyar), based in Wardak, Logar, the Jamiat-e Islami led by Ahmed, Shah Massoud, who moved south from Panjshir/Parwan, the Jombesh-e Milli (Dostum militia), the Wahdat (Hazara Group), and lastly the Taliban, who had a loose alliance with Massoud. The Taliban allowed use of the palace by ISI and the Pak Military; who conducted a partial renovation.

Considerations for the future of the Taj Beg Palace are currently at a stand-still. A German PRT proposed refurbishing at a cost of \$5 million USD.



Soldiers climb over ruins on the rooftop



MAJ Curry and SGM Griffin



Camp Julien (right)



Taj Beg Palace

A Note from DOC Guthrie

Hello there Peacekeeper Nation,

It is the month of March, and spring is just around the corner. So guess what that means? The temperature is rising, and so it is time to take your Doxycycline. Why, you might ask? When the temperature rises there is a biological threat that reaches approximately twenty Soldiers per year in Afghanistan. That biological threat is Malaria.



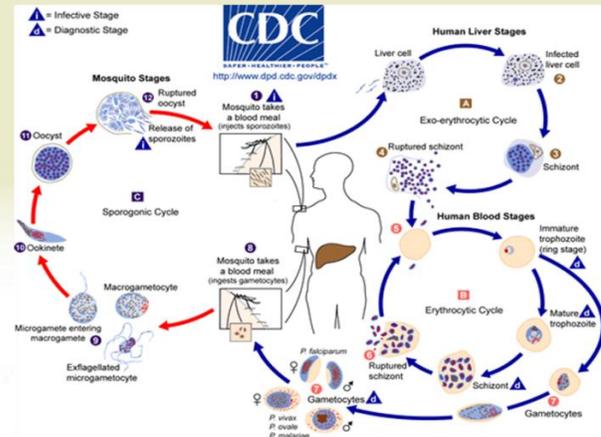
Malaria is primarily transferred through vectors, such as mosquitoes.

Malaria is a disease that results from the multiplication of Plasmodium parasites within red blood cells. Young mosquitoes first ingest the malaria parasite by feeding on an infected human carrier. The infected Anopheles mosquitoes then carry the Plasmodium sporozoites in their salivary glands.

As the parasites multiply, they cause symptoms that typically include fever and headache; in severe cases it may progress into coma or death. The classic symptom of Malaria is cyclical occurrence of sudden coldness, followed by rigor, and then fever and sweating lasting four to six hours, occurring every two days. When properly treated, a patient with Malaria can expect a complete recovery. The treatment of Malaria depends on the severity of the disease; whether patients can take oral drugs or have to be admitted depends on the assessment. Uncomplicated Malaria is treated with oral drugs.

A 2012 meta-study from the University of Washington reports that there were an estimated 1,238,000 deaths from Malaria in the world last year. That is around 500,000 more from the previous year. Malaria contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire and was so pervasive in Rome that it was known as the "Roman fever".

So, Peacekeeper Nation, as you can see Malaria is no joke. Always remember to take your Doxycycline. Prevent the spread of mosquitoes by using repellents, and mosquitoes breed around stagnant water, so be aware of large puddles!



"When properly treated, a patient with Malaria can expect a complete recovery."

127th Soldiers Endanger Themselves to Aid Wounded Civilians

SPC Yates and SPC Cruz showed immense courage and intestinal fortitude during an indirect fire attack on FOB Wright, Afghanistan. These two Soldiers endangered their lives by carrying a wounded civilian to the Asadabad Aid Station soon after the civilian was injured critically. The civilian later died of the wounds but SPC Yates and SPC Cruz showed what it is to be a Speed and Power Soldier.

SPEED AND POWER!!!



"Heroism is endurance for one moment more."

- George Kennan

Behind the Scenes

Peacekeepers at Work and Play



LTC Thompson, MAJ Jensik, and MAJ Curry practice for their fall-back careers in between briefs



Hydra 7 recognizes SGT Romero with a coin for his hard work in the S4 during a recent visit to Camp Julien

"A light heart lives long."

- Shakespeare

SPC Guthrie, SPC O'Brien, and PFC Springob keep their weapons well-maintained



The entire Peacekeeper family participated in a "fun-run" up to the "Pancake House"

"You are happiest when you are making the greatest contribution."

- Robert F. Kennedy

SGT Romero and SSG Holcom inventory supplies out back



CSM Smoot's idea of mentoring. SFC Thomas and CSM Smoot both pitch-in and do some work!

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than a year of conversation."

- Plato



Thursday night is pizza night

Police Mentorship



Mike, Embedded Police Mentor, with MAJ Lucci and the Internal Affairs Officers proudly flaunt their mustaches for Mustache March

1LT Threadgill working with COL Fatah, Combat Service Support Kandak Commander



Key leaders within the North of Kabul Provinces share successes and issues over the past quarter and discuss possible future solutions



PFC Sejat pulls security outside of the General's office to safeguard mentor teams inside

1LT Threadgill and CPT Sharp move to their counterparts' offices



The 202d Surgeon and 1LT Burke give the RC-East North of Kabul Medical Combined Action Mentor a tour of the Medical Clinic



CPT Becker looks out for his Soldiers by relieving them from Security duty throughout the day



Wali and Abraham spend some long days and late nights in the TOC translating for us!



The first cake says "Shauna ba Shauna," in Dari.

Peacekeepers share a meal with their Afghan counterparts



Celebrating the Afghan New Year with TWO cakes!



The second cake says "Shoulder to Shoulder," in English



LTC Thompson with his interpreter, Wali



127th Military Police Company

From the Commander:

Hello friends and Family!!

Wow, what a month! We have yet again moved to a new location and, rest assured, your loved ones did it with, "Speed and Power." Our new home needs some improvements, but we are hard at work cleaning this place up and making it better before the 110th takes over.

On that note, here are a few details about our return. Our Rear Detachment Sergeant, Master Sergeant Meneley, will be able to provide you and your loved ones all the details that we have at this point. Please know, we do not have a specific date when we will arrive due to the myriad of possible reasons we could be delayed. We have a projected "window" for when we will be on the ground in Colorado, but I ask that you be patient and contact Master Sergeant Meneley or your Soldier for specifics. As we know it, you will know it.

You can contact Master Sergeant Meneley at:

Email: james.meneley@us.army.mil

Phone: 719-526-1519

I am so proud of the Soldiers in this unit. They are extremely dedicated and continue to amaze me with their professionalism. They continue to shine despite the unique challenges that we face on a daily basis. Thank you all for being so amazing! You are our "Speed and Power."

We are not quite done with our mission yet, however, so we must remain vigilant in our duties. Soldiers, please stay focused until the end. Family and friends, we look forward to seeing you all real soon. We love and miss you. Stay safe and may you travel with, "Speed and Power."

-Power 6



1SG Says, "Place your clocks on 1:27 PM and remove the batteries". People will say that your clocks are broken then you reply with, "no it isn't, the time is 1:27, "Speed and Power"

From the Platoons:

In the month of February, 1st PLT conducted two movements to eventually make it to their final home and prepare for redeployment. They continue to remain mission-focused while preparing to say farewell to Afghanistan. The Soldiers are motivated and eager to complete the mission, which would not be possible without the support from home.

This has been another great month for 2nd PLT. After making the move to their new "home", they are starting to feel like they are getting close, and everyone has their eyes set on their return back to Ft. Carson. They are excited to be together again as a Platoon, and can already see a boost in the First Sergeant's morale now that he is able to see them regularly. They stay busy and enjoy getting to know their new area. With only a few more weeks left, their bags are packed and they are ready to go. The countdown has begun, and they are all looking forward to seeing their loved ones.

The Soldiers of 3rd PLT were continually tested by the weather during the month of February. FOB Andar received approximately 40 inches of snow this winter; February being the most severe. The Soldiers were still required to conduct training and perform missions under these harsh conditions. They

have taken all set-backs in stride and look forward to warmer weather along with the promise of going home in the upcoming weeks.

This month is the 10th of 12 long, difficult months that have exposed the Soldiers to many new experiences. The Soldiers have logged many miles and hours on mission. They have played hundreds of hours of Modern Warfare Three, five entire seasons on Madden NFL 2012, and completed over 500 laps on Super Mario Kart. Cumulatively the Soldiers have fired over 30,000 rounds at qualification ranges, completed over 1,200 correspondence course and 30 college credit hours.

When asked to reflect on the past ten months, each and every Soldier has a different opinion and sentiment. The common theme is that everyone walks away with a sense of accomplishment and the satisfaction of a job well done. Each and every Soldier eagerly anticipates the day when the 127th comes together again to begin its journey back to Colorado. Knowing full well that they have a month of hard work left to go, each Soldier buckles down and executes their mission as if it were their first; with the promise of tomorrow planted firmly in the back of their minds.

**"Thank you
all for being
so amazing.
You are
our Speed
and Power."**



"PT ANIMAL" during the day and super hero at night -PSD



CPT Cranson cases the 127th guidon at the TOA ceremony on 1 April 2012

SPC Yates re-enlists at COP XIO HAQ





Task Force Guardian

381st Military Police Company



LTC Thompson promotes 2LT Allen to 1LT, effective 7MAR12, with 1LT Holtzleiter

Hello Soldiers, Families, and friends! We recently completed our RIP/TOA with the 164th Military Police Company out of Alaska, Commanded by CPT Christopher Gehri. On March 13th, Team Guardian officially assumed responsibilities from Task Force Outlaw here at JCOP Pul-E-Sayad. Present for the Transfer of Authority ceremony were LTC David Thompson and CSM Willard Smoot, the Task Force Peacekeeper Commander and Command Sergeant Major.

We are eager to get involved with our ANSF partners and have already taken positive steps forward into establishing a solid partnership with lasting success. A three tier approach to the success of our ANSF partnership is measured by their ability to facilitate the use and understanding of their support channels. The community level improvements forged through impact projects to enhance the atmospheric support of Coalition Forces and the GIRA. Lastly, the concurrent training and development plan to enhance security zone patrols by further developing their operational independence. These next few months will be challenging as we pursue our goals to

expand the partnership and open new horizons.

For those unfamiliar with our unique unit structure, our company is a combination of the 381st Military Police Company (C/S) and the 387th Military Police Company (I/R). The two units merged together in support of our mobilization under the leadership of myself and 1SG Scott D. MacGregor.

Special congratulations to Cordell Allen who was recently promoted to First Lieutenant, effective 7 March 2012. The promotion took place at the conclusion of our TOA Ceremony and was officiated by LTC Thompson. 1LT Allen graduated from Indiana State University and received his commission through ROTC. He is a Louisville Metro Police Officer and a Platoon Leader with Team Guardian.

On behalf of Team Guardian, we would like to thank LTC Thompson and Task Force Peacekeeper for welcoming us as members of the Military Police Corps, and we look forward to working with you over the next several months!

- Guardian 6

"Neighbors in Peace - Warriors in Battle."

"We are eager to get involved with our ANSF partners

and have already taken positive steps forward into establishing a solid partnership with lasting success."



Promotion complete with a very energized new 1LT Cordell Allen, with LTC Thompson and 1LT Holtzleiter

"Unify, Defend, and Mentor"



Outgoing Commander CPT Chris Gehri and incoming Commander 1LT Eric Holtzleiter



Casing the 164th Guidon are CPT Gehri and 1SG Black. Uncasing the 381st Guidon are 1LT Holtzleiter and 1SG MacGregor



549th Military Police Company

To the Soldiers, Families, and friends of Task Force Peacekeeper, 716th Military Police Battalion.

Please join the Soldiers of the 549th Military Police Company as we celebrate 67 years of Excellence and Mission Accomplishment. Constituted on 15 March 1945 during World War II, this Company continues a tradition of Excellence that has lasted through Panama, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Some of you probably did not know that one of our own, MSG Jones, served in this same company from January 1994-January 1997, while stationed in Panama (Where the Enforcers became known as Tropic Enforcers). Most importantly, I want to thank all the Soldiers, friends, and Families of the 549th Military Police Company, past and present, as this Company is, and will continue to be, one of the most professional organizations in the Military Police Corps, all due to your efforts!

We are officially two months into the deployment, and I cannot tell you how proud I am of the Soldiers of the 549th Military Police Company. Every "Tropic Enforcer" is making a difference here in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. The various Commanders and Afghan counterparts we work with continue to express their gratitude at the professionalism and discipline that this formation displays each and every day. Everyday brings another opportunity to improve on the efforts of our predecessors, as we continue to partner with our Afghan counterparts, which include the Afghan National Army, Border Police, and Uniformed Police. The months of February/March were extremely busy for the 549th Military Police Company, and as it continues to get warmer by the day, we try to enjoy the weather prior to the onset of the summer heat. Despite some of our elements remaining geographically separated from the headquarters, each continues to exceed expect-



CPT Riddle (3rd from left) and Commanders from 3/4 CAV at the Governor's Palace with GOV. Sherzai (Provincial Governor of Nangarhar)

tations of their respective Troop leadership, and without a doubt, represents the absolute best of what the 549th Military Police Company brings to the fight.

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1st Platoon "HOOLIGANS," continues to coach, teach, and mentor the Afghan National Security Forces in Western Nangarhar with Comanche Troop, and recently conducted an operation aimed at supporting an Afghan led mission to eradicate illegal poppy fields prior to harvest. The Hooligans also partner with and conduct patrols with the Jalalabad Afghan Uniformed Police, and have received accolades from the Squadron and Brigade leadership for their professionalism when conducting operations in Jalalabad, which has recently been transitioned to Afghan (GIROA) control.



(Front to back) CPL Reiter, SGT Ruppel, and SPC Tripp battle the weather during a patrol in Dur Baba, Afghanistan

ensure that their Afghan counterparts receive the absolute best partnership possible. The Renegades, welcomed SSG Smith to "Apache Green," who has already done an excellent job quickly integrating into the platoon, and working with 1LT O'Ceallaigh, ensuring a seamless transition and continued mission success in the Bati Kot District. The rest of the platoon, which is led by SSG Benson and SSG Mendoza remains focused on the other three Districts of Mohmand Dara, Dur Baba, Lal'Pur, and now Goshta. As a result of 2nd Pla-

toon's mentorship and partnership, the District of Mohmand Dara has recently been identified as a potential district that is ready for transition to local government control.

The Ghostriders (3rd Platoon) maintain one of the busiest schedules in the company, not only partnering with the District Sub-governor, Uniformed Police, Afghan National Army, and Border Patrol, but they recently conducted an operation, in coordination with the Police and Prosecutor, which resulted in the capture of one of the district's most wanted individuals. The 549th Military Police Company would also like to take an opportunity to thank SFC(P) James Havlin, who has been promoted to the Operations section to help manage Company Operations. He has mentored every



SPC Lane provides basic medical assistance to an Afghan local during a patrol in Jalalabad

Soldier in 3rd Platoon, and we are individually and collectively better as a direct result of his leadership. We would also like to welcome SSG Jason W. Bostic to the Ghostriders Family. SSG Bostic is a phenomenal leader, and with his experience, motivation, and guidance, the Ghostriders will continue to accomplish great things.

Headquarters Platoon continues to strive to provide the best possible

2nd Platoon, "Renegades" are responsible for what used to be

"Continue to keep the families of SGT Conrad and SGT Born in your thoughts and prayers."

support to the Company. The countless hours that have been spent ensuring that each Soldier has the right equipment for their missions has been essential to mission accomplishment. This support includes just more than simply providing assistance from the rear. Soldiers from the Headquarters Platoon have assisted their Military Police brothers and sisters on missions in sector in order for everyone to better understand the current environment that we all operate in. It is this commitment to the organization that propels our Headquarters past the ordinary and into the realm of extraordinary. Last, and definitely not least, Headquarters Platoon provides the

absolute best administrative and logistical support available. We are preparing for the Squadron Relief in Place, and are extremely grateful for all the support we have received from 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. We look forward to working with the new incoming Squadron, 3-61 CAV, and continue to maintain our close relationship with TF Peacekeeper, 716th Military Police Battalion.

Lastly, I ask that you continue to keep the Families of SGT Conrad and SGT Born in your thoughts and prayers. They forever remain in our hearts and memories, and there is not a day that goes by, that we are not thinking of them and their Families.



(From left to right) CPL Cranford, SSG Gerber, 2LT Jauregui and their Afghan counterparts pose for a picture with local villagers in Siahchub, Afghanistan

From the Rear



PFC Knapp, 194th MP CO, conducts baton strikes after being sprayed with OC



MAJ Carlson addresses the March 2012 LETS graduates

Nine new Air Assault graduates on March 7, 2012

Life on Fort Campbell in the 716th Military Police Battalion has moved quickly over the past several months. Since the beginning of February, 84 Soldiers completed the required Law Enforcement Training Seminar, 23 Soldiers earned the coveted Air Assault Badge, 21 Soldiers were presented various meritorious awards, and 40 Soldiers completed the Eagle Marksmanship Academy. We also bid farewell to approximately 30 Soldiers due to PCS/ETS, welcomed 35 new Soldiers, and celebrated the arrival of 13 new baby Peacekeepers. In addition, the 194th Military Police Company conducted their Change of Command ceremony.

The motivation around the Battalion is up as we begin entering the warmer-than-normal spring months. All of the companies conducted various levels of Alert Marshal recall in order to prepare for any type of incident that may occur. The 163rd Military Police Detachment "Enforcers" are gearing up to put the bike patrol back on the road and prepare the MWD teams for certification. The 194th Military Police Company said farewell to CPT and Mrs. Mason and welcomed CPT Stanley in the Change of Command ceremony held on 16 March. The "Warriors" are ready to assume road duties in April. The 218th Military Police Company

"Legionnaires" conducted Amber cycle training, CLS, and range density in order to remain battle ready. The 551st Military Police Company "Hooligans" are currently on road duty keeping Fort Campbell safe. The 561st Military Police Company Rear Detachment is in the beginning stages of prepping for the redeployment of their forward Soldiers.

Big congratulations goes to SSG Miller, 194th MP CO, and SPC Lauritzen, 551st MP CO, for winning the 16th MP BDE NCO and Soldier of the Year Boards. Respectively, their next mission will be to win the XVIII Airborne Corps NCO and Soldier of the Year Boards.



SFC Boyd, HHD, 716th MP BN, is searching for his long awaited Air Assault coin on March 15, 2012



Story of the Month

"716th MP BN Medic Saves 4-Year-Old Boy from Choking"

Soldiers train constantly to ensure that they are ready to employ their knowledge and skills at a moment's notice. For Specialist Katherine McIntire, 194th Military Police Company, Friday, January 13, 2012, started like every other day. However, it would quickly change and her skills as an Army Medic would be called into action order to save the life of a young boy.

Specialist McIntire was sitting on her couch watching television at home when she was startled by her neighbor screaming for help and stating that her son was choking. Specialist McIntire did not hesitate; she ran towards the sound of yelling and saw the 4-year-old child lying face down on the floor. Specialist McIntire immediately picked the child up and assessed his airway and breathing. She noticed that his face was pale white, his lips had turned blue, and he was not breathing. When checking his airway, she found no visible food in his mouth.

The child appeared to be conscious, but at the same time seemed lifeless. Specialist McIntire turned him over and began to administer the Heimlich maneuver. On the second try, a piece of food came shooting out of the boy's throat where it was lodged, and he began to breathe again. The child was still limp from the incident, but Specialist McIntire continued to assess the boy for any other injuries and to monitor his breathing. After approximately 5 minutes, the boy seemed to come back around and began to cry. The boy's mother had called 911 while her son was choking, and EMS arrived shortly after Specialist McIntire saved his life. EMS evaluated the boy at the scene and determined that he was okay and did not require additional medical attention.

The boy's mother, who requested to remain anonymous, was very appreciative of the heroic actions of Specialist McIntire. In an email that she wrote to Specialist McIntire's Commander, she stated, "I can't stress how thankful I am that I have such a dedicated Soldier living next door that obviously takes her job seriously. I honestly believe if it wasn't for her, my

son would not be here with me now. She had the situation under control at all times, and I thank her for her bravery." Specialist McIntire stated, "My reaction to the situation came very natural. I didn't hesitate... I just acted." She further mentioned, "You always wonder how you will act in these situations. I have children of my own, which made the situation very more real."

Specialist McIntire was awarded an impact Army Achievement Medal on March 22, 2012 for her heroic actions that day. "People think our job in the Army is focused on combat, but it is also about helping people," First Sergeant Christopher A. Barnes, 194th Military Police Company, stated. "Specialist McIntire was in the right place, at the right time, with the right training."

Specialist McIntire does not consider herself a hero; however, the boy's Family and the Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers of the 716th Military Police Battalion definitely do.

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- 1SG Christopher A. Barnes, USA



SPC McIntire receives an AAM on 22 March 2012

Family Readiness Group

Since you've been away...

The HHD FRG has been very active in the last month. The Group held a self-defense class taught by Jenn Renken from The Clarksville Mixed Martial Arts Academy (CMMMA). Everyone had a great time learning a few techniques to help if they should ever find themselves in a dire situation. Some of the older children really got involved and learned a few defense techniques as well. "It was great to learn a few moves" stated Mrs. Angee

Calvert. During the month of March the group held a meeting, and MSG Solarzano conducted a presentation on OPSEC. The Group followed up with a craft night where the spouses created a deployment countdown frame. They had a great turnout and really enjoyed getting together to work on this. They all look forward to finding more things that they can do like this.



Belinda Lambert's deployment countdown frame for CPT Tim Lambert

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you."

- Anonymous

Future Meetings

31 March
1200 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt/Potluck at Sustainment Brigade Chapel

5 April
6 pm.

FRG Meeting in Battalion Conference Room
VTC with LTC Thompson, CPT Joynes, and SFC Thomas.

3 May,
Time TBA

FRG Meeting at USO Conference Room, Topic TBD

"Everyone should have kids. They are the greatest joy in the world. But they are also terrorists. You'll realize this as soon as they are born, and they start using sleep deprivation to break you."

- Ray Romano

Current Projects

Reminder Bands are in, and FRG has extras!

If you would like information please email hhd716thfrg@hotmail.com.

They are \$4.00 a piece and FRG will ship to family members out of town.



Birthdays

- Dena Joynes, 1 March
- Laura Parker, 1 March
- Kelli Lindsay, 3 March
- Toni Thomas, 7 March
- Tara Stoffer, 8 March
- Elizabeth Becker, 15 April
- Nicole Romero, 15 April
- Angee Calvert, 17 April

Michaela Sharp learning how to knee her attacker by Jenn Renken



Jen Renken, from CMMMA, teaching Elle Curry, how to flip John Renken, from CMMMA

Task Force Peacekeeper Awards

The Combat Action Badge

March

CPL Daniel A. Chase 549MP CO
SPC Tyler R. Neafus 549MP CO
PFC Stephanie L. Mayzes 549MP CO

April

SPC Jacob Salazar 127MP CO
SPC Jonathan New 127MP CO
SPC Matt Leatherbell 127MP CO
SPC Ryan Hantz 127MP CO
SPC Simeon Siudyla 127MP CO
SPC Dakota Layne 127MP CO
SPC Joel Dominguez 127MP CO
SPC Joshua Davenport 127MP CO
SPC Austin Hayes 127MP CO
SPC Kyle Donnelly 127MP CO
CPT Bn Cranson 127MP CO
SFC Joseph Kirkey 127MP CO
PFC Maurice Cox 127MP CO
SGT Yvonne Mayberry 127MP CO
SPC Amanda Appadu 127MP CO
SPC Jasmine Roundtree 127MP CO
1SG David Kenner 127MP CO
SFC Neil Jasmin 127MP CO
SSG Derrick Jones 127MP CO
SSG Eliseo Rivera 127MP CO
SGT Lynn Stanley 127MP CO
1LT Kyle Murphy 127MP CO
SPC Benjamin Byerly 127MP CO
PFC Demarcus Williams 127MP CO
SGT Joshua Hofer 127MP CO
SPC David Grulke 127MP CO
PFC Alex Cornelius 127MP CO
1LT Adam McLarty 127MP CO
SSG Steven O'Neil 127MP CO
SGT Scott Whitefield 127MP CO
SGT Eric Revia 127MP CO
CPL Matthew Jimenez 127MP CO
SPC Sarah Schultz 127MP CO
SPC Demetrius Robinson 127MP CO
SPC Ryan Porhola 127MP CO
SPC Manuel Ruvalcaba 127MP CO
SPC Dan Barton 127MP CO
SPC Jacob Holder 127MP CO
SPC Danny Manganaan 127MP CO
SPC Joshua Stambaugh 127MP CO
SPC Bradley Adams 127MP CO
SPC Charles Yates 127MP CO
PFC Megan Gonzalez 127MP CO
SPC Aaron Cruz 127MP CO
PFC Joel Irwin 127MP CO
PFC Todd Harrington 127MP CO
PFC Christopher Black 127MP CO
PFC Robert Bielewicz 127MP CO
SPC Jayme Wooster 127MP CO
1LT Jason Bennett 127MP CO
SGT Jeremy Gross 127MP CO
CPL Elizabeth Hughes 127MP CO
SGT Michael Boyd 127MP CO
SGT Ben Berumen 127MP CO
SGT Austin Harter 127MP CO
CPL Jorge Abreu 127MP CO
CPL Jessica Schneider 127MP CO
SPC Brantlee Mercer 127MP CO
SPC Johnathon Neat 127MP CO
SPC Phillip Barraza 127MP CO
SPC Frankie Veloria 127MP CO
PFC Michael Amezola 127MP CO
PFC Jason Fisher 127MP CO
PFC Cortney Richardson 127MP CO
PFC Juan Pena 127MP CO

The Purple Heart

March

1LT Jennifer L. Burke 716MP BN

The Bronze Star Medal

April

SSG Castellanos 127MP CO (with Valor)
SGT Sean T. Ambriz 127MP CO (with Valor)
1LT Jason Bennett 127MP CO
1LT Adam McLarty 127MP CO
1LT Kyle Murphy 127MP CO
1LT John Pleasants 127MP CO
MSG Nathan Bellairs 127MP CO
MSG Michael Truitt 127MP CO
SFC Neil Jasmin 127MP CO
SFC Joseph Kirkey 127MP CO
SFC Jassen Lemmon 127MP CO
SFC Aaron Lopez 127MP CO
SFC Jon Waterhouse 127MP CO
SSG Axel Castellano 127MP CO
SSG Joseph O'Neil 127MP CO
SSG Eliseo R. Rivera 127MP CO
SSG Brandon Shaffer 127MP CO
SSG Alejandro Torres 127MP CO
SGT Jessica Butcher 127MP CO
SGT Eric Revia 127MP CO

The Army Commendation Medal

April

1LT John A. Pleasants 127MP CO (with Valor)
SSG Jacob Ates 127MP CO
SSG Clyde Collins 127MP CO
SSG Jeremy Gross 127MP CO
SSG Jeremy Shephard 127MP CO
SGT Erik Hamza 127MP CO
SGT Derrick Jones 127MP CO
SGT Sam Meroney 127MP CO
SGT Rodney Ramlogan 127MP CO
CPL Leonard Salazar 127MP CO

**"There is a certain
enthusiasm in
liberty, that makes
human nature rise
above itself, in
acts of bravery
and heroism."**

- Alexander Hamilton



Brigadier General Richardson Presented First Lieutenant Burke with a Purple Heart for injuries sustained when a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device detonated at her Police Substation on 27 August 2011

Task Force Peacekeeper Birthdays



CPT Joynes celebrated his birthday at Afghan Pizza Hut!



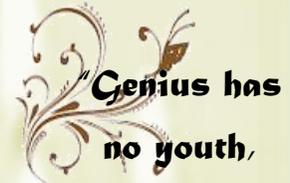
Our counterparts like cake too. For every occasion. To include daily KLEs. Num-num!

March

- 02 - PV2 Bennett A. Mankins 549MP CO
- 03 - SPC Louis Dipasquale HHD 716MP BN
- 03 - SSG Mark A. Gerber 549MP CO
- 04 - SPC Rian L. 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 716MPBN
- 08 - SPC Daniel L. Willmont 127MP CO
- 09 - SPC Austin G. Haynes 127MP CO
- 13 - PFC Alejandro Ruvalcaba 549MP CO
- 16 - PFC Wyatt P. Labaw 549MP CO
- 16 - SFC Aaron Q. Lopez 127MP CO
- 16 - SFC Lonnie Norris HHD 716MP BN
- 17 - SGT Rodney Ramlogan 127MP CO
- 19 - SPC Carmen M. Garcia 549MP CO
- 21 - SGT Eric J. Hamza 127MP CO
- 21 - SPC Jacob R. Young 549MP CO
- 22 - CPT Jason Joynes HHD 716MP BN
- 22 - PFC Alexander M. Cornelius 127MP CO
- 23 - PV2 Oguri 549MP CO
- 23 - PFC Zachary B. Oguri 549MP CO
- 24 - SPC Denise P. Bilodeau 549MP CO
- 25 - SPC Christopher W. Melton 127MP CO
- 25 - SPC Perry 549MP CO
- 29 - SPC Clinton R. Bullock 549MP CO

April

- April Birthdays
- 01 - SFC John Thomas 716MP BN
 - 02 - SFC Aquinda Reed 716MP BN
 - 02 - SGT Timothy R. Bouyea 549MP CO
 - 04 - PV2 Sean W. Campbell 549MP CO
 - 05 - SPC John Donohue 716MP BN
 - 06 - SSG Tatanisha D. Miller 549MP CO
 - 15 - SPC Joshua D. Oden 549MP CO
 - 18 - SSG James F. Greene 549MP CO
 - 18 - CPT David Becker Jr. 716MP BN
 - 21 - SGT Daniel J. Gonzales 549MP CO
 - 23 - SGT James S. Knochel 549MP CO
 - 25 - SPC Dallquan L. Griffin 549MP CO
 - 25 - SSG Jose A. Mendoza 549MP CO
 - 25 - SPC Dustin O'Brien 716MP BN
 - 28 - SSG Jason W. Bostic 549MP CO



Genius has no youth, but starts with the ripeness of age and old experience.

- Mark Twain

Task Force Peacekeeper Promotions

March

To First Lieutenant

Cordell Allen 381MP CO

To Sergeant First Class

Clemons 127MP CO

To Corporal

Stephine L. Bates 716MP BN

To Specialist

Nathan J. Gilbert 549MP CO
Joshua R. Musselman 549MP CO
Joshua S. Poling 549MP CO

To Private First Class

Cornelius 127MP CO
Pena 127MP CO
Steven R. Guillory 549MP CO
Alejandro A. Triay 549MP CO
Eddie C. Teagle 549MP CO
Ryan S. Hawk 549MP CO

April

To Specialist

Corey C. Brown 549MP CO
Derrek B. Ferris 549MP CO
Jazmine R. Murphy 549MP CO

Specialist Stephine L. Bates was promoted to Corporal on 31 March 2012



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"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.

Saint Patrick's Day

Patrick was a young man of sixteen years when kidnapped from his home in England around A.D. 400 and taken to Ireland. There he was sold to a chieftain who forced Patrick to tend his sheep. It was during this captivity that Patrick remembered his Christian upbringing, which he had formerly rejected. As he wrote in his Confessions, "I would pray constantly during the daylight hours" and "the love of God . . . surrounded me more and more." His understanding and love for God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit grew during these lonely years of survival in the cold, rain and snow. His writings do not show bitterness, however, because he used his time to grow in new love and faith. After six years as a slave-shepherd Patrick escaped and returned to his home in England, a changed man. Feeling called to return to his captures as a missionary to proclaim the saving

Gospel of Christ, Patrick served in Ireland for 29 years, baptizing thousands and planting hundreds of churches.

I am particularly inspired by Patrick's deep prayer life, and am touched by this writing called *The Breastplate*: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

