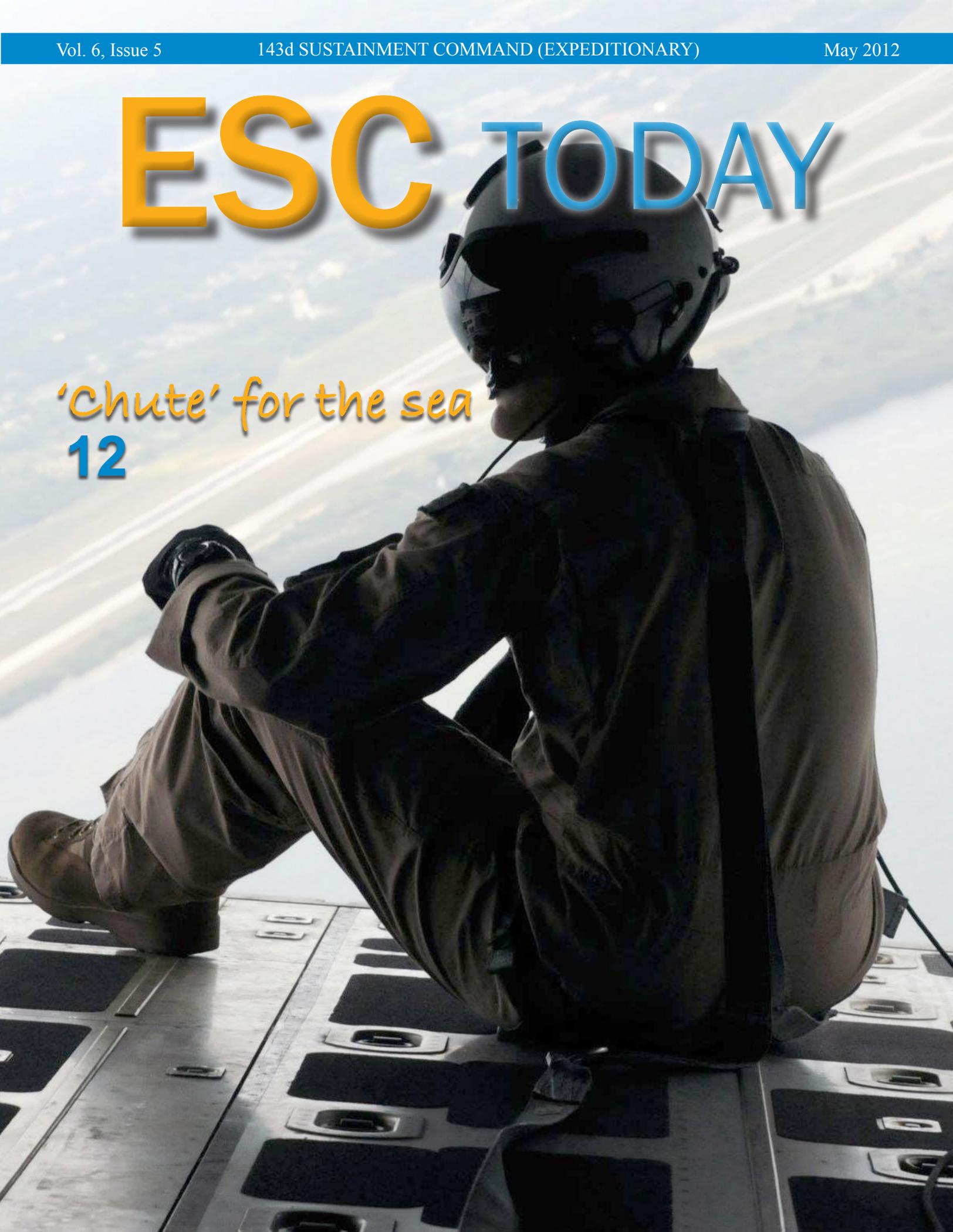


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<< On the Front Cover

Marine Cpl. Zachary Horsley, a loadmaster from the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352 "Raiders"), sits on the open ramp of a C-130J Super Hercules airlifter as it circles over Tampa Bay, Fla, April 14. More than 30 paratroopers from the 421st and 861st Quartermaster Companies jumped out of Horsley's plane during a joint service airdrop resupply and maritime recovery exercise held that same day.

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Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV, 143d ESC

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The Command Post

I write to you through the “ESC Today” for many reasons. The most important is my commitment to keep you informed by maintaining an active command information program. Highlighting Soldier stories across the Command is important in so many ways. This program is designed to keep all of my formations informed with current events, safety concerns and strategic messages. I cannot accomplish this without every Soldier’s help within the 143d ESC. My staff works very hard to produce a monthly on-line magazine that requires manpower and money to make it a reality. As of April’s issue, our viewing average is roughly 6 percent of total command personnel strength. I need all of you to disseminate the “ESC Today” to the lowest level monthly. Include the link at the bottom of this page with your monthly communications to Soldiers through training, Family Readiness Group and other channels. I cannot stress this enough. Information within the “ESC Today” will help Soldiers’ careers, their Families’ well-being and much, much more. The document is designed to be a service to YOU, so let’s get the word out!

As the Army Reserve changes to meet its evolving requirements, it must continue to embrace its key characteristics of adaptability, flexibility, responsiveness and depth along with its experience of operating among populations across a variety of missions and activities. I would like to congratulate the

Army Reserve on 104 years of service to our great nation and its citizens. The evolving operational environment requires the Army Reserve to prepare ready forces for a range of military operations and activities broader than its current counterinsurgency focus. Because of our strength, skills and people, the 143d ESC will meet the challenges of today and for the next 104 years. The 143d ESC can rapidly add to an operational team and provide decisive results across a full range of missions to include: deterring and defeating aggression, providing humanitarian assistance, engaging with our allies while building partnerships, facilitating strategic access to other armies, and supporting civil authorities at home and abroad. As we transition to a leaner, more agile Army Reserve, we will shape a future force that continues to have the capability to win America’s conflicts.

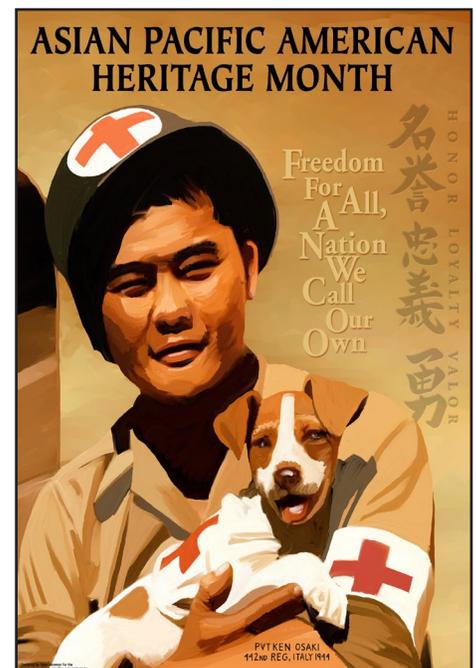
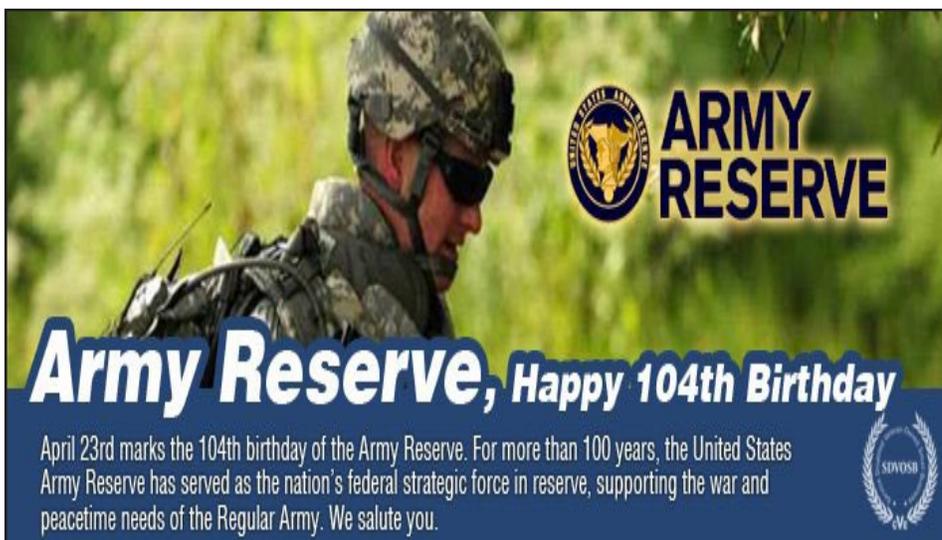
Our Nation derives its strength from diversity; we are at our best when we draw on the wealth of knowledge, experiences and talents of all parts of our society. The 143d ESC is proud of our Asian Pacific American Soldiers, civilians and their families, and we recognize their contributions to the diversity of our all-volunteer force. May 2012 is the 20th Anniversary of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I encourage all of you to celebrate across the formation in various ways, always remembering the sacrifices of all our Citizen-Warriors.



Brig. Gen. Mark W. Palzer
Commander
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Warmer weather is making its way through the Southeastern United States and with it come water sports; swimming, boating and many other ways to enjoy the water (page 15). I want to remind you that tragedy often follows if basic safety mechanisms are not in place. Please read this month’s article from my Safety Office to catch up on some basic methods to keep you and your family safe. Remember to teach your subordinates the right way to train so that they will continue to serve effectively.

Sustaining Victory! Army Strong!



The Bottom Line

Who among you is sick of hearing about safety? Surely Soldiers can perform their duties and enjoy time off with their friends and family without the inconveniences of attending safety briefings and completing risk assessments. Well, I can sum up that attitude with this: 177. That's the number of Soldiers we lost last year from accidents in the air and on the ground.

More than two thirds of this staggering statistic occurred while the Soldier was off duty. Care to guess what a majority of those Warriors – 109, to be precise – were doing immediately before disaster struck? If you said, “driving or riding in a Privately Owned Vehicle,” you’ve come to the right—albeit depressing—conclusion.

The effectiveness of any unit hinges on the welfare of its Soldiers. As noncommissioned officers, we must ensure that this welfare extends beyond the duty day. Just because your Soldiers returned from the front lines unscathed doesn't mean they're less susceptible to hazards on the homefront. I'm sure many of us knew a service member who beat the odds on the battlefield only to fall victim to a fatal crash caused by fatigue, alcohol

consumption or texting while driving.

The Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center helps keep service members and their Families from succumbing to such tragedies. Its website—<http://safety.army.mil>—offers dozens of online tools, applications and presentations to keep our Soldiers “Army Strong” whether they're on the field, road, trail, boat or beach. However, it's up to NCOs not only to disseminate these resources throughout the command but also verify that everyone applies them to the task at hand.

With spring in full swing and summer just weeks away, it's inevitable that Soldiers will be taking vacations or planning short trips or getaways. That's your cue to assess the who's, what's, where's, when's, and why's of their excursions, then give a comprehensive safety brief tailored to their trip. Remember to cover every aspect of the journey from behind the wheel, in the cabin or on the deck. Emphasize the necessities of proper hydration, hygiene and sun protection. An overview of these precautions could spell the difference between a healthy Soldier and a hospitalized one.



Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey E. Uhlig
*Command Sergeant Major
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Our profession of arms has its fair share of potential threats and dangers. Let's do our part to minimize or even eliminate them by safeguarding the Army's most valuable resource: its Soldiers.

Army Strong!

The Legal Corner

Q: Assuming I left my job for service while remaining eligible for the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, am I entitled to immediate reinstatement in my civilian job?

A: If your period of service was less than 31 days, you must report for work at your first regularly scheduled shift following the completion of service and the time reasonably required for safe transportation from the place of service to your residence. If your period of service was for 31 days or more, you must submit an application for re-employment. In that situation, the employer is required to re-employ you in a reasonably prompt manner. How much time is “reasonable” will depend upon the circumstances, but generally the waiting period should be measured in days.

Q: When I returned from service, my pre-service employer told me that I could not be reinstated immediately because no vacancy existed. The employer promised that the first vacancy to come open will be reserved for me. Is this good enough?

A: No, your right to re-employment is not contingent upon there being a vacancy. Sometimes, it is necessary for the employer to displace another employee to make

room for the returning veteran. The answer may be different if the employer can show that you would have been laid off if you had been continuously employed instead of serving in the Army Reserve. In that case, you may be entitled to supplemental unemployment benefits or severance pay.

Q: Am I entitled to the exact job I left?

A: If your period of service lasted up to 90 days, you are entitled to the exact job. If you served longer than 90 days, the employer has the option to reemploy you in a position of like seniority, status and pay.

Q: I recently completed four years of active duty after leaving a job as an assistant manager of a store. When I applied for re-employment, the company offered me a job as manager of a new store located outside normal commuting distance. Am I entitled to re-employment as the assistant manager at my original location?

A: Yes, provided the job still exists, even if filled.

Q: I had been the nurse manager of a medical facility. I was reinstated as the assistant nurse manager with the same salary. Is this good enough?

A: No, because the assistant nurse manager does not have the same “status” as the nurse manager.



Lt. Col. Terence P. Murphy
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Q: What's to keep the employer from reinstating me and then firing me the first time I'm late for work?

A: If you served more than 180 days, it is unlawful for the employer to discharge you, except for cause, within one year. If your period of service was for 31-180 days, the period of special protection is 180 days. The burden of proof for proper discharge lies with the employer.



Lt. Col. Brian Ray
Command Chaplain
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Click here to watch Chaplain Ray's words of motivation for this month.

The month of May is always a time of transition. Summer break begins for young people in school, Soldiers in the Reserve components gear up for annual training, and many of us look forward to family vacations and outdoor fun. But during the month of May, our country also takes time to honor those great Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice. Unfortunately, it seems to me that there are many people in our nation . . . particularly in the younger generation . . . who are not able to fully grasp the significance

Reflections by the Chaplain: May we always remember

of this holiday. Grasping the significance of Memorial Day is not a problem for those who lost friends or family members in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. However, even though we have lost thousands of brave Americans during this decade-long conflict, there are many young people who do not know anyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

To all of those reading this article who have not been touched directly by the loss of a family member or friend in Iraq or Afghanistan, I would ask that you focus on one young man this Memorial Day, Spc. Jeffrey Wershow. I'm confident that 99.9% of you reading this article have never heard of Jeffrey. Unfortunately most of our young people can't name one fallen hero (but they know the characters on MTV's Jersey Shore). These young people are totally unaware of Jeffrey and the ultimate sacrifice that he made to promote their freedom. I don't want to focus on the manner of Jeffrey's death. You can read about what an outstanding soldier he was, and tragic end of his life in Iraq, at the following link:

www.usatoday.com/news/world/iraq/2003-07-16-wershow-cover_x.htm

I'd like to take a moment to offer some words of advice and encouragement which I believe

Jeffrey would have liked us all to reflect upon as our nation celebrates Memorial Day 2012.

Treasure each day with your friends. Those days are numbered....perhaps fewer than you know.

Tell your parents and grandparents how much their love and guidance has meant to you. Promising yourself that you'll "do this soon" is a promise you may not be able to keep if tragedy strikes. Tell them TODAY...tell them NOW!

Always remember that a child is a gift. Many young soldiers like me who die on the battlefield never experience the amazing joy of welcoming a firstborn child into the world.....playing catch with a son.....walking a daughter down the aisle....holding a grandchild.

No country is perfect . . . but regardless of political persuasion, promise me and my fallen comrades that you will do all that you can to make our nation a better place for future generations.

Unfortunately, the death of America's brave sons and daughters is something that our country has been living with for 140 straight months. Such a long duration of time can tragically numb the conscience of a nation. The picture to the left shows that our honored dead are in our midst even as we go about our daily lives. DO THE PEOPLE ON THAT PLANE HAVE ANY IDEA THAT THERE IS AN AMERICAN HERO RIGHT UNDER THEIR FEET? I fear that the names of our honored dead begin to blur and run together for many Americans. Please . . . you can't let that happen. I can't let that happen. Let us promise one another that we will NEVER let that happen.

God bless Spc. Jeffrey Wershow . . . a patriot to the end!

Sustaining Victory . . . Army Strong!

"Pro Deo et Patria . . . For God and Country!"



Spc. Jeffrey M. Wershow
1981-2003

DID YOU KNOW?

As of April 30, 2012, more than 6,400 service members have made the ultimate sacrifice during Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. Several non-profit organizations such as the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and the Fallen Heroes Survivors Foundation continue to raise funds for the Families of the fallen, while other philanthropic associations like Gold Star Wives and the American Widow Project offer care and companionship to those who lost a loved one in combat. Check your local communities and discover how you can help and heal our heroes' survivors.

Children take 'bytes' of knowledge from 'Field Trip to the Apple Store'

BY SPC. JOHN L. CARKEET IV
143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Field Trip to Apple
If I could teach my parents about computers I would teach them about the apple computers.
Wow!! I went to the apple store it was fantastic. We had alot of fun learning about apple computers. I would teach them about the basic applications. Next, I would teach about the more advanced applications, like how to slide the screen from one place to another. I would teach them about taking pictures with an I-pad and importing them to a computer. I would teach them how to add sound to the slideshow with the pictures, and make various effects like twisted rose, alien head, and chipmunk face.
In conclusion, I learned alot about Apple products and I had an awesome learning experenced.
By: Shemar 5th grader



Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

If I were to teach my parents how to use an Ipad they would learn to share and look up information, how to play games, share videos and go online, how to download and update things how to set pass words, use it for business and see ipads at a different perspective.
Ariana C.

Children who attended "Field Trip to the Apple Store" learned the creative capabilities of the iPad 3 and the Macbook Pro. A few wrote letters explaining what they can now teach their parents about computers.

ORLANDO, Fla. – Families of the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) enhanced their technological know-how when they took a "Field Trip to Apple Store" held April 5 at the Mall of Millennia in Orlando, Fla. Led by a team of Apple specialists, this interactive, two-hour class taught children and teens how to take photos with an iPad 3 and manipulate them using iPhoto. The students then transferred their works of art to a Macbook Pro laptop, where they could create a slideshow using iMovie. Some students even composed an original soundtrack for their home movie with GarageBand, a music editing program.

The Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services program funded this particular "Field Trip to Apple Store" as part of celebrating the Month of the Military Child, an outreach program that recognizes the courage, confidence and commitment of America's military youth. Matteo Orfanel, an ARCYSS school support specialist and chief promoter of the event, believes that children and teens may better connect with their parents by communicating and expressing themselves through laptops, tablets and their respective software applications. Such tools allow loved ones to see, hear and work together despite the physical distance that often separates families during deployments. ☒



WHY I SERVE:

Name: Barry J. MacDonald
Rank: Specialist
Unit: 861st Quartermaster Company
Job Title: Parachute Rigger
Hometown: Madison, Tenn.

When I was in high school, I came across an online ad showing Soldiers jumping out of airplanes. I said to myself, "You know, I always wanted to do that, and I bet the Army will train and pay me to do it, too."

I joined the Army Reserve in 2006 when I was 18. I did not know what to expect or what was expected of me. My friends and family could not prepare me for the culture shock as none of them had served in the military, neither in the United States nor my native Canada. Despite this adjustment period, I still viewed the Army as the perfect place to push things to the limit, but at the same time learn to be a responsible adult. Wearing the uniform of an American Soldier also offered me an opportunity to

gain U.S. citizenship.

Not only did the Army give me direction in life, it also gave me confidence when making immediate decisions and long-term life choices. My training at Airborne and Pathfinder school combined with my experience as a parachute rigger have taught me not to second guess myself as doing so could injure or kill my comrades and me. Personally packing hundreds of error-free parachutes on any given mission is a testament to this fact.

My recent reenlistment has reinforced my firm belief that I have a bright future in the Army Reserve. Though the inherent life-or-death consequences add even more stress to an MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) that already demands great speed

and precision, I still see myself staying in the rigger field and becoming a warrant officer.

Get a plan. That's the best piece of advice I have for those who are considering joining or have recently joined the military. Define your goals and stay on the path to achieve them, but don't pass up the occasional challenge to expand your skill set. When I enrolled in a sewing machine repair school, for example, I learned how to fix, assemble and adjust the machines that allow Solders to storm the battlefield from the sky.

I cannot thank the Army Reserve enough for not only helping me become an American citizen, but also exposing me to a level of excitement rarely found anywhere else . . . Airborne!

Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

Take 5

for Water Safety

- Learn to swim and use a personal flotation device when necessary.
- Alcohol and water do not mix!
- Read and obey all rules and posted signs.
- Never dive into lakes and rivers – hidden dangers may lurk beneath the surface.
- Watch for the dangerous “too” – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much strenuous activity.
- Know how to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies.

Take 5 ... then take action.



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The ASAP Corner

Taking someone else's prescription drugs is called "self-medication" or "abusing prescription drugs." Regardless of the the term, it's against the law. Plus, it's extremely dangerous. Many people do not realize that buying, selling or even giving away prescription drugs is illegal. Army policy prohibits, without proper authorization, the use and distribution of medication that is not prescribed to you.

According to a 2006 National Survey on drug use and health, nearly 7 million Americans 12 years and older reported the use of prescription drugs for non-medical purposes. Of those reporting illegal use of prescription drugs, 70 percent say they got them from friends or family.

Overdose deaths from prescription painkillers more than doubled between 2000 and 2007. The Drug Enforcement Agency reports that, in the U.S., more people are abusing prescription drugs than cocaine, heroin and Ecstasy combined; but the most destructive have been prescription pain drugs such as oxycodone, better known by the brand name, "OxyContin." Today, prescription drug abuse is becoming the number one drug problem among young Americans.

The painkiller epidemic hits close to home in Florida

where the 143d ESC headquarters resides. According to state officials, doctors in Florida prescribe 85 percent of all the oxycodone in America. One doctor in Orlando was recently arrested for allegedly prescribing more than 300,000 pills of oxycodone in one year, more than the entire state of California.

Florida's "pill mills" distribute their drugs throughout the country. Dealers travel to Miami or Fort Lauderdale, passing through airport security with up to \$100,000 in cash taped to their bodies. The dealers then pay young women to transport thousands of pills north.

The Army tests for various amphetamines like Benzedrine and methamphetamines like Desoxyn. The Army also tests for painkillers like OxyContin and opiates such as Codiene and Morphine. Drug positives that may be medically legitimate are not processed for separation until the medical review process is completed. If supporting medical documentation is not provided, then the drug positive will be identified as illegitimate and the Soldier processed for separation.

If a commander needs more information about the illegal use, possession, distribution and transportation



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of prescription drugs, they should contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Alcohol and Drug Control Officer and local police authorities to receive guidance on courses of action and any applicable testing options. Additional information on Medical Review Officer procedures is found in Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) Regulation 40-51 or at www.ACSAP.Army.mil.

SOLDIER ON THE STREET

Soldiers from the 642nd Regional Sustainment Group were asked:

How does it make you feel to directly support the historic withdrawal from Iraq?



Spc. Angela Allen
Flight Liason for Coalition
Forces
Columbus, Ga.

"Makes me feel good. You never know how many people appreciate your work until they say, 'Thank you,' and that happened a lot."



Sgt. Vicki Staub
Information Management
Officer
Orlando, Fla.

"It's amazing to be part of this. We made a huge change in history."



Master Sgt. Steffine Travers
Support Operations Non-
Commissioned Officer in Charge
Cambridge, Md.

"It's great. I always like to be part of something that actually means a lot to our nation."



Command Sgt. Maj. Donald McGlasson
Command Sergeant Major
Decatur, Ga.

"To see the level of professionalism from the Soldiers of the 642nd RSG was something to remember. To be part of that makes me 'Pleased as Punch.'"



Maj. Bryon Jones
Brigade Operations Officer
Decatur, Ga.

"Seeing that last convoy crossing the border was so remarkable and a good conclusion to the war."

ACCESS CONTROL

The ins and outs of an Army Mission Control Team

■ BY SPC. RACHEL KROGSTAD
319th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Afghan supply trucks bring everything and anything, from gravel to food, to and from Kandahar Airfield, and it all goes through entry control point number five at Kandahar Airfield.

Deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the mission of the 558th Mission Control Team, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), an Army Reserve detachment out of Tampa, Fla., is to operate the administrative end of one of the busiest entry control points in Afghanistan.

Aside from working with local drivers, the unit also works with Slovakian military personnel to ensure the process flows smoothly.

The 558th supports the process of admitting local national trucks arriving on the post through a process known as “in-gating.”

Before the local national truck driver gets admitted on to Kandahar Airfield by the 558th, individual units or companies here place orders for individual trucks to come onto the base with a delivery or to take something like waste away.

The trucks show up to Kandahar Airfield and get inspected by the Slovakians and search dogs. The drivers get inspected using retina scanners to make sure they are not on a wanted list. When they pass inspection, the trucks and drivers are passed to the 558th.

The process is simple, yet time consuming at times for the soldiers. The 558th Soldiers help the drivers

park their trucks. They are then escorted to the ECP5 movement office where their paperwork is processed and are given a gate pass and a truck tracking number.

“We in-gate them, process them and contact the customers [who] order them. So, it’s basically just tracking them,” said Staff Sgt. Derek Cutting, a Paxton, Mass., native and non-commissioned officer in charge of ECP 5, 558th MCT, 143d ESC.

“The Slovaks inspect the trucks for drugs, improvised explosive devices, new driver interviews, different stuff. They’re the first ones to inspect the trucks. Then they call and say we’ve got 15 to 20 trucks coming in. Then we take them and track them from there. They’re the force, and we’re tracking the trucks that they bring in,” said Cutting.

Every day presents a new challenge for the 558th MCT from language barriers to the state of Afghan trucks.

“These trucks just show up in whatever condition,” said the unit’s commander, Capt. Anthony Calingo. “They’re Afghan trucks. They’re not U.S. Department of Transportation standard trucks. They make it happen, but we’re always dealing with trucks that arrive with unsatisfactory tires and not enough chains and straps to take cargo.”

The trucks come onto base, but because of military convoy schedules, they do not necessarily leave right away, said Cutting. The 558th has to keep track of the local national drivers during the



Photo by Rachel Krogstad | 319th MPAD

Staff Sgt. Derek Cutter, non-commissioned officer in charge of Kandahar Airfield’s Entry Control Point Five, 558th Mission Control Team, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), talks to local national truck driver on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the Tampa, Fla., -based unit is responsible for the controlled access of the majority of trucks coming in and out of the base.

time they are waiting here. When drivers get through inspection, they are given a place to sleep and a pass that tells force protection the driver has a mission on post, so he is allowed to leave post and enter again.

“Part of the challenge for us is driver accountability,” said Calingo. “When we let them leave for a gate pass, we want to make sure the driver knows when he’s leaving on a mission [and] when he needs to be back here.”

They also have to make sure the drivers know when and where to be to catch a mission without giving away too much information. They must maintain operational security while making sure the optimal numbers of civilian trucks to convoy trucks are going out on missions.

“It’s always a challenge because sometimes you can tell the driver to be back on a certain date and they just don’t make it, maybe they show up a little bit late,” said Calingo. “Our key point with that is to make sure that we maximize the number of Afghan trucks that are on the military convoys, because if the drivers aren’t here to drive their trucks on the military convoys, then that means we’re having soldiers escort, not the maximum number of trucks that they can, so it’s basically forcing us to have

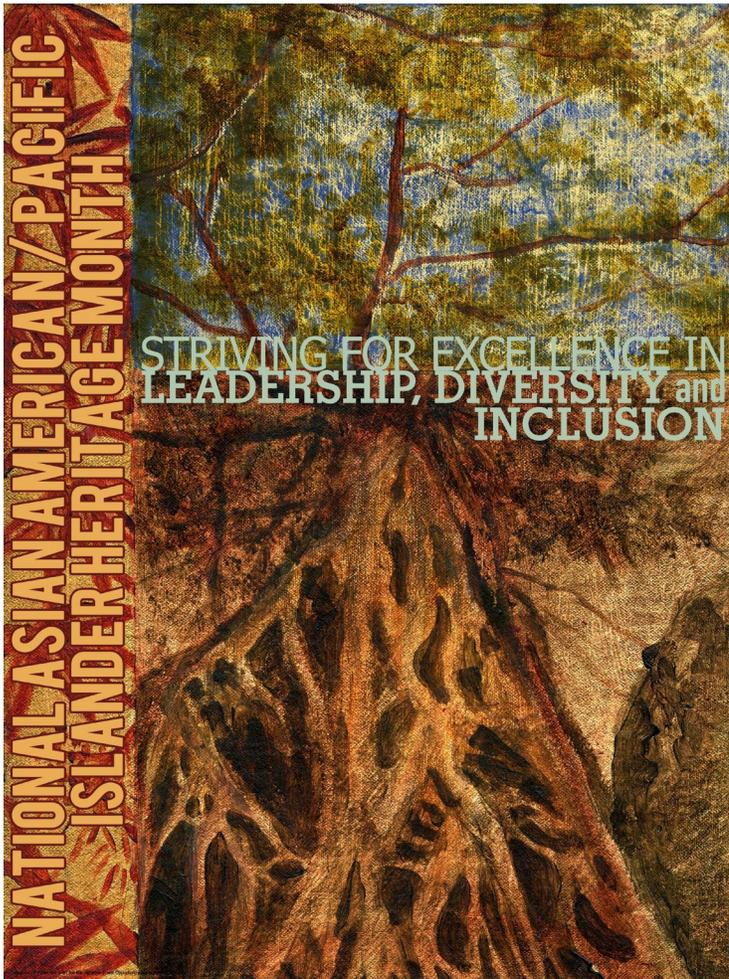
more convoys to get the trucks escorted and that’s something we want to minimize.”

The 558th MCT has spent their deployment improving the truck admission process.

“When we came in, we smoothed out the chaos after a couple of months,” said Cutting. “There are problems every day, but they’re things we can manage. It’s just a matter of all the customers we have. About 80 trucks a day, we’ll have a customer for all those trucks, and we have between 50 and 75 people who come in a day with questions.”

Many unit members have experience from past deployments with other military components. Their experience combined with the Army Reserve pre-deployment training has helped make their deployment a positive experience.

“Honestly, with this being my first deployment with the Reserves, I’m very impressed at the quality of work that my unit’s done,” said Calingo. “You put us next to another active duty unit, we’re as good or better, and that really shows how effective the training that we did prior to the deployment was. Everyone is real dedicated to the mission. People want to be here. They want to do a good job. That’s a very good reflection of the Reserves . . .”



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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, USAR Major Subordinate Commands
USARC Directors, and Chiefs, Coordinating, Special, and Personal Staff

SUBJECT: 2012 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

1. The month of May has been set aside for all Americans to recognize the many contributions and achievements of Asian Pacific Islanders. Since 1979, this observance has given recognition to and helped increase awareness of the unique and multiple cultures of Asian Pacific Islanders in the development, defense, and growth of our nation. The theme for 2012 is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity, and Inclusion."
2. From the Spanish American War to the Global War on Terror, Americans of Asian and Pacific Heritage have served with great bravery, courage, dedication, and pride. Asian Pacific Islander Month is dedicated to celebrate the cultures of Polynesian, Micronesian, Melanesian, Koreans, Asian Indians, Vietnamese, Laotians, Cambodians, and all who are of Asian Pacific Islander decent.
3. I encourage all Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members to take part in the many activities planned this May. This is a great opportunity to learn what Americans of Asian and Pacific American heritage have contributed and continue to contribute to our great nation.

JACK C. STULTZ
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding

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OCAR Directors, Chiefs and Deputies



WHY I SERVE:

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Job Title: Parachute Rigger
Hometown: Perry, Ga.

I was going down the wrong path before I joined the Army Reserve two years ago. I didn't have many people to look up to while growing up. Even my father, a Vietnam War veteran, was against me joining the military. To say that my inspiration to serve my country came from me and no one else is not a boast but a simple fact.

I enlisted in the Army Reserve right out of high school. Military service appealed to me because I wanted to get tough, and the Army didn't disappoint me.

Going through Airborne school was one of the hardest things I've done in my life. It's also one of my greatest accomplishments. Before I joined the Army, you couldn't

pay me a million dollars to jump out of an airplane. I overcame a lot of anxiety to take that first step into thin air, but now that I've done it eleven times (including one jump into the sea), it's just part of my job.

I have much respect for people who wear the uniform. There was a time that I couldn't stand the military. Today, however, I couldn't imagine doing anything else than packing parachutes and jumping out of planes while wearing an Army Combat Uniform.

The Army has given me the discipline needed to give my life direction. I'm a very outspoken person, but military service has taught me when to keep my mouth shut and listen

to people who've been there and done that.

My maturity and work ethic has also sky rocketed thanks to my mentors: the Non-Commissioned Officers of the 421st Quartermaster Company. I see my NCOs as family, for they ensure everyone and everything is O.K.

In the coming years I hope to follow in my NCOs footsteps. I've even considered becoming a warrant officer as long as I can stay in the rigger field.

Until then, I'll finish my initial six-year commitment enjoying life with my head held high; for I'm living proof that you can do anything that you put your mind to . . .

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Army Reserve conducts joint aerial and maritime battle assembly

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Photo by Maj. John Adams | 143d ESC

TAMPA, Fla. – The jumpmaster’s command voice cuts through the roar of four Rolls Royce turboprop engines.

“Indoor personnel, stand up!”

Four Soldiers repeat the order and rise to their feet inside the rumbling belly of the Marine C-130J Super Hercules. The men’s bulky green packs strapped to their backs and waists rub against their gray tee-shirts and black running shorts.

“Hook up!”

The men clip themselves to a cable that extends nearly the length of the plane’s cargo bay.

“Check static lines!”

Each Soldier wraps his right hand around a yellow cord then shuffles toward the aircraft’s hydraulic ramp that had lowered minutes earlier to reveal a sunlit sky.

“Check equipment!”

The Soldiers inspect one another’s gear one last time as they tug straps and pull packs. The concentration etched on the men’s faces testifies to the fact that even the most minor adjustments could spell the difference between life and death.

“Sound off for equipment check!”

The rear most Soldier slaps the hip of the man in front of him and shouts, “O.K.!” The process ripples forward until the lead Soldier in the four-man stick clasps hands with the jumpmaster.

“Stand by!”

The Soldiers stare outside, disregarding the howling wind and camera flashes engulfing the flying platform.

“Go! Go! Go!”

The lead Soldier takes a step, then another. On the third he drops off the ramp, plummeting to earth. A breathless second passes, a parachute pops open, and the Soldier begins floating to the glimmering ocean below him just as the next airborne warrior takes his leap of faith.

Hundreds of men and women from every branch of America’s military participated in a joint airborne and water recovery operation April 14 off the coast of Tampa, Fla. The exercise tested new equipment and methods to drop Soldiers and supplies from the air and retrieve them from the sea.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Kiernan, unit administrator for the 421st Quartermaster Company (Light Airdrop Supply) based out of Fort Valley, Ga., molded this training mission to mimic a real-world scenario.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Smith | 824th TC

An airborne Soldier takes a “leap of faith” out of a Marine C-130J Super Hercules airlifter during a joint service aerial resupply and maritime recovery exercise held April 14 off the coast of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. More than 30 Soldiers splashed into Tampa Bay then plucked out by their seaborne comrades operating various Army and Navy fast boats.

“This event demonstrated how we can resupply Soldiers at sea just as well as Soldiers on the ground,” said Kiernan. “Doing this requires precise coordination between aerial and maritime units that know little about what the other does.”

The logistics associated with this operation attracted air, land and naval units throughout the country. The Army Reserve’s presence included parachute riggers from the 421st and 861st Quartermaster Companies (Airdrop Supply), constructors from the 465th and 361st Engineering Companies, and maritime Soldiers from the 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat).

“It was a challenge communicating the needs and capabilities of units with very different missions,” said Kiernan. “It was a greater challenge bringing everyone together . . . We had to transport more than 100 Soldiers from several companies almost 400 miles to the staging area [at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.]”

One of these Soldiers was 1st Lt. Justin A. Carmack, commander of the 861st QM Co. (AS) out of Louisville, Ky.

“This [mission] was unlike any other jump I’ve done before,” said Carmack. “There were no maps or clear points of reference for a water drop zone, and it wasn’t possible to personally recon the area.”

Despite the lack of tangible intel, Carmack and his fellow airborne Soldiers welcomed the challenge.

“There’s no substitute for training like this,” said Carmack.

The operation began in earnest when the United States Army Vessel New Orleans departed its home port in Tampa as the sun peeked over the choppy bay. The 175-foot-long LCU-2000 class landing craft utility boat chugged toward its open water destination secured by the Joint Communication Support Element, a conglomeration of service members specialized in enhancing communication networks for complex logistical operations. Navy fast boats zipped past the New Orleans to clear the drop zone from fishing boats, pleasure craft, cargo ships and other obstructions. Other Navy and Coast Guard vessels stood by for a possible medical evacuation.

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth E. Monroe, first mate on the USAV New Orleans, described how he and his crew entered “uncharted waters.”

“This boat was built to lift on, lift off, roll on and roll off personnel and equipment,” said Monroe. “It’s not designed as a tactical staging area and dive platform, but the crew made modifications to better adapt our boat to this special mission.”

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While Monroe and his crew of more than 80 Soldiers, sailors and civilians unloaded recovery boats and prepped the New Orleans for new arrivals from the sky, a C-130J Super Hercules airlifter took off from nearby MacDill AFB. Operated by the men and women of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352), the plane had originally departed from Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, Calif.

“We could not lock down a local squadron with planes available and capable of supporting airdrop operations,” said Kiernan. “Fortunately, the [421st QM Co] had developed a working relationship with the Marines [of VMGR-352] while participating in airdrops on the west coast . . . They were willing to fly from California [to Florida] and participate in this mission, and we were happy to drop from their plane.”

Loaded with two Zodiacs—inflatable rafts



Photo by Spc. Dana Hamel | 421st QM Co. (LAS)

A Zodiac laden with supplies and connected to a parachute rolls off the ramp of a Marine C-130J Super Hercules as it flies 800 feet above Tampa Bay, Fla., April 14 during a joint service airborne resupply and maritime recovery training mission. Soldiers from the 421st Quartermaster Company (Light Airdrop Supply) and the 361st Engineering Company prepped and packed the Zodiacs for their heavenly descent, while troops from the 465th Engineering Company constructed the combat expendable platforms mounted on each raft.

boasting outboard engines—laden with supplies, the plane leveled out and began circling around the drop zone. With less than 800 feet separating wings from water, the crew opened the rear cargo doors and cut the lines securing the boats and their custom platforms built by the 465th EN Co. Gravity and the plane’s roller skate-like wheels did the rest as the Zodiacs slid out of the cargo bay and into Tampa Bay.

The first Zodiac hit the water with a terrific—albeit doomed—splash.

“The payload snapped off the chute during freefall,” Kiernan explained. “Luckily, the [Zodiac] stayed afloat and one of the recovery boats towed it back to [the USAV New Orleans] for inspection.”

The second Zodiac glided safely into the sea, but the recovery team could not fire up the boat’s engine.

“The delivery of the boats was not a complete success, but the training we derived out of this incident ensures that the mission as a whole was a success,” said Kiernan.

“We could have dropped sandbags equal to the weight of the Zodiacs,” added Capt. Terry K. Kirkwood, commander of the 421st QM Co. (LAS). “Despite the risks we dropped the real thing as proof that we train the way we fight.”

While service members on the surface retrieved the rafts, the C-130J returned to MacDill AFB where more than 30 Airborne Soldiers, photographers and other observers awaited anxiously to take part in the second phase of the operation. Minutes later the Super Hercules roared above the flotilla at 1500 feet and, as the sun reached its apex, the plane loosed green parachutes that blossomed beneath a blue sky.

“It was a dream jump,” recalled Carmack. “Seeing nothing but blue water . . . it’s something I’ll remember for the rest of my life.”

With 16 jumps to his name, Kirkwood was more impressed with the mission’s scope rather than its scenery.

“I consider every jump unique whether we drop into the ocean or desert,” said Kirkwood just before boarding the plane that would mark his last



Photo by Maj. John Adams | 143d ESC

Soldiers operating one of the USAV New Orleans’ fast boats pull Capt. Terry K. Kirkwood, commander of the 421st QM Co. (LAS), out of the water shortly after splashdown.

jump as the 421st QM Co. (LAS)’s commander. “The sheer number of elements involved from the Army [Active and Reserve], Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard is what makes this mission stand out.”

Soldiers and Sailors powered up various small craft and plucked out their comrades who had splashed into the sea. After exchanging high fives and hand shakes, the boats changed course and sped toward their “mother ship.”

As the Super Hercules waggled its wings and lined up for its final approach into MacDill AFB, the crew of the USAV New Orleans gave their soaked guests a warm “welcome aboard.” A few men staggered onto the deck with minor cuts and bruises caused by unpredictable wind gusts. Nevertheless, every Soldier, sailor, airman and Marine could rest easy knowing that they accomplished the mission without serious loss or injury.

“This is an inherently dangerous event,” said Kiernan. “To return home free from injury is a testament to our military’s pride and professionalism.”

From a tactical standpoint, the audacious training exercise fell short due to one Zodiac’s fateful freefall. From a strategic perspective, the mission upheld the Army Reserve’s status as an operational force. The cooperation among the services proved that reservists have revitalized their battle assemblies by applying knowledge from classes and manuals to the field—or, in this case, air and sea—of battle.

“Just because we’re reservists doesn’t mean we don’t do exciting training,” said Kiernan. “You can make any battle assembly a memorable one. Just go out there and do it.”



10 April 2012
SAFETY ALERT
Swimming Safety

1. The 143d ESC has lost four Soldiers to drowning since 2009. Three of them were at the local swimming spot, got in trouble, and called for help prior to drowning. The fourth fell off a boat then drowned. All of these accidents were and are avoidable. The hot weather is here and the water sports have begun. It is our responsibility to ensure our Soldiers are properly trained and fully understand how to mitigate the dangers of the aquatic environment.
2. Even the strongest, most physically fit person is no match for the aquatic environment. Do not be overconfident in your abilities while recreating around the water. Always have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) no matter what type of water activity you are enjoying. Water is one of the most destructive forces on earth. When it is underestimated it kills. The vast majority of drowning would have been avoided if PFDs were either used or available. The aquatic environment is ever changing and very dangerous. Leaders must identify and account for weak swimmers. First Line Leaders have the responsibility to know who they are, and what they are planning to do. When possible allow the Soldier to receive swimming lessons.
3. Recreational boating is another popular activity that has had fatal consequences. Operator error accounts for 70 percent of boating accidents. Ensure Soldiers who own boats as well as Personal Water Craft (PWC) know the local laws. Boating laws are different between States. Some States require a safety course and others it's recommended. It is strongly recommended that all Boat owners take a State or Coast Guard approved Boating Safety Course. Ensure there is at least one PFD per person. If you are alone, make sure your PFD is on at all times and the kill switch is physically attached to you. Through proper training combined with knowing and following the law, we can mitigate accidents on the water.
4. Shallow water is not necessarily "safe". The undertow in knee deep water will pull you out and trap you under the water. Rivers and beaches are notorious areas for this occurrence. Undertow drowning results from panic and exhaustion. Even though our Soldiers were with friends, they still drowned in these situations. We need to recognize "what drowning looks like": Head low in the water, mouth at water level, head tilted back with mouth open, eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus, eyes closed, hair over forehead or eyes, not using legs – vertical, hyperventilating or gasping, trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway, trying to roll over on the back, and appearing to be climbing an invisible ladder.
5. Being able to recognize hazardous conditions, knowing your own limits, proper training and preparation will increase your enjoyment and ensure everyone comes home safe. Family, Morale and Recreation facilities offer many fantastic programs geared toward water safety, so check with your local community for other programs that are available.

You've heard me say it before: Our most precious asset is the Soldier.

Sustaining Victory!
Army Strong!

Brig. Gen. Mark W. Palzer
Commanding General
143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program offers 12 months of high demand job training to veterans ages 35 to 60 who are currently unemployed and are not eligible to receive other education benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. VRAP participants will receive up to \$1,473 every month—an amount equivalent to the Montgomery G.I. Bill (Active Duty)—provided they are enrolled in a school approved by the VA. The Department of Labor and the VA will accept applications beginning May 15. Visit <http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm> for more information.

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Courtesy Photo

Capt. Anthony Calingo (left), commander of the 558th Movement Control Team at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, and Maj. Charles Mopps (right), support operations officer for the 257th Joint Movement Control Battalion at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, stand proudly at the finish line of the Sarasota Half Marathon held in Sarasota, Fla. on March 11. Out of 3,000 runners, Mopps finished 91st overall and Calingo finished eighth in the competition which they participated in during their R & R from the combat zone.



Photo by Spc. Aaron Ellerman | 414th TC

Cpl. Michael Taylor, a motor transport operator assigned to the 414th transportation company out of Orangeburg, S.C., spots targets for Spc. Javon Adams Mar. 25 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Soldiers in the 414th TC are required to qualify with heavy weapons systems such as the M-240B machine gun as part of the mobilization process



Photo by Maj. John Adams | 143d ESC

Col. James Griffiths (top row, center), chief of staff for the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), poses with children who attended the Month of Military Child Kickoff Celebration held April 7 at the Orange County Public Library in Orlando, Fla. The event featured interactive activities for children and informational sessions for their parents.

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Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rivera, senior maintenance non-commissioned officer in charge for the 689th Engineer Company, explains the components and capabilities of a Bobcat compact track loader to a member of the Association of the United States Army. Soldiers from the 689th Eng. Co. and the 196th Transportation Company put the Bobcat and several other vehicles on display during the AUSA's regional conference held April 13 at the David R. Wilson Armed Forces Reserve Center in Orlando, Fla.



Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

A child participating in "Field Trip to the Apple Store," a workshop designed to teach kids the creative potential of computers, smiles at a photo illustration she designed using an iPad 3. The Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services sponsored this event that took place April 5 at the Apple Store inside the Mall of Millenia in Orlando, Fla.



Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

Five Soldiers from the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) show off their certificates of appreciation for their functional and technical contributions during the Army Games for Training conference held March 26-27 in Orlando, Fla. Matthew Palco, security manager for the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation presented the awards. From left to right: Sgt. Joelvis Torres, Spc. Michael Rivera, Spc. Mark Hodges, Matthew Palco, Spc. Jonathan Bell and Spc. Cedrick Bland.

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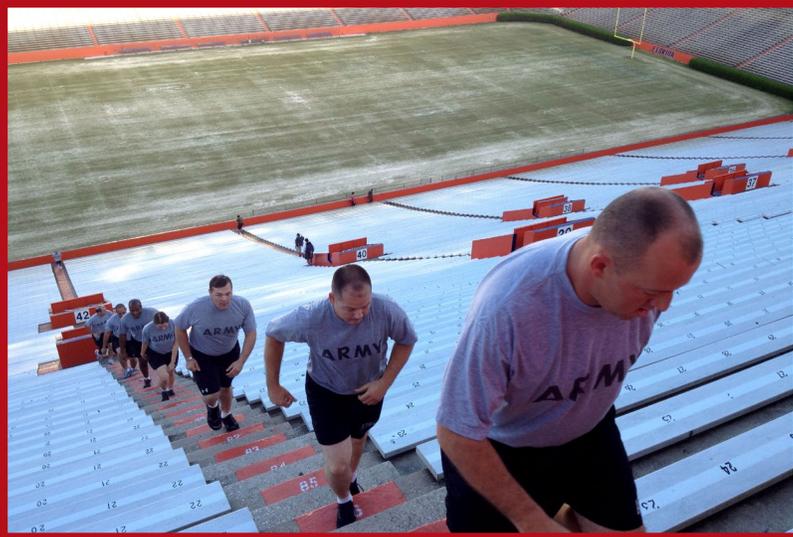


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Soldiers from the 399th Transportation Company perform "stadiums" as part of their physical fitness training at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (aka "The Swamp") at the University of Florida during the unit's April 15 battle assembly.

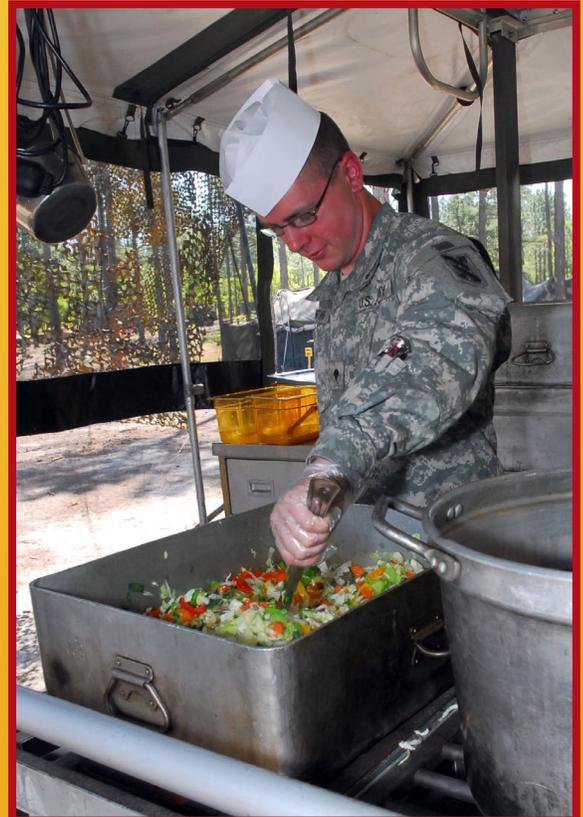


Photo by Sgt. Tracy Korff | 210th MPAD

Spc. Edwin L. Hartwig prepares the stir-fry as part of the 849th Quartermaster Company's participation in the Phillip A. Connelly Awards Program for Field Kitchen Operations at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 14.



Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

Airborne Soldiers from the 421st Quartermaster Company (Light Airdrop Supply) and 861st Quartermaster Companies (Airdrop Supply) discuss disembarking procedures with Marines from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352 "Raiders") for their upcoming water jump. The jump was but one phase in a joint service aerial resupply and maritime recovery exercise conducted April 14 in Tampa Bay, Fla. The mission tested new equipment and methods to airdrop two Zodiacs— inflatable rafts with outboard engines—into the sea where Soldiers and sailors would retrieve and use them later in the operation.

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Photo by Spc. John L. Carkeet IV | 143d ESC

Sgt. 1st Class Larry Carter gives Spc. Eric C. Heron, a fellow parachute rigger with the 421st Quartermaster Company (Light Airdrop Supply), a helping hand as they prepare for a water jump April 14 off the coast of Tampa, Fla. Carter, Heron and 29 other Soldiers from the 421st and the 861st Quartermaster Companies (Light Airdrop Supply) participated in this joint service battle assembly that mimicked a real-world resupply scenario.



Photo by Master Sgt. Daniel Lopez | 143d ESC

A trio of teens attending the Youth Leadership, Education and Development conference strike a pose March 31 at a beach near Gulfport, Miss. Earlier that day these young ladies along with 47 other teens and group leaders residing throughout the southeast toured Fort Massachusetts, a historical tourist attraction within the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Like other YLEAD conferences hosted by the Army Reserve Child Youth and School Services program, this weekend excursion offered opportunities to enhance the teens' leadership skills while embracing the climate, culture and history of the Gulf Coast.



Photo by Sgt. Tracy Korff | 210th MPAD

Spc. Anthony K. Perkins guards his field site's perimeter while he awaits for the unit to be served lunch as the 849th Quartermaster Company participates in the Phillip A. Connelly Award Program for Field Kitchen Operations conducted April 14 in Fort Bragg, N.C.

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During a retirement ceremony held April 28 at the Manatee Cove Marina and Yacht Club in Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Maj. Gen. Luis R. Visot, commander of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command, presents one of Col. Gregory S. Maida's final awards as an active officer in the Army Reserve. Maida retired as the support operations officer in charge for the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).



Photos by Maj. John Adams | 143d ESC

A Hero's Welcome . . . Capt. James Sweeney, commander of the 204th Public Affairs Detachment, Staff Sgt. Joy Dulen, Broadcast NCOIC, and Sgt. Ian Morales, Broadcast Specialist receive a thunderous applause by awaiting passengers at the Orlando International Airport April 28, as they enter the main terminal after returning from a year long deployment to Kuwait. Assigned to the 3rd Army, the unit covered an array of stories while escorting media and producing videos during the end of Operation New Dawn. Many news stories from this historic event were brought to you via various media organizations supported by the 204th PAD.



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Soldiers from the Headquarters Platoon, 231st Transportation Company, hold their trophy after winning the unit's "Commander's Cup" competition held April 21-22 in Athens, Ga. The events included Army Physical Fitness Test, M-16A2 Rifle disassembly speed drill, forklift operations and Humvee tire change race.

UNIT PHOTOS WANTED

The "ESC Today" wants to show off photos of Soldiers from your unit performing operational duties and basic soldiering skills. Include a caption with names, ranks, place, date and a short description of what is happening in each photo, then send your images to: john.adams16@usar.army.mil



Photo by Ann M. Ciario | Fort Hood Mobilization Brigade

Soldiers from the 206th Transportation Company, 828th Transportation Battalion, 207th Regional Sustainment Command, wait in line at the terminal at Fort Hood, Texas, April 21, minutes after disembarking a plane that marked the end of the unit's deployment from Afghanistan and the beginning of its demobilization process. Col. James H. Griffiths, chief of staff, 143d ESC, greeted the Soldiers on the tarmac.

Sun Protection



- ▶ **Why should I protect myself from the sun?**
Sunburn is the most common UV-related injury from sunlight exposure. In snow-covered areas, Soldiers risk both sunburn and “snow blindness,” a brief painful swelling of the eye. High lifetime sun exposure increases the risk for skin cancer and cataract blindness.
- ▶ **How can I protect my skin?**
Seek shade, and use your uniform to cover your arms and legs. Wide-brimmed hats can protect the head and neck, or use sunscreens with high Sun Protection Factors (SPF) and reapply every couple of hours.
- ▶ **How do I protect my eyes?**
Sunglasses with wraparound design work well, protecting at the front and side. Wide-brimmed hats can also help. Use goggles in snow-covered areas.
- ▶ **When should I protect myself?**
Roughly midday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Use the rule “Short Shadow? Seek Shade!” Sensitive-skinned individuals get a light sunburn in about 35 minutes when their shadow is as long as their height, but need over 90 minutes when their shadow is twice as long.
- ▶ **The Shadow Rule for UV Protection**
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Long Shadow: longer than your height - Lower Risk.

See medical personnel if you have questions about sun injuries.

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332nd Transportation Battalion

Time in service: 1990-present
Missions: Cargo/Personnel transport
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Range: 10,000 nautical miles, 12 knots (light)
6,500 nautical miles, 10 knots (loaded)
Max speed: 12 knots (13.80 mph)



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Background

Since World War Two the American military has used landing craft to transport equipment, supplies and personnel from ship to shore. During the ensuing decades these vessels have evolved from single engine boats to miniature cargo ships.

Constructed in the early 1990s with a predicted operational life of 25 years, the Runnymede class Landing Craft Utility (LCU) 2000 has loaded and unloaded thousands of troops and vehicles to harbors, ports and beach heads throughout the world. These boats—operated exclusively by the Army and Army Reserve—are designed to reinforce and resupply units after an amphibious assault, then transport them during transfers and withdrawals.

Capabilities

The LCU 2000 can transport hundreds of tons of cargo from food and fuel to troops and tanks. Its shallow draft allows the vessel to navigate along austere shore facilities, unimproved beaches and inland waterways. Its crew can load and unload men and materiel directly onto the shore thanks to its bow ramp, while the boat's bow thruster assists with beach deployment and extraction.

Theater commanders often take advantage of the LCU 2000's versatile design by tasking them to load cargo from deep drafted transport ships anchored at sea and transport it to shallow water ports.

Though not the fastest boat on the high seas, a lightly loaded LCU 2000 cruising at 12 knots could travel from Miami, Fla.,

to Tokyo, Japan, via the Panama Canal without refueling.

Most LCU 2000 are equipped with the latest in electronic navigation and communications technology, including automatic pilot and identification friend or foe (IFF) systems. The LCU 2000 can sustain sea operations for a week as each boat has its own galley, berthing spaces, and, if the mission requires it, a sick bay.

* The LCU-2000's deck area can accommodate five M1A1 main battle tanks or 24 doublestacked International Organization of Standards (ISO) containers. Its payload is equivalent to eight fully loaded C-17 or 15 C-141 transport aircraft.



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