



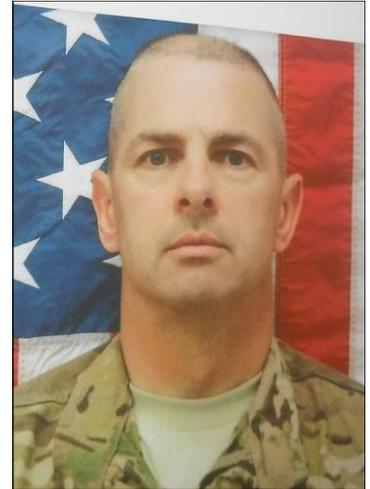
The **Warrior** Dispatch

A Word from the PRT Commander

Greetings from Khost, Afghanistan! I hope this update finds all of our friends, families and other supporters adjusting to our deployment and standing strong. I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support of our Great American Soldiers while we are deployed. I truly believe that our loved ones back home have the hardest job of all during these deployments, so again thank you for your support!

I, along with the other members from Indiana’s Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) am now calling Forward Operating Base (FOB) Salerno, home for the next year. We are part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) here in Khost Province. The Indiana folks are the new kids on the block so to speak. Eighty percent of the PRT have been here since March of this year. I would like to thank them for welcoming us to the PRT. Our new PRT friends are helping us feel more at home by showing us around FOB Salerno and introducing us to all of the essentials like; coffee at the Green Bean, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), chow hall, laundry service, dart tournaments and church services. Another thing they are doing until we get a better understanding of this place, is keeping us straight

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LTC David Roberts
PRT Khost Commander

Information from the SGM



SGM Michael Stafford
PRT Khost Sergeant Major

Greetings from Forward Operating Base Salerno, We have been busy since our last update and have completed another 15 missions throughout the Khost Province. The many different staff sections of the unit are working hard to accomplish the daily tasks along with the analysis and coordination of the upcoming missions. The Engineer section has been monitoring the progress of the current construction projects and the Civil Affairs and Agriculture Teams have been conducting assessments with local leaders and making recommendations for the future. Typically these are the groups that get the entire credit when things go well. Probably the unsung heroes here are the professional soldiers from the 1-143rd that get us to and from all our meeting and provide us security throughout. Without them our unit could not be a success.

You should know that your Soldier or Sailor has been working hard and doing great things in support of the overall mission. We are currently working through the process of submitting numerous awards to the Brigade for approval and hope to update you soon in either the next newsletter or our facebook page concerning the status.

We are currently working through the plans to receive the next PRT Commander and his team as they should arrive early next month. The purpose of their visit is to better understand the mission here and then return to the states to complete their final training at Camp Atterbury before returning with the entire unit later this year. This is always a welcome sign for any unit and one of the benchmarks that we track throughout the deployment. Even though there are several months remaining for the majority of the unit, it is a sign that the end is in sight.

It is an honor to work beside your service member to accomplish the task we have been assigned. I look forward to the day that I can safely return them to you.



A Word from the PRT Commander

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on where to be and when to be there and also teaching us the names of all the key players. I want to thank them for all of their help in getting us oriented. I would also like to thank our security force (SECFOR) for keeping us safe when we travel outside the wire to conduct missions. Again, thank you all for your assistance. A little PRT back ground for the state side. I hope this gives you a better understanding of what our role is here and what we are working to accomplish. The PRT is made up of several sections to support the PRT's mission. These various specialties include the Department of State (DoS), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), civil affairs, engineers, medical staff, public affairs, information operations, logistics and a platoon of soldiers for security. The main focus for the PRT is agribusiness development, governance, rule of law and security. This entire operation is carried out in order for the Afghan population to feel secure and enhance effectiveness and strength of the provincial government in the area. The U.S. and the Afghan Government are building the government legitimacy by reconstruction and development to separate the insurgents/Taliban from the people and to instill trust in the U.S. and Afghan operations. For us to be successful at building the populations' trust and security in the provincial government and not in the insurgents, the PRT needs to utilize a large amount of public diplomacy to reach out to the civilians of these Afghan provinces.

I hope this update makes you feel at least a little more informed about your soldiers mission and a lot more aware of how much we need and appreciate everyone's support!

I promise not to be so wordy next time.

LTC David Roberts - PRT Khost Commander



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- LTC David Roberts



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From the desk of the PRT Executive Officer

Having been here almost a month now, I would like to say thank you to all at the PRT for making our relief operations with the 4-19th ADT run smoothly. Despite the turmoil of the recent past, I have found every door open to me and have yet to find anyone who is not completely dedicated to the success of our mission.

To the members of the 4-19th ADT I would also like to say well done and enjoy your well deserved end of tour leave!

I would also like to recognize the unit as a whole for its professionalism, positive attitude and work ethic. The mark of a great unit is that when someone sees something that needs doing, they fix the problem and move on to find something else to do, without being told. I have been impressed with this Team's ability to work smart, stay focused on completing the mission and have fun when the opportunity arises (like the birthday "present" I got this week). You are all great Americans and we are thankful to have you, keep up the good work.

To the rest of the PRT Khost family, I thank you for your support and the sacrifices you are making for us at home. We couldn't do this without you.



MAJ Gregory D. Motz
PRT Khost Executive Officer (XO)

Why I re-enlisted in the Army



SSG Carlos Saldivar

PRT Khost — Squad Leader (SECFOR)

My first enlistment ended in 1998. I exited the military because I had just been hired by the Austin police department and I wanted to dedicate my time and effort to my new job. A couple of years later our great country went to war in Iraq and then Afghanistan.

I maintained my position in the police department but in the back of my mind I always wanted the opportunity to go to Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS). I thought to myself that I would eventually try. Each time I seriously thought about it, there would be a significant event in my life, like having my beautiful children. Once my children were old enough and I felt that I was physically and mentally fit, I contacted a recruiter and started the process.

In June of 2010, I entered the National Guard and was then assigned to Delta Company 1-143rd. I was told I would maintain an 18X position until I went to SFAS. During this time, I was notified that the Airborne Battalion was going to be deployed to Afghanistan. Since Delta Company had just been created and they were lacking NCO's, I was asked by the company commander if I would assist them in training all of the new troops for deployment. I was honored and immediately agreed provided that I would still be given the opportunity to go to SFAS.

As the deployment came closer, I was told that I was needed and would be directly assigned to Delta Company 1st platoon and deploy with the Battalion.

In the end I'm proud to have been given the opportunity to once again serve my country.

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Book of the Month — Civil Affairs: Soldiers become Governors

In the midst of the large-scale combat operations of World War II, the Army was called on to occupy, to govern, and to help rehabilitate complex, war-torn countries and economies. Few of its task turned out to be as difficult and challenging as these civil affairs missions.

The present history, consisting for the most part of documentary material, deals primarily with civil administration in Italy, France, and northwest Europe. Its purpose is to illustrate certain basic and generic problems of civil affairs their character, the approaches to their solution, and their impact upon the people who had to deal with them.

Because of the ideological aspect of the struggle and because the United States acted as a member of a coalition of Allies, U.S. military leaders sometimes had to add to their traditional roles as soldiers those of the statesman and the politician. They were beset by the problems of resolving conflicting national interests and of reconciling political idealism and military exigency. On another level—in feeding hungry populations, in tackling intricate financial and economic problems, and in protecting the cultural heritage of a rich and ancient civilization—they had to exercise skills that are also normally considered civilian rather than military.

For its insight into how the Army met its civil affairs mission, for its focus on the vital and continuing problem of the relationship between soldier and civilian—in short, for its graphic analysis of soldiers as governors—this volume will be read with profit in a world where the problems of the soldier have become increasingly political.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
25 May 1961



Click [here](#) to access the online version of this book via the U.S. Army Center of Military History website.



PRT Khost — Importance of Civil Affairs at PRT Khost

[H]elping others to help themselves is critical to winning the long war.

-Quadrennial Defense Review Report, 2006

As Civil Affairs operators “We help others help themselves”.

We have been planning and executing missions to assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) help themselves. Since arriving in Khost Province in early March the CA team has executed over 165 individual missions and has traveled to 9 of the 13 districts in Khost Province. We are busy.

After about 30 years of war the Afghanistan government and its institutions in Khost are in disarray and lack capacity. The things that we take for granted in the United States in terms of government services are not present here in Afghanistan. Much of what the CA team does is assisting and influencing GIROA to get back on its feet. We meet with Afghan officials and make assessments of how things are going. Our CA unit acts as a liaison between the local government officials and our military commanders. Our unit monitors the status of the progress being made in governance and development in order to support the civilian populace.

Because of our value of being the eyes and ears of progress being made in Khost province the CA team is being increasingly tasked and involved in operations. We are ready to meet the challenge.



LTC James Blashford
PRT Khost Civil Affairs



PRT Khost — Team Vulture — 425th Civil Affairs Battalion



Left to right—MAJ Jonathan Freyer, SGT Erick Crawford, SSG Jason Molteni, LTC James Blashford, MAJ John Spangberg, 1LT Michael Berenson, SFC James Miller, SGT Tony Castro and SSG Wade Van Scyoc.



Suraya Dalil was born in Kabul in 1970. Her parents were both teachers at the Kabul Teachers' Training College and both worked in the education sector for many years. She graduated from Zarghona High School in Kabul in 1985 and studied medicine at Kabul Medical University (1986-1991). She graduated with highest honors and first in her class from KMU in Dec. 1991.

In 1992, she began residency training in general surgery at Ali Abad Hospital where she worked for less than a year when she was forced to leave Kabul because of intense fighting and insecurity.. She then worked with Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF—winner of the Nobel Peace Prize) in Mazar-e-Sharif (Balkh Province) from 1992 to 1993, providing health care services to thousands of Tajik refugees who had fled fighting in Tajikistan and sought refuge in northern Afghanistan. Dr. Dalil's main responsibilities were setting up medical clinics in refugee camps, providing medical consultations which included nutritional screening of children and obstetric care, as well as controlling communicable diseases. Her next assignment was with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in 1993-94, where she focused on medical assistance to Afghan refugees returning from Pakistan and Iran.

In 1994, Dr. Dalil began work on a large-scale measles and polio immunization program managed by UNICEF which vaccinated thousands of children in nine northern and northeastern provinces. In 1995, she led the establishment of an immunization program within the local government structure. In 1998, however, she and her family were forced to leave Mazar-e-Sharif for Pakistan in order to escape the fighting. From 1998 to the beginning of 2002, Dr. Dalil lived in Islamabad, where she continued working with UNICEF's Afghanistan Office that was operating from Pakistan. She travelled to Afghanistan numerous times during those years, training midwives and doctors and helping UNICEF-supported programs in a number of provinces including Laghman, Nangarhar, Farah, Herat, Balkh and Kabul. In 2002, when the new post-Taliban government was established in Afghanistan, Dr. Dalil and her husband and children returned to Kabul, where she continued working to improve the health of women and children through her employment with UNICEF.

In 2002-03, she participated in the Afghanistan Maternal Mortality Study (implemented by the MoPH, CDC and UNICEF) – one of the most important public health studies in Afghanistan's recent history. In 2004, Dr. Dalil was awarded a Presidential Scholarship from the School of Public Health, Harvard University. She returned to Afghanistan with a Master Degree in Health Care Management in 2005, when she continued with UNICEF/Afghanistan's health program as head of Policy and Training. She realized that as Afghanistan built a new health care system, the country needed to get it right and to have as many Afghans involved as possible. In July 2007, she left Afghanistan for UNICEF/Somalia where she served as Chief of the Health and Nutrition Program until Dec. 2009.

Suraya Dalil is currently the Minister of Public Health. Her mother tongue is Uzbek and she is the mother of three children.



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New Indiana AG Section Arrives in Salerno

By MSG Brian K. Williamson

The 11 new Ag section team arrived at FOB Salerno on the 30th of May allowing for a hot hand off from Indiana's 4th ADT. With the downsizing of the team, we folded into PRT Khost. (Provisional Reconstruction Team). Maj. Motz had arrived earlier. Some of the team have assumed HQ duties including Lt. Col. Roberts as Commander, SGM Stafford, Maj. Motz and MSG Stevens.

An interesting event happened on the way here. As we were coming out of the gate at Baltimore, a gentleman stopped Lt. Col. Roberts (our commander) and asked him about us and made a bit of small talk. The Col. told him we were on our way to Afghanistan and the gentleman wished us luck, reached into his pocket and gave the Col. \$200 cash and said buy everyone a round of drinks on him. Lt. Col. Roberts was quite surprised and thanked him and the man walked off. SGM Stafford witnessed the event and dug around and found one of our 5-19th Coins and chased down the gentleman and presented it to him. His reaction was about like if we had given him a Medal of Honor.

I know many of you folks at home have friends and family who want to send things to "support the troops". On our way here, during various stopovers, many of us took advantage of the services provided by the USO. They provide movie theaters, computer and phone access, free Wi-Fi, free books and magazines, snacks and drinks, toiletries, gaming computers and lots more! It is a worthy organization providing a lot of soldier support.

We have been cramming a lot into the few days we have with the outgoing 4th Ag team. It seems things are well thought out and we are not locked into projects. We will be busy but not overwhelmed. We all have some extra duties, that is how the Army is.

Spc. Rybolt and SFC Spurgin connected with the "landowner" of the old ADT compound and got permission to occupy the ADT Greenhouse and have been busy refurbishing, planting and a general cleanup of the neglected area. In just a few days they, along with the help of SFC Wellborn, have made great progress. As we have discovered, it will be a great teaching tool to show progress in the greenhouse to the FFA (Future Farmers of Afghanistan) schools.

Several of us have been "outside the wire" conducting missions and gathering information. For those of us who haven't been here before it is an eye opening experience. There is extremely interesting landscape and structures here. I was impressed with the number of brick "factories". I also saw a lot more "gas stations" than I had expected. The local "home depot" in Khost is a sight to behold. Visiting the schools is another experience. I can't help but to thank my lucky stars that I was born in the US and we have the resources to try to help others.



MSG Brian K. Williamson
PRT Khost—Agriculture Development Team



Back row left to right; Lt. Robert Skomp; Spc. Jared Rybolt; SFC Michael Spurgin; Cpt. Scott Godby. Front, L to R; Lt. Adam Paris, Maj. John Lake, SFC Diane Wellborn, MSG Brian K. Williamson. We are on top of Ft. Awesome about 25 feet off the ground, facing south, the hill in the back to the right is strangely called "Radar Hill".



Key Leader Engagement (KLE) - SFC Wellborn conducts a KLE (Key Leader Engagement) with an Agriculture Extension Agent (in white) and his assistant (in black). Our interpreter, Isah is on the right.



Dart Champ—Sunday, 3 June, the PRT hosted the “PRT Khost Dart Tournament” starting with Cricket Doubles, it continued the next Sunday and SGM Stafford (foreground, Lt. Col. Roberts in the background) fought his way to the Championship of the 301 Doubles.



MRAPS—PRT’s Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles, The civilian contract mechanic who assists in the maintenance and servicing of our vehicles claims these to be the best MRAPS in US inventory.



Ft. Awesome, looking east. It is a structure built to elevate the HQ antennas and is a great gathering place. The Dart Tournaments are held on the lower level.



Range—MSG Stevens and SGM Stafford on the FOB Salerno range, zeroing their M-4 Carbines.





SGT Erick Crawford, PRT Civil Affairs NCO, discusses local issues and concerns with a villager in Khost City. SGT Crawford is from Sierra Madre, California.



Elements of PRT Khost convoying to a key leader engagement in eastern Afghanistan.



Afghanistan security forces on patrol in a local village in Khost Province.



Local security force commander discusses his assigned mission with ISAF personnel.



PRT convoy in Khost City.



LTC James Blashford, PRT Civil Affairs Team Chief, conducts a key leader engagement with the Tani District Governor. LTC Blashford is from Auburn, California.



SGT Gilberto Rosa provides security during a recent mission.

MISSION PICTURES

from Afghanistan



The District Governor (DG) of Terezayi speaks to the local youth during a shura. Improving employment and security were the key issues discussed by the DG.



MAJ Jonathan Freyer meets with a government official in Mandozai. MAJ Freyer is a Civil Affairs officer from Brookfield, Wisconsin.



Local Afghanistan children observe the PRT convoy drive by their village during a recent operation in Khost Province.