



# Task Force Peacekeeper

## 716th Military Police Battalion

### Hank Parker

### What a Wonderful World

#### Special points of interest:

**Hank Parker**

**How Can JAG Help You?**

**SGT Bates & SGT Bobb promoted!**

**Hometown Hero**

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LTC Thompson introduced me to Task Force Peacekeeper at the end of May as the "award" given every week to the person who committed the most boneheaded incident voted on by all Peacekeepers at the weekly Engagement Strategy Update meeting. Since then, my life has been an adventure!

My very first keeper was CPT Parker. He won me after he unknowingly did a British impression of Mike Myers' Saturday Night Live character "Simon" around some British Soldiers. Things were awesome until some monkey thieves held me hostage. They tried to trick CPT Parker into thinking I got onto a helicopter to Bagram, but I never left Kabul! But once CPT Parker got me back, I got to spend a whole extra week with him! We went to the 202d Zone Headquarters every day, and I even got to learn how to drive an MRAP! While CPT Parker had me, I even got my own Facebook page! Just log on and search for Hank Parker (Peacekeeper Monkey)! Once CPT Parker learned how to keep positive control of me, things were awesome! I was sad to leave him at the end of our two weeks.

After CPT Parker kept me for an extra week, I was awarded to 1LT Metzgar. The nomination was somewhat lengthy and overblown. I began my week in the usual fashion which included being stuck in someone's pocket, only seeing light for an hour a day at a daily meeting. After a few days of my pocket dwelling, I finally had to make a break for it after a staff meeting while 1LT Metzgar was filling up his coffee cup for the next meeting.

CPT Parker and I were reunited after he realized 1LT Metzgar lost control of me! From then on my week was that much more exciting. We went all over the 202d Zone Headquarters, hung out with the interpreters, saw Lieutenant General Fazluddin's fighting birds, posed for photos with some AUP patrolmen, and I even got to sit behind an M240B



machine gun! Friday eventually came around again and I was back on the auction block ready for my new owner.

My week with Chaplain Calvert was a lot of fun. It started out when he won me after being caught by the Command Sergeant Major with an

unauthorized hat in the chow hall. He took me sightseeing all over Camp Julien and introduced me to so many different people. I had several amazing conversations with my friends from Britain, Croatia, Turkey, and Australia.

We worked out both physically and spiritually. CH Calvert took me to the gym to lift weights and allowed me to participate in his weekly Bible study.

I was allowed to climb all kinds of stuff, which I absolutely love to do. That may be why CH Calvert began calling me a "cheeky monkey." I climbed down into a hole to help pull AFN cable. I found a palm tree on someone's desk and could not help myself. I took a chance at climbing in an amnesty box. My greatest feat was climbing into the sky with the AeroStat blimp.

We also spent time in resiliency care by playing video games with the Chaplain and a few of my fellow Peacekeepers. My favorite was playing golf with SPC Lindsey, SPC Cortes and SPC Sejat.



My next keeper was the Battalion S3, who won me after locking himself in a very bad place! I enjoyed my week with MAJ Curry. What can I say? I handle emails and phone calls with ease. We managed some fun too, though. MAJ Curry took me to a concert this week. I got a little emotional and fired up a lighter during one of the slow songs from the 1st ID Band 'Danger Addiction.' We played baseball together with the XO several times, and he took me to see a TF Peacekeeper basketball game or two.

I can't wait to see which Peacekeepers win me next and what adventures are in store for me! Air Assault!



## How Can JAG Help You?



PFC Merchant  
716th MP BN Paralegal

Many times when Soldiers and Family members think of JAG, they associate it with getting in trouble. However, there are plenty of ways that JAG's Legal Assistance can aid you whenever you need help or guidance through a difficult situation.

Client Services are an invaluable resource to have while deployed or at home. Whether you are going through financial troubles, preparing legal documents, or trying to file your taxes, there are numerous ways that JAG can assist you. Their help is not limited to the Soldiers. There are plenty of people that are allowed to help. These include Active Duty Soldiers and their Family members (as defined by Glossary Section II of AR 27-3), RC Soldiers on active duty for 29 days or more, DOD civilians that are stationed outside the United States, retired service members that are currently receiving retirement pay and surviving Family members of AC, RC or retired service members.

JAG's Legal Assistance and Client Services have



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been created and designed to support Soldiers and their Family members through all stages of life. Deployments are a stressful part of life for everyone involved. Part of that stress is due to the legal problems that can arise from the separation. The JAG Corps is there to bridge that gap and resolve the source of people's legal issues. They provide notary services for powers of attorney so that a Family member or trusted person can act in your place to take care of anything that may arise. You may assign a temporary guardian for your children while you and your spouse are unavailable, have a person buy and sell belongings in your name, or allow someone to operate your vehicle. During tax season you can visit your installation's tax center to file your taxes for free with the assistance of the tax center agents. Legal Assistance can also help you if you're going through something difficult such as a divorce or child custody battles or something positive like an adoption.

When the time comes in your life to buy or sell a house, Legal Assistance can help you. Whether you're new to it or a real estate veteran, help with the paperwork process to make sure everything is done properly is always appreciated. If you happen to be trying to lease your home or become the tenant for someone else's, you can go over the lease with an attorney to make sure you're getting every legal benefit available to you. However, Legal Assistance is unable to assist you with these if your residence is used as part of a private business.

Are debtors trying to collect on you, trying to file for bankruptcy, or are your wages going to be garnished? Legal Assistance is there once more to help you out. They can go over each topic with you to see the specifics on what is

best for you and what you can afford.

For all the Soldiers, if you feel you were unfairly reprimanded on FLIPLs, GOMORs, or OERs/NCOERs you can submit a rebuttal through Legal Assistance for their review to determine if the matter is unfair and deserves to be redone. There are other items that also may be reviewed. These include compassionate reassignments, medical evaluation boards, and suspension of favorable personnel actions. Most of these are not required to be



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reviewed by a Legal Assistance attorney and may be rejected. Finally, if you happen to get in trouble through civilian authorities, a JAG attorney is allowed to discuss with you the scope of your case regarding the charges, possible punishments, and the criminal procedure. They can give generalized advice but they are not allowed to represent anyone in civilian court.

Every JAG office's mission and capabilities are different. If the Legal Assistance attorney you meet with is unable to provide adequate legal assistance on a particular matter then they will refer you to another military attorney or a civilian attorney who can better serve your needs. See your local Legal Assistance office or visit [www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal](http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/legal) for more information and helpful guiding points on frequently asked questions.

## Continuing Education

The Army has been working hard to make it possible for all Soldiers to further their education in the hopes that Soldiers will take advantage of these opportunities and create a more intelligent Army. Programs that have become available include walk in courses, online courses and courses that are geared towards training future leaders.

The option that most Soldiers go with while on active duty (also available to Reserve and National Guard) or deployed is by online means. There are many military friendly online colleges available which will provide Soldiers with free books. That still leaves the issue of tuition payment. Tuition Assistance (TA) was created to help solve this by paying for classes in full. The per

semester hour cap is \$250 and \$4500 is granted for the fiscal year. Most soldiers do not plan on graduating from an online college. If that is the case, ensure that attention is paid to the accreditation of the online school and the transfer school.

The College Level Exam Program (CLEP) allows Soldiers to earn credit for college courses by taking tests rather than taking courses. CLEP tests can replace courses from one semester to up to two years. Similar to TA this is completely free for Soldiers without a limit on how many tests can be taken. Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) will pay for the spouse and children of reserve forces to also take these exams. CLEP tests are a time saver to those who feel confident in a subject

and wish to avoid spending a semester on a course.

Army E-Learning is computer based training that is free to all Army personnel. There are over 5,000 Information Technology, Business Skills and Interpersonal Skills courses available around the clock. Soldiers in need of promotion points can use this as a faster alternative to taking college courses. College credit is also available through forty separate courses that are approved by the American Council on Education (ACE).



SPC Sejat pursuing his degree

**"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."**

- Mark Twain



## Commander's Note



LTC David G. Thompson

July is a very important month for those of us deployed with HHD—six months down, six months to go! But the month of June was full of its own set of challenges and new experiences. We saw the 202d Afghan Uniformed Police Zone Headquarters NCO Academy start a course in February and take its students from off of the street to professional Police Noncommissioned Officers. On June 18th, 56 AUP NCOs graduated from the academy, starting their careers as junior leaders of Afghanistan.

For the last several weeks of the month, I, along with CSM Smoot, the security squad, and a handful of Primary Mentors, accompanied Lieutenant General Fazluddin and his AUP to Parwan province in support of a major operation to combat insurgent activity in that region. The experience proved that the Afghan National Security Forces

are taking the lead in securing their country and are making strides in the transition from “shohna ba shohna” (shoulder-to-shoulder) to “Afghans in the lead.”

Thunder Soldiers also had an exciting month! Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Soldiers conducted its own leg of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics at Camp Julien. Sporting the blue Torch Run shirts, Task Force Peacekeeper showed its support from over 7,000 miles away! HHD also gathered at the Queen's Palace to witness the reenlistment of SPC Terry Salyers, one of our motor pool heroes. Congratulations and thank you for your continued service! Thanks to coordination by the HHD command team, we were able to close out the month here on Camp Julien with a live concert by the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division acoustic band Danger Addiction.

As part of theater-wide force reductions, the 110<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company was chosen to wrap up its mission and return home earlier than scheduled. As such, they have been busy with all the planning that entails. While one of the Hellraiser platoons has transitioned its area of operations to Afghan control, two others have pressed forward with their missions, giving 100% up to the very end.

Task Force Guardian spent an incredibly busy June relocating to Regional Command-South while simultaneously closing down a Joint Combat Outpost and the Coalition presence at Operational Control Center – Parwan. Soldiers of the 381<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company continue to adapt and excel as they are moved, re-tasked, and pared down to a smaller force. I know the Guardian Nation will represent TF Peacekeeper well in their

duties down in Ghazni province.

The Enforcers of 549<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company are also at the halfway point of their deployment. As they push forward with their partnership mission in Nangahar, the 549<sup>th</sup> Soldiers have developed an outstanding relationship with a co-located Security Force Advisory Team (SFAT), which has helped to enhance their mentoring of the Afghan Uniformed and Border Police. Much like the Guardians, the Enforcers are sending a small group of Soldiers home ahead of schedule, but I'm confident they will continue to successfully operate at a high tempo.

It's no secret that all of TF Peacekeeper has been affected by a reduction in forces across Afghanistan. Our mission has not changed, and our focus and determination to carry out that mission remains steadfast. As always, thank you for all of your support from back home; it means the world to every Soldier serving in harm's way. Air Assault!!!

**“Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.”**

- Norman Schwarzkopf



## Command Sergeant Major's Corner

On behalf of Peacekeeper 7 who is conducting battlefield circulation this week, I'll leave you with a few updates. This month has been another fast paced but successful venture for the Peacekeeper Battalion. This month was filled with great events that included the inaugural Camp Julien Torch Run on 15 June. The HHD supported the Kentucky Special Olympics with a t-shirt sale and then a fun run through the ANA Compound. SGT Bobb was the star of the run as he motivated the formation with his rhythmic cadences. The month came to a close as the BN CDR and the BN CSM led the charge on a ten day joint ANSF operation in Parwan Province which included the security squad and a contingent of Marines based out of

Camp Julien. The mission was long and arduous but in true Peacekeeper spirit everyone came home safe with a sense of accomplishment.

This marks our sixth month in country and nothing is slowing down. The primary staff continues to push the envelope on their mentorship role with their Afghan counterparts at the Zone HQ in Kabul and are making steady progress as we transition to Afghans in the lead. The NCO Corps and the BN have been blessed again as we welcomed three newly promoted Sergeants to our ranks: SGT Bobb and SGT Bates of the HHD, and SGT Paul of the 110<sup>th</sup> MP CO.

The Soldiers of the Peacekeeper Battalion are highly motivated and continue to set high standards throughout the theater of operations. I can't speak on standards and discipline enough so I won't try, but every time the Peacekeepers have a mission they always step up to the plate and hit home runs. I'm very proud of everyone in the unit. I'd like to tell the families to keep on supporting the Soldiers. Its always very much appreciated and without you we would not be able to complete the mission. Air Assault!

SGM Griffin/PK 3-7.



SGM Griffin  
MAJ Curry

# Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment

# THUNDER



## Commander's Note

The transition from June to July puts TF Peacekeeper near the six month mark in our deployment. The Soldiers of HHD continue to set the standard for professionalism as they execute their daily missions. Our AUP mentors have shifted their focus to more of an advisory role as our Afghan counterparts prepare for the much publicized draw down of Coalition forces in 2014. Mentors now offer advice and guidance as the Afghan Uniformed Police operate within their own systems, processes and budgetary constraints.

June also brought a new challenge for HHD Soldiers. Every Soldier in HHD completed a diagnostic Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). While we normally complete this event every six months in garrison, the challenge this time was performing the events at over 6,000 feet of elevation. Many Soldiers saw as much as a minute and a half increase in their run time due to the change in altitude. Even so, the Soldiers of HHD combined for a 250 average despite the altitude difference.

HHD Soldiers and the rest of the Camp

Julien residents were treated to live entertainment in June courtesy of the 1st Infantry Division acoustic rock band, Danger Addiction. This trio of Soldiers played a variety of contemporary rock and country including everything from Bon Jovi and Jason Mraz to hits by the Zac Brown Band and Alison Krauss. Needless to say, it was a welcome distraction from our daily grind!

Without a doubt the highlight of June was our second reenlistment in two months. This month SPC Terry Salyers raised his hand and signed up for three more years of active duty service. The fact that our Soldiers reenlisted while deployed is a testament to their commitment to their country. Recent changes make reenlistment criteria more stringent as the Army is making a more concerted effort to "...retain only the best Soldiers." Because of the multiple roles he has filled down range, it was truly an honor to administer the oath to one of HHD's best as he starts the next leg of his career. Air Assault!!!

- Thunder 6



CPT Jason R. Joynes

**"The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been."**

- Henry Kissinger



## Detachment Sergeant's Corner



The Detachment hosted the 2012 Kentucky Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run for Camp Julien on June 15. The run was open to all coalition personnel assigned to Camp Julien. The route for the run was a 5k around the surrounding Afghan National Army compound and Camp Julien. The Torch Run was motivational for all personnel who participated in the event and a great success for all HHD Soldiers who made it happen.

This month also brought some long overdue promotions for Soldiers of HHD. PFC May was

promoted to Specialist on June 29. SPC May has been working night shift as an Intelligence Analyst for the unit. He works daily to create great products for HHD staff and patrols which are extremely beneficial to their specific mission. Also CPL Bates and SPC Bobb made the promotion list for July to be promoted to Sergeant. Both of these Soldiers are Signal Systems Support Specialist working in the S6 section.

The Security Squad has done a great job supporting LTC Thompson and CSM Smoot on some extended battlefield circulations through several Afghanistan provinces. All the Security Squad Soldiers continue to remain resilient and vigilant throughout all of these missions. SGT Donohue for the month of June stepped up and performed exceptionally well as he filled in as NCOIC for the battalion commander's security team. SPC Bobb also performed exceptionally well as he was attached to the Security Squad as a gunner for the month.

SFC Simmons and SGT Clay have done an outstanding job leading the unit in the turn in of over \$300,000 of excess equipment to the Army's

supply system at Camp Phoenix. All the support section Soldiers have worked extremely hard in turning in this equipment and supporting refit operations at Camp Phoenix. Air Assault!!!

- Thunder 7.



Participants of the annual Torch Run here in Kabul

# Chaplain's Monthly SJTREP

**"There is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole."**

- Murphy's Law

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for Grace Point Chapel, 8 June 2012

When CH (CPT) Andrew Calvert and SGT Kevin McDaniel arrived to theater in January 2012 as the Religious Support Team (RST) with the 716th Military Police Battalion, they immediately began the process of shifting the Religious Support (RS) program from Camp Dubs to Camp Julien. For the first two-and-a-half months, this RST operated out of a borrowed building that was not being used by the Counterinsurgency Training Center - Afghanistan (CTC-A). By the gracious lease from the CTC-A, the RST was able to begin RS services. Through coordination with the Camp Julien Mayor Cell, MAJ Napier secured the building that would become the permanent home of the Camp Julien RS Program. Once CH Calvert and SGT McDaniel received the keys to building B7, they began refurbishing the interior of the building with the volunteer support of unit and Coalition partners. The establishment of a new RS program also called for the naming of the chapel. After much prayer and consideration, CH Calvert chose to name the chapel Grace Point Chapel - Where God and People come Together. Grace Point Chapel opened its doors for its inaugural service on Easter Weekend, 8 April 2012. A short two months later allowed this RST to establish its various RS and morale building elements and services: the Protestant Service, the Latter Day Saints Service, the Catholic Service, a Prayer Service, a Bible Study, a movie night, and a Soldier Support/USO Connex.

On 8 June 2012, LTC Lesnieski, CH (LTC) Summers and CSM Smiley arrived to Camp Julien as the TF Hydra representation to serve as witness of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Grace Point Chapel. At the ceremony, over 50 U.S. and Coalition personnel were in attendance to honor this momentous occasion. A special thank you goes to Mr. Ryan Malham, a DynCorp contractor, for taking pictures and video taping the ceremony.

## Ministry to Other Nations

I had the opportunity to climb a mountain. Members of the British military, Canadian military and Australian military invited myself and Chief Master Sergeant Warner to climb the nearest peak to Camp Julien in honor of the Queen of England's 60th anniversary on the throne. We all gathered at 0400 to begin our trek before the temperature began to rise. Two and a half hours later, our small band made it to the summit of Mount Darulaman. Once we arrived to the top of the mountain, the views and vistas were breathtaking. Not many people can say that they had the opportunity to view the world from the top of a mountain. After we finished taking in God's creative glory, we began our descent which was much harder and physically exerting than I thought it would have been. As I reflect, I think that coming down the mountain was harder than going up. Maybe there's a principle in that.



SGT McDaniel standing ready for the beginning of the Chapel's ribbon cutting ceremony



TF Hydra presented CH Calvert, Grace Point Chapel, and the 716th MP BN with a certificate of achievement

**A Preacher must be both Soldier and Shepherd. He must be boorish, defend, and teach; he must have teeth in his mouth, and be able to bit and fight."**

- Martin Luther



Ribbon Cutting attendees enjoying coffee and fellowship after the ceremony



CMsgt Dean Warner and CH Calvert at the top of Mount Darulaman



Moving to the top of Mount Darulaman

# Police Mentorship



AUP hard at work



AUP NCO Academy Students

*“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”*

- Mark Twain



Personnel Conference at 202nd Zone HQ



AUP Gender and Human Rights Meeting

# Peacekeepers at Play



Members of the 1st ID band "Danger Addiction" conduct a live performance at Camp Julien

CPT Becker leading the Peacekeeper basketball team.



PFC Murphy and CPL Bates



CPT Becker and SGM Griffin during the Camp Julien Basketball Tournament

*“Jogging is very beneficial. It's good for your legs and your feet. It's also very good for the ground. It makes it feel needed.”*

- Charles M. Schulz





# 110th Military Police Company

**Greetings Peacekeeper Family!** Another month has gone by and time is passing rapidly. I know some of you at home are not sharing that same sentiment. As you know we have been chosen as part of the initial drawdown force. This means that most of the 110th Military Police Company will be on our way home very soon, with the exception of a select group that will stay back and work for the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF). My Headquarters is located in an area that is pretty much quiet and controlled by the Afghan National

security without Coalition Forces. I am extremely proud of First Platoon's efforts on showing our Army why Military Police Soldiers are vital assets to this successful mission.

Second Platoon has implemented a policing program that greatly enhanced the security in their area of operations. They work with their police counterparts on a daily basis training and professionalizing the AUP with a rigid community based policing campaign plan. First Lieutenant

Dustman and Sergeant First Class Graves, along with the rest of the Strong-arm Platoon, has represented the Military Police Corps and 110th with great distinction.

Now, Military Police Soldiers in their area of operations will be replaced by a Military Police element three times

the size of Second Platoon and will conduct the same mission. Second Platoon has proven their worth and

has shown everyone what Military Police Soldiers are all about. I could not have asked for a better representation of standards and discipline, hard work and execution of our community based policing campaign plan than what has been executed by Second Platoon. I am extremely proud of the job they are doing. I must warn all the spouses and loved ones that the platoon will return looking like a lean, mean fighting machine. Before and after every mission there is a migration of Soldiers to the gym. They work out hard every day, and it shows as they have shed a lot of weight.

Third Platoon continues to assist everyone throughout our battle space. 4-4BSTB from Fort Carson has assumed responsibility for tasking our Third Platoon. Prior to deploying to Afghanistan, we had the pleasure of being tasked to the BSTB during our Joint Readiness Training Center rotation. During our train up period, our company was able to forge an incredible relationship with them, and our unified efforts have continued here in theater. Rest assured, the BSTB will continue to task our Third Platoon with difficult yet achievable missions that will undoubtedly increase the likelihood for success.

Headquarters strives towards success on a daily basis. Headquarters continues to improve our everyday living through logistics. I cannot stress enough the importance of my Headquarters section. Without their unprecedented support for a greater cause, my Military Police Soldiers would not have the "nice to have" amenities.

The Personal Security Detachment continues to provide the necessary protection for those in need.



Private First Class Robert Burdick, Corporal Amanda Martinez, Sergeant First Class Cleophus Graves, and an advisor provide security during a patrol

**"That is the heart and soul that makes this company so great."**

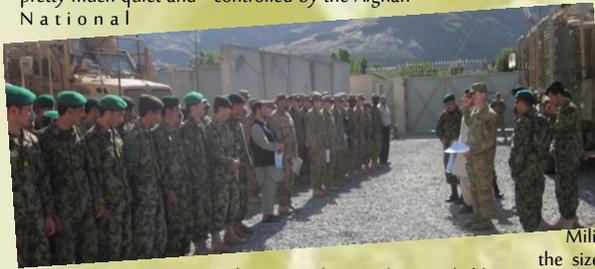


1st Squad, with Sergeant King and Private First Class June on point, secure the streets with the Afghan Police

I am truly proud of their efforts in going above and beyond the standards expected of everyday Soldiers.

Our company continues to forge the way ahead on transitioning key areas over to Afghan National Security Forces theater-wide. During these last few months, our unit will be extremely busy consolidating our efforts to ensure we leave this area better than the way we found it. To this day in my military career, I have never seen a unit as cohesive as the Hellraiser Family. Through effective leadership within our company, our rear detachment command team, and our Family Readiness Group members, we continue to build upon a foundation of excellence. As always, our jobs would have been a lot more difficult without the support of everyone back home. I want to thank all the spouses and loved ones for their undying support and dedication to our mission.

-Captain Terence K. Staples



First Lieutenant Keith Hayes speaks to 1st Platoon and Afghan Soldiers during an award ceremony on JCOP Alingar

Security Forces. With that said, it is easier to drawdown this area and that is the main reason we were selected. We met the news with mixed feelings. On one hand, Soldiers wanted to ensure we accomplished the mission that we trained so hard to accomplish. On the other hand, we are happy to get Soldiers out of harm's way and back in the arms of their loved ones. We continue to do a great job of bringing security to Afghanistan and will continue those same efforts with the same dedication until we leave. That is the heart and soul that makes this company so great.

First Platoon has just completed transitioning a key area to our Afghan partners. Through an unprecedented partnership program, First Platoon was able to comfortably turn over their area of operation to their counterparts. Most people would look at this and say, "Well, we are just starting our initial pull out of Afghanistan." We see it as a vital step towards a stronger and unified Afghanistan that can successfully manage their



First Lieutenant Nathan Dustman conducts a Key Leader Engagement with ANP as Captain Staples looks on



Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Burns, Commander of the 759th Military Police Battalion, shows up for a surprise visit with PSD!



**Task Force Guardian**

# 381st Military Police Company



Final view from the rooftop of our Tactical Operations Center, JCOP Pul-E-Sayad. The bridge was a vital infrastructure guarded by the Guardian Nation and our ANA partners that linked the populations of Kapisa and Parwan Provinces.

The past month has been an exciting but exhausting one for the "Guardian Nation." Days seem to be running together especially when the monumental task is to successfully close a Joint Combat Outpost, an Afghan Operational Control Center and multiple Ground Assault Convoys relocating the entire company in a new province in support of the Afghan Police mentorship program. This initiative took place within a grueling three week period all the while moving a platoon size element home in support of the draw down of Coalition Forces. The successful transfer of our footprint is a testament to the dedication of service by our Soldiers and a great sign of the continual efforts of the Afghan National Security Forces to improve their country.

The Guardian Nation will once again be challenged as a unit by operating in five separate locations covering over 110 sq km throughout the Ghazni Province of Afghanistan. Each platoon continues to maintain the highest standards possible by any Soldier while supporting the efforts of Area Security, Force Protection and Afghan National Police development.

1SG and I would like to extend a special thank you to both the 381st & 387th Family Readiness Groups for their tireless support and efforts contributing to the success of the Officers, NCOs and Soldiers.

The care packages haven't stopped and please don't as every box brings a piece of home and keeps us connected to the "real world."

We will also be incorporating the opportunity to have Old Glory flown throughout the rest of the deployment. These flags will then be given as a token of appreciation to the Soldiers, Family members and the several volunteer agencies on behalf of the entire unit. If you are interested or have a special loved one or organization that you would like to do this for, please send your flag to your Guardian Soldier.

Finally, I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day. These holidays are always bittersweet for deployed Soldiers and their Families. Be proud of your Soldier and the sacrifices they make for the freedom we all enjoy.

Guardian Nation.

Air Assault!!!

**"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it"**

-General Dwight Eisenhower



Guardian Soldiers hard at work tearing down our beloved home at JCOP Pul-E-Sayad



# 549th Military Police Company

June has officially come and gone, and we are now past the halfway point for the deployment! This company is absolutely amazing, and words alone cannot describe how well your Soldiers are doing in eastern Nangarhar. The weather continues to get hotter, and when I recently asked a local villager if it could possibly get any hotter here, he simply looked at me and started laughing. It doesn't look like it's going to get cooler anytime soon. As the Afghan National Security Forces continue to demonstrate their ability to assume overall responsibility for security, we continue to adapt our mission in order to provide the absolute best mentorship and partnership available to our counterparts.

I would like to take an opportunity to welcome the newest members of the 549th Military Police Company, Tropic Enforcers! They recently deployed in support of our mission here in Nangarhar province. We welcomed SPC Greene, SPC Ulbricht, PFC Lawton, PFC Maldonado, PFC Roberts, SPC Roberts, and PFC Ruzicka to the Tropic Enforcer Team! They are all integrated into their respective platoons and are working hard to help us accomplish our mission.

We also welcome the newest honorary additions to the Tropic Enforcer Family; the Security Force Advisory Team (SFAT) 34, which is led by MAJ Garrett and his group of awesome noncommissioned officers. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better than that, it does. MAJ Garrett is a fellow Military Police Officer out of Fort Carson who has already embraced re-flagging his team as the Tropic Enforcer Security Force Advisory Team. We are absolutely honored and lucky to have such a great group of professionals who are going to help us take our Afghan Border Police and Uniformed Police to the next level and further prepare this province for transition.

As some of you may have heard, the Company is redeploying a select group of Soldiers back home earlier than expected. This is part of a



PFC Gianatassio during an Air Mobile Operation in Goshta District



CPL Marsh climbing one of several mountains en route to an ABP OP along the border

controlled reduction in Soldiers and is actually indicative of how much progress is being made here in eastern Nangarhar. It was an extremely difficult decision, but please know that every Soldier in this Company is a valued member of the team. We cannot continue to accomplish our mission without the dedication, hard work and effort of every single Tropic Enforcer. As Soldiers redeploy, please continue to maintain

**"The first virtue in a Soldier is endurance of fatigue; courage is only the second virtue."**

- Napoleon Bonaparte

contact with the Company Rear Detachment. They will be able to provide you with the latest information as well as required and necessary reintegration training and important dates for the upcoming months. I ask that everyone remain in contact with the Rear Detachment and FRG as they can provide the most up-to-date information on changes and are the fastest point of contact to the Chain of Command here in Afghanistan.

I am proud to announce that SPC Peschke did extremely well at the TF Mountain Warrior (Brigade) Soldier of the Quarter Competition. Prior to the Brigade board, the Squadron Commander, LTC Hancock, awarded SPC Peschke the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) for winning the squadron Soldier of the Quarter Board. Secondly, I want to congratulate SGT Brown and SPC Schanbeck for winning the Company NCO and Soldier of the Month Board!

As June comes to end, we thank our friends and Family for the continued support that this company receives on a daily basis. I also want to thank the Rear Detachment and the Family Readiness group, who like all of us, provides the absolute best support to our Families while we are deployed. We

cannot accomplish our mission without your continued support, and we recognize the sacrifices that you make, in addition to our own. Lastly, I ask that you continue to keep the Families of our Fallen Heroes in your thoughts and prayers.

- Enforcer 6



1SG VanRoekel and SPC Peshke prior to the TF Mountain Warrior Soldier of the Quarter Competition

**"I am a fighter. I'm not just there to go along and get along."**

- Michele Bachmann

**"Excellence is not a skill.**

**It is an attitude."**

- Ralph Marston

# From the Rear

June continues the fast pace of the previous months at Fort Campbell, KY with an increase in temperature. Over the last month, nine Soldiers have earned the coveted Air Assault Badge, eight Soldiers have received various meritorious awards, we said farewell to over 25 Soldiers due to PCS/ETS, welcomed 22 Soldiers and celebrated the arrival of six new baby Peacekeepers. The month began with more than 80 Soldiers from the 716th MP BN traveling to Frankfort, Lexington and Richmond, KY to participate in the 26th Annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. This event provided the Soldiers an opportunity to get out into the community and have fun for a great cause. This year, the Battalion raised \$2,330 for the event through t-shirt sales. On 20 June

**"He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own."**

- Confucius

2012, the Battalion stood over 200 strong at the 101st Sustainment Brigade Change of Command Ceremony where they said farewell to COL Michael P. Peterman and



Dr. Peterman receives the Lifetime Peacekeeper award

welcomed COL Charles R. Hamilton as the new Brigade Commander. COL Peterman served as the Sustainment Brigade Commander for the last three years.

The 163rd MP Detachment "Eagle Enforcers" conducted numerous training events over that past month which included several ranges giving the Soldiers an opportunity to qualify on the M9, M4 and familiarization on the M500 Shotgun and the M110 Sniper System. The MWD Section participated in a Behavior Shaping Device Seminar in order to provide advanced K9 training to the handlers. The unit also completed their annual



716th MP BN (Rear) Salutes during the Sustainment Brigade Change of Command Pass and Review

Night Driver's training. The 194th Military Police Company "Warriors" spent half of the month performing

Community Law Enforcement (CLE) before transitioning to provide security for the Access Control Points (ACPs) on Fort Campbell. The dedication to duty is demonstrated every day they conduct the law enforcement mission to keep Fort Campbell a safe community.

218th Military Police Company "Legionnaires" began the month providing security for the ACPs and then transitioned to the law enforcement commitment. They have been providing support to several of the other companies within the Battalion in order to ensure that all missions are successfully completed. The 551st MP Company "Hooligans" spent the majority of the month preparing for the JRTC rotation. They focused on training that included ruck marches, CBRN range, Squad evaluations, and a maintenance readiness exercise appropriately named "Rolling



LT Freno is pinned to 1LT by MAJ Carlson

Thunder." The 561st MP Company (Rear) "Champions" have spent the majority of the month in preparation for the unit's redeployment. Everyone is looking forward to the safe return of these Soldiers.

On the home front, the Family Readiness Groups continue to welcome new Families and support the Soldiers, both deployed and in garrison. The Battalion FRG held an event to welcome all the new Families to the 716th MP BN. 163rd MP Detachment focused on financial situations for deployments and the day-to-day military life during their FRG meeting. The 218th MP Company held a legal and financial brief during their company FRG Meeting. The 551st was able to meet the new commander and conduct a question and answer session for families in regards to the JRTC mission during their FRG meeting this month. As always, the unit's missions are successful with the support of the

Families. All of the Families are needed to provide love and support to the Soldiers both in garrison and



SPC Wheeler receives an AAM for his ETS award

while deployed. On 21 June 2012, Jennifer Sabinash, Donisha Freeman, and Amy Lewis from the 561st FRG received Awards during the Division's Volunteer of the Month ceremony.

The Provisional Battalion continues to support the deployed Peacekeepers of the HHD, 716th Military Police Battalion "Thunder," 561st Military Police Company "Champions," and the individual 163rd Military Police Detachment MWD teams, who are deployed in support of OEF. We continue to send our best wishes to all Soldiers and Families within the Battalion.



SPC Baker receives a gift from his platoon presented to him from his Platoon Sergeant as a part of his ETS

**"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle—victorious."**

- Vince Lombardi



163rd MP DET assists with the 101 Days of Safety event

# Family Readiness Group

## Since you've been away...

The FRG ended May with an Organizational Day at Dyer Creek Park. The day was beautiful and the kids were able to play with water balloons, we were able to grill out, and we had a great time socializing with everyone. This month we also welcomed back CW3 Morris from the deployment. Our FRG meeting for the month of June was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the USO. We had Kelli Pendleton, a USO representative talk to us about all the programs that are available to us and our deployed Soldiers downrange. We will definitely be taking advantage of these programs and most of the ones for our Soldiers downrange are already in place. During this time we also worked on our Father's Day crafts to send downrange. The kids were traced with arms wide open to be able to give a hug to Daddy. They then colored and decorated the tracings. It was a

great night. We have two events coming up in July that we are really excited about. We are using the USO movie theater and holding pizza and a movie for the kids on July 12<sup>th</sup>. On July 15<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating that we are officially halfway through the deployment with a Pool Party/BBQ. Be on the lookout for the Evite and information to be sent out on the place and time. This month we also welcomed two new POC's to volunteer, Stephanie Douglass and Laura Parker. We are very excited that they have stepped up to help us. If you haven't been able to come to a meeting or event yet, this is the month to do so. We can't wait to see and meet some new Families and spouses. We are open to new suggestions or ideas that would make this FRG something that you would like to be involved in. Please contact us at [hhd716thfrg@hotmail.com](mailto:hhd716thfrg@hotmail.com).



SGM Darden welcoming CW3 Morris

## Future Meetings

12 July,	15 July,
6 pm	Time TBD
USO Conference Room	Location TBD
Pizza and a Movie	1/2-way There Party!



Lil' Peacekeepers having fun with water balloons.



Enjoying some great food



Family members socializing and taking a break from the sun

# Task Force Peacekeeper Awards

## The Combat Action Badge

SSG Jose Mendoza 549 MP CO  
 SGT Zachary Haynes 549 MP CO  
 SGT Jeffrey Johnson 549 MP CO  
 SGT James Knochel 549 MP CO  
 CPL Lyle Warner 110 MP CO  
 SPC David Ramos 549 MP CO  
 SPC Rhett Mauldin 549 MP CO  
 SPC Cody Potts 549 MP CO  
 SPC Thomas Blagman 110 MP CO  
 SPC Richard Riggs 110 MP CO  
 PFC Robert Burdick 110 MP CO  
 PFC Taylor Frederickson 110 MP CO

## The Bronze Star Medal

1LT Jennifer L. Burke 716 MP BN

## The Army Commendation Medal

SSG Mark Gerber 549 MP CO  
 SGT Leo Bourgault 110 MP CO  
 SGT Juan Castilloagosto 110 MP CO  
 SGT Matthew Day 549 MP CO  
 SGT Christopher Mendes 110 MP CO  
 SGT Joshua Miller 110 MP CO  
 SGT Evan Pronzati 549 MP CO  
 SGT Daniel Santiago 110 MP CO  
 SGT Jason Stewart 549 MP CO  
 CPL David Figueroa 549 MP CO  
 CPL Pamela Billingsley 549 MP CO  
 SPC Calvin Anderson 110 MP CO  
 SPC Donald Barrett 110 MP CO  
 SPC Thomas Blagman 110 MP CO  
 SPC Devon Collins 110 MP CO  
 SPC Vanessa Correa 110 MP CO  
 SPC Harvey Long 110 MP CO  
 SPC Mario Matosdelarocha 110 MP CO  
 SPC Kevin Murphy 110 MP CO  
 SPC Andrew Perezaverett 110 MP CO  
 PFC James Abreufranklin 110 MP CO  
 PFC Chad Botterson 110 MP CO  
 PFC Joshua Bowen 549 MP CO  
 PFC Robert Burdick 110 MP CO  
 PFC Benjamin Carlin 110 MP CO  
 PFC Justin Cooper 549 MP CO  
 PFC Taylor Frederickson 110 MP CO  
 PFC Janelle Gianatassio 549 MP CO  
 PFC Steven Gullioriy 549 MP CO  
 PFC Jamie Mrazek 110 MP CO  
 PFC Muhammad Nasir 110 MP CO  
 PFC Matthew Pagliuca 110 MP CO

## The Army Achievement Medal

SPC Kirk A. Peschke 549 MP CO

## The Army Good Conduct Medal

MSG Timothy Denbow 110 MP CO  
 SSG Steven Brandon 110 MP CO  
 SSG Freija Stewart 110 MP CO

**“Valor, glory,  
 firmness, skill,  
 generosity, steadiness  
 in battle, and ability to  
 rule – these constitute  
 the duty of a Soldier.**

**They flow from his  
 own nature.”**

- Bhagavad Gita



1LT Burke receives her Bronze Star Medal

# Task Force Peacekeeper Birthdays

## June

- 01 - CSM Willard A. Smoot 716 MP BN
- 01 - SFC Scott A. Butts 549 MP CO
- 03 - SGT Montrell Mayo 110 MP CO
- 03 - SPC Wesley M. Rodriguez 549 MP CO
- 04 - SFC Gregory Baldwin 716 MP BN
- 04 - SPC Ryan M. Nichols 549 MP CO
- 04 - SSG Brandon Smith 549 MP CO
- 04 - PFC Cody M. Potts 549 MP CO
- 05 - PFC Brent Reimer 110 MP CO
- 06 - SPC Vanessa Correa 110 MP CO
- 06 - CPL David E. Figueroa 549 MP CO
- 06 - PFC Michael Hess 716 MP BN
- 06 - SPC Tyler O'Rourke 110 MP CO
- 10 - SPC Joshua R. Musselman 549 MP CO
- 10 - CPT George Ouellette 716 MP BN
- 12 - PV2 Martin Roberts 549 MP CO
- 13 - SPC Derrek B. Ferris 549 MP CO
- 13 - SPC Joshua J. Hester 549 MP CO
- 13 - SPC Alberto Lira 716 MP BN
- 13 - SPC James T. Tripp 549 MP CO
- 15 - PFC Austin Eakin 110 MP CO
- 18 - PFC Micah E. Horwood 549 MP CO
- 18 - SSG Christopher Rummer 716 MP BN
- 21 - SPC Tyler Phillips 110 MP CO
- 22 - PFC Justin S. Cooper 549 MP CO
- 22 - SGT Juan Ortiz 110 MP CO
- 23 - SGT Matthew R. Day 549 MP CO
- 24 - PFC Justin Petersheim 110 MP CO
- 25 - SPC Jimmy R. Avens 549 MP CO
- 25 - PFC Janelle Gianatassio 549 MP CO
- 26 - SGT Kevin Scrotchings Jr. 549 MP CO
- 28 - SGT Jonathan King 110 MP CO
- 29 - PFC Chad Botteron 110 MP CO
- 29 - PFC Andrea Curtis 716 MP BN

## July

- 01 - SGT Stephine Bates 716 MP BN
- 02 - SGM William Griffin 716 MP BN
- 02 - SPC Calvin Anderson 110 MP CO
- 02 - SGT Terrance Lewis 716 MP BN
- 03 - SPC Cezar Trujillo 110 MP CO
- 03 - Tammy M. Benson 549 MP CO
- 04 - Matthew D. Valderrama 549 MP CO
- 04 - SGT Joseph Carter 110 MP CO
- 06 - Jeffrey C. Johnson 549 MP CO
- 06 - Xavier A. Mojica 549 MP CO
- 06 - Troy L. Ruppel Jr. 549 MP CO
- 07 - Douglas E. Cranford II 549 MP CO
- 07 - Jazmine R. Murphy 549 MP CO
- 08 - SPC Jasmine Chen 110 MP CO
- 08 - Kayla Jo Rouse 549 MP CO
- 09 - SSG (P) David Mwangi 110 MP CO
- 10 - SPC James Duff 110 MP CO
- 13 - SGT Daniel Demars 110 MP CO
- 13 - PFC Katelyn Murphy 716 MP BN
- 14 - SGT Daniel Williams 110 MP CO
- 14 - Cory N. Lamb 549 MP CO
- 16 - Brennen T. Jordan 549 MP CO
- 17 - Curtis S. Conrad 549 MP CO
- 19 - Jordan P. Thomas 549 MP CO
- 20 - SPC Michael Lindsay 716 MP BN
- 20 - SPC Andrew Perez-Averett 110 MP CO
- 20 - SSG Frejia Stewart 110 MP CO
- 20 - Joshua S. Poling 549 MP CO
- 21 - James C. Havlin 549 MP CO
- 22 - Kevin Mcdaniel 716 MP BN
- 23 - George L. Henaorodriguez 549 MP CO
- 24 - SSG Reginald Cullers 110 MP CO
- 25 - SGT Michael Dunn 110 MP CO
- 26 - PFC Muhammad Nasir 110 MP CO
- 28 - SSG Michael McGonigal 110 MP CO



SPC Terry Salyers reenlists inside the Queen's Palace

# Task Force Peacekeeper Promotions

## June

### To Staff Sergeant 1 June 12

Michael McGonigal 110 MP CO

### To Sergeant 1 June 12

Amanda Martinez 110 MP CO

### To Specialist 1 June 12

Sarah Duran 110 MP CO  
Wyatt P. Labaw 549 MP CO  
Tyler May 716 MP BN  
Jacqueline C. Yates 549 MP CO

## July

### To Specialist 1 July 12

SPC Jeremy Suarez 110 MP CO,

### To Sergeant 1 July 12

Stephine Bates 716 MP BN  
Shendel Bobb 716 MP BN



SPC May's Promotion

SGT Bates and SGT Bobb join the NCO Corps.

*"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."*

- Thomas Jefferson

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Command Sergeant Major: CSM Willard A. Smoot

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**"A leader is one who knows the way,  
goes the way, and shows the way."**

- John C. Maxwell

**"I am a Soldier. I fight where I  
am told, and I win where I fight."**

- General George S. Patton

# A Real Hometown Hero SFC John C. Thomas



During his R & R leave, SFC Thomas took time to visit the 6th grade class of Howe-Manning Elementary School in Middleton, MA. The visit was inspired by letters received through "Support the Troops" packages from four students that attend the school. During the visit, SFC Thomas spoke with the students about what it is like being a deployed Military member. The format of discussion was mostly in a question/answer format and lasted for about an hour. Dick Moody, Founder of "Support the Troops" was present to meet with SFC Thomas. At the end of the visit SFC Thomas presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the 716th Military Police Battalion signed by the Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major to the class and received a coin from Mr. Moody.

