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## What has happened since we started pre-mob:

### Promotions:

ILT Joseph Henry	CW3 Michael Hanson	SFC Terry Billingsley
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### Have welcomed newborn children since we started deployment:

CPT Scott J. Sengenberger	SFC Timothy H Gleason	SFC Joshua R. Gan
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SGT Derek J Tippetts	SPC Jubal F Lawrence	SPC Michael D Walker
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### 5K Womens Equality Day Run

#### Females Category-

1st Place- SPC Brenda Moreno  
2nd Place- SGT Nelly Lamas  
3rd Place- CPT Suzanne Rodriguez

#### Males Category- (1st, 2nd, 3rd came from other units)

4th Place- SGT Robert Reed  
5th Place- 2LT Zachary Kral

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Hello Soldiers, Friends and Families of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB. It is time once again for the Battalion Newsletter! What has happened since last month...well we took the LOOOOONG flight from Fort Hood to Kuwait. We accomplished that in two waves. HSC and A Company departed on 3 Aug and B and C Company departed on 4 Aug. HSC and A Company arrived in the early early hours of 5 Aug, so by the time we moved from the airport to Camp Buehring it was almost time for breakfast. Kuwait was on the tail end of a dust storm and you could see the thick dust blow across the airport in front of the lights, so talking outside was kept to a minimum.

Most everyone took the first day to adjust from the jet lag but it took most, like me, 3 days to really feel I was on the Kuwait clock. As we adjusted to the time we continued the Relief in Place with 1204<sup>th</sup> ASB from Kentucky, and they like their Wild Cats! The Battalion area is Blue and White with a big UK in the hallway! We have plans to make the change to Black and Gold, but paint is not easy to come by. The 1204<sup>th</sup> (LTC Roach and CSM Walton) were very gracious and helpful as we made this transition, we will be the same way because we know we will not be far from going home!

It took about 5 days to complete the relief in place and working through jet lag and 117 degree heat made this process very challenging, but the companies got it done. With the transition complete all that was left was the Transfer of Authority ceremony on 10 Aug. The Transfer of Authority is the official ceremony that releases 1204<sup>th</sup> ASB and puts 935<sup>th</sup> ASB in the driver's seat for the next 9 months.

Many of the soldiers are settled in their permanent housing but most are still waiting for other units to transfer out so they can move in. Housing is adequate and you can make it as nice as you want or leave it as is. It sure beats an Army Green tent! The Army has done a good job of bringing comforts from home to Kuwait, as they did in Iraq. AAFES has a great variety of the basic needs, but for the most part many items left by the 1204<sup>th</sup> and other units leaving will keep soldiers of the 935<sup>th</sup> settled for a few months. I have to have my caffeine so coffee and diet cokes are keeping me operating. I work water in between caffeine drinks so I do not become a heat casualty. We all have our vices!

Our first shipment of our connex and equipment has arrived, so the soldiers have more of their comfort items and the companies have additional equipment so they can operate more efficiently. We have another shipment coming that will make daily operations even better.

Morale of the Soldiers is excellent, if anyone has low morale they are hiding it well. All the soldiers should have contacted home by now and if not let me know, my contact data is at the top of this page. Please send care packages to your Soldiers, I know they love getting them! Remember the Family Assistance Center Specialist and the Family Readiness Coordinators at the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB HQ in Sedaia, numbers are on the first page of this newsletter. You also have the REAR DETACHMENT Soldiers at each Armory and they have contact data for local FRG's.

The Soldiers of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB are doing a great job, you should be very proud of them as I know you are. Please be safe at home, talk to you again next month.

### WORKHORSE!



## CSM Javier R. Acosta

Friends and families of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB, thank you for your support and well wishes from your homes. Your Soldiers have hit the ground running and are already making headway. They came into this mission knowing the battle would be long and challenging, they are not disappointing.

Although their tasks are many and at times it seems overpowering, they have not lost their heart. There is no wavering in their resolve. Through the wind, sand and under the heat, your men and women refuse to be discouraged. Your Soldiers are truly cut from a different cloth, rest easy they know their jobs and will excel no matter the crisis.

Most of your Soldiers have been here two weeks, while the others who came on our Advance Party and Torch Party have been here just under a month and a half. In this short time the Workhorse name has become known for professionalism and the "Can Do" spirit. I know that can't happen without the support of the friends and family of the 935<sup>th</sup>.

I have one request, write your Soldiers. Skype is great, emails are fine, but nothing is as personal as the time you take in sending them a card or letter. That speaks volumes.



## S-2: 1LT Joseph Henry

The S-2 for the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB is tasked with two jobs for this deployment; (a) to act as the intelligence section for the battalion and (b) to act as unit security. This staff section is currently limited to one soldier in Kuwait, 1LT Joseph Henry, and one back at home station, SPC Jimmy Garret. Soldiers that work in the S-2 typically come from the 35 series MOS and are trained at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, where students learn the basic disciplines of intelligence. The day to day needs of the Battalion set the battle rhythm for the S-2 section. They are expected to provide timely intelligence products to give an overview of the enemy situation, adverse conditions, and issues that would impede operations. The S-2 compiles information from higher and lower echelons, open sources, other branches of the armed forces, and all of the three letter agencies, such as the CIA and FBI, and reports what information they gather to the Battalion Commander. The S-2 section is also in charge of unit security and ensuring that all friendly assets are protected and able to assist in completing the units' mission. This includes physical security of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB buildings, processing soldier's security clearances and operational security for the units' area of operations.

1LT Joseph Henry, a 35D, All-Source Intelligence Officer, recently completed BOLC (Basic Officer Leaders Course) and is a graduate of Truman State University and Pennsylvania State University.

SPC Jimmy Garret of Aurora, MO, is a graduate of the American Military University. He is a 35F, Intelligence Analyst, from Alpha Company, 935<sup>th</sup> ASB and works as a technician at the armory in Aurora. He played a significant part in the mobilization of the 935<sup>th</sup> by preparing intelligence that was critical for the units' movement to Kuwait and processing the units' security clearances.

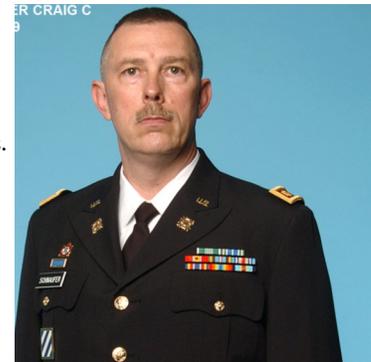


## MAJ Craig Schnauer

I entered active duty in 1984, and received 16 weeks of Law Enforcement training at FT McClellan, AL. From 1984 to 1986, I served at White Sands Missile Range, NM as a member of the 259<sup>th</sup> MP CO, where I was trained, certified, and served as a member of the Special Reaction Team. I changed duty stations to Stuttgart, Germany where I served with the 554<sup>th</sup> MP CO, Patch Barracks. During this time, I was selected to serve as a member of the Personal Security Detachment, (PSD) for the Deputy Commander In Chief (DCINC) of all European Allied Forces. Upon the completion of my first enlistment, I returned home to marry my high school sweetheart Josette, and pursue my career in civilian law enforcement. During my significant break in active duty service I was very busy. I was certified through the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center as a Police Officer and First Responder (EMT); and I worked as a small town police officer, commissioned county deputy, and as a University Police Officer for the Kansas State Board of Regents, for a total of 8 ½ years civilian law enforcement. I served in the Kansas Army National Guard, completed both a bachelors degree in Psychology and a masters degree in Human Resource Development at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg KS. I also served in the 414<sup>th</sup> M.P. CO, U.S. Army Reserve in Joplin, MO while completing the Army ROTC program where I graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate upon being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, May of 2000. During this period of time my family grew with the addition of our son Matthew in 1991, and my daughter Amethyst in 1993.

I requested and received FT Stewart, Georgia (home of the Third ID) for my first duty assignment as an officer. I served as a platoon leader for all four platoons in the largest direct support (DS) maintenance company at FT Stewart, and deployed in 2003 as the SSA platoon leader and accountable officer. When we deployed in Feb of 2003, we didn't think in terms of OIF I or II, etc, we just set out to do a mission not knowing that nearly ten years later we would still be trying to bring closure to that mission. When we crossed the border from Kuwait into Iraq, we were part of what was being described as the largest military convoy in history, and it truly felt like the "race to Baghdad" as it also has been described. While in Iraq, I planned and conducted numerous logistics convoys across Iraq and back South to Kuwait. I established and ran the LZ at Camp Dogwood for "log birds", or Blackhawks delivering CL IX parts and other classes of supply as needed. Among other tasks that I was given during this deployment, I was assigned as the OIC for the 87<sup>th</sup> CSB's slice of a team responsible for recovering over 250 short tons of captured enemy ordnance and ammunition from one single collection point in Baghdad, Iraq.

I left active duty service in mid 2004 to return home and be there for my kids as they grew through high school. I entered the Missouri Army National Guard in 2005 and served as the S-4, as well as the Operations Officer for the JTF Alaska Road, on Annette Island, Alaska. I returned to serve as Commander of A CO 935<sup>th</sup> ASB in OCT '06, and moved to serve as the SPO OIC in May of '09. I assumed the responsibilities of the Executive Officer of 935<sup>th</sup> ASB when we reported for pre-mob training in May, and I look forward to doing all that I can to ensure that we are successful as a team during our deployment in support of OEF-Kuwait.



## Chaplain Clifford Brown

August was a great month of celebration and getting established. There were some milestones that showed progress at home and abroad. One milestone was just arriving. I know so many are longing to see their loved ones again, me included, but actually getting here and establishing ourselves to work the mission at hand is another step in the process. And remember, each step brings us closer to being reunited. I know my idea of this place was much different than the reality. The air does not always consist of hot sand and desert insects intending to inflict pain and harm. The heat is not so overwhelming that we melt as we stroll to the DFAC for meals, diving into every inch of shade to avoid synging the little hair remaining from our bodies. There are things here to entertain and provide for intellectual prowess and growth. There is a workout gym, an aerobics tent, pool tables (my personal favorite), a chapel and Religious Support Tent, and plenty of work to be done. Know that we are doing well. We do miss you but we are being taken care of. And, another milestone, finally arriving here, is complete.

At home there are so many things happening. I have many of you as friends on Facebook and have seen some great events. I saw the Shafers' sending their daughter to the first day of preschool, I saw kindergarteners galore, the purchase of a new home, pictures of a wedding (including some bachelor party moments, all mostly appropriate), multiple family vacations, my children singing me "happy birthday," the Hank's daughter being baptized, and so many other things. These moments mean so much to us. They are milestones that we love to see, play a role of some sort in, even if it's a comment on Facebook or a Skype congratulation's. It has value. Milestones at home are sustaining to us. We love and miss you all.

Stay strong and stay close,  
Chaplain Brown



## CPT Casey B. Steiner



## 1SG Joseph C. Dorsey



To the families, friends, and Soldiers of HSC: Your Soldiers here at Camp Buehring, Kuwait are doing great! They have hit the sand running, figuring out the local specifics of their jobs from the HSC Soldiers of 1204th ASB (Kentucky). The Spartan living conditions and the training received at North Fort Hood are behind us. Your Soldiers are trained and have been doing jobs flawlessly since we got here. Of course it's very hot, and everyone has experienced the lovely blowing sand. Kuwait will take some getting used to, but compared to Texas, your Soldiers have better living conditions, better and much more variety of food, and more opportunities to relax and enjoy their time off.

1st Platoon, made up of our Soldiers personnel, intelligence, operations, supply, and communications have had a steep learning curve as they took over from the staff sections of 1204th. Each of the specialized Soldiers in staff have been extremely busy and productive since day one. A few examples of the many things the staff have been doing include ensuring the 935th is setup for success by validating pay and admin records, analyzing the effects of the severe heat and blowing sand on our missions, picking up the main body of 935th from Kuwait International Airport and bringing us safely to Camp Buehring, setting up our living quarters, and establishing our computers, email accounts, and phones. Soldier Highlight: The SI section's SPC Borgstadt, assisted 1204th with multiple award packets and received the Army Achievement Medal, given by LTC Roach, Commander of the 1204th ASB.

2nd Platoon, comprised of our Support Operations (SPO) and Network Automation (SASMO), has been critical to our aviation support mission. The SPO shop has been busy coordinating the movement of shipping containers and supplies essential to keeping our Brigade's aircraft operational. Meanwhile, SASMO has worked diligently ensuring our communication devices, computers, and networks are up and running. Soldier Highlight: The SPO's SSG Forson, our mortuary affairs NCO, has cross trained on many of the missions in the SPO shop and in addition to his normal duties, now oversees ground maintenance tracking for SPO, consolidating reports from every Battalion in 35th CAB and ensuring the BDE is properly resourced for SPO operations throughout Kuwait.

3rd Platoon, made up of HSC's Company headquarters, has inventoried and signed for over four million dollars of theater equipment and vehicles, set up company level operations, and under the expert watch of 1SG Dorsey, ensured every Soldier is taken care of for food, housing, physical fitness, and overall quality of life. Soldier highlight: SSG Snider, HSC Supply Sergeant, arrived in Kuwait two weeks ahead of the rest of the company and put in long days, and lots of leg work getting HSC prepared for success upon arrival.

4th Platoon, HSC's mechanics and maintenance control section has assumed control of the Battalion motorpool, verifying that every vehicle, generator, trailer, and forklift is fully mission capable. Without the attention to detail and hard work of our Soldiers, equipment critical to aviation operations, (such as Alpha Company's aircraft fuelers) would not be maintained and our fuel hungry aircraft would give a new meaning to "Angry Birds". Soldier Highlight: SPC Phillips and SPC Yerge have been commended by their NCOs for flawless technical inspections, and in depth mechanical work on M978 HEMTT fuelers.

Be proud of your Soldiers, they have been working hard every day. The first couple weeks of a deployment are some of the toughest, and I couldn't be more proud of what HSC has already accomplished. MUSTANGS LEAD THE WAY!!!



1LT Matthew M. Holmes

**A-Team!**

1SG Gregory L. Lowe



Alpha Company has made it to Kuwait, and they have been working hard since day one. Our main mission here is to provide fuel support for the 35<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), which is a significant portion of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB's overall mission.

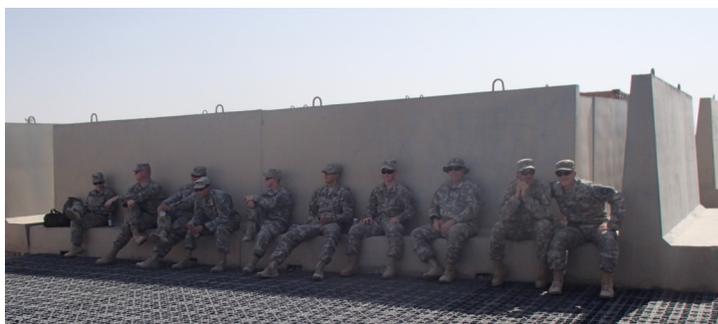
Our fuel mission encompasses a variety of efforts from the whole company. Spearheaded by SFC Chad Clifford and SSG Connie Bayless, our first priority was setting up a "hot" Forward Arming and Refueling Point, or "FARP." While everything here in Kuwait is pretty warm, "hot" means that helicopters fly into our FARP, remain running while A CO refuels the aircraft, and then fly away. Hot FARPs are very important, as they allow rapid refueling without having to go through lengthy shutdown and pre-flight procedures. We also will be fueling aircraft as they sit inactive on their pads, called a "cold" refuel.

Another important segment of our fuel mission is testing fuel, using our Petroleum Quality Analysis System, or PQAS. Run by SPC Danielle Fitzgerald and SPC Mark Meyers, the lab will be responsible for ensuring that any fuel going to the flight line is safe for our helicopters to use.

Alpha Co is not just tasked with a fuel mission, however. Among our responsibilities is the loading mission at Kuwait's seaport; our soldiers, led by SSG Jared Pyatt, help prepare and load helicopters in to vessels for their trips home. We also possess what is commonly called "the wretch," a Rough Terrain Container Handler (RTCH,) which we use to move 20ft containers all around Camp Buehring for the brigade.

Recently, we've promoted Joseph Barnes from Private First Class to Specialist. There are more to come in the future, as well as several awards. I'd also like to highlight the excellent work of SSG Donald Johnson, who is working both as C CO and A CO's supply sergeant. Being a supply sergeant for one company is no small task by itself; so his continued work for both is to be commended.

We're thankful for all the support from the families back home, and look forward to continuing the mission here at Camp Buehring!



### MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger



### 1SG Brian L. Boyer



It has only been two weeks, but already B Co has been very busy executing our mission here on Udairi Army Air Field, Camp Buehring, Kuwait. I have to thank everybody who has taken ownership of their area. We cleared and cleaned until I felt everybody was proud to say that this is B Co. 935<sup>th</sup> area of operation. In the middle of this process we completed a relief in place with the 1204<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Company (ASC) and started our mission of aviation maintenance for the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB. I would like to use this newsletter to focus on a couple of high points and the mission of the ASC. For those that don't know our Tech Supply is currently handling about ten times what a normal ASC would handle in aviation parts and processing. Our 92As, Tech Supply, have been running a 24hr a day operation, supporting 2 phases and the unscheduled maintenance we have received. Additionally, they have identified over 500 lines of supply that are no longer used in theater and we will be moving them out to support the war fight in other countries.

Production Control (PC), run by CW2 Beck and MSG McTeague, has become the face of aviation maintenance support here at Udairi AAF. Through all the coordination meetings and long hours, they have worked to create a process where the flight companies know we are here to support them. Even though all our equipment is not here, we have processed over 47 work orders and are close to completing 2 phases.

Avionic and electrical sections have hit the ground running. With only one shop set, they have worked through the challenge of limited real estate and have been working since day one in Kuwait. We have received additional equipment for working on radios and navigational systems and night vision devices. We have received over 18 work orders and have completed more than 40 night vision goggle inspections. I am sure that when the rest of their shop systems arrive our supported units are going to see how aviation support is really done.

These are just a few of the sections and missions of B Co. and I will continue to highlight the soldiers and missions that make the company such a diverse and outstanding unit in future monthly newsletters. Lastly, I would like to welcome the 7 soldiers that mobilized through the CRC and were not with us at Fort Hood, and the 3 other soldiers that were attached to B Co this week.



Greetings Everyone - We've already been here a couple of weeks and are starting to get settled in. We've had to do a lot of work to get things cleaned up and are patiently awaiting the rest of our gear. After getting used to the Texas heat, we now have the Kuwait heat to get used to, but know that we only have this for a little while longer and then the worst of it should be over. The living conditions are finally getting worked out and I hope everyone is getting their little piece they call home for the upcoming months. The work flow is a little slow for some of the shops, but should be picking up in the near future. Everyone keep up the good work and stay positive.  
1SG Boyer



## 2LT Edward A. Maidment



## 1SG Charles D. Holt



The mission of C CO, 935<sup>th</sup> ASB, aka *Skynet*, is to provide communications support to the 35<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade. The US Army enjoys a vast technological superiority to our current adversaries, allowing us to use far fewer Soldiers and resources to complete our missions than has ever been possible before. In the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB, for instance, the AH-64 "Apache" attack helicopter provides ground commanders with the most sophisticated close air support available. We provide the brigade with multiple types of voice radios, radio re-transmission, and the backbone for the Army's data networks. In other words, we allow widely dispersed units to talk to each other in ways that Army commanders only dreamed of in the past.

Most Army units have their own two-way radios, but C CO provides extra capabilities. The SINCGARS radio is the Army standard, providing secure and reliable short to medium range voice communications. *Skynet* extends the range of those radios by emplacing re-transmission stations at key locations. When a radio on this station receives a signal, it is automatically rebroadcast, usually using a power amplifier. This type of system can extend the range of radios by large distances, bridging the gap between commanders and soldiers.

*Skynet* also provides the flexibility of using long range radios. These radios transmit far beyond the range of SINCGARS, but are not as reliable, and are usually used to provide an alternate means of communication if regular methods are unavailable or compromised.

*Skynet's* data systems provide commanders with data networks near the leading edge of the battlefield. Commanders can receive information about the battlefield quickly and efficiently. The non-secure systems can provide an easy connection to Army resources that are not classified, simplifying logistics and administrative tasks, and can provide a limited amount of personal connections to home for soldiers. The secure system provides commanders with up to date information on friendly units and intelligence on enemy forces.

*Skynet* provides the connection to this network for the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB. A network node provides a mobile system that provides numerous resources: Network management functions; the services required for tactical data systems (the services that provide commanders with so much information); Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telephone service; the ability to link to older network systems; and more. Many units are also provided with satellite access to Army networks. These systems provide access to email, VOIP, and tactical data systems.

The way the Army moves and communicates on the modern battlefield does not work without a number of complex command systems. *Skynet* provides the backbone that the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB uses to maintain these systems and their connection to the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB, among various other units. *Skynet* also provides commanders with the ability to extend the range of their radios and backup radio systems to provide commanders with more flexibility. Communications is the key to the modern battlefield and *Skynet* is that key for the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB.



## August Soldier of the Month– SPC Christopher D. Smith

SPC Smith is from Marshall, MO and works as a 25B, Information Technology Specialist, for C company 935th ASB. Smith is instrumental with the deployment and set up of Command Post Node (CPN), which is used for the use of computers and phones via satellite transmission. Smith joined the United States Army in 2005, attended basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, then received his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training at Fort Jackson, SC as a 63B, All Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. Smith later reclassified to 25B, Information Technology Specialist. Smith deployed in 2007 to LSA Anaconda, Iraq then transferred to the National Guard in 2009.

On the civilian side, Smith works for CONAGRA foods in Marshall, MO and is studying computer forensic data recovery at Caldwell College. When he returns stateside, he plans on getting his Cisco Certified Network Administrator Certification and pursue a career in the field of information technology. Smith and his wife are expecting their first child in September 2012.



## Task force workhorse Hero of the Week—SPC Robert Davis, HSC 935<sup>th</sup> ASB

SPC Robert Davis is a highly motivated, highly skilled member of the S-6 section in the Battalion staff section of HSC 935<sup>th</sup> ASB. His vast knowledge of computer electronics and software programs were instrumental in the Battalion and three Companies being able to move to theater of operations in Kuwait and complete RIP/TOA with very little time available to complete most tasks. His dedication to duty and sacrificing long personal hours made it possible to take over 60 inoperable computers and put them back in service to be utilized on a daily basis.

SPC Davis has worked in many areas of the Battalion helping to get electronics up and running, and has become known as the go-to guy when people need things fixed. You will never hear "I can't" or "I won't" from him, but more of "there must be a way", and "I think I can find a way to do it"! Along with being a leader in his field, SPC Davis is a leader among his ranks, always willing to help his peers excel, and be a good mentor and example for those junior to him. SPC Davis's actions and performance not only enhance his section, but they also enhance that of the whole Battalion, the Missouri National Guard, and the United States Army. Based on his achievements and meritorious service, SPC Robert Davis is the 935th Hero of the Week.



## Education Still Matters

As we continue to work hard to complete our assigned mission in Kuwait, Soldiers in the 935th are also looking for ways to better their civilian careers when we return home. The Education Center on Camp Buehring is a good place to start for college credit, which equates to promotion points and possibly a college degree in the future. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, The University of Maryland and Central Texas College offer both on-line and in class courses for certificate programs, Associates Degrees, Bachelors Degrees and Masters Degrees. The Education Center also offers Soldiers the chance to take the SAT, ACT, CLEP and an Army FAST class to help improve their GT score. However, if Soldiers simply want to learn the basics of a language, the 935th has teachers among its ranks offering classes after duty hours. SGT Karsten Kessler from HSC and SPC Brenda Moreno from Bravo Company are putting in long hours to prepare for language classes so they can teach their fellow Soldiers.

When Moreno returns to the states, she plans on going back to The University of Illinois at Chicago to complete her Bachelors of Science in Education. Since she wants to teach English in High School when she graduates, Moreno is practicing her skills here by teaching Spanish. She is fluent in Spanish and is working closely with her college professors to develop a lesson plan that she can use to teach her fellow Soldiers the basics of Spanish. This is in addition to her duties as a 92A, Supply Technician, for Bravo Company, 935th.

Kessler is fluent in three languages, and is using his skills to teach others Hebrew. Kessler enlisted as a 15T, Helicopter Repairman, in the United States Army National Guard in 2007 as a result of Hurricane Katrina and a desire to help those affected by such tragedies. Born in Germany, Kessler first visited the United States in 1983. He returned to graduate from Buford High School in Buford, Georgia and then officially moved to Missouri in 1999. Before that, he worked as a machinist with an Israeli company, where he learned Hebrew, worked as a medic in a Bosnian refugee camp in Germany and earned his Industrial Engineering Degree in Germany. Kessler worked as a contractor in the Helmand Province in Afghanistan before this deployment to Kuwait. His wife, Megan, is at home taking care of their 4 children.

Soldiers that are interested in being qualified as a linguist in the Army, can attend the Defense Language Institute. The DLI is the Department of Defense's primary language school and provides linguistic and cultural instruction in over 40 different languages in courses that range from 24-64 weeks in length. However, if a Soldier is already proficient in what the DoD considers a strategic foreign language, they can take the Defense Language Proficiency Test to prove their knowledge and they may be eligible for the Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus.

Soldiers who are interested in learning Spanish or Hebrew should get in contact with Kessler and/or Moreno for more information.



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## MWR/USO Events

**Families**– your Soldiers do have fun stuff they can participate in at Camp Buehring!

**Soldiers**– use this guide for your after duty time

**The United Through Reading Military Program** – Soldiers have a unique opportunity to reach home to their children. Each Soldier can choose a free book to send home to their child, write in a personal message, and record a free 30 minute video (privately and behind closed door) to send home along with the book. The selection of books covers an age range up through the middle school reading level. Soldiers can participate in this activity once daily; the book and video are mailed home to the family at no charge. Soldiers- take full advantage of this chance to reach out and encourage your child to read, historically document your time in service, and touch your family by video and voice!

Other events...

- Visit the USO-Camp Buehring Facebook page or visit the share drive (<file:///I:\0.230.0.15\BRNG-Share\MWREvents\CBMIR.htm>) to view The Camp Buehring Mirage newsletter for a complete listing of all September events
- Weekly movies are available from 0700-0100 daily.
- Entertainment events like concerts and comedy acts are featured monthly at the MWR Stage
- The Oasis, MWR Palms, and Udairi Center are all 24 hour facilities that offer a wide variety of activities to include video games, television, poker, Bingo, trivia, Texas Hold-Em, dancing, and much more. These centers and all they have to offer will be featured in upcoming issues of the newsletter
- The 7 on 7 soccer leagues will be held from 31AUG12 to 09OCT12, games will be at 1800 at the MWR football field
- 5K fun runs are scheduled every Wednesday at 0500, at the Green Bean (next to the MWR Stage). The runs are timed and offer an excellent opportunity for fitness, building endurance for the APFT run, and building esprit de corps
- Monthly 5K t-shirt runs are offered
- The aerobics tent (near the main gym) offers daily classes to include Yoga, Muay Thai, Zumba, Insanity, and more.
- Camel rides are scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1730, the next scheduled ride date is 16SEPT12

The Camp Buehring Geo Ed Center can be reached at [GRP.BRNG\\_EdCnt@kuwait.swa.army.mil](mailto:GRP.BRNG_EdCnt@kuwait.swa.army.mil). They offer a wide variety of classes, we recommend the LSEI-Leadership Skills – MTHR 1174 Time Management. This two weekend class is focused on senior leadership and the Soldier will leave the class with a lot of leadership ability and one college credit hour



The Butler Brothers, the Charbonneaus, the Millers and the Acostas



The Praise and Worship band, CAPO2.



Battalion Unit Movement Officers



HSC, Alpha and Charlie Soldiers putting up a sun shade