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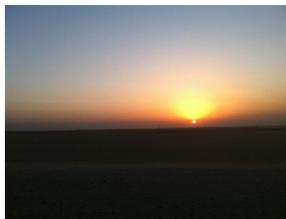
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Promotions:

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Hello All, it is September!! Sorry, I struggled watching the calendar get to September after writing my August newsletter, so I am a little excited the September write up is due. I hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable Labor Day weekend and had a chance to spend it with family and friends. I also hope everyone had a chance to reflect on September 11th, a very tragic day in the United States, this generations' Pearl Harbor. The MWR and Chaplains put together a remembrance ceremony for everyone that was very nice. We all remember that day in our own special way.

What has WORKHORSE done since last month? Well, we moved more Soldiers into better housing, continued to change office space and equipment from the 1204th to the 935th, fixed many, many broken vehicles and aircraft; pumped many, many gallons of JP8 into Army Aircraft; made sure the Brigade can communicate via many different communication devices and the Staff has processed many, many pieces of paperwork to make sure the Companies can complete their mission. Our second, and final, shipment of military equipment has arrived, and with this critical equipment on the ground, we can now get those final areas set up and be 100% operational. We have very busy Soldiers, but they are still able to find time to relax and participate in Kick Ball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Push-up competitions, Pull-up competitions and 5K runs. Camp Buehring and our WORKHORSE Soldiers LOVE 5K runs! Not me, but they do!

On a more serious note, we took time off to discuss Suicide Prevention. The Army chose the month of September as Suicide Prevention Month, so Chaplain Brown set up a great program with all the Camp Buehring Offices that deal with situations like this. If any Soldier or family member feels someone is in danger, please let us know so we can help. Even one Soldier or Family member is one too many to lose to suicide, so having this block of instruction is key to keeping a healthy unit and family.

Ok, lets lighten this up a little bit. This deployment gives Soldiers many opportunities to go to Military Training Courses and College Courses. They just have to work it around their mission schedule, which can easily be accomplished. Many Soldiers are taking full advantage of this opportunity. We have identified over 50 Soldiers for the Warrior Leaders Course (WLC). WLC is a training course taken by Specialist and Sergeants before they can get promoted to Staff Sergeant. WLC is hard to get in the States, so having the course here is a GREAT benefit.

I want to extend my thanks to the Family Readiness Group leaders back in MO, IL and SD that keep families back home informed and involved. We sent a big THANK YOU to Becky Fels, Colleen Dorsey and Crystal Richards in MO; Colleen Trevizo in IL, and Tammy Gross in SD. These ladies are key for information flow to and from families and the WORKHORSE Battalion appreciates everything you do!

Morale of the WORKHORSE Soldiers is still very strong! Don't forget to send care packages to your Soldier's, I know they love getting them! Remember the Family Assistance Center Specialist and the Family Readiness Coordinators at the 35th CAB HQ in Sedalia, Joplin and Springfield. The REAR DETACHMENT Soldiers at each Armory are also contacts for you and they can get you sent in the right direction. Oh yeah, we are on facebook at 935th Aviation Support Battalion posting all the great things happening for the WORKHORSE Battalion!

I will say this every month because it worth repeating, the Soldiers of the 935th 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 in October.

WORKHORSE!



CSM Javier R. Acosta

Families of the 935th, your Soldiers have accomplished so much it's a wonder to watch. Their transition from working those weekends at drill to doing it full time has been almost seamless. They are mastering new skills in managing and problem solving; it's what makes them great. I can assure you your Soldiers will not be the same when they return, there is a new swagger in their step, being proud comes easy.

Our work spaces and billets or tents have taken some getting used to, and I'm sure we would prefer the greener pastures of home but what we do over here secures your well-being. Knowing your safe and doing well sharpens our focus. Some of your Soldiers certainly weren't expecting the ebb and flow to our operations, however they have adapted well just like real troopers. Your men and women have come together to provide a great start to our roles in the Combat Aviation Brigade.

As you've been told the weather here is very extreme. Lately the days have been peeking around 110 but the biggest nuisance is the almost weekly dust storm. It's not your run of the mill dust blowing, sometimes you can't make out what's twenty feet beyond your nose. Soldiers have to walk around with glasses or goggles and stuff pulled up over their faces to breathe. It's great if you're a lizard. No worries though, if you want to be alone just go outside during a dust storm you'll have the bench to yourself.

Write your Soldiers often, tell them the truth always.



September Soldier of the Month– SPC Nicholas Spence, Charlie Company

SPC Spence is 25 S (Satellite Communication Systems Operator) for Charlie Company, 935th ASB and is instrumental in the Satellite Terminal Trailer operations (STT). This piece of equipment is a very important piece on the operation of the Command Post Node operation (CPN). SPC Spence is from Kansas City, Missouri and joined the Missouri National Guard in May of 2010. He attended basic training in August 2010 at Fort Jackson, SC and then completed 25S training in June of 2011. SPC Spence then reported to 35th ID in St. Joe, MO to begin his drilling status with the Missouri National Guard. He drilled with 35th ID until April 2012 when he was transferred to Charlie Company, 935th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) for the 935th's upcoming deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Spence deployed with Charlie Company, 935th ASB in May 2012 and is currently serving with the unit in Kuwait.

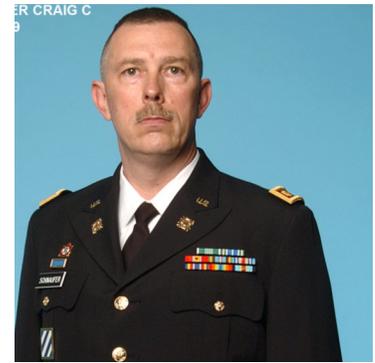
He competed with several other Soldiers in the Brigade and was selected as the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Warrior of the month for the month of August, due to his outstanding and tireless efforts to the continued operations of his assigned equipment when mechanical issues arose. SPC Spence spent many extra hours troubleshooting and tracing down the problem.

SPC Spence was a maintenance engineer for KC Hopps prior to this deployment. He has one brother and seven sisters back at home. His father is Terry Spence and his mothers is Stephanie Wales. SPC Spence is going to return to college at The University of Missouri in Columbia and will be studying Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science upon his return.



MAJ Craig Schnauer

I recently cleaned out some of the email from my AKO account, and found messages that I have kept since my first deployment in '03. I only have a small amount of email simply due to the nature of our deployment, the environment in which we operated, and the availability, or lack thereof, of the hardware necessary to send and receive email. I had to go to the SAMS-E operator's office in the back of a 129 van, which is essentially a semi-trailer with some cabinets and make shift tables in it, and use the laptop that belonged to the NCOIC, when it was available. He was nice enough to allow me to use it, although it was not very reliable and more frustrating than anything else, but I appreciated the chance to communicate with home.



Reading some of my correspondence from back then reminded me of how unreliable the connection and the internet service in general was, as we were in the middle of the desert and operating off of satellite signal which had a significant demand on bandwidth to begin with. I wrote several messages that never even got sent because of the system, which only added to the frustration of the situation. At that point, we had already been out of contact with family back home for the majority of two months, and we all looked forward to improved communications assets and availability. All of this is meant to provide some illustration of how good we have it now, in things like communication with home. Our Soldiers can talk with someone back home with almost no inconvenience and extremely reliable service, any time night or day. For those who have a laptop, there is the opportunity to Skype, which is really pretty wonderful to see your friends and family even if the signal is not always perfect. We have email opportunity everywhere you look, and it's as reliable as if we were at the Armory back home. Then of course, there is the postal service and it's as reliable as ever for those who are not afraid to sit down and write the old fashioned way.

So, I am very thankful that I can keep in touch with my family, and actually see my kids and now my grandson fairly often. I know how bad things can be, and I haven't even begun to paint a true picture of how lacking our infrastructure was in early '03. Those who were there know the value of hearing from family back home, and the frustration when that contact is nearly non-existent or extremely unreliable. Even though we have such readily available, reliable contact with home, a card or letter is still a great thing that cannot be replaced. If you have someone deployed, please make the time to write once in a while to let them know that you care. It is no stretch to say that it does make a big difference to know that someone cares enough to write.

We are doing well as a Battalion, and morale is high. That morale can be significantly reinforced by the quality of interaction with those whom we care about back home. That communication is a two way street though, and unit leadership should be advised if there is ever a problem or significant change in the communication being received from one of our Soldiers. Thank you for all you do back home that makes it possible for all of us to do our jobs very far from home for extended periods. Take care and God bless.

Chaplain Clifford Brown

Another month has come to a close, so rip that page off the calendar...it feels much better than you might think. My newsletter focus this month is going to be on my assistant, SPC Joshua Schwartz. Many of you do not know him or what an assistant does but hopefully this will enlighten a bit. Josh has been my assistant for almost two years now. His primary job is to protect me in times of danger and to support the troops in their spiritual journeys, moral challenges, and life issues. He does this by supporting the work I do and contributing necessary skills and abilities that he uniquely possesses. His nickname is "black Hebrew" because Schwartz means black in German and he is Jewish. He is a thinker and a question asker. He likes to try and dissect thoughts and statements, forcing people to know why they believe what they believe. Though his job is not as clearly defined or easily measured by typical scales, Josh continues to do the work asked of him, usually with a smile and a positive demeanor. I am fortunate to have him as my assistant.



Earlier this month Josh was awarded his first Army Achievement Medal for his selfless work in preparation for and presentation of a practice Memorial Ceremony at Fort Hood. He put in many hours to ensure the ceremony was flawless and he did all this just a few days after having his appendix removed. This event was important to our ministry team and the unit validation process. The effort proved even more valuable when Josh was able to assist another unit here in Kuwait with an actual memorial ceremony. Within a few hours, Josh prepared materials needed and helped talk through the steps that made the ceremony run more smoothly.

As far as assistants go, I couldn't ask for a better one. If you ever get the chance to thank SPC Schwartz for his work, please do so. It is invaluable to me and I believe it would be to you as well if you could see how much he impacts you and your Soldiers.

Stay strong and stay close,
Chaplain Clifford Brown

CPT Casey B. Steiner



1SG Joseph C. Dorsey



To the families, friends, and Soldiers of HSC: September has been a busy month! The weather, while still plenty warm, no longer feels like an oven. The sun has started dipping below the horizon a little sooner each day, which is a welcome change indeed.

HSC was honored this month with multiple awards and three promotions: SGT Harold Sartin added a rocker and is now SSG Sartin. He is a strong asset to our Maintenance platoon and it was very rewarding to formally acknowledge his capability and further potential for even greater things to come. Also this month, 2LT Zachary Kral, Assistant S4, and 2LT Brittany Adair, Medical Officer and UPAR, lost their butter bars and are the newest ILTs in the Brigade! Congratulations to our newly promoted Soldiers.

We conducted some readiness exercises this month that tested both our Soldiers and our equipment. HSC continues to build and improve on already capable teams, sections, and platoons. Our Soldiers are spending a lot of time working out, getting stronger, faster, and in better condition as the weeks pass. Each day seems to bring some new situation, and everyone has done a great job meeting and exceeding those challenges.

Thanks to all the families and great Americans who have supported Soldiers over here with mail and care packages. Each bit of mail is eagerly anticipated and very appreciated. Mail is great for keeping our spirits high, please keep it up! Our Soldiers want their families, friends, and fellow Soldiers back home to know that they are missed. The Mustangs will continue to work hard to accomplish our missions over here, so that we can ride home proudly and be with our loved ones at home again.

MUSTANGS LEAD THE WAY!!!



1LT Matthew M. Holmes

**A-Team!**

1SG Gregory L. Lowe



We've been here a month, and already Alpha Company has left its mark on Camp Buehring. As I told you last month, our first priority was establishing our "hot" FARP. We accomplished this mission, all the while making significant improvements on the site and operations. I could not be prouder of the Soldiers that came here to Kuwait. Consistently giving their all to the mission, they are truly an inspiring group. A CO's families should be extremely proud of their Soldiers and the work that they've done and are continuing to do.

In keeping with this theme, I'm highlighting the soldiers that we've recognized so far this month. We've had two promotions: Brady Cossey and Jesse Miller were both promoted to specialist (E-4). We also recognized two soldiers for their PT performance. The Physical Fitness Excellence Badge is awarded to soldiers who have scored at least a 90 in the three Army Physical Fitness Test: the pushup, situp, and two mile run. Both SSG Connie Bayless and SPC Sarah Miller achieved this during our May APFT, and were awarded the badge this month.

We were proud to award three Army Achievement Medals (AAM) to some of our soldiers as well. SGT Ryan Joy received his AAM for achieving excellence while attending 92W school. SGT Derek Tippets received his for deftly handling a blown tire in his MRAP, a large and heavy tactical truck, preventing a rollover and ensuring the safety of the Soldiers in his vehicle. Lastly, SSG Connie Bayless was awarded an AAM for her dedication and diligence in the training and preparation of our fuel section at Ft. Hood during our Pre-Mobilization training.

Lieutenant General Brooks, ARCENT and 3rd Army Commander, visited Camp Buehring earlier this month, and toured the flight facilities. SPC Nathan Peabody represented Alpha Company and our FARP. For his efforts and dedication to the mission, SPC Peabody was presented with and received a 3rd Army/ARCENT coin from LTG Brooks. The giving of coins is a long standing Army tradition, used by leaders to highlight outstanding Soldiers.

All in all, the unit is performing beyond anybody's expectations and we will continue to drive forward and accomplish our mission. Thank you for all the support from home!



MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger



1SG Brian L. Boyer



Greetings !

We had some promotions to SGT (E-5): SGT Johnson, J., SGT Knowles and SGT Mattocks, SPC (E-4): SPC Cordes, SPC Granzow, SPC Lappe and SPC Marzec, and PFC (E-3): PFC Aitken and PFC La Barre. We have a large number of soldiers participating on MWR runs, Cross Fit and Insanity. There was a good turnout in participation for the base talent show. Look out America's Got Talent! We've started to pick up the pace with aircraft maintenance and additional duties around base. Everyone keep up the good work!



2LT Edward A. Maidment



1SG Charles D. Holt



This month we have been asked to write about the awards and promotions that our soldiers have received since we began the deployment. I am very happy to report that we have had a number of soldiers who have done excellent work in the last five months. We also have the potential for many more before we come home. C CO soldiers are taking advantage of some great opportunities that simply are not readily available at home.

C CO has three soldiers who received the Army Physical Fitness Award. This is an award that is given to any soldier who scores at least 90 points on each event in the Physical Fitness Test. SPC Jessica Smith, SGT Robert Pollock, and SPC Nicholas Spence each received this award because of their excellent performance on the Test in May. SPC Smith scored a perfect 300 points and received the Army Achievement Medal.

SGT Thomason was picked to be C CO's Unit Movement Officer, charged for moving every piece of company and personal equipment that came to Kuwait with us. Typically the soldier with this additional duty goes through a special course and has a long period to plan. SGT Thomason had neither of these advantages but performed excellent work, nonetheless. He was ahead of the game in almost every aspect. For his untiring efforts SGT Thomason received the Army Commendation Medal.

SSG Donald Johnson was activated with C CO as the Supply Sergeant. We want to recognize the exceptional work he has done because he has been made the Supply Sergeant for both A CO and C CO. He continues to show us his capabilities in making sure that all property is accounted for and making sure every soldier has what they need. We feel that A CO is lucky we can share him with them.

In the coming months C CO soldiers have the opportunity to take advantage of professional training and education in multiple disciplines. The Army Central Signal University (SIG-U) is available for them to receive training for more than a dozen Information Technology certifications. There are even opportunities to have the tests associated with these courses paid for by the Army, which can save the Soldier hundreds of dollars. Several Soldiers are in the process of signing up for college classes with the University of Maryland, taught here and online. These courses are provided free of charge to the Soldier.

Army professional development is something that can be hard for Guard Soldiers to schedule in civilian life. A Warrior Leadership Course (WLC) is offered here and SGT Scott Banuelos is scheduled to begin WLC this month. We anticipate being able to send several soldiers to this course, which is one requirement for promotion to Staff Sergeant.

This has already been a good deployment for C CO and we anticipate there being many opportunities for our Soldiers to excel. We are looking forward to reporting how everyone is doing in the future.



S-1: 1LT River Tene, SFC Heather Olson, SSG Joel Lemaster, SSG Robert Cross, SPC Amelia Nkosi, SPC Jessica Borgstadt

The 935th ASB S-1 section provides human resource (HR) support to the Soldiers within the battalion, to include HSC, A CO, B CO, and C CO. FM 1-0 describes the four HR Core Competencies; man the force, provide HR services, coordinate personnel support, and conduct HR planning and operations. Manning the force is largely focused on personnel accountability and strength reporting (PASR), personnel readiness, and information management. HR services cover a large variety of essential personnel services, postal operations, and casualty operations. Personnel support is coordinated by the S-1 section through managing functions and events such as Morale/Welfare/Recreation (MWR), coordination of Army Band operations, and any command interest projects. Lastly, HR planning and operations is part of all Army missions.

In Kuwait, the S-1 section Officer in Charge (OIC) is 1LT Tene and the Personnel Services Non-Commissioned Officer (PSNCO) is SFC Olson. 1LT Tene joined the Missouri Army National Guard (MOARNG) as a PFC, 15P10 flight operations specialist. She later completed the Officer Candidate School (OCS) program and was commissioned as a quartermaster officer in 2006. At 1st Attack, she acted as a 111/V platoon leader and then assumed the acting command of E CO, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB). She attended Officer Basic Course (OBC) and became an ordnance officer and was laterally transferred to the 935th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB); there she re-branched to become an adjutant general (AG) officer and attended the Captains Career Course (CCC) to become a qualified 42B00. 1LT Tene did her undergraduate work at Columbia College. Within the S-1 section, 1LT Tene is primarily responsible for order and discipline, coordinating with the medical staff and chaplain, officer evaluations/promotions/officer related reporting, reporting to the higher chain of command and coordinating with company commands.

SFC Olson has been a Soldier in the National Guard for 17 years. She is qualified as a 92Y (Supply Specialist), 92A (Automated Logistics Specialist), 92F (Fuel Handler), and 42A (Human Resource Specialist) and is the full time PSNCO of the 935th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) S-1 section. She came to the 935th from the 1107th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD) and then served as the HSC training NCO before transferring to the battalion S-1 position. SFC Olson is responsible for managing the S-1 section, scheduling, battle rhythms, managing workloads, reports, maintaining and developing leader/continuity books, personnel asset inventories, deployment manning documents, database reporting, and tracking the section's progress.

The S-1 human resources team (HRTM) is managed by SSG LeMaster and staffed by SPC Borgstadt. SSG LeMaster joined the HSC, 935th ASB after managing the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP), and was previously a percussionist in the Army Band. SPC Borgstadt is a cross-leveled 42A10 from 1st Attack. The HR team is service related and often work directly with companies and Soldiers. Their team directly addresses Soldiers' issues. Their area of responsibility includes: Enlisted Promotion system (EPS), promotions, awards, discharges, counseling, flags, letters of commendation, MWR, postal, band support, leave/pass, pay, entitlements, extensions, identification tags, Common Access Cards (CAC), DEERS/RAPIDS for Soldiers and families, Red Cross message processing, Soldiers' iPERMS historical records, enlisted records brief and officer records brief (ERB/ORB), civilian employment information (CEI), and maintaining HR communication systems.

The S-1 personnel readiness team (PRTM) is managed by SSG Cross and staffed by SPC Nkosi. SSG Cross is a full-time BN staff member. He joined the 935th after working at State HQ where he managed the MOARNG veterans' services department and previously worked in recruiting. SPC Nkosi was cross-leveled as an administrative fill from the State J-1. The PR team's role is more hidden as they often work on background research, training, support the other sections, and provide technical expertise to the S-1 section. Their responsibilities include standing operating procedures (SOPs), annexes for operations orders (OPORDs), fragmentary orders (FRAGOs), tracking boards, training, databases, coordinating external HR support with higher, casualty ops, line of duty investigation support (LODs), duty status changes, Soldier readiness processing (SRP plans), managing DD Form 93 records of emergency data, SGLI life insurance documents, Personnel Qualification Records (PQRs), Unit Manning Reports (UMRs), Equal Opportunity reporting, Global Assessment Tool management, rating schemes, and Non-Commissioned Officer Evaluation Reports.

The S-1 section has been working tirelessly on the Kuwaiti deployment, long before the deployment began for the main body. In short, the S-1 section is passionate about getting Soldiers issues solved, supporting careers, and taking care of family related needs. We would like to add a special mention to all of our children; 1LT Tene's daughter Raven, SFC Olson's children Jordan and Brock, SSG LeMaster's children Kennedy and Christian, SSG Cross' children Hallie, Madilynn, Emilie, and Alexzander, and SPC Nkosi's daughter Temwa. Our work directly affects the careers and recognition of Soldiers and that is what the S-1 section is about... the 935th ASB BN Soldier.



935th ASB Patch Ceremony

ILT Brittany Adair

Soldiers in the 935th Aviation Support Battalion have officially joined the ranks of combat soldiers who have selflessly served to protect the freedoms of our Great Nation. All soldiers in the Army are required to wear the patch of their higher headquarters on their left upper sleeve in the Army Combat Uniform (ACU), which is known as a shoulder sleeve insignia (SSI). Once a Soldier has served in support of designated military operations overseas, they have earned the right to wear a shoulder sleeve insignia on their upper right sleeve. This is known as the "combat patch". Soldiers in the 935th Aviation Support Battalion and their higher headquarters, the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade, recently conducted their Patch Ceremony at Camp Buehring on 26 August 2012. Although many Soldiers in our formation have honorably served overseas prior to this deployment, the Patch Ceremony is still a prestigious event, for both the individual Soldier and the entire unit.

The entire Battalion formed up on the Udairi Army Airfield at Camp Buehring, with a UH-60 Blackhawk, AH-64 Apache and a HEMTT (Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck) fueller in the background. Under the narration of Mister Lieber from Bravo Company, COL Mark McLemore and CSM Vogel began the event by placing the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade unit patch on the right arm sleeve of their Battalion counterparts, LTC Roger Bodenschatz and CSM Javier Acosta. They in turn had the honor to patch their Company Commanders and First Sergeants of all four companies. The company First Sergeants then proceeded to place the 35th CAB patch on the right shoulder of their squad leaders, who then turned to the Soldier on their left and proceeded with the same action. This continued throughout the formation until every Soldier in the 935th Aviation Support Battalion had a combat patch placed on their right shoulder sleeve.

The shoulder sleeve insignia is generally believed to have originated in 1918 during World War II, with the 81st Infantry Division "Wildcats". It is a time honored tradition that the Soldiers of the 935th Aviation Support Battalion have already earned with their dedication to the completion of our mission and their loyalty to one another.



If there is something you would like to see in the 935th Newsletter, please send an email to 2LT Brittany Adair at workhorseupar@gmail.com

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WORKHORSE



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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

SI MWR Report...Featured Activity: Our very own 935th ASB Soldiers have organized a weekly volleyball game next to the MWR gym at 2000 every Friday. The games are a friendly way to have fun, meet Soldiers from the other companies, and get some exercise in the process. This sounds like a win/win/win opportunity for all. If you don't want to play at least come join the audience for an opportunity to socialize and cheer!

- Visit the USO-Camp Buehring Facebook page or visit the share drive to view The Camp Buehring Mirage newsletter for a complete listing of all September and October events
- Hispanic Heritage Month – Activities and celebrations will be scheduled from 15SEPT-15OCT
- Classic Movie Mondays at the MWR Stage – every Monday in October @1900
- 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.
- Oktoberfest – 6 OCT MWR Stage @1800
- The 7 on 7 soccer leagues will be held from 31AUG12 to 09OCT12, games will be at 1800 at the MWR football field
- 10 mile run – Sunday 21OCT12 at 0600. Registration begins at 0400 near the MWR stage
- Camp Buehring's Zombie Apocalypse 5K – 31 OCT 1900 by the Green Bean
- The aerobics tent (near the main gym now offers spinning classes M-TH 0600-0700. A variety of daily schedules include Yoga, Muay Thai, Zumba, Insanity, Hapkido and more
- Zumbathon for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – MWR Stage @1900
- Camel rides are scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1730, the next scheduled ride date is 21OCT12
- The Camp Buehring Geo Ed Center can be reached at GRP.BRNG_EdCnt@kuwait.swa.army.mil

CAMP BUEHRING VOTING WEEK – 27SEPT12 thru 04OCT12

The 2012 Presidential election season is right around the corner. In the decade leading up to the current election, an increase of overseas contingency operations has been correlated with an increased role of deployed Soldiers and National Guard veterans who have been fully participating through voting or running for office in elections. In 2012, dozens of veterans have entered into elections and use politics as a way to continue serving their country in a different manner. A recent issue of Stars and Stripes reported that several battle-tested women; National Guards-women in fact, have entered into the political realm in their retirements. Examples of the current female veterans running for office include Tammy Duckworth (Illinois) who previously served the Army National guard in Iraq, Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) a veteran of the Army National Guard, and Martha McSally (Arizona) the first woman to fly a fighter aircraft in combat. This trend represents great progress from the days that the Army National Guard Soldiers were underutilized in the defense of their nation. All National Guard Soldiers should be proud of their extensive contribution and representation in the fight; as well as, their growing participation in serving the public after retirement. The importance of each and every National Guard Member's contribution to the current conflicts cannot be denied; and each Soldier in the 935th ASB is challenged to recognize the importance of their VOTE in the upcoming election...

Here is how YOU can help:

- Spread the word that voting week is coming and that it's not too late to go on the FVAP website and register/request a ballot.
- See your company voting assistant to get help requesting a ballot. The BN Voting Assistant POCs are 1LT Tene and SPC Nkosi (824-4031). Company voting assistants:
 - HSC – SGT Caringer
 - A CO – SGT Charbonneau
 - B CO – 1LT Petrella
 - C CO – SPC Smith, C.

If you fail to receive your official ballot by voting week see a representative to fill out a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), voter's declaration form, blank security envelope, and outer envelope (provided by the Camp Buehring Post Office)

Presidential candidates Barack Obama/Joe Biden (Democratic) vs Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan (Republican)
The official election date is 06NOV12

VOTE! – Mail voting ballots by mail (inside of post office not in exterior drop boxes) NLT 06OCT12