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Commander's Column

By Col. David Sutherland
3rd BCT Commander

GREY WOLF,

As we transition from RSOI activities in Kuwait to RIP TOA with 3rd Brigade, 4th ID, I want you to remember force protection is vital to our success. We face an enemy who is capable of adapting and rapidly changing their tactics based on our TTPs. It is our job to keep our enemy in check and guessing. We cannot be predictable; they will capitalize if we become complacent.

We must maintain situational awareness at all times and be proactive not reactive. Take time to prepare before any patrol. Preparation is essential to mitigating risks. Use patrol briefs to keep your Soldiers focused. Use debriefs to AAR your actions. Do not compromise safety or force protection. Never rush or assume risk when preparing to leave the FOB. Lack of time is not an excuse for poor preparation. This is an NCO run brigade. I expect nothing less than the highest of standards.

Remember the reason we are here—to

help the people of Iraq rebuild their country. The Iraqi people are the center of gravity for our operations. Be patient and understanding of their culture. This is critical to our success. Respect for the Iraqis and their way of life builds relationships. Relationships, not bullets will ultimately defeat the enemy in the long term.

Know that I'm proud of you and I'm looking forward to yet another successful Greywolf mission.

Be safe and God Speed.

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'Hooah' Corner

By Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt
3rd BCT CSM

DISCIPLINE: The prompt obedience to orders, or the initiation of appropriate action in the absence of orders

Does that definition define your actions? Have you taken the "appropriate" action in the absence of orders?

DUTY: The Army Leadership Manual defines duty as fulfilling your obligations. It uses a quotation from a former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army to enhance that definition: "The essence of duty is to act with or without orders based on what you know to be morally and professionally right." — Gen. John Wickam, CSA.

The concept of discipline and duty both obligate a Soldier to follow orders and do the right thing. Both concepts obligate a Soldier to demonstrate initiative. To do more than required, to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Discipline is a combat multiplier. The actions of competent, confident, disciplined Grey Wolf Soldiers will speak louder than words. Your discipline will resonate to friend and foe like professionalism.

The enemy looks for weakness, show him NONE! He looks for the lamb, not the wolf. Be the wolf; be a Grey Wolf!

Personal protection equipment provides the American Soldier unprecedented protection against enemy fire. Our Soldiers wear it not only for their personal protection but to ensure mission accomplishment. It keeps Soldiers in the fight, it makes us a stronger team,

and it helps us "get 'er dun."

The enforcement of personal protection equipment is non-negotiable. I expect NCOs to enforce the standard. I expect Soldiers to make their jobs easy by disciplining themselves to adhere to standards as professionals. That allows leaders to concentrate on leader decision – looking out, looking ahead, not looking in or back.

These concepts also tie into safety. It is a proven fact that most "accidents" occur when a known discipline is violated. Driving too fast, violating the three-points-of-contact rule, short cutting known SOPs.

We as leaders brief safety to our Soldiers constantly, the enforcement of discipline is also an enforcement of safety. Leaders who enforce discipline and Soldiers who exercise it have fewer "accidents."

The net result is less injury, less lost time, more Soldiers present for duty to accomplish the mission.

As we link up with our comrades from the "All American" 82nd Airborne Division, the "Tropic Lightning" 25th Infantry Division or the Iraqi Security Forces, let us "Live the Legend" and carry on the heritage of the CAV and do our predecessors proud.

If I can't count on you to do the right thing when no one is watching, then I can't count on you.

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Contact Your Soldier

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB Warhorse
APO AE 09336

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB Paliwoda
APO AE 09391

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB Caldwell
APO AE 09324

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB O'Ryan
APO AE 09391

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB Normandy
APO AE 09324

Full Name
Full Unit
LSA Anaconda
APO AE 09391

Full Name
Full Unit
FOB Gabe
APO AE 09336

Full Name
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APO AE 09324

'Grey Wolf' Soldiers Upgrade Vehicles

By Pfc. Ben Fox
3rd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – As preparation to move forward into Iraq, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division equipped their vehicles in one of the same ways a Soldier gears up to leave for a mission – armor.

Like a Soldier, the vehicles the brigade brought from Fort Hood were being covered with personal protective equipment, also called up-armor, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait Oct. 9.

“Without the armor, (the vehicles) would be more susceptible to (improvised explosive devices) and small arms fire,” said Pfc. Matt Wheeler, Company B, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, who worked with other Soldiers and civilian contractors to attach the armor to palletized loading systems.

The skin of the vehicle is thin and the armor adds the extra protection Soldiers need, said Wheeler, a native of Lynnwood, Wash.

Upgrading the armor on the vehicles is time consuming, said Wheeler, but it is necessary for the safety of the troops who will be riding in them.

Sgt. Edmund Casebeer, who worked on the vehicles with Wheeler, said the armor not only increases protection, but confidence in his own safety.

“I feel more protected in it,” he said.

“Anything you can do to make your vehicle a little bit safer is worth it,” said Pvt. Greg Giordano, a native of Tunnersville, N.J., who put armor on palletized loading systems with Wheeler and Casebeer.

Giordano hasn't deployed before, but said he has been told sto-



Photo by Pfc. Ben Fox, 3BCT Public Affairs

Pfc. Matt Wheeler, native to Lynnwood, Wash., and Pvt. Greg Giordano, a native of Tunnersville, N.J., Company B, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division attach armor to the front of a palletized loading system at Camp Buehring Kuwait, Oct. 9.

ries about how armor has prevented Soldiers harm from explosions.

Another Soldier has had first hand experience. Spc. Steven Mercado, native to Cressin, Texas, said he has seen the armor hold up under small arms fire, and the only damage the vehicle received was “a couple of dings and missing paint.”

Even though he has only seen the armor in a small arms fire situation, Giordano said judging by the thickness of the armor “it could probably withstand a lot.”

Useful Iraqi Phrases

How are you?
Ishlonak?

On the cover ...



The “Grey Wolf” command team cases the brigade’s colors in a ceremony at Ft. Hood, Sept. 28. The ceremony symbolizes the brigade’s deployment.

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PSD Fine Tunes Soldier Skills

Story, Photos By Pfc. Ben Fox
3rd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – The brigade command sergeant major waited patiently for his Personal Security Detachment to arrive. He was about to attend a graduation ceremony for the Iraqi Police.

A Soldier from Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt's brigade, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, arrived and escorted him to a vehicle waiting just outside of the door. The vehicle was part of a convoy that took him to the ceremony.

When the convoy arrived, the detachment dismounted and escorted the Felt to the ceremony. As he and his security approached the graduates, a man with a rifle appeared from a crowd, aiming his weapon at the Soldiers.

Immediately, the PSD Soldiers closest to Felt reacted and ran him back to the convoy, shielding his back with their bodies. The others with the detachment returned fire and bounded back to their vehicles as more enemies began to show themselves.

Felt's vehicle took off, followed by another vehicle in the convoy responsible for providing security.

The Soldiers in the fire fight broke contact, loaded their vehicles and rallied with the rest of the PSD.

After they regrouped, the PSD escorted



Soldiers with the PSD clear a room during a situational training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 7.



Soldiers from the Personal Security Detachment escort the brigade's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt, to safety during a training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 7.

Felt back to where they started. On the way, an improvised explosive device detonated near the convoy.

The detachment dismounted and half pulled security while the other half surrounded Felt and rushed him to a building close by. After the room was cleared, Felt was hurried into the room.

After the excitement was over, Felt walked 50 meters back to the building he started from to repeat the process over again — this time with live rounds.

The entire ordeal was a situational training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 7, meant to sharpen the skills of the brigade's PSD in the areas of marksmanship, close quarters combat, room clearing, offensive driving and the protection of a principle, said Staff Sgt. Jeff Young, a native of Lockhart, Texas.

Young said the group has done this training before, but this was "the more advanced side of it."

Spc. Tim Sweeza, a native of Zillah, Wash., said this training was among the best he had ever received.

"This sharpened all of our skills," said Sweeza.

Aside from knowing their own jobs, Sweeza said they are also familiar with each others jobs.

"If anything goes wrong, we know what to do and how to react to it in the professional way we have trained," he said.

Pfc. Lazaro Dominguez, a native of Tucson, Ariz., said the training helped him to build trust in his team and vice versa. With the exercise, the team was able to iron out any inconsistency they had before moving forward into a combat zone.

Felt, after the exercise was complete, said the way his Soldiers performed in the training exercise "validates my confidence" in the PSD, who will be protecting him during future missions in Iraq.



PSD Soldiers pull security while the rest of their detachment move the brigade's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt to a safe area.

'Grey Wolf' Soldier First in Division to Re-up Downrange

By Sgt. Serena Hayden
3rd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – Having only five days “boots on ground,” the first 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Soldier raised his right hand and swore the oath of re-enlistment while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Oct. 5.

Sgt. 1st Class Angel Lozada, 3rd BCT fire support sergeant and native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, re-enlisted in a ceremony in the “Grey Wolf” motorpool at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, a transition location for the brigade as they continue to train and prepare for their upcoming missions.

Surrounded by fellow Soldiers from Headquarters Company, Lozada said he wished his family could be present, but was thankful to be with his “Army family” – his brothers and sisters that will fight with him and next to him during the brigade’s deployment.

Lozada, who has been married for six years and has three children, said he re-enlisted for his family and is comforted in the security he and his family have through the Army and the benefits it offers.

“My family is really important to me,” Lozada added.

“Even though I am here (deployed), I know my family is taken care of,” he added.

After serving about six years in the National Guard, Lozada switched to active duty with the intent of retiring from the service.

“I’m a Soldier for life,” he said. “That’s why I do what I do.”



Photo by Pfc. Ben Fox, 3BCT Public Affairs

Sgt. 1st Class Angel Lozada, Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, re-enlists at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 5. Lozada, a native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, is the first “Grey Wolf” Soldier to re-enlist during the unit’s current deployment.

After the oath of re-enlistment, the brigade command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald R. Felt, presented Lozada with a coin of excellence on behalf of Gen. Richard A. Cody, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

Cody gave Felt eight coins at the airfield before deployment, instructing him to present the coins to “deserving Soldiers,” Felt said.

Lozada received the first of eight coins for his re-enlistment.

When deciding who to present the coins

to, Felt said he decided to award the coin to the first eight Soldiers to re-enlist while deployed.

“They are re-enlisting again while we are at war,” Felt said, admiring the courage of our nation’s Soldiers, many who have joined or re-joined after Sept. 11, 2001.

Having served on active duty for 13 years, this is the last re-enlistment for Lozada as he continues to work toward his retirement goal.



'Grey Wolf' Retention Team

3 BCT Senior Counselor

3rd BSTB
1sr-12th CAV

215th BSB

3rd-8th CAV
6th-9th CAV

2nd-82nd FA

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Staff Sgt. Luis Carter

Staff Sgt. Jason Folmar

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Staff Sgt. Margaret Smothers

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Staff Sgt. Richard Erickson

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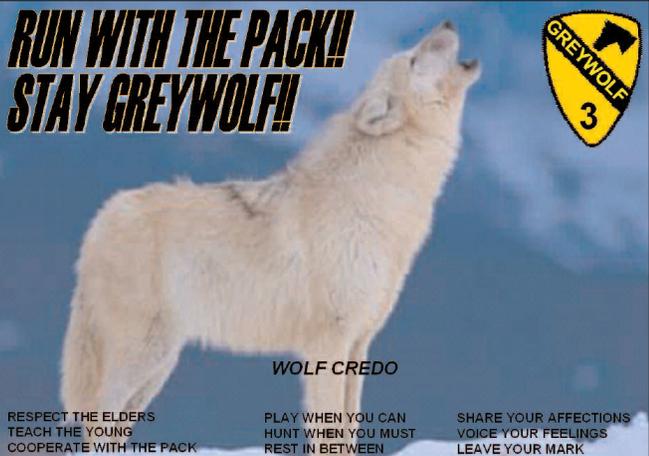
Staff Sgt. Daniel Beltran

WOLF CREDO

RESPECT THE ELDERS
TEACH THE YOUNG
COOPERATE WITH THE PACK

PLAY WHEN YOU CAN
HUNT WHEN YOU MUST
REST IN BETWEEN

SHARE YOUR AFFECTIONS
VOICE YOUR FEELINGS
LEAVE YOUR MARK



RUN WITH THE PACK!!
STAY GREYWOLF!!

Soldier on the FOB

What was your initial reaction when you arrived at Camp Buehring?



Spc. Alexis Merriweather
HHC, 215th BSB

“It looks a lot better than it did last time.”

Sgt. David Salaswat
Company F, 215th BSB

“It’s what I trained for.”



Sgt. Natisha Baylor
HHC, 3BCT

“There are more things for Soldiers to do so they can get their minds right before going to Iraq.”



Pfc. Justin Bronson
HHC, 215th BSB

“I thought it would be worse than it is. We came at a good time where it is not too hot or too cold.”



Sgt. Joshua Shick
Company A, 3rd-8th CAV

“I was shocked to find out we have barracks instead of tents.”



By Pfc. Ben Fox, 3BCT Public Affairs



Chaplain's Corner

In the Book of Jonah in the Holy Word, God calls upon the prophet Jonah to go to Nineveh, the capital of the country of Assyria, to call upon the people of Assyria to be free. In that case, long ago, to find freedom in the Lord. Today we are called to also travel to the same land, even in ancient Assyria there was a province of Diyala, to bring freedom to the descendants of the Assyrians. With God's blessing, Jonah succeeded, as we shall do as well.

You should be so proud of your Soldier — husbands, wives, sons, and daughters — all brought together here by the call of Nation and God. We miss you all and every Soldier with whom I speak talks lovingly of that family left behind; and because of that family is inspired to serve here to join with the Iraqis in bringing freedom and protecting our Nation as well. We trust in our call, we trust in our God, we trust in our leaders, we trust in our training, and most of all, we trust in each other — our band of brothers.

This same month, that in the Hundred Years War we saw the battle of Agincourt on St. Crispin's Day where King Henry V uttered the famous words, “We, a band of brothers...” has us conscience of the words of the Psalmist: “How blessed it is when brothers dwell together in unity.” And the firm confidence that this brotherhood made up of sisters and brothers at arms answering that call of God our Nation shall be blessed. Keep us in prayers as we do you. God bless you all!

Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Fenton
3BCT, 1CD Chaplain

Running With the Pack...

3BCT Troops Run Army Ten-Miler



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud, 3BCT Public Affairs

Sgt. Chris Sorum, the legal non-commissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, and a native of Helena, Mont., leads a small group of U.S. Army Soldiers during the half-way point of the Army Ten-Miler race at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 8.

'This is not Hollywood...'**Cav. Soldiers Face Realistic Medical Training**

By Spc. Ryan Stroud
3rd BCT Public Affairs

CAMP BUERHING, Kuwait — There is blood and bodies lying on the floor as Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, quickly maneuver around, trying desperately to save the lives of those in front of them.

Sweat runs down the faces of the Soldiers who are working together to check breathing airways, wounds, breaks and other injuries.

Time is of the essence.

While others might not know how to react, these Soldiers do. They are the "Grey Wolf" medics — professionals saving lives as they have been trained to do.

What looks like the scene of a high-budget Hollywood movie set is actually a Combat Medical Simulation Training classroom at Camp Buehring, Kuwait — an environment created so the Soldiers can fine tune their skills before they enter Iraq and are faced with real-life situations.

The dimly-lit room, covered with fake blood on the floor from the dummies used as training aides, sets the scene for the Soldiers in training, Oct. 11.

"We are here to receive more current training before we head into Iraq for the year," said Spc. Anthony Woestman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, and a native of Monroe, Iowa.

"This is high-speed training that is getting us up to date and keeping us ready," he said.

The trainers at the facility are really current with what is going on in country, added Pfc. Mathew Taylor, Company C, 1st-12th Cav. Reg., and a native of Daytona Beach, Fla.

They bring their knowledge here to teach the Soldiers recent and relevant information necessary for saving lives, he said.

The training event begins with classroom work where the Soldiers review skills they trained on in the past and learn more current measures to save lives.

After they are finished, they move to the dummies lying on the floor, testing their skills and knowledge in a simulated, but realistic, environment.

"Other than the fact that a dummy's body doesn't feel the same as a person's body, the dummies are very realistic," said Spc. Brian Wright, HHC, 1st-12th Cav. Reg., and a native of

Killeen, Texas.

"[Working with the dummies] is good training because it gives us a chance to see how we would react in a combat situation," added Woestman.

"Most of the dummies have multiple wounds, which is something we will see in country," he added.

"We have to react and find those wounds quickly so we can properly treat the patient," he said.

"The dummies are a good source of training because it puts the Soldier in a position to react and teaches them how to work fast," he said.

The Soldiers, when they approach a casualty, treat wounds which are most threatening first, being monitored by trainers throughout the process. Once the wounds have been treated, the evaluation ends and the review begins.

"This [class] is not Hollywood," said Brent Cloud, senior trainer for the class and a native of Oakdale, La.

"In movies you've got special fog and glory music playing while Soldiers are in combat," he continued. "In every battle I had been in, there was no fog or great music blasting in the back. I only had my patient, myself and my thoughts."

"I had to save their life," Cloud said. "That's why I don't do the Hollywood thing in here — this is real."

"These are the issues Soldiers will be facing in combat and this class makes sure they are ready — and they are," he said.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud, 3BCT Public Affairs

Spc. Pablo Geisel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and a native of San Antonio, Texas, works with Spc. Brian Wright, HHC, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, and a native of Killeen, Texas, to save a "casualties" life during their training at the Camp Buehring Combat Medical Simulation Training class, Oct. 11.

'Gladiators' Tackle Convoy Live-Fire Exercise

By Spc. Ryan Stroud
3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – There was complete silence as a convoy of about ten vehicles slowly moved down a sandy road. Children were not playing games in the streets and no adults were working in their gardens. The streets were calm and quiet; a little too quiet.

Suddenly, an explosion erupts just ahead of the convoy. It was a rocket propelled grenade. Then, "enemies" started to "pop up" out of the ground, aiming at the Soldiers in the convoy. The gunners on the

trucks quickly returned fire while the convoy continued on, trying to maneuver its way out of the situation.

Just as quickly as it started, the streets were quiet again. The Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, just completed one of the most realistic training events before entering Iraq, and they dominated.

3rd BSTB's Personal Security Detachment and Military Police completed the Tactical Maneuver Counter Improvised Explosive Device and Convoy Live Fire Training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 10.

The training was conducted to better prepare the Soldiers of 3rd BSTB for situations they may face while deployed to Iraq.

"I'm here to train Soldiers and to make sure they get the best possible training they can get before heading out [to

Iraq]," said Ronald Cole, Military Professional Resources, Inc.

"The Tactical M a n e u v e r

Counter IED Training is given to the Soldiers because it better prepares them for what they will see while in Iraq," said Cole.

"We have the latest information on tactics, techniques and procedures that have been shared with us by units that are already up north in battle, all to help prevent casualties," he added.

Soldiers who attend the training course go through two days of class time, convoy movements and live-fire runs.

"We did rehearsals, dry fires and blank fires to practice for our live-fire run in the convoy," said Spc. Patrick Miller, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BSTB and a native of Fort Hood, Texas.

"The scenarios we faced were real situations I have seen in Iraq and are good for the new Soldiers to see and react to," he continued.

"The teachers also taught us new things about setting up a convoy movement and properly executing our mission, so when we get to Iraq, we are ready and prepared for whatever may come our way," he said.

"Most Soldiers will tell you this is the best training they can get," added Cole. "The realness of the training is something many of them have never had to deal with or see."

"This course is challenging, it's real," said Cole. "It's time for these Soldiers to understand what they are facing when they move into Iraq. It's time for them to get their mind into the game."



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud, 3BCT Public Affairs

A Soldier from 3rd BSTB quickly performs maintenance checks on his weapon while the convoy was at a stopping point. The 3rd BSTB partook in the Tactical Maneuver Counter Improvised Explosive Device and Convoy Live Fire Training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 10.

Photos From the FOB...

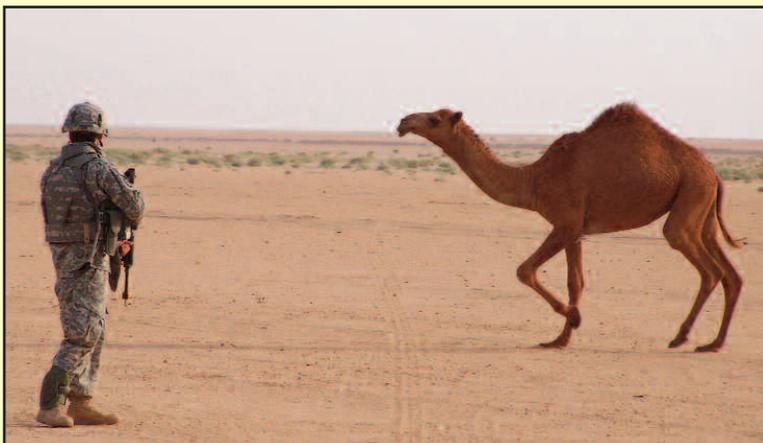


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hull, 3rd BSTB

A Soldier from the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion clears the way for a camel to pass while training at a Camp Buehring Range. Soldiers from the "Grey Wolf" Brigade trained at Camp Buehring, Kuwait while preparing to move north for their deployment.

Got Photos?

If you'd like to see your photo in *The Grey Wolf Howl*, e-mail Sgt. Serena Hayden at serena.hayden@us.army.mil.



Above, Sgt. 1st Class Peter Van Gohren and Staff Sgt. James Maxwell clean the barrel of an M1 Abrams tank at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 4.

Below, Col. David Sutherland, 3rd BCT commander, helps Capt. Michael Duran, 3rd BCT PSD, up during the HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Oct. 8.

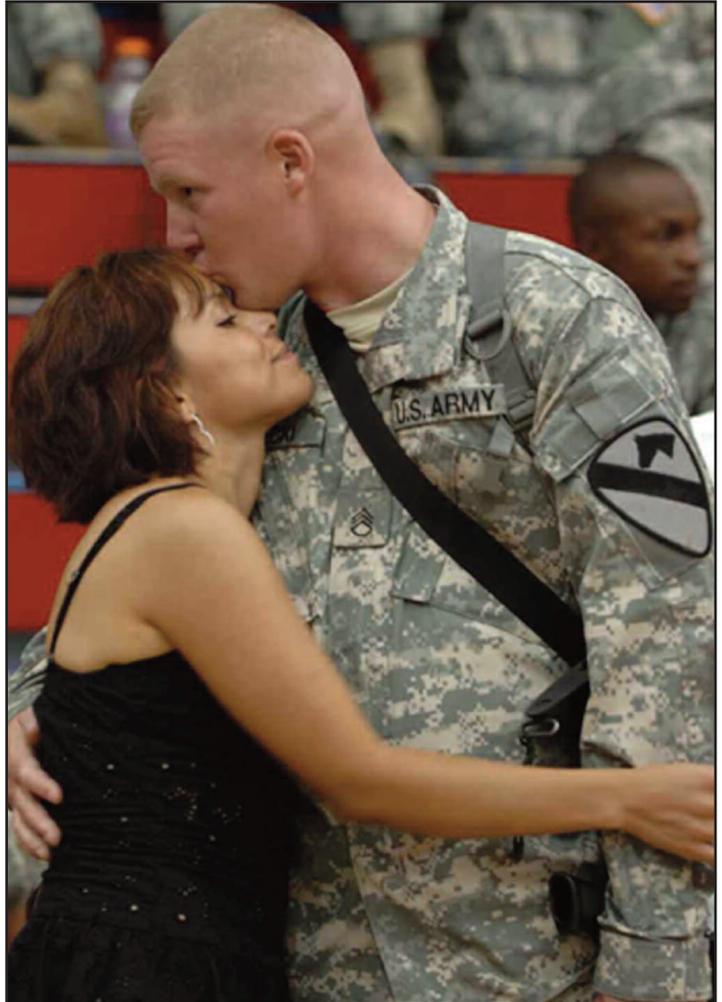


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Staff Sgt. Stanley Bielecki, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, kisses his wife, Isabel, before deploying, Sept. 27.



Photos by Pfc. Ben Fox, 3BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 3rd-8th Cav. Reg. load equipment at Camp Buehring, Oct. 10 to prep for movement north.