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CSTC-A pays tribute to fallen warrior



photo by Petty Officer David M. Votroubek

Coalition soldiers pay their respects to Spc. Adam D. Quinn during a memorial service at Camp Eggers Oct. 9.

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CAMP EGGERS – Camp Eggers rendered America’s highest honor – a 21-gun salute – to a fallen warrior who made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the people of Afghanistan during a ceremony Oct. 9.

Military members assigned to the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan and coalition partners paused to pay tribute to Spc. Adam D. Quinn who was killed Oct. 6 from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Kabul.

Army Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone, CSTC-A commanding general, said the ceremony honoring Quinn reminded him of how tough his job can be as commander.

“An occasion such as this is without question, one of the most important, yet most difficult duties of a commander,” Cone said. “We honor Specialist Adam Quinn, a valued member of our team who gave the ultimate measure of service as he courageously executed his mission. He did so, as many Personal Security Detachment soldiers do, making a difference each day by protecting our senior leaders.”

Quinn, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., was attached to CSTC-A’s operations directorate.

A native of Orange City, Fla., Quinn worked countless hours providing protection for Camp Eggers’ personnel across a dangerous and forbidding landscape, Cone said.

Officials open new emergency center in Kabul

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KABUL – Officials with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan and international community recently joined hands to open an emergency center at the Malalai Maternity Hospital in Kabul.

Dan Allison of HOPE *worldwide-Af-*

ghanistan wanted to improve facilities and medical care at the hospital, which HOPE calls the “premier” emergency maternity hospital in Afghanistan. Women come to it from seven neighboring provinces, and over 100 give birth there every day.

In 2006, however, it didn’t have an emergency center although it was Afghanistan’s largest maternity hospital.

HOPE sought funding for the emer-

gency center for nearly two years and it came to the attention of the CSTC-A’s Command Surgeons Office.

Initially, it was Air Force Capt. Karen Kramer who worked to find funding. She continued to help even after she left Afghanistan.

Air Force Maj. Greg Ready came next, and helped Allison overcome the last few hurdles in getting U.S. govern-

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ment aid. Their efforts, and the efforts of many others, paid off. HOPE finally received funds from a Department of Defense program called Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster and Civic Aid. The funding helped build an emergency department exclusively for mothers and babies at Malalai last summer.

U.S. government agencies and CSTC-A are also assisting the second largest maternity hospital in Afghanistan, which is also in Kabul. This is part of a multi-year CSTC-A integrated mother-child health emergencies effort to reduce one of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world.

“The impact of helping tens of thousands of poor women and children to improve their survival or health is



photo by Dan Allison

A medical provider takes care of several babies at the Malalai Hospital. The facility has upwards of 120 births every day, and babies must often be cared for together because of the lack of space.

a once in a lifetime opportunity that Mitchell, director of CSTC-A's Command Surgeons Office.

Police Mentor Teams reconfigure ANP in Zabul

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QALAT – The Afghan National Police force is improving every day under the tutelage of coalition Police Mentor Teams. PMTs in Zabul Province have big plans to help turn the ANP into a strong and capable force.

PMTs hope that an increased number of police at a reduced number of checkpoints will help reconstruct the ANP force in the province. Designed by PMTs, the plan will create larger organizations that are capable of defending themselves by outfitting each one with dozens of better-

trained, closely-mentored policemen.

Army Capt. Dave Perry, checkpoint consolidation project officer, and other PMTs in the province plan to temporarily remove large groups of people out of the district and enroll them in an eight-week course at the Regional Training Center in Kandahar.

“It is there that we can provide more comprehensive training, and instill some of those core values into them,” said Perry. “Then push them back up to their checkpoints with leadership integrated into their organization and a readiness to go out and conduct operations.”



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