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ESCAMBRON, Puerto Rico—On July 21, Soldiers from the US Army Reserve—Puerto Rico and the National Guard gather at the beach “El Escambron” at San Juan, Puerto Rico to continue with a 4 day scuba diver certification course for soldiers that are part of the Community Care Unit (CCU) located at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. (U.S. Army photo provided by Sgt. Carlene Vera/Release)

The group of Soldiers had John Thomson, President of the Soldiers Undertaking Disable Scuba (SUDS) and William Velazquez, Scuba Instructor of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) as their volunteer instructors for the whole certification course.

This initiative is part of a variety of CCU events. When Soldiers get injured while in mobilization, they become part of the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), and there for they become part of the CCU. Events like this one help Soldiers find a way to engaged themselves in different activities within their different capabilities and injuries.

Sgt. Melvin Vega from the 613th MP Co., from the 1st Mission Support Command (1st MSC) thank the Army Reserve, the CCU and all the components that made this course possible and for helping Soldiers like him work on their recovery. Vega expressed that after he got injured during his mobilization in Guantanamo earlier this year he got introduce to the CCU and all the reconditioning and adaptation programs and that the CCU has help him allot.

“Programs like this one help you push thru your physical limits. This is a new experience for me and I grew up near the water in Salinas, Puerto Rico and I had never experience something like this, diving with the right equipment and the right way.” said Vega.

John Thomson, President of Soldiers Undertaking Disable Scuba (SUDS) conversing with some of the Soldiers that were part of the course, at “El Escambron Beach” at San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 21. (U.S. Army photo provided by Sgt. Carlene Vera/Release)

The 1st MSC CCU Soldiers
FORT BUCHANAN, Puerto Rico - Physical fitness is a staple in the military. We are required to pass an Army Physical Fitness Test twice a year and have unit PT sessions to build camaraderie among Soldiers and leaders.

Sure, sometimes it is a pain to get up early and participate in unit PT but you usually get a sense of accomplishment when it is over.

Sgt. Waldemar Perez, 430th Quartermaster Company Army Weight Control Program NCOIC, has used physical fitness to overcome difficult times in his life and to help others.

Perez started his military career at the age of 16 and after encountering difficult situations, he decided to turn to physical fitness and the gym to overcome them.

"After finding myself in depression, instead of turning to pills, I tried the gym and I saw that day after day I started to feel better." said Perez.

"Many of my friends and fellow Soldiers asked me for guidance with their fitness routines and nutritional goals, so I decided to take it to the next level and get my certification as a personal trainer," added Perez.

After obtaining his Personal Trainer License in 2010, Perez kept working towards finding different ways to help others while finding new physical adventures to challenge himself. Partnering up with other trainers, he decided to start competing as a bodybuilder, receiving many awards during various competitions throughout the years.

Despite many challenges that he has encountered during his career, Perez has found a way to get better and overcome his injuries by continuing his fitness routine.

“I believe that because I was physically fit before I got injured, I was able to recover from my injuries a lot faster than even I thought I could.” “I’ve seen first-hand how being physically fit helped me deal with depression and injuries, so I am even more motivated to get others involved.” said Perez who is now part of a physical trainers group called “Fit 911.”

In collaboration with this group, Perez leads “boot camps” for civilians and the community, allowing them to get a sense of what Soldiers go through while at Basic Training and other physically-demanding activities.

His commitment to the physical and health well-being of Soldiers, motivated him to complete the Master Fitness Trainer Course in April 2015 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.
To commemorate those who lost their lives during the September 11 attacks, the 1st Mission Support Command, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Buchanan, the Puerto Rico National Guard and other federal and local agencies participated in a ceremony at Fort Buchanan on Sept. 11.

Major Hector Martinez, former commander for the 311th Quartermaster Company (QM Co) Mortuary Affairs (MA), was the guest speaker for the commemoration. “Today for the first time, I share with you a brief account of a group of Soldiers from Puerto Rico who were called upon to a mission of National importance,” Martinez said. “Fourteen years ago these Soldiers were ‘Ready, Resilient and Relevant’ as our Soldiers are today,” he added.

Martinez gave examples of how these Soldiers from the 311th QM Co. demonstrated the 1st MSC’s motto of being “Ready, Resilient and Relevant.”

Soldiers were “Ready” as more than 100 members of the 311th QM Co. (MA) reported to their unit and volunteered to deploy. 85 Soldiers were selected to deploy and departed that same day, September 14, 2001 and another 105 Soldiers joined them on September 26.

“Many Soldiers were new to the unit, some had arrived from Basic Training just a month before,” said Martinez. “We had a perfect combination of veteran Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs) and new Soldiers which were key to the rapid integration and mission success on all tasks.”

As described by Martinez, Soldiers were “Resilient”. They said goodbye to their families and worked long hours at the Pentagon crash site. Martinez stated, “Our Soldiers are weather proof, they were the only ones that could endure working for prolonged hours in biohazard suits in the hot weather days of September and were also able to endure the winter cold as they continued their mission for the next three months.”

The performance of these Soldiers was always “Relevant”. These Soldiers sifted through ten thousand tons of rubble in search of remains and personal effects. After establishing the Joint Personal Effect Depot, they were able to recover, clean, catalog and return more than 10,000 personal effects to their owners or surviving family members.

Martinez and the Soldiers from the 311th QM CO (MA) served our Country without hesitation and clearly defined themselves as a true “First Class Outfit”. “We are proud to be a part of the 9/11 Generation that has answered our Country’s call,” said Martinez.

In addition to honoring those who are no longer with us as a result of the events of September 11, the ceremony paid respects to members of the military and all first responders who work every day for the protection of freedom, and provided an opportunity for military and civilian community members to reflect on the tragedies that occurred on that day.

As part of the ceremony, four wreaths were placed in front of the 1st MSC Headquarters in remembrance of those who perished during the attack and for those in uniform who have paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting the war on terror. The first wreath was on behalf of the United States Military, the second on behalf of the first responders, the third corresponding to the local community and the fourth representing the Department of Defense.

The ceremony concluded with the tolling of the bell, a 21-Gun Salute, and a bugler from the 248th Army Band from the PRNG playing taps.

Brig. Gen. Jose R. Burgos, commanding general of the 1st Mission Support Command (1st MSC), addresses the audience at the 9/11 Commemoration event held at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. (U.S. Army photo provided by U.S. Army Garrison Fort Buchanan PAO, the Puerto Rico National Guard PAO)
Day after day individuals walk into a recruiting station and make a life decision that will affect those around them. Some do it for the many benefits that the military has to offer and others do it because they have always dreamed of being a Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Coast Guardsman or Airman. For Jorge A. Riera, following a family tradition of serving in the Army is what motivated him to raise his right hand.

On July 30, 2015, Riera’s father had the privilege of swearing his son in to be a part of the U.S. Army Reserve-Puerto Rico at the Military Entrance Processing Center (MEPS) in San Juan, Puerto Rico as a new Private First Class (PFC).

During this emotional event, PFC Riera officially became the 4th generation of Reira men to serve in the 1st Mission Support Command (1st MSC), the largest command in the Caribbean.

The family tradition started in 1919 when Jose Ramon Reira was drafted during World War I. “Everything started with my grandfather, when he got drafted in 1919. Then my father joined and I decided to join too, and now my son,” said Lt. Col. Jorge Riera, 1st MSC G-3/5/7 Operations Officer.

Lt. Col. Riera’s father, Jorge Riera-Cruz enlisted during the Korean War.

As a proud father and Army officer, Lt. Col. Riera reflected on his 32 years of service and is confident that his son will continue to serve proudly and follow this great tradition. “I am so proud of him, of all my children he is the only boy and I am so happy he will carry on the family name,” said Lt. Col. Riera.

“I have big shoes to fill, since I was a little boy I wanted to be like my dad and wear the Army uniform,” said PFC Riera. “It’s a little overwhelming but at the same time I am excited. After I finish basic training I am going to finish school, get commissioned and become an officer like my dad,” he added.

The United States of America
honors the memory of
Jorge Riera Cruz
This certificate is presented in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States

Jose Ramon Riera, 1st Generation of Riera’s, serving the 1st MSC (photo provided by Lt. Col. Jorge Riera)

On the Right: Enlistment Record of Jose Ramon Riera, WWI Veteran. (photo provided by Lt. Col. Jorge Riera)

On TOP: 3rd and 4th generation of Rieara men after the swearing in of PFC Jorge A. Riera at the Military Entrance Processing Center (MEPS) in San Juan, Puerto Rico (photo provided by Lt. Col. Jorge Riera)

Four Generation Serving the 1st MSC...
LEFT- The National Defense Transportation Association awarded the 432nd TC Co. with the “U.S. Army (Reserve) Transportation Unit Of The Year (2014)”, for setting the excellence standards for Transporters and Logisticians.


RIGHT- Congratulations to the 471st EN CO for their FY 14 Best Company Award.

FY 2014 Best Company

471st Engineer Company
1st Mission Support Command
Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

Supplement Excellence Award FY 2014
Best Battalion

448th Engineer Battalion
1st Mission Support Command
Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico
ENGINEERS HELP LOCAL TOWN RESTORE THEIR COMMUNITY CENTER

CANOVANAS, Puerto Rico – Fostering a relationship with local community members can be compared to restoring a house. You have to make sure you have a solid foundation, see what areas need to be improved and make the changes, and finally, look at the progress that has been made.

U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers with the 471st Engineer Company, 448th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico are doing just that. Since August 24, 28 Soldiers have been working hard to help the local town of Canovanas restore their community center that has been closed for approximately one year.

These Soldiers are not only helping a community but they are also enhancing their technical job skills. From plumbing to electrical work, pressure washing, painting and carpentry work, these Soldiers have been hard at work as part of their Annual Training. Working together as a team enables them to not only practice their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), they get to learn other skills from their fellow Soldiers.

Spc. Daniel Araujo, 471st EN CO., has been diligently working away with the rest of his unit to complete the project at hand. “I have been working here for 2 weeks, my MOS is carpentry, I am a 12W but in this kind of project everybody works together and you learn about everything, from painting to electrical work,” said Araujo. “I just want the community to enjoy the center once we are done fixing it, a lot of people from around the community have come by and asked us about the progress of the center and it is great seeing the progress that we have accomplished” added Araujo.

Staff Sgt. Josean Orengo, NCOIC of this project, described this as another great opportunity to give back to the community. “It has been an intense 28 days,” said Orengo. “We have worked towards fixing and renovating the electrical system, the bathrooms, the ceiling, the doors and the surroundings of the center. We started the renovations on August 24 with 14 Soldiers working per day, now we are just taking care of small details.” added Orengo after mentioning that he has been part of seven other community outreach projects with this unit.

The local community is very proud of the work these Soldiers have put towards renovating the center. Ms. Lorna Soto, Mayor of Canovanas, expressed gratitude to the Army Reserve for helping bring it back to functional conditions. “The Community Center had been closed for one year, first we fixed the ceiling and now thanks to the Reserve we can open it and give it back to the community. The community needs this center to be able to do their social activities in a safe and secured place,” said Soto.

“Having the Puerto Rico Army Reserve Soldiers help us and work with the renovations allows us to have the center available for the community a lot faster and it is an honor to have our Soldiers working for the community. We are proud of them and thankful that they have been able to help us.” There is some other work that needs to be done around the community center by contractors. Once it is all complete, the City of Canovanas will host a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Every Soldier loves the opportunity to help their surrounding community, they work hard and the results are true reflection of their abilities. “I am proud to be part of an Army that allows me to serve my community, I think the community will appreciate our hard work.” commented 1st Lt. Juan Rivera, 471st EN Co, Officer in Charge.

“For the people that are thinking about joining the Army Reserve, I would encourage them to join a unit like ours, an Engineering Company, that will allow them to work close with the community like we are doing right now.” added Rivera.

There is a process to follow in order for the U.S. Army Reserve Puerto Rico to get involved in community projects like this one. “To request our help, the community has to submit a request letter that goes directly to Brig. Gen. Jose R. Burgos, 1st MSC Commanding General and after his review we start the whole process of conducting visits and assessments.” said Mr. Isaias Diaz, Unit Administrator Technician for the 448th Engineer Battalion. “After every detail is discussed, it goes thru a legal review for approval.” added Diaz.
SCARVES FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Efrain Ortiz, President of the “Club de Leones de Bayamón, presents one of the 135 scarves made by the “Arañitas” to Col. Hector M. Moran, Chief of Staff of the 1st MSC. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Carlene Vera/Release)

“Las Arañitas” (the Spiders) from the “Club de Leones” from Bayamon, Puerto Rico showed their support to our deployed Soldiers by knitting over 100 scarves and hats with the intent to fulfill their part in what they call “Operation Gratitude.”

The President of the “Club de Leones”, Efrain Ortiz, arranged for the 1st Mission Support Command (MSC) leadership to receive these tokens of appreciation from the “Las Arañitas” that spent countless hours knitting.

“Las Arañitas” worked really hard and for a long time on the scarves. The scarves are a symbol of our gratitude to Soldiers for the sacrifice of leaving their families and homes to serve our country and protect us,” said Mr. Ortiz.

“We couldn’t find a better way to demonstrate our appreciation to the Army,” he continued. “We feel really proud of all of you and grateful that you could accompany us today and receive these scarves,” said Angel Zorilla, President of District 51 of “Club de Leones de Puerto Rico”.

Zorilla thanked his Arañitas for their time and dedication in making these scarves. He asked them to remember that every time they wove a part of the scarf, they were doing something loving and important for a loved one even though they don’t know them.

Ms. Eli, leader of the “Arañitas” had been waiting for the opportunity to do an activity like this. “We have done this with a lot of love, and we put love in every stitch that we wove together, we know that every Soldier that receives these scarves is going to be receiving it with a blessing from God as well” commented Ms. Eli.

Col. Hector M. Moran, Chief of Staff of the 1st MSC, received the scarves with a lot of enthusiasm and appreciation, and he also wanted to demonstrate gratitude to the “Club de Leones” on behalf of the 1st MSC.

“For me, it is an honor and I am happy to be receiving all of these scarves on behalf of our Soldiers,” said Moran. “I know you all put a lot of work and love in them. Believe us, they are going to be received by our Soldiers that are currently in the theater, and when they see these tokens of appreciation, they are going to be truly touched.” He said.

A certificate of appreciation was given to the “Club de Leones” Las Arañitas on behalf of the 1st MSC.

“Once again, I want to say thank you on behalf of Brig. Gen. Jose R. Burgos, commanding general of the 1st MSC, for this amazing gift and for dedicating all that time working for our Soldiers,” concluded Moran.

These scarves will be mailed to Soldiers that are currently deployed as part of the 1st MSC. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that each Soldier should receive two scarves, one for them and one for a fellow Soldier that is not part of the U.S. Army Reserve Puerto Rico. Their intent is for Soldiers outside of the command to also feel appreciated for their sacrifices from a small group of volunteers in Puerto Rico.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

1st MSC, for this amazing gift and for dedicating all that time working for our Soldiers,” concluded Moran.

1st Mission Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve-Puerto Rico and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Buchanan recognized Hispanic Heritage Month today, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, at the 1st MSC Headquarters. This year, the Guest Speaker was Major General Felix A. Santoni, Retired.

Major General Felix A. Santoni thanked the command for allowing him to be the guest speaker on what he describes to be a celebration that is very important.

“Hispanic Americans have a long history of service that complements Army values. As far back as the Revolutionary War, brave Hispanic men and women first began their contributions to every major conflict in our Army’s history,” said Santoni.

Indeed, Hispanic Americans have been, and continue to be, a critical part of the diverse social fabric that allows our Army to recruit and enlist the best of America’s sons and daughters,” added Santoni.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15. It was enacted into law on Aug. 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of Sept. 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is Oct. 12, falls within this 30-day period.

Soldiers and personnel of the 1st MSC celebrated National Hispanic American Heritage Month at the 1st MSC Headquarters on September 17. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Carlene Vera/Release)
For 72 years, women had been fighting, picketing and rallying to become equals and have the right to vote as part of a huge civil rights movement for women. Women’s Equality Day commemorates August 26, 1920 and marks the day as a turning point in history of the struggle for equal treatment of women and women’s rights.

Every year the military commemorates Women’s Equality Day. This year, the 1st Mission Support Command (MSC) hosted an event with Col. Irene Zoppi, 1st MSC Deputy Commander, as the guest speaker.

“The significance of today is powerful,” said Zoppi. “It brings light to the sacrifices made by both men and women in service to our country. We are at the forefront of a huge civil rights movement for women’s equality. Women’s Equality Day is a historical pivotal time in history when women to obtain fairness, equality, and respect for women.” Zoppi continued, “It brings light to the sacrifices made by both men and women in service to our country.

Col. Irene Zoppi, 1st MSC Deputy Commander, addresses Soldiers and personnel of the 1st MSC at the Women’s Equality Day at 1st MSC Headquarters. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Lymari Sanchez)

“Let us never forget that equality was earned by the power of resiliency, honor and selfrespect,” continued Zoppi.

We are a part of an organization that has its own boundaries for women and what jobs or schools they can be a part of. Recently, two females graduated from Ranger School and received their Ranger Tabs along the men that attended the course as well. This shows that the military is moving forward, we are always moving forward to offer the same opportunities to all Soldiers. “I want all Soldiers to know, WE ARE ONE FAMILY, ONE TEAM, and ONE ARMY,” said Zoppi.

Zoppi had a message for all the females, “for the females serving in the Armed Forces, I applaud your bravery to choose to serve with patriotism and, rise to the best of your potential, side by side with our male counterparts.” She continued, “We are all brothers and sisters in Arms. We inspire and go the extra mile to make a difference by transforming words into actions towards the good of our America. Let us continue to serve in gratitude of our past generations, who had a dream to have the opportunity of equality.”

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Karen Grays departs after her retirement ceremony at the Capitol Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 25, 2015, culminating a distinguished 38-year military career. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Carlene Vera/ Release)

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Karen Grays retired during a ceremony at the Capitol Building, in Old San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sept. 25, 2015, culminating a distinguished 38-year-long military career. As a PBO and PAT it was her job to be a part of. Recently, two females graduated from Ranger School and received their Ranger Tabs along the men that attended the course as well.

“I initially joined the Army because I wanted to get an education,” said Grays. “I became motivated to become a chief because I love the Army and I just wanted to do something special.”

Grays talked about how her mother didn’t want her to join the military when she was younger. It was her father who didn’t want her to join the military when she was younger. “She would take the train and then we would drive across the country and she got to really enjoy it and reap a lot of benefits and I really miss her.”

Grays’ career has taken her to over 15 different locations and, as a result, she was able to retire after being the Command Property Accounting Technician (PAT) and the Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) for the 1st Mission Support Command (MSC) at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. She became the only second female African-American Chief Warrant Officer 5 in the U.S. Army Reserve when she was promoted in 2012.

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junior soldiers take lead in convoy operations

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. - Nearly 70 Puerto Rican Reservists with the 432nd Transportation Company, 1st Mission Support Command, traveled more than 2,700 miles from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Hunter Liggett, California. The two-week mission successfully concluded July 16, when the Soldiers of the 432nd offloaded crucial medical equipment and support vehicles for one day and acted as assistant convoy commander for another.

“I was nervous at first, but I had to find confidence in the role,” Abreu said. “It was challenging thinking it through, but as soon as we started the mission, Soldiers were collaborating and made everything easy.”

Pastrana and Abreu were challenged by the experience, but found motivation in the fact that they were helping a medical unit to conduct their training. Abreu, whose passion to help people led her to pursue nursing in college, was especially thrilled at the prospect.

“Taking care of people is my passion,” she said. “When I heard that the mission was to help a medical unit, I felt great. It makes me feel good to help battle-buddies I haven’t even met.”

The up-and-coming leaders of the 432nd will be returning soon to their native Puerto Rico, but Abreu says the experience gained during their long journey across the continental United States will stay with them through their Army careers.

“The NCOs trusting their Soldiers to handle the details and take control of smaller groups really helps us grow,” said Abreu. “It’s an awesome experience. It really gives me an appreciation for my leaders and the pressures they are under.”

For Pastrana, a Caguas, Puerto Rico, native, serving in the military means leading and adapting. Though he’d driven on similar cross-country missions in years past, Pastrana had never led Soldiers on a major convoy before this year. He led a 12-truck element of the convoy on July 15, and acted as assistant convoy commander the day prior.

Pastrana credits the success of his two-day leadership stint to the bonds he forged with his fellow Soldiers, as well as the mentorship he received in the past.

“It was great leading the group,” Pastrana said. “I’ve had great mentors. Since the first day I joined this unit, I asked questions if I had them. I also watched other Soldiers act as convoy commanders and I always took notes. It also helps that I have the respect of my fellow Soldiers. It was easy, but it was easy because of them.”

Abreu, a Toa Alta, Puerto Rico, native and nursing student at the Colegio Universitario de San Juan, was equally enthused to have led her fellow Reservists. She, too, led a 12-truck element of the convoy for one day and acted as assistant convoy commander for another.

“We let them do everything from writing manifests to holding briefings,” said Alvarado. “They’ll need these skills in the future, so we encourage them to lead so they can feel comfortable when it’s time for them to take over.”

“By the time they are 20, they will be taking the lead,” Fortune said. “We let everybody lead,” said Staff Sgt. Antonio Alvarado, a squad leader and Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, native.

“This was equally exciting to have led a convoy element,” Fort said. “I’ve had mentors, but I never led Soldiers on a major convoy before this year. It was easy, but it was easy because of them.”

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Spc. Jonathan Rodriguez, a Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, native, prepares cargo for offload after a two-week, 2,700-mile convoy operation from Fort Riley, Kan., to Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., on July 17. The convoy operation was part of Nationwide Move 15, an annual Army Reserve approved functional training exercise designed to provide Reserve component transportation units with valuable, realistic training by conducting real-world operations in support of continental United States activities. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Victor Ayala, 210th MPAD)

Vehicles driven by 432nd Transportation Company Soldiers are staged for offload after a two-week, 2,700-mile convoy operation from Fort Riley, Kan., to Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., on July 17. The convoy operation was part of Nationwide Move 15, an annual Army Reserve approved functional training exercise designed to provide Reserve component transportation units with valuable, realistic training by conducting real-world operations in support of continental United States activities. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Victor Ayala, 210th MPAD)