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IRON WRANGLERS COMPETE FOR GOLD

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1st Lt. Laura Lane, a member of the 546th Transportation Company, gets ready to perform the push-up portion of the Iron Wrangler. Lane would later win the competition.

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- After watching the Olympics this summer, the 4th Sustainment Brigade still had a taste for athletic competition. But without a million dollar budget and Beijing-sized crowds, the brigade imported its own style of head-to-head games from Fort Hood, Texas, to the Middle East.

The "Iron Wrangler" competition consists of a standard Army Physical Fitness Test; push-ups, sit-ups, and a two-mile run. But in order to add some iron to the event, participants must also compete in pull-ups and arm dips.

The 4th Sustainment Brigade held the Iron Wrangler before, but Saturday's competition was the first since the unit deployed to Kuwait in early March.

In the absolute darkness at 4 a.m., on what

was an unusually cool September day, the twenty competitors, along with dozens of supporters, gathered at the camp's half-mile track; a haphazardly shaped asphalt strip that surrounds a softball diamond in an otherwise empty field. The only light came from generator-powered floodlights that dot the camp and the occasional flash from a camera.

The pull-up bar was cool to the touch when the first competitor, Spc. Thomas Dean, an armorer with the 10th Transportation Company, wrapped his palms and fingers snugly around the apparatus that the Wranglers brought with them from Fort Hood. Dean's chin cleared the bar 15 times, exactly the standard set for males competing in Iron Wrangler.

The first female competitor to approach the pull-up bar was 1st Lt. Laura B. Lane, a platoon

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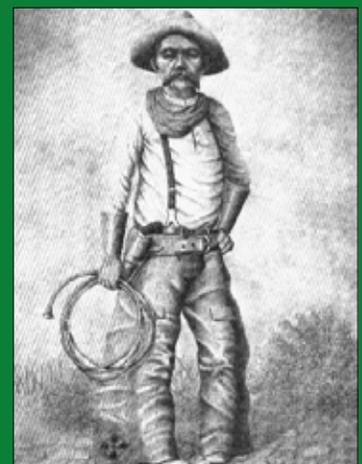
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6 Trans Commander's and CSM's Words



battalion was redesignated the HHD, 6th Transportation Truck Battalion and participated in the Berlin Airlift. The 6th Battalion remained in Germany until its inactivation on Jan. 19, 1949, and on Jan. 29, 1949, the colors returned to the United States.



The 6th Battalion was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Transportation Truck Battalion on July 16, 1952 in the Regular Army. It was reactivated at Fort Eustis, Virginia, on Aug. 15, 1952 then redesignated as HHC, 6th Transportation Battalion on Oct. 31, 1952. It is from Fort Eustis, with another short stint in Germany, that elements of 6th Transportation Battalion supported every major combat operation from Korea through Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is the fourth deployment in support of OIF for HHD, 6th Transportation Battalion.

It is with great pleasure and our distinct honor to introduce the 'DOERS' Battalion to the Wrangler team. The 6th Transportation Battalion has a long and storied history dating back to June 17, 1943 when it was constituted as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 6th Quartermaster Troop Transport Battalion. The battalion was activated on Aug. 26, 1943 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

It was reorganized and redesignated as the HHD, 6th Quartermaster Battalion (Mobile) on Nov. 20, 1943. The battalion deployed to Europe in support of World War II where they stayed through the early years of occupation. On April 22, 1947, the

While with the Wrangler Brigade, the 'DOERS' Battalion is proud to have on our team three Combat Heavy Equipment Transport companies and two Army watercraft detachments.

We have the distinct honor of sending the 546th Trans. Co., home in a few weeks, following their extremely successful 15-month deployment supporting OIF. Replacing them is the 1498th Transportation Company from the California National Guard.

On the eve of our second month in theater and forty days from assuming authority, we can definitely say the 'DOERS' Battalion is steadfast and moving forward in support of the theater with heavy lift and watercraft support. We are proud to be a part of such an incredible team of professionals and look forward to the rest of our time as part of the Wrangler team. **DOERS!**

Wrangler Command Team Message



What have you done for your CLPS today? This fundamental question begs an honest answer from each and every one of us. Every mission and every action the Wrangler Brigade accomplishes is meant to ease the stress of our Airmen and Soldiers who go out in harm's way to accomplish the distribution mission. Those service members are truly the heart of this organization and spend more time traveling from a forward operating base to another in Iraq than they do here in Kuwait. In the end, it is a team effort to support those troops who are the tip of the spear of the logistical mission.



4th Sustainment Brigade
Commander
Col. Terence Hermans

'Just Get it Done'

4th Sustainment Brigade
Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Major Erik R. R. Frey

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A competitor gets ready on the dip bars as a grader looks on.

leader and convoy commander with the 546th Transportation Company. At five feet, six inches tall, and 125 pounds, Lane might not seem a formidable competitor.

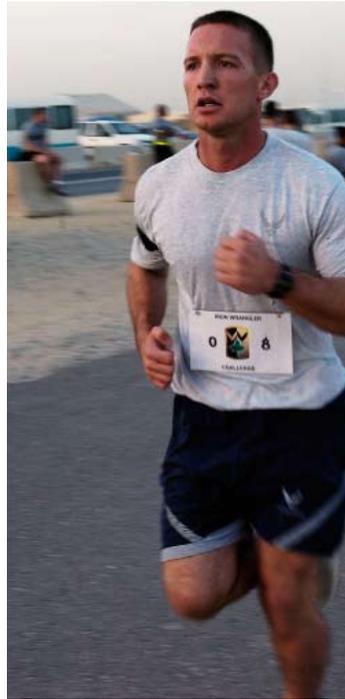
But a hush fell over the crowd as the 24-year-old cleared the bar 13 times; performing more pull-ups than any other female competitor by far, and exceeding the standard by eight.

“I felt pretty confident after the pull-ups,” said the New Albany, Ind., native. That confidence carried Lane through the other four events and ultimately to the highest score of the competition.

After her performance at the pull-up bar, and her subsequent feat of 50 push-ups, Lane quickly became a crowd favorite, especially amongst the female spectators.

Lane said she was appreciative for her new-found opportunity to display her physical prowess.

“I’ve been here 14 and half months,” she said. “The 4th SB has only been here six months but I’ve seen a new emphasis placed on physical fitness.”



Air Force 1st Lt. Timothy Breitbach with 70th MDT crosses the finish line of the 2-mile run.



A competitor stretches prior to the start of the Army APFT during the Iron Wrangler Competition.

“Most of them think they are competing against each other,” said Felder. “But they’re actually competing against themselves and the standard.”

In order for a servicemember to qualify as an Iron Wrangler, they must score at least 90 points in every event.

For the push-ups, sit-ups and two mile run, the 90-point mark differs with age and gender.

For the pull-ups and bar-dips there is a set standard for males, regardless of age, and another for females.



A competitor in the Iron Wrangler competition completes his push-up portion of the five-part event.

Sgt. Maj. Rodney Felder, non-commissioned officer in charge of operations for the 4th SB, organized the event and helped get the servicemembers motivated to participate. He sent out “countdown” e-mails every two or three days to remind the competitors of the impending contest.

Eleven of the twenty competitors achieved the gold standard were each each handsomely rewarded with an Iron Wrangler T-shirt, 4th SB coin, and the coveted Wrangler belt buckle.

“We’re going to do this every month,” said Felder. “It builds camaraderie and esprit de corps.”

Task Force Gateway Visit by Top Army Civilian

Article and Photos by Sgt. Tracy Ellingsen
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Troops starting or finishing their deployments to the Middle East may never meet any members of Task Force Gateway, the unit responsible for moving, temporarily housing, and processing them on their way home. And that's just the way the task force likes it.



Pic. Brian Jefferson, a human resource specialist with the 4SB personel office sits and talks with the Honorable Pete Geren during a luncheon.

meeting with the secretary, also a Texan, was a big honor. Zhane, an IT specialist with the 10th Mountain Division, was returning to Iraq after his two weeks of Rest and Recuperation leave.

When the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Pete Geren, visited Task Force Gateway Sept. 17, he took a peek at a process that is vital to the war effort, but remains invisible to the servicemembers.

“The work that Soldiers do here is critical,” Geren said. “They move 700,000 troops through here a year.”

Along with the Soldiers normally assigned to Gateway, Geren met with troops who were transitioning through the area, some on their way to Iraq or Afghanistan, and some on their way home.

For Pvt. Zhane Johnson, a Texas City, Texas, native,



Mr. Geren talks with Lt. Col. Keith Hunt, Task Force Gateway Commander during an information briefing.

R&R is an opportunity for

Soldiers serving on long deployments to travel home – or to a destination of their choosing – during their deployment.

The task force also ensures that servicemembers going home on emergency leave – for the death or serious illness of a loved one – have the necessary travel arrangements and paper work completed.

“They process 1,000 people a month for emergency leave,” said Geren, recalling some of the facts he learned in his tour. “This is the first time I’ve had the opportunity to see the inside of the operation.”

Lt. Col. Keith Hunt, the
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commander of Task Force Gateway, briefed the secretary in the large tent that is used as a passenger terminal.

Hunt then took Geren for a walking tour through the same paths troops take on their way in or out of the Middle East.

The duo, along with Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, commander of U.S. Army Central Command, met a group of Soldiers awaiting their R&R flight back to the U.S. in a canopy outside the passenger terminal.

Soldiers were sleeping on their duffel bags or resting against each other while listening to their MP3 players and probably weren't expecting to see a lieutenant general and the

secretary of the Army.

"You can tell they are on their way home because they have smiles on their faces," said Lovelace.

The group also received a tour of the customs battalion from Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jim Lenz, a Fort Wayne, Ind., native and commander of the Navy customs element that supports Task Force Gateway. The customs Sailors search for prohibited items from servicemembers leaving the Middle East and returning to the United States.

Army Lt. Col. Patty Ryan led Geren on a tour of the Rapid Fielding Initiative warehouse, where servicemembers from all military branches receive vital equipment as they begin their

deployments.

Ryan, a member of the Rhode Island National Guard, is the manager of the warehouse.

Geren and Lovelace finished the tour by dining with troops. Soldiers were able to discuss concerns and ask questions of senior Army leadership, but it also gave the senior leaders the opportunity to get open feedback from junior troops.

"I have a newfound understanding for what goes on here," said Geren before he boarded a plane that would take him to Iraq, the next destination in his tour of the Middle East.

"It's done so well that people take it for granted."

A Long Deployment served by All

Article and Photos Courtesy of Capt. Steven Dawson
Alpha Company, 126 Cavalry Regiment

As commanders, we are burdened to see the war here as more than a war of Soldiers, but as war on relationships, Families, and communities.

While we are nearer to completion than the beginning of our journey, we have been working with our Soldiers on reflecting and concentrating. Concentrating not on relationship strains but on the future possibilities, as a better measure of our time here, than the near term burdens we suffer.

While not in the famed Ia Drang valley, my father was stuck in Vietnam for two weeks starting around the 16th of November 1965.

He received news that his mother-in-law had passed on and then right on the heels, his wife, delivered their fifth son...me. Because of the battles that ragged in the first test of Air Cav, my father was unable to get air transport back to Saigon in order to

travel home. It was weeks until he was even able to communicate with his Family. The



The author's father, Thomas Dawson Jr. then a staff sergeant, gets a handshake from his commanding officer after being awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Staff Sgt. Dawson went on to retire from the Army as a master sergeant.

telegram he received said his wife would be delivering his new son.

When he replied, he capitalized and underlined the word "NO and in spite

of this, the garbled message the Family received stated he, "would be home."

Being simple farmers and people of meager means, and not being one to question, my family would not send another telegram nor even write a letter knowing my dad was coming home my dad, thinking he communicated he wasn't coming home, waited patiently in the Bac Lieu province for word.

In the mean time the battle raged on. He eventually made it home and my mother recounted how Family and neighbors helped get her through the ordeal.

We lost my father to lung cancer and heart ailments in 2000. Only once in my adult life did he open up and talk of his experiences in the year that was his Vietnam
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Our FRG Needs You!

Article by Karol Pinkerton
4th Sustainment Brigade FRSA

Come on, admit it! You know one. Maybe you are one. Those crazy people we call... **VOLUNTEERS**. All kidding aside, our Family Readiness Group would not exist without our wonderful volunteers. We all know being a volunteer is really one of the hardest "jobs" around. On top of other family and work obligations, volunteers give time and talents to help make things better for fellow military families and our Soldiers. Volunteers make a huge difference in the day to day operations of many organizations on post, to include our FRG.

Aside from the obvious benefits to our unit, your volunteer hours

count for more than you might realize. The time you log in, the awards the unit gives you as a small token of thanks and the on-the-job experience you gain can all be translated into real work experience when the time comes to write your resume or apply for

Time spent making calls, traveling to and from FRG events, attending meetings and other FRG activities, updating things on the computer and emailing information out all 'count'. Volunteer experience speaks to your leadership ability, organizational skills, reliability, and personal drive.

All are areas a prospective employer will evaluate. It used to be extremely difficult to keep track of volunteer hours, but now, and here's where those mad computer skills come into play,



school and search for scholarships. You'll be amazed how fast the time you spend volunteering adds up.

we have the Volunteer Management Information System. Just Log on to www.MyArmyLifeToo.com.

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tour of duty.

In 1991, while at a Family picnic, we were talking of his military career and the subject came up.

The emotion in his voice booms in my mind even today. Reading the infamous Colonel Moore's words in an article back in May, he recounted the days and memories back in that valley while reminiscing with his adversary. It is a reflection not much unlike a prism that breaks the light, allowing us to see things for more than meets the eye.

It reminds me of the sacrifices not of my father, but of my mother and what



The author, Capt. Steven Dawson, stands next to a humvee ready for a mission.

our whole Family endured while dad was deployed. That as a Family, we all endured his duty as much as he did. My dad completed his tour in Vietnam and then three years later, a year long tour in Korea, unaccompanied.

These were his last deployments of any significant duration, and his eventual

retirement followed. The only real durable memories of my father's service were of that final day; a whole drill floor of Soldiers lined up for my father. The pomp and circumstance of the event are memories.

I really didn't understand then what it meant to be a Soldier. I never understood that we sacrificed as well. Didn't all kids have their fathers gone for a tour of duty? That question wouldn't really be answered for a few more years.

I dreamt of what it must be like to be him. But, never in my dreams did I realize until now, just how hard it really is.

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Over a 22-year span, two high school graduations, one college graduation, numerous soccer and basketball games, ballet recitals, band concerts, and play performances have occurred un-seen by my eyes. Toilets have been unclogged and even replaced, roofs have leaked, sidewalks replaced, cars died and revived, carpets installed, and mail boxes replaced (again). There have been so many heartfelt needs at home that have been filled by others or gone unfilled by a father.

This is far harder than ANY mission I have ever taken. I've laid frozen on the ground in Alaska, baked in a 130 degree Humvee, walked all night across Hohenfels, rappelled from a hovering helicopter, and climbed a frozen vertical glacier.

But it's been 35 years since I sat at home and listened to reel-to-reel tapes of my father's voice from Korea.

The disappointment on the other end of a telephone call, only minutes in duration, from thousands of miles away often times only scratch the surface of the true feelings.

Kids are resilient and bounce back from such disappointments but it touches them just the same. The call may seem insignificant, but to a military child, these calls form the chain of memories that will build those enduring relationships. Every email counts.

Every hand written letter adds to the connection from parent to child. Not unlike that snot-nosed kid who listened to his father's scratchy voice from thousands of miles away in another war, our children

and our spouses and Families today need those tidbits of contact in order to help carry through our deployments.

So remember their sacrifices, treasure the memories, whether they be first person or Kodak moments from home. Relish in the reality that however bad we have it today, the Soldiers of Vietnam were shunned, put away from the public eye and worst of all spit on in public for doing what the nation asked of them. As for me, I'm going to write my kids tonight and promise them one more big hug when I get home; and I will thank my wife again for putting up with me.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Capt. Steve Dawson is the Commander of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 125th Infantry, attached to 1st Squadron 126th Cavalry, 4SB and his company is performing Convoy Security for sustainment missions out of Camp Virginia.

CFC KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN ACROSS THE ARMY

Article Courtesy of Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Combined Federal Campaign, which kicked off Sept. 1 and runs through Dec. 15, is the world's largest annual workplace charity drive.

CFC raises millions of dollars each year to assist some 4,000 charities through donations from federal employees and servicemembers that support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

Some installations have already launched their CFC campaign for this year, but Secretary of the Army Pete Geren officially opens the National Capital Area CFC campaign Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. with an event at the Pentagon auditorium open to Army employees and Soldiers.

Clifford Lovejoy, the CFC manager for the Army's NCA campaign, said the goal in the area is to raise \$2.95 million and he has 34 campaign managers working with their respective commands to help raise the money.

"Now we have more than 4,000 charities within CFC and what I have found is that no matter who you are or where you are in life, if you have a situation where you need some help, there is no doubt in my mind that one of those 4,000 charities will be able to help you," Lovejoy said.

Federal employees and servicemembers may give to the charities of their choice via automatic payroll deduction or a one-time cash or check gift.



Clifford Lovejoy, the CFC manager for the Army holds a sign with the goal to raise \$2.95 million dollars across the service. Photo by C. Toddy Lopez

'DO IT YOURSELF' SOCCER

Article and Photos by Maj. Carol McClelland
1st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

CAMPARIFJAN, Kuwait – It started with two things, an idea and a rocky patch of dirt behind a designated softball field. But it took teamwork and the love of a sport to make it happen.

About a year ago Chief Warrant Officer Gerardo Ledesma arrived at his deployed location—a camp here in the middle of the desert. The camp is large enough to be divided into zones that are reached by motorized transportation. In a zone furthest from where Ledesma lived, there was a soccer field. But in his zone there



Maj. Karl Boggs affixes a donated soccer net to a goal with some help from Spc. Paul Heaverly, a Cleveland, Ohio National Guardsman who read a flyer advertizing pick up games and decided to kick the ball around.

were a group of soccer players whose only connections were being deployed together at the same location and their love for a game that most have played since childhood.

Ledesma and other soccer enthusiasts decided to make their own soccer field closest to where they lived and worked. With help and approval from camp leadership, they drove a forklift with part of a chain-link fence dragging from behind to clear rocks and even out the land. They welded scrap parts together to make non-regulation sized goals. Then they attached thick, green windscreen scrap netting, normally used to limit dust in motor pools, to the goals.

With daytime temperatures in the

triple-digits, most outdoor sports are played at night, so the innovators received help to obtain generators and lights. The only thing left was to attract players. They hung flyers around their zone for any players that wished to play “pick up” games during designated days and times.

“The Soldiers really make the game,” said Ledesma, who is assigned to the 109th Transportation Company, under 28 Joint Logistics Task Force. “When they come out and play, it really comes together because you can have goals, you can have the net, the balls and the field, but if the players don’t come out, you don’t have the magic of the soccer match!”

And come out they did. All ranks, from all services, and international military units assigned here, started showing up to play. Sometimes they’d have only six people, so they’d readjust to 3-on-3. And sometimes they could field full teams.

It all depends on what missions are going on, said Ledesma, who played for the All Army Soccer Team in 2000. “The guys are always pulling convoy security missions so they come when they can,” he said.

On this night Ledesma found himself drawn to the homemade soccer field because he saw someone “messing with their goals.” But he was relieved to see it was Maj. Karl Boggs, another pick-up player from 1st Theater Sustainment Command’s Distribution Management Center.

Boggs, an Army Reservist cross-leveled from U.S. Joint Forces Command, sent a monthly newsletter to his colleagues back home in Suffolk and he mentioned their do-it-yourself efforts. Someone forwarded the newsletter to Laura Massie, a government civilian

employee at JFCOM, who happens to be the president of the Tidewater Women’s Soccer League. She read Boggs request for a used soccer net but “went above and beyond by sending us not only a net but a couple of soccer balls and a pump,” Boggs said.

Boggs brought his pocket knife, a handful of plastic ties, and the regulation-sized net and used it to replace the windscreen netting in both goals. “I knew one full net would cover two small ones,” Boggs said.

Ledesma was happy to see the other netting replaced because he said they would kick the ball in and it would rip. They frequently paused the game to fix the holes.

“I’m happy someone embraced this effort and made improvements. We have pride and are taking ownership of our efforts here,” Ledesma said.

Editors Note: Pick up games are played Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at 8 p.m. behind the Zone 6 Softball Field.



Chief Warrant Officer Gerardo Ledesma helped create a soccer field that’s smaller than most, which he said helps new soccer players learn the game.

THE COLONEL MEETS THE CHAPLAIN

Article By Marine Col. Mike Gallagher & Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Gramling
JLTF 28

The other day I stumbled upon a reference to a Johnstown native, Chaplain Erik Gramling, serving our country in Kuwait. I contacted him. Our concocted dialogue went something like this.

Col. G – Chaplain, I think the folks want to hear about our adventures in foreign lands. But you're down in Kuwait—that can't be too tough.

Chaplain – With all do respect Sir, I've heard you are working in Saddam's Al Faw Palace in Camp Victory. I am very familiar with that palace. I have even sat in Saddam's throne that was given to him by Yasir Arafat. In 2006, I took over 100 Soldiers on several Blackhawk Helicopter flights to Camp Victory and the Green Zone for a little morale and spiritual relaxation. We swam in the pool. We ate ice cream and quality KBR meals fit for a general. I bet you're living like a king in Al Faw!

Col. G – Well, that may be so, but I've already confessed that I work in a palace to the folks back home. And I admit, we do have the "Ausie pool" here on Victory. With temps hitting 115 degrees—sometimes the troops need a refreshing break.

Chaplain – Ah, yes, an air conditioned palace, with unlimited ice cream, and, did I mention a pool? Besides it's 120 here, plus higher humidity because we are on the gulf. You haven't seen hot yet! Not to mention dust and sand. This place is a dust bowl compared to the paradise of Eastern Iraq where you are!

Col. G – Okay, it's tougher than I thought. Why don't you just tell the folks about your digs.

Chaplain – Well, I work out of a tent, but thank the Lord it is air conditioned. We live in large open bay



Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Gramling prays with a convoy team prior to their departure on a mission to deliver supplies into Iraq. Courtesy Photo.

barracks that we call PCBs (Precast Concrete Buildings). Imagine a long rectangle concrete building without any windows. We use strategic placement of wall lockers to create some privacy, but when you get right down to it, for 15 months, 35 men are living together in one large room. In fact, there are no windows in my office either. So I work, and live, and even go to church in buildings with no windows. Not quite like your palace is it?

I would be shameful to complain though when many of our brave Warriors are living in huts without hot chow or AC as they are "imbedded" with the Iraqi Army or in Afghanistan where conditions are more primitive. Let's just admit it, we both have it very comfortable.

Col. G – Good point. Our front line troops have it a lot harder than we do. Sometimes I take for granted the little things like access to running water.

So what do you do when you're not hanging out in your PCB?

Chaplain – Quite frankly I think I have the best job in the Army! I care for Soldiers and Airmen.

The Lord has called me to be a Pastor, which I do while also serving my nation. It is an awesome privilege. One I am very thankful for.

My men and women are the drivers and mechanics of the Army's M915, which are like regular semi-trucks loaded with up-armor. They drive 2-18 day missions into and out of Iraq. We are the theater's primary long-distance, line-haul unit, moving equipment, ammo, and supplies to all of you serving in Iraq. Something to remember next time you buy your lazy boy in the PX—it probably was trucked to Baghdad by my Warriors!

I ensure the religious freedom of all our troops, and perform or provide ministry directly to them. I try to pray with every convoy before they leave our camp and I also provide a worship

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service on Sunday. I counsel a lot of troops and I also get to do a lot of “ministry by walking around.”

But this calling comes with its hard moments like consoling grieving Warriors that received Red Cross messages or caring for injured troops. I even had to lead a memorial service for a soldier we lost to an IED in April.

It is a humbling job, one where I am

amazed to see the dedication and hard work of so many fine Americans. All of America should be very proud of them and very thankful.

Col. G – Sounds like you are ministering to their hearts and souls. You continue to march and take care of our young Americans down there. God bless you chaplain.

EDITORS NOTE: Chaplain (Capt.)

Erik Gramling is a 1987 graduate of Westmont Hilltop High School and a former Tribune-Democrat paperboy. He graduated from Penn State in 1991, and went on to Seminary at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pa. He is ordained by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and has served as an Active Duty chaplain since January 2004. He is married and has three children ages 10, 8, and 5.

109th Takes Re-Enlistment To The Docks

Article and Photos by 1st Lt. Linsey Rowland
109th Transportation Company



109th Transportation Soldiers taking part in a re-enlistment ceremony aboard the Buena Vista off the KNB Shoreline. From (Right to Left) Staff Sgt. Sherron Goffigan, Spc. Erica Pruitt, Spc. Devin Evans, Staff Sgt. Charlotte Perry, and 1st Lt. Melanie Collins

KNB, Kuwait -- 109th Transportation Company took a re-enlistment to the docks this month, re-enlisting two Soldiers off the Persian Gulf shore at the Kuwaiti Naval Base on the Buena Vista, a Landing Craft Utility Ship.

Spc. Erica Pruitt and Pfc. Devin Evans were the re-enlistees, Pruitt re-enlisting for six years and Evans for three years.

The Buena Vista, a small ship used by amphibious forces to transport equipment and troops to the shore was docked about five miles off the KNB coastline on a security watch for the port.

“They took us out on small boats called Landing Craft Mechanized, in order to meet the ship, which was a few miles off

the shore. I got to drive the boat on the way out,” said 1st Lt. Melanie Collins, the Executive Officer for the 109th Transportation Company.

The re-enlistment group of roughly 20 people rode seven personnel per LCM out to the Buena Vista.

Once out on the Buena Vista, 1st Lt. Collins swore the Soldiers’ in. “We walked up to the Captain’s watch and that’s where we re-enlisted the Soldiers, the audience stood below on the main deck and watched. We met the Chief of the ship and the whole crew who were friendly and accommodating,” 1st Lt. Collins said.

The location of the re-enlistment was enticing to those who had not witnessed the water side of transportation.

“It was a great chance for the Soldiers to see the other side of the transportation world” she added.

“The trip was wonderful; we received a tour of the ship and watched the re-enlistment. We spent about 30

minutes checking everything out. The crew told us we could come back anytime and revisit the ship,” said Sgt. Janet Mency from 109th Transportation Company.

“The re-enlistment was something different, I never thought I would be on a ship re-enlisting, it was cool,” said Pfc. Devin Evans.

Both Soldiers’ re-enlisted for Fort McPherson, Georgia. “I re-enlisted first for Fort McPherson and then Specialist Pruitt also wanted to go there, later she was able to find an assignment with me,” said Pfc. Evans.

Also in attendance was Lt. Col. Christopher Benoit, the Joint Logistics Task Force 28 commander, who had previously served on the Buena Vista as a Platoon Leader.



Lt. Col. Christopher Benoit, JLFT 28 commander drives a Landing Craft Mechanized boat out to the Buena Vista where the re-enlistment took place.

Africa To Audie Murphy

Article By 1st Lt. Lindsey Rowland
109th Transportation Company

Senegal is located in the westernmost part of the African continent. It is bordered in the West by the Atlantic Ocean, in the North by Mauritania, in the East by Mali, and its south region is bordered by the Republic of The Gambia and Guinea.

Senegal is a tropical country with over 7.45 million people and 3,000 hours of sunshine each year. Senegal has a heavy French presence and Middle Eastern influence yet it has created its own trademark of unconventional music, food, and tradition.

Its people are not unlike its unconventional standing, they too come from a tradition of hard-work and a society where social movement is not always that easy.

Senegal is where our story begins. Staff Sgt. Momar Talla Samb was born in Louga, Senegal, but spent most of his life in Dakar, Senegal, a city considered the cultural melting-pot of the country.

Samb speaks fluent French, which is Senegal's number one language in government, as well as a Wolof form; an ethnic plurality with as many as 40 percent of the Senegal population self-identified.

Samb has two sisters and was the fifth of six boys. His parents are both nationals of Senegal. Samb had an active childhood, "I played Soccer all my life, in elementary and high-school."

Samb's father was not always supportive of his soccer career, "My father does not like soccer, he liked horse racing, but when his horse died, he gave up the sport," Samb said.

The Senegalese military force is also



Staff Sgt. Momar T. Samb, a platoon sergeant with the 109th Transportation Company looks on after being inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

highly regarded and has participated in many domestic and local peacekeeping missions; most recently in 1991, it was the only Sub-Saharan realm to send a contingent to take part in Operation Desert Storm. But Samb had his eyes set on another horizon; the United States.

"I wanted to come to the United States because it offered me more opportunities than if I stayed in Senegal," Samb said. If he remained in Senegal, more than likely Samb would have ended

up working in the family business: real estate, wholesale business, and grocery store ownership.

Samb would get his big break on May 10, 1995, when he came to the United States by being selected from a lottery that grants 55,000 green cards each year. In order to be considered as a candidate in the lottery, Samb had to have a high-school diploma or be a

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skilled specialty worker.

“I wanted to go to the United States to continue my education, they gave me a Visa and I had to leave before I could complete high-school in Senegal,” said Samb.

Samb would later get his GED in the United States.

The English language would be his next obstacle; Samb came to the U.S. with minimal English background. “I went to the library where they had classes for English as the second language. I was nervous when I arrived, I still struggle with English today,” Samb said.

But because his half brother was already in the U.S., Samb was able to live with him and learn English as his third language.

The next step was soccer; Samb received a scholarship to the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore, where he would play soccer for a year before the school cancelled their soccer program.

After this, his only option was to move to another school and try for a new soccer scholarship. “I probably would have ended up playing professional soccer, but no one school at that time would grant a full scholarship,” Samb said.

So instead, on August 22, 1997, Samb joined the U.S. Army as a motor transport operator.

It was then, that the Audie Murphy Inductee would start his promising military career.

“I saw the option for adventure on TV and wanted to do it. I was raised to be all you can be, that’s why I originally liked the old Army slogan. I always put

110 percent forward to challenge myself on whatever organization I am in, I try to be the best,” Samb said.

Samb’s first duty station was Fort Lewis, Washington where he would unsuccessfully try out for the All-Army Soccer Team in 1999.

“After that, I was done with soccer, I told myself I am not going back,” Samb said. But he would return and aid the All-Army Soccer Team to win the championship in 2006 and 2007. This would be the first time the Army won back to back championships.

Samb’s list of deployments include two with the 109th Transportation Company in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom 05-06 and 07-08 and one to Camp Monteith, Kosovo in 2000 with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1-37th Armor out of Friedberg, Germany.

In 2004, he was the 28th Transportation Battalion NCO of the Year; his awards include a Bronze Star, an Army Commendation Medal, and four Army Achievement Medals.

Samb’s most recent accomplishment is as an inductee into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Army Central Command Chapter.

Samb is the first 109th Transportation NCO to be inducted in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in the recent past.

“Staff Sergeant Samb is a gifted leader; you don’t see a person make E7, selected for Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, and inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club all in one year,” said 1st Sgt. James Harris, the 109th Transportation Company First Sergeant.

“He is the epitome of a great NCO, physically and morally fit, mentally tough, and not afraid to make the hard decisions.” 1st Sgt. Harris added.

Future plans include an assignment to Drill Sergeant School and hopefully after that an E8 position with the Active Guard/Reserve.

“I think I am really done with Soccer this time,” Samb says. “I plan to dedicate the rest of my time to my professional military career,” he added.



Staff Sgt. Samb, center, holds a platoon meeting with his squad leaders prior to beginning the night shift in the 109th Trans. Co. motor pool.

Proud Buckeye Citizen-Soldier

Article and Photos Courtesy of HHC
1-148th Infantry

Sgt. Daniel Sandys joined the Ohio National Guard in Nov. of 2001. "I joined because I wanted to serve my Country, new experiences, and to challenge myself," said Sandys. Sandys was born and raised in Defiance, a small city in Northwest Ohio.

He is the first person to ever join the military in his Family. In 1999, Sandys married his high school sweetheart. Together they have two children, Alex 10 and Allison 9. The single thing that he misses the most while being deployed is his Family.

Recently he landed a new job as a product designer in Fort Wayne, Ind. He looks forward to getting back to the new house he purchased for his Family.

In his spare time he



Sgt. Daniel Sandys' gives a farewell hug to his children before deploying.

enjoys working out, playing his Playstation Portable, and talking to his Family. Normally, Sgt. Sandys serves as an Infantry team leader, but due to mission requirements, he is currently serving as a gun truck commander.

Sandys has made a

seamless transition between team leader and gun truck commander. When asked the difference between the positions Sandys replied, "It's not a big difference between the two. I'm still responsible for the safety and performance of two Soldiers. The mission itself is different; the training I received helped me perform at a high level."

Sandys' exceptional leadership skills and ability to adapt to different situations is an example of the type of Soldiers who currently serve in the unit.

This will be Sandys last mission with the National Guard. His enlistment expires when the unit returns home.

HHC, 1-148th Infantry Battalion and the Ohio National Guard will miss Sgt. Daniel Sandys.

10th Trans. Promotes and Naturalizes

Article by 1st Lt. Chris Yeazel
10th Transportation Company

The past several weeks have been extremely eventful for the 10th Transportation Company. With a total of 43 missions completed and 1.4 million mission miles fulfilled, simultaneously many group and individual milestones are also being met.

The company fielded its first all-female basketball team for competition in the Camp Arifjan

Labor Day Tournament. The team did extremely well against teams representing the full spectrum of joint operations conducted at Camp Arifjan, and laid the foundation for a great team in tournaments to come.

Ten Soldiers were promoted in the past month: two from private to private first class, six from private first class. to specialist, and

two from specialist. to sergeant. The 10th Transportation Company's promotees and newest NCO's were welcomed with a splash of ice cold water, and the responsibilities and duties that come with their new ranks.

Spc. Osvaldo Vives, the 10th Transportation Company

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CBRN NCO, had many months of hard work rewarded during August by receiving the Army Achievement Medal for exemplary performance during a Brigade CBRN inspection. He is known throughout the company for his devotion to his duties.

On Sep. 4, Spc. Sarahi Labeau was fully naturalized as a U.S. citizen during a ceremony



Maj. Gen. Anderson, and Spc. Sarahi Labeau, 10th Transportation Company at the Naturalization Ceremony.

held at the Zone 1 chapel. Although her family has lived in Texas for many years, she was still a citizen of her native Mexico.

She shared this proud moment with her fellow Ghostriders, and many other guests including the U.S. consulate to Kuwait.

Spiral VII Bids Heartfelt Farewell to Spiral VI

Article Courtesy of Air Force 424 MTD
JTLF 28

Two thumbs up for the Air Force's 'Centurions,' 424 Medium Truck Detachment, Spiral VI, who have wrapped up a six month deployment in support of joint operations with the Joint Logistical Task Force 28. The Air Force Detachment of 158 Airmen completed 86 convoy missions, 50 local missions, and commanded more than 3.7 million convoy miles throughout Iraq and Kuwait. Airmen and Soldiers worked side by side in the JLTf 28 moving equipment, rolling stock, ammo, medical supplies, and other sustainment supplies to all areas of Iraq, then backhauled cargo to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

September brought the much anticipated arrival of their replacement unit. Detachment 424 Spiral VII.

The 163 members of Spiral VII were assembled from 25 different bases around the world and completed an intense six week training course known as Basic



Combat Convoy Course in San Antonio, Texas. BC3 is an aggressive preparatory course for Air Force personnel covering the basics of combat convoy tactics, casualty evacuation, combat life saver, recovery drills, weapons, communications, IED awareness, and small unit leadership.

Spiral VII spent their last week at BC3 putting the training to the test by running 24-hr. operations and finalizing their convoy teams.

These Airmen arrived at Camp Arifjan motivated and ready to execute the mission with determination and professionalism.

Detachment 424, Spiral VII took up the 'Centurions' flag with a Transfer of Authority ceremony on Sep. 4, while continuing to run missions. They have already completed a handful of missions moving cargo into Iraq. Many of these Airmen are returning veterans of the convoy mission.

For some, it's their third time deploying to Camp Arifjan, yet they are no less motivated to secure their cargo and get on the road.

These Centurions are brave and determined and will represent the Air Force superbly during their tour at Camp Arifjan. We bid a heartfelt farewell to Spiral VI who departed on Sep. 20, heading back to 27 different Air Force bases around the world, and we thank them for a job well done.

From Freezing Up To Melting Down

Courtesy of the 539th Transportation Company

JLTF 28



Sgt. Burke, 109th Transportation Company works at the 50-caliber familiarization fire range to train the 539th Trans. Co. at the Convoy Protection Platform Course.

RIP/TOA training for the 539th Transportation Company, from Fort Wainwright, Alaska was well under way Sept. 6, and ceased five days later with a successful train-up allowing the new Soldiers to step into the shoes of the 109th Transportation Company.

“Now starts the right seat, left seat rides, meaning putting one of our NCO’s with three of the 539th Soldiers per truck to run convoy security operations into Iraq. This is the real hands on train-up, where the 539th Soldiers see the mission and participate in the process,” said 1st Lt. Matthew Ferretti, OIC of training.

The training took place at ranges outside of Camp Beuhring and Udari. To include a Confirmation of Zero Range, 50-caliber familiarization fire, Convoy Protection Platform Course, and a

Pin Flare Range.

On the final day 539th Soldiers went to the HEAT Trainer, a rollover simulator that gives Soldiers techniques on how to react in emergency situations.

“We fired over 15,000 rounds of 50-caliber ammo, and got over 150 Soldiers through the ranges within two days. The 539th Transportation Company was very motivated and adapted well to the time change from Alaska and the heat difference.

The 539th Soldiers came right off their flight and immediately into training. They pushed to complete all the training as quickly as possible and most times ahead of schedule,” said Staff Sgt. Cossom, the NCOIC for training.

“Our Soldiers were also motivated to get this train up

accomplished successfully and teach the new Soldiers what they need to know in order to have a successful deployment,” added Staff Sgt. Cossom.

The 539th Soldiers also received first hand training on the Blue Force Tracker and the Harris Radios, both in the M1151 fleet the company is falling in on. For some Soldiers, this was the first time many had worked with the equipment.

“The Soldiers were really motivated; the training was fast and furious. Our guys were up to the task, motivated through long, hot days. We went from one of the coldest places on earth to the hottest; about an eighty degree temperature difference,” said 1st Sgt. Michael Breheny from 539th Transportation Company.

REDEPLOYMENT/REINTEGRATION QATAR-STYLE

Article by 1st Lt. Lindsey Rowland
109th Transportation Company

Since Joint Logistical Task Force 28 has been on the ground, they have afforded more than 90 Soldiers the chance to participate in the four-day Qatar leave program. Forty of those Soldiers went due to a proposal from their company level Military Welfare and Recreation Representative.

1st Lt. Andrew Horsfall, 109th Transportation Company spearheaded the program, otherwise known as the ‘Redeployment-Reintegration Four-Day-Qatar Pass Program.’ Originated with the basic concept that while redeploying Soldiers go through the RIP/TOA process, they can use the Qatar Pass Program to unwind and commence reintegration into an everyday environment.

The program was originally designed to send 50, 109th Transportation Soldiers to Qatar.

“The Qatar trip allows the Soldiers to unwind before going home.

You can’t send Soldiers from a high-stress combat environment, with its associated mentality, straight into a Family-civilian environment,” said 1st Lt. Horsfall.

The initial idea came from the Soldiers themselves. “The four day pass is a refreshing break that allows Soldiers to mingle with and develop a deeper understanding of the Arabic culture,” said Sgt. Bassam Abdo, a 109th Soldier who recently returned from a four-day pass.

1st Lt. Horsfall took the proposal and made it work. “I called the four-day pass specialist at Ali Al Salem, and he thought it was feasible.

I teamed up with the Chaplain, in order to strengthen the program as a transitional tool,” said 1st Lt. Horsfall. “After talking with those who have been to Qatar, I can see the benefits of sending Soldiers down there mid-tour or end of tour,” he added.

As part of the program, Soldiers would agree to one-two hours of an introduction of redeployment materials to get a taste of the programs and tools the chaplain offers for reintegration.

“This was in addition to the Deployment Cycle Support brief; it’s a more in-depth look to help the Soldiers with the redeployment process.

I would like to see our Soldiers offered all the opportunities available,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Gramling, JLTF 28. In the next few months, more JLTF 28 Soldiers are slated to go, “We are looking at sending somewhere around 29 Soldiers for September and have sent a total of 28 for the month of August.

At the battalion level, we understand the importance of getting Soldiers these passes. It’s a great moral boost that Battalion S1 fully supports,” said Sgt. Alexandru Mirea, HHD, S1, JLTF 28.

Supporting the War Fight and Executing the Distribution Mission



‘Just Get it Done’

Absentee Voting Lifts Off!

Article courtesy of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment
JLTF 28

The Armed Forces Voter Week, aimed at registering servicemembers to vote, has already passed, however time still remains to complete the process.

For Capt. Adam Bradford, the preparation started before this date. Capt. Bradford embraced his role as the Battalion Voting Assistance Officer for Joint Logistical Task Force 28 with a fierce, organized plan.

“I have implemented a three-phase plan of attack to ensure every Soldier in [Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment], JLTF 28 has the materials needed to vote.

My goal is 100 percent of the people who want to vote, have the ability to vote,” Capt. Bradford said.

Phase one of Capt. Bradford’s voting-plan-of-attack is to ensure all Soldiers have been given the opportunity to request an absentee ballot.

“This is the first step, I ensure the ballot requests are filled out correctly and mailed so the Soldiers receive the voting ballot with enough time allotted to mail it, and the vote to count,” he said.

Each ballot has to be mailed with the Soldier’s respective local election office address so state election officials can process the request, send the materials to voters, and get the completed ballots back by the various

state or territory deadlines.

Phase two is motivation.

Capt. Bradford, due to Army regulations, cannot distribute election or campaign material, bi-partisan or not, but he can however, be the driving force for voter enthusiasm.

Phase three is to ensure absentee ballots are received in time. If not, then Capt. Bradford resorts to voter alternatives.

“If absentee ballots do not come in the mail by the deadline, a write-in, back-up ballot can be completed,” he added.

Otherwise known as a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, it can be used and mailed as a back-up to a requested state absentee ballot that does not arrive in time for Election Day.

“If this is an issue, Soldiers need to see me by Oct. 15, and I can assist them,” he said.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program has also redesigned their

website, offering an automated Voter

Registration-Ballot Delivery tool.

This improvement now provides voters with better access to time-sensitive absentee voting information and an electronic



alternative to the mail-in process, which assists communication between local election officials and voters.

When Capt. Bradford was asked about his biggest worry with elections and the responsibility to which it brings to the table he clued us in:

“I wake up at night in a cold sweat from nightmares that voting day has passed and no one has voted.

In the nightmare, I see empty registration forms on my nightstand, and I run to work to get the Soldiers to vote, and then ultimately none of the votes count, and that’s when I wake up,” said Capt. Bradford.

But HHD, JLTF 28 needs not worry; Capt. Bradford’s three phase plan is in effect. Some people dream of the Olympics every four years...

Capt. Bradford, dreams of presidential elections.

Wrangler Birthday "Shout Outs"

BTB

MSG Lacroix, Serge	02 Oct	SGT Robertson, Anthony	05 Oct	SGT Sannis, Stephen	12 Oct
SPC Norris, Richard	02 Oct	1SG Adams, Robert	07 Oct	SGT Gorham, Eric	14 Oct
PFC Burton, Chelsie	03 Oct	PFC Gray, Tralana	08 Oct		
CPT Crumby, Anthony	04 Oct	SPC Richardson, Justin	09 Oct		
MAJ Martin, Gary	04 Oct	CPT Martinez, Luis	10 Oct		
2LT Gatrell, Barton	05 Oct	SFC Whitfield, Donna	10 Oct		
SFC Murray, Garland	05 Oct	SGT Rolle, Richard	11 Oct		

1-126th CAV

SSG Fryover, Lance	01 Oct	SPC Nelsen, Craig	05 Oct	SPC Hamilton, Thomas	11 Oct
SGT Burr, Roy	02 Oct	SSG Carrizales, Candelario	07 Oct	PFC Smith, Jason	11 Oct
SPC Crawford, Lyle	02 Oct	SPC Radich, Christopher	07 Oct	SPC Cox, Charles	12 Oct
SPC Brown, Steven	03 Oct	MSG Roe, Robert	07 Oct	SPC Ankrom, Seth	13 Oct
SPC Wentz, Deano	03 Oct	SGT Wilson, Jeremy	08 Oct	SPC Bennink, Brenton	13 Oct
PFC Gates, Floyd	04 Oct	1LT Sluhan, Diana	10 Oct	PFC Gotcher, Jason	13 Oct
SFC Oliver, Theodore	04 Oct	PFC Thompson, Curtis	07 Oct	SGT Kusrow, Matthew	13 Oct
SGT Weatherspoon, Rovert	04 Oct	SPC Loper, Don	08 Oct	SFC Martinez, Roberto	13 Oct
PV2 Coston, Clifford	05 Oct	PV2 Berner, Benjamin	10 Oct	SGT Parsons, Justin	13 Oct
PV2 Driver, David	05 Oct	PFC Gendron, Jeffrey	10 Oct	SPC Keophalychanh, Saykham	14 Oct
PFC Kerns, Ryan	05 Oct	PFC Bultema, Patrick	11 Oct		

1-148th IN

SGT France, John	01 Oct	PFC Phipps, Randy	06 Oct	SPC Cherry, Leslie	12 Oct
SPC Bowling, Justin	02 Oct	SPC Hehr, Anthony	07 Oct	PV2 Hunt, Treyvon	12 Oct
SPC Flores, Benjamin	02 Oct	SGT Adams, Joshua	08 Oct	SPC Rose, Daniel	14 Oct
PV2 Jones, Thomas	02 Oct	PFC Morgan, Gregory	08 Oct	PV2 Scheffler, Jeffrey	14 Oct
SPC Cairnes, Christopher	03 Oct	SPC Schneider, Terrence	09 Oct		
PV2 Hill, Mark	03 Oct	SPC Smith, Ronald	09 Oct		
SSG Seffens, Shawn	03 Oct	SGT Johnson, Brian	10 Oct		
PFC Boeh, Jason	04 Oct	SGT Wolfe, Eric	10 Oct		

TF Gateway

PFC Williams, Christopher	01 Oct	SPC Hurtado, Ricky	05 Oct	SGT Cao, Ngon	10 Oct
SGT Cadavis, Sherwin	02 Oct	SGT Thornton, Andre	05 Oct	SGT RosaFigueroa, Francisco	10 Oct
SPC McMorro, Jeremiah	04 Oct	SFC Meeks, Monica	07 Oct	SPC Billingslea, Arlenia	13 Oct
CPT Yoder, Esmeralda	04 Oct	SPC Mckee, Aaron	08 Oct	1LT Mcgee, Timothy	14 Oct

6th Trans

SSG Biglin, Kevin	01 Oct	SGT Friend, Brian	07 Oct	SSG Bennett, Raymond	12 Oct
SSG Wiley, Steven	01 Oct	SPC Martin, Lisa	07 Oct	1LT Ku, Sam	12 Oct
PV2 Adams, Amos	02 Oct	SPC Mackabee, Marshayla	08 Oct	SPC Ayala, Juan	13 Oct
SFC Bartlett, Richard	02 Oct	PFC Thomas, Brandon	08 Oct	SGT Bolton, Cory	13 Oct
SGT Gourno, Simon	02 Oct	SGT Unruh, Jonathan	08 Oct	SGT Hayward, Jason	13 Oct
SGT Ney, Gabriel	02 Oct	SPC Brownlow, Mark	09 Oct	SPC Kitt, Alvin	13 Oct
SGT Long, Robert	03 Oct	SPC Chaboya, George	09 Oct	SGT Laboyhiraes, Sunshine	13 Oct
SGT Klutenkamper, Megan	04 Oct	SGT Douglass, Marcell	09 Oct	PV2 Pool, Paul	14 Oct
PFC Lopez-Villapando, Janette	04 Oct	SPC Mauer, David	09 Oct		
SSG Stewart, Corbin	04 Oct	SPC Smallwood, Anthony	10 Oct		
SPC Little, Jason	05 Oct	SGT Ward, Wayne	10 Oct		
SPC Wenzel, Reuben	05 Oct	SPC Zunie, Fenton	10 Oct		
SSG Jordan, John	06 Oct	PFC Sambula, Kevin	11 Oct		
PFC Estes, Tia	07 Oct	PFC Talmage, Andrew	11 Oct		

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SPC Ajala, Samuel	01 Oct	1LT Yeasel, Christopher	07 Oct	CPL Harrington, Johnny	11 Oct
SPC Davis, Hanif	01 Oct	SGT Grayson, Colin	08 Oct	PFC Wengel, Christopher	11 Oct
SSG Horres, Kenneth	02 Oct	SPC Pappas, Peter	08 Oct	SFC Arnold, Brian	12 Oct
SGT Betancourt, Hernan	03 Oct	SPC Schulte, Nathan	08 Oct	SFC Bell, Karite	12 Oct
SPC Kammel, Rene	03 Oct	SPC Casper, Benjamin	09 Oct	SPC Gomez, Mayra	12 Oct
SSG Sanders, Robbin	03 Oct	SPC Laffoon, Matthew	09 Oct	SPC Jones, Michael	12 Oct
PFC Warneck, Thomas	05 Oct	SSG Yates, Jeremiah	09 Oct	SGT Sheppard, Shacovia	12 Oct
PV2 Armas, Allanray	06 Oct	1SG Harris, Steven	10 Oct		
1LT Rowland, Lindsey	06 Oct	SFC Brown, Steven	11 Oct		

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