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Husband passes Phoenix guidon to wife

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41ST FB



FOB DELTA – Soldiers in the 324th Network Support Company, 589th Brigade Support Battalion, 41st Fires Brigade, welcomed a familiar face to the company as their commander handed off the reigns.

Captain Jose Leon, of Yauco, Puerto Rico, gave command of 324th NSC to his wife, Capt. Tracy Leon, of Indianapolis during a ceremony at Hanger 49, Feb. 27.

Jose said he saw a lot of advantages to the switch.

"I am going to make sure that everything in the company is set up for success for her. She will also have the advantage of being able to talk to the previous commander," said the outgoing commander.

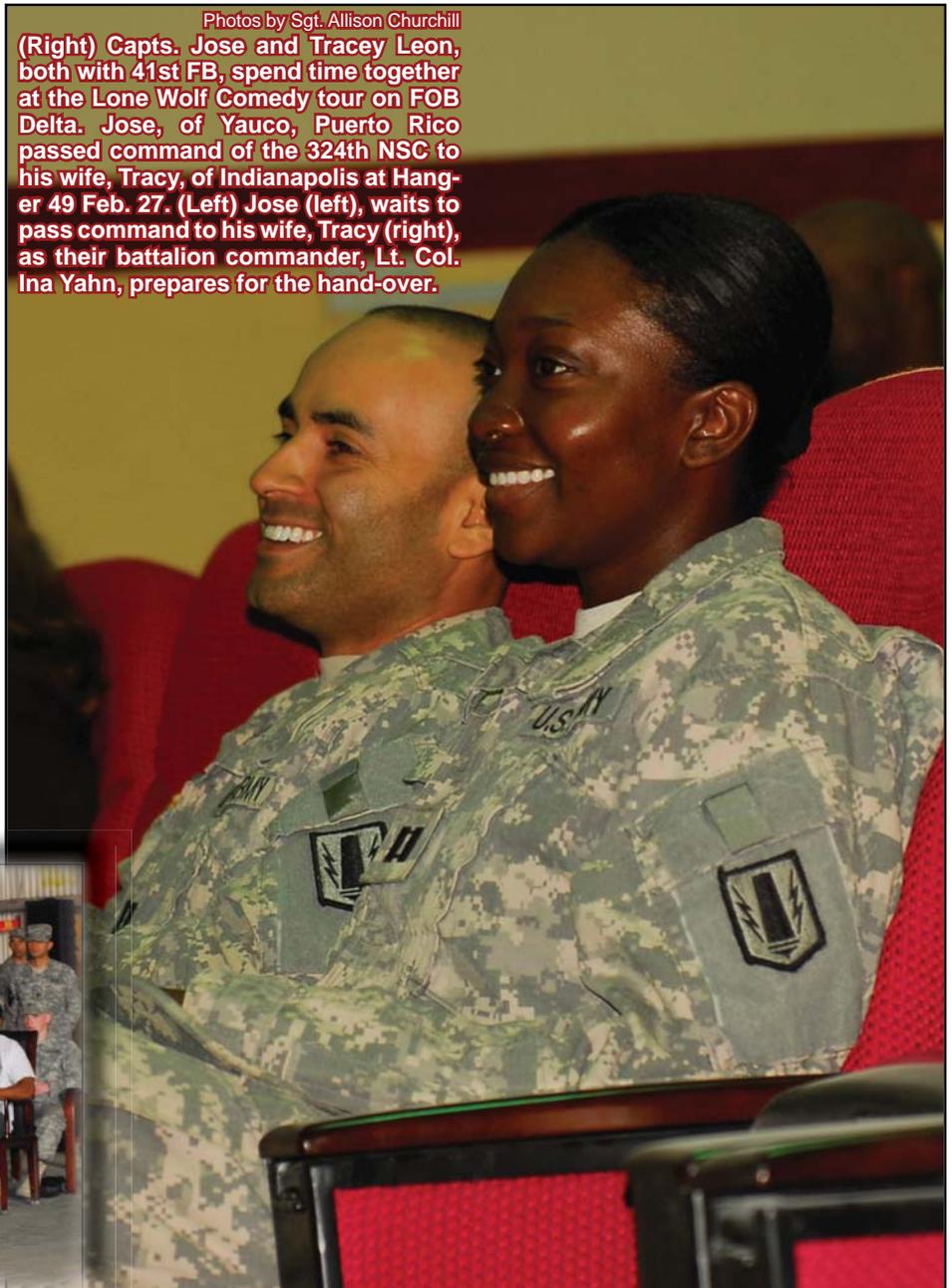
The company is the first command for both husband and wife.

"There will be no doubt that 324th

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Photos by Sgt. Allison Churchill

(Right) Capts. Jose and Tracey Leon, both with 41st FB, spend time together at the Lone Wolf Comedy tour on FOB Delta. Jose, of Yauco, Puerto Rico passed command of the 324th NSC to his wife, Tracy, of Indianapolis at Hanger 49 Feb. 27. (Left) Jose (left), waits to pass command to his wife, Tracy (right), as their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Ina Yahn, prepares for the hand-over.



Brotherly love: deployment brings family closer

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CAMP VICTORY – Deployments can strain sibling relationships. They can make it harder to maintain a closeness that is solidified by the other's presence. Two brothers have been lucky enough not to have that strain – even if only while in Iraq.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Greene, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 10th Mountain Division, operations noncommissioned officer-in-charge and his brother, Robert Greene, Science Applications International Corporation, database administrator have been able to spend time together while in country.

The brothers, both Ellenville, N.Y. natives, said being here together has made them more appreciative of each other.

"There were years when we didn't have time to get together," said Daniel. "I would say (being here together) brought us a lot closer."

Daniel and Robert try to get together once or twice a week to have coffee, dinner, reminisce about their childhood and talk about their families. The brothers even call home together.

The brothers have not always been able to spend so much time together. When Daniel was 10, Robert joined the Army and is now retired.

After Daniel joined the Army the brothers rarely saw each other, but still can't see themselves any other way. For them, it's a lifestyle.

"You grow up from a teenager and this is mostly what you've done, maybe a couple of odds and ends jobs, but it grows on you," said Daniel, "it's part of your family, part of your history – always being around a military installation – it's part of your culture, a family tradition."

Being here together has allowed the brothers to provide each other with moral support.

"That's what brothers are for," said Robert. "That's what family is for."

For Daniel, it feels like a vacation when he spends time with his brother.

"Just having family around takes you out of Iraq for just

that moment," he said.

The brothers say their whole family is close. Their sisters all settled around their mom to take care of her and the brothers would always try to plan leave together so the whole family could be together.

With such a tight-knit family, worrying about both brothers might be normal, but the brothers say their family is comfortable with both of them being here. That wasn't the case at first.

"Mom was a little worried at first, but her knowing we're here to take care of each other is a benefit," said Daniel.

The Greens know they have something that most people don't and are thankful for one another.

"It's awesome," said Daniel. "It's one thing to have your fellow Soldiers and civilians with you, but to have family – that's special."



Photo by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Robert Greene, Science Applications International Corporation, database administrator (left) and his brother, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Greene, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, operations, 10th Mountain Division, operations non-commissioned officer-in-charge have grown closer through their time together in Iraq. The brothers spend time together drinking coffee, having dinner and reminiscing about their childhood.

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A Soldier first: Soldier fulfills Army needs

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CAMP STRIKER – Soldiers are sometimes assigned jobs outside of their specialty to fulfill the needs of the Army, so it came as no surprise to one when he became commander of a Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System company, a position that he had little to no experience with.

“I wanted to expand my horizons and have a first-hand experience with new technology in the military,” says Capt. Dorian J. Turner, a Raleigh, N.C. native.

“It was something that I had never done and I looked forward to the new experiences.”

The command that chose Turner for the position knew they had picked the right Soldier for the job.

“I was able to use my previous skill with computers and build on it with my newfound skills as I learned how the technology worked and how to operate it,” said Turner.

Turner’s background in

computers turned out to be a big help when it came to troubleshooting equipment within the company.

“I was able to save a lot of time and keep us on time with the mission because I knew how to fix some issues that came up,” Turner explained.

In his short time in command, Turner left an impression on his unit.

“He is an outstanding leader,” said Sgt. Anthony J. Deets, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Air Vehicle Operator, from Portland, Ore.

“He ensures that everyone and everything runs smoothly.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jarvis M. Bass, acting First Sergeant of the Shadow UAS Co., commended Turner for his leadership skills, and ability to adapt to his new position.

“In my many years in the military, Turner is one of the few leaders who has shown a genuine concern for his Soldiers,” said Bass. “He’s spent long nights at the office making sure Soldiers are squared away.”



Photo by Pfc. Jasmine N. Walthall

Capt. Dorian J. Turner, a native of Raleigh, N.C., pauses in front of an Unmanned Aircraft System on the launch pad. Turner, Shadow UAS Company Commander, is a member of the 449th Theater Aviation Brigade, out of Morrisville, N.C.

PHOENIX

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NSC was our favorite company,” said Tracy, who said she’s glad she and her husband get to share their first command.

She also complimented her husband’s leadership of the Phoenix Soldiers.

“Jose did an outstanding job as their commander so I won’t have to worry about trying to fix anything right away,” she said.

Lieutenant Col. Ina Yahn, of Gataivai, American Samoa, 589th BSB commander, echoed the sentiment in her speech during the ceremony.

“Today, Jose hands-off 324th NSC to his wife Tracy a much better organization, a more disciplined unit and a much stronger and cohesive team than he received it 12 months ago,” said Yahn.

The company was the first within the brigade to meet and exceed retention goals in the first quarter of financial year 2009, Yahn said. Both Yahn and Jose said the company is

now in able hands.

“(Tracy) brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the job,” said Yahn. “I know she will be a great commander to lead the best signal Soldiers in the Army through the rest of the deployment and return them safely home to their families.”

Both Leons said they think the Family readiness group benefits from the exchange, as the Soldiers and their Families had a chance to get to know both husband and wife. Jose said he looks forward to providing his wife with support as the FRG leader when the brigade redeploys.

Jose, whose next assignment is unknown, earned an associate’s in marine technology from the National Polytechnic College of Oceanering, Wilmington, Calif., and a bachelor’s in computer studies from University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Md.

Tracy, who most recently worked as the brigade logistics augmentation program officer and contracting officer representative, earned a bachelor’s in operations research from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

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- Umpire
- Wild Pitch

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Lions Den

March 7
10th Mountain Division Salsa Band @ 9 p.m.
Fridays
“Gospel Hour: Moments of Joy” @ noon

Fishbowl Gym

March 27
Relay for Life HOPE Ceremony @ 8 p.m.
March 28
Cancer awareness 5K/10K walk run. Free t-shirt and continental breakfast. Race begins @ 7 a.m.
April 11
Pirate’s Cove Run 5K/10K. Registration begins @ 7 a.m., race begins @ w8 a.m. T-shirts awarded to top finishers.

Slayer

March 7
Camp Slayer Fishing Tournament, Operation Catch Fish, at Slayer Lake @ noon. For details visit <https://corps.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Liberty

March 5
10th Mountain Division Salsa Band at MWR C-10 @ 9 p.m.

Victory

March 8
Lifting competition at Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Physical Fitness Center. POC: MA2 Amber Mathwig, amber.mathwig@iraq.centcom.mil

Babylon Theater

March 6
Town Hall Meeing @ 1 p.m.

The Norris Roundhouse
Chuck Norris’ pulse is measured on the richter scale.

