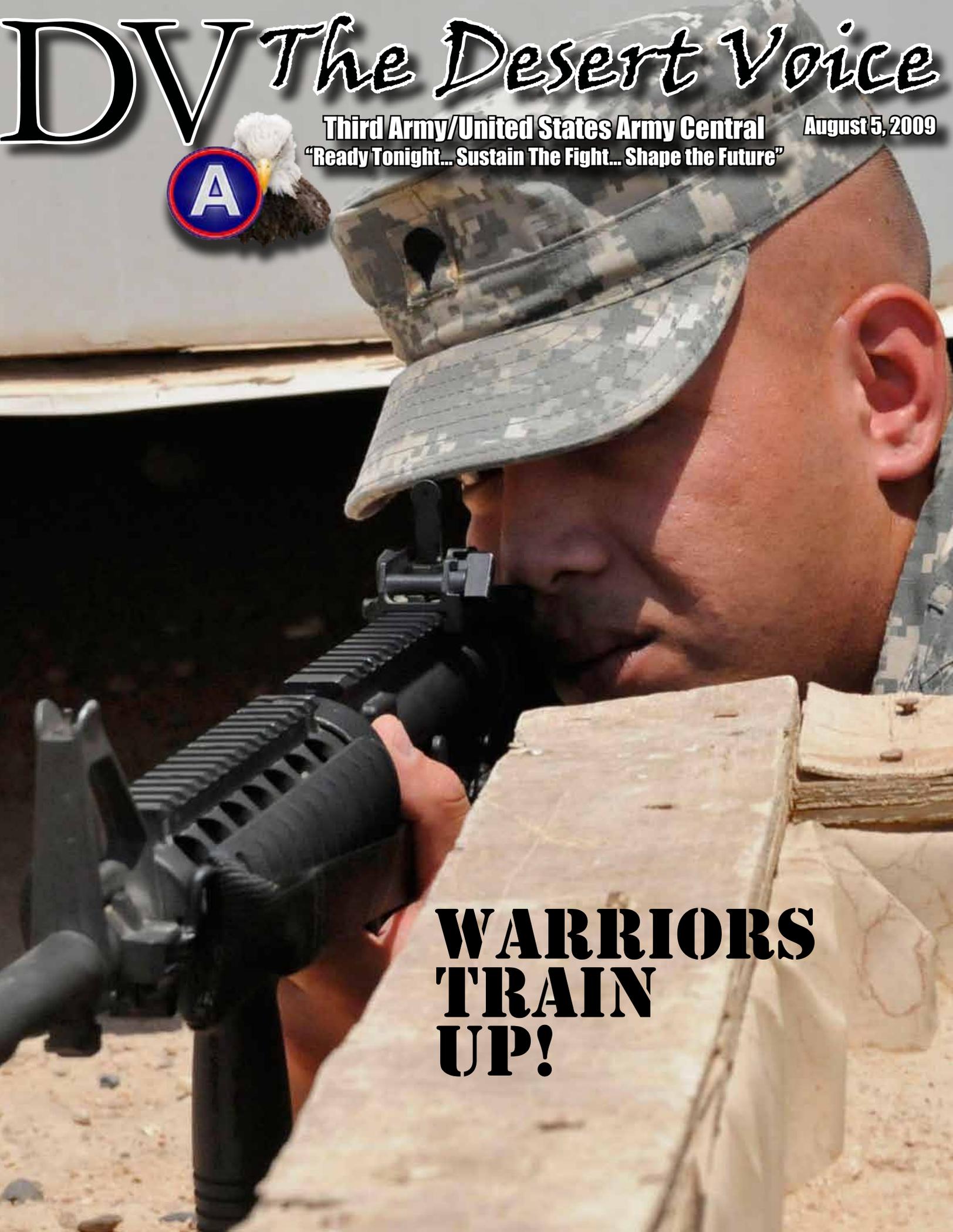


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Spc. David K. Kamaka, student, Third Army/USARCENT NCO Academy, provides cover fire during a squad movement exercise during the Warrior Leader Course. For the full story see page 6. (Photo by Spc. Alicia Torbush)

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There recently was an incident where a tire caught on fire on a Caiman Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. The fire has been attributed to excessive heat from operating on run flats.

Drivers of the Caiman MRAP need to be aware of some precautions they can take to help eliminate the possibility of incidents like this from occurring.

Do not exceed 30 mph (48 kph) during any run flat operation. Do not exceed 20 mph (32 kph) with more than 1 rear tire flat.

Do not exceed driving distances of 30 miles while operating on a run flat.

When driving the vehicle, existing conditions are constantly changing. Never drive at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent for the conditions.

Run flat operation may cause the tread to separate from the tire and/or wheel. If abnormal handling is experienced, or noise such as flapping or pounding around the wheel well occurs, the tread needs to be cut away from the wheel before continuing operation.

A wheel that has been run flat must be replaced and inspected by unit maintenance as soon as possible before reuse.

Commanders must ensure that they take all the necessary steps to disseminate the information to the troops and are aware of how to contact their local Tank Automotive Command Life Cycle Management Command, Logistics Assistance Representative or your State Surface Maintenance Manager for assistance.

To find your TACOM LCMC LAR, you must be a registered user in the Army Electronic Product Support database.

If you are a registered user, then click on this link: <https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/Services/Lars/Tacom/larmap/LARlocate/larmap.cfm> Then select the appropriate region; i.e. CONUS, Europe, Far East, and SWA. Select the location nearest you and click on a name. This will give you a LAR's name, DSN and commercial phone number, email address, and photo.



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Building muscle



Trying to build lean body mass and get stronger? To build new muscle, your body needs adequate protein and calories. To increase muscle while decreasing body fat, you need to exercise more without adding more calories. If you are trying to gain weight, you need to increase your calorie intake – ideally with healthy foods, not empty calories.



Capt. Kate Schrumm R.D.
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Protein is an important macronutrient that your body needs for muscle, immune function and metabolism. Protein does not normally contribute much energy toward exercise. The average person needs .36 grams of protein per pound of body weight. Endurance athletes like marathon runners, distance bikers, and triathletes may need up to .55-.64 grams per pound. Bodybuilders and individuals doing heavy resistance training need about .73-.77 grams per pound. As an example, a 180 pound individual who is moderately active needs 65 grams per day, an endurance athlete would need 99-115 grams and a strength athlete of the same weight would need about 131-139 grams of protein per day. Most Americans easily meet their protein needs with a regular diet. Getting your recommended 3 servings of low-fat dairy per day will provide 24 grams protein alone. High

protein diets tend to be higher in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol unless vegetarian or low-fat sources of protein are eaten.

High protein diets are probably not going to hurt you or your kidneys, but if your protein intake is causing you to decrease your intake of carbohydrates, your performance may be suffering. Most people overlook the importance of carbohydrate in a training diet – even if you are primarily doing resistance training. During an intense, high power lifting session, your body is burning primarily carbohydrates from glucose and stored carbohydrates called glycogen found in your muscle and liver. Research shows that muscles will fatigue faster if glycogen stores are decreased. This can happen after a few days of inadequate carbohydrate intake coupled with hard workouts. To maximize your glycogen stores and recovery from workouts, have a meal or snack within 1 hour after your workout. This meal or snack should be a 4:1 ratio of carbohydrates to protein. Chocolate milk has this exact ratio so this would be a good recovery drink instead of spending money on expensive high protein recovery beverages. **A**

Use only in cases of emergency!

Recent events concerning false activation of the fire alarms at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait have sparked the Third Army/U.S. Army Central commanding general to issue a command for the activity to cease.

Within a two day time period, the fire alarms in Building 507 were deliberately tampered with causing the Area Support Group-Kuwait fire department to respond to the false alarms.

These actions are not only a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice; Articles 92 and 134, and are punishable under Article 15 or court martial, but they are also against International Fire Codes.

Tampering with a fire alarm is considered malicious manual activation, or unlawful tampering with a fire alarm system, and places an unnecessary strain on fire department resources and takes firefighters away from actual emergencies that could endanger lives.

The effects of maliciously manually activating an alarm also include causing residents in the facility to become complacent and not evacuate the building, putting them at risk of death in the event of an actual emergency. Occupants of a facility should move quickly to the nearest exit to safety; do not assume to know the cause of alarm.

Activation of a fire alarm in the event of a non-emergency fails to meet the Armed Forces policy on maintaining good order and discipline and serves to bring discredit on the armed services. Individuals caught willingly engaged in these activities will be punished according to UCMJ. **A**



Tampering with a fire alarm is considered malicious manual activation, or unlawful tampering with a fire alarm system. These actions risk the lives of all occupants living in the barracks, and hinders the fire departments resources to react to real emergencies.

USARCENT hosts first IAMD conference



Maj. Gen. Charles Anderson, deputy commanding general, Third Army/U.S. Army Central, tours the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, tactical operations center as part of his visit to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, July 25.

**Article and photo by
Staff Sgt. Anthony Taylor
Third Army/USARCENT
Public Affairs Office**

U.S. Army Central hosted a two day Integrated Air and Missile Defense

Conference at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, that began on July 24.

The conference focused on IAMD throughout U.S. Central Command Area of

Responsibility, specifically looking at past issues and progress, their present status and upcoming developments, in addition to developing methods to improve training between joint and coalition command posts using simulation and stimulation.

During the opening remarks to the conference, Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, commanding general of Third Army/USARCENT, discussed the importance of forming a more united front in missile defense and that this union should grow alongside their gulf partners.

“We must look for ways to pull together an integrated joint and coalition air defense

alliance that would cause us to protect one another throughout the gulf region,” said Webster.

Attendees at the conference included key members from CENTCOM and components, U.S. Air Forces Central, U.S. Navy Forces Central, the Missile Defense Agency, Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Facilitating the conference was Maj. Gen. Charles Anderson, deputy commander, Third Army/USARCENT. The conference examined the CENTCOM commander’s

Bilateral Air Defense Initiative, which is the first step in integrating the region, and the goal to increase Gulf Cooperation Council member state’s capacity to defend themselves from air and missile attacks; foster interoperability with U.S. forces and systems; and lay the foundations for eventual regional and missile defense cooperation.

On the second day, the conference attendees were flown to Qatar for a site visit at the Combined Air Operations Center, where air and space operations are executed. In addition, attendees were given a tour at the Battle Space Command and Control Center AFCENT, which monitors and controls the air picture and the traffic within the Arabian gulf and Afghanistan.

The conference ended with a tour of the 11th ADA “Imperial” Brigade. The brigade presented a mission brief and gave a brief orientation of their tactical operations center, which directs the Patriot battalions in the region.

“Acknowledgement that we have a great capability that we are going to improve on using 21st century simulations and stimulations to make it even better,” said Col. Joseph DeAntona, commander, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. **A**



Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, commanding general, Third Army/USARCENT, greets Richard A. Ritter, from the Missile Defense Agency, prior to the opening of the Integrated Air and Missile Defense Conference, on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, July 24.

Task Force Sinai change of command

Article and photo by
Capt. Lakesha Warren

Multinational Force & Observers

U.S. Army Col. Jim Mingo took command of the Multinational Force and Observers Task Force Sinai at Memorial Square in North Camp, El Gorah, Egypt, on the morning of July 15.

The MFO is an independent international organization responsible for supervising implementation of the security provisions of the Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel.

The senior American in the Force serves as the Force Chief of Staff and also commands Task Force Sinai. As the COS, this officer coordinates and directs all staff actions within the Force and answers for the Force in the Force Commander's absence. As TFS Commander, the COS has been centrally-selected for brigade command in the U.S. Army selection system. COS provides the U.S. command and control for the U.S. Infantry Battalion, the U.S. Support Battalion and the U.S. Headquarters Contingent.

Mingo has served in numerous armor units throughout his career with multiple assignments to Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Irwin, Calif. Additionally, he has served in

Vilseck, Germany, Fort Knox, Ky., and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

When asked what his goals were for the Soldiers and staff of TFS, he replied, "maintaining our level of discipline and adhering to the Army values in everything we do."

He also believes that the Army values are more than a card on our dog tags - they represent standards we should strive for as professional Soldiers in the U.S. Army and serve as a guide for all of U.S. to follow, Mingo stated.

Friends and colleagues from Kuwait, South Camp and North Camp all showed their support as they said their goodbyes and best wishes to U.S. Army Col. Casey Griffith, who successfully served as the TFS Commander for the past year.

In a personal e-mail, Griffith wrote the following: "Thanks for all your hard work, dedication and continued efforts in support of the MFO mission. A mission in which I believe in greatly, I have been extremely proud to have served with and supported you during this last year. I take with me many fond memories and stories that will last me well throughout my life. Good luck to all of you, keep smiling and enjoy your life." 



Outgoing Task Force Sinai Commander, Col. Casey Griffith, 1st Theater Support Commander, Maj. Gen. James Rogers, and Task Force Sinai Commander Col. Jim Mingo, render a salute to the U.S. Flag during the playing of the national anthem. A change of command ceremony between Griffith and Mingo took place in Memorial Square, on the Multinational Force and Observers North Camp, El Gorah, Egypt, July 15.



WLC strikes 3rd Army/USARCENT

Warriors trained in leadership



A Warrior Leader Course student reacts to direct fire during a squad movement exercise taking place during the WLC at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 27.

Article and photo by
Spc. Alicia C. Torbush
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“The Warrior Leader Course lays down the foundation for leadership, tactical leadership and garrison leadership; how to fill out evaluation reports and refreshes basic Soldier skills,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Kushner, first sergeant, Third Army/U.S. Army Central Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Third Army/USARCENT planned and sponsored the inaugural, DA approved, in-theater WLC at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 19 through Aug. 3.

In order to reduce the amount of time that Soldiers spend away from their families, and because of the quick operation tempo, there were almost 500 Soldiers in Kuwait, who needed to attend WLC, so a plan for conducting the course in theater was made.

“USARCENT recognized a need to train these Soldiers in theater instead of missing any more time with their families,” said Sgt. Maj. Bobby King, deputy commandant, Third Army/USARCENT NCO Academy.

The training consists of 10 days of classroom training

“These Soldiers are getting the best training out there because it is directly derived from actual events in Iraq.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Kushner
First Sergeant
Third Army/U.S. Army Central NCO Academy

followed by five days of hands-on training in the field. Days one through 10, the students learn basic development training, NCO evaluation reports, counseling as well as a review of basic Soldier skills such as map reading and land navigation, Military Operations on Urban Terrain, site exploitation and improvised explosive device training.

“These Soldiers are getting the best training out there because it is directly derived from actual events in Iraq,” said Kushner.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill, U.S. Central Command, visited the students during the first days of the course. He had lunch with a few of the Soldiers, answered their questions and visited students in the classrooms.

Instructors were pulled from NCO training academies all over the world to come to Kuwait for this WLC.

“We’ve got really good instructors; this is by far one of the best courses I’ve been to,” said Sgt. Michael Harris, alternate communications security custodian, Third Army/USARCENT.

There are three more courses planned for the next 90 days so that other Soldiers have the opportunity to receive leadership training in theater.

“I think this is something they should make permanent out here,” said Harris. “I’ve been in the Army for a while and I’m here at Camp Buehring for WLC because I’ve been deployed so many times that I haven’t had a chance to go.”

To honor the students who successfully completed the course, the inaugural, in-theater WLC held a graduation ceremony at the Zone 1 Chapel on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 3. 

Navy ethos displayed in search for missing Capt.



Courtesy Photo
Washington, D.C., Oct. 11, 2002, Navy file photo of Navy Capt. Michael "Scott" Speicher, the F/A-18 "Hornet" pilot who was shot down over Iraq on the opening night of Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) has positively identified remains recovered in Iraq as those of Capt. Michael Scott Speicher. Speicher was shot down flying a combat mission in an F/A-18 Hornet over west-central Iraq on January 17th, 1991 during Operation Desert Storm.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Captain Speicher's family for the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country," said Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy. "I am also extremely grateful to all those who have worked so tirelessly over the last 18 years to bring Captain Speicher home."

"Our Navy will never give up looking for a shipmate, regardless of how long or how difficult that search may be," said Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations. "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Captain Speicher and his family for the

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Admiral Gary Roughead
Chief of Naval Operations
U.S. Navy

sacrifice they have made for our nation and the example of strength they have set for all of us."

Acting on information provided by an Iraqi citizen in early July, US Marines stationed in Al Anbar Province went to a location in the desert which was believed to be the crash site of Speicher's jet. The Iraqi citizen stated he knew of two Iraqi citizens who recalled an American jet impacting the desert and the remains of the pilot being buried in the desert. One of these Iraqi citizens stated that they were present when

Speicher was found dead at the crash site by Bedouins and his remains buried. The Iraqi citizens led US

Marines to the site who searched the area.

Remains were recovered over several days during the past week and flown to Dover Air Force Base for scientific identification by the AFIP's Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.

The recovered remains include bones and multiple skeletal fragments. Positive identification was made by comparing Speicher's dental records with the jawbone recovered at the site. The teeth are a match, both visually and radiographically.

While dental records have confirmed the remains to be those of Speicher, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology DNA Lab in Rockville, Maryland is running DNA tests on the remains recovered in Iraq and comparing them to DNA reference samples previously provided by family members. **A**



Courtesy Photo
An F/A-18 "Hornet" flies over an oil field during a mission in Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

FSU-1 thanks Central Texas Girl Scouts



Australian Chief Petty Officer Michael Davis, Force Support Unit-1, Middle East Area of Operations, signs and encloses more than 37 thank you cards for the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. The members of FSU-1 wanted to show their appreciation to the Girl Scouts for sending cookies and notes of encouragement to American and Coalition Forces.

Article and photo by
MC2 Kim Harris

Media Transition Team-Kuwait

The Girl Scouts of central Texas have a lot to be thankful for, they showed their gratitude to the American Soldiers serving in the Middle East by generously sending care packages filled with Girl Scout cookies and handmade thank you notes.

An overwhelming shipment of care packages that were recently shipped to the chaplain at Life Support Area, Kuwait, led American Soldiers to share their goodies with Australian service members. As a result, they have built a bond and created a friendship with coalition forces from Australia.

The Australians recognized the patriotism of the girls by sending tokens of their appreciation and sharing a little bit of their “Aussie” culture.

Force Support Unit-1, executive officer, Squadron Leader James Pritchard, noted that in Australia, they do not have as many organizations as Americans do to support the Armed Forces. According to Pritchard, only a select group of the Australian population is in the military, and thus fewer people serve.

This was the first time that the Australians of FSU-1 decided to make a collective effort to reach out and recognize an American organization. They were touched and impressed by the care and effort the girls put into decorating their colorful hand written cards. They also appreciated the time and dedication it took to put them together.

“We thought, that besides the American Soldiers who received and appreciated the gesture, we also appreciated the cookies,” Pritchard said. “We fight alongside the American Soldiers and we want the girls to know they have friends in faraway places,” said Pritchard.

Australian Chief Petty Officer Michael Davis received some of the Girl Scout cookies.

“I thought they were awesome,” said Davis. “It was a kind and thoughtful gesture, for them to send the cookies and for the American troops to share them with us. We are doing an important job over here and it is important to thank them for recognizing that.”

Davis is no stranger to community service and recalls supporting his children’s local sports center and community child care center.

Just as with the American forces, volunteerism is a fundamental value of the Australian forces.

Capt. Tye Driver is another member of the FSU-1 who expressed her gratitude to the Girl Scouts of Central Texas.

“It was a considerate and wonderful idea for them to give of their time and to do this for the American Soldiers. They were very nice,” said Driver.

Driver explained that the Australian forces conduct collective efforts to support fund raisers for cancer associations in Australia. The way that the Girl Scouts have openly volunteered their time, really meant a lot to the FSU-1 soldiers.

Faith Brown is the Member Services Officer for the Girls Scouts of Central Texas and the creator of the Operations Cookie program. She was delighted to hear that her program received recognition.

“I started the program in 2006 and it has grown into something wonderful,” said Brown. “Each year it has an even larger impact than the year before.”

Brown has personal reasons for starting the program.

“Operation Cookie has a very special place in my heart because my father was career Air Force,” said Brown. “I remember when I was a little girl helping my mom put care packages together to send to my dad and his unit in Vietnam. I know how much those packages meant to him and everyone who served with him.”

Her memories of those times, gave her the dedication to start Operation Cookie program for the Soldiers.

The Australian servicemembers have developed a special place in their hearts for the Operation Cookie program and in return have sent more than thirty cards of appreciation back to Faith Brown and the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. The cards are adorned with a Kangaroo pin attached to them; the pins are keepsakes to remind Brown and the girls of their new “Aussie” friends. 

NEWS IN BRIEF

TEMPORARY END-STRENGTH INCREASE

Earlier last week, the Secretary of Defense authorized a temporary increase of up to 22,000 Soldiers for the active Army.

This temporary end-strength increase will reduce the stress and strain on the force by ensuring all deploying units are filled appropriately.

The Army welcomes the additional Soldiers, as it faces a period of transitioning global commitments, an increased number of non-deployable Soldiers and the impending end of stop loss. The temporary end-strength increase will improve unit readiness by January 2010 and will last for several years before regressing back to its current level of 547,400.

TRANSITION PROGRAM ROLLS OUT WELCOME MAT FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Injured Soldiers looking to transition back to civilian life have long been able to start with the Army Career and Alumni Program -- but for wounded warriors who didn't know that, ACAP recently rolled out a virtual welcome mat to remind them.

In June, the Army Career and Alumni Program added a wounded warrior "path" to their Web site. The new path is designed to help wounded Soldiers make the transition from life in uniform to life as a civilian through education, information and counseling. "Wounded Soldiers have always been able to go to ACAP," said Chief Warrant Officer Linda Wellman, the deputy to the director of the Army Career and Alumni Program.

"But until now, there's been no special outreach toward wounded warriors. The new path specifies how ACAP can be helpful to them when it's time to transition to civilian life. It also lets them know that we're available to help family members also." Wellman said ACAP can help wounded Soldiers find jobs with employers specifically looking to hire wounded Soldiers. "We have a Web site for those employers who have said they'd like to hire wounded warriors, and who have asked how they can get connected with them. That Web site connection is through the wounded warrior path."

Wellman said in the past, she understood that some wounded Soldiers might not have known that the benefits of ACAP were for all Soldiers. The addition of a "Wounded Warrior" path to the ACAP Web site is meant to address that misconception. "If I'm a Soldier in a wheelchair, I

might think that ACAP is only working with guys in the infantry -- and that they can't help me get a job," she said. "That's not true. Any person who has worn a uniform and is leaving the Army can benefit from the services at ACAP, from a two-star general to a private." The ACAP program also works with the Army Wounded Warrior Program, better known as AW2, and the Warrior Transition Units to ensure that wounded Soldiers know about the services ACAP provides and that it is available to them. "If a wounded warrior has hooked up with AW2, their career counselor will direct them back to ACAP to get help with their résumé," Wellman said, adding that ACAP has counselors in about 20 Soldier Family Assistance Centers around the Army. The Army Career Alumni Program has been around for nearly 20 years now, and exists to help Soldiers transition into civilian life. The program helps Soldiers with interviewing skills, "dressing for success," and learning to translate what they've done in the military into language that will impress civilian employers on a résumé.



IN-STATE TUITION SET FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

As of July 1, military members, spouses and their college-aged youth are now guaranteed in-state tuition at public colleges and universities in the state where they reside or are permanently stationed.

A MOAA-backed initiative, the in-state tuition directive, was approved by Congress as part of the Higher Education Act and became effective for enrollments after July 1, 2009.

Most states already offered military families in-state tuition, but many did not allow for continuation of the in-state tuition rates once the military member relocated. This change takes care of that.

Military families should no longer be subject to rate hikes if the military member has a permanent change of station from that state. If they have enrolled at a public college or university, then they will be able to pay in-state tuition rates as long as they remain continuously enrolled, even if the military member moves.

It's possible though that some institutions may not be aware of the change. Service men and women who have questions should see the institution's registrar or the campus-based Veterans Affairs office, if there is one. Servicemembers may also contact the Department of Education's Ombudsman's office at <https://ombudsman.ed.gov/OmbudsmanWebApp/do?action=getRequest> 

Naturalization Ceremony



6 August 2009
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
Zone 1 Chapel
@ 0930

NCO Spotlight:

Staff Sgt. Nacha Corbett-Singleton
 S-1 NCOIC, 1st TSC



"Take advantage of all the military has to offer while you have the opportunity to. Learn as much as you can."

Staff Sgt. Nacha Corbett-Singleton joined the Army in Oct. 1992 in order to take care of her two-year old son. She is currently on her first deployment and has been in theater for 10 months. She says she continues to serve because she loves her country and loves her job. She has the support of a loving family at home and believes that this deployment has been well worth the time spent away from her two children, a son and a daughter.

Just One Question ...

"What motivates you to stay focused during your tour in Kuwait?"



"My motivation is looking forward to heading back home and starting a new adventure after 20 years of service."

Staff Sgt. Guy Chanpuang
 Special Troops Battalion
 1st Cavalry Division
 Shreveport, La.



"My motivation is knowing that I am helping Soldiers as a Medevac."

Staff Sgt. Stan Ambrose
 Medevac
 C Company 2-211 Air Ambulance
 Brighton, Ind.



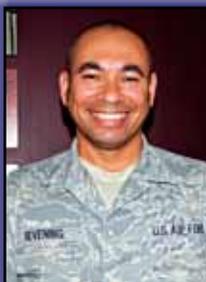
"What motivates me is impacting the lives of the people I meet and leading by example, I make the best of my situation."

PO2 Angelita Noche
 NAVELSG Forward Juliet
 Bravo Company
 Long Beach, Calif.



"My motivation is my family back home."

Sgt. Casey Barfels
 C Company 2-211 Air Ambulance
 Waterloo, Iowa



"Knowing what we do here affects the convoys on the road, and knowing we, as well as they, have a family to get back to."

Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Sevening
 TOC Controller
 424th Medium Truck Detachment
 Las Vegas, Nev.

What's happening around USARCENT

Reserve Chief Visits

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, commander, U.S. Army Reserve Command, and Command Sgt. Major Leon E. Caffie, pay a visit to Warrior Leader Course participants on Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 29. The visit consisted of lunch with a group of students, a tour and an overview of the WLC facilities.



Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton

WLC Graduation

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Martinson, commandant, Third Army/U.S. Army Central Noncommissioned Officers Academy, congratulates Sgt. Marcus Young, the distinguished honor graduate from the inaugural Warrior Leader Course held in theater. The graduation ceremony took place at the Zone 1 Chapel on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 3.



Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush

Indiana NG leaders visit

The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger swears in three Soldiers of the 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion, for their re-enlistment at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 24. Umbarger and his command sergeant major visited theater to see how well they were performing their mission and let them know that they have the command's full support.



Photo by Pvt. Howard Ketter