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201st Corps Soldiers recognized for heroic actions; Soldiers' bravery saves lives during suicide attacks



Story and Photo by
Jalabad Garrison Public Affairs Office

Recently several members of the Jalabad Garrison, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army were awarded high honors for their heroic actions on July 21, 2009.

The five members of the Jalabad Garrison were awarded medals from the presidential department of Afghanistan after they successfully defeated suicide attackers in the city of Jalabad.

The Soldiers were on security duty at the front gate of the Jalabad Garrison near the American Army Forward Operating Base Camp Hughei when a suicide bomber wearing a suicide vest and riding a motorcycle loaded with explosives attempted to get through the gate. The Soldiers acted quickly killing the suicide bomber and prevented injuries or deaths to friendly forces.

Lt. Gen. Mohammed Issac Noori, deputy staff general, 201st Corps awarded the 1st Grade Medal to Capt. Farm Ullah, the security guard company commander of Jalabad Garrison. He also awarded the 2nd Grade Medal to Lt. Kamen Ullah and Sgt. Jaweed. Noori awarded the 3rd Grade Medals to Sgt. Anivat Ullah and ANA Soldier Zai-u-ddin.

Lt. Gen. Mohammed Issac Noori, deputy staff general, 201st Corps, presents a 1st grade medal to Col. Asmatullah Abraham Khel, commander of the Jalabad Garrison for his heroic actions July 21. Six members of the Garrison were awarded medals in the ceremony.

Martyr Memory

On Jan. 30 Lt. Col. Zai Ullah, commander of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps was killed when enemies of Afghanistan fired a 82 millimeter mortar into Camp Blessing in the Nangalam District of Kunar Province. Zai Ullah was proud to serve his country. He served his soldiers 24-hours-a-day and believed in the ANA and his mission. Heartfelt condolences from the Soldiers of the 201st Corps and coalition forces go out to Zai Ullah's family and the soldiers of the 3rd Battalion.



Photo by Farhad Shierzad

Commander's Message

The use of narcotics by our soldiers is not only harmful to our health, but it has a negative impact on our personality, and can jeopardize our mission. It is also strictly forbidden in the order of Islam.

I am requesting that all commanders, officers and noncommissioned officers throughout the 201st Corps fight against narcotics.

Commanders, I want you to lead by example. Encourage your subordinates to stay away from the dangers of narcotics so our soldiers will remain in good health and prepared for our mission.

Maj. Gen. M. Raheem Wardak
201st Corps commanding general

Logistic Seminar held at Camp Pol-e-Charki; helps prepare participants for future operations



Photo by Sgt. Rahmuddin Dilsoze

Col. Mohammad Hamayoon Balies, logistics officer, 201st Corps (left) presents a certificate of appreciation to one of the graduating participants of the four-day logistic seminar recently held at Camp Pol-e-Charki to discuss new policies and guidelines.

**Story by
201st Corps Public Affairs**

Recently soldiers from the 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA) had the opportunity to attend a four-day logistic training seminar at the Corps' headquarters on Camp Pol-e-Charki.

The object of the seminar was to inform logistic personnel from various battalions and garrisons of the ANA as well as local commanders on current logistic policy guidance as well as instruction and implementation of new policies.

On the fourth day of the seminar a short graduation and award ceremony was held to recognize the instructors.

The graduation ceremony was started with the traditional reading of versus from the Holy Quran.

Next the 201st Corps Deputy Commander, Mohammad Akbar Youldash, gave a short speech about the importance of logistics and adherence to policies and guidelines.

Many attended the seminar including officers from the 111th Division of the ANA, the Commando Brigade, the support brigade of the Kabul Training Center.

Those who attended the training seemed to feel the training will be beneficial for future operations.

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215th Corps of the Afghan National Army officially established

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mirvais Sabory
 201st Corps Public Affairs Office

History took place at Camp Pol-e-Charki Jan. 28 when the 215th Corps of the Afghan National Army was officially established in a short ceremony at the 201st Corps headquarters.

In keeping with customs, the ceremony began with the recital of a few verses from the Holy Quran.

Then Lt. Gen. Mohammad Ashaq Noori, deputy staff general for the 201st Corps addressed the crowd to express his appreciation for the hard work the members of the 215th Corps have been doing.

The 215th Corps is currently located in the Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan.

This will be the eighth Corps of the ANA to be created including an Air Corps.

“This is a great day for the Afghan National Army and for the country of Afghanistan,” said Noori. “I wish them much success for the future.”

Many members of the ANA and coalition forces, as well as local media were on hand to witness the historic ceremony.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rahmin Sahnudi

Many Afghan National Army representatives, as well as coalition forces were on hand at the historic ceremony Jan. 28.



Photos by Sgt. Brent C. Powell



Learning Land Navigation

Several members of the Afghan National Army (ANA) spent the day learning various aspects of land navigation from the 201st Corps personnel and Coalition mentors at Camp Pol-e-Charki Feb. 3

The course is designed to give the soldiers basic land navigation skills and help increase their knowledge for future operations.

(Top left) Maj. Azat Ullah, intelligence officer, 201st Corps assist a student with finding points on a map. (Above) Sgt. Maj. Zaman-u-ddin, intelligence sergeant major, from the 201st Corps, plots a point on a map using a protractor. (left) A student in the course uses a protractor to find a grid coordinate on his map.

Rewards program empowers local population

Story by the International Security Assistance Force - Afghanistan

Based on previous success, Regional Command East is running a second promotion campaign to encourage local Afghans to use community safety call in lines to report weapons, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and criminals in exchange for rewards.

The goal of the program is to provide security to the Afghan people by reducing the amount of IEDs on the roadways, key insurgent leaders and their weapon storage areas.

“Through concerted information efforts, the local population is being asked to identify IEDs, weapons caches, and individuals involved with manufacturing and distributing IED materials in exchange for monetary or in-kind reward payments,” said Chief Warrant Officer Steve Mehl, information operations chief, RC East.

“Even though the rewards program is being advertised, we still encourage the local population to call the local observation command and control post to report information,” said Lt. Col Steve Manber, director of information operations, RC East.

“If you do not have a phone, you can give the information to a local policeman and you will still receive the reward,” said Manber.

Since October 2009 RC East has paid nearly \$230,000 to local citizens who provided information on IEDs, weapons caches and high value insurgent leaders.

“If you see something suspicious, report



it,” said Manber. “You can do this by calling your local provincial and district operational coordination centers or report incidents to any Afghan National Security Forces or International Security Forces representative.

Over the past three months, RC East has received more than 560 tips and of those ninety-nine involved information on weapons caches and 18 were reports on key insurgent leaders.

Both Manber and Mehl stated that the identity of those who provide information will remain anonymous.

Monetary rewards can range from \$50 US dollars to \$10 thousand US dollars depending on the information provided.

Recently local nationals provided information that resulted in the recovery of an anti-aircraft weapon in the Parwan Province and they received \$1,200 US dollars.

“We’d really like to see the local population be able to take ownership of securing

their country and be able to safely travel the roads,” said MSgt. Adam Matuska, operations noncommissioned officer, with the 741st EOD Battalion.

In 2009 more than 850 local nationals were killed as a result of the 3,170 IED attacks across the country. Both IEDs and unexploded ordinance (UXOs) pose a deadly risk to the local population and hinder their movement.

“If the people will just take a stand, we can back them up,” said Matuska. “If they would just give us a tip like, ‘we saw someone put an IED on the road near the bridge,’ then we can come out and remove the threat and reward them for their information.

“This program has been successful in the past,” said Manber. “We’ve seen local nationals turn in IEDs, rockets, grenades, ammunition and lead us to key insurgent leaders.”

201st Corps Community Safety Lines

| Phone Number | Province | Phone Number | Province |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| 079-900-8941 | Paktika | 079-925-3288 | Bamyan |
| 079-913-8246 | Khowst ANP | 079-667-1031 | Wardak |
| 079-824-5100 | Paktya | 079-667-1013 | Logar |
| 070-091-8077 | Khowst NDS (AWCC) | 079-673-5438 | Ghazni |
| 070-743-2565 | Kunar | 070-023-4876 | Parwan |
| 079-817-9719 | Kunar | 077-854-1035 | Kapisa |