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Afghan National Army commandos from the Commando Brigade, 201st Corps fast-rope out of an ANA Air Corps Russian M-17 helicopter at the soccer field on Camp Pol-e-Charki Feb. 16 as part of their training on entering an area quickly.

201st Corps commandos conduct helo-training

Story by 201st Corps Public Affairs Office

The skies around Camp Pol-e-Charki were busy with activity Feb. 16 as Soldiers from the Commando Battalion, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army practiced their fast-rope skills.

Using Russian M-17 helicopters from the ANA's Air Corps the commandos conducted their training at the soccer field near the middle of Camp Pol-e-Charki.

The training was conducted to help prepare the commandos to enter an area quickly.

When the Soldiers arrive at their destination they drop a rope from the helicopter to the ground below. Then while the helicopter is hovering, the commandos quickly exit holding onto the rope and slide to the ground below.

Once on the ground they quickly take their positions to establish security of the area. After the area is secure, they begin their mission allowing the helicopter to leave the danger area.

The commandos seemed to enjoy the

challenging training.

The Commando Battalion is constantly training it's Soldiers to prepare them for any mission they may be given.

Recently the commandos prevented suicide attacks in the capital city of Kabul.

They also participated in rescue operations at Salang Pass where they helped save thousands of Afghan people who were stranded and trapped in massive avalanches earlier this month.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmuddin Dilsoz, 201st Corps Photographer

Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heider, executive officer for the 201st Corps, ANA presents the Pol-e-Charki garrison operations officer with a certificate.



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Col. Abdul Hadi Fahim, (right) the Camp Pol-e-Charki garrison commander presents a graduation certificate to one of the garrison officers.

201 Corps officers graduate from NATO weapons tactics course

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mirvies Sabory
201st Corps staff journalist

Using the proper tactics and techniques for various weapons systems is often the key to success in any military conflict.

Attaining that valuable knowledge was the goal at Camp Pol-e-Charki recently when more than 80 officers from the 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army attended a NATO weapons tactics training course.

“Each weapon has a different type of tactic and technique depending on the terrain and the circumstances of it’s use,” said Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heider, executive officer, 201st Corps. “With the knowledge gained here I hope the officers of the 201st Corps will be able to put thier skills to use and incorporate their knowledge into their training plans and their future operations.”

Some of the weapon systems the officers learned about were the M-203 grenade launcher, the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW), and the M-240 automatic machine gun.

The officers were recognized for completing the course during a short graduation ceremony Feb. 20 at the 201st Corps Headquarters.

At the end of the ceremony each of the new graduates were presented with a certificate of completion.

The course instructors were also given awards.

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Jalabad Garrison Soldiers graduate from six-weeks of medical training

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mirvies Sabory
201st Corps staff journalist

The Jalabad Garrison, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army got a boost in their medical care abilities Feb. 13, when nine Soldiers from 2nd Brigade graduated from a six-week medical training course.

The course was taught by U.S. Army Soldiers from Task Force Mountain Warrior and will help prepare the ANA Soldiers to provide basic medical care for their fellow troops.

The graduating Soldiers were recognized for their achievement in a short ceremony at the Jalabad Garrison.

On hand to congratulate the Soldiers was Col. Mohammed Afzal, the 2nd Brigade commanding officer, Col. Mohammad Nasime Sangeen, the 2nd Brigade executive officer and Jalabad Garrison clinic doctors.

“These Soldiers have made big steps in ensuring medical care for their fellow Soldiers during their daily missions,” said Afzal. “My hope is that they will continue their medical training so that they can provide the best medical care available.



Photo by Sgt. Raftullah Mohibat, 201st Corps Photographer

Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, Jalabad Garrison, 201st Corps proudly display their certificates after completing six-weeks of medical training. The course was taught by U.S. Army Soldiers from Task Force Mountain Warrior, and will help provide the ANA garrison with trained medical personnel for the future.



Photo by Capt. Shreen Aqa, Jalabad Garrison PAO

Capt. Shreen Aqa, public affairs officer for the Jalabad Garrison hands sports equipment to local cricket players during a recent ceremony at Jalabad. Maj. Abdul Malik (right) religious officer, Jalabad Garrison was also on hand to assist.

Jalabad Garrison donates sports gear to local cricket teams

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mirvies Sabory
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Recently members of the Jalabad Garrison, 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army took time to donate sports equipment and clothing to 10 local cricket teams in Jalabad.

The gear was given to the ANA to donate from coalition force embedded training teams.

“We appreciate this gear,” said Jalabad cricket team captain Zai-u-Allah. “I look forward to more cooperation with the ANA in the future.”

The gear was donated as a gesture of friendship and cooperation between military forces and local civilians.



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Taking a long shot

An Afghan National Army Soldier from the 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps takes aim on a long distance target with a M-24 sniper rifle at the range on Forward Operating Base Mehar Lam, while Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer (Gunner) Joseph D. Miller, NATO weapons instructor, keeps his eye on the target. The training was part of a Long Range Sniper Course that was held Jan. 26 - Feb. 3 to build confidence and skills in the long range sniper system.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmuddin Dilsoz, 201st Corps Photographer

201st Corps Soldiers sharpen shooting skills

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mirvies Sabory
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Learning to use different weapons and be proficient with them is very important to the Soldiers of the 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army.

With that goal in mind, approximately 80 Soldiers from Headquarters Company and the Military Police Company at Camp Pol-e-Charki visited the local firing range to hone their skills.

Soldiers spent the day firing NATO weapons like the M-16 A2 assault rifle as well as the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW).

They also fired more traditional weapons such as the Russian made PKM automatic machine gun and the Russian made Dashiki a .50 caliber machine gun.

The goal of the training was to improve their shooting skills and to better prepare the Soldiers for combat.