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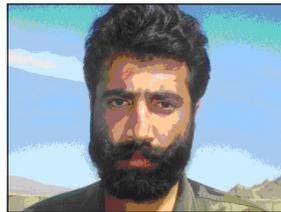


Photo by Sgt. Brent C. Powell

Afghan National Army Lt. Col. Mohammed Hussein, commanding officer of the 1st Kandak, 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps talks about his unit's accomplishments and victories at a recent welcome home ceremony. The unit returned to Camp Pol-e-Charki from a deployment to Helmand Province where they participated in several combat operations. (See Story on page 2)

## Martyr Memory

This week we remember Afghan National Army Soldier Bakht Wali, from 2nd company, 4th Kandak, 2nd Infantry Brigade, of the 201st Corps. He was the son of Khan Wali, and was a permanent resident of Pekain Village, Achen District, Jalalabad Province. He was killed by indirect enemy fire during combat operations in the Kamdesh District of Nooristan Province on Nov. 7, 2009. The personnel of the 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade of the 201st Corps wish to express their appreciation of Bakht Wali's bravery and loyalty and for the dedication he had for his country and the people of Afghanistan. Wali had previously received a certificate of appreciation for his achievements.



## Commander's Message

To the brave personnel of the 201st Corps: You should continue to defend your country and help bring peace, stability and security to your people. This is your Islamic responsibility.

Everyone should continue to train hard to build on their experiences and knowledge so they can achieve success in their duties.

The ANA is comprised of many people from different tribes and different nations who have come together to defend our country in hard situations. Serve proudly.

**Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak**  
*Commanding General, 201st Corps*

# 3rd Brigade Soldiers return from operations in Helmand Province after three-month deployment: Soldiers receive a warm welcome and many thanks for their hard work, dedication and sacrifices

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah  
201st Corps Public Affairs

Camp Pol-e-Charki - Approximately 400 Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps were officially welcomed back in a recent ceremony here at building 502.

The unit had been deployed to the southern province of Helmand for several months.

Many high-ranking officials were on hand to welcome the unit.

Among those were Maj. Gen. Mohamed Raheem Wardak, commanding general of the 201st Corps, Lt. Gen. Mohammad Ashaq Noori, general staff deputy for the 201st Corps, Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heider, executive officer of the 201st Corps, Brig. Gen. Clarence Chinn, deputy commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division as well as French mentors, coalition force members and many others.

The ceremony began with the traditional citing of a few verses from the Holy

Quran.

Next, the commander of the 3rd Kandak, 3rd Brigade, addressed the crowd and spoke briefly about their recent mission to Helmand Province, and of his unit's many accomplishments.

He said they participated in combat operations in both Marja and Nadali Districts in Helmand province.

Due to their bravery and non-stop efforts the security forces successfully stabilized peace and security for the local people in those districts.

Brig. Gen. Zamarey Peikan, commanding general of the 3rd Brigade also spoke at the ceremony. "I'm very proud of these Soldiers, and of all their accomplishments," he said. "They performed their jobs professionally and brought peace and security back to Marja and Nadali."

His comments were also emphasized by Maj. Gen. Wardak. "I am happy to welcome these brave soldiers back from their successful missions in Nadali and Marji Districts of Helmand province," he said. "They executed their mission strategically and were successful."

Wardak also asked that they remember those killed and injured in combat operations by praying for them and their families.

The ceremony was completed with an awards ceremony.

Many of the units officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers were officially recognized for their efforts.

They also presented letters of appreciation to their coalition force mentors from France who accompanied them on the deployment.

## ***Law applies to everyone: civilians and military personnel***

Story by 201st Corps Legal Dept.

Establishing and enforcing the laws of Afghanistan is the most significant step in our countries progress.

Crimes in the military disrupt a unit's military capabilities, combat readiness and the discipline within the ranks.

While the stability of the law is significant for the development of our country, there are two important steps required for us.

1. Obeying the Law
2. Conduct the law properly

Therefore at the 201st Corps we have a court system that was established here in 2005 to properly handle the accused according to our legal system.

Regulations for operational military orders come from Article 17 and 18.

Commanders, NCOs and Soldiers of the units of the Armed Forces have a responsibility for crimes committed by members of their unit.

They must find out the details of the accusation, for prosecuting justice and to introduce the accused to their legal representatives and accusers.

The rules are clear for all officers and soldiers. They have a responsibility that if anyone commits a crime, they must report that crime to a proper authority.

Even civilians have a responsibility to report crimes to the proper authority.

Once the crime is reported to an authority they have an urgent responsibility to investigate the crime.

Commanders are responsible for crimes committed by their officers, soldiers in their unit, so he is responsible for the first inquiry to ask about the crime.

While we obtain enough evidence about the accused, then we begin an inquiry.

The crime has decreased at the 201st Corps because the Soldiers are obeying military rules and not committing as many crimes. This has resulted in an increase in the Corp's combat readiness.

If you suspect a crime has been committed report it immediately.



Afghan National Army Soldiers from the 201st Corps carry casualties up a hill to a safe area where they treat the injured Soldiers and prepare them for transport. The students were the first to complete the medical training at the 201st Corps.



An ANA Soldier watches for the enemy.



An ANA Soldier checks the blood pressure of an injured Soldier.



(Above) Sgt. Gabriel Garcia, a combat medic instructor from the 1st Infantry Division, applies "blood" to an ANA Soldier during mass casualty simulation training. (Below) An ANA Soldier administers an IV to an injured Soldier.



## 201st Corps begins Combat Medic Course

Story/Photos by Sgt. Brent C. Powell  
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Recently more than 25 Afghan National Army Soldiers from the 201st Corps completed eight-weeks of combat medical training here and became the first combat medics taught at the 201st Corps.

The course, taught by coalition force mentors as well as combat medics from the 201st Corps, was designed by the Afghan Minister of Defense department and was implemented here to help increase the number of combat medics in the ANA.

The course teaches basic and advanced medical skills to save lives during combat.

"This course is designed to teach the ANA Soldiers all aspects of being a combat medic," said Sgt. Gabriel Garcia, a combat medic and course instructor from the 1st Infantry Division. "They learn care under fire, tactical field care, continuation of care, triage and evacuation skills."

The course is broken down into classroom instruction, as well as practical application and culminates with two days of simulated combat scenarios where the students put all their skills to use.

During the scenarios the students have to react to an enemy ambush and then treat and evacuate injured casualties.

Injuries they are required to treat include amputations, head wounds, stomach injuries, gun shot wounds and others.

After completing basic life-saving techniques, the students then have to move the injured to a safe area where they can be further treated and prepared for evacuation.

Once the casualties are stabilized the students call in a nine-line medical evacuation report over the radio to simulate real-life support needed.

The students then transport the injured to a designated evacuation area.

"I've been amazed by the progress these students have made," said Garcia. "They are really motivated about learning this, and I feel confident they will be able to do their job if ever needed."

After graduating the course, the students will receive additional incentive pay as combat medics.

Anyone interested in attending the course should contact the 201st Corps surgeons office.



Photo by Sgt. Ahsan Zie, 201st Corps Photographer

Brig. Gen. Mohammed Akbar Youldash, deputy commanding general of the 201st Corps, speaks to 201st Corps members during a going away ceremony tuesday on Camp Pol-e-Charki. Youldash is transferring to the 203rd Corps in Gardez Province.



Photo by Sgt. Raffullah Mohibat, 201st Corps Photographer

Members of the 201st Corps compete in a recent chess tournament.

## 201st Corps holds chess tournament

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah  
201st Corps Public Affairs

A chess tournament was held at Camp Pol-e-Charki recently at the operations center of the sports department to challenge the mental skills of the Soldiers.

According to Capt. Mohammed Taher, sports department officer, 201st Corps the tournament was held to prepare Soldiers to compete in a larger competition later this year.

During this competition Capt. Abdul Hanan, logistics officer, 201st Corps took first place. Lt. Col. Mohammed Yaseen, supply officer, 201st Corps took second place and Sgt. Mohammed Shafi, communications department, 201st Corps claimed third place.

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