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“TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY!!!!”

BY THE NUMBERS:

Number of Days in Country:	67
Number of Days Left in Country:	298
Number of Promotions last month:	4
Soldiers Reenlisted last month:	13
Total number of years Reenlisted:	70
Reenlistment bonus money last month:	\$35,400
Rise in average temperature last month:	23°F
Highest Temperature last Month:	126°F
Cans of Monster consumed by Sustainment Times Team:	234

DURABLE SENDS



US Army Photo By Staff Sgt. Matthew Veasley BDE PAO NCOIC/Editor In Chief

Colonel Donnie Walker marks a cargo drop package with the 1st Sustainment Brigade insignia on a C-17 in the CENTCOM AOR. The 916th Wing is the air drop providing Cargo Delivery System (CDS) support.

For nearly a decade, our Nation has been at war and many of us have experienced that war firsthand on more than one occasion and yet – here we are again. However, this time the mission although no less dangerous – is different. In the words of our President – “time and again in our Nation’s history, Americans have risen to meet – and to shape – moments of transition” and that is exactly what we are doing. The DURABLE Brigade has risen and comes together to conduct the Responsible Drawdown of US Forces in Iraq and transition from Operation IRAQI FREEDOM to Operation NEW DAWN.

Since our arrival in mid-April 2010, we have fully adopted the lines of effort of our ARCENT commander in that we must always be **READY TONIGHT** to **SUSTAIN THE FIGHT** so that we may do our part in **SHAPING THE FUTURE**. In the pages that follow you will see firsthand how we are getting after these priorities through initiatives such as the **DURABLE EXPRESS**, our subordinate Battalions’ and Brigade staff’s execution of daily missions and the partnerships we have quickly established with local Kuwaiti officials.

Our own motto of “**ALWAYS READY**” lends itself and is consistent with the first priority. All those months with long days of training during ARFORGEN were so that we’d be **READY TONIGHT** and make no mistake – we are ready and performing as such. Since the DURABLE Brigade returned from deployment to Iraq in 2008, we aggressively prepared our Soldiers, Leaders and Families for our new mission here in Kuwait. We are in the process of the largest drawdown of military equipment since World War II. In simple terms – we are responsible for the retrograde and onward movement of over two million pieces of equipment.

Our new team is not only comprised of some of the best Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard US Army Soldiers I have ever served with but we are also blessed with two transportation companies from the US Air Force. These men and women exemplify what the American fighting spirit is all about. They are highly motivated and are the ones that will do the yeomen’s work as we continue to **SUSTAIN THE FIGHT** and **SHAPE THE FUTURE** in the upcoming months.

The days that lie ahead will be long and challenging. I have absolutely no doubt that we will meet those challenges and continue to execute the important mission ahead. The Soldiers and Airmen are well trained and our Families are backing us 100%. We couldn’t ask for better support from home. Although being away from our loved ones is a great sacrifice, I have faith in the resilience of the DURABLE Family. Be proud of your loved ones while they are deployed.....their motivation, energy and professionalism is truly unmatched.

Always ReadySustain to Victory!

Colonel Donnie Walker

DURABLE 6

DURABLE 7 OUT

Soldiers and Families of the 1st Sustainment Brigade: It has been one month since we assumed responsibility over our mission and I am very proud of the achievements of our Soldiers and Airmen every day. In a short period of time they have improved many of their work areas which will facilitate, simplify and improve the accomplishment of our mission. Our level of performance stands as testimony to the value of the rugged and realistic training we conducted prior to deployment.

We have assembled a great team here in Kuwait composed of the 164th Transportation Battalion from Massachusetts, the 7th Transportation Battalion from North Carolina, the 469th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion from California, the 462nd Movement Control Battalion from New York and our own Special Troops Battalion from Kansas. These organizations are also composed of a diverse type of units from different states and collectively we are all focused at ensuring we effectively and professionally accomplish this “Responsible Drawdown” mission.

The “Durable Brigade” is a key element and plays an essential part in the responsible drawdown of Iraq. An essential part to this success would be our continuous focus and adherence to standards, discipline and safety. Soldiers and Airmen are expected to be alert, prepared and ready to handle a variety of responsibilities and situations. They have demonstrated great flexibility at responding to numerous, short notice, diverse missions and their energy attitude and enthusiasm is noticed by those we support. I am proud of our Soldiers and Airmen.

Communication with Family members is important for the morale of Soldiers and loved ones. I encourage our Soldiers to consistently correspond with their Families and keep them informed of their well-being. At the same time I encourage our Families to stay in contact with their respective Family Readiness Group Leaders and continue to participate in events prepared and organized by them. We have great FRG Assistants and Leaders working very hard to facilitate information distribution and assistance to our Families; stay plugged in.

We are very proud and privileged to serve among Soldiers and Airmen who decide to serve their nation in times of war. This is a true representation of the numerous great American Families that have trusted to us the greatest assets we can have; their Sons, Daughters or loved ones. We truly appreciate our Soldier’s and Airmen’s Families continued support to their spouse, our Brigade, our Army and our nation.

“Always Ready.... Sustain to Victory”

CSM Miguel A. Rivera



DURABLE EXPRESS!

CPT Y. Daniel Hosaka
1SB Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – In February 2009, President Obama called for the withdrawal of all combat forces from Iraq by August 2010. With over seven years of transporting goods and material into Iraq, the time has come to bring it back.

The responsible drawdown of forces from Iraq is the largest retrograde of personnel and material since World War II. The success of this momentous mission will, in large part, be determined by the men and women of the 1st Sustainment Brigade.

There are over 2 million pieces of equipment that need to be back-hauled from Iraq.

The 1st Sustainment Brigade's solution was the creation of the Durable Express. The Durable Express is the first logistics convoy designed specifically to meet retrograde cargo requirements. This convoy will consistently go to fifteen out of twenty-one Retrograde Property Assistance Team (RPAT) yards to load and transport retrograde cargo.



MRAP LOADING UP IN JOINT BASE BALAD, IRAQ



US Army Photo by CPT Y. Daniel Hosaka 1SB PAO OIC 1SB
The Durable Express making its way north into Iraq

"We never quit till the mission ends,"

The convoys leave Camp Arifjan in Heavy Equipment Transport Systems (HETS) and gun trucks. Farther north, the convoys pick up civilian-driven trucks (white trucks), and they travel into Iraq in 100 degree weather wearing body armor and helmets.

On 15 May, the first Durable Express left the gates of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait on a historic journey north.

Before each leg of this trip, the Convoy Commander, Staff Sgt. Antonio Kogol, says a prayer, and a few words to his troops. "We never quit till the mission ends," says Kogol. It is a somber moment but the troops are inspired and ready to go.

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Several stops are made on the route north, mainly to give the drivers a rest and to refit the trucks. They get in early in the morning and conduct maintenance on the trucks, eat, exercise and rest for the next leg of the mission.

This particular mission stopped at Joint Base Balad to load the equipment going south. They load everything from armored vehicles to containers full of office supplies. After loading over 30 MRAPs and containers, the convoy heads back south to Camp Arifjan.



**US Army Photo By CPT Y. Daniel Hosaka 1SB PAO OIC
A Mine Resistant Armor Protected vehicle(MRAP) being loaded
up on a civilian trailer on Joint Base Balad, May 19.**

All the regular stops made north to rest and refuel are made coming back south. The mission ends about a week later. The Soldiers of the first Durable Express are tired and hungry, but are comforted by a job well done.

Throughout the whole mission one thing was perfectly evident, they have done this before. In fact, some have done it throughout the entire war. Their professionalism and courage is something to be commended.

This was only the first of many runs north for the Durable Express. There is still much to be transported back to Kuwait, but the men and women of the Durable team are always ready to sustain to victory!



**US Army Photo By CPT Y. Daniel Hosaka
1SB PAO OIC
SGT Paul Vaughn, 1st Platoon, 2nd HET.
pulls security while members of the
Durable Express refuel trucks on MSR
Tampa, May 17.**

DURABLE Partnership

1st Sustainment Brigade

K-MOI Visit



The 1st Sustainment Brigade's Support Operations Officer, LTC Jim Skrabacz and LTC Mike Butler, Commander of the 462nd MCB met with MG Mustafa and key members of the Kuwait Ministry of Interior Public Security Staff to discuss elements of the organizations' partnership. Key leaders for the 1st Sustainment Brigade discussed ideas for implementing procedures that would build support of US Forces operating on Kuwaiti highways.



The main topic of discussion for the meeting was "sharing of the road." The drawdown of Iraq in full swing has United States Military Convoys in constant motion on the Kuwaiti highways. By understanding how Kuwaiti citizens view the current operational tempo and the driving habits common to most living in the area, MG Mustafa and key members of his staff are able to propose changes or highlight emphasis on current operations to ensure the roads are safe for both military forces and local citizens of Kuwait.

The two organizations also discussed ways to increase the ability to react quickly to emergency response situations by sharing local and military procedures. Building the bridge between local first responders and our US military medical professionals is just one more initiative that is beginning to take shape.



Meetings, such as this one held with Kuwait Ministry of Interior Public Security Staff, are key in maintaining and strengthening the partnership that we have established with our Host Nation of Kuwait. They also play a vital role in the safety and security of our DURABLE Soldiers.

Mission Outlook At KROC

39th MCB

At the Kuwait Rear Operations Center (KROC), we are making new friends for an old mission. Here at KROC, the Kuwait Ministry of Interior (KMOI), Kuwait Ministry of Defense (KMOD) and the 940th Movement Control Team (MCT) have established a healthy working relationship right at the very beginning of our mission, and all signs point to this relationship improving throughout the year to come!



From left to right: Ahmed-Al-Hafar, Willie Carrington, Mohammed Al-Mutari.

At KROC we work with our Kuwaiti partners to ensure that all buses and convoys are escorted, partly as a sign of hospitality from the Kuwaitis, and partly as a force protection measure. We are developing an excellent rapport with one another despite our cultural differences and language barrier. Hopefully, with a little practice and studying, the language barrier soon won't be much of a burden. By learning some Arabic, we hope to make the mission better for ourselves as well as for our counterparts at KMOI and KMOD. Luckily, even if our Arabic never gets quite up to par, our translators will always come through for us to make the mission happen.

We are proud to support the American service members and civilians and all the units that will come and go during our year here, just as our Kuwaiti partners are proud to show hospitality to all of the thousands of Americans that have transited and lived in their country.

By Sgt. Willie Carrington
39th Transportation BN



2-2 HET Reunites with 1SB

164th TB

Driving a week-long mission in 100 degree heat throughout Kuwait and Iraq in a heavy equipment transporter may not sound like the ideal mission. For the Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, 2nd Heavy Equipment Transportation Company, it's a mission they embrace.

Originally under the 1st Sustainment Brigade, in September 2009, 2nd Platoon deployed to Kuwait, joining the 164th Transportation Battalion, 593rd Sustainment Brigade. Deploying to Kuwait in April, The Durable Brigade reunited with 2nd Platoon and assumed responsibility for the mission.

Arriving to Fort Riley in July 2009, Sergeant 1st Class Sean T. Spell assumed the role of platoon sergeant in August, and deployed with his Soldiers in September.

Despite the short time-frame, the 23-year veteran used his leadership experience to pull his troops together and complete the platoon's missions successfully.

Spell said his Soldiers are primarily responsible for moving cargo throughout Kuwait and Iraq. Large engineer equipment, M1 tanks and shipping containers are a few of the items 2nd Platoon transport.

Soldiers from 2nd Platoon are currently assisting in providing security for civilian vehicles coming to Camp Arifjan, said Spell. They also work in the operations cell where they are responsible for receiving and allocating missions to different platoons and tracking convoys while addressing any problems they have.

Being the largest platoon in the company with 68 Soldiers, 2nd Platoon is also called on to help the unit when in need of additional man-power.

"We have the largest platoon in the company and we do dispense some of our Soldiers throughout the unit when needed to ensure mission accomplishment. I call us the super

power of the company because we are ready and able to assist anyone when needed," said Spell.

Despite the heavy workload, Soldiers in 2nd Platoon maintain a high morale due to excellent leadership, love for the job and unit cohesion.

"In my platoon morale is pretty high. We like to be on the road, get the job done and come back and do it all over again," said Sgt. David Langley, lead heavy equipment transporter driver.



Soldiers may join 2nd Platoon as specialists and privates, however they do not remain in the junior enlisted ranks for long.

"We pride ourselves on getting our Soldiers promoted. It gives them something to look forward to. If their leadership believes in them, then they have no choice but to believe in themselves," said Spell.

He said most of his platoon has been to the promotion board. After the five remaining Soldiers go, 100 percent of 2nd Platoon will have been to the board.

Langley, a 10-year veteran, believes the leadership in 2nd Platoon excels beyond mediocre standards.

"My leadership right now is probably one of the best leaderships I've had so far. Sergeant Spell lets us know he really cares for his Soldiers. He backs his non-commissioned officers up when

we have an issue and in return we back him up no matter what. My platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant Jonathan Coward, always looks out for the platoon by trying to get us ready for our next mission," said the Atlanta native.

Langley also praised his squad leader, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bush. He has his own way of leading, but it works successfully for the squad, he said.

Meeting just two months prior to deployment, Spell said his relationship with 1st Lieutenant Coward is excellent.

"I have a great platoon leader and we complement each other very well," said Spell.

In addition to exceptional leadership, 2nd Platoon Soldiers stay positive by taking advantage of the various recreational activities Camp Arifjan has to offer.

Langley said they like to play sports, watch movies and go to concerts.

Despite the many advantages 2nd Platoon Soldiers enjoy, they do face challenges like vehicle maintenance and making sure vehicles are mission ready. The rough roads and searing desert heat can cause vehicles to deteriorate if not maintained properly.

"Staying abreast on all your maintenance issues is the hardest part because these vehicles have been through a lot, and with regular wear and tear, vehicles tend to break down," said Spell.

Working in a heavy equipment transporter company can be difficult, however the Soldiers in 2nd Platoon are resilient and find rewards in their work. With excellent leadership and a positive atmosphere, 2nd Platoon successfully accomplishes their missions.

"Once you've been in a HET, you don't want anything else. You're at the cream of the crop right now," said Spell.

By: Spc. Vickie Michelle Woods

1SB PAO

The main effort of the 1166th Combat Heavy Equipment Transportation Company is the withdrawal of equipment from Iraq and to support the war in Afghanistan. You must know this is not all we do. The 1166th CHC is a National Guard unit out of Massachusetts. Our Soldiers come from many different backgrounds and have a variety of talents that they bring together to create an extraordinary company of Soldiers.

Our Soldiers are grateful for the overwhelming and continuous support that our hometown communities have shown us. To demonstrate our gratitude, many of our Soldiers have shown their support by helping an 8-year-old boy named Clay Ray-Cook. Clay's story is one that touched our Soldiers' hearts. Clay, son of Christine Ray-Cook and Clay Cook, is a close family friend of one of our Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Jessica Biggins. After four weeks of what his doctors thought was bronchitis, Clay was diagnosed with leukemia. Leukemia is a cancer of the blood or bone marrow and the cause of it is unknown. When Clay first found out he had leukemia he wrote in one of his blog entries, "The doctors said I needed some new blood because mine was not doing its job anymore".

"Clay Is Our Hero"

The 1166th CHC brought a group of our Soldiers together for a company picture and held up letters that spelled out "Clay is Our Hero". Clay was shown this picture one morning before surgery and it simply brightened his day. When the Soldiers heard how Clay enjoyed the picture so much, we felt it wasn't enough and we wanted to do more.

Although support and love from family and friends is always a tremendous help during such hard times, it often isn't enough. As many people know, medical treatment for cancer can be very costly. As a result, many of our Soldiers have made generous donations to a fund set up in Clay's name. This fund is used to assist in paying for his extensive medical treatments. Through this, Soldiers feel the satisfaction of giving back to the community.

Our mission focus isn't only on the successful withdrawal of equipment and support of the war, we also strive to give back to the communities that we live to protect.

If you would like to get involved and give your support to Clay and his family, feel free to e-mail Jessica Biggins of the 1166th CHC for more information. She can be reached at JessB1058@yahoo.com

By 2LT Allison M. Turner



Soldiers of 1166th CHC gather for a company photo to show their support for 8-year old Clay Ray-Cook



STB PROVIDES DIVERSE SUSTAINMENT TO THE WARFIGHTER

*BY: Maj. Joseph Baugh
STB Executive Officer*

CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT – “Always Reliable”, on 29 April, 2010, the warm early morning breeze, laden with dust, blew across the sandy landscape as Soldiers of the Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade stood at attention during the Transfer of Authority ceremony between the 1st Sustainment Brigade (1st SB), out of Ft. Riley, Kansas and the 593rd Sustainment Brigade out of Ft. Lewis Washington, that signified the official transfer of command authority.

The Special Troops Battalion, led by LTC Marvin M. Thornton, Jr. and CSM Eugene Thomas, proudly assumed the mission that entails a diversity of logistical sustainment support throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. Under the umbrella of the STB, 1st SB Family of logistical sustainment support includes financial management, postal operations, food service, Convoy Support Teams and a myriad of other unique special assignments.

“Diversity both in mission and Soldiers within the STB, 1st SB, makes the STB a unique organization and provides the impetus that positions our unit for success”, said LTC Thornton. The 1st STB is comprised of Soldiers and Airmen from the Active, Reserve, and National Guard components, as well as civilians and contractors spread across an area of operations that spans four foreign countries and thirteen military Camps. While the large geographical footprint creates many challenges to command and control, it positions Soldiers, Airmen, civilians and contractors where they can most influence the effective and efficient distribution of sustainment services.

The STB has three subordinate companies within its chain of command that comprise the unit’s organizational structure. The units include one organic Signal Company, a Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), and a Financial Management Company (FMCO) with three detachments. In addition to the companies within the battalion, the HHC has three subordinate postal platoons within its command structure.

Sustainment services provided by the Battalion are as diverse as the organization’s unit and personnel structure. The Signal Company assumed a unique Convoy Support Team mission in which they provide life support, Class I support, Class VII, and liaison support for maintenance at five Contingency Operating Bases (COBs) in Iraq and Kuwait. This unique mission is a combat multiplier, as it enables convoy commanders to more efficiently move throughout the battlefield and receive the essential life support to accomplish their mission.



Caption: LTC Marvin M. Thornton, Jr.(L) and CSM Eugene Thomas(R) unfurl the STB Battalion Colors during the 1st SB RIPTOA ceremony.

Financial services are provided by the 210th FMCO, and three subordinate Financial Management Detachments positioned throughout Kuwait and Qatar at five US Army Camps.

The 210th FMCO’s support mission provides Soldiers within the area of operations daily financial sustainment support, allowing Soldiers to cash checks, convert foreign currency, receive military pay support and utilize the U. S. Treasury’s Eagle Cash Card Program. The 210th FMCO has been an ardent supporter of the CENTCOM FRAGO 09-1567 "Reduction of US Currency in the CENTCOM AOR"; thus far the company has returned more than \$12 million to the U. S. Treasury thereby reducing cash on the battlefield.

Postal services are provided throughout the AOR via the three subordinate postal platoons within the HHC’s command structure. The 3rd platoon, 38th Human Resource Company provides contractor oversight and technical guidance to ensure all aspects of postal operations comply with the Department of Defense and the United States Postal Service regulation to ensure postal services are properly and adequately provided to the Soldier. Additionally, the 112th

Military Mail Terminal and the 678th Postal Operations Platoon ensure all pro-grade (Mail incoming to Theater) and retro-grade (Mail leaving Theater) properly flows through Kuwait City International Airport and reaches the necessary APOs. Their mission, ensures all mail is transported to Southern Iraq to include: Bucca, Adder, Echo, and Basra as well as Kuwait, and ensures all mail is properly scanned using X-ray machines to ensure the safety of service members by preventing unauthorized items from entering the military postal system.

Finally, the HHC provides a host of command and control responsibilities to include ensuring that all personnel assigned to the 1st Sustainment Brigade meet all training, medical readiness, and personnel administrative requirements. Included within their mission is a team of Medics that provide necessary life saving skills to Soldiers conducting convoy operations throughout the 1st SB area of operations and Food Service Soldiers who serve as the Assistant Contracting Officer Representative for nine DFACs within Kuwait. The HHC mission enables the 1st Sustainment Brigade Headquarters to focus on the mission of providing sustainment services and resources in the most prudent manner. “Diversity within our organization is the cornerstone to enabling us to accomplish the mission”, said LTC Thornton, “I could not be more proud of the Soldiers, Airmen, civilians and contractors that work each day to ensure the mission is accomplished to standard day in and day out.”



Rigging to Victory

469th

Parachute Riggers have a renowned reputation Army-wide. Just ask anyone whom has ever associated with the riggers what they think about them, and you're likely to hear responses muddled with admiration and lighthearted joshing. Maybe it's the iconic red hat, the Parachute Rigger's Badge, or the practical jokes that riggers are infamous for. Sure, all of the afore mentioned make riggers well known both amongst the airborne community, and outside of it, however, if you take all of that away there is still one identifying characteristic that riggers are known for: accepting a critical mission, and delivering superb results.

Packing personnel parachutes for airborne operations is typically what pops into your head when you consider the riggers' arduous task. However, for the 20 riggers of Detachment 9, 824th Quartermaster Company, our job follows a different path, yet still produces a final product that is elemental for survival. We prepare and pack supplies for airdrop that are essential for units to function on the ground. From ordering the materials to hooking up the static lines on the aircraft, we are there the whole way to ensure the troops on the ground receive the bundles of provisions they depend on. Last month, our small detachment rigged and dropped over 1.6 million pounds of supplies. That's over 1,000 bundles that were built from the ground up, with every pound placed by hand. Not only did we set a new theater airdrop record, but we did that in our first month on the ground and with a contagious zeal that overflows into everything else that we do.

The principal reason we were able to accomplish such a feat is our team oriented attitude and environment. Our group is a very tight-knit crew, and we attack all aspects of our deployment with great cooperation and dedication. On the job, after hours in the recreation areas, and in the morning during Physical Training, we move as a team, and support each individual in their endeavors. Recently, we took the Army

Physical Fitness Test with a remarkable 100% pass rate, and as the last runners struggled down the final stretch, they were swarmed by their comrades cheering them across the finish line. Later in the week, after a grueling day in the shop, a few of our musically inclined members competed at the base-wide talent show. Only three people were on the stage, however, out in the crowd our whole detachment was assembled, clad in our DET 9 PT gear, and shouting words of encouragement.

Although these are just a few isolated instances, they indicate why we are able to function as smoothly as we do, and the gratification that we have in our jobs. Every member of our detachment exudes pride in the history of the Airborne Riggers, and we do not take our task lightly. We work hard, and have an established status for getting things done correctly. Every visitor we have to our shop comments on the great collaboration exhibited in our work. That is not to say that there are not disagreements. We have our fair share of feuds just like any group. What brings us back together is our foundation of teamwork, camaraderie and commitment to the challenges before us. It is that foundation that we will rely on to continue our efforts in the future, and rise to the occasion when needed.

By SGT Scott Hopkins



US Army Photo By Staff Sgt. Matthew Veasley BDE PAO NCOIC/Editor In Chief

“THE ORIENT EXPRESS” Takes Command

7th JLTF

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – Soldiers of the “Orient Express” Battalion stood in formation as the command team uncased the Battalion colors on May 12. The audience, comprised of Soldiers

from each of the battalions and 1st Sustainment Brigade, gathered to recognize the end of the 57th Transportation Battalion’s twelve-month rotation to Arifjan, Kuwait and mark the beginning of the Orient Express deployment.

“To the Soldiers of the mighty Orient Express; today you begin your journey into the pages of history. The responsible drawdown of US Forces and equipment from Iraq in the timeframe provided to us by our president is nothing less than monumental. The mountain of iron once used by US Forces to help secure Iraq’s freedom will safely and efficiently be retrograded by the units of which we now command and control,” said Maj. Brian Lesiak, JLTF 7th Executive Officer, during his transfer of authority speech.

The 7th Transportation Battalion has trained since July 2009 in preparation for the current deployment.

The training included Convoy Live Fire Exercises, as well as Command Post Exercises designed to facilitate and support the higher command in theater for JLTF, the 1st Sustainment Brigade, from Fort Riley, Kansas.

During this training, the 7th Transportation Battalion was able to establish a command relationship in the months leading to the unit’s arrival in theater. This relationship led to a seamless transition as the battalion assumed authority, meeting all the 1st Sustainment Brigade expectations.

Maj. Lesiak also stated, “We will not lose focus on our mission to ensure maneuver commanders continue to have freedom of action that is unconstrained by theater distribution. We will deliver nothing short of excellence to ensure our units remain trained, equipped and prepared to continue the execution of theater distribution and retrograde operations. “On Time, On Target”.

The Orient Express is honored to be part of the 1st Sustainment Brigade Family and will make a successful impact on the drawdown of equipment from Iraq. Responsibility is nothing new to the Orient Express. When the 7th Transportation Battalion hosts its own Transfer of Authority ceremony next year they will know they have successfully accomplished their mission.

By CPT Christopher Garrett

7TH TRANS. BN. UNIT PUBLIC AFFAIR REPRESENTATIVE



Maj. Brian Lesiak, JLTF 7th Executive Officer, and JLTF 7th Command Sgt. Maj. Bernard Smalls uncased the Battalion colors during the transfer of authority ceremony May 12, 2010.



ENTERTAINMENT

iPad

Apple is at it again with another "magical," gadget that claims not only to make your life easier and more productive, but it will make you look cool too. The iPad comes in the storage sizes ranging from 16GB to 64GB. Prices range from \$499 to \$699. It is offered as a WiFi only version or for a \$130 upgrade you can opt for the WiFi + 3G version. The iPad has received mixed reviews so far. Some say that Apple Inc. has simply enlarged their current iPod Touch line and is selling it as a "new" product. Others are hailing the iPad as a game-changer in the current tablet computer market which fills the gap between netbooks and full size laptops. Ultimately, only time will tell if the iPad will revolutionize the market or if it will fall by the wayside along with Apple TV. So far though, Apple's "magical" tablet has been flying off the shelves.

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Top 10 Songs

1. California Gurls (feat. Snoop Dogg)
Katy Perry
2. Can't Be Tamed
Miley Cyrus
3. OMG (feat. will.i.am)
Usher
4. Airplanes (feat. Haley Williams)
B.o.B.
5. Not Afraid
Eminem
6. Alejandro
Lady GaGa
7. Your Love Is My Drug
Ke\$ha
8. I Dreamed A Dream
Glee Cast
9. Break Your Heart (feat. Ludicrous)
Taio Cruz
10. Young Forever (feat. Mr. Hudson)
Jay-Z



The prospect of Willie Nelson doing country music is like a homecoming for some fans, but his latest release, "Country Music," isn't a trip back to "Whiskey River." Helmed by producer T Bone Burnett, this is front-porch, rural and rustic country music. Nelson is perfect in this setting, however, as he brings his weathered but expressive pipes to percussion-less arrangements of such gems as Ernest Tubb's "Seaman's Blues," Merle Travis' miner's lament "Dark As a Dungeon" and the smooth stride of Bob Wills' "Gotta Walk Alone." Amid august

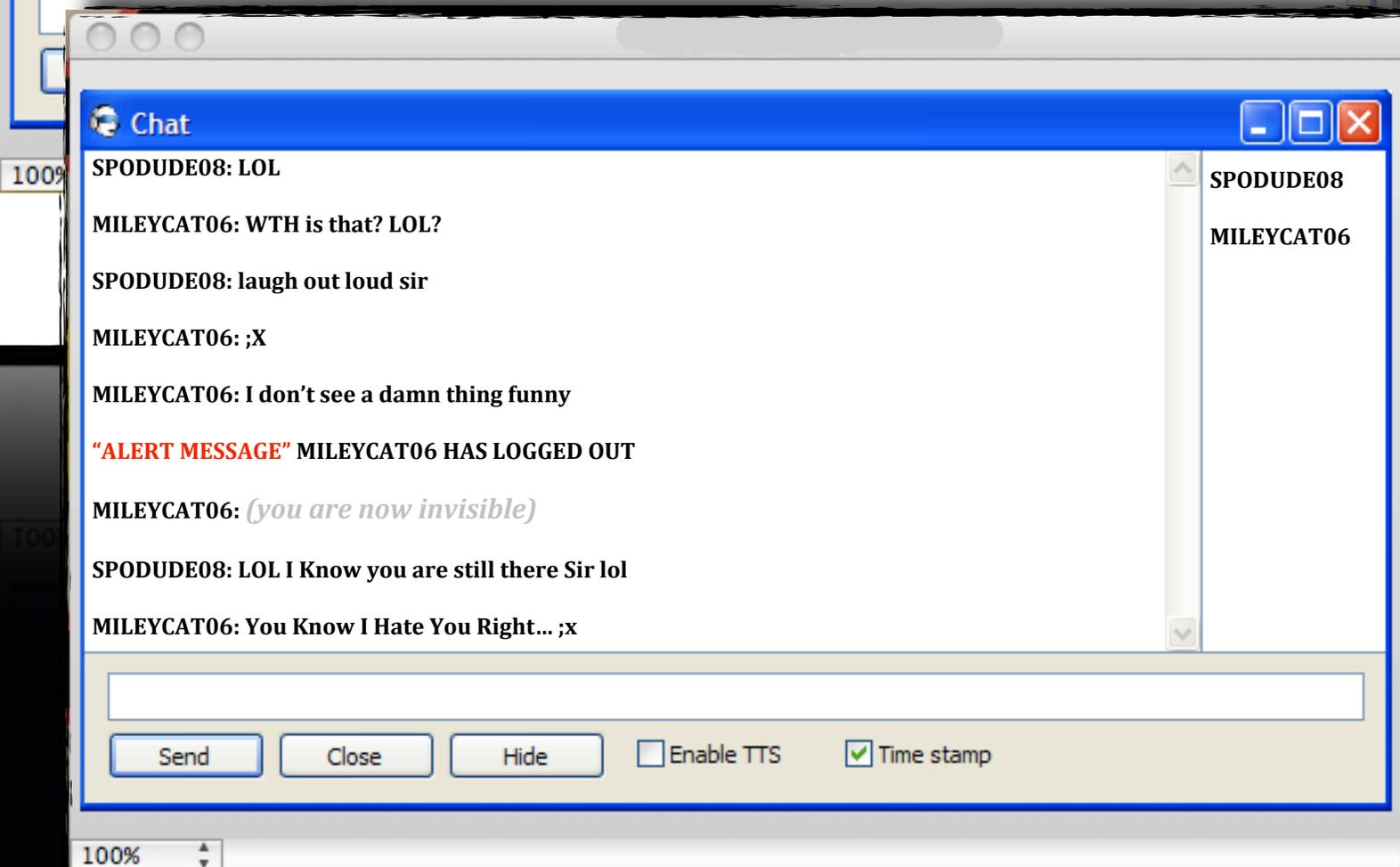
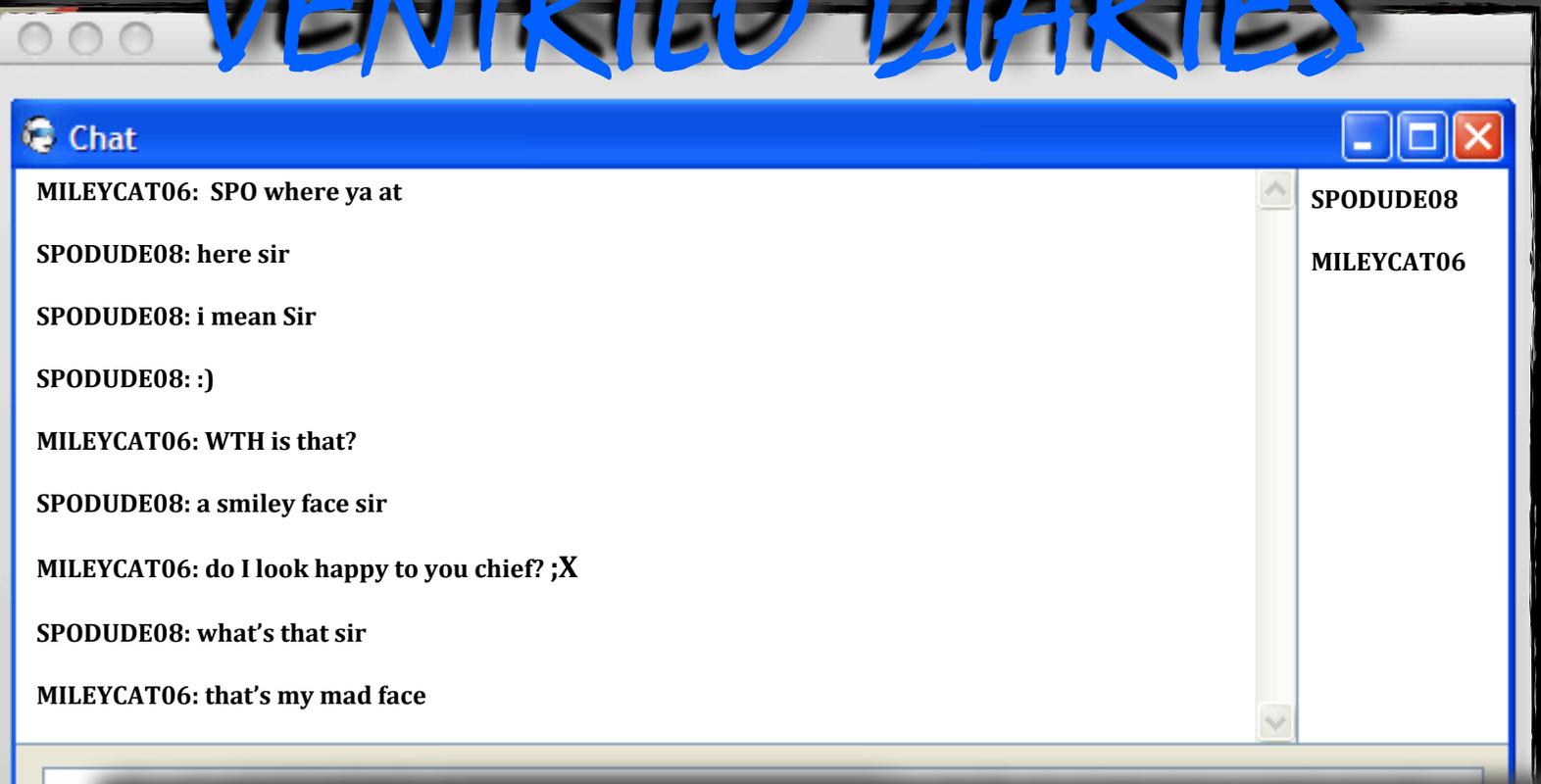
company that includes musicians Mickey Raphael, Buddy Miller, Jim Lauderdale and Ronnie McCoury, Nelson also digs into pensive treatments of the traditional "Satan Your Kingdom Must Come Down" and Hank Williams' "House of Gold," a three-hanky version of "My Baby's Gone" and a rich rendition of "Satisfied Mind." But he has some fun on more upbeat fare like Doc Watson's "Freight Train Boogie" and Bill Mack's "Drinking Champagne." --Gary Graff Billboard.com

IRON MAN

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With the world now aware of his dual life as the armored superhero Iron Man, billionaire inventor Tony Stark faces pressure from the government, the press, and the public to share his technology with the military. Unwilling to let go of his invention, Stark, along with Pepper Potts, and James "Rhodey" Rhodes at his side, must forge new alliances - and confront powerful enemies. Source - IMDB.com

VENTRILO DIARIES



BY Staff Sgt. Matthew Veasley
1st Sustainment Brigade PAO NCOIC/Editor In Chief

TRUTH OR BULL?

YOU DECIDE

BY STAFF SGT. MATTHEW VEASLEY

It was a cold Georgia morning when U.S. Army Cpt. Stanley's life would be changed forever. He jumped out of his bed to the sound of torment and screams in the horizon. Only in his slippers and pajamas Cpt. Stanley ran to his front window to find three thugs brutally beating an elderly couple with baseball bats. Stanley, disregarding his own safety and well being, engaged the thugs with extreme prejudice and psychotic rage.

CPT Stanley single handedly incapacitated all three thugs after a short 42 second mixed martial arts demonstration. Stanley then tied all three thugs together with a water hose and guarded them until the local police force arrived. When Stanley was asked why he did it all he could say was, "I was only just doing my job". "Is CPT Stanley" the American HERO? **TRUTH** or

BULL. Answer on page 31

1SB SPORTS

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“We have practiced this over and over, now it is time to execute,” said Maj. Antionette Chase, the General Supply Officer for the 1st Sustainment Brigade, and Team Captain of the brigade’s Lady Bulldogs here, as she reminded her teammates of the mission at hand.

Camp Arifjan is a mixing bowl of every branch of service including civilians and local national support, who are strategically tasked for the defense of our constitution and to serve our great nation. With such a critical yet infallible task at hand, personnel have found alternative ways to let off some steam, build cohesion and achieve a sense of Family.

The 1SB women’s basketball team, the Lady Bull Dogs, has accepted the mission of representing the Brigade in the Camp Arifjan Basketball league.

“It’s a great way for soldiers to get together, boost morale and learn each other,” Said Col. Flem B. Walker Jr., Commander, 1SB.

Col. Walker and a host of his brigade’s staff are regularly in attendance to cheer and support the Lady Bulldogs.



SFC Enman, of the Lady Bulldogs, powers by an opposing player during the Camp Arifjan Basketball Tournament in Zone 1.

“I feel that I am a mentor to a lot of the women on the team. I am somewhat more senior in grade than them, but we really have built a sense of Family.” “If it wasn’t for the team I would have never known some of the junior soldiers, but this opportunity lets me interact with them and help them adjust to this deployment,” said Chase.

The Lady bulldogs have been training and working hard on and off the court and are ready to represent the 1st Sustainment Brigade “to Victory”.

Inspiration Station

By Chaplain (Maj.) Ric Brown

Over the last several weeks I have had many come to me to talk about the need for time off, time to rejuvenate. This need to have time to rejuvenate oneself is not a new concept. We see in the Christian scriptures that even Jesus took the opportunity to have time away from the crowds and to refresh and rejuvenate.

We find this example in Matthew 14:22 – 23. The context of this passage is that Jesus had just finished feeding more than five thousand people, both physically and spiritually. At the end of the day he sends the people away and sends his disciples ahead of him. In verse 23 it says, "After sending the people away, he went up a mountain to pray by himself. When evening came, he was there alone."

The Army today has realized the need to assist Soldiers and Families in being resilient. To do this they have developed the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program. We in 1st Sustainment Brigade have taken this concept and have developed programs in order to aid a Soldier and his Family to be more resilient. The first part is we took the five areas of the Comprehensive Fitness program and created a poster and called those five areas Five Pillars.

As with all structures, for it to stand properly, it must have a solid foundation. The foundation for the pillars is the Army Values. Without this solid foundation it really does not make much difference if the pillars are strong, they will still topple because the foundation is weak.

Upon this foundation is built the Five Pillars which are Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Family and Social. We must ensure that each of these pillars are built of quality material to ensure that when things go bad,



Durable Risk Assessment And Counseling

(This form is to be maintained by the First line supervisor in a secure location. It must be safeguarded against unauthorized access. It serves as a method to monitor and mitigate risk for the Soldier.)

Soldier: Supervisor:

Limited Use Policy and Non-disclosure agreement: Although Soldiers maintain the right to refuse to answer any portion of the questionnaire, the purpose of this counseling is to help Soldiers. To encourage an open counseling session and truthful answers, this counseling session will operate under a Limited Use Policy. Any information concerning possible illegal behavior derived solely from the questionnaire and counseling session cannot be used for UCMJ action. Additionally, information gathered will be safeguarded and any unauthorized disclosure may result in UCMJ action against the person who released the information.

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AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 552a
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders with a means to identify, assess, and control risks to enable effective mitigation of such risks.
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they remain supporting the commanders intent of being Combat Ready.

an opportunity for the Soldiers to set goals thus giving them ideas of what to do.

To aid in this the brigade has developed the DURABLE Risk Assessment and Counseling (DRAC), a booklet for leaders to use to assess their Soldiers and determine if there are cracks in the resiliency, values or pillars of the Soldier. If there are any issues the Soldier is less likely to be combat ready. This booklet also gives

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To support the Soldier it was realized that we cannot continue to expect Soldiers to do things in the same way that it used to be done. Soldiers' social network is in phones and e-mails and other electronic media. This being the case at Fort Riley we set up what was known as the We Care E-box. This is a cell phone manned, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It allows Soldiers a way that they are more comfortable with to make contact when they are Suicidal, when they need command assistance or just when they have a great idea. We have taken that same concept and adopted it to the deployment with a phone and an e-mail address that is monitored 24 / 7.

The final way that a Soldier can become more resilient is up to their first line supervisor. The leadership of the Soldier can give Soldier Resiliency time. This is not simply giving a Soldier time off but time for them to work on some form of resiliency, time to work on one of their Five Pillars. What normally would be just time off to loosely do whatever they want, a first line supervisor can require a resiliency plan that spells out what their Soldier is going to do with their resiliency time. They can spend time in working on Family Resiliency by writing a letter home or calling home. They could be spending time working on their Spiritual Resiliency through developing that inner person in various ways like reading scripture or meditating. They can be working on their Physical Resiliency by doing extra physical training. They can work on their Emotional Resiliency by going to Behavioral Health or just simply spending time alone like Jesus did. They could work on their Social Resiliency by spending time at Starbucks with friends or going to a movie. Some of the pillars can be combined to build up several pillars at once.

As leaders you must give yourself permission to have resiliency time. You set the example. Don't just give lip service to this. Those under you will do what you do. You fail to take care of yourself you will fail to take care of those you supervise for they will follow your example. Work hard but remember if that is all you do you will begin to burn out. It is not a matter of either burning out, or rusting out. For either way you will be out and useless to the success of the mission.

The Durable Family
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For all Soldiers of 1st Sustainment Brigade Family

COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS PROGRAM
STRONG MINDS - STRONG BODIES

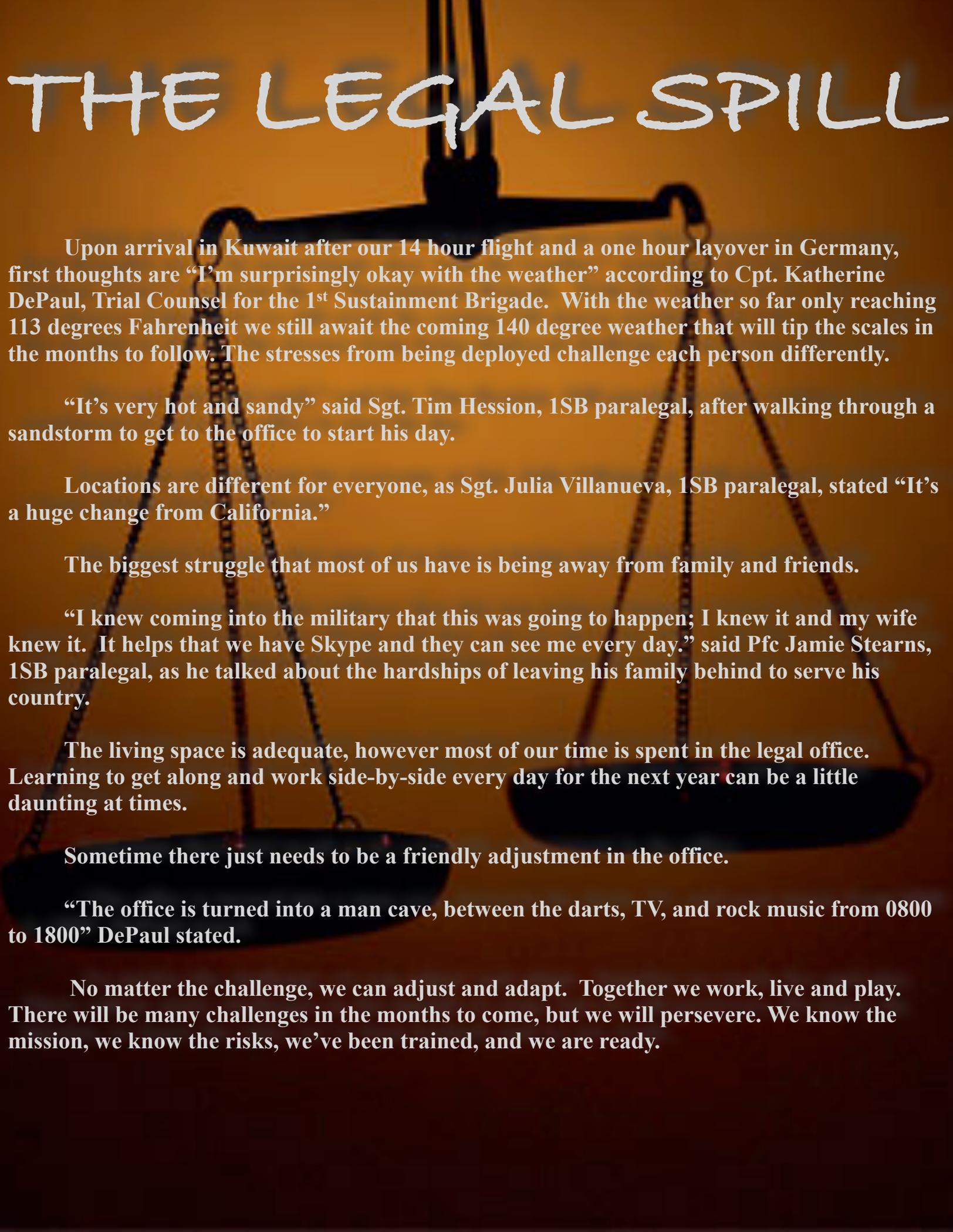
COMBAT READY

1 SPIRITUAL Strengthening a set of beliefs, principles or values that sustain personal growth, and contribute to a sense of purpose and strength.	2 FAMILY Being part of a family unit that is supportive and loving understands the resources needed for all members to live in a healthy and secure environment.	3 SOCIAL Developing and maintaining trusted, valued relationships and friendships that are personally fulfilling and provide support, encouragement and inspiration.	4 PHYSICAL Professing and acting on physical fitness that requires regular exercise, proper nutrition, strength, and mental toughness through exercise and training.	5 EMOTIONAL Approaching life's challenges in a positive way by demonstrating self-control, character and good character with choices and actions.
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DURABLE FAMILY COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS - RESILIENT SOLDIERS

LOYALTY **DUTY**
RESPECT **SELFLESS SERVICE** **HONOR**
INTEGRITY **PERSONAL COURAGE**

THE LEGAL SPILL



Upon arrival in Kuwait after our 14 hour flight and a one hour layover in Germany, first thoughts are “I’m surprisingly okay with the weather” according to Cpt. Katherine DePaul, Trial Counsel for the 1st Sustainment Brigade. With the weather so far only reaching 113 degrees Fahrenheit we still await the coming 140 degree weather that will tip the scales in the months to follow. The stresses from being deployed challenge each person differently.

“It’s very hot and sandy” said Sgt. Tim Hession, 1SB paralegal, after walking through a sandstorm to get to the office to start his day.

Locations are different for everyone, as Sgt. Julia Villanueva, 1SB paralegal, stated “It’s a huge change from California.”

The biggest struggle that most of us have is being away from family and friends.

“I knew coming into the military that this was going to happen; I knew it and my wife knew it. It helps that we have Skype and they can see me every day.” said Pfc Jamie Stearns, 1SB paralegal, as he talked about the hardships of leaving his family behind to serve his country.

The living space is adequate, however most of our time is spent in the legal office. Learning to get along and work side-by-side every day for the next year can be a little daunting at times.

Sometime there just needs to be a friendly adjustment in the office.

“The office is turned into a man cave, between the darts, TV, and rock music from 0800 to 1800” DePaul stated.

No matter the challenge, we can adjust and adapt. Together we work, live and play. There will be many challenges in the months to come, but we will persevere. We know the mission, we know the risks, we’ve been trained, and we are ready.



MASTERS OF HEALTH

HOT NEW ITEMS:

Feeling Sick? The Camp Arifjan Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) will take care of you! Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 0730 to 1100 hours. Urgent Care hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 1300 to 1700 hours. If there is an emergency, the Emergency Room in the hospital is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

THE FAR SIDE GALLERY
by GARY LARSON



"Quit complaining and eat it! ...Number one, chicken soup is good for the flu – and number two, it's nobody we know."

The phone number for the Camp Arifjan TMC is 430-1798.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Make sure you are constantly checking and updating your Medical Readiness status; this can be done by simply logging into AKO.

All personnel are reminded to maintain their yellow folder that you deployed with, these will be turned back in soon.

SPO



Support Operations

Greetings from the robust but furiously busy Support Operations (SPO) Section,

It has been one month since we assumed responsibility of our missions here in Kuwait. The different sections within the SPO have went through trial and error to get their feet wet and get settled into our current battle rhythm to ensure no sustainment rock is left unturned and no supported war fighter is left without support. There are a multitude of changes occurring throughout the sections to provide better and more efficient support to our war fighters and maximize efforts in reference to the responsible drawdown of units and equipment in the Iraq Joint Operations Area (IJOA). The office hours have been long and the man hours grueling but morale remains high as the SPO sections strive to reach that next goal in complete support and war fighter satisfaction.

A lot of people ask, "What does a SPO shop do?" The SPO shop consists of multiple commodity areas, each with their own subject matter experts, provide supervisory over watch of external sustainment missions in support of units in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Our primary mission focuses on external support to the war fighter to include: surface and air distribution, warehouse operations, ammunition management, maintenance management, fuel management, contract oversight, financial management, human resources, sustainment automation systems, and strategic effects of the entire sustainment spectrum.

Our section consists of 105 Soldiers in total with 25 of our Soldiers detached to battalion level units for mission support. The list on the left are some of our key leaders responsible for leading our Soldiers on a daily basis.

SPO OIC LTC James Skrabacz
SPO SGM SGM Angela Rawlings
DEPUTY SPO MAJ Angela Jackson-Butler
GSO OIC MAJ Antionette Chase
GSO NCOIC SFC Malcolm Price
Fuel/Water OIC CPT Jarrod Bailey
Fuel NCOIC SFC John Shingles
Water NCOIC SFC Michael Silver
Chief of Plans MAJ Tye Bentinck
Deputy Planner CPT Jostin Boyd
S & S Chief MAJ Brigitte Hampton
S & S SGM SGM Byron Davis
TRANS OIC MAJ Joel Torres
TRANS NCOIC SFC Nelson Rivas
DISTRO Chief MAJ Andrew Meyers
DISTRO SGM MSG Monzella Robinson
Effects OIC CPT(P) Scott Foucher
Effects NCOIC SSG James Beal
HROB OIC MAJ David Godfrey
HROB NCOIC MSG Roosevelt Wilkerson
FM OIC MAJ Larry Seward
FM NCOIC MSG James Combs
SASMO OIC MAJ Alan Newton
SASMO NCOIC SFC(P) Reginald Johnson
AMMO OIC MAJ Brian Ellis
AMMO NCOIC MSG Timothy Crawford
Contracting OIC LTC Vaughn Grizzle
Contracting NCOIC SFC Garcia Jemmott
MMO OIC CW3 Mike Wagenblast
MMO NCOIC MSG Edwin Kolb

SPO

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Note From Durable 8:

Greetings from the hot Kuwaiti desert to all of our Family and friends back at home. Our mission has been a tremendous undertaking from our certification in February, our deployment in April, and recently our last four weeks of running the nerve center of sustainment for the best Sustainment Brigade in the Army. Our daily tasks of planning future requirements and ensuring we have the right capability is never ending. Simply put, the better we do our job as a SPO team, the better our Soldiers at the platoon and squad level are able to do theirs. Theater-wide changes continue to keep us busy with planning as the drawdown continues to pick up speed. The coming months will be even more challenging as we continue to move and process millions of pieces of equipment and supplies from Iraq to ports and maintenance facilities in Kuwait. It is a very historic event as we watch the Iraqi Government begin to take control of former US bases as we simultaneously continue to push equipment and supplies in support of the OEF surge.

We have a long road ahead, but I guarantee that each of our Soldiers will continue to take care of each other, remember "duty first" and always ensure the DURABLE Brigade provides top notch support the entire way.

"Always Ready"

LTC Jim Skrabacz

Durable 8

S1



1ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE S1 SHOP

1st Sustainment Brigade's Human Resources (S-1) section is up and 100% operational after a long flight, jet lag and a fast-paced transition with the 593^d Sustainment Brigade out of Fort Lewis, Washington. Soldiers of the Brigade S1 section are boldly embracing a mission that has more than tripled that of the mission back at Fort Riley. The section's morale is high as each Soldier is eager to tackle the mission of caring for our Army's most precious resource - the Soldier.

As the team integrates National Guard, Army Reserve, and US Air Force units into the 1SB Family, the day-to-day challenges and rapid battle rhythm is making time go by quickly. The fast pace of caring for the Soldiers of a brigade with so many moving parts can make life a little unsettling. However, the day-to-day sustainment operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom has not prevented our Soldiers from participating in intramural sports, spiritual fitness, as well as exploring our new community.

As the S1 team finds its rhythm and links up with the human resource teams already on ground, we look forward to pushing things to the next level and providing world class essential personnel services support to world class Soldiers and Airmen here in the 1st Sustainment Brigade.

Greetings from your Brigade S2 section. As we settle into our new surroundings, we consider what is most important and do this first. Security is always in the forefront of a Soldier's mind in any situation, and should also be a concern of Family members. Operations Security, or OPSEC, is keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. As the name suggests, it protects our operations – planned, in progress, and those completed. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission faster and with less risk. Our adversaries want our information, and they don't concentrate on only Soldiers to get it. They want you, the Family member.

As a Family member in our Sustainment Family, you are a vital player in our success, and we couldn't do our job without your support. You may not know it, but you also play a crucial role in ensuring your loved one's safety. You can protect your Family and friends by protecting what you know of your Soldier's day-to-day operations. That's OPSEC.

Even though information may not be secret, it can be what we call "critical information." Critical information deals with specific facts about military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities. If an adversary knew this detailed information, our mission accomplishment and personnel safety could be jeopardized. It must be protected to ensure an adversary doesn't gain a significant advantage. By being a member of the Sustainment Family, you will often know some bits of critical information. Do not discuss them outside of your immediate Family and especially not over the telephone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Our goal is to provide you with a greater understanding of the Army's security concerns. The information in this article is not intended to frighten you or make you suspicious that everyone you meet is a secret agent or terrorist. But stay alert – if a stranger shows excessive interest in you or the affairs of your Family members, military or not, notify the authorities.

—Agent Fisher, Secret Squirrel



S3



1SB S3 Section

Since our arrival to

Kuwait on 15 April, the Brigade S-3 has been hard at work ensuring a smooth transition for our sustainment mission. We conducted 10 days of Relief in Place / Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) with the 593rd Sustainment Brigade, learning all the procedures and duties associated with our respective jobs. Once the 1SB took over authority on 29 April at 0900 hours, we started Operation Extreme Makeover: the Sustainment Operations Center (SOC) Edition. Everyone within the section was hard at work painting the floors, hanging signs, installing computer and audio/visual equipment, and many other labor intensive tasks to improve our work areas. Teamwork was the key to our success as we now have one of the best operations centers in the Kuwait Theater. We are continuing to improve on our areas and are becoming more efficient every day. Our quality of life is very good which helps us to better accomplish our mission. We will continue to hone our skills and find ways to make our mission even more successful than it already is.

By Sgt. 1st Class Ryan P. Cole

S4

Build it and They Will Come



From left to right: SPC Jeremy Stevens, PFC Jordan Sinick, SPC Jeffrey Bevington, SFC Howard Wilson, SPC William Thompson, and PV2 Ariel McGuirk

Imagine if you woke up one morning and your vehicle was not in the garage, none of the restaurants had any food, no buses were available, you couldn't find a pen or paper anywhere and there was a big hole in your roof. Well, if the S4 section wasn't here to support the brigade; that's the same way they would feel! The 1st Sustainment Brigade depends on the Supply & Services, Food Service, Property Book Office, Maintenance / Mobility, and Engineer sections to ensure all of these needs are met for Soldiers. Our newest addition is the Engineer section which was attached to the S4 section shortly before our deployment. They have proven to be an invaluable asset for the entire 1st Sustainment Brigade. So far SPC Thompson, SPC Stevens, PFC Sinick, and PV2 McGuirk have reconfigured a security cage we use for internet access; erected partitions for Soldiers on Convoy Support Teams and conducted multiple site surveys for upcoming facility projects throughout Kuwait. Their phone is constantly ringing with request from Battalions for items like gazebos, modular sleeping areas, and assistance with designing layouts of buildings to make them more efficient. We are proud to have the Engineer section join our Family and look forward to continuing to improve facilities throughout Kuwait to leave our mark. We thank each of our Family members and friends for supporting us from the rear to allow us to remain focused and "Always Ready" to "Sustain to Victory"!

S6



Greetings,

It has been over a month since we began our mission here at Arifjan, Kuwait. The Soldiers of the brigade S6 shop have been working vigorously with exceptional results. The hours are long, but morale is high.

Some of you might be wondering, just what does an S6 Soldier do? Our section is responsible for the installation and maintaining of all things communications to include radios, telephones, and computers. We are kind of like a telephone company that provides internet service and on-site support. Our Soldiers run a 24/7 help desk to provide assistance on computer set up and repair, local area networks (internet), telephone support and video teleconferencing. These are just a few of their tasks. They are ready to learn and master any new requirement or piece of equipment given to them. I could not ask for a better group of Soldiers to accomplish what needs to be done.

Now that you know what we do, let me introduce the Soldiers who make all of this happen. Our enlisted Soldiers are broken into two Military Occupation Skills (MOS). First we have our 25Bs. SSG Christopher Clark, SGT Vince Mendiola, SGT Vanessa Covarrubias, SPC Shon Bailey and PFC Aquoris White. A 25B is a computer specialist. The Army trains 25Bs to install and repair automation equipment. With the Army's reliance on computer systems growing every day, the 25B is quickly becoming one of the most essential Soldiers in today's Army.

Our other enlisted soldiers are 25Us. This group of Soldiers includes SFC Sylvia Jones, SGT Marcos Baez, SPC Sean Linn and SPC Christopher Albright. A 25U is responsible for the installation and maintenance of all radio equipment to include terrestrial and satellite systems. The 25Us are also responsible for the encryption of these devices ensuring that our radio waves are secure. The 25U is often described as the back bone of the Signal Corps.

Additionally, we also have our warrant officer, CW2 Luke Houck. Chief Houck is our Signal Systems Support Technician. Like the 25B, he is trained in automation management, but he is also trained in managing communication security like the 25U. As a warrant officer, he is the technical expert for all of our systems.

Finally, there is myself, MAJ Don Bishop. I am the officer in charge of this section. More importantly, I am the officer blessed to be working with these fine Soldiers. In the coming months I look forward to sending you updates on our progress.

Sincerely,

Major Don Bishop

POWER BLOG!



HEY 1SB FAMILY,

THIS IS YOUR FRIENDLY PAO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR SHOUT-OUT OR BLOG POSTED PLEASE CONTACT THE 1SB PAO TEAM AT DSN 430-0123 OR YOU CAN EMAIL YOUR REQUESTS TO MATTHEW.L.VEASLEY@KUWAIT.SWA.ARMY.MIL

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TO JESSICA WHITE, STAY STRONG, YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.
SPC R.L. BAILEY

KAREN CABRERA,

I LOVE YOU MI AMOR AND I MISS YOU!
SGT BAEZ, MARCOS

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMAND TEAM,
GOD BLESS AND ENJOY OUR PUBLICATION.



TO: MADISON, HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY GIRL I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!

SSG MORROW

TO MY HUSBAND KEVAUGHN,
CONGRATS ON GRADUATING FROM UMUC WITH YOUR BACHELORS DEGREE.
CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN GOD
143 HONEY. FROM WIFEE

SGT WALSTON

LOVE YOU!!

MSG VAUGHAN, KUWAIT IS HOT, SEE YOU IN AUGUST

PFC VAUGHAN



15B



DAO TEAM



OIC CPT HOSAKA



REPORTER/JOURNALIST SPC WOODS



NCOIC/EIC SSG VEASLEY



CAMERAMAN SGT REARDON

MOST USED PHRASE OF THE MONTH:

"UHHHH, I DON'T KNOW SIR?"

TRUTH OR BULL ANSWER: BULL

“SUSTAIN TO VICTORY, ALWAYS READY, FIRST TEAM”



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