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Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicles and equipment wait to be shipped into theater at a lot within Third Army's Area of Responsibility (Photo courtesy of 1st Theater Sustainment Command).

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**F**or Americans, The Fourth of July is a time for family, fun and celebration. In large cities and small towns across the nation, crowds gather on this day to watch parades, wave flags and show their patriotism. Families gather to barbeque, and all eagerly wait for sunset, when fireworks of all colors and shapes will streak through the sky and crackle and boom to thrill and amaze all.

As Third Army Soldiers and Families celebrate and have fun this Fourth of July, it is important that we stop and remember the reason for this day: to celebrate our independence and the birth of our great nation. It is no coincidence that it falls just after the Army birthday because it was the formation of an Army that secured our independence and forged the birth of our nation.

Two hundred and thirty-four years later, it is still the vigilance and sacrifices of our Armed Forces and their Families that continue to secure that freedom both at home and abroad. Today, we have service members serving in countries around the globe. Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are striving to provide security for the people of those nations and set the conditions for their fledgling governments to succeed. While the sacrifices are great, these brave Americans understand that freedom comes at a cost and believe that the citizens of these nations and all people are entitled to the basic human rights and the freedom to have a voice in their governance.

In addition to serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Third Army has Soldiers performing shaping operations in many countries in the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR), and with the arrival of the advanced party this past week at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., we are conducting split based command and control from five locations. The main command post in Atlanta and the operational command post in Kuwait support operations across the AOR and provide a deployable contingency command post capability, while the ARCENT Support Element Iraq and the ARCENT Support Element Afghanistan directly support and coordinate logistics for the respective war zones. As a member of the Third Army Team, you have every reason to be proud this Fourth of July. Third Army service members are performing magnificently and are promoting freedom throughout the region.

Those fortunate enough to be supporting operations from CONUS, please take the opportunity to spend some well-deserved time with your Families and loved ones celebrating our nation's Independence in accordance with your traditions. For those of us who will be deployed during the holiday, let's reflect on the many sacrifices our spouses families make and thank them for the incredible support they provide.

As you celebrate America's birthday, remember those that are serving in harm's way and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I want to extend my personal thanks to each of you for your continued service and many sacrifices to our great nation. The efforts of all of our service members and Families are vital to the successful accomplishment of Third Army's missions.

LTG Webster, Kimberly, Cindy, and I wish all of the Third Army family a happy and safe Independence Day.

"Patton's Own"

Lucky 7



Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Fourhman  
Third Army Command Sergeant Major

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# CHEMICAL TRAINING

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**B**listering heat permeates through the uniforms and suits of those participating in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Tuesday, May 25. The Camp Command Cell, under the 1st Squadron, 153rd Cavalry Regiment, 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, is carrying out one of the largest planned CBRN exercises in over two years.

According to Lt. Col. John D. Haas, commander, 1st Squadron, 153rd Cavalry Regiment, the planning started over two years ago with units who finished their deployments in Kuwait and returned home.

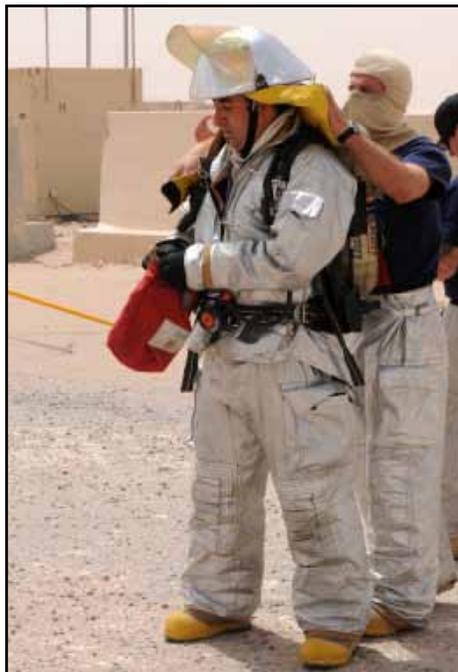
“It’s a collaborative event that exercises all first responder agencies and our ability to command and control incident responses on Camp Buehring,” said Haas.

The main focus was a test of communication between Camp Buehring’s first and second responders and their reaction to a CBRN related incident. Both civilian security forces and the Naval Military Police on the camp wore protective masks and suits while directing traffic away from simulated contaminated. The resident Emergency Medical Technicians responded to simulated casualties and injuries while reporting statuses to the 1-153rd Emergency Operations Center.

The DynCorp firemen and Troop-

A, 1-153rd IBST, were in charge of decontamination of simulated casualties.

“Despite the high temperature, the Troopers of A/1-153 performed well today. They had the decontamination site up and running in less than 20 minutes, and cycled 20 simulated



A Dyncorp fireman dons his gear, May 25, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, during a simulated exercise focusing on reacting to a chemical related incident. The event had all different branches and civilian counterparts working together; it took two years to plan this one day exercise.

Staff Sgt. Tim Dolan, a 1st Squadron, 153rd Cavalry Regiment noncommissioned officer for the quick reaction force communicates through a hand-held radio during a simulated exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, May 25.

casualties through ensuring no contamination to the Troop Medical Clinic. This was a great exercise with many lessons learned by all Soldiers involved,” said Capt. Sam Sergeant, commander, Troop A 1-153rd IBCT.

According to Capt. Jason Hunt, commander of Troop-C, 1-153rd, the exercise created an opportunity to work and train with all the different entities on the camp while exercising some internal procedures that are rarely used.

“Although we weren’t wearing our highest level of chemical protection, the exercise still gave our Soldiers an opportunity to train in a simulated CBRN environment wearing their protective masks and gloves. This will give leadership some planning guidance on work and rest cycles in the event something similar occurs,” said Hunt.

The 1-153rd IBCT will continue to conduct monthly exercises to maintain readiness throughout their deployment, albeit on a much smaller scale and with less involvement from other branches and civilian contractors.

“The exercises allow the Camp Command and its units to maintain a high level of readiness for whatever comes,” said Haas. **A**

# Maj. Gen. Rogers and “First Team” keep Third Army mission moving

Story by  
Sgt. Daniel Lucas  
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**M**oving thousands of tons of equipment, fuel, vehicles and other supplies Soldiers need in Afghanistan while moving a similar amount out of Iraq doesn't take a rocket scientist, but having a Master's Degree in Industrial and Operational Engineering coupled with a familiarization of Iraq and Afghanistan helps.

For the past two years, Maj. Gen. James E. Rogers has commanded the 1st Theater Sustainment command as they have provided logistical support

to select forces in support of combat operations across the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility while redeploying rotating forces and sustaining operational forces.

“People are astounded when they hear the numbers that are literally in the multi-millions of quantities of food and water, fuel, ammo, and mail being delivered to more than 67,500 men and women in the U.S. Forces Afghanistan by our units,” said Rogers, citing the 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's logistical operations in Afghanistan. “The 135th ESC's partnership with the 1st TSC and USFOR-A synchronizes the

effort to ensure Soldiers have what they need before they realize they need it.”

In May 2009, the 1st TSC began retrograding 2.8 million items of organizational and theater provided equipment from Iraq with some of the materiel sent to Afghanistan including Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and 87,000 shipping containers.

Third Army commander, Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, gives much of the credit to Rogers' warriors for the Army exceeding expectations and having more than 60 percent of the required Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and other equipment on the ground in Afghanistan in the first six months as part of the Nickel II mission.

“I'd like to give the 1st TSC acknowledgment for the great work that they're doing, but also these great heroes we've got on the ground that are doing this hard work, driving the trucks, guarding equipment, delivering and repairing equipment,” said Webster. “Major General Jim Rogers, from Fort Bragg, North



Maj. Gen. James Rogers (Right walking), 1st Theater Sustainment Command commander, walks with Lt. Gen. James Lovelace (Second from right), former Third Army commanding general, Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard, outgoing 1st TSC commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Danfert Espinal, 1st TSC, during the 1st TSC Change of Command Ceremony Aug. 28, 2008 (Photo by Staff Sgt. Anishka Calder, 1st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs).

Carolina, commands the 1st TSC, for instance. He's got 6,000 troops out there doing those types of things that I just mentioned, and he and his Soldiers are making it happen every day. And that's the big difference for us."

Prior to assuming command of the 1st TSC, Rogers commanded the Joint Munitions Command at Rock Island, Ill. Additional previous assignments include: Chief of Logistics, operations division at the U.S. CENTCOM, Commander, 101st Division Support Command, Fort Campbell, Ky., Chief of Ordnance Branch of the Officer Personnel Management Division, U.S. Army Total personnel Command in Alexandria, VA, and Commander of the 82nd Forward Support Battalion for the 82nd Airborne Division. He has also served as research and development coordinator for Future Combat Systems at the program executive office for Armored Systems Mod-

1st Sgt. Teague Bode, Explosive Ordnance Detonation company, assists Maj. Gen. James E. Rogers, 1st Theatre Sustainment Command commander, with an EOD9 helmet during a visit to the Multi-National Force and observers, Sinai, Egypt, Feb. 15. The EOD Company supports the mission of the Multinational Force and Observers, an independent international peacekeeping organization established by the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel to monitor the security arrangements of their 1979 Treaty of Peace (Photo by Capt. LaKasha M. Warren, 1st Theater Sustainment Command).

ernization at Warren, Michigan, the logistics assistance officer for the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea.

Rogers awards include: Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters,



Maj. Gen. Rogers

the Army Achievement Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He is a member of both the Aviation Order of St. Michael and Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe. 



Soldiers at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, rally up for the arrival of 10 Caiman Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, March 15. The Caimans came in exchange for Maxx-Pro MRAPs, the first of an exchange between U.S. military bases in the Middle East. Military officials say the ultimate goal is to ensure the right vehicles are placed in terrains best suited for missions within the U.S. Central Command area of operations (Photo by Sgt. Jason Adolphson, 1st Theater Sustainment command Public Affairs).

# Sergeant Major of the Army Visits Camp Arifjan



Army Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston speaks with Third Army Soldiers at the Zone 1 Chapel, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, June 26. The meeting allowed Preston to share his views and receive questions on Soldier fitness, the types of operations the Army is conducting, deployment planning and how to improve those aspects for deployed Soldiers. (Photo by Sgt. Daniel Lucas, 203rd Public Affairs Detachment).

*Story and photos by  
Sgt. Daniel Lucas  
203rd Public Affairs Detachment*

When Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston has something to say, Soldiers listen. This was the case when he spoke to a full house about programs and issues relating to Soldiers at the Zone 1 Chapel, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait June 26.

Preston spoke in depth about his views on Soldier fitness, the types of operations the Army is currently conducting, deployment planning and how to improve all of those aspects for deployed Soldiers.

Preston also spoke about how Active Duty Soldiers currently have just a year of dwell time between deployments and how it doesn't typically offer Soldiers the time necessary to compete for slots in schools and prepare for their

next deployment.

"Soldiers that aren't deployed have more time and access to work on promotions," said Preston. "We want Soldiers that are leading troops during deployments to have the same opportunities."

After speaking to the Soldiers for nearly two hours, Preston fielded questions from the audience ranging from his views on the War on Terror to opportunities for other Soldiers to raise to the highest rank a noncommissioned officer can achieve.

"In my opinion, every Soldier should have the opportunity to become the sergeant major of the Army," said Preston.

At the end of his visit, Preston presented approximately 30 Soldiers from across Third Army and subordinate units with coins and took time to shake hands and offer his thanks to the Soldiers serving at Camp Arifjan.

"We have a purely volunteer force," said Preston. "You all should be very proud of who you are. You are the cream of our society." 



At the end of his visit to Third Army Soldiers stationed at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, June 26. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston presented approximately 30 Soldiers, including members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, with coins and took time to shake hands and offer his thanks to the Soldiers serving (photo by Sgt. Daniel Lucas, 203rd Public Affairs Detachment).

# AFGHANISTAN TRANSITION TEAM

## MISSION COMPLETE

*Story and photo by  
Sgt. Jason Adolphson  
1st Theater Sustainment Command*

The 1st Theater Sustainment Command Afghanistan Transition Team is returning to Fort Bragg, N.C., after spending six months working with 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, an Alabama-based National Guard unit serving at the helm of Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan.

The 14-Soldier team assisted JSC-A with initiating the buildup of 30,000 troops and supporting operations throughout Afghanistan.

Now that the sustainment command is at full operational capacity, the transition team's officer-in-charge, Maj. Jason Liggett said JSC-A was on track to make the mission work but their experience bolstered the transition. 1st TSC, who is partly based out of Kuwait, came with pedigree knowledge from sustaining a combat presence since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operational support in Afghanistan included the logistical transport of 100-250 host nation trucks each day, developing contracts for troop living conditions and making air drops of food and fuel to forward operating bases.

Liggett said it was a matter of evaluating current procedures and adding to the existing doctrine.

With the surge increasing operational tempo in Afghanistan, the transition team helped assemble the establishment of two sustainment brigades with oversight from the JSC-A – a first in the war's nine-year history.

Before the arrival of 135th ESC, 143rd ESC controlled one sustainment brigade for operations in Afghanistan. Now 135th provides oversight of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., and 43rd SB, Fort Carson, Colo., which broadens the JSC-A sustainment mission.

One major move that has come into play is the movement control operations at Chaman Gate; an international border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The gate is used as part of a major supply route by Interna-



The 1st Theater Sustainment Command Afghanistan Transition Team marches to the head of a formation during a redeployment awards ceremony May 3. The 14-Soldier team completed a six-month mission assisting 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command with reshaping sustainment operations in Afghanistan.

tional Security Assistance Forces in Afghanistan.

“We helped JSC-A further articulate what is coming through the gate,” said Capt. Matthew Broccious, the 1st TSC surface mobility officer. “Now we have higher visibility of what is on the highway and better predictability of shipments coming in.”

Other forms of training included more than 70 hours reviewing topics such as streamline orders, how to produce rapid information and movement timelines.

Liggett said the methodology used for the transition was event driven and based on actual events in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

The acting commanding general for 135th, Col. Garry Sheffer said the 1st TSC efforts with JSC-A will have lasting effects.

“Everything that has been done, they’ve been a part of it,” Sheffer said while speaking to Soldiers during a formation. “They’ll always be a part of it.”

JSC-A provides command and control of sustainment units in order to plan, coordinate and support the ongoing combined joint operations area in Afghanistan; and partners with Afghan national security forces in order to develop its sustainment capability.

# SOLDIERS COMPETE

Third Army hosts Soldier/NCO of the Year competition

Story and photos by  
Sgt. Daniel Lucas  
203rd Public Affairs Detachment

Nine Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from throughout Third Army's Area of Responsibility took time from sustaining the fight to shape the future by competing in a multitude of events geared at testing their proficiency in basic warrior skills, marksmanship, physical fitness and endurance in the annual Soldier/NCO of the Year Competition at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, June 15-18.

"Due to what is going on right now with [Third Army current operations], we are bringing the competition to the Soldiers," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Williams, operations sergeant major and noncommissioned officer in charge of the competition. According to Williams, the competition is geared to evaluate Soldiers performing

their basic warrior tasks used during deployment.

Staff Sgt. Michael Harms, Area Support Group – Kuwait; Staff Sgt.

Jared Meier, 1st Theater Sustainment Command; Sgt. Lauren Kohler, 3rd Medical Deployment Support Command; Sgt. Seth Reavley, 335th

Staff Sgt. Jared Meier and Spc. Stephen Levins, both representing the 1st Theater Sustainment Command, ready themselves for the Urban Land Navigation Course portion of Third Army's Soldier/NCO of The Year Competition at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, June 15. The course was designed to emulate situations in Iraq and Afghanistan where Soldiers routinely navigate through cities and towns (Photo by Sgt. Daniel Lucas, 203rd Public Affairs Detachment).



**“This competition is looking for the total Soldier. [The Soldier] has to be motivated and has to motivate others. The competition isn’t just about one person, it’s is about the team concept.”**

Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Hayes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area Support Group – Kuwait

Signal Command; Sgt. Siedah Rivera, ASG- K; Spc. Shaun Lawson, 335th SC; Spc. Stephen Levins, 1st TSC; Spc. Devon Woodard, 3rd MDSC and Pfc. Anthony Gunter, Special Troops Battalion, Third Army, have all proved their mettle at battalion level competition and were ready to face the challenges awaiting them at Camp Buehring.

Each Soldier ran through the gauntlet of challenges starting with a 4 a.m. Army Physical Fitness Test and then given just enough time to recover and gear up for the range.

At the range, each Soldier had to qualify on an M-16A2 rifle even though some now use the newer M-4 carbine when they are with their units.

“We wanted the competition to be fair to all Soldiers,” said Williams. “Since some Soldiers were not able to transport their own weapons, and others were using M-4s, we issued them M-16s so the competitors would be on an even footing.”

Day two began even earlier. At 2 a.m. competitors started with a course on urban land orienteering followed by a mock patrol through the Urban

Training Village testing Soldiers on their ability to use basic warrior skills in real life situations.

“This competition is looking for the total Soldier,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Hayes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area Support Group – Kuwait and Staff Sgt. Michael Harms’ sponsor. “[The Soldier] has to be motivated and has to motivate others because the competition isn’t just about one person, it’s is about the team concept.”

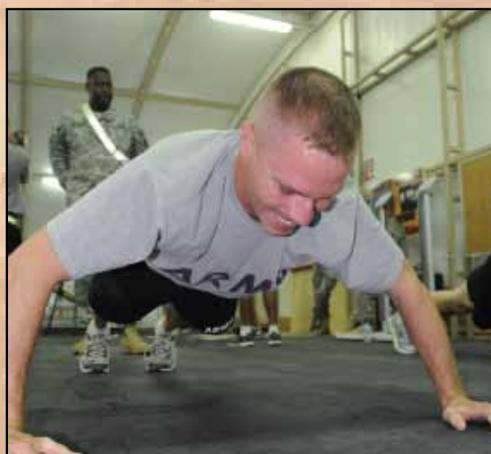
Finally, each Soldier stood before a board of five command sergeants major and were drilled on regulations, weapon information and finance services. The board ended

with a recital of the Soldier’s Creed, while their sponsors anxiously waited outside.

With all the events complete and scores tallied, only two competitors could represent Third Army in the next level of competition at the Force Command level which will be held later this year. This year’s winners were Staff Sgt. Meier for the NCO of the

year and Spc. Levins for the Soldier of the year.

“We have come a long way,” said Meier about himself and his Soldier, Levins. “Winning is an awesome feeling. We have put our heart and many hours of work into getting to where we are, and we have yet to reach our full potential.”<sup>A</sup>



**Spc. Stephen Levins completes the push up portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, June 14. The APFT tests a Soldiers strength and endurance in three timed events: the push up, sit-up and two-mile run (Photo by Sgt. Daniel Lucas, 203rd Public Affairs Detachment).**

# Army's "Durable" Brigade helps ensure Votes count

Story and photo by  
Maj. David Godfrey  
1st Sustainment Brigade Human Resources

The challenges involving absentee ballot processing for Servicemembers, civilians and contractors stationed overseas have made national headlines since the 2000 U.S. presidential election. Last year, the Pew Center on the States, a non-profit organization of the Pew Charitable Trusts, reported that more than one-third of states do not provide voters stationed abroad with enough time to vote. However, individuals and units can take proactive steps to mitigate these challenges, and an Army unit at Camp Arifjan has answered the call.

The 1st Sustainment Brigade, Fort Riley, Kan., recently took over a large theater sustainment mission that includes six Kuwait-based post offices and the Joint Military Mail Terminal located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Col. Donnie Walker, 1st Sustainment Brigade commander, has made it his mission to encourage all Servicemembers, civilians and contractors under his command to vote, and to ensure the timely processing of each ballot that passes through his facilities.

"We take our mission very seriously," said Walker. "One of the most important things we do is postal operations, and the absentee ballot program falls in that arena. This is one mission we will not fail."

One of the brigade's initiatives is to generate a comprehensive information campaign by producing a commercial to be shown on the local command channel and to provide voting assistance officers for one-on-one contact with assigned personnel.

Walker indicated that it is not too early

to request an absentee ballot, as the Federal Voting Assistance Program recommends submitting the request at least 45 days prior to the election, which is September 19 for this year's November 2 election.

Individuals can request an absentee ballot through their command's voting assistance officer, their local election office or the FVAP website at <http://www.fvap.gov>. Once the individual receives the ballot, he or she must fill it out, get it properly witnessed or notarized, and return it to the nearest post office for processing. Ballots must be postmarked and arrive on or before the deadlines established by the respective state or territory. Therefore, the postal system is the linchpin of absentee ballot processing. Postal employees will ensure that each ballot is legibly postmarked and affix a Department of Defense Express Mail Label during the week prior to the general election. This will ensure that it reaches the U.S. in time for the vote to count.

"As Servicemembers, we defend rights and freedoms on a daily basis," said Walker. "Voting is a right, and we as free citizens should participate in the very thing we defend." 



1st Lt. Antonio Brown (Left), 1st Sustainment Brigade, Fort Riley, Kan., assists Sgt. Joshua Dery, also of the 1st Sustainment Brigade, in filling out paperwork which allows him to vote while serving overseas. The 1st Sustainment Brigade has made it part of its mission to encourage as many people serving around them to take advantage of their right to vote while serving in Kuwait (Photo by CPT James Yaw, 1st Sustainment Brigade).

# Joint Experience Points Web-Based Entry

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Officers must accrue a combination of points and education to become a Joint Qualified Officer (JQO), and officers must be a JQO to receive appointment to O-7.

**WHO:** Officers in the grades of O-1 to O-6.

**WHEN:** Deadline for entry is Sept. 30, 2010 for experiences that occurred between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009.

**WHERE:** Visit the Joint Qualification System (JQS) website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/jmis/JQSindex.jsp>.

## HOW:

1. Visit the JQS website and fill out the questionnaire.
2. Provide information such as rater and senior rater, a thorough duty description, composition of the organization, and the relationship of duties / performance to Joint Matters.
3. Upload supporting documentation such as evaluations, DD Form 214s, orders, leave and earnings statements, awards, and travel vouchers that verifies the type of duty, dates, and locations.
4. Remove all Privacy Act information (Social Security Numbers) from documents prior to uploading.
5. Upon submission of experience and documentation, the service POC will review for accuracy and forward to the Army G-1 and the CJCS J-1 before review at the JQS Experience Review Panel. If approved at the JQS Review Panel, the

Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is the final approval authority. If approved at OSD, the points are entered into the Joint Officer History toward qualification to the next level in the JQS. If disapproved, officers will have one more opportunity to submit the same experience with additional supporting documentation.

6. Once submitted, officers must contact the Service POC for packet status.

**Based on current workload, the estimated review panel wait time for Army officers is 9-12 months.**

CJCS definition of Joint Matters: "Joint Matters are related to the achievement of unified action by multiple military forces in operations conducted across domains such as land, sea, or air, in space, or in the information environment, including matters relating to national military strategy; strategic planning and contingency planning; command and control of operations under unified command; national security planning with other departments and agencies of the United States; and combined operations with military forces of allied nations. In the context of joint matters, the term 'multiple military forces' refers to forces that involve participants from the armed forces and one or more of the following: other departments and agencies of the United States; the military forces or agencies of other countries; non-governmental persons or entities."

**POC: 1st Sustainment Brigade Human Resources Operations Branch at DSN 318-430-0031** 

## NOTICE

Effective Date: 15 July 2010

### Dining Facility Access and Rates

The following information will establish policy regarding dining facility access and rates for Area Support Group-Kuwait Dining Facilities. It applies to all dining facilities located on any ASG-KU controlled camp, and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, coalition forces, DoD civilians and contractors on ASG-KU installations.

1. Policy: To provide the highest quality and cost-effective food service to authorized personnel in all dining facilities located on ASG-KU camps.
  - a. All ASG-KU DFACs will utilize the Eagle Cash System. Cash will no longer be accepted at any of the DFACs on ASG-KU camps.
  - b. Unless otherwise indicated, this policy does not distinguish between Assistance-in-Kind Dining Facilities (Zone 1 Camp Arifjan and Camp Buehring) and Appropriated Funds dining facilities.
2. Authorized Patrons and rates at all DFACs located on ASG-KU camps.
  - a. All military personnel – Permanent Change of Station (PCS)
    - E-1 thru E-6 - NO CHARGE

- E-7 and higher –DISCOUNT MEAL RATE APPLIES
  - b. Civilian employees of U.S. government – DISCOUNT MEAL RATE APPLIES
  - c. All Military or civilian employees of the U.S. Government in a Temporary Duty or Travel Status. When authorized per diem status but not receiving the meal portion rate, no charge. Otherwise, the discount rate applies.
  - d. Contractor personnel who possess a Letter of Authorization (LOA) permitting mess access. Standard meal rate applies.
  - e. Other civilians include: Retired Military, Military dependants (Discount meal rate for dependants of pay grades E-1 thru E-4), Red Cross, NAF and AAFES personnel, members of nonprofit youth groups sponsored at either the local or national level (Discount rate applies), Entertainment groups, USO Groups, Civilian Dignitaries, Guests (Escorted by a patron authorized to use the DFAC).
- 3. KMOD Personnel are entitled to meals without charge in AIK facilities, and at the discount meal rate in APF DFACs. 

# 1st TSC

## CSM leads information exchange



Command Sgt. Maj. Danfert Espinal, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, along with members of Third Army's International Military Affairs team, led an information exchange in Kazakhstan, May 30-June 4.

Espinal represented Third Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman, who couldn't attend the event, at the Kazakhstan Military noncommissioned Officer Academy near the city of Kapchagai.

As part of the tour, Espinal dialoged with Kazakh military NCO candidates on the "in garrison" duties of NCOs.

"The main goal was to exchange ideas with their leaders on ways to better mold NCOs in the military," said Espinal. "They also wanted to know about the U.S. Army's way of building NCOs by promotions, counseling and the Uniformed Court of Military Justice."

With the NCO Academy Course lasting up to three years for most Kazakh troops, Kazakh policy makers at the academy are attempting to integrate the U.S. ideology of crawl, walk and run into their training.

Espinal said the difference between the U.S. and Kazakh military is "night and day." In the Kazakh military,

NCOs don't have the same amount of delegated authority.

"Kazakhstan has only been a free country since the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1991," said Espinal. "So this is a young military trying to move away from that Soviet military philosophy into the American way, which will take time and work on their leadership's part. It seems like the leadership that I spoke with wants to have their sergeants to be strong and independent like those in the U.S. military, but they don't quite know how to get there at this point," he added.

Besides sharing information at the academy, Espinal and other Third Army Soldiers were able to go out into the field and see how the Kazakh military trains their NCOs.

Espinal said the event was productive and that he anticipates more events like this in the future so the two militaries can share ideas with each other and continue building on an already positive relationship.

The event was part of ongoing theater security cooperation between Third Army and the 20 nations inside its Area of Responsibility. The goal of information exchange events is for militaries to learn from each other and strengthen military relationships between partner nations. 



Command Sgt. Maj. Danfert Espinal (center), command sergeant major, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, checks out communication equipment during a tour of the Kazakhstan Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in early June. While taking part in the information exchange, Espinal saw the opportunity for growth within the Kazakh Army, including the build-up of their NCOs as leaders of tomorrow (Photo courtesy of the Kazakh Army).



Command Sgt. Maj. Danfert Espinal (opposite page, second from left), command sergeant major, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, watches a Kazakh Soldier load a machine gun at the Kazakhstan Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in early June. Espinal travelled to Kazakhstan representing Third Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman as part of an information exchange and tour of the academy, and give guidance to Kazakh NCO candidates about the "in garrison" part of NCO work (Photo courtesy of the Kazakh Army).

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# Technology BYTES

## Preventing Phishing

Article by  
Staff Sgt. Spinks, Shai Curtis  
Third Army G6

Phishing (pronounced just like fishing) is a new term in the last few years for someone secretly gathering information from you online. The most common method is misrepresentation as a legitimate company through emails and websites.

Unfortunately, in our busy and hectic schedule, a user doesn't get a lot of time to analyze the content he or she may see in front of them before moving on.



Hey Soldier, I want to be your Facebook friend. I saw your profile, I see someones been working out! Add me so we can talk. I hope this isn't a fake pic, so I set it up so you have to log in to confirm its really you.

Therefore, it's easy to quickly click on a hyperlink that may take you someplace malicious. This website may ask you to provide information used for identity theft. For example, you receive a message with a link to order something. You

begin typing your credit card information and hit send, but it does not go through. Could you have been a victim of a phishing attack? What appeared legitimate may have simply been a scheme to gain your credit card information, so it's important to be aware of what you are clicking on.

Phishing is generally a three step process. The first is the BAIT (the fake email or message) that lures you in. Second is the HOOK (the fake website) that appears legitimate. Third is the CATCH that captures your information.

Here are some points to consider if phishing may be directed at you over the Internet:

### Tips and Tricks

- If you are on Facebook and you get a friend request from a female or male who looks too hot and it entices you to log in again with your user name and password. Be cautious, these sites may be trying to lure you in.
- If a message from your bank or credit card company asks you respond immediately with some personal identifying information or your account may be deactivated. Be cautious, especially when asked to respond quickly.

So how can you protect yourself?

- If you want to check the message at the requested site, such as your online bank, close and reopen the browser and type in the link that you normally would use for your bank and see if you are being asked to provide the same information.
- Roll over the received hyperlink with your mouse to see if the link is different than the usual address.
- Look for the lock in the lower right hand corner. Legitimate sites where PII is being used should use some type of encryption to protect your data.

The world isn't perfect and there will be people trying to take advantage of your trust. The Internet can be an easy way of getting information from you, so use caution. Be aware of phishing, what can happen, and use good computing practices. 



# Safety



## Weapons Safety

Article by  
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Third Army Safety Office

Several accidents resulting in injuries and even loss of life have been associated with negligent discharges or improper weapons handling. Negligent discharges are preventable and should never be accepted as low risk. Commanders and leaders must enforce the standards for weapons safety and the proper procedures for clearing a weapon.

Muzzle awareness is critical to weapons safety. Soldiers should always point their weapon in a safe direction and never in the direction of another person. Muzzle orientation should become second nature when handling a weapon.

Here are some safety tips to remember when handling weapons:

1. Weapons should be kept on safe at all times if there is no need to engage a target.
2. Fingers should not be on the trigger unless you are getting ready to fire the weapon.
3. Commanders and leaders must ensure that Soldiers are not mishandling weapons in living areas.



4. Leaders must supervise and remain involved when Soldiers are clearing weapons, whether there is ammunition involved or not.

5. Muzzle awareness must be emphasized at all times.

6. Weapons must be pointed downrange during clearing. Failure to orient the weapon properly can result in serious accidents.

7. A range safety program must be in place, and the Range safety officer must be qualified and trained on all weapons that are fired on the range.

8. When issuing and turning in weapons, the person checking in weapons and the Soldier should visually inspect the weapon and verify that there is no ammunition. This should be done whether there was ammo issued or not.

### Remember to always think Weapons Safety:

Treat every weapon as if its loaded.  
Handle every weapon with care.  
Identify the target before you fire the weapon.  
Never point a muzzle at anything or anyone you don't intend to shoot.

Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger unless you intend to fire.

# Chaplain's Corner



Article by  
Chaplain (LTC) Chip Huey  
Third Army World Religions Analyst

On Independence Day we commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. One of the unique premises of the Declaration is the assertion that our rights as human beings are not given by government, but come directly from God. The Declaration holds that God created all men equal and that our rights – among which are the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness – come from that Divine creation.

Over the past century there has been a concerted effort in America to deny that our rights come from God and instead to assert that government gives us our rights. This effort to deny that our rights are God-given includes denying the role of religion in the public square. In fact, the Founding Fathers and their Declaration not only held that God is the source of our rights, but that religion plays a vital role in our republic because it forms the morals and values that are foundational to the health of a republic.

President George Washington, in his Presidential farewell address said, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”



John Adams, the second President of the United States and a leader in the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention wrote, “It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand...”

Benjamin Franklin said at the Constitutional Convention, “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men... I therefore beg leave to move – that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business...” Our Founding Fathers, along with our Declaration of Independence, viewed religion as essential to a healthy republic, not as something to be excluded from public, military and governmental life.

So, as you celebrate this 4th of July, remember that the Declaration is not just about independence, but also about God having created all men equal, and that as a result, all men have rights that no government can give or take away. Thank God for the privilege of living in a country founded upon that reality – now that’s worth grilling and fireworks! 

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- used toner cartridges

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## VOTE!!

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Voter's week is June 28 to July 7. Register to vote at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact your voting assistance officer today.





# Health



## Greetings Fellow Servicemembers!

I've recently arrived as the new Third Army Dietitian, and would like to take a moment to introduce myself and my aspirations for this bi-weekly nutrition article. I deployed from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM, Military Nutrition Division) in Natick, Mass., where I've been stationed for the past two years.

Prior to joining our great Army team, I worked in a variety of academic settings, conducting basic nutrition research and teaching in life sciences.

Today, as an Army Medical Specialist Corps officer, my nutrition research and teaching interests continue in the spirit of "Taking Care of Soldiers" both now and into the future. I am very excited to be here at Third Army and working with all the talented and highly trained



**Capt. Steven Jackson**  
Third Army Dietitian

Servicemembers in this joint mission!

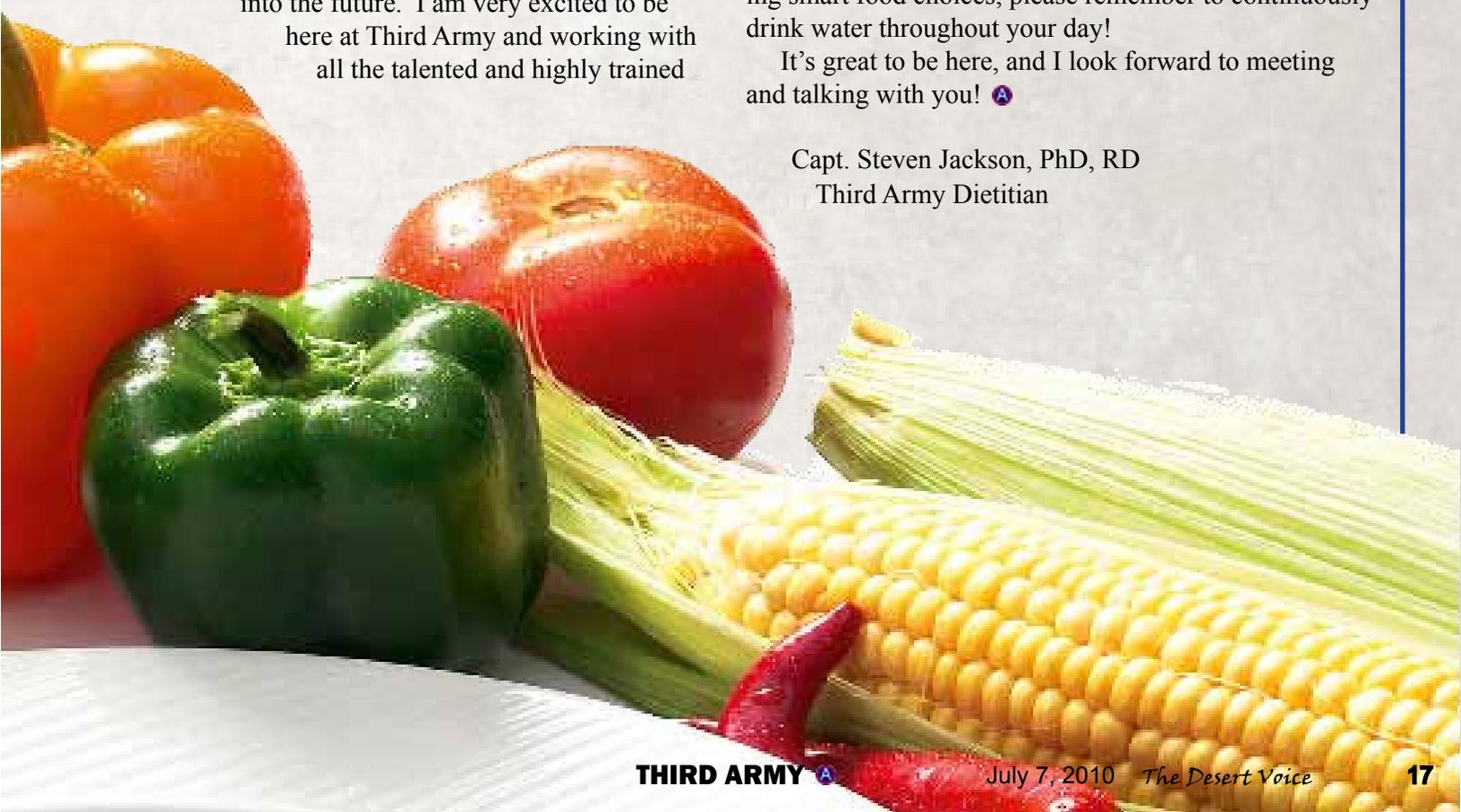
Over the next several months, I intend to use this article to comment on a variety of nutrition-related issues that impact military readiness, as well as long-term health of individuals. Specific topics to be discussed include nutrition for heart/cardiovascular health, dietary supplements, phytonutrients and body-weight management. Also, my goal will be to present a professional, objective and candid viewpoint on nutritional products and "diets" being marketed by industry. I will always strive to keep my message as clear and straight-forward as possible, and may, from time to time, ask other nutrition experts to co-author some articles.

I'm located within the Third Army Surgeon Directorate, and can be reached via e-mail: [steven.jackson@kuwait.swa.army.mil](mailto:steven.jackson@kuwait.swa.army.mil).

As we're all aware, the desert is an incredibly hot and dry environment. In addition to making smart food choices, please remember to continuously drink water throughout your day!

It's great to be here, and I look forward to meeting and talking with you! 🍎

Capt. Steven Jackson, PhD, RD  
Third Army Dietitian



# ATTENTION!

Do you have an interesting skill, a special talent or an interesting story about your life? If so, the Desert Voice wants to tell your story! Do you have an outstanding Servicemember in your ranks? Then we want to make them known!

Contact the Desert Voice today and let us tell your story!

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By Staff Sgt. Mark Bennett



# Don't be This Guy!

The consequences of disobeying general order number one can put you in hot water and risk your safety, the safety of those around you or end your military career! Why take the risk?

Go home with honor,

Obey the no alcohol Standard!



# Emergency Numbers

**911 Emergency DSN – 911/112**  
**From cell phone 2389-9911**  
**Camp Arifjan**  
**DSN 430-3160 / PMO 430-1343**  
**Arifjan Cell 6682-2120**  
**Camp Buerhing**  
**DSN 438-3224 / PMO 438- 3325**  
**Buerhing Cell 9720-5396**  
**Camp Virginia Emergency DSN 832-9111**  
**Camp Virginia DSN 832-2559**  
**Virginia Cell 6705-9470**  
**LSA DSN 442-0189**  
**LSA Cell 6682-2467**  
**K-Crossing DSN 823-1327**  
**K-Crossing Cell 682-0095**  
**KCIA/APOD Cell 6706-0165**  
**SPOD DSN 825-1314**  
**SPOD Cell 9720-5982**  
**KNB DSN 839-1334**

# NCO Spotlight

**Sgt. Ryan Nichols**  
**Third MDSC**



**“Set goals and strive for them one day at a time.”**

Sgt. Nichols, an Army Reserve Soldier, joined the military to serve much like his father and grandfather did as Marines. He is using the Army Reserves educational benefits to go to college while pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Nichols, who likes deploying, is on his second deployment to Kuwait. He has a fiancé, Christine, and plans on getting married when he gets back. He hopes to also get promoted to the rank of Staff Sgt. in the near future.

# Just One Question ...

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING A LEADER?**



**“I like to set a good professional example for other military members.”**

**Petty Officer Willie Sheppard**  
**CDDOC**  
**Lake Wales, Fla.**



**“Molding other troops so they themselves can become leaders.”**

**Sgt. Christopher Erickson**  
**ARCENT PSD**  
**Rawlins, Wyo.**



**“My favorite part is having responsibilities so people can depend on me.”**

**Thomas Schwyer**  
**ITT Lead Tech**  
**Allentown, Pa.**



**“Making sure Soldiers have all that they need to complete their missions.”**

**Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marilyn Gunn**  
**ARCENT G-1**  
**Livingston, AL**



**“I like to be an example for other junior troops.”**

**Sgt. Jason Cortes**  
**MARCENT**  
**Tacooa, Ga.**

Chaplain's assistant Sgt. 1st Class John Edwards, 595th Terminal Transportation Group, uses a chart to teach a portion of the "train the trainers" ASIST program to become certified as a trainer and first aid responder to suicide intervention (Photo by Sgt. Jason Adolphson, 1st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs).



Spc. Marcos Marrero watches as a Kuwaiti officer disassembles his M9 Pistol during a series of information exchange classes taught by subject matter experts from the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat team. The weapons class is instructed by Marrero and Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Menendez (Photo by Spc. Spencer Rhodes, 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs).

Members of the 1st Sustainment Brigade met with Mr. Greg Olson, Sierra Army Depot, Deputy Commander, and his team to discuss how to leverage strategic partners to optimize retrograde processing. The Theater Redistribution Center (TRC), located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, receives approximately 600 containers and 3,000 pallets of retrograde material from the Responsible Drawdown monthly with an expected increase in the near future. Items recovered from the TRC are put back into the supply system for use throughout the CENTCOM Area of Operations (Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Malinda Williams, Third Army).

