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# Roaring Thunder

News for the Soldiers, Airmen, Civilians and Contractors of Task Force Thunder

86th ESB Celebrates:  
150th Signal  
Anniversary

25th SB Receives:  
New Chaplain



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Army Capt. Michelle Lunato  
**Col. Kemp sings the Army Song.**

# Task Force Thunder Commander: Col. Kemp

Dear Task Force Thunder,

As we settle into our mission here, I urge you to stay strong and mission-focused. There will be long, hard days to come as we continue to build the network to support our warfighters.

With the multitude of new projects, standing up of facilities, laying miles of fiber, distribution of hundreds of radios, and planning, coordinating and executing various operations, we are definitely in the fight.

Without each member of the Task Force engaged, we cannot succeed. Airmen, Soldiers, contractors and civilians, each of you have an important part. Regardless of where you work, your job is a critical enabler for our operations. One faulty link in our chain and the efforts of your teammates are undermined.

So, I ask you to think of the first Army value, loyalty. The Army definition, "bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. constitution, the Army, and other Soldiers," has a lot of meaning.

To me, loyalty is a faithful adherence to people, an organization, or more importantly, the Task Force Thunder Team. Loyalty is the common thread that binds our actions. It causes us to support each other in the good times as well as the bad. It is what makes us like family.

Whatever motivations push you to do your job well each and every day, hold onto them. Just know that you are not alone in your efforts. As a task force we are a team. We will work as a team, sweat as a team and succeed as a team.

We may have internal challenges, but like family, we will support each other and our fellow comrades who rely on us. Loyalty to our mission and each other cannot waiver.

Please keep in mind, before you can be loyal to the mission and your military family, you must be loyal to yourself. Deployments can be a difficult time. We all get tired, feel lonely and act less than pleasant from time to time. Take time to care for yourself. Stay fit physically, mentally and spiritually. Make time to participate in activities that keep you motivated.

Remember, even in difficult times, stay true to your values.

Honored to serve each of you,

*COL Chris Kemp*

Commander, Task Force Thunder

# Task Force Thunder

Command Sergeant Major:

Command Sgt. Maj.

Wilkerson



Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

Dear Task Force Thunder,

I would like to discuss respect in the military.

The key to a great leader is one who leads his team with vision and steadfast decision making skills. I am a strong believer that respect within the Army is gained by holding the fondest principles of the core Army values close. A responsibility as vast and engaging as leading Soldiers towards finding their own honor, respect and courage provides a welcomed challenge for me.

As a leader, I command respect from my Soldiers and peers by showing that I am diligent in my position, a front runner for equality and for the overall safety of my team.

I assure my peers and officers that work beside me that I am fully engaged in all missions and willing to uphold military standards. I base my career and my leadership abilities around the valued principles of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

*Thomas D. Wilkerson*  
Command Sergeant Major  
Task Force Thunder

## *Task Force Thunder Elements*

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### *Task Force Headquarters*

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HHC , 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade  
*Bagram, Afghanistan*

### *Regional Command - East/Capital*

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#### *25th Signal Battalion*

*HHD, 25th SB*

*C Company 63rd*

*580th Signal Company*

*16th Tactical Installation Network*

*278th Signal Company*

*B Company 44th Signal Company*

### *Regional Command - South/ Southwest*

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#### *86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion*

*550th Signal Company*

*HHC, 86th ESB*

*A Company 86th ESB*

*C Company 86th ESB*

*A Company 392nd ESB*

# Task Force Thunder Honors Signal Corps

## *86th ESB hosts ~150th Anniversary Celebration*



Above, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Riley, battalion command sergeant major, and Army Lt. Col. Paul Craft, battalion commander, 86th ESB test their “cable dawgs” skills as they race at rolling up a half mile of cable to standard. Right, Army Sgt. Christopher Stillwell, human resources NCO, stands beside the table honoring the fallen and missing comrades

### By Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

Kandahar, Afghanistan - Over 300 service members, Coalition Forces and contractors, gathered on June 18 to honor the U.S. Army Signal Corps’ 150th Anniversary. The celebration, hosted by the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, an element of Task Force Thunder, was similar to a military ball held in the United States, but with some war-time modifications.

In the tactical environment of Afghanistan, the ballroom was replaced with a clam-shell tent in the 86th ESB’s command area, the Task Force Tiger compound. The kitchen to prepare gourmet meals was substituted with another tent to prepare salads and grilled chicken, steaks and bratwurst. A variety of camouflaged uniforms were the replacement for the fancy dress attire traditionally worn to a dining-in. It may have looked slightly different, but the intent and preparation were just as though we were in the states, said Army Capt. Robert Prigmore, battalion personnel officer, who served as the ceremony emcee.

Just like in the states, the ceremony began with customary toasts upon the entrance of the official party. As there is no alcohol on military bases in Afghanistan, the attendees improvised and completed their toasts with water, Gatorade, or soda. Follow-



Photos by Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

ing tradition, the last toast was to honor the fallen comrades.

Before the traditional final toast could be fulfilled though, symbolic items were ceremoniously brought forward to a small table and single empty chair. A rifle represented the War of Independence. An empty chair represented the thousands of family members who waited for 292,131 Americans who would never return from WWII. And a yellow ribbon represented the hopes and prayers of the families and friends who await the safe return of those currently deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. As of 11 a.m. on June 11, 6,502 U.S. servicemembers will never return home – 72 of them, were Signaleers.

This time-honored physical display followed by a moment of silence and the playing of Taps brought a great deal of reflection to the audience, said Army Sgt. 1st Class Kerry McMillan, career counselor, HHC, 86th ESB. “Remembering our fallen com-



Above, Soldiers enjoy a game of Texas Hold 'Em. Above middle, Army Sgt. Maj. John Miles, sergeant major, A Company, 392nd ESB, pours the "juice" from corn fields - symbolic of American Citizen-Soldier's service to the country. Top right, Army Pfc. Jerome Dunn, cable installer/maintainer, 550th Signal Company, rules the Wii bowling lane. Right, Army Pfc. Frank A. Hartfield, cook, HHC, 86th ESB, prepares chicken, steak and bratwurst for the celebration.

rades during a ceremony is important, and it is always an emotional event for me."

Actually holding the observance in a war zone made it even more significant than usual, said Army Sgt. Christopher Stillwell, human resource NCO, who carried the symbolic candle to the table to remind everyone of the ultimate sacrifice of those fallen comrades. "It was a unique opportunity to do the ceremony here in Kandahar."

After the fallen Soldier tribute, the ceremony continued with some highlights of the Signal Corps and explained how messaging moved from signal flags and lanterns to satellites and IP addresses. The dynamic developments and escalating responsibilities of the Signal Corps have contributed greatly to the success of commanders and become a fabric of our Nation, said Army Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., chief of staff, U.S. Army, in a letter to the Signal Corps. "Throughout your 150 years, the Signal Corps has led our Army and our Nation in innovation to meet the challenges of a complex present and an uncertain future."

Honoring the history of signal while you are here making history is an memorable twist, said SSG Gordon Turner, motor sergeant, A Company, 392nd ESB, a subordinate company to the 86th ESB. "You have a more definite feeling of what the Signal Corps is when you are here serving."

For those guests who were not familiar with the corps' historical contributions, the ceremony was very informative, said Army Sgt. Eric G. Blohm, shop foreman, C Company, 86th ESB. "I didn't know signal was such a big part of the Army's history."



Historical education, entertainment and good food were not the only features of the celebration however. The after-party events ranged from Wii Bowling to Texas Hold 'Em to a "cable-dawg" race for the servicemembers to enjoy. One of the highlights was watching the battalion commander and command sergeant major racing to roll a half mile of cable like the enlisted "cable-dawg" Soldiers, said a number of Soldiers.

Though it took countless hours to prepare all the facets of this celebration, we really wanted to put together a first-class event, said Army Lt. Col. Paul Craft, commander, 86th ESB. "My team and I tried to make it special so the Soldiers will remember the 150th Signal Corps Anniversary."

# Resilience Training....

“Reaching out for support is not a sign of weakness”

Army Chaplain (Capt.) James B. Russell, battalion chaplain, 25th Signal Battalion, holds a class on resilience for Soldiers, Airmen and contractors working for the 25th Signal Battalion on June 12 at Bagram Airfield to help the servicemembers learn some coping skills for their deployment.



CPT Michelle Lunato

## What is Resilience

At a deep level, resilience is a multi-dimensional set of tools to help you grow stronger in the face of life's storms. Resilience incorporates physical, emotional, social and spiritual dimensions that not only help us bounce back after tragedies but even greater, help us to become stronger.

## Three Dimensions of Resilience

### 1. Personal Values

Our core values make us who we are and what we believe about life. Your personal values form the source of your resilience capacity. They transcend time and context.

Core values include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless-service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Within the Army we all share seven values that give us a basis for over all well being. These values are ethical principles about what is right and wrong. Core values also include individualized values that define what matters most to you. Examples of individualized core values are topics such as compassion and a balanced life.

### 2. Personal Efficacy

Another important source of resilience is personal efficacy. Efficacy is your belief that you can accomplish challenging goals.

Simply put, confidence and

competence means I am capable. I have the skills, the knowledge, and the attitudes to tackle whatever is thrown at me. If you have a strong sense of personal efficacy, you believe in yourself and you believe you can influence the outcomes of adverse circumstances hurled at you.

In the midst of tough times, just believing in yourself isn't necessarily enough to get you through the mess in a healthy way. You need another building block to lean heavily on, I have the resources available to support me. These resources many times are our friends, family, spouse and community of faith. Reaching out for support is not a sign of a personal weakness!

Believing that you have resources to draw upon is a sign

of strength. So when trouble comes, you increase your chance of successfully outcome by turning to others for help and support in meeting whatever challenge is thrown your way together!

### 3. Personal Energy

Personal energy is a vital source for your resilience. It fuels you to get the job done. There are four aspects at work here, physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual.

*Physical energy* is measured in terms of the ability to sustain task over a period of time. We all need proper nutrition, sleep, rest and exercise to achieve our

optimum performance.

*Positive emotions* increase energy and enthusiasm to take on challenges. Negative emotions sap energy and willingness to work. Emotional mastery, then, is your capacity to manage emotions skillfully in order to maximize positive feelings and performance.

*Mental energy* provides the capacity to focus your attention under stress. When you are hit with adversity, the circumstances usually call for more physical energy and generate more emotional energy. Staying focused and mentally alert help us not only survive the moment but also grow through the process.

*Spiritual energy* is the fourth ingredient comprising your personal energy. Spirituality is not just a religious term, but rather it is the connection to a deeply held set of values and a purpose beyond our self-interest. Your spiritual energy reflects your capacity to overcome adversity in a cause beyond yourself.

In summary, your resilience capacity to tackle adversity depends on the personal values you hold, the personal efficacy you possess, and the personal energy you have available.

At any point in time, these three areas define your capacity overcome and grow beyond your circumstances.

## Tips to improve your resilience

Working on your mental well-being is just as important as working on your physical health. If you want to strengthen your resilience, try these tips:

- *Get connected.* Build strong, positive relationships with family and friends, who provide support and acceptance. Get involved in your family, make new friends or join a spiritual community.
- *Find meaning.* Develop a sense of purpose for your life. Having something meaningful to focus on can help you share emotions, feel gratitude and experience an enhanced sense of well-being.
- *Start laughing.* Finding humor in stressful situations doesn't mean you're in denial (or have PTSD). Humor is a helpful coping mechanism. If you can't find humor in a situation, turn to another source, such as a funny book, movie or a silly battle buddy that always makes you smile.
- *Remain hopeful.* You can't change what's happened in the past, but you can always look toward the future. Find something in each day that signals a change for the better. Expect good results.
- *Take care of yourself.* Tend to your own needs and feelings, both physically and emotionally. Participate in things you enjoy. Exercise regularly. Get plenty of sleep. Eat healthy.
- *Keep a journal.* Write about your experiences, thoughts and feelings. Journaling can help you experience strong emotions you may otherwise be afraid to unleash. It also can help you see situations in a new way and help you identify patterns in your behavior and reactions.
- *Accept and anticipate change.* Expecting changes to occur makes it easier to adapt, tolerate, and even welcome them. With practice, you can learn to not view change with as much anxiety.
- *Work toward a goal.* Do something every day that gives you a sense of accomplishment. Even small, everyday goals are important. Having goals helps you look toward the future.
- *Take action.* Don't just wish your problems would go away or try to ignore them. Instead, figure out what needs to be done, make a plan and take action.

For more tips: see <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/resilience/MH00078/NSECTIONGROUP=2>



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**Army Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, commanding general, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan support, discusses the goals in Afghanistan and how the signal mission of Task Force Thunder contributes.**

### **Clothing from Uncle Sam**

Remember when ordering your authorized monthly clothing allowance from the kyloc website:

- \* OCIE order amount - \$85.00
- \* MPA order amount - \$38.23

These monthly amounts cannot be overlapped and/or combined.

\* Do not order boots from these sites. If needed, see your supply sergeant, who will go through CIF.

\* Orders must be placed at the end of each month for the following month.

\* Monthly stipends can be exceeded by exception, but the total allowance for the deployment year cannot.

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### *Did you know?*

Elections are coming up, and you can vote while deployed via an absentee ballot.

See the back page for dates, and visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or ask your voting assistance officer for details.

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The Roaring Thunder

### **How to use a fire extinguisher**

- Know where a fire extinguisher is located
- Remove from mount or cabinet
- Pull the pin
- Aim the nozzle or hose at the fire
- Squeeze the handle
- Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire

# 25th Signal Battalion's Soldier feature:

## I am here to help relieve people's suffering



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**Army Chaplain (Capt.) James B. Russell, 25th Signal Battalion chaplain.**

**By Army Capt. Michelle Lunato**

**P**ain and suffering are not typically what people seek out, but for over 20 years, one man's daily dose of it was still not enough to stop him from asking for more.

As a nurse, I tried to help people and talk to them, "but I never had time to just be with someone," said Army Chaplain (Capt.) James B. Russell, the new 25th Signal Battalion chaplain. He explained that his patients were not only in pain physically, but normally, emotionally as well, and there was just never time to assist with that kind of agony. "I could deal with people's pain as a nurse, but as a chaplain, I can enter into people's suffering."

Russell says the best part of being a chaplain now is the op-

portunity to speak to so many people. "Just to sit and be with someone is a gift from God."

Sometimes people just want to talk and get things off their chest. From time to time they have questions on finances, organizations or history. And now and then, they want to discuss very personal things, which the chaplain considers a benefit. "It is an honor and privilege to listen to a person's story."

Regardless of the conversation's topic, the chaplain says he is not there to preach or convert people. "About 90 percent of the time, I am not even talking about religion. I am just having a conversation with someone," said Russell. If religion is the topic, he says his mission is not to alter any beliefs to a certain faith or to degrade their opinions. "I will not demean my beliefs, but I will not demean theirs either." It is simply a dialogue between people with one straightforward motive on my part, said Russell. "My goal is to help relieve people's suffering."

The conversation topics with servicemembers are not new to Russell even though he has only been a chaplain for five years since leaving his nursing career. "Being an Army chaplain is sometimes like being a youth group leader. The only difference here is that everybody has guns," said Russell. He explained that young Soldiers are looking for answers just like the youth he led at his church back home.

As a 49-year-old captain and a chaplain, I am looked at as a parent figure a lot, said Russell. "Whether they had a good or bad relationship with their parents, they crave that healthy mentorship. It is the same thing with a sergeant major."

Russell says he holds his son responsible for the fact that he is mentoring other young Soldiers. "It is his fault I am a chaplain." About five years ago, there were all these things pushing me into becoming a chaplain, he said. A friend suggested it. A chaplain recruiter called. And, my son, who was a Soldier in the Army Reserves, and now on Active Duty said, 'Wouldn't it be neat if you were my chaplain', before he deployed to Iraq, said Russell.

With everything pointing that way, I finally threw my hands in the air and said, "OK God," the chaplain said with a laughed. I should have realized it sooner, but I had never considered joining the Army, said Russell. That just shows that if God wants it, it will happen, he said. "God has a plan for us to give us hope and a future – not to destroy us or hurt us. The hard part is figuring out what that plan is and trying to follow it."

All the people that suggested becoming a chaplain saw a potential in me and were all part of the plan, said Russell. "People see things in us that we don't always see in ourselves."

Now that father and son are

**See Chaplain, page 19**

# Task Force Thunder 's "Get 'Er Dones"

## *In a Single Leap...a Rally Point was Created*

While completing the 359th outdoor break area, Army Spc. Thomas Robinson, human resources specialist, took on the task of placing the sun screen over the picnic tables.

"He stood beside the connex, and like Superman, jumped from the ground to the top in a single bound. When [Army] Sgt. [Eric] Pope, attempted the same feat, he was denied," said Army Sgt. Maj. John Schiffli, plans and operations sergeant major. "After witnessing this with my own eyes, we decided to affectionately name our break area, *Rob's Rally Point*."

When asked about his superhero ability, Robinson simply said that "the task needed to be done and no one else could get up there as fast as I could, and well, every king deserves his throne."



Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

## Do you have a 'Get 'Er Done' story?

If your Airmen, contractor or Soldier went above and beyond the expectations and standards for the job, let us know so we can highlight them.

E-mail the Task Force Thunder Public Affairs Officer, Army Capt. Michelle Lunato, at [michelle.lunato@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lunato@afghan.swa.army.mil).

Pictures of the servicemember are encouraged.



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### *Loyalty to ALL Service Members*

My good buddy, "Master Guns," gave me a call because he had an Airman who had lost his bags somewhere here at Bagram. "Since sergeant major doesn't go look through connexes anymore, I dispatched the often elusive, but dangerous [Army] Sgt. Lambert," said Army Sgt. Maj. John Schiffli, plans and operation sergeant major.

Army Sgt. Nicholas Lambert, command group driver, said he persistently asked the PAX terminal and walked the baggage buildings with the baggage NCOIC. After a couple hours of searching, the Airman's bags were discovered.

It really shouldn't be considered anything special, said Lambert. "I would have wanted someone to find my bags. And, I should be loyal to all those I serve with."



The huge "Master Guns" coin that Lambert received.

## Moving mountains with friends, charisma

The 359th received a mission at 6 p.m. to have two pieces of rather large equipment airlifted from our Bagram to another Forward Operating Base **no later than the next day**. We contacted the unit that owned the equipment, and they said it would take a minimum of seven days to organize the movement of the equipment, said Army Lt. Col. Teri Hassell, deputy commander, Task Force Thunder.

Army Capt. Roderick Vinson, supply and logistics officer, knowing the importance of this task, said, “Ma’am, if they’ll let us have the equipment, I can make it happen.”

Vinson took control and did it the “good ole boy” way! He got on the phone to his buddies and before you knew it: he had a fork lift and flat bed lined up to move the equipment to the airfield.

While the equipment was being moved, he was at the PAX m a k i n g while he a priority have the ment on a aircraft

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But with his Army (who by were in units), a flatbed and charisma, turned a job into a day and priority flight with no help from a general.

The equipment was manifested and in the air at 2:30 p.m. the next day. Vinson said with the help of his buddies it was no problem. Just like a Saturday night back home hanging out with his friends and playing with heavy equipment!

Vinson is now the “Go to guy to get er done!” He continues to come through no matter what the situation and sleep deprivation doesn’t seem to affect him, said Hassell.



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**Army Capt. Roderick Vinson, supply and logistics officer, even pours on the charisma at the Readiness Training Center in Fort McCoy, Wis., by wearing his bar code while being issued his deployment gear.**

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## Change of Command A Company, 86th ESB



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**A Company first sergeant, Army 1st Sgt. Serna, passes the company guidon to the outgoing commander, Army Capt. Debbie C. Lovelady.**

On June 20, 2010, Army Capt. Debbie C. Lovelady handed the reigns of command for A Company, 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, over to Army Capt. Mary C. Cassidy.

The company, which has Soldiers spread throughout Regional Command West and Southwest, holds the roots of the battalion, said Army Lt. Col. Paul Craft, commander, 86th ESB.

Dual-hatted as the company commander and the battle captain of the Regional Command-South RNOSC, “Captain Lovelady has been up to the challenge,” said Craft.

As Lovelady moves aside to focus solely on her job at the RNOSC, she said she will remember her time commanding the Warriors with pride. “No matter how tasked out we were, we still came out on top.”

Though the name of his company commander has changed, Craft said his expectation are still the same. “Train your unit to excellence, maintain your equipment, and most importantly, take care of your Soldiers.”

As Cassidy steps forward, she said she is ready to support the Warriors and the war-fighters they support. “I am looking forward to the challenges that come with command.”

# Task Force Thunder Highlight:

## *278th Signal Company: The Spartans*



Photos by Army Capt. Michelle Lunato



Above, Army Pv2. Audra M. Nava, information technology specialist, and Mr. Daniel Cahill, contract officer, prepare for a convoy. Below, Army Staff Sgt. Shelitha Burnett, RNOSC NCOIC, explains her operations to the 25th Signal Battalion commander, Army Lt. Col. Ivan Montaznez.



Top left, Camp Phoenix staff: Amy Farrell, help desk admin; Crystal Trainer, help desk lead; and Jason Carlton, ADPE technician, pose with the 25th Signal Battalion command sergeant major, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Adams.



Left, Army Staff Sgt. David Jungblunt, TCF NCOIC, listens to a convoy brief. Far left, Army Staff Sgt. Sean Hegarty, TCF NCOIC, 2nd Lt. Natasha K. Mercado, DSST OIC, and Steven Charters, battalion power engineer, show off their new safety gear.



Army Sgt. William Langston, movement NCO, briefs the convoy plan.



Above, Army Pfc. Zackery Laney, TCF technician, prepares for a convoy. Below, the RNOSC-Capital team at New Kabul Compound, with the battalion commander and Mr. Daniel Cahill.

Above, the convoy team at Camp Eggers with the battalion commander and command sergeant major. Right, Army Staff Sgt. Devon Cooper, OSP NCOIC, speaks with the 25th Signal Battalion chaplain.



# Legal considerations in working with contractors

On any given day, you're likely to see Task Force Thunder Soldiers and Airmen working side-by-side with their contractor colleagues to accomplish the "Signal" mission in support of OEF. In this environment, there are many legal issues that can and do arise. Over the course of your deployment and to make sure you're doing everything "legal" please keep these tips in mind:

**Gifts from Outside Sources.** Generally speaking, federal law does not allow DoD employees to receive gifts from "prohibited sources" (e.g., contractors) because of their official position. [See 5 C.F.R. 2635, Subpart B]. This means that Soldiers and Airmen may not accept a gift from a contractor in return for being influenced in the performance of their official duties. (BTW, that's called "bribery")! Soldiers and Airmen cannot solicit or coerce the offering of a gift from a contractor.

By regulatory definition, a "gift" is any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. However, items that are not considered gifts include: modest items of food and refreshment (e.g., coffee, donuts) not served as a meal; prizes in contests open to the public (e.g., T-shirts for running a 5k); greeting cards and items of little intrinsic value (e.g., plaques, certificates, trophies intended only for presentation; commercial discounts available to the public or to all government civilian or military personnel; anything the government acquired by contract or otherwise legally accepts; and anything a Soldier or Airman pays for at fair market value.

Of course, with every rule there are exceptions. Among the 21 recognized exceptions to the rule are the following gifts that may be accepted: anything with a market value of less than \$20, so long as it is not cash or investment interests, or does not total more than \$50 from one source in one calendar year; gifts motivated by preexisting personal relationships; certain discounts and similar benefits offered by professional organizations, groups unrelated to government employment, groups related to government employment, if the same benefit is available to other similar organizations (e.g., discounted loans to credit union members). Even under a recognizable exception to this rule, Soldiers and Airmen cannot accept gifts from the same or different sources so frequently, that a reasonable person would think that the Soldier or Airmen is using their office for private gain.

**Gifts to Contractors.** While there is no federal law prohibiting DoD employees from giving gifts to contractors, there are some restrictions on such gifts that are given. For example, neither appropriated nor non-appropriated funds can be used to pay for a gift to a contractor employee. If a DoD employee wants to provide a contractor employee with a gift, the DoD employee must use personal funds to do so.

## Post-Government Employment

The Procurement Integrity Act (18 U.S.C. §207 et al), a criminal statute, places certain requirements and restrictions on government employees seeking employment, negotiating employment, and post-employment. Below are a few of those requirements and restrictions:

**Seeking or Negotiating Employment.** To avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest, DoD personnel must act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any contractor. If a contractor employee offers (i.e., unsolicited by DoD employee) to discuss employment opportunities with a DoD employee, the DoD employee should make a clear and immediate rejection, otherwise, he must disqualify himself in writing, from working on the matter.

**Revolving Door.** DoD employees who have served in specific contracting roles (e.g., Contracting Officer, Program Manager, Deputy Program Manager) or performed specific contracting functions on certain contract matters over \$10,000,000 generally are prohibited from one year from receiving compensation from the contractor for service as an employee, officer, director, or consultant. This prohibition does not prevent a DoD employee from working for a division or affiliate of the contractor that does not produce the same or similar products or services as the entity of the contractor responsible for the contract in which the DoD employee was involved.

There is also a two-year ban that bars senior-level DoD employees from representing contractors before the government on the same contract or other particular matter involving specific parties. If the matter or contract was under their official responsibility during the last year of their government service, the former DoD employee may not work on the contract or matter, even if they did not actually work on the contract during their DoD employment. Similarly, for military personnel on terminal leave, if they cannot work "behind the scenes" for the contractor, they must advance their retirement date and sell back their leave or delay starting work until after they actually retire.

If you have questions, concerns, and/or you would like to schedule unit training on these issues, please feel free to contact TF Thunder's Brigade Judge Advocate, LTC Robert G. Drummer, at [robert.g.drummer@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:robert.g.drummer@afghan.swa.army.mil).

# Love covers a multitude of sins

Blessings and peace!

The holy Bible states that “love covers a multitude of sins.” This is a universal principle that can be applied to all people and all generations. Have you ever experienced this phenomenon? Have you ever had the delight of experiencing kindness instead of anger, mercy instead of sheer justice, compassion rather than cold-hearted rudeness? Have you ever personally witnessed someone blessing you with a smile and patience after you embarrassed them? Ever tasted the smooth joy of someone calling you on the phone as though nothing ever happened when you know good and well that you deserved their wrath! These are a few examples of love covering a multitude of sins.

Consider this story: A man in LA lived in the midst of foul mouthed, selfish, hateful, war-mongering youth gangs. They spray painted graffiti on his new car, they urinated on both his car and the side of his home and anytime they saw him they looked at him like he was the complete cause for all their unhappiness in life. He on the other hand looked at them with compassion and pity, as children who seldom experience love, with little to no hope, and with no clue of God’s forgiveness in Christ. His compassion mobilized the members of his body (hands, fingers, feet...) to active duty if you will. He would come out fighting; fight with love because love covers a multitude of sins! For a number of weeks his wheels would turn, his mind would race at night, and his questions of how to touch these young ‘hoodlums’ lives continued unanswered.

One day he noticed these gangsters eating pizza. In fact, he realized that he had seen them eat pizza on the hoods of other peoples’ cars on numerous occasions. He had never made pizza in his life,

but he decided right then and there that he would cover up sin by making pizza! Say it isn’t so! He went to a couple of local pizza places and he watched with a keen and passionate eye with hopes of making a difference. His soul, bellied up by the love of God, was at peace despite continually being ragged on by his ungrateful neighbors. He actually bought himself a pizza oven off of eBay and ordered personal pan pizza boxes with the words ‘Agape Pizza’ on it.

That first Saturday afternoon he figured he would make about 6 pizzas and put a sign out in his front yard that said, “FREE FRESH PIZZA WHILE THEY LAST!” He put a small box, big enough to hold 6 pizza boxes, with a small door on it to keep the pizza hot, and literally screwed the box on the trunk of his old car.

Within a half hour he watched a young kid open the box and take a pizza out. Ten minutes later 4 others came and he was busy making pizza again. For ten years he made pizzas every weekend; hundreds of them! Though problems still existed (broken car windows cause ‘neighbors’ wanted pizza and there was none), yet his reticent determination led numerous neighbors to ask him what the word ‘Agape’ was in ‘Agape Pizza’! Many more folks over the years simply asked him why he did it. His answer was simply “Because I’m free to love.”

Having experienced God’s love in Christ frees us to show compassion and unconditional love despite any negative costs associated with those decisions. God bless you as you show compassion to the world around you. God bless you as you cherish the forgiveness of your sin because Christ’s blood covers a multitude of sins.

Sincerely,  
*Chaplain (LTC) Gary Williams*

# Improving warfighters' communications



Aaron Chudosky, a representative of Solutions Development Corporation, trains a specialist from a cavalry unit on the functions of the Netted Iridium Radios. The radios, which weigh only about one pound, can be used on patrols, in vehicles, and in a Tactical Operations Center.

Story and photos by Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

There is a fine line between mission success and failure, where success can depend on the reliability of a single one-pound radio.

Back in the Civil War, Citizen-Soldiers communicated with their commanders on the battlefield with signal flags during the day and lanterns by nights. As messaging moved from flags to satellites over the last century, so have the demands of the servicemembers fighting for peace. The warfighters' needs for communication have become almost instantaneous, and without it, the results can be devastating, said Army Staff Sgt. Tommy L. Andrews, Microwave Line of Site noncommissioned officer, Joint NetOps Control Center-A, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade. "You can have the greatest Army in the world, but without good communications, you will fail."

With new things developing every day, "it is hard to keep up with technology," said Andrews. In its efforts to deploy new technology, the Army has been fielding Netted Iridium Radios to the warfighters in

Iraq and Afghanistan under the Distributed Tactical Communications Systems (DTCS) program.

The radios are a combination of "walkie talkies," cell phones, and tactical phones, said Andrews. The encrypted channels are similar to the security features of the heavy tactical phones, but keep a continuous "call" like cell phones. However, the radios function like a "walkie talkie," where each user within a secure talk group can hear all the other members of that group. Only one user can talk at a time by pushing a button. "It is like the new CB [Citizen Band radio] of the Army," said Andrews.

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These radios have layers of security and are lightweight, said Aaron Chudosky, a representative of Solutions Development Corporation, who works with JNCC-A, C4 (Command, Control, Communications and Computers) section on distributing and training Soldiers on the radios in Afghanistan. "Being a former Marine, I like that this is secure and I can take it with me everywhere."

The one-pound, 6-inch antenna radios, use the 66 Iridium, low-orbiting satellite system to create a nearly seamless transfer of coverage, said Chu-

dosky. “The satellites are always moving, so if you can’t reach one satellite, it is only a matter of a few minutes before you can get another one.”

The time to reach a satellite footprint is significantly less than when geosynchronous satellites were used, said Chudosky. “The advantage of the DTCS system is that unlike geosynchronous satellites, the Iridium Satellites come to you.”

When time is of essence, this fact can be critical in the combat environment of Afghanistan, said Chudosky. “In a firefight, you don’t have time to figure out where the satellites are. With the Iridium System, they come to you.”

This ability to get a signal faster is just one of the benefits though, said Chudosky. The radios are compatible with other military equipment and can be mounted in tactical vehicles, taken on patrols, set up in a Tactical Operations Center, and be used as a data modem for location tracking. “It’s tactical, it’s mobile, it’s lightweight, it’s secure, and it’s multi-purpose.”

For the past few months, radio teams under the direction of Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Mauriello, JNCC-A C4 Chief, HHC, 359th TTSB, have been distributing hundreds of these tactical radios to a variety of units throughout Afghanistan. As of June 15, over 800 radios have been issued in Afghanistan as part of Phase 2 of the DTCS program, said Army Lt. Col. John H. Phillips, JNCC-A director, HHC, 359th TTSB. From Army security forces to Marine units to Coalition Forces, there has been a lot of positive feedback, said Andrews.

“With these radios, I can actually have a conversation, not just bits of one,” said an Army platoon sergeant with a security forces unit that is in the radio-fielding program. “Having voice communications with my TOC is invaluable,” said the platoon sergeant.

The capabilities of the fielded radios should take away some of the Taliban’s advantages in the mountainous area of Afghanistan, say a number of military leaders involved in the DTCS program.

Taking away any enemy advantages can only help a unit that is outside the wire, and that is the purpose of the program, said Chudosky. “We are supplying a means of reliable communications to the warfighters in the harshest of terrains, and that can only help save lives.”



Above, Army Staff Sgt. Tommy Andrews, Microwave Line of Site NCOIC, and Aaron Chudosky, a representative of Solutions Development Corporation, who both work at the JNCC-A, train a Soldier in Kandahar on how to use the radio’s features. Left, the Netted Iridium Radio.

# 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion's Soldier Feature:

*I decided not to read about history, but to become a part of it*



Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

**Army Staff Sgt. Louis Trujillo, 392nd ESB**

**By Army Capt. Michelle Lunato**

Deployment can be a difficult time for families of Soldiers. Though the separation may never get easier, they typically adapt to the situation over time. Yet after five months of being in Afghanistan, Army Staff Sgt. Louis Trujillo's mother is still not accustomed to his deployment. It is not for lack of trying, however, it is because he didn't tell her he was here.

"She thinks I am in Germany, and she is happy with that," said Trujillo, operations NCO, A Company, 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

She was so proud when I joined the military and told me, 'I knew you would be a Soldier. That is what you were born to be,' said Trujillo. But when the war started in 2003, her moth-

erly instincts took over, and she told me I could move to Mexico with our family, said Trujillo.

So, the motivation for his white lie was love, he said. "She's a mom. She is going to worry, and I don't want her to."

Worry is not in the vocabulary for Trujillo's three sons who are in on the secret, said Trujillo. "They still think war is fun, which is my fault because I tell them, 'I am an American Soldier. Nothing can happen to me.'" The 11, 9 and 6-year-old boys have been exposed to the military for years, and have become little patriots, said Trujillo. My youngest asks if I have killed all the bad guys, because he wants to grab any gun and to come help me, said Trujillo. "He thinks I went to war by myself."

The innocence and admiration from the boys is a tremendous support, said Trujillo. "It's so nice to be someone's hero."

So far, the heroic war actions of dad and the safe world of son have not collided. It may be a different story when grandma comes to visit the boys, especially since they know she doesn't know I am here, but I could not ask them to lie, said Trujillo.

"So far, everything is working according to plan."

If this precarious plan fails, I will just have to suffer the consequences, and my boys understand that, said Trujillo. "I have been teaching my boys to take responsibility for their actions, and stick to their decisions."

Accountability is just one of the many military qualities Tru-

jillo has been trying to pass onto his boys. "A lot of the Army concepts work in civilian life."

In addition to passing along military qualities, Trujillo has passed his love for history to his sons. I make them watch the military and history channels, he said. Knowing history was a passion to Trujillo and one of the reasons he enlisted. "I joined the Army because I liked history. I decided not to just read about history, but to become a part of it." And as the boys get older, they are learning more and more, Trujillo said. "I try to use every situation to teach my kids a lesson."

Nevertheless, the instruction on character, respect and team work with the boys does have a down side, said Trujillo with a laugh. "The worst thing is that they are learning and working against me," he said as he explained how he heard the all the boys trying to cover up an accident one of them made. "I heard them plotting, but they were working as a team, so I didn't bust them." Uncovering the scheme would have only gone against the 'succeed as a team or fail as a team' message I have drilled into them, said Trujillo. "Even if they are working against me, I let them win because they are working as a team."

Trujillo said he has seen this development of solidarity not only in his boys, but in the general public as well. As an Army Reservist in the state of Washington, Trujillo normally

witnessed and experienced insults and protests to his 18 years of military service rather than gratitude. But when sent to Texas on a training mission, he was surprised by the military support from the public. Trujillo said he fondly remembers being approached by a lady with three boys like his own. “They all came up to me to say thank you for my service. That was an eye opener. I never experienced that in Washington.”

But as time has passed and more and more Americans are supporting the military, Trujillo has seen a welcome change in his home state. “I have always been proud to be a Soldier, but now, I am proud to be an American.”

The sense of pride does not just come from Trujillo himself, but from his leadership as well.



**Army Staff Sgt. Louis Trujillo, operations NCO, A Company, 392nd ESB, plays Texas Hold ‘Em during the 150th Signal Corps Anniversary celebration in Kandahar.**

“He is the utmost professional, and he fell right in with us immediately, like he had been right along with us the whole time,” said the A Company sergeant major, Army Sgt. Maj. John Miles, when he explained how Trujillo arrived in Afghanistan a few months after the company.

Trujillo is a Soldier any leader

would love to have, said Army 1st Lt. Roberto Rodriguez, A Company executive officer. “That guy will go the extra mile without even being asked.”

Military training and discipline are the reasons for Trujillo’s work ethic, he said. “The Army forces me to be the person I need to be.”

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Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

**Army Chaplain (Capt.) James B. Russell, battalion chaplain, 25th Signal Battalion has chat with Army Pfc. Zackery Laney, TCF technician, 278th Signal Company.**

both deployed to Afghanistan, the chaplain said he is more anxious for his 24-year-old boy who is expecting his first child at the end of July. “I am more concerned about what is going on with my son than myself.” It is not that I worry, but I do pray for him more, said Russell. “I see all

these young Soldiers here, and they are his age. If I could, I would change places with him. I don’t want him here. I don’t want any of them here.”

But, as a Soldier himself, the chaplain is proud of his son and understands the desire to serve his country. “I am a Soldier just like he is. I just don’t have a weapon.”

However, the chaplain’s skills are more useful than a weapon, said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Adams, battalion command sergeant major, 25th Signal Battalion. “He is like the walking physical God of the unit.” My task force members need that spiritual advice and school-training counseling from time to time, he explained.

Whether or not you have faith, we all need to talk to someone once in a while, said Russell. “As a chaplain, I have to go to where they start from and walk along with them on their journey – not bring them to where I want them to be.”

Every day is a new opportunity to help someone, said Russell. “I just need to look to see where God’s leading me that day. My job is not just on Sunday. It’s Sunday everyday for a chaplain.”

# Know the Task Force...

## *RC - South/Southwest: 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion*

The 86th Signal Battalion was constituted March 23, 1966 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 86th Signal Battalion, and activated June 1, 1966 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Two months later, it deployed to Vietnam, on August 16, 1966. The battalion was originally located within the Cu Chi base camp, home of the 25th Infantry Division. It supported the Army Area Communications System in the western portion of the III Corps Tactical Zone. The battalion was inactivated in Vietnam April 30, 1971.

The unit remained inactive until 1977. At that time, the 11th Signal Group was established to support worldwide contingencies. Under the current organization, the Group Commander maintained control of the 40th Signal Battalion, three separate signal companies, and one signal maintenance support detachment. During normal field operations, the group staff was able to task organize the units to accomplish the mission. However, it was a time-consuming, day-to-day operation that taxed the group staff.

The 86th Signal Battalion was formed, in part, to relieve the group staff of that responsibility. The battalion was activated July 1, 1977, at its current home at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

In August, 1990, the battalion deployed, as part of the brigade, to support operations in Southwest Asia. The 86th, along with other brigade units, installed, operated, and maintained the largest Echelons-Above-Corps communications network ever established during that conflict.

On June 28, 1993, elements of the battalion deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. 86th Signal Battalion Soldiers remained in Somalia until January of 1994.

Soldiers from the 86th deployed to Haiti in September 1994 in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. While there, they provided tactical satellite support to U.S. forces. The last 86th Soldiers returned in March 1995. Soldiers of the 86th have served as individual augmentations to operations Joint Endeavor and Joint Guard in Bosnia, Herze-

govina; Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in Saudi Arabia; the Patriot Missile mission Morning Calm in Korea; Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Since 1998, the battalion has participated in various training exercises supporting JFCOM, CENTCOM, ARCENT and FORSCOM, providing command and control communications at locations worldwide for Active and Reserve components.

In 2002, the battalion deployed to Afghanistan and then Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism, providing critical communications to warfighters as they moved through the country at which time Delta Company, 86th Signal Battalion established the first Technical Control Facility on Victory Base in Iraq.

In 2005, as part of the Integrated Theater Signal Battalion transformation, Delta Company, 86th Signal Battalion was deactivated. During the summer of 2006, the 86th Signal Battalion deployed to various locations throughout Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08 for a 15 month rotation.

In November of 2007, the 86th assumed operational control of the 556th Theater Signal Maintenance Company.

In June of 2008 as the battalion completed its RESET operations from OIF 06-08 it was given the Homeland Defense/Homeland Support mission where it served as the NORTHCOM Commander's tactical signal support unit for homeland contingency operations.

From May 2009 to September 2009 the 86th converted to an Expeditionary Signal Battalion where it trained on and received Warfighter Information Network - Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 1 communications equipment.

On October 1, 2009, the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, as part of 11th Signal Brigade was re-organized under FORSCOM, III Corps, located at Fort Hood, Texas, was given Training Readiness Authority responsibility for the brigade. The 86th ESB is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 10-11.



# 86th ESB Crest and Patch Symbolism:

## ~Crest~

*Orange & White:*  
the traditional signal colors

*Rays in Chief:*  
suggested by the state flag of Arizona, allude to the battalion's home station, Fort Huachuca, and are thirteen in number in reference to the total campaign credits earned in two wars

*Two red sectors above the Tiger's head:*  
refer to the battalion's Meritorious Service Citations

*Black and White Rays:*  
refer to the knowledge required for night and day signal operations

*Tiger:*  
symbolizes Vietnam, site of the unit's first wartime service

*Lightning bolt:*  
denotes electronic communications and speed of response

*Crescent, outlined in the colors of the Kuwait flag:*  
represents the Persian Gulf region, site of the unit's second wartime service

*Motto: "First Voice Heard"*



## ~Patch~

*Orange and White:*  
the traditional signal colors

*Globe:*  
signifies the worldwide scope of the unit's mission

*Thunderbird:*  
an American-Indian symbol of great power that controls the skies and sees all that occurs on the ground, and refers to the unit's southwestern heritage

*Lightning issuing from the Thunderbird's eye:*  
as in Indian legend, denotes the speed and abilities of electronic communications

*Black Thunderbird on White background:*  
symbolizes the night and day capabilities of the unit



## 2010 Primary Elections by State



This chart lists the 2010 State primary election dates in all the States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); States with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Governorial races. **The General Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2010.**

| State                | State Primary          | State Runoff Primary<br>(if necessary) | General Election |                     |                |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                      |                        |  | Federal Offices  |                     | State Governor |
|                      |                        |  | U.S. Senate      | U.S. Representative |                |
| Alabama              | June 1                 | July 13                                | Yes              | 7                   | Yes            |
| Alaska               | August 24              | -----                                  | Yes              | 1                   | Yes            |
| American Samoa       | -----                  | -----                                  | -----            | 1 Delegate          | No             |
| Arizona              | August 24              | -----                                  | Yes              | 8                   | Yes            |
| Arkansas             | May 18                 | June 8                                 | Yes              | 4                   | Yes            |
| California           | June 8                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 53                  | Yes            |
| Colorado             | August 10              | -----                                  | Yes              | 7                   | Yes            |
| Connecticut          | August 10              | -----                                  | Yes              | 5                   | Yes            |
| Delaware             | September 14           | -----                                  | Yes              | 1                   | No             |
| District of Columbia | September 14           | -----                                  | -----            | 1 Delegate          | Mayor          |
| Florida              | August 24              | -----                                  | Yes              | 25                  | Yes            |
| Georgia              | July 20                | August 10                              | Yes              | 13                  | Yes            |
| Guam                 | September 4            | -----                                  | -----            | 1 Delegate          | Yes            |
| Hawai                | September 18           | -----                                  | Yes              | 2                   | Yes            |
| Idaho                | May 25                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 2                   | Yes            |
| Illinois             | February 2             | -----                                  | Yes              | 19                  | Yes            |
| Indiana              | May 4                  | -----                                  | Yes              | 9                   | No             |
| Iowa                 | June 8                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 5                   | Yes            |
| Kansas               | August 3               | -----                                  | Yes              | 4                   | Yes            |
| Kentucky             | May 18                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 6                   | No             |
| Louisiana            | August 28 (1st Party)* | October 2 (2nd Party)**                | Yes              | 7                   | No             |
| Maine                | June 8                 | -----                                  | No               | 2                   | Yes            |
| Maryland             | September 14           | -----                                  | Yes              | 8                   | Yes            |
| Massachusetts        | September 14           | -----                                  | No               | 10                  | Yes            |
| Michigan             | August 3               | -----                                  | No               | 15                  | Yes            |
| Minnesota            | August 10              | -----                                  | No               | 8                   | Yes            |
| Mississippi          | June 1                 | June 22                                | No               | 4                   | No             |
| Missouri             | August 3               | -----                                  | Yes              | 9                   | No             |
| Montana              | June 8                 | -----                                  | No               | 1                   | No             |
| Nebraska             | May 11                 | -----                                  | No               | 3                   | Yes            |
| Nevada               | June 8                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 3                   | Yes            |
| New Hampshire        | September 14           | -----                                  | Yes              | 2                   | Yes            |
| New Jersey           | June 8                 | -----                                  | No               | 13                  | No             |
| New Mexico           | June 1                 | -----                                  | No               | 3                   | Yes            |
| New York             | September 14           | -----                                  | Yes              | 29                  | yes            |
| North Carolina       | May 4                  | June 22                                | Yes              | 13                  | No             |
| North Dakota         | June 8                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 1                   | No             |
| Ohio                 | May 4                  | -----                                  | Yes              | 18                  | Yes            |
| Oklahoma             | July 27                | August 24                              | Yes              | 5                   | Yes            |
| Oregon               | May 18                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 5                   | Yes            |
| Pennsylvania         | May 18                 | -----                                  | Yes              | 19                  | Yes            |
| Puerto Rico          | -----                  | -----                                  | -----            | -----               | -----          |
| Rhode Island         | September 14           | -----                                  | No               | 2                   | Yes            |
| South Carolina       | June 8                 | June 22                                | Yes              | 6                   | Yes            |
| South Dakota         | June 8                 | June 29                                | Yes              | 1                   | Yes            |
| Tennessee            | August 5               | -----                                  | No               | 9                   | Yes            |
| Texas                | March 2                | -----                                  | No               | 32                  | Yes            |
| Utah                 | June 22                | -----                                  | Yes              | 3                   | No             |
| Vermont              | August 24              | -----                                  | Yes              | 1                   | Yes            |
| Virgin Islands       | September 11           | -----                                  | No               | 1 Delegate          | Yes            |
| Virginia             | June 8                 | -----                                  | No               | 11                  | No             |
| Washington           | August 17              | -----                                  | Yes              | 9                   | No             |
| West Virginia        | May 11                 | -----                                  | No               | 3                   | No             |
| Wisconsin            | September 14           | -----                                  | Yes              | 8                   | Yes            |
| Wyoming              | August 17              | -----                                  | No               | 1                   | Yes            |