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On the cover: JSC-A commander Brig. Gen Philip R. Fisher (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Riggs uncased the colors during the RIP/TOA ceremony Oct. 17.

From the Commander's Desk...

This article is my first since the Relief-in-Place/Transfer-of Authority (RIP/TOA) ceremony between the 184 Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) and the 135 ESC. Let me congratulate Brig. Gen. Hoover and the Soldiers of the 135th for their dedication to service and duty as they successfully completed their sustainment mission.

As the 184 ESC takes the mission and responsibilities of the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A), allow me thank all of you in the sustainment community for your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm. In my travels to Herat, Bastion, Leatherneck, Kabul, Bagram and the Mazar-E-Sharif area, I witnessed the hard work and proud accomplishments done daily by those dedicated to making Afghanistan a better place. I urge you to continue your efforts. While you may not see the results, those you help appreciate and benefit from your work each day.

We are at a historic moment, a turning point in the international community's efforts to bring peace and stability to the people of Afghanistan. As sustainers, each of you serves a vital role in that effort. I appreciate your dedication to the mission. Our success hinges on our ability to forge relationships with coalition partners and the commands we support on the battlefield. Our success also depends upon the unity of sustainment efforts up and down our command. Finally, we must embrace the Army Values as professionals who get the job done the right way, with the right results.

To maintain our successful momentum, you must continue to focus on your mission and exercise the initiative needed to improve your work process. Always look for a better way to accomplish your responsibilities and quicken response time. You are in the best position to improve your job. You should never accept the status quo. Instead, seek improvement in all you do. End every work period with a review of the day and evaluate ways to streamline the process/procedures of your work



Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher
JSC-A Commanding General

rhythm. The opportunities for improvement exist, but you must look for them.

When you have down time, find an escape from the workday. Read, take courses, or exercise to improve/relax your mind and body. The opportunities offered, on-line or within your area of operations (AO), represent a chance to learn and return home with new skills. Seek ways to volunteer and help others. If you have interest in something and it is not available, organize the activity. I bet others are interested. Remember your spiritual life. The chaplains, and the many faiths they represent, are available to assist in many ways.

Remember your environment and take the necessary measures to protect yourself. Always travel in pairs, wear reflective gear at night, and review your AO's operating status frequently. Watch out for others as they move around and assure their safety. I want everyone to return home unharmed and better for the experience.

All of us have a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Be aware of the mental condition of those you work around. Offer a word of encouragement or a concerned ear when others experience a bad day. To have a friend you must be a friend, so offer assistance frequently.

Finally, keep a positive and open mind. I look forward to working with all of you throughout our time together.

Warrior's Call

Welcome to Afghanistan! Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the command sergeant major of the Joint Sustainment Command, Jeff Riggs.

I take this opportunity to speak to all of you concerning safety. Safety starts with each individual service member.

You are all safety leaders. If an unsafe act is witnessed, **STOP IT IMMEDIATELY** and educate the Soldiers. We can not afford to lose valuable personnel due to unsafe conditions.

My top three areas:

Weapons. **NO NEGLIGENT DISCHARGES.** Ensure all clearing procedures

are completed to standard. Leadership must be present to ensure the standard is met. Account for all weapons and sensitive items.

Vehicles. Tactical and non-tactical drivers and assistant drivers must remain alert, wear seatbelts/restraint harnesses, and not use electronic devices while operating vehicles. Chock tactical vehicles when not in use. Failure to chock a tactical vehicle is a major safety violation.

Soldiers. Wear your safety belt in limited visibility/darkness. Do not make assumptions that vehicle drivers see **YOU**. Do not walk in the roadway. Use the buddy system when moving around. Tell someone where you



Command Sgt. Maj. Jeff Riggs
JSC-A Command Sergeant Major

are going and when you expect to return. Maintain positive accountability of all personnel.

I charge all Soldiers as "leaders" to adhere and enforce these three safety concerns.

Complacency kills:
"Stay Alert, Stay Alive."



Sgt. James Burroughs | 135th ESC PAO

Soldiers of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command disembark a C-17 Globemaster upon arrival at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.



By Sgt. Kenny Hatten
JSC-A Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The Mississippi Army National Guard's 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command arrived at Kandahar Airfield Oct. 4.

184th Arrives at KANDAHAR AIRFIELD

The unit conducted pre-mobilization training at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center from June until August, and then mobilized at Fort Hood, Texas, on Aug. 3rd, where they took part in a culminating training event which prepared them for service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Our Soldiers are well-trained and ready to provide logistical support to Coalition and Afghan forces in counter-insurgency efforts so that the Afghan people can live in a safe and secure environment.

We look forward to building relationships with our Afghan and Coalition partners to accomplish this mission," said Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, 184th ESC commander.

"It's going to be a good mission by ensuring the warfighters receive the supplies they need to continue the fight against the insurgency" said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin G. Burr, 184th ESC Operations Sergeant. "I'm looking forward to doing my job."

"We're excited to pass on the baton of expeditionary sustainment

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184th Takes Command of JSC-A



U.S. Army Photo by 1st Lt. Tyler N. Ginter

Soldiers stand in formation to witness the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan transfer of authority.



*Story by Spc.
Edward Garibay*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD,
Afghanistan - Joint Sustainment
Command-Afghanistan, the senior
supply and logistics command

for all U.S. forces in Afghanistan,
changed hands between two
National Guard units, Oct. 17,
during a transfer of authority
ceremony.

The Alabama National Guard's
135th Expeditionary Sustainment

Command handed over the JSC-A
to the Mississippi National Guard's
184th Expeditionary Sustainment
Command.

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From the Inspector General's office...

*As the days get long and your military mind gets lazy,
Do not let your sights get dim and your visions get hazy.*

*Be professional and have pride in all you do,
And to the United States Armed Forces be true!*



The Inspector General's office is lead by Maj. Keith Menyweather, the Acting Command Inspector General. The staff consists of Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Golden, Inspector General, Non-Comissioned Officer-in-Charge and Spc. Candace Jones, Administrative Specialist.

The Inspector General section is excited to be aboard the JSC-A team at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. We are looking forward to serving our Commanding General, Brigadier General Philip R. Fisher, the service members under his

command and their families.

You might ask yourself "What does the Inspector General do?"

We serve our commander and their commands by executing the four IG functions.

These include teaching and training, inspections, assistance, and investigations which facilitates the enhancement of the command's discipline, readiness, and operational war fighting capability.

When requesting assistance or filing a complaint the first step is being sure you have a problem not just a peeve. Then give your chain

of command a chance to fix it. Your commander cannot fix the problem if he/she does not know about it.

It is an important part of unit integrity for the commander to take care of his/her service member's needs. This builds trust and respect between the Soldier and the commander.

Once your problem has been presented to the company commander allow a reasonable amount of time for the problem to be fixed. Then if you still have a problem, contact our office. DSN 318-421-6568 / Email keith.r.menyweather@afghan.swa.army.mil

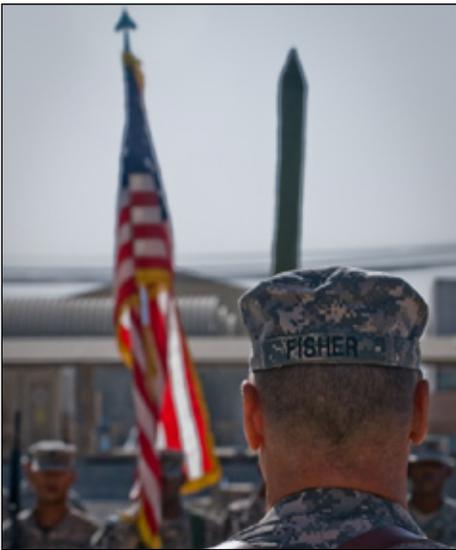


Photo by 1st Lt. Tyler N. Ginter
Brig. Gen. Fisher looks upon the American Flag as the new commander of JSC-A.



Photo by 1st Lt. Tyler N. Ginter
Army Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, U.S. Forces- Afghanistan deputy commander for support, addresses the troops during the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan TOA ceremony.



Sgt. Kenny Hatten | JSC-A PAO
Brig. Gen. Fisher and Command Sgt. Maj. Riggs greet the color guard to uncasing the unit colors.



Sgt. Kenny Hatten | JSC-A PAO
Brig. Gen. Fisher addresses the crowd as the new commander of JSC-A during the TOA ceremony.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven Hoskins | 135th ESC PAO

(Above) Transfer of authority ceremony cake.

(Left) Members of official party observe events of transfer of authority ceremony.



Sgt. Kenny Hatten | JSC-A PAO

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“It’s a historic time here in Afghanistan,” said Army Brig. Gen. Reynold N. Hoover, 135th ESC commander. “It’s the first time that two expeditionary sustainment commands and all of their down traces [all of the units they support], here in country, will change command.”

Both sustainment commands worked closely with each other for more than a year, sharing information and techniques to prepare for the hand-off.

“We’re ready to go,” said Army Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, 184th ESC commander. “We’re ready to start our mission running. These men and women want to be here and are proud to be here.”

The JSC-A is under new leadership, but its mission remains the same. The command is set to build on the foundations laid by previous units and plans to progress the sustainment mission in Afghanistan even further, he said.

“We’ve got to take the ball and move it down the field,” said Fisher. “We want to leave this place better than we found it. I think it’s the inherent responsibility of any unit.”



Sgt. James Burroughs | 135th ESC PAO

Soldiers stand in formation as the colors are retired during the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan transfer of authority ceremony.

JSC-A operates throughout Afghanistan and in countries such as Qatar, Kuwait and Kyrgyzstan. They supply troops in these areas with items ranging from water to ammunition.

“As I look back,” said Hoover, “I’m especially proud that we clearly made a difference — making sure that every soldier, sailor, airman and Marine always had a full canteen, hot meals, a bed to sleep in and ammunition, in case they ever need it.”

Hoover said they have provided U.S. forces with more than 100 million meals and delivered more

than 32 million pounds of mail. The JSC-A has done a lot to supply the service members in Afghanistan and the 184th ESC will continue that support.

“Of course our work is not done here,” said Army Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan deputy support commander. “We face a determined enemy. Success will take continued commitment and outstanding leadership, and we have just the right command team with Brig. Gen. Phil Fisher and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Riggs.”

Resource Management

The mission of the JSC-A J8 (Resource Management) has now been assumed by the 184th ESC. Staff members include Maj. James Triplett, Comptroller, Capt. Dana Pierce, Budget Officer and Sgt. Mary McSwain, Budget Analyst. The J8’s road to war has included 14 months of training on resource and financial management, including several mission-related exercises.

Our mission includes reviewing Joint Acquisition Review Board (JARB) packets, submitting monthly spending plans, certifying funding on NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) Transportation Movement

Requests, preparing Temporary Duty (TDY) travel orders and travel vouchers, as well as many other resource management related functions.

Preparing TDY orders will be a major function in the JSC-A because of the frequent travel required to sustain and accomplish mission requirements. The JSC-A has published TDY request procedures that will ensure efficient and timely processing. If you have additional questions in reference to TDY, please contact Sgt. Mary McSwain. We look forward to servicing all your resource management needs over the next year. Please feel free to contact us anytime at DSN: 318-421-6041.

General Casey and Command Sgt. Maj. Hill visit KAF

 *Photos by Sgt. Kenny Hatten
JSC-A Public Affairs*

Chief of Staff of the Army, General George W. Casey Jr. and International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF)/U.S. Forces - Afghanistan (USFOR-A) Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill visited Kandahar Airfield, October 12th to conduct a senior enlisted leaders meeting.

(To the left) Command Sgt. Maj. Jeff Riggs of JSC-A greets General Casey during the KAF visit.



Hill presented coins to enlisted leaders after talking with them.



Sgt. 1st class Todd McClellan and Bradley Wilkins of JSC-A supervise the security operations detail during the meeting.



Spc. Joshua Wells provides entry control point security during the general's visit.

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in Afghanistan to our neighbors from Mississippi,” said 135th ESC Commander Brig. Gen. Reynold N. Hoover. “We know that they are prepared and experienced, and will continue to exceed standards and surpass expectations as they conduct their sustainment mission here.”

The 184th is currently conducting transition operations with personnel

from the Alabama National Guard’s 135th ESC, and will assume responsibility for Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan after the Alabama unit returns home in late October.

The 184th ESC and its subordinate units will provide logistical support for the entire Afghanistan theater of operations.

KAF Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



*Story & photos by
Sgt. Kenny Hatten
JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines gathered to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Kandahar Airfield Oct. 12.

The event began with a presentation by Lt. Col. Roberto Ortiz, which highlighted the numerous contributions Hispanic Americans have made to America's

culture over the years. After the presentation, the KAF Salsa Team performed several traditional Latin dances for the assembled crowd.

JSC-A Commander Brig. Gen Philip R. Fisher was the distinguished guest speaker at the event.

“Since our nation’s founding, Hispanic Americans have served bravely in every war and on every

battlefield in defense of our nation,” said Fisher. “Their hard work and devotion to duty set an example we can all follow and be proud of.”

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 in order to pay tribute to generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.



Fisher provided closing remarks for the Hispanic Heritage event.



Fisher presents Lt. Col. Fernandez Ortiz of 581 ASMC a certificate of achievement. Fisher gave out a total of five certificates of appreciation.



Participants at the Hispanic heritage event enjoy a traditional dinner including fresh fruits, roasted pork, and quesadillas.



KAF Salsa Team performs traditional Latin dances for attendees. The all-volunteer salsa team practices weekly on KAF.

Army Ten-Miler Shadow Run Held on Kandahar Airfield



Story by Staff Sgt. Ian M. Terry, 43rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Photos by Sgt. Kenny Hatten, JSC-A Public Affairs



Runners take on water as they pass by the boardwalk on KAF.

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Despite being separated from the official event in Washington by more than 7,000 miles and eight time zones, service members and civilians stationed on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, participated in the Army Ten-Miler foot race, Oct. 23.

The official Army Ten-Miler, held Oct. 24, is now in its 26th consecutive year, and is the largest ten-mile running event in the U.S. This year, 30,000 runners participated.

In KAF's shadow run, 383 runners competed, with 100 percent

finishing the race.

The fastest woman on the KAF course was U.S. Army Capt. Bonnie S. Kovatch, from Task Force Saber, with a time of 1:14:48.

The fastest man on the KAF course was U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chris R. Edgerton, a security forces advisor with the 738th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, with a time of 1:02:30.

Second and third place in the women's category went to U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lt. Angela D. Kandibo, a material control officer with Marine Fighter Attack F-18 Squadron, with a time of 1:15:43, and Bernadette Rogash, a medic at KAF's emergency care clinic, from Australia, with a time of 1:16:13.

Second and third place in the men's category went to Bjorn Reynders, with a time of 1:03:02, and Karel Vandenbussche with a time of 1:03:14. Both Reynders and Vandenbussche are from Belgium.

When asked how it felt to win the top spot of the day, Edgerton answered simply, "Better, now."

For Reynders, Vandenbussche and Rogash, when asked how they felt, answered "Good," "Great," and "Brilliant," respectively. Such brevity is conspicuously common among runners just across the finish line of a long race.

Kandibo has run several races on KAF, but said this is her first Army

Ten-Miler. Once she caught her breath, she expressed her feeling with great enthusiasm. "I feel great," she said. "I feel refreshed. Let's do it again!"

It was unclear whether Kandibo wished to repeat the race immediately or after a period of recuperation.

The KAF run was hosted by two U.S. Army units currently deployed on Kandahar Airfield: The 643rd Regional Support Group, an Army Reserve unit based in Columbus, Ohio, and the 591st Medical Logistics Detachment out of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The man behind organizing KAF's Ten-Miler was U.S. Army Capt. Benjamin Uhl, an optometrist on KAF, from the Iowa Army Reserve in Sioux City. Uhl is now attached to the 591st MEDLOG.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Judith L. Treadway, from the 643rd RSG, and her team were largely responsible for the heavy lifting in getting the race from conception to execution.

Runners in the race ranged in age from 19 to 67 years old. John Farrar, 67, crossed the finish line at 2:21:13, and expressed great

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Maj. Michael Harlow checks his watch as he crosses the finish line. Harlow's time was 1:09:57 which gave him 9th place overall and 1st place for Army.



Harlow helps Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Burr cool off and rinse the dust out of his hair after completing his first Army Ten-Miler.

ARMY TEN-MILER

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appreciation to Gerard Welling, who stayed by his side every step of the way.

The inaugural Army Ten-Miler, held in 1985, had 1,600 registered runners, with 1,379 completing the event. The inaugural overall best time of 50:05 belongs to Kevin McGarry.

Last year, the event's silver anniversary, saw an overall best time of 46:59 by Alene Reta. Reta's time is the new record, shutting out Maj. Dan Browne's record from 2004 of 47:32.



Early morning group photo of JSC-A Army Ten-Miler participants. (Back row, from the left) Maj. David Oglesby, Maj. Dexter Thornton, Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Bowman, Master Sgt. Bobby Patrick, Maj. Ailrick Young, Master Sgt. Stanley Coats, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Winstead, Sgt. 1st Class Travis Bond (front row, from the left) Capt. Kelly Carey, Lt. Col. Guy Reedy, Maj. Michael Harlow, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Burr

JSC-A supports KAF Bazaar School



*Story & photos by
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JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Soldiers of Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan volunteered to support the KAF Bazaar School during its morning activity period on Oct. 8.

“The students are the children of the bazaar market vendors, and the school gives them a way to channel their energies into school activities,” said school coordinator Andy Carnegie. “It also gives the military personnel at KAF a chance to interact with the kids while the kids get to practice their English skills.”

“They’ve done a lot for the kids here, like building the school and pavilion,” said Lt. Col. Randall Mantooth of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. “They spend time with the kids, teaching them about different cultures and languages,

as well as giving them some good quality time to play and interact. It’s a great thing.”

The school takes volunteers from different units on KAF on a rotating basis each week, and the waiting list is more than two months long, according to school coordinators.



The KAF bazaar, where the fathers of the school children work on Saturdays.



A student at the Bazaar School carefully jots down the English alphabet in a workbook before class.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fintan Kilmurray (right) poses for a picture with children from the KAF Bazaar School.



(Above) After class, the children engage in a fast-paced soccer match with some of the volunteers at the Bazaar School.

(Left) Lt. Col. Randall Mantooth talks with one of the school children during the morning activity period at the Bazaar School.

Inaugural Audie Murphy Induction held on KAF



*Story & photos by
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JSC-A Public Affairs*

(KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan) - Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A) hosted the first Sgt. Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) induction ceremony held at Kandahar Airfield Oct. 14.

“It’s a great honor to be a part of such a prestigious club with such a great group of NCOs,” said newly inducted Sgt. 1st Class Torres, of the 158th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Other inductees included Sgt. Janet Chavez, of the 382nd Transportation Theater Opening Element and Sgt. Christopher Mancino, of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade.

“This is the first club to be established in the CJOA under U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A),” said 184th ESC Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Riggs. “Our plan in the 184th is to continue the club and carry it on to Mississippi as the 135th has carried it back to Alabama.”

The senior leadership of the 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) put together a program that conducted testing for potential club members throughout the Combined Joint Operational Area (CJOA).

The 135th ESC passed on responsibility for maintaining the club to the 184th ESC, which has assumed command of JSC-A. Each inductee completed a rigorous selection program as part of the membership process.

“It was a lot of hard work,” said Chavez, “and it was very challenging, but I think it was a great experience.”

The SAMC is a means of recognizing Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional

NCO Corps and combat ready Army. Induction is a privilege earned by only the most exceptional NCOs, according to the U.S. Army’s Training and Doctrine Command Web site.

“I can’t think of a better way to end my tour here,” said 135th ESC Commander Brig. Gen. Reynold N. Hoover. “After nearly 11 months that we’ve been here, this will probably be one of my last official acts, being

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Riggs congratulates newly inducted Sgt. Janet Chavez, of the 382nd Transportation Theater Opening Element after the induction ceremony.

Inside the Plans Section

Hello and welcome from the 184 Expeditionary Sustainment Command J5 Plans Section.

As the JSC-A, the 184 ESC is here to sustain the warfighter in Afghanistan.

Here in the J5, we will assist the JSC-A commander in planning and preparation of joint plans, orders, and associated estimates of the situation. We have been working with our NATO allies,

USFOR-A, subordinate units, strategic partners and contractors over the past 30 days and look forward to working with each one during the remainder of our rotation.

All of us at the JSC-A J5 Section remain dedicated and focused on the mission at hand, and will be here to assist wherever we can. You can find all of our contact information on the JSC-A portal.



Staff Judge Advocate

To better serve the legal assistance needs of Soldiers Army-wide, the technology division of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps recently developed the legal assistance Client Information System (CIS). This system is a secure, web-based solution that enables legal assistance offices the ability to manage legal assistance operations and provides Soldiers with greater continuity of service.

The system provides legal assistance offices with a means for establishing, servicing, and reporting legal assistance cases from the first client appointment until the case is resolved, no matter where the Soldier initiates a case. For deploying Soldiers, this means that their legal assistance officer in the combat zone will be able to access and review the history of their cases in the event

issues are not resolved prior to deployment. For commanders, this system will provide a more stable, streamlined and uniform means by which to resolve legal issues, allowing Soldiers to focus on the mission.

Please note that the system will protect Soldiers' privacy and the confidentiality of their

communications with attorneys.

Through the implementation of this system, our goal is to provide a consistent and seamless approach to client services. The point of contact for legal assistance is Capt. Parker Still at Kandahar Airfield.

The legal assistance office is located in building 245 behind the boardwalk. DSN is 841-1163.

Surgeon's Section

The JSC-A Surgeon's Section consists of Command Surgeon Col. Dennis Sullivan, Environmental Science Officer Capt. Gerald S. Hodges and Health Care NCO Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez.

The Surgeon Section oversees the health care of JSC-A personnel.

The major emphasis we are focusing toward is the yearly influenza vaccinations. We are currently positioning to have our personnel vaccinated for influenza by Dec. 1.

We are offering to our older personnel, the opportunity to have labs checked and cardiograms

completed. This will help assess your health.

Along with these measures, we would like to encourage each Soldier to get into a routine of fitness while deployed to Afghanistan.

It has been proven that exercise will make you feel better, sleep better, have a better attitude and reduce the stress that comes from being deployed.

Bottom line, we feel that exercise will raise your spirits and burn up nervous energy.

We would like to encourage our Soldiers to take time to take care of themselves.

- MURPHY

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here with some great NCOs who have gone the extra mile to be a part of this great organization.”

The process consisted of three phases, the Commander's Nomination, Initial Selection Board and the Final Selection Board, each administered by senior enlisted leaders in the Soldier's chain of command.

Mancino was grateful to the Soldiers of his unit for their confidence and support, and stated that it was a tremendous honor, but it was never about himself. “It was always about my Soldiers—they're the people who made me the leader I am today,” he said.

U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A) Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill was the guest speaker at the event, and has been a supporter of the SAMC for many years. “I had a program as the divisional CSM with the 101st Airborne,” said Hill. “I've supported the program since then by being a guest speaker at events and mentoring young NCOs as they worked to be members of the club.”

Hill spoke to the new inductees during the event, and encouraged them to seek out new members at every opportunity. “Your leaders have gone out on a limb for you because they are committed, and they care about you,” said Hill.

“Your actions will tell the world that you are SAMC members, and your job is to be active in the club and find more members to support it.”

Sgt. Audie Murphy was the most highly decorated Soldier in American history, and served in World War II as a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, fighting in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He earned a battlefield commission to 2nd Lt. and upon his discharge from the Army in 1945, he went on to Hollywood to become the most popular actor in American westerns. He was an accomplished actor, songwriter and poet, and was killed in a plane crash in 1971.



Chaplain's Message... by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fintan Kilmurray

*The journeys that we take in life,
Though unexpected they may be,
If we commit to follow Christ,
His work through us the world will see. —Sper*



As you read this article, we have been traveling for quite a few weeks. Sometimes we have been the driver, other times we have been driven.

Left side, right side, right side, left side ~ All the while traveling.

Throughout this journey there have been some who feel confident with

the destination; and others who feel they are at sea so to speak, and are unsure as to where they will arrive or end up. But it is a journey we make together, and a destination we arrive at together.

The Lord asks us to care and help one another, so let us ask ourselves:

- Have we encouraged, strengthened, or lightened the load of those who travel with us? Have we prayed?

Even when our journey in life is marked by confinement and limitations, we can be sure that the Lord will encourage others through us as we speak His Word and trust in Him.

Support Operation's Corner

By: Lt. Col. Lourie N. Formby, III

Few Soldiers in the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC), Support Operations (SPO), could have realized the magnitude of the logistical mission awaiting them in theater until they actually arrived and assumed the mission inherited from the 135th ESC less than a month ago.

"The amount of commodities pushed is astronomical when you put the pen to paper. In the two weeks since the transfer of authority, the 184th ESC has distributed approximately two million gallons of fuel for tactical operations, approximately five million gallons of bulk water for quality of life operations, not to mention taking responsibility of the 18 Supply Support Activities

(SSA) managing over 80,000 stocked items for the 98,000 troops in theater," said Lt. Col. Cheryl Anderson, Supply and Services Branch Chief.

"With the holiday mail surge in full swing we have received approximately 2.6 million pounds of mail since the first of October and anticipate 8.1 million pounds by Christmas day," said Human Resources Operations Branch Chief Maj. Todd Smith.

"Our air assets are one of the command's most important tools for reaching our forward operating bases due to Afghanistan's austere, mountainous environment," said Mobility Air OIC Maj. Michael Harlow.

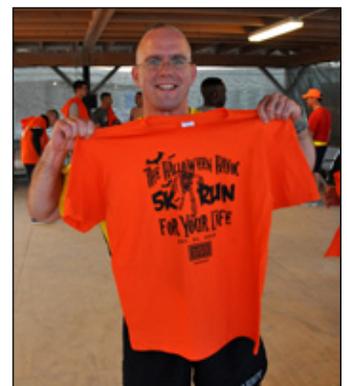
"The 184th's journey to this point started over a year ago with every branch chief making contact with his or her counterpart within the 135th to extract detailed information that would be critical to their section's success upon arrival and giving them the confidence they would need to continue the 135th's mission without interruption," said Support

Operation's Officer Col. Craig Weaver.

Back in CONUS, the 184th attended numerous conferences as well as the Theater Academics Seminar in May, followed by a 42-day annual training that focused on individual Soldier's Army Warrior Tasks, required on-line courses, and a command post exercise-sustainment at Fort Lee, Va. The validation of the 184th was complete with the Culminating Training Event at North Fort Hood, Texas, just prior to the unit's arrival in Afghanistan in late September and early October.

The mission continues to ensure a successful redistribution of equipment within the theater dependent on current and projected troop levels. Another challenging opportunity for the JSC-A Support Operations is to work closely with our subordinate units to ensure the efficient and timely distribution of much needed supplies and equipment to the war fighters throughout the theater.

Halloween Havoc 5K... October 31, 2010



From the Headquarter's Company Commander

The “King of Battle”, Field Artillery putting steel on target. Air Defense Artillery: Protecting the force from threats in the air; “if it flies, it dies”. For a majority of my career, I have had an “end user” perspective. During most missions you would hear “I need more fuses, powder, HE, stingers, 5.56, .50 cal...” I have had a unique indoctrination of sorts being the HHC Commander for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

Every day at Kandahar Airfield (KAF) there is lots of hustle and bustle moving every which direction. I woke up early the other morning by the sounds of Multiple Launch Rocket Systems volleying projectiles toward the enemy.

Aircraft of all shapes and sizes criss-cross the skies: Warthogs, Fighting Falcons, Super-Hornets, Tornados, Galaxies, Blackhawks, Apaches, Globe Masters, and Hercules, just to name a few. Troops from dozens of different countries move in and out from other theaters of operations or other forward operating bases. All this is supported by the hard efforts of the logisticians.

Whether bullets for the troops or fuel for airplanes

or Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, the sustainers from company level to the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A) are ensuring the “end users” are getting the resources they need.

Drive around KAF and you will see billions of dollars of equipment sitting row after row. Stop in one of the half dozen or so dining facilities and see tons of food served each meal. The war effort cannot be achieved until the supply lines are established and flowing.

Watching and learning how things get from point A to point B to point C has been an interesting learning experience. This has been my perspective in watching the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command train for our mission and now taking over the JSC-A mission here at KAF. I’m looking forward to more indoctrination and learning about how sustainers fuel the fight.

- Capt. Gary L. Crist
HHC Commander, JSC-A



Service personnel get excited when nearing the end of their deployment tour. The resident team that is in the combat zone realizes their time is almost over. The advance party comes in. Sadness becomes gladness, frowns turn into smiles and complaints turn to laughter. This becomes a great time for transition and unfortunately, accidents.

Service members and civilian personnel may have a lot of thoughts running through their minds and have a tendency to forget or get sidetracked on safety issues. Things that are drilled into a person’s mind on a daily basis become overlooked. For example, a service member deployed with the 168th Engineer Brigade working on the commander’s medical staff was in country for six months without a single accident. The last two days before leaving Bagram Air Field for Manas, he was stepping down a flight of stairs and slipped, breaking his leg in three places as he was

falling forward. This member was sent to Germany for recovery.

This serves as an example of how complacency can affect a service member. Whether you have just deployed or about to redeploy, service members must be cognizant of their situation and the hazards they face in their current location. Hazards can easily be mitigated by a single individual. Whether you are participating in sports, working out, or conducting convoy operations, you need to take time to assess all hazards involved with the activity. This task can be accomplished by simply understanding what activity you are about to participate in, making a mental note of what could possibly go wrong, and instituting measures to make the activity safer. With these few key steps, you can minimize your chances of becoming injured. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Mission First, Safety Always!

- 1st Lt. Rodney Hall Jr.

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JSC-A Teaches Contracting Course



*Story & photos by
1st. Lt Andrew Adcock
JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Capt. Kelly Carey, a member of Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, teaches the Contracting Officer’s Representative and Acquisition Requirements Packet Overview Courses for partner International Security Assistance Force members at Kandahar Airfield Education Office on October 29.

The courses prepare officers, non-commissioned officers, and civilians for contract management

positions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Capt. Carey, a high school administrator for the Seaford School District, is a member of the Delaware Army National Guard currently serving with the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, a Mississippi Army National Guard unit stationed at

Kandahar Airfield. Prior to deployment, Carey served as a training officer for the Delaware Army National Guard Officer Candidate School.

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Students listen while Capt. Kelly Carey speaks about his experiences with JSC-A.



Capt. Kelly Carey discusses legal concerns in contracting before an in-class exercise.



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Transfer of Post-9/11 GI-Bill Benefits to Dependents

Source: www.gibill.va.gov

Eligibility

Any member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and:

- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or selected reserve) on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute, or
- Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009, no additional service is required.
- For those individuals who have an approved retirement date after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, no additional service is required.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service after approval of transfer are required.

- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service after approval of transfer required.

Eligible Dependents

An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse.
- One or more of the individual's children.
- Any combination of spouse and child.
- A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.

Nature of Transfer

An eligible Service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, or the entire 36 months if the member has used none (unless DoD/DHS limits the number of months an individual may transfer). Family member use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:

Spouse:

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books and supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.

Child:

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
- Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books and supplies stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

How to apply for TEB

First you must go to the DoD transferability application website to determine if your dependents are eligible to receive the transferred benefits. This website is only available to military members.

Official DoD transferability application can be found on GI Bill Web site, www.gibill.va.gov

Upon approval, family members may apply to use transferred benefits with VA by completing VA Form 22-1990e. VA Form 22-1990e should only be completed and submitted to VA by the family member after DoD has approved the request for TEB. Do not use VA Form 22-1990e to apply for TEB.



Awards & Promotions

Sgt. Rogers Promoted to Staff Sgt.



*Story & photos by
Sgt. Kenny Hatten
JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD - Sgt. Edwin E. Rogers II, of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC), was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sgt. at a ceremony held Oct. 14, at Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A).

Rogers is currently assigned as an intelligence analyst at JSC-A, where he prepares briefings on enemy activity to provide the commanding general with accurate,

timely information with which to make effective decisions during sustainment operations. He also works on special projects for key staff members in order to answer any intelligence-related questions affecting their missions.

Rogers enlisted in the Marine Corps as a radio operator and communications center operator, serving from 1990-1998. "I always knew I was going into the military since I was about 14 years old," said Rogers. "The only question was 'which service?' I chose the Marine Corps because I was the first member of my family to be a Marine."

"I deployed to Guam in 1996 in support of Operation Pacific Haven,



Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher promotes Sgt Rogers.

which was a humanitarian effort to bring Kurdish refugees who had helped us during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm for asylum and further integration into the U.S." said Rogers. "I was the assistant communications chief for the detachment."

Upon his release from the Marines, Rogers joined the

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Staff Sgt. Bond Promoted to Sgt. 1st Class



*Story & photos by
Sgt. Kenny Hatten
JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Staff Sgt. Travis P. Bond, of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command was recently promoted to Sgt. 1st Class at a ceremony held at Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan headquarters Oct. 23.

The Picayune, Miss., native is currently assigned as a Battle NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) in the Joint Operations Center, and his responsibilities include receiving and processing all information concerning sustainment operations

throughout Afghanistan.

"In sustainment operations, we support the war fighters in every way possible," said Bond.

Bond has served in the Mississippi Army National Guard for more than nine years and served eight years with the 113th Military Police Company, based in Brandon. Bond said that he joined the military as a way to travel and stay in good shape.

In 2003, Bond deployed to southeast Pakistan with the 113th in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), where he operated an Entry Control Point (ECP) and provided base defense. He then deployed to Samarra, Iraq, in 2007, where he helped train Iraqi Police in support of Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF).



Capt. William Austin pins Staff Sgt. Bond.

"Our company was responsible for training and validating four Iraqi Police stations in the Saladin Province during OIF," said Bond. "The Iraqi Police recruits really took to the training, and seemed to understand it really well."

Bond also served on numerous mobilizations in the U.S., working

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Mississippi Army National Guard as a counter-intelligence agent for the 31st Rear Area Operations Command in Jackson. He went back to civilian life briefly from 2001-2003, and then volunteered to mobilize for the stand-up of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) as a mobilization site in June, 2004.

"I really enjoyed the fact that the military saw the need to bring up a (National) Guard unit that takes care of the unique issues that guardsmen sometimes have," said Rogers. "Guardsmen understand guard problems, and it makes for a much better system now."

He spent three years as the NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge) for the DPCA (Directorate of Plans and

Community Activities) before deploying with the 1108th AVCRAD (Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot) in 2007-2008. He returned to CSJFTC to work in the security section as an assistant security manager until his current deployment with the 184th ESC.

"Back at Camp Shelby, I helped Soldiers get through the sometimes daunting task of getting a security clearance for the first time, which is a process that many Soldiers avoid because of financial or other problems they may have," said Rogers. "I sit them down and break the process into workable chunks so that they can get through the process a little easier."

Rogers graduated from Lawrence County High School, in Monticello, Miss., and attended Jones County Junior College. He later earned his associate's degree in general studies

from American Military University. He moved to Mason, Ariz., during his break in service from 2001-2003, where he worked for a short time before returning to the Guard in Oct. 2003.

At home, Rogers enjoys hunting and shooting, as well as collecting World War I and World War II rifles. "My goal is to build a collection of service rifles spanning from World War I all the way through World War II and beyond," he said.

Rogers is married to his wife, Laura, and they live in Hattiesburg with his step-daughter Darby Burghard, who is a Junior at Oak Grove High School.

"I really miss being able to turn and talk to my wife," said Rogers. "She is really my best friend, and when I am having a bad day, she is always there for me. That comfort is not so easy to get from this far away."

This Month in History

Veteran's Day was observed on November 11 from 1919 through 1970. Public law 90-363, the "Monday Holiday Law," provided that, beginning in 1971, Veteran's Day would be observed on "the fourth Monday in October." This movable observance date, which separated Veterans Day from the November 11 anniversary of World War I Armistice, proved unpopular. State after state moved its observance back to the traditional November 11 date, and finally Public Law 94-97 of September 18, 1975, required that, effective January 1, 1978, the observance of Veteran's Day revert to November 11. As Armistice Day, this is a holiday in Belgium, France and other European countries. "At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month," fighting ceased in World War I.

1752 -- Twenty-one-year-old George Washington is commissioned a major in the provincial militia regiment of Virginia.

1918 -- At 1100 hours on Nov. 11, an armistice goes into effect, ending World War I.

1943 -- On Nov. 5, the Army approves the adoption of its first combat boot, to replace the service shoe for field wear.

1977 -- Delta Force is organized at Fort Bragg, N.C., and officially titled the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta.

1979 -- The Army adopts the camouflage pattern Battle Dress Uniform to replace the solid-green fatigues.

1981 -- The Vietnam Memorial is dedicated on Nov. 13.

2001 -- Elements of the 10th Mountain Div. arrive at Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, on Nov 28. They are the first conventional troops deployed by the United States into that troubled nation.

2003 -- The first Army unit equipped with the new Stryker armored wheeled vehicles, the 3rd Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., arrives in Kuwait on Nov. 15, en route to Iraq.

JSC-A Shows School Spirit



(From the left) 1st Lt. Phillip Patrick , Lt. Col. Ray Causey, Maj. James Triplett, Maj. Rodney Hodge



(From the left)
Lt. Col. Myron Vanlandingham
Maj. James Davis,
Lt. Col. Lawrence Austin,
Maj. Michael Harlow



(From top left to right) Maj. Juan Corrigan, Maj. James Mills, 1st Lt. Jared Watford, Maj. William Reese, Lt. Col. Thomas Booker, Capt. Myranda Lindsay, Maj. Wes Cochran, Maj. Dexter Thorton, Lt. Col. Lourie Formby III, Sgt. 1st Class Deangelis Taylor, Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher



(From top left to right) Capt William Austin, Maj. Craig Sumrall, Lt. Col. Harry Gunter, Maj. Scott Dearman, Lt. Col. Guy Reedy, Spc. Kenya Clark, Maj. David Oglesby, Maj. Jacqueline Corley, Maj. Ailrick Young, Lt. Col. David Jolly, Lt. Col. Tony Harrison, Capt. Gary Crist, Capt. Tawaski Carter, Col. Clint Walker, Sgt. Mary Mcswain, Maj. William Smith, Lt. Col. Ray Causey, Master Sgt. Willie Smith, Col. Craig Weaver, Lt. Col. James Drago



Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Riggs (left),
Maj. Rodney Hodge



2nd Lt. Jonathan Harvey (left), Capt. Laketter
Cannon, Master Sgt. Percy Neal



Master Sgt. Jacqueline McDonald



Capt. William Austin



1st Lt. Phillip Patrick



Lt. Col. Milton Griffith (left),
Maj. Scotty Carpenter,
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jody Kyzar



Lt. Col. Cheryl Anderson (left),
Lt. Col. Eddy Waller,
1st Lt. Jesse Hill





Maj. David Oglesby (left),
Staff Sgt. Torrance Thomas



1st Lt. Andrew Adcock (left), Master Sgt. Stanley Coats,
Command Sgt. Major Jeffrey Riggs,
Lt. Col. Kevin Bullard, Lt. Col. Lawrence Austin



Capt. Parker Still



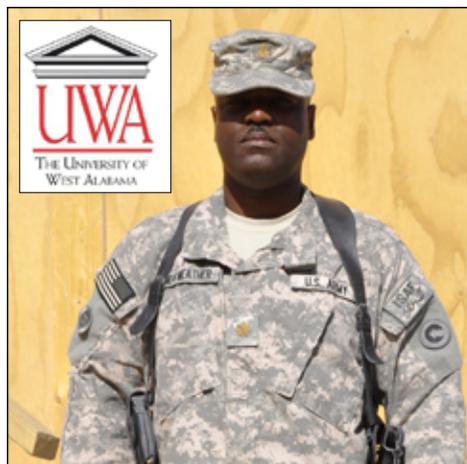
Master Sgt. Roy Wilson



Lt. Col. Lawrence Austin



2nd Lt. Jared Mathews



Maj. Keith Menyweather



Lt. Col. Beverly Hartfield



Maj. William Reese (left), Maj. Dexter Thornton, Master Sgt. Gary Akins, Maj. James Davis, Capt. Tawaski Carter



(From top left) Lt. Col. David Jolly, Maj. Scott Dearman, Sgt. Maj. Stan Williams, Maj. Craig Sumrall, Sgt. Joshua Satcher, Staff Sgt. Joby Moss, Sgt. 1st Class Donnie Myers, Sgt. 1st. Class Marvin Windham



(From top left) Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Bowman, Lt. Col. David Jolly, Lt. Col. Milton Griffith, Maj. Scott Dearman, Lt. Col. Randall Mantooth, Staff Sgt. Torrance Thomas, Capt. Laketter Cannon, Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Taylor, Master Sgt. Bobby Patrick, Sgt. 1st Class Deangelis Taylor. Lt. Col. Myron Vanlandingham, Lt. Col. Millard Reedy, Col. Sam Massey, Lt. Col. Tony Harrison, Lt. Col. Jeff Ryan, Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Riggs



Maj. Keith Menyweather



Capt. Kelly Carey



Historic Landmark Destroyed by Fire

Beverly one of last drive-in movie theaters

**Source: Hattiesburg American, Staff reports
October 30, 2010**

The Beverly Drive-In, a Hattiesburg landmark for 62 years, burned to the ground early today.

The theater, which has been listed as one of Mississippi's most endangered places, caught fire around 3 a.m. today and burned to the ground.

The theater, a popular entertainment for generations of Pine Belt residents and whose large outdoor screen had been seen by millions of motorists as they drove down U.S. 49, had been out of use since Hurricane Katrina left it with extensive damage in 2005. Hattiesburg firefighters had the gigantic fire under control by around 4:15 a.m.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known. There were no injuries reported.

The theater and 12 acres of land had been up for sale since 2007.

It opened May 29, 1948, and was the second drive-in theater in Mississippi at the time. Owners Herby and Sue Hargroder managed the theater for more than 30 years.

It closed in 1987 after Herby Hargroder's death but was reopened in 2001 under the management of Jim Norton and Barbara Suick.

It thrived until Katrina's winds battered the giant screen, but left it standing.

In 2008, the Beverly was placed on the list of the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi by the Mississippi Heritage Trust.

"Rehabilitation of (the Beverly Drive-in) structures could be roughly \$250,000," Russell Archer, review and compliance assistant at Mississippi Department of Archives and History, told the Hattiesburg American in a September 2009 story.

According to Archer, Guntown Drive-In and Iuka Drive-In, both in the northern part of the state, are the only drive-ins in Mississippi that are still in operation.



Flames stretch across the Beverly Drive-In in the early hours of Saturday morning. The fire started around 3:15 a.m. (The cause of the fire is under investigation. (Ryan Moore/Hattiesburg American))



Customers purchase tickets for Spy Kids at the Beverly Drive-In, which opened Friday in May 2001 after being closed nearly 15 years. PHOTO BY BARRY BEARD

Soldier Support Web sites

Check out these websites to sign up for care packages and support while deployed.

<http://www.herobox.org>

<http://soldiersangels.org/>

<http://www.greenbeanscoffee.com/>

<http://www.booksforsoldiers.com/>

<http://anysoldier.com/>

<http://www.treatthetroops.org/>

<http://www.operationshoebox.com/>

<http://www.give2thetroops.org/>

<http://www.opgratitude.com/>

JSC-A Partners with Locals



Story & photos by 1st Lt. Andrew Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs

KANDAHAR CITY, Afghanistan – Soldiers from the 43rd Sustainment Brigade conducted a recent mission to the Kandahar Central Authority for Water Sanitation and Sewage facility in Kandahar City, Afghanistan, on Oct. 28th.

The joint planning meeting was led by project manager, Maj. William Croft, and attended by members of the 43rd SB Kandahar City Water Project team. The mission centered on plans to install a new generator on site. This generator will provide a power reserve for the current generator in place to ensure consistent power to the water purification systems. Future plans include comprehensive training for hired locals on proper operation and maintenance of systems.

Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan (JSC-A) Deputy Commander Col. Mark Prine and Civil Military Operations Officer Maj. Ailrick Young were in attendance to oversee progress being made on the project.

“This project is all about partnering with the local populace to strengthen their independence and ultimately improve their lives for the better,” said Prine.

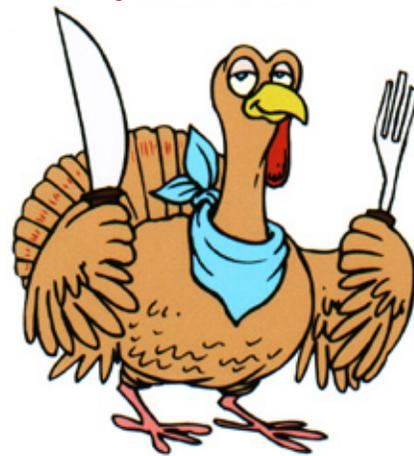
“Proper training will provide the Afghan people with a degree of independence never before realized here in Kandahar,” said Young. “We will continue to give the Afghan people the resources, support and training they need to stand on their own.”

The water plant is part of JSC-A’s greater mission to improve the lives of Afghan people and build a viable and long-lasting public works infrastructure.



Members of JSC-A tour Kandahar City’s Water Sanitation and Sewage facility with plant officials.

Happy Thanksgiving!
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at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center as a military police officer. He also deployed in support of hurricane relief operations in south Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. “I was part of an advance party squad that was sent to assist with relief efforts on the coast, and when Katrina was making landfall, we were on our way down to meet it.”

Now deployed for his second time in support of OEF, Bond said that his current work environment is a lot different than that of his past deployments. “The living conditions are much better than what I had before,” he said. “KAF is pretty dusty, but overall it’s great.”

In civilian life, Bond graduated from Pearl River Central High School in 2000, worked as a carpenter, and ran his own construction business for seven years. “I focused on residential and custom homes with a few commercial projects in between,” said Bond. “I’ve framed homes ranging from 1,000 to 13,500 square feet, and was a member of the Mississippi Homebuilders Association.”

Bond married his wife, Ellen, in 2005, and they reside in Picayune, where she owns and operates Ellen’s Barbershop just off Hwy. 11.

In his spare time, Bond enjoys spending time with his wife and family, sports, weight lifting, shop projects and working on his tractor.

November Birthdays

The JSC-A would like to wish the
following people a

Happy Birthday!



Petty Officer 2nd Class Marquis Adams	Spc. Robert Malone
1st Lt. Andrew Adcock	Master Sgt. Carroll Mooney
Lt. Col. Cheryl Anderson	Sgt. 1st Class James Parish, Jr.
Petty Officer 1st Class Alisha Borders	Master Sgt. John Pickett
Staff Sgt. Charles Copeland Jr.	Spc. Cori Pilgrim
Sgt. John Critz	Warrant Officer John Ratliff
Staff Sgt. Michael Crowle	Sgt. Joshua Satcher
Maj. James Davis	Master Sgt. Robert Swann
Staff Sgt. Lee Davis	Spc. Joshua Wells
Maj. William Dreher, III	Lt. Col. David Williams
Sgt. Phillip Freeman	Master Sgt. Roy Wilson
Mr. Jeremy Harrigan	Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Winstead

