



1/181st Infantry Regiment

Around the Powder Horn

“Keep Your Powder Dry”



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On to Afghanistan...



Photo by Spec. Michael Broughey
Members of B Co., 1/181, walk across the runway to board the flight that will eventually bring them to Afghanistan Oct. 18. The entire battalion will be in country by the end of the month.

1/181 Begins the Journey

By Capt. John Quinn

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - After 76 days at Camp Atterbury members of the 1/181 began flying eastward amidst tremors of excitement for things to come.

The first flights left Oct. 17 to transport Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT) and the remainder of the 1/181, which by the end of the month, will be in place in various locations throughout Afghanistan for the next year.

Spec. Adam Hembrough and Spec. William Ryan, both of C Co., were both eager to put their training to good use.

“I’m pretty excited,” Hembrough said before the first round of flights left the night of Oct. 17.

The following morning, Private Nathan Callahan, of A Co., said he’s not expecting anything since it’s his first deployment, but he’s also looking forward to getting started.

The overall mission of the PRTs is to enable Afghans to be self-sufficient, facilitate projects to improve infrastructure and assist the leaders in villages, provinces and in the central government care for the people. The 1/181 will provide security to the fellow Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors who make up the PRT.

Sgt. Anthony Hamilton, of C Co., who has deployed once before, said the upcoming left-seat, right-seat training is important

since the process allows a thorough exchange of information to allow the new unit to understand their new environment.

While many Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen have deployed before, only a few have spent time in Afghanistan. The majority of them served in Iraq or on other missions in the past.

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Photo by Spec. Michael Broughey

The Soldiers of the 1/181, marching in formation by PRTs, pass Col. Stephan Quinn and Brig. Gen. Kendall Penn, of 1st Army Division, for review during a final deployment ceremony at Camp Atterbury, Oct. 13.

Recognizing Those Who Serve Servicemembers

By Capt. John Quinn

A cup of coffee and a smile may seem a small gesture, but the many members of the United Services Organization (USO) always provided comfort to those who are deploying overseas.

The first of the flights left Oct. 17 and volunteers were on hand waving flags, offering handshakes and hugs to the members of the 1/181 and their Provincial Reconstruction Teams as they boarded buses, beginning the long journey to Afghanistan.

While she has only been serving at the USO for 18 months, Grandma Jean Jackson has become a mainstay with her warm smiles and home-made sausage sandwich biscuit sandwiches.

“These boys are my family,” Grandma Jean said, adding she’s saddened to see the troops depart, but insists on providing many outgoing Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen with a hug.

“I enjoy it when they come back from overseas and they still remember me,” Grandma Jean said, adding two of her sons served in the military.

In appreciation of all the volunteers, Lt. Col. Anthony Couture presented Grandma Jean a plaque on behalf of the battalion Oct. 18.

“It’s dedication from people like you that we appreciate,” Couture said as he also presented Grandma Jean and USO Coordinator Frankie Miller with command coins for excellence.

John Brown, who served 31/2 years in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy, accompanied his wife Marilyn, who volunteers with the local USO, to offer support, snacks and well wishes to the troops.

“It’s heartbreaking – I went through it,” Brown said. “It tears me up to see you go.”

Phil Brutsche, who served in Japan during the Korean War with the U.S. Army before joining the U.S. Navy Reserves, feels the farewell is the least they can do.

“We look forward to seeing these guys in a year,” Brutsche said.



Photo by Spec. Michael Broughey
Lt. Col. Anthony Couture presented a plaque and command coin to USO volunteer “Grandma Jean” Jackson and Coordinator Frankie Miller in appreciation of their support Oct. 18.



Photo by Spec. Michael Broughey
Phil Brutsche and fellow volunteers with the USO at Camp Atterbury, say farewell to members of the PRTs boarding the bus that will bring them to their flight for Afghanistan Oct. 17.

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Departing Camp Atterbury

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Staff Sgt. Donald Goodballet, of D Co., who is returning to the same province he served during his second deployment, said experienced soldiers are taking the lead, which provides confidence to all members of the platoons.

“The guys were more anxious and excited than worried,” Goodballet said, adding he is one of four soldiers from Nevada who previously deployed to Afghanistan.

Cpl. Jason Schriever, of B Co., who previously served in Iraq, said he was glad to see representatives from the security elements accompany the advanced party, which sets the groundwork for success.

Even so, it’s important for everyone to pay attention to the outgoing unit while bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the effort, Schriever said.



Photo by Spec. Michael Broughey
 Soldiers of HHC prepare for a night-time training mission and convoy at sunset on Camp Atterbury Sept. 14.

Facebook Security Issues

By Staff Sgt. Gerald Pixley

Recently the social engineering site Facebook introduced a new feature: “Places I Check In To.” This feature allows “friends” to see exactly where you are logging in from. Tactically, this Facebook feature can be employed by an adversary to refine targeting and corroborate intelligence on specific sensitive locations and/or exploitable personnel.

By default this feature is set to allow “Everyone” to see it. Please ensure that your settings are changed to, at most, “Friends Only.” To do this log into Facebook and go to account settings/privacy and make sure that “Places I Check In To” is set to, at most, “Friends Only.” At best, set to Custom/“Only Me.” Also, it is suggested that you disable Include me in “People Here Now” after I check in.

In reality, all your settings should be set to “Friends Only” for privacy reasons anyway. Remember that Facebook defaults all security and privacy settings to “Everyone,” so you need to manually change anything you don’t want everyone to see. Surf safely!

Commander’s Corner

We have felt the heat of summer come and go. Recently the coolness of fall and even some rain has come to central Indiana. Soldiers who took advantage of leave and pass are back. After another deployment ceremony and some final training events the Battalion and all subordinate elements have been certified as ready to deploy into the Afghanistan and began moving down range this week.

This week, many Soldiers have spent time on cell phones, talking or texting or on the internet as they say goodbye to loved ones they will be out of contact with for a little while as each element settles into a new location. I have heard “I love you” and “I miss you” over and over. Everyone will be missed, yet everyday is another day closer to returning home.

Over the past few days, the leaders of the battalion made numerous trips to the Indianapolis Airport to send off each element as it moves forward. Due to the large number of service personnel and the variety of locations we are moving to, flights have been sequenced to accommodate approximately 250 Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors of the Provincial Reconstruction Teams per day. There is excitement in the air as two and one half months at Camp Atterbury comes to an end and Soldiers feel ready for the mission at hand. They are prepared and confident. There is also a sense of camaraderie, as echoes of “be safe” and “take care” can be heard as final handshakes take place prior to leaving the terminal.

The Warriors of the 1/181 are ready for this mission. The Leaders at all levels of the battalion are the best. They have experience and confidence. Every Soldier has stepped up and is prepared to take on the challenge of this mission. God Speed!

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Lt. Col. Tony Couture
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SARATOGA 1777

The militia, including the 6th Massachusetts, a predecessor of the 1/181, was a key element to the American victories at Saratoga, which was a turning point during the Revolutionary War. Two battles occurred Sept. 19 and Oct. 7 before British forces surrendered Oct. 17, 1777.



