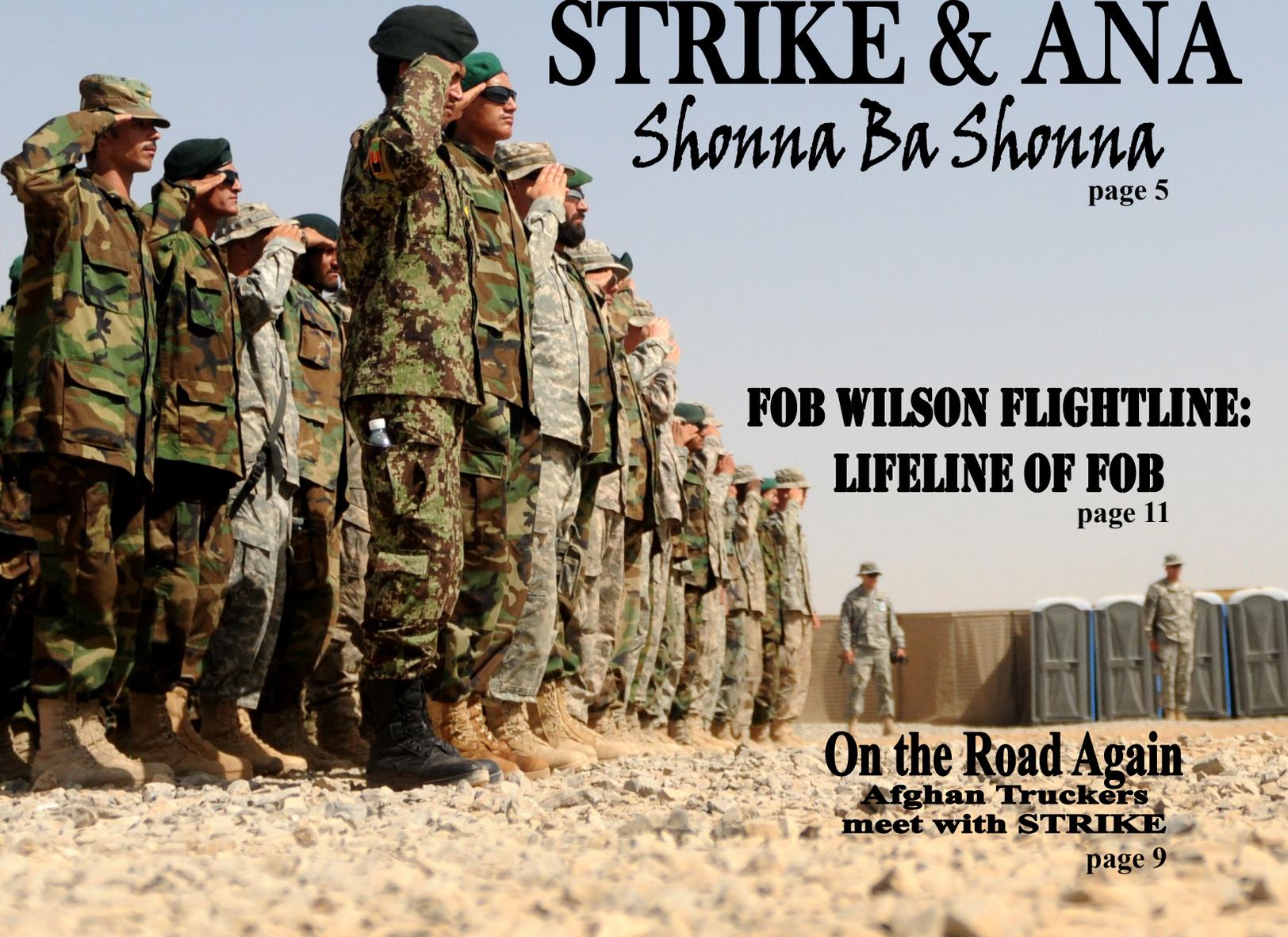


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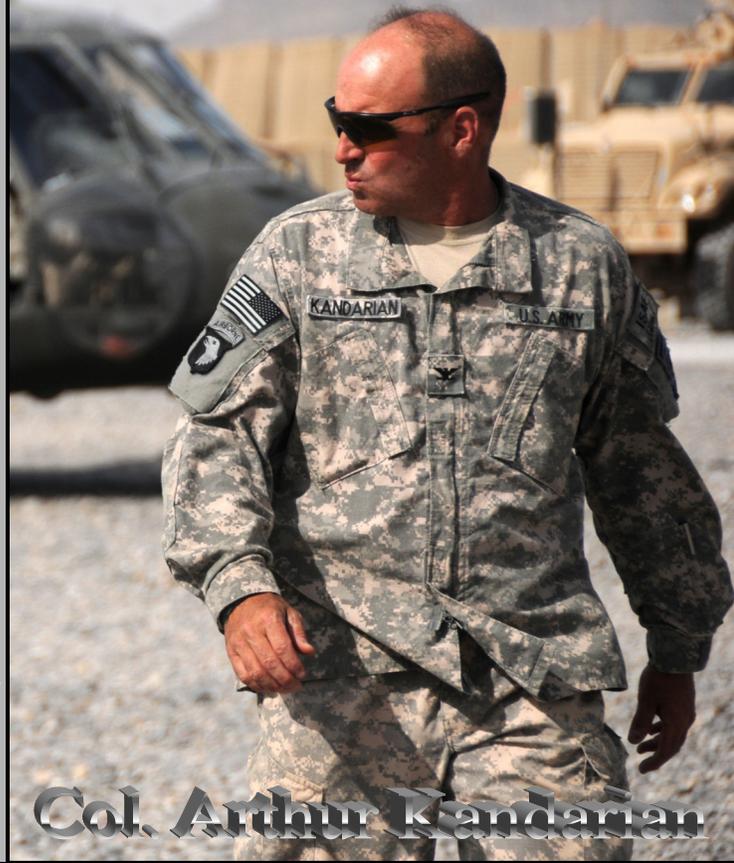
I am proud of each and everyone of you. Since last month's issue of the Heartbeat we have added to our Combined Task Force; 3rd Squadron 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment known as "WOLFPACK" and they are already making a difference. Across the Brigade Combat Team Area of Operations, SGM White and I have traveled to almost everyone of our Outposts and patrol bases. Wherever we travel it is very evident that we continue to maintain our discipline, proper tone and stance with our Afghan Partners and with the Afghan people and we improve every day. The ball is moving forward as we increase security of the Afghan people, work with District government leaders, manage developmental projects and partner and train with our Afghan Army Battalions.

Our Afghan Army partners from 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps are beginning to arrive to our Forward Operating Bases where we will continue our partnership and combined operations with them. This is a key part of our plan; to establish partnership with our Afghan Kandaks in order to improve their ability to secure the people of Afghanistan.

As you have noticed, there have been more and more news agencies in our area of operation. This is due to the outstanding and professional job you are performing everyday with our Afghan Army partners. I have watched and read stories describing your actions with local leaders, patrolling and partnering with our Afghan partners and proof that we are making a significant difference. Our efforts have not been without sacrifice and we honor our fallen as we continue our mission.

STRIKE continues to work and fight in tough and complex terrain and I want you to enjoy reading about the Battalions across our Area of Operations - you should be proud of our accomplishments. Our deployment as a surge brigade is key to the success of the mission. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work, maintain your unit's honor and reputation, keep your head on a swivel and stay "Switched on" — STRIKE!!!

The Colonel's Corner



Col. Arthur Kandarian

I am humbled and I consider it the privilege of my lifetime, and certainly of my career, to serve the Soldiers and Leaders of the STRIKE BCT as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the BCT in combat. The 101st Airborne Division has a storied past. The Screaming Eagles have exemplified the Army values everywhere they've been called to fight. We must work hard each and every day to uphold that honor and tradition.

As we write our chapter in the history of the 101st Airborne Division, we as Soldiers need to strive to adhere to and exceed the standards set forth by our Nation, Army, and Unit in order to maintain the trust and confidence of our great country. To gain the trust and admiration of our newly found partners, we must be proud of our unit and work daily to show that pride. Regardless of rank, position, or location on the battlefield, no Soldier can walk by a deficiency without taking action. We all must be disciplined and courageous enough to take those steps necessary to raise the level of the unit's performance and pride.

Every Soldier, regardless of rank, has volunteered to leave the civilian life in order to stand up in the defense of our freedom. One example of which I would like to highlight to everyone is when a Soldier volunteers to be a leader, whether it is a Commissioned or Non-Commissioned Officer. By doing so, we as Soldiers volunteer not only reconfirms our commitment to obey the orders of all officers, both Commissioned and Non-commissioned, appointed over us, but to be the standard bearer and enforcer of those orders at all times. When we do so we step up into a position that makes us responsible not only for our own personal actions, but also for those of the Soldiers we have the privilege to lead.

The Commander in Chief chose the 101st Airborne Division to lead the effort on the Global War on Terror. We've been sent here not only to "fight where I am told and win where I fight," but also to demonstrate how good units look and operate while working shoulder to shoulder with our Afghan Partners, demonstrating through personal example what 'right' looks like in combat every day. Our actions set the standard for our Afghan Partners as they build up their forces and by setting the correct example for our Afghan partners, we set the conditions for their success as they take up the fight for their freedom from terror and oppression.

STRIKE and God bless!



Sgt. Maj. John White

The Doctor's Orders with Lt. Col. Michael Wirt

Though we have just survived the peak summer heat of July, we are not out of the woods yet. Average temperatures for August continue to range above 100 degrees with peaks above 110.

New arrivals to the STRIKE Brigade will usually need between 1-2 weeks to adapt. Adaptation can be accelerated by progressive daily exercise. Start with moderate intensity workouts of 30-45 minute duration and work up to higher intensity activities lasting 60-90 minutes over the two week period. Expect to sweat at lower body temperatures and more heavily than normal during this period. In this environment you can lose more than double your average amount of sweat! This means you need to drink fluids at a much greater rate to keep up.

Thirst is not an adequate indicator of your body fluid needs. Pounding water bottles is not the solution. Your body can absorb about 1L of fluid (2 bottles) of water in an hour. Drinking more than that will just make you feel bloated. Don't skip meals or avoid eating prior to your patrol. You will place yourself and your fellow Soldiers at risk, as your energy bottoms out just about the time you hit the patrol turn-around point.

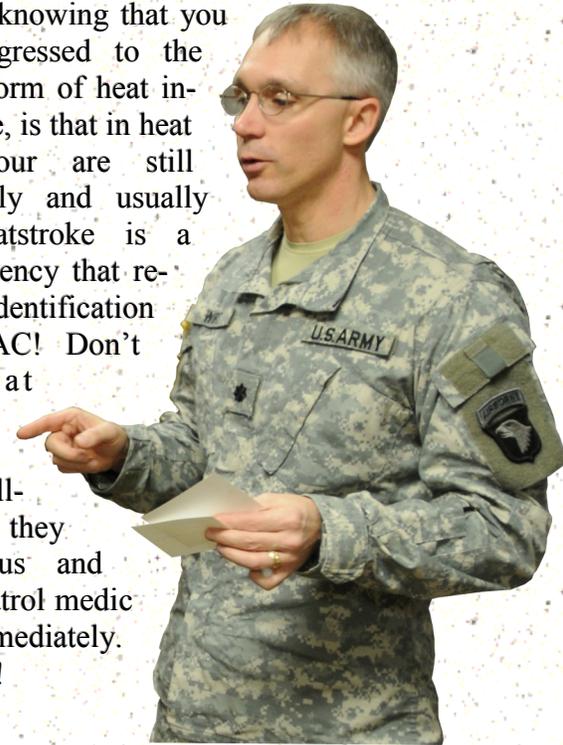
Another way you can help maintain your energy is to drink a 50% Gatorade and water mixture. This maximizes the absorption of the fluid in your stomach and provides energy and electrolytes, such as sodium and

potassium your body needs to avoid muscle cramps.

Finally, be on the lookout for signs of heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Heat cramps feel like painful spasms. Heat exhaustion has symptoms such as headache, weakness, nausea and decreased appetite to begin with, and vomiting and dizziness are more serious indicators of a problem.

The keys to knowing that you have not progressed to the most serious form of heat injury, heatstroke, is that in heat exhaustion you are still thinking clearly and usually sweating. Heatstroke is a medical emergency that requires rapid identification and MEDEVAC! Don't be a heat casualty.

Recognize the signs of heat illness before they become serious and inform your patrol medic or leader immediately. Doctors orders!



It is quite amazing how the little things that we often take for granted or expect to be the "norm" become so significant when they are denied to us. Prior to deployment, how many Soldiers imagine that the highlight of their day would be hot water, a hot meal, or ice cubes to put into a drink?

Just as these little things take on added worth so too do our simple acts of kindness when directed towards our peers. There is an old hymn, with which I grew up, that contained the words, "little is much when God is in it." These simple words apply to what we do or can do to help others. However minor we may think the task, to the person we assist, it might be of great significance. Whether we help someone to climb over a wall, share some laundry detergent, or offer words of encouragement to someone who feels the weight of the

world on their shoulders, each act of kindness can pay great dividends in the life and attitude of the ones we help.

We do not have to wait to do "big things" for others; it is the "little things" that can make all the difference. As a wise person once said, "If someone is starving, they don't want to wait on Emeril Lagasse to come by, they'd like some of the bread you are carrying."

Also, the most precious gift you can give is your time. You can earn more money or reacquire lost items, but you can never recoup time. Hence, when you pause in your day to assist someone else you are saying they are someone of worth—someone worthy

of your most precious gift.

For persons of almost every faith persuasion, a key tenant is to help others. Let us hold onto the promise that "whenever you did it for the least of these, you did it for me," and work to help not only the American and Afghan members of Combined Task Force STRIKE but also all of those around us.

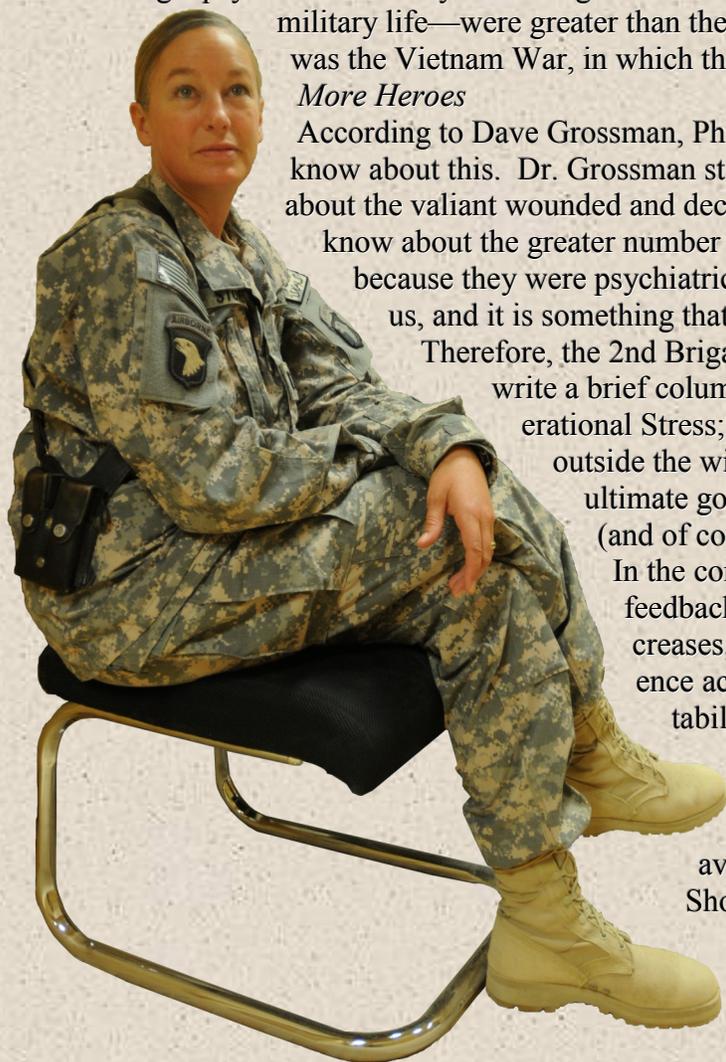
**The
Chaplain
says...**

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Chaplain (Maj) David Beavers



Combat Stress Column with Capt. Debra Stone

“In every war in which American Soldiers have fought in the twentieth [and twenty-first] century, the chances of becoming a psychiatric casualty—of being debilitated for some period of time as a consequence of the stresses of military life—were greater than the chances of being killed by enemy fire. The only exception was the Vietnam War, in which the chances were almost equal.” --Richard Gabriel, *No More Heroes*



According to Dave Grossman, PhD, Retired LTC, Ranger, there are very few people who know about this. Dr. Grossman states in his book *On Combat*, that while everyone knows about the valiant wounded and deceased, most people, even medical professionals, do not know about the greater number of individuals who were quietly taken out of the front lines because they were psychiatric casualties. This is another aspect of combat hidden from us, and it is something that we must understand.

Therefore, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Public Affairs Office has asked me to write a brief column to be published each month addressing Combat and Operational Stress; how to manage the adrenaline pump of combat maneuvers outside the wire; as well as the operational pressure inside the wire. The ultimate goal is to reduce your risk of becoming a psychiatric casualty (and of course reduce my work load). (Mild attempt at humor).

In the coming months, I invite your input. I am interested in your feedback and questions. As the combat/operational tempo increases, expect that stress will increase as well. Many will experience aches and pains, sleep problems, anxiety, headaches and irritability. These symptoms are temporary and most can be alleviated quickly. I will be out to visit most Patrol Bases, combat outposts and forward operating bases. Your Chaplains will, too. Your Battalion PA, medics and key leaders are available. Most importantly, talk to each other.

Should you prefer to be anonymous and would like an anonymous response, please email me at debra.m.stone@us.army.mil. I look forward to being a member of your team.

Safety Standards with Safety Mike



Did you know that it takes just a few minutes for a tent to become completely engulfed in flames once the fire starts? Fire is a real threat to our operations in Afghanistan. The STRIKE family can greatly reduce the possibility of a fire by asking yourself a few simple questions before you turn on the smoking lamp. Am I at least 50 feet from any tent or flammable structure? Are there any flammable materials within 50 feet such as a 5gal can of fuel or a dumpster full of paper and wood? Am I in an authorized smoking area? IF the answers are all yes then you have a T in smoking safety.

Burn barrels are another fire threat. Ensure the barrel is 100 feet from any flammable structure. Always have a serviceable fire extinguisher on hand. Never leave the fire unattended. The best times to use burn barrels is in the morning before the winds pick up Remember only YOU can prevent FOB fires.

-Safety Mike



STRIKE'S COLORS UNCASSED

Col. Abdul Fata Azizi, commander, 3rd Kandak , 205th Corps, Afghan National Army and Col. Arthur Kandarian, commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, held an uncasing of the regimental colors ceremony and a Baham Shura (Together Council) at Forward Operating Base Wilson in the Zhari province, July 20.

The uncasing of the colors marks the beginning of the STRIKE Brigade's partnership with the 205th Corps and the citizens of the Zhari, Arghandab and Maywand Districts. The 2nd BCT commander and 203rd Corps Commander stated their mission intent to an audience including provincial governors and village elders representing the District of Zhari.

"I am looking forward to working with the Afghan National Security Forces, to bring security to the people of Zhari, Maywand and Arghandab, so they can feel free with no fear," said Kandarian.

Once the ceremony had ended and the STRIKE Brigade's colors were uncased, Fata and Kandarian met with the village elders and discussed the top issues concerning the local area.



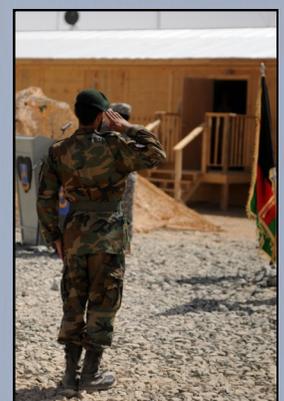
"This is an historic time and our deployment will be incredibly challenging and complex, but we know we are ready, as the Strike and 502nd Soldiers and Leaders who went before us were ready."

-Col. Arthur Kandarian



"We and the 2nd Brigade will work together in protecting the people of Afghanistan from the Taliban."

-Col. Abdul Fata Azizi

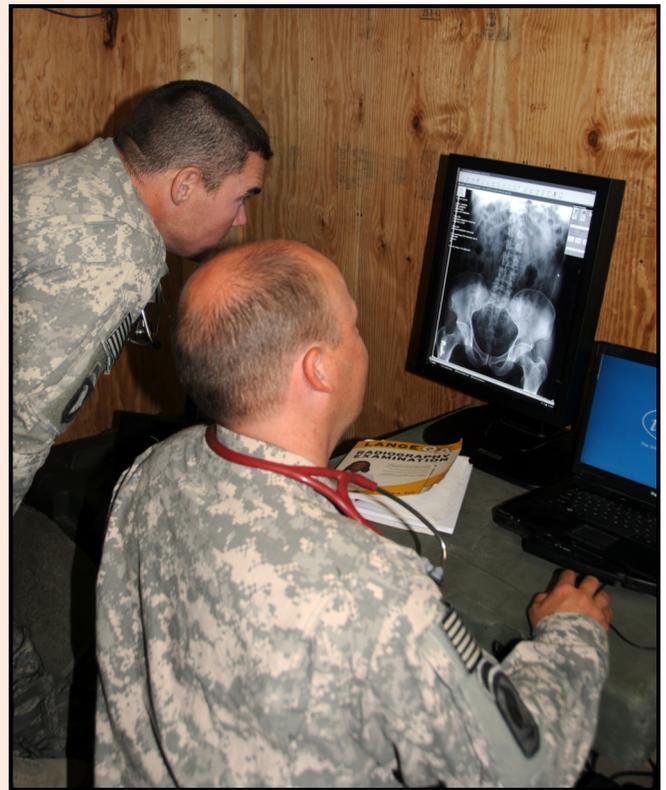


STRIKE MEDICS

A healthy military unit doesn't happen overnight. It takes a combined effort of command staff leadership, proper personal hygiene and a devoted medical support team to keep Soldiers "fighting fit".

The medics of Company C, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), work around the clock and maintain a constant level of readiness providing care for the men and women of Combined Task Force Strike on a daily basis during its deployment.

"We come in, we check the trauma room, make sure all the equipment is up, the fluid suction is good and all the bandages are ready in case something comes in," said Staff Sgt. Caleb Leonchik, native of Naperville, Ill., a shift leader and the non-commissioned officer in charge of the trauma room, with the company. "We operate 24-hours a day, so Soldiers can come in whatever time it is. We have people here around the clock including the x-ray and the lab."



"Since this supports the brigade, we have all the specialties," said Leonchik when talking about the equipment. "We have an X-ray, dental capabilities, a lab, the patient hold, physical therapy and preventive medicine and that's what separates us from the normal medical unit in a battalion."

Trauma isn't the only danger facing Soldiers during deployment. They also face daily threats from preventable situations dealing in sanitation issues, potable water and proper food preparations. Soldiers must take care of themselves to stay healthy and mission ready.

"It's extremely important to maintain good health or they [the Soldiers] won't be mission capable," said 2nd Lt. Jose Santiago, a native of Puerto Rico and the officer in charge of preven-



-tative medicine at Forward Operating Base Wilson.

“The basics like brushing your teeth, proper foot Thinking in terms of ‘Is this safe to do’ will go a long way.” Possible health risks inside the FOB are being monitored by the clinic. And with the influx of Soldiers arriving in the near future, the company known as “Charlie Med,” will make sure the conditions are more than acceptable.

“Right now we have two wells here producing water,” said Santiago. “We check the water, we also check the dining facility and make sure they’re practicing good hygiene, keeping the right temperature for the food and maintaining food preparation standards.”

The clinic is not just for those in the US uniform. The medical staff is also trained in field care and civilian support. Local villagers with trauma casualties and minor injuries are not uncommon and can be seen often inside of the facility.

“We also deal with civilian contractors from the local areas that work here on the base.” said Leonchik “The Afghan Army is also cared for by our medics.”



The medics of FOB Wilson remain prepared for emergencies both on and off post.

“Being prepared to respond to trauma emergencies is critical here,” said Pfc. Jerrica Clark, native of Camden, Michigan, a medic in the company. “When a trauma (patient) comes in you don’t really have time to think. You got to be ready to act with your stuff ready to go. I think that’s the most critical thing. You have to know your job; muscle memory, basically.”

With its responsibilities always in mind and with a staff always ready, the medics of “Charlie Med” are determined to keep every individual, whether Soldier or civilian, mission ready.

ANP, ANA & STRIKE

MEET WITH

AFGHAN TRUCKERS



Forward Operating Base Wilson doesn't just rely on its Soldiers to get the job done. Supplies are brought regularly by civilian truckers across Afghanistan's Highway 1 to keep FOB Wilson running smoothly. Listening to the needs of these truckers, the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations attached to the 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, partnered with the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police to provide a rest area for the truck drivers.

Strike Soldiers combined forces with their ANA and ANP counterparts to build shade and provide water to the truck drivers at the 'Truck Stop' outside of FOB Wilson, July 12. The truck stop is a temporary holding area where truckers wait to download their cargo, in front of the FOB.

"They wanted a place they can sit under some shade and talk, drink some chai or water and have some food," said Cpl. Jeremy Garza, native of Georgetown, TX and team leader with 3rd Battalion, 44th Infantry Regiment,



Psychological Operations, said "It's someplace to relax because the majority of them drive a lot, they're on the road just like our truckers back in the states."

Truck drivers assisted the Soldiers and Police with building tents and moving water inside them. "This is a good step for the Afghan partnership with American forces as it shows the local



nationals we're listening to their needs and put the Afghan Police and National Army forward so the people of Afghanistan can see them," Garza said.

Nearby at a local bazaar, radios were handed out. "They like to listen to the radio for information and music. I guess a radio is a hot commodity around this area. Everybody wants one."

The bazaar has been part of the Civil Affairs team's focus in building positive relations with the local populace in the Kandahar province. Only a few shops remain out of the many that were originally there prior to Operation Enduring Freedom.

"A lot of shop owners left the area because of everything that's going on here," Garza said, "They know it's dangerous here."

The project has been successful and the truck driver's are grateful for the tents and water provided by Strike Brigade, the ANA and the ANP personnel. A future goal of "STRIKE CAV" and its Afghan counterparts is to reopen the bazaar to its former size.

DISTRICT ELDERS MEET WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST STRIKE

a contribution from Capt. Henry Okoroafor



A District elder raises concern to Karim Jan, Zhari District Governor, about the Taliban's use of children to carry out their attacks on the people as Lt. Col. Johnny Davis, commander, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, takes note.

Afghanistan, according to General David Petraeus, Commander International Security Assistance Forces, is “A new country in an Ancient land”.

Most people here are used to armed conflicts. To an outsider, people in this region might seem undisturbed by all the stories of violence and terrorist acts by the Taliban, but a closer look at true Afghans shows otherwise.

The people from the southern Afghan region want the same things all freedom loving people everywhere in the world want. Taliban has denied them this freedom in the past several years. They use intimidation, treats and other forms of inhumane tactics to harass the innocent and peace loving people of this land. According to the testaments of the village elders, the true Afghans love their culture and are proud of their rich heritage. They want to live in the region and raise their children. Among other normal things, the Afghans deserve the ability to freely cultivate their farms and maintain their livestock.

The situation may seem easy and too little in the eyes of a non Afghan, but these are issues the District governments, with the support of the Afghan National Army, Afghan National Police and the “First Strike” battalion, are working diligently to ensure the people of Zhari get. They also want to practice their religion freely in its purest form instead of being forced to follow Tali-

“This is not much to ask for,” says one of the elders as he voices his frustration towards recent Taliban tactics of using children to move weapons around the district. Much of what used to be the norm in Zhari have been; fear, intimidation and isolation of the people by the Taliban has been changing as a result of the partnership efforts between the ANA, ANP and the coalition forces.

While it seems there is an expectation by some people of a “D-day” type decisive military operation in Kandahar following the announcement of troops increase in Afghanistan, the reality is that efforts have already began towards securing the population, empowering the government and improving conditions for sustainable economic development.

In the Zhari District, “First Strike” Soldiers are fully engaged in support of the Afghan government led initiative to better connect the government with its people. A good example of the results seen in the new initiative are that Afghans of the district are taking the lead in changing their country for the better. The hope is that in the future, the same will be said of all the districts across the country. The District government is in-charge and directing affairs, while the “First Strike” battalion provides assistance as needed. Davis then said, “We are here to assist the good people of this district, who care so much for this land and want a better future for their children.”



Karim Jan,
Zhari District Governor

FOB WILSON'S Flight-line



The lifeblood of any Forward Operating Base is its supply routes. Supplies such as food, hygiene items, office equipment, even personnel themselves are all major parts of an efficient and functional FOB. A well planned and executed flight-line is required to ensure mission readiness and success in the area.

Helicopters arriving daily from places like Kandahar Airfield are part of the 'blood supply' to FOB Wilson, bringing supplies and personnel with them while coordinating with other aircraft for ground surveillance, protection and medical evacuations here at FOB Wilson.

"The main part of the job is to get Soldiers to and from Kandahar Air Field and FOB Wilson in a timely manner," said Sgt. 1st Class William Culpepper, native of Jonesborough, Ar., the noncommissioned officer in charge of the flight line, 1st

Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. "We can also do flights throughout local areas." Since the arrival of the Strike Brigade, FOB Wilson's flight-line has greatly expanded its operations and physical size. And with the brigade building more supporting FOBs and combat outposts, it's only going to get busier. "It was pretty busy in May, but it calmed down for a couple of weeks when it was just one battalion here," said Culpepper. "But when the rest of the brigade started to arrive, that's when it got really busy. We have a lot of moving pieces."

US forces aren't the only units moving through the flight line. Canadian military, Afghanistan National Army, British military and civilian contractors all utilize FOB Wilson's incoming and outgoing flights which are all mission essential elements of Task Force Strike.



"Using helicopters for transport and security means added safety for its passengers and cargo," said Culpepper. "With so many Soldiers and supplies moving to and from Kandahar Airfield, the importance of a functional flight-line becomes even higher."

Ground movement inside the Kandahar borders can at some times be extremely dangerous. With slow moving traffic and high possible chances of enemy attacks, the highways and roads of Afghanistan can be unpredictably unsafe. "Everybody's fighting for aviation assets to keep their guys off the road," Culpepper said, "Sometimes you can't help them being on the road, and every time you go outside the wire it's a combat patrol. Aviation is very important here. It's a lot faster and a lot easier to get them there on aircraft, and a lot safer. Going by ground takes a lot of your combat power away from the mission."



Various helicopters make up the fleet visiting the flight-line. Chinook helicopters are the main specialty, with daily patrols of Kiowa surveillance craft and Apache gunships to ensure safety in and around the FOB. “I’m a bit like Air Traffic Control,” Culpepper acknowledges. “I warn other helicopters when we have Chinooks coming or going so they know to watch out.”

The flight line also helps boost Soldier’s morale with regular drop off’s of mail by civilian contractor flights. These civilians drop off mail

roughly three times a month allowing mail and care packages to reach Soldiers at a fast pace.

“When the mail arrives in from the flight-line, it is a real morale boost for the Soldiers here,” said Pfc. Steven Killian, a native of Yorktown, Va., and a clerk in the Mayor cell, which coordinates all operations within FOB Wilson. “And it is a big thing that it arrives often and on time.”

The flight-line also serves the FOB’s medical needs. The UH-60 Blackhawk ‘Medevac’ helicopters provide quick medical evacuation when

the need arises. These specialized helicopters are coordinated between the FOB’s medical station and the flight-line to provide clear space for them to land in a timely manner.

“It’s definitely a life line, because we stabilize the Soldiers and other people that come in here, and some times they require higher forms of care,” said Staff Sgt. Rocio Picazarri, native of Odessa, Tx, and evacuations platoon sergeant with Strike Brigade’s medical company, Company C, 526th Brigade Support Battalion.

“We have that asset of calling the helicopter in and getting them [the patient] to that care. It’s very important for us to keep that asset.”

With so much work in such a small area, the flight-line’s value cannot be overstated and as FOB Wilson’s borders continue to expand so

shall the flight-line.

“The landing field has doubled in size the last few weeks, especially as the FOB continues to grow and build,” said Culpepper. “We plan on adding a terminal so people won’t be sitting outside baking in the sun and we’re going to work to get the terminal set up right on the landing zone. This field isn’t as nearly as developed as Kandahar Airfield, but it’s larger than most in the area. We can fit more helicopters here than most other fields can.”

With surveillance, protection, re-supply, transportation, and medical evacuations happening on a regular basis, FOB Wilson keeps up with the needs of the Strike Brigade and its Afghan allies during its deployment.



Faces Of STRIKE



We Will Never Forget

Honoring Our Fallen



Staff Sgt. James Hunter, 25, of South Amerst, Ohio, died of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device on June 18. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Also killed was Pfc. Benjamin Park.



Pfc. Benjamin Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, VA., died of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device on June 18. He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. Also killed was SSG James Hunter.



Pfc. David A. Jefferson, 23, of Philadelphia, died of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device on July 2. He was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment.



Pfc. Clayton McGarrah, 20, of Harrison, Ark, died of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device on July 4. He was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment.



Spc. Christopher J. Moon, 20, of Tucson, Ariz, died at the Landstuhl regional medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device on July 6. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.



PV2, Brandon M. King, 23, of Tallahassee, Fla, died at Combat Outpost Nolen, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire on July 14. He was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment.



Sgt. 1st Class John H. Jarrell, 32, of Brunson, S.C. died of wound sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device on July 15. He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. Also killed was Sgt. Leston M. Winters.

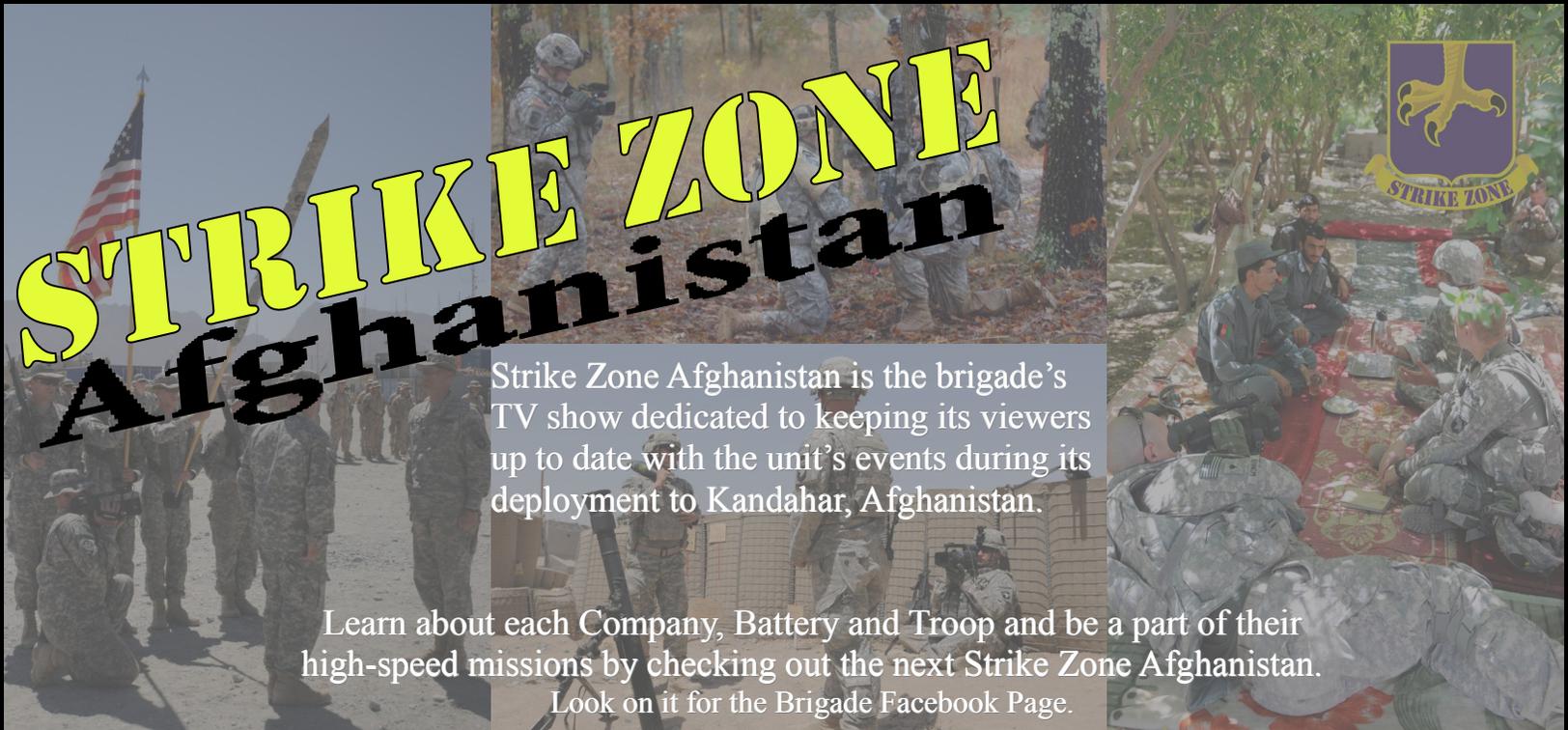


Sgt. Leston M. Winters, 30, of Sour Lake, Texas, died of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive on July 15. He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. Also killed was Sgt. 1st Class John H. Jarrell.



Staff Sgt. Brian F. Piercy, 27, of Clovis, Calif., died, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device on July 19. He was assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan.





STRIKE ZONE Afghanistan

Strike Zone Afghanistan is the brigade's TV show dedicated to keeping its viewers up to date with the unit's events during its deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Learn about each Company, Battery and Troop and be a part of their high-speed missions by checking out the next Strike Zone Afghanistan. Look on it for the Brigade Facebook Page.



STRIKE HONORS



a weekly look at Strike's history



Strike Honors is a weekly look back the regiment's history. From its beginnings dating to World War II, to its actions in Vietnam, the Middle East and everything in between, Strike Honors keeps its readers informed on those who paved the way for today's Strike Soldiers.

Look for it within the unit's office and on the Brigade Facebook Page.

the brigade facebook page

The Strike Brigade is in the social networking world with the Brigade Facebook Page. On it are images and video of the great missions and actions involving the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Join and start up topics of conversations and leave comments about the information provided. Watch the brigade's TV show, Strike Zone and now Strike Zone Afghanistan and read about the amazing history of Strike with posts of Strike Honors. The page is a great way to stay close, even when so far away.

To be a part of the Strike Brigade via internet, log into your facebook page, and in the search box type in 2nd Brigade Strike and when the 502nd crest comes up, click it and then click Like. Join the already thousands of viewers who are keeping up with the Strike Brigade.

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