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Cultural support teams begin to make their mark overseas

Soldiers from a cultural support team and female treatment team are introduced to members of the women's shura held at a local compound in the village of Oshay in the Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, May 4. With the support of U.S. special-operations forces, the CST and FTI are working closely together in order to bring health education to women in the area, as well as give them a voice in the district. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kaily Brown)

SWCS has been formalizing the cultural support team program for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command since Fall 2010. CST is a new program coordinated at SWCS in order to provide the operational force with a unique and needed capability, and the fruits of our labor are now becoming apparent overseas.

CST members' primary task is to engage the female populations in objective areas when such contact may be deemed culturally inappropriate if performed by a male Soldier.

CSTs directly support activities ranging from medical civic action programs, searches and seizures, humanitarian assistance and civil-military operations.

CST training primarily focuses on basic human behavior, Islamic and Afghan cultures, women and their role in Afghanistan, and tribalism. Training is conducted at SWCS on Fort Bragg.

Coalition cultural support team holds women's shura in Uruzgan, provides medical treatment and education

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Trevor Anderson
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Members of a U.S. special-operations cultural support team, along with a coalition female treatment team, met with women from villages in the Shahid-e-Hassas district at a family compound in Oshay village, May 4.

The intent behind the shura was to provide health education to local women and a venue to discuss their issues, said a CST member at the event.

There were 38 women in attendance, some traveled from as far away as Kandahar.

"This was the first shura to incorporate more

than one family from the Oshay village, marking a significant milestone for the women of Shahid-e-Hassas district," said the CST member.

The team also offered classes to the attendees on proper personal hygiene, such as hand-washing, nail-grooming, laundry and dental health education.

The women said they were pleased with the outcome and are looking forward to future shuras and medical clinics for women.

"We are happy with today's shura," said a local Afghan woman at the shura. "Today should be an outline for future shuras of this kind. We were able to have our voices heard and share our concerns with other women in the village."



Inside Staff & Faculty Development

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SWCS Staff and Faculty Development Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

The following individuals have been recognized as the command's Civilians of the Quarter 2nd Quarter, 2011

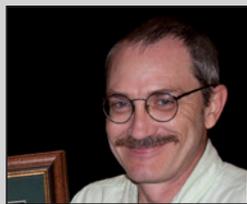


GS 1-6 category

Louise E. Gonel

Supply Technician, Communications and Electronics Facility, C Company, Support Battalion, 1st SWTG(A)

Gonel's outstanding service contributed to the completion of over 10,000 work orders. Her unwavering drive to excel contributed greatly toward the overall success of the C&S Facility, maintaining 100 percent accountability of over \$60 million worth of communications and night-vision equipment with a 99 percent readiness rate.



GS 7-10 category

Dan W. Errett

Electronic Mechanic, Communications and Electronics Facility, C Company, Support Battalion, 1st SWTG(A)

Errett has been an asset in repairing and maintaining communication and night-vision equipment. He repaired and maintained over 16,000 end items of communications, electronics and night-vision equipment in support of all U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School courses.



GS 11-14 category

Dave Chace

Deputy Public Affairs Officer, SWCS Office of Strategic Communication

Chace demonstrated professionalism and dedication while designing and upgrading the SWCS public website at www.soc.mil/swcs, and motivated and informed the workforce through *Inside SWCS*. Additionally, Chace arrange and managed multiple media visits and queries, ensuring that the public was aware of the accomplishments of SWCS Soldiers and civilians.

Reminder: Civilian of the Quarter nominations for 3rd Quarter, 2011 are due July 10.

Recognizing Time in Service to the federal government



20 years of service

Sharon C. Salas
Secretary to the SWCS Deputy Commander



25 years of service

Frances A. Alvarez
ATRRS Quota Manager, SWCS G-3



Frederick F. Ruoff
SWCS Deputy G-3



Thomas G. Gouvisis
Visual Information Specialist,
SWCS Directorate of Training and Doctrine



30 years of service

Sonya G. Shropshire
Information Specialist, SWCS
Directorate of Training and Doctrine



35 years of service

Dennis R. Hromika
Civil Affairs Analyst, Directorate of
Training and Doctrine

Upcoming Classes Staff & Faculty Development Division

[May 2-20] ARSOF Instructor Training Course

Enrollment closed

[May 17-18] SOALP

[May 21-June 10] Training Developers' Course

Class 03-11

[May 24-26] 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

[June 6-24] ARSOF Instructor Training Course

[June 14] Substance Abuse Training

9 a.m.-11 a.m., John F. Kennedy Auditorium

[June 28-29] SOALP

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

[May 17] Developing Employees

For Supervisors. 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., CPAC Training Room

[May 19] FECA 101

For Supervisors. 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., CPAC Training Room

[May 25-26] L/MER Tools for Supervisors

For Supervisors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., EEO Training Room

[June 7] How to Negotiate with the Union

For Supervisors. 1 p.m.-3 p.m., CPAC Training Room

[June 8] RESUMIX

Prospective/current federal employees. 9:30 a.m.-

11:30 a.m., CPAC Training Room

- Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) training is no longer available online. Information regarding live training opportunities will be announced soon.

- Please go to the following site on the Portal to view important links:

<https://arsocportal.soc.mil/swcs/g1/sfdd/default.aspx>

- Mandatory Annual Training announcements are listed, as well as training links and information.

- **Reminder!** All civilians must first register in Blackboard for mandatory annual training. For further information, contact Ms. Jackie Weyhenmeyer at (910) 396-6469, or weyhenmj@soc.mil

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	SWCS Safety Day JFK Auditorium and JFK Plaza 9 a.m.	18	Special Forces Qualification Course Graduation Ceremony 3 p.m., Crown Coliseum	20	21
22	HHC, SWCS Change of Command JFK Auditorium 10 a.m.	24	25	26	Training Holiday	28
29	Memorial Day	31	1	1st SWTG(A) Change of Command. 8:30 a.m. NDU Thesis Presentation 4:30 p.m. JFK Auditorium	NDU Class of 2011 College of (in) Security Affairs Graduation 9 a.m. JFK Auditorium	4