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GREYWOLF Soldiers, Families and friends,

Greetings from Contingency Operating Base Adder, adjacent to Tallil Air Base, in the heart of Dhi Qar province in southern Iraq. As of this writing, the GREYWOLF Brigade has just recently passed the 100-day milestone on our deployment here in Iraq. It's amazing how quickly the time has passed with nearly a third of our year-long deployment already under our belts! On the one hand it seems like just yesterday we were beginning our mission as we arrived in Kuwait, while on the other hand, our training exercises at both Fort Hood and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. last fall seem like distant memories now. It's truly remarkable just how much the GREYWOLF Brigade has been through in the past year.

While this is the brigade's fourth deployment to Iraq in the past seven years, this is our first mission in support of OPERATION NEW DAWN. As our nation prepares to bring military-led operations to a close and transition to a civilian-led effort, our Soldiers continue to perform critical, but somewhat different roles than in previous deployments. We're strengthening the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) by continuing our close partnership with higher-level headquarters in an advise, train and assist role. Each component of the ISF: the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and the Department of Border Enforcement, need different assistance and support from us to reach the next level.

The U.S. Department of State's role is also changing this year as provincial reconstruction teams draw down and close out their local efforts to improve the regional governments, economy and basic services in each of Iraq's 16 provinces. In their place, a more traditional U.S. presence, in the form of consulates, will emerge in cities like Basrah, in the southern portion of our area of responsibility. We will help the U.S. Consulate in Basrah establish an initial operating capability and serve as a bridge to the departing PRTs. We will help orient them to the political, social and security environments of Muthanna, Dhi Qar, Maysan and Basrah provinces.

We're also spending a good deal of time and energy reducing excess equipment on our bases as we prepare them to either transition to the ISF or close completely later this year. As the southernmost U.S. unit in Iraq, we also have a key responsibility to secure the units north of us as they pass through the GREYWOLF sector during their movement to Kuwait. This involves working closely with our Iraqi partners to provide safe passage for thousands of vehicles along a 400 kilometer stretch of highway.

As we conduct stability operations across 100,000 square kilometers of Iraq, each week we dedicate time to ensure we maintain our "edge" as Soldiers. Physical fitness, marksmanship, medical training, warrior tasks and battle drills and maintenance, (the GREYWOLF Big 5), are still a part of our weekly regimen to ensure we remain Disciplined, Vigilant and Professional in all we do.

I'd like to recognize our rear detachment, family readiness groups and family readiness support assistants in tak-

Photo by Sgt. Robert Traxel

Lt. Col. Ed Callahan presents an award to an Iraqi Army Soldier at the conclusion of a local training rotation.

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. Commander Lt. Col. Robert Wright and local police officials convene to talk about route security.

Photo by 1st Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon, the commander of 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. pins a Combat Action Badge on a Soldier.

ing care of our Soldiers and Families back home. Your hard work and dedication helps us feel confident that our Families are in good hands so we can focus on our mission. Thanks for all you do for the GREYWOLF team every day!

I'd also like to encourage everyone to remain engaged and stay informed with brigade and battalion activities by keeping up with the GREYWOLF Facebook page at facebook.com/3bct.1cd. We post twice-monthly newsletters, pictures, news articles and other items of interest for everyone's benefit; check us out and "like" us today.

Command Sgt. Maj. Kelley and I remain extremely proud and honored to have the privilege of leading such a fine group of America's sons and daughters during this combat deployment. You make us proud by your actions every day as you bravely face the dangers of this mission in order to make a better future for the people of Iraq. It is our pleasure to serve with you. Stay safe and stay GREYWOLF

Disciplined... Vigilant... Professional.

GREYWOLF 6

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

A Soldier demonstrates hand and arm techniques to his Iraqi counterpart at Tadreeb al Shamil or "All Inclusive Training."

GREYWOLF 9 SENDS:

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley

To the Soldiers and supporters of the GREYWOLF Brigade,

Before I start on this letter, I want you to know how proud I am to be GREYWOLF 9. I'm proud because of all the great work that our Soldiers are doing out there.

One important member of our team is our GREYWOLF Family back home. The support of our Families, friends, family readiness groups and family readiness support assistants, makes our mission possible.

As I travel around our area of responsibility, I see Soldiers everywhere doing great work that supports our mission and there are Soldiers all over the brigade that are recognized for their hard work and dedication. To name a few: Pfc. Lee Yang, with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment at Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen was recognized with a coin by United States Division - South Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early for filling the position of team leader as a private first class.

18th Airborne Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice recommended that Pfc. Johnny Jones and Spc. Willie Jones, with 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, receive battlefield promotions for their outstanding work.

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

1st Sgt. Robert Easton, with A Military Intelligence Co., 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn., recognizes his Soldier's hard work by selecting him to receive a coin from United States Division - South Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early.

Two NCOs were recently selected for the position of first sergeant: Sgt. 1st Class Jim Braegelmann is now the first sergeant for D Co., 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt. and Sgt. 1st Class Riley Flaherty is now the first sergeant for C Co. of the same battalion. Congratulations.

Each week, the battalions submit names to be considered for Warrior of the Week. So far, we've presented this award to eight outstanding Soldiers.

Congratulations to Pfc. Hayden Blowers, with Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt.;

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

GREYWOLF Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley shakes a Soldier's hand during a ceremony.

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Kelley poses with Soldiers that competed for Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter.

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Kelley and Early chat with a local Iraqi command sergeant major.

Pfc. Brett Pittsley, with B Co., 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn.; Pfc. Matthew Kaseman, with D Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt.; Spc. Aaron Crouch, with B Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt.; Pfc. Kyle Welch, with C Co., 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt.; Pfc. Sydnee Kavadas, with B Co., 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn.; Spc. Billy Chellette, with C Medical Co., 215th Bde. Support Bn. and Spc. Nicholas Vecchio, with E Forward Support Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. Well done.

Now that we've been here 100 days, I want to reinforce that we need to stay Disciplined, Vigilant and Professional in our everyday activities.

Staying disciplined applies to our pre-combat checks and inspections, battle drills, weapons qualification and staying in shape through physical training like the PT I've seen Soldiers throughout our area of responsibility doing.

We must maintain vigilance in everything we do, from force protection to guard duty, counter indirect fire patrols and utilizing the battle buddy system. Protect yourself from the enemy at all times, and make sure you don't get complacent.

Professionalism is a vital part of our mission here. As we strengthen the Iraqi Security Forces, we must set the example and show them what a professional military force looks like. In my mind, the day we get a win here is the day that the ISF stand up as an independent force, ready to serve and protect their nation.

I want to stress communication between the chain of command and the Soldiers. Keep your Soldiers up-to-date on information that you receive to prevent rumors from spreading. Make sure Soldiers understand the difference between facts and rumors.

One way to stay connected is through social networking. The GREYWOLF Brigade maintains a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/3bct.1cd and posts our twice-monthly newsletter, updates, photos, videos and news stories regularly. Next time you're online, check us out.

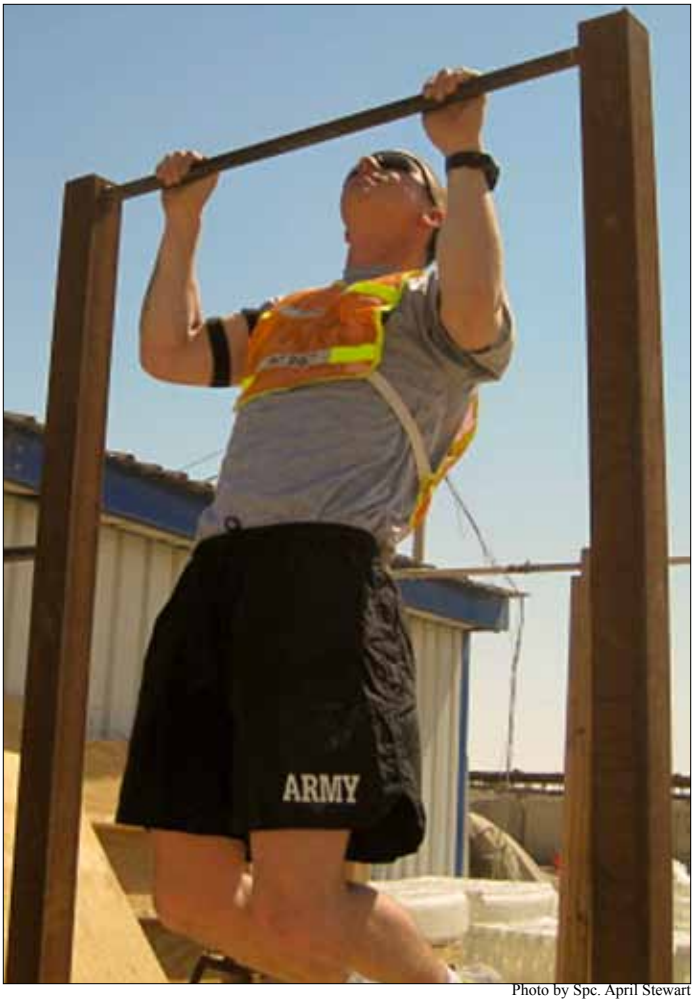

Photo by Spc. April Stewart

Pfc. Devon Harbin conducts pullups during his daily physical training regimen.

As you continue about your day-to-day activities, ensure that you are upholding the GREYWOLF standard and setting the example for those around you. Thank you for all that you do every day.

Live the Legend!

GREYWOLF 9

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

1st Cavalry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn presents a Combat Action Badge to a Soldier during his visit to COB Adder.

Lt. Col. Ed Callahan, the commander of Stability Transistion Team, 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. discusses ground maneuvers with an Iraqi Army officer during a field training exercise at al Tadreeb al Shamil.

Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

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er to compete for the coveted title of NCO and Soldier of the Quarter.

Clockwise from top left: Spc. Nathanael Hensley, with 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. dissassembles an M240B machine gun. Col. Douglas Crissman, the brigade commander, pins an Army Commendation Medal on Spc. Julian McKinnon, who was named Soldier of the Quarter. Pfc. Larry Reed (now a specialist) conducts the situp portion of the physical training test. Soldiers prepare to sit before the question and answer portion of the competition.

Units across the Army use a variety of tools to motivate, educate and recognize their Soldiers.

Some use training or classes, others conduct field exercises and some hold competitions to recognize the best Soldiers in their units.

Last month, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers with 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade came to Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq to compete in the unit's NCO and Soldier of the Quarter competition.

The competition is a tool used to select Soldiers that will later compete in the Army's NCO/Soldier of the Year competition. The brigade's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley said the competition was also intended to encourage friendly competition between the battalions and esprit de corps among the troops involved.

The competition lasted one day and included an Army physical fitness test, a road march, several basic Soldier task challenges and a test of their Army knowledge before of a board of their superiors.

At the crack of dawn, Soldiers gathered at the House of Pain gym for the situps and pushups portion of their PT test. Graders and demonstrators as well as comrades and leaders yelled encouragement from nearby then waited as they completed the run portion.

The troopers pushed their way through the road march to weapons, medical, communications and marksmanship stations where they had to perform weapons familiarization tasks, drag a weighted litter 50 meters, assemble and fill a radio and fire weapons at targets to a standard.

Fourteen individuals, consisting of an NCO and a Soldier from each battalion as well as from the brigade headquarters competed for the coveted title and an Army Commendation Medal, but only two made the cut: Sgt. Aqulia Crigger with 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment and Spc. Julian McKinnon with 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment.

They said the most difficult portion of the day was during the medical treatment evaluation. After applying a tourniquet to a casualty, the

troopers had to load the casualty onto a litter and drag them 50 meters to the next station.

"It was tough, really bad. The toughest was the (litter) drag! I had to tell myself not to quit moving because I knew if I lost my momentum I probably wouldn't make it," said McKinnon.

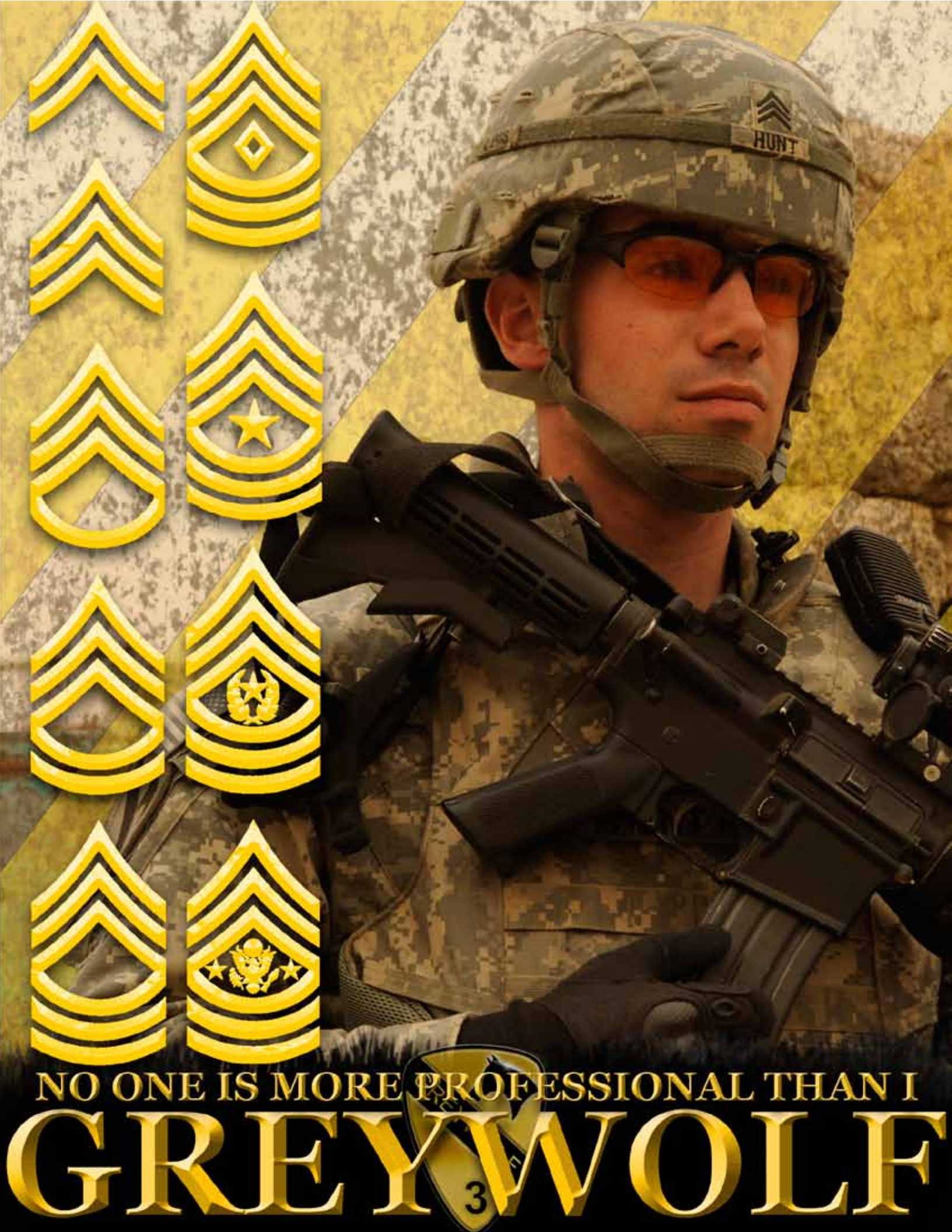
At the end of the day, the Soldiers prepared to stand before a board of their superiors and display their Army knowledge. In order to prepare for the panel of questions, Soldiers studied handbooks, regulations, manuals and doctrine.

"After the weapons, I had a feeling (the title) might come my way, but then I wasn't sure after the board," McKinnon said.

At the end of the day, the Soldiers gathered for a barbeque and ceremony to announce the winners and celebrate the hard work of those that participated.

Kelley said the competition was open to anyone who felt qualified, no matter their position and encouraged Soldiers to train for the next competition.

"The harder you work at something, the more you can achieve," he said.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2nd Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Troopers Learn Resiliency

Saber Squadron sits down with master resiliency trainer to spotlight relationship, problem solving and decision making skills.

A Soldier spends countless hours cleaning, maintaining, and training with their weapon in order to maximize its effectiveness because they know that without it, they cannot accomplish the mission.

In the same manner, the Army invests in the individual Soldiers to ensure that they can successfully accomplish their missions. The Army allocates many hours of training to ensure that Soldiers are skilled and proficient in their jobs, but one of the newest training programs to maximize the effectiveness of an individual Soldier has nothing to do with Army tasks or skills.

The training, called master resiliency training, focuses on personal aspects of the Soldier.

Being a program that started only two years ago in the Army, the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, United States Division – Central has the unique privilege of having a master resiliency trainer as part of the squadron.

"MRT is a program focused on helping Soldiers bounce back from adversity. Specifically, it is focused on the internal aspects of a Soldier such as personal relationships, problem solving, and decision making process," said Staff Sgt. Kirk Beachum, a Plano, Texas native.

MRT is broken down into seven different training modules that teach different techniques for handling and overcoming adversity. Currently, Beachum is instructing the recently deployed Soldiers of 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. on the first two modules.

"These first modules cover the ACT process: activating event, thoughts and consequence," he said. "Normally, people think an event will happen and there will be an uncontrollable consequence or reaction."

However, he said, the ACT process shows that the Soldier can control the consequence of an event or their reaction to the event by internalizing and thinking through how it may affect them.

While it is easy to see how this training is useful for Soldiers facing difficult military aspects of a deployment, it is also useful for the difficult situations that arise back home while the Soldier is away.

"Just because a Soldier is deployed does not mean that hardships or adversity back home stops. The Army realized this fact as Soldiers and their families endured multiple and rapid deployments throughout this conflict. Through the MRT program, the Army hopes to empower its Soldiers in their ability to overcome the adversity that they will face on deployments or in garrison," said Beachum.

Even though Saber Squadron just started its deployment, its leaders and Soldiers, especially those who have deployed multiple times, realize the need for this training as they will inevitably face some form of adversity.

"We not only want the Soldiers to be able to overcome adversity, but we also want them to become a better Soldier for the squadron and for their families by overcoming the adversity," said Beachum.

And that is exactly what Saber Squadron wants for and from its Soldiers: proficiency, resiliency and dedication to their mission in Iraq and dedication to their family back home.

CHARGER

U.S. House members visit troopers in Basrah

Photos and story by Maj. Harold Huff III

Four members of the U.S. House of Representatives paid a visit to Soldiers from their home states deployed to southern Iraq.

Representatives Thomas Marino, R-Penn., Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., John Sarbanes D-Md. and Michael Grimm, R-N.Y., saw troops at Contingency Operating Base Basrah.

The intent of the visit was to meet with host nation military and civilian leadership in Iraq. They came to discuss issues pertaining to the training and equipping of combat forces, combat operations, reconstruction efforts and the training of Iraqi Security Forces.

The delegates began the day by meeting with Basrah Provincial Reconstruction Team leader Barbara Leaf and Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, commander of the 36th Inf. Div. and U.S. Division-South.

After the morning meeting, the delegates sat down for lunch with 12 Soldiers from the GREYWOLF Bde., before departing attending a briefing about the current situation in southern Iraq, given by USD-S senior staff members.

Soldiers from the brigade arrived in February and officially assumed duties in southern Iraq in early March. Those at the luncheon were excited about the opportunity to meet their representatives in Iraq.

"It shows that they really care." said Spc. Eric Deloatch, in A Co., 215th Bde. Support Bn., and native of

Thomas Marino, R-Penn. shakes Sgt. Philip McKee's hand; Michael Grimm, R-N.Y. chats with Sgt. Charlito Chumney; Marino poses with troops at Contingency Operating Base Basrah; Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn. talks with 1st Lt. Kenny Nguyen.

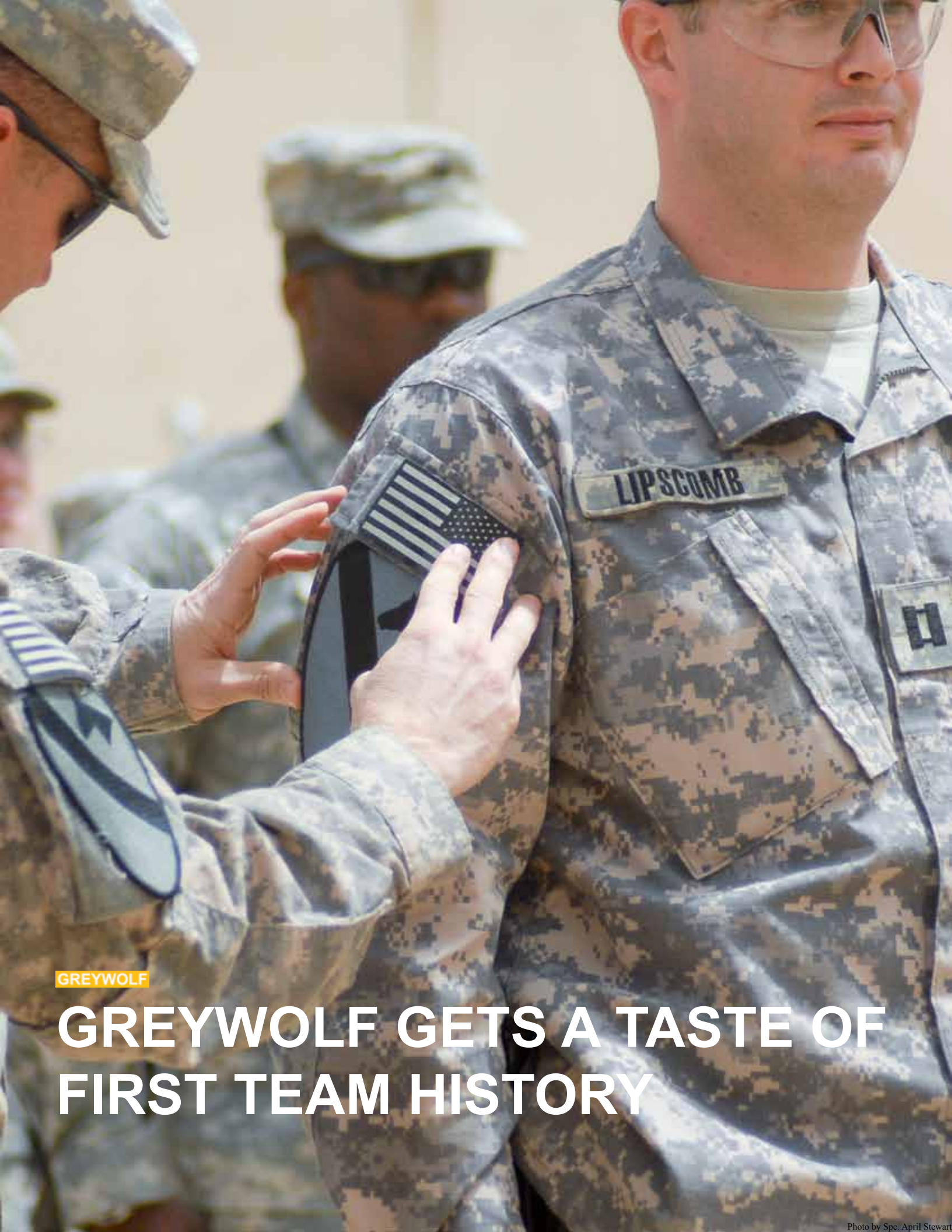
Baltimore, Md. "It's been a long time since I was home, so I really want to talk about the current situation in Maryland like unemployment and the deficit and how he plans to improve things."

Some Soldiers wanted to take full advantage of the visit by making new political connections.

"It's great that they can come check on us. You never know when you might need their assistance in the future so why not build the bridge now." said Staff Sgt. Guelot Daccueil, a native of Rockville, N.Y. with A Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt.

As the day wound down, the representatives chatted with Soldiers and posed for photographs. The importance of their trip was not lost on the delegation as each member commented on the gratitude they felt toward American Soldiers all over the world.

"Eating with them and coming out in the field with them to a certain extent has increased my sincere and genuine respect for the military a thousand fold." Marino said. "We wouldn't be the country we are without them."



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GREYWOLF GETS A TASTE OF FIRST TEAM HISTORY

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2nd Lt. Daniel Elmblad

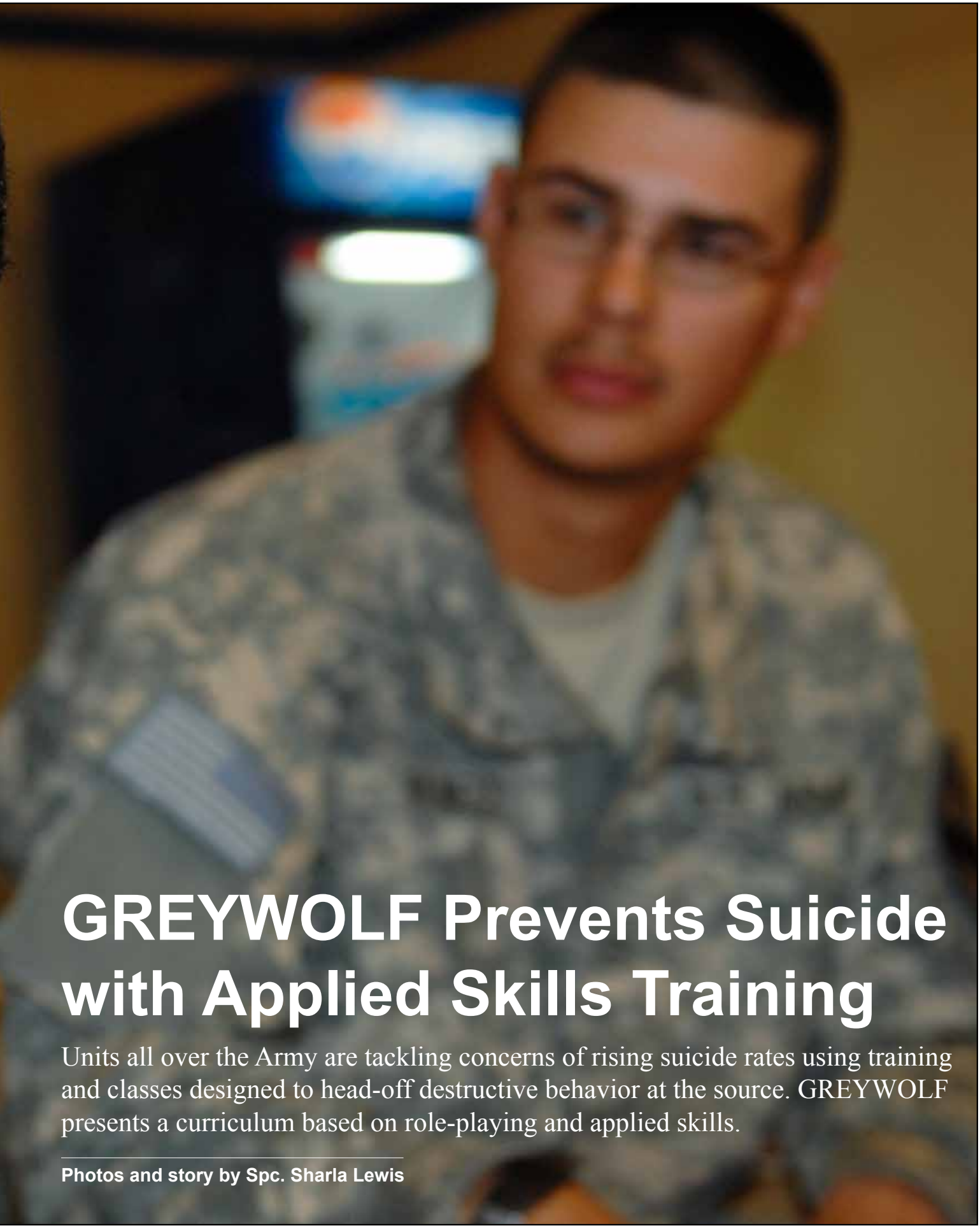
The patch of the 1st Cavalry Division has a history as colorful as its design, reflecting the proud heritage of the United States Cavalry in a timeless manner.

Shortly after the 1st Cavalry Division was authorized the War Department issued a directive asking for the submission of possible designs for the 1st Cavalry Division's "shoulder sleeve" (shoulder patch). The regulations for the competition required (1) that the patch should have only two colors, (2) that it be an easily recognizable sign around which men could reassemble during or after battle, and (3) that it would bring men together in a common devotion.

The design chosen, a distinctive bright-yellow Norman knight's shield with a diagonal stripe and the silhouette of a horse's head, was submitted by Col. and Mrs. Ben H. Dorcy. At the time, Col. Dorcy was commander of the 7th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss. His wife, Glady Fitch Dorcy, later would be hailed as the "official mother" of the First Team.

Originally, the patch was yellow and blue. But black, symbolic of iron and armor, later replaced the blue and improved visibility. The patch also was the largest divisional patch approved in the United States Army. "The patch had to be large enough to be seen through the dust and sand at Fort Bliss," Mrs. Dorcy later explained. "And we made it that way because it is worn by big men who do big things."

The original patch designed by Col. and Mrs. Dorcy was displayed at the U.S. Army Military History Library at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



GREYWOLF Prevents Suicide with Applied Skills Training

Units all over the Army are tackling concerns of rising suicide rates using training and classes designed to head-off destructive behavior at the source. GREYWOLF presents a curriculum based on role-playing and applied skills.

Photos and story by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Suicide, depression and self-destructive behaviors exist even among the strongest and most resilient force in the world, the U.S. Army.

The GREYWOLF Brigade is conducting training to teach Soldiers how to intervene when a comrade is at risk for suicide.

The Army considers the training equal to that of an emergency first aid responder. The training teaches Soldiers to categorize individuals according to how distressed they are. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) teaches Soldiers the signs and symptoms of suicidal behavior and how to appropriately intervene in at-risk situations.

"I used to be suicidal, and someone reached out and helped me. Now, I want to be able to help somone else."

Pvt. Devan Bandy

Chaplain (Capt.) John Hubbs and Chaplain (Capt.) Jim Souza, with 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment and 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion are at the head of the effort.

"The commander expressed an interest in the training and asked us to facilitate it," Hubbs said.

ASIST gives tools to individuals closest to those at risk for suicide. This class consisted of Soldiers and non-commissioned officers to provide units with trained personnel at the lowest level.

"By the time we're done this year, every Soldier (in the brigade) should personally know someone that has had ASIST training," said Hubbs.

The course provides in-depth diagrams and step-by-step instructions on how to approach someone in distress, the questions to ask and how to talk them out of their destructive thoughts.

The group sat in a semi-circle and watched as the chaplains portrayed a role-playing scenario, with one as a counselor and the other as the victim. After, they split into two groups to practice.

"The chaplains encouraged participation which I liked because it gave a blue print even for people who have never dealt with this kind of thing," said Spc. Alan Williams, with 2nd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery Regt. and a native of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Many in the two-day class hesitated to participate at first, looking around the room nervously.

"I learned to be comfortable," said Pvt. Devan Bandy, with 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn. and a native of Streetsboro, Ohio. "Because people don't just come out and talk about suicide. Suicide is such a loaded word, and you don't want to say it or get involved."

Sgt. Kelly Byrd (center) role-plays a suicide prevention scenario with Sgt. Richard White (left), both with 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn. while their chaplain, Chaplain (Capt.) Jim Souza observes; Chaplain (Capt.) John Hubbs, with 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. instructs a group on proper techniques to use during an intervention; The chaplains demonstrate a role-playing scenario to the class. Previous page: Spc. Roderick Harris and Pfc. Jared Munoz, both 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. role-play a suicide prevention scenario.

The brigade's leadership believes this course will help remove the stigma of weakness applied to those who talk about suicide and depression.

"A lot of people don't want to be the guy that says 'I'm hurting and I'm in pain,' but those scenarios are an everyday occurrence," said Williams.

Some in the class talked about personal experiences and applied them to the techniques they learned.

"I used to be suicidal, and someone reached out and helped me," Bandy said. "Now, I want to be able to help someone else."

The monthly course provides Soldiers with the tools to get involved when they see their comrades in an emotional crisis and increase suicide awareness throughout the unit.

"The more people get into it, the more people will realize how serious it is," Bandy said. "People have these problems and need to get help and this will really open everyone's eyes."

2nd Lt. Christopher Molaro

Experience Aids Mission

Senior law enforcement official assists Steel Dragon in crime scene exploitation, human intelligence gathering and more.

Back in High Ridge, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, David Curtis is a hero, a local police officer who has given 28 years to the force.

Here in Iraq, fifty-two year old Curtis plays an integral part in Operation New Dawn, and he is not alone. A member of an elite community, Law Enforcement Professionals, better known as LEPs in Iraq, are police officers from American hometowns recruited by private companies to advise and work with US Forces while training Iraqi Police and Army.

Curtis and other law enforcement professionals come from many different police backgrounds. Their experiences range in everything from narcotics divisions, Fugitive Apprehension Strike Teams (FAST) and detective units. Because of their diverse backgrounds they bring a wide array of knowledge and experience.

While they may or may not be military veterans, LEPs like Curtis have shown they are not hesitant to go on patrols outside the wire and help out where they are needed. Their eagerness to interact with the Iraqi population is instrumental in molding Iraq police officers into a professional force like most Americans are so accustomed to.

Curtis played professional baseball for a short stint when he was younger and regrets that he missed his chance to serve in the Armed Forces. "Doing this, being here in Iraq, working with America's heroes has given me the opportunity to directly serve my country," Curtis said. "I am an old man, working with these great young warriors who are dedicated to a cause greater than themselves. It has inspired me to make a difference as well."

Curtis is the father of three children, Casey, Matthew and Elizabeth. Casey is a Staff Sgt. in the Army and currently deployed to Afghanistan while Elizabeth is about to begin her first year at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Attached to Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Curtis has been helping investigate recent IED attacks. He tags along with patrols on the International Highway to gauge the attitude and security status for U.S. Forces and Iraq citizens. Curtis occasionally rides on mission with Capt. Grady Dacus, from Denton, Texas, a platoon leader for Headquarters Battery, Task Force 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt.,

Dacus said "He [Curtis] is a valuable asset for key leader engagements and in building relationships. His demeanor and appearance demands respect in the Iraqi culture which helps us gather important intelligence which we might have never been able to receive."

Operation New Dawn presents new and interesting challenges. Our hometown heroes dressed in blue are important to the success of Iraq. From Afghanistan to Iraq all the way to small town U.S.A., law enforcement professionals like Curtis are a small but necessary piece of a self-sustaining diplomatic Iraq.

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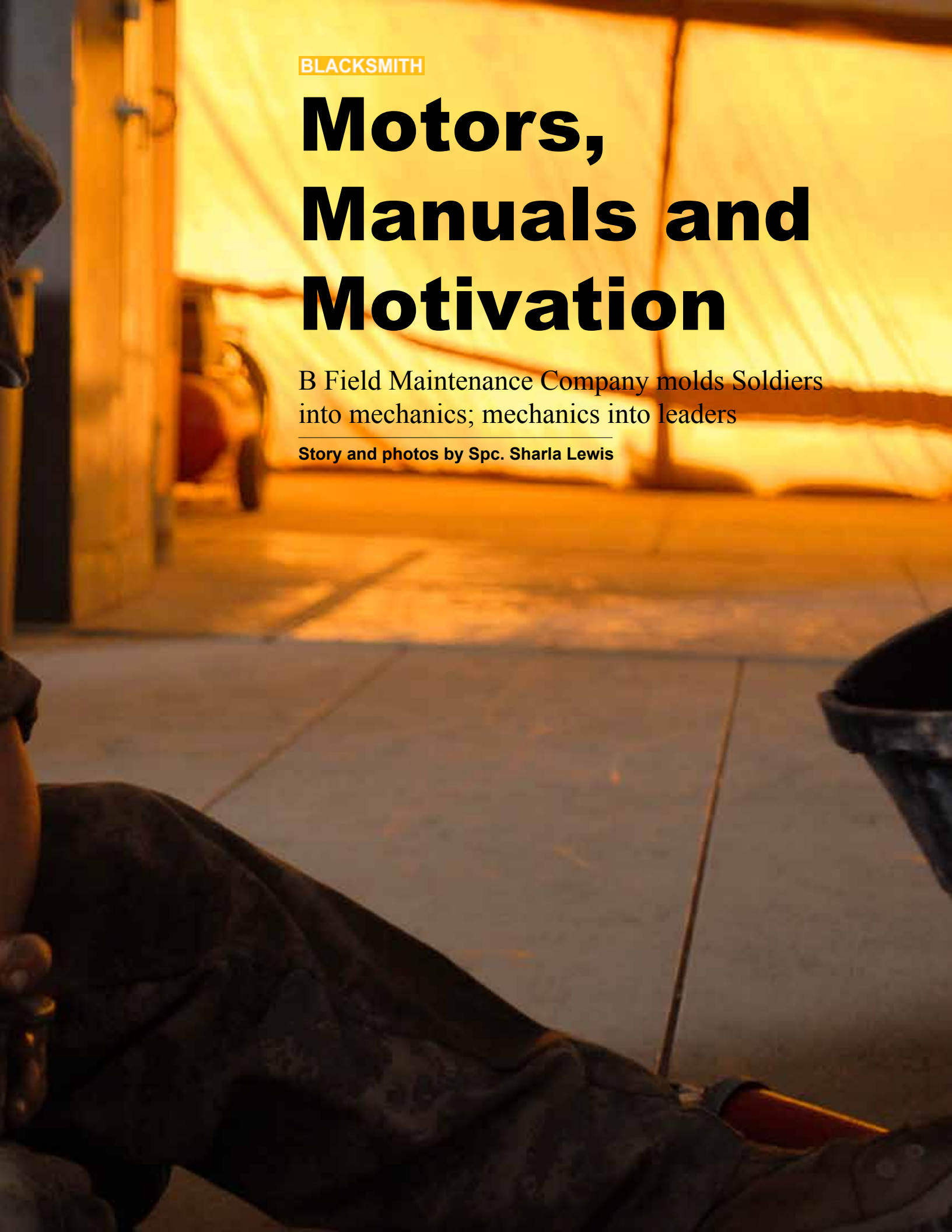

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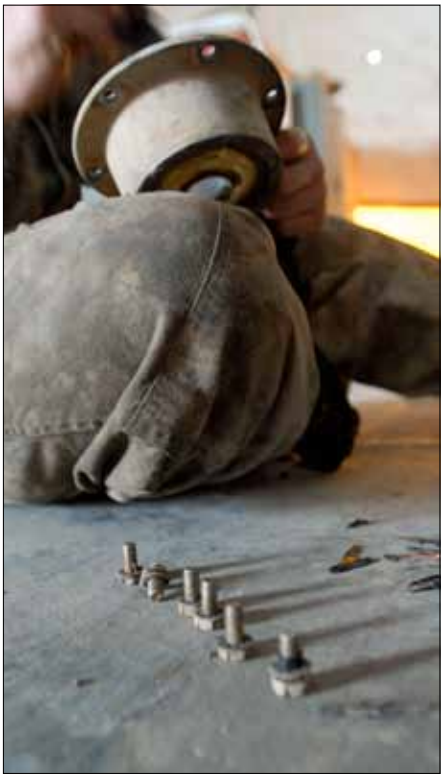
Motors, Manuals and Motivation

B Field Maintenance Company molds Soldiers into mechanics; mechanics into leaders

Story and photos by Spc. Sharla Lewis



Previous page: Spc. Kerry Jones cleans a hubcap. Clockwise from top left: Jones keeps hardware organized; Spc. Raul Samudia and Spc. Dante Battle connect a cable; Spc. Dante Battle checks voltage to taillights.

The sound of an air compressor and the smell of grease filled a dimly lit bay while mechanics wearing cover-alls concentrated over their work.

Three Soldiers hovered near a heavy equipment transporter vehicle (HET, like a semi-truck) and trailer, connecting the interface cable.

"The plate is upside-down and all bent up," said Spc. Luis Reyes, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from Dallas with B Field Maintenance Company, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, pointing at a round port about the size of a man's fist, "so the cable won't go on right. I'm just gonna take it off so we can replace it."

The mechanics chatted as they worked, moving quickly from project to project. The Soldiers keep their skills tuned and attitudes positive by learning from each other and boosting their morale with camaraderie.

"Our guys work really good together," said Staff Sgt. Michael Witherow, the motor sergeant and native of Chattanooga, Tenn. "I've been in other motor pools where they don't get along, but I don't have any of those issues."

The mechanics love their jobs, and love working on tough projects. The relationships developed between the team helps them tackle big tasks.

"I love the bond I have between the other mechanics and the fulfillment of getting a big job done," said Spc. Kerry Jones, from Sarasota, Fla. "I like working on the HET because it's the biggest thing we have."

Many mechanics develop a knack for fixing things at a young age. From taking tools from their parent's garage and fixing the family lawn mower, to getting a radio for Christmas and promptly taking it apart to see the inner workings, some people are born and bred to work with their hands.

For Jones, he found his niche for tinkering as a teenager, and developed a taste for the Soldier's life through basic training, advanced individual training and upon his arrival at 3rd Brigade.

"I've wanted to be a mechanic

"If we don't know how to do something, we'll figure it out. That's what I love to do, is help subordinates and leaders with anything I can."

Spc. Dante Battle

Clockwise from top left; Pfc. Daniel Gonzales checks a cable; Spc. Luis Reyes removes a cable port plate; Spc. Carlos Bucio fits a nut.

since I was 16, but I didn't think I'd be doing it for the military," he said. "I love the military, though. I think I like the honor of the job mostly."

Working with military vehicles makes the job unique compared to being a mechanic in a city.

Witherow said his Soldiers work through problems among each other, so he usually puts an experienced specialist with a new private so one can shadow the other.

"They want to improve themselves by learning their jobs and by doing things themselves," he said. "The privates look up to the specialists and want to do what they do. They want to take their place."

Spc. Dante Battle has been with the company since 2008 and recently went to the promotion board for sergeant, earning "promotable" status.

He owns a paint and body shop in Los Angeles, so he had never considered enlisting until his brother said he caught "the bug."

"My family's been in the military since the 1800's. I had never really considered it, but that commercial kept coming on and I'd go into a trance," he said. "My country is important to me."

All over the GREYWOLF Brigade, Soldiers become leaders and later non-commissioned officers. The Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer guides men and women through their careers and beyond, shaping the way they conduct their lives at work and at home.

Battle said he intends to mold his Soldiers from the ground up, supporting and developing them into strong individuals and mechanics.

"Hopefully I can take part in teaching them their life lessons, you know, like personal finance. I want to support them whether they want to be family oriented or workaholics," he said. "The Army values are not just for the Army, but can be applied to life too."

Battle stood over the back-end of the trailer with the cable issue, using a voltmeter to test the electricity levels reaching the taillights. Nearby, Jones sat in front of the trailer's massive wheel-well, scraping the grime from a hubcap.

"Me and Jones work really well together," said Battle. "If we don't know how to do something, we'll figure it out. That's what I love to do, is help subordinates and leaders with anything I can."

STEEL DRAGON

CALCULATOR TO CRIME SCENE

Scholar turned infantryman uses school smarts to dissect scene of crime

Story by 2nd Lt. Christopher Molaro
Photo by Spc. April Stewart

Spc. Aaron Crouch from Sacramento, Calif. chose to trade his calculator and notebook in for an M4 rifle.

Before enlisting, Crouch was an academic, earning two bachelor's degrees; one in mathematics and the other in physics and later a master's degree in advanced mathematical theory.

His transition into military life was smooth like numbers on a chalkboard. With his smarts, Crouch could have had any job in the Army but he chose another route.

"Why does anyone join the Army?" he asked. "I wanted to roll around, get dirty, and do something exciting. I didn't sign up to sit behind a desk; I had been doing that for all those years in academia."

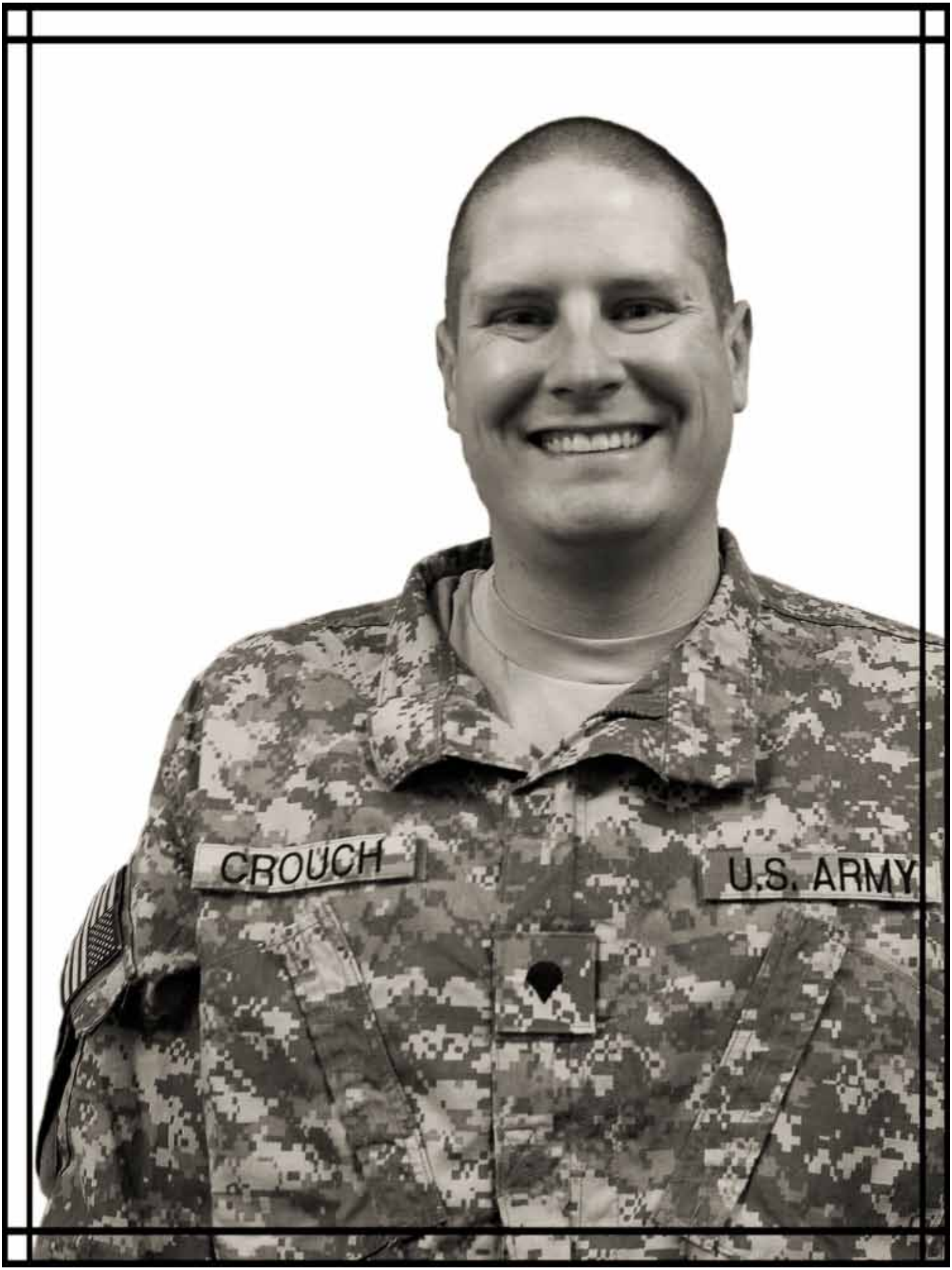
Crouch serves as a member of the B Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. Company Intelligence Support Team (COIST) which operates under Task Force 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt.

After a recent explosively formed projectile attack on a U.S. patrol, Crouch was at the scene, taking charge and gathering intelligence. Standing at the point of detonation, he worked backward to identify the location of the triggerman and his reconnaissance element. Crouch turned over the evidence to the explosive ordnance detachment there and presented a re-creation of what he believed the enemy had done.

Because of this, and how he proves that he can work in a capacity above his position, Crouch was named GREYWOLF Warrior of the Week.

He said he was honored to be part of such an important mission and hoped he could help make an impact on the brigade.

"Its important to think of the second, third and fourth order effects of an action – the consequences of evidence," he said. "Realizing that there is a bigger picture is important. I'm honored to be a small part of that bigger picture."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A photographic focus on Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment and their mission at Camp Dhi Qar.

Training that Includes Everything

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A Awarding a coin to Pfc. Matthew Bolain / B Soldiers apply “war paint” / C USD-S Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early / D USD-S commander Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin / E Final training exercise / F Maj. William McGlothlin poses with awardee at completion ceremony / G Soldiers stand in formation during completion ceremony / H Lt. Col. Ed Callahan presents award for outstanding Soldier

WARHORSE

Al Sheeb SHOPPING Spree

Remotely stationed troops visited by AAFES and finance

Spc. Sharla Lewis

Once a month, a finance team with 9th Financial Management Company, 3rd Sustainment Brigade of Fort Lewis, Wash. and AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Services) personnel set up shop in the dining facilities of remote outposts in United States Division - South to serve troopers there.

Recently, they traveled to Al Sheeb, Iraq to visit Soldiers with D Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

The finance team brought a suitcase of money to enable transactions with the Soldiers' Eagle Cash Cards (a loadable debit card provided to deployed Soldiers by the military). The team also brought forms for Soldiers to open a Savings Deposit Program account.

"This is important to them because they don't have regular access to finance

Clockwise from top left: Setting up; Downloading supplies; Withdrawing money; Initiating an SDP.

work through any pay issues they have and open a (SDP account),” said Cpl. Brad Mikulec, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the trip.

Mikulec said the most common questions were related to leave and earnings statements but on this day, a Soldier wanted to open an SDP account.

The program provides deployed Soldiers with a high-interest savings account while they are away from home. Soldiers may deposit up to $10,000 into their account, accruing 10% interest annually.

The Soldier said he had never heard of the SDP so he researched it and asked around and finally made the decision to set one up.

“This makes me really, really happy,” said Pfc. Emery Barr, a cavalry scout from Mason, Mich., “because $1,000 is a lot of money!”

After Soldiers withdrew cash from their cards, they waited in line to browse the selection of goods AAFES brought with them.

They had ordered items in advance and waited with anticipation for their coveted goods to arrive.

“My (executive officer) was so happy to have his coffee maker,” said Capt. Jim Cantrell, the company’s commander. “He was like a little kid.”

The team stayed until after the sun had gone down to ensure that as many Soldiers as possible were able to make purchases.

Cantrell said they appreciated the visit.

“It’s kind of sparse out here and there’s just something cool about being able to buy something,” he said. “We’re just happy to be able to get so much stuff!”

The team plans to continue the missions for the remainder of their time in Iraq.

Chaplain (Maj.) Martin Kendrick

Helping Kids Cope

This sheet contains useful information for you - Soldiers, spouses and caregivers - to help children cope during a parent's deployment.

What is the best way to prepare children for deployment?

Parents must be honest, and focus on their children's safety, security and continuity of routine. If deployment will change the child's lifestyle such as moving, living with grandparents, or changing childcare, school or community activities, the child needs to hear of these things in advance.

How else can we reassure our children about a deployment?

First, parents should digest the information before they communicate it to children so they can deliver it in a calm and reassuring manner. Second, children worry about the safety of the deployed parent. It is important to let children know that the deployed parent is trained to do their job. Third, it is important to communicate in a way that your child will understand based on their age.

How do children signal their distress?

Stress affects children like it does adults. Children may complain of headaches, stomach distress and sleep disturbances. They may display moodiness, irritability, low energy, and have more dramatic reactions to minor situations such as stubbing a toe. It can be difficult sometimes to sort out normal distress and more serious problems. If in doubt, seek medical advice.

Are there ways to reduce stress on children during the separation?

Yes, one positive way is emphasize to your children that they have a job that is as REAL as that of the deployed parent. Stress may be the result of feeling helpless or unsure about a new situation. It is important to reinforce that doing well in school, helping out at home and being cooperative is a skill set that is part of their job, one that is valued and unique to their being a military child. When children do their job they help support their parent's mission.

How should school problems be handled?

If there is concern about behavior at home, parents should notify the school. It is important for the school to be alert to any unusual symptoms. If a child has had psychiatric issues before the deployment they are more likely to have problems as a result of the deployment. It is important to talk to your child about any acting out.

THREE - FOUR YEAR OLDS

No concept of time. A three year old thinks that three months is next week. Parents need to use markers, such as, "Dad or mom will be home right before your birthday or before this holiday."

EARLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Better understanding of time. They understand that three months is a long time. Calendars are helpful. You can mark the calendar and say, "This is the day that Dad or Mom is supposed to come home."

SEVEN - EIGHT YEAR OLDS

Understand time and bigger concepts. They will be able to look at calendar and mark it. You can say, "This is the day dad or mom is supposed to come home." This age group understands concepts like good and bad. You can say dad or mom is going away to take care of the bad guys or bad things.

NINE - 11 YEAR OLDS

Abstract thinking has begun. They are aware of the news and can understand concepts like the "national good." You can put out a return date, and they will understand the time frame. Reinforce their skills by providing them with pre-stamped envelopes, as well as private email accounts for communicating.

OLDER ADOLESCENTS

Challenging age group; this is an emotional period of time under the best of circumstances. It is an age when children need to identify with their same sex parent. If that parent is deployed, it is especially difficult for the child.

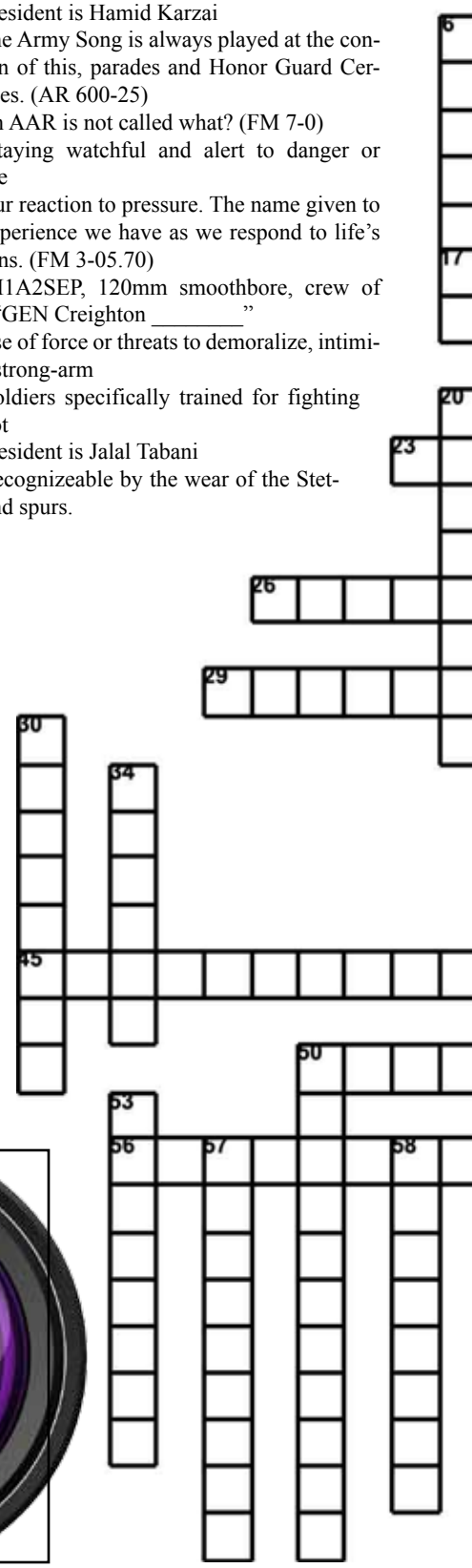
GREYWOLF PUZZLES:

Across

1. Confidence; drive; esprit de corps
2. Maroon Beret
4. To attack enemy supply lines; prohibit
7. The Army's number one priority (FM 7-0)
11. A surprise attack
14. A person prepared for work by education or experience; expert
17. Hand-thrown weapon (FM 3-23.30)
18. Shelter for military; encampment
19. One of four points for checking pulse; side of neck (FM 4-25.11)
21. Person who fights in combat; Soldier; hero
23. One of the five methods of communication
24. Measurement of this is heel to heel (FM 3-21.5)
25. Self-control or orderly conduct;
26. Gesture given to superior officers for respect
28. Second category of heat injuries (FM 4-25.11); tired
29. A state or nation; located away from the city
31. A scout mission; a search for useful information about the enemy
35. Mine resistant, ambush protected vehicle
37. One of the two types of cover (FM 20-3)
40. Heavily fortified facility for defensive positions; shelter
42. Ability to lead; guidance; direction
45. Lack of concealment induces this, or the fear of open spaces. (FM 90-3)
48. ... _____ and physically tough..."
49. Open armed conflict between rivals
50. Guns, cannon, howitzers, mortars, etc.; 20mm or greater
54. A noncommissioned officer of the fifth grade
56. Soundness of moral character
59. A person holding a position of rank or authority with a commission in the armed forces
62. Object-detection system using electromagnetic waves
63. Magnetic instrument for direction; one of the two ways to orient a map (FM 3-25.26)
64. A military organization made up of divisions and subordinate to an army

Down

1. Not "Newsweek"
3. In a formation, only one element in depth
5. To hold in esteem or honor
6. Bravery
8. Answerable or accountable
9. Communications security
10. A long range, concealed rifleman
12. Written by Baron Von Steuben (FM 3-21.5)
13. Foot protection
15. Exploits information collection and analysis approaches to aid in commander's decisions
16. Tan Beret
18. The greatest preventive measure for disease (FM 4-25.11)
19. Sensitive, restricted information
20. Of or relating to the armed forces
22. In a formation, has a front of only one element
27. An enlisted Soldier in the mounted cavalry
30. To protect from direct enemy fire
32. A military officer ranking between a lieutenant colonel and brigadier general
33. M109A6, self-propelled 155mm, crew of four
34. Color used for a map overlay representing a contaminated area (FM 3-25.26)
35. A representation of part of the earth's surface to scale, as seen from above (FM 3-25.26); atlas
36. Green Beret
38. Army combat uniform
39. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (FM 4-25.11)
40. M3, 25mm cannon, crew of three, two scouts
41. An officer without a commission; enlisted leader
42. Faithful adherence to; devotion
43. A horizontal angle, measured clockwise from a north base line, expressing direction (FM 3-25.26)
44. High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle
46. A specific operation assigned to an individual or unit
47. Anything hurled by a weapon
50. President is Hamid Karzai
51. The Army Song is always played at the conclusion of this, parades and Honor Guard Ceremonies. (AR 600-25)
52. An AAR is not called what? (FM 7-0)
53. Staying watchful and alert to danger or trouble
54. Our reaction to pressure. The name given to the experience we have as we respond to life's tensions. (FM 3-05.70)
55. M1A2SEP, 120mm smoothbore, crew of four, "GEN Creighton _____"
57. Use of force or threats to demoralize, intimidate; strong-arm
58. Soldiers specifically trained for fighting on foot
60. President is Jalal Tabani
61. Recognizeable by the wear of the Stetson and spurs.



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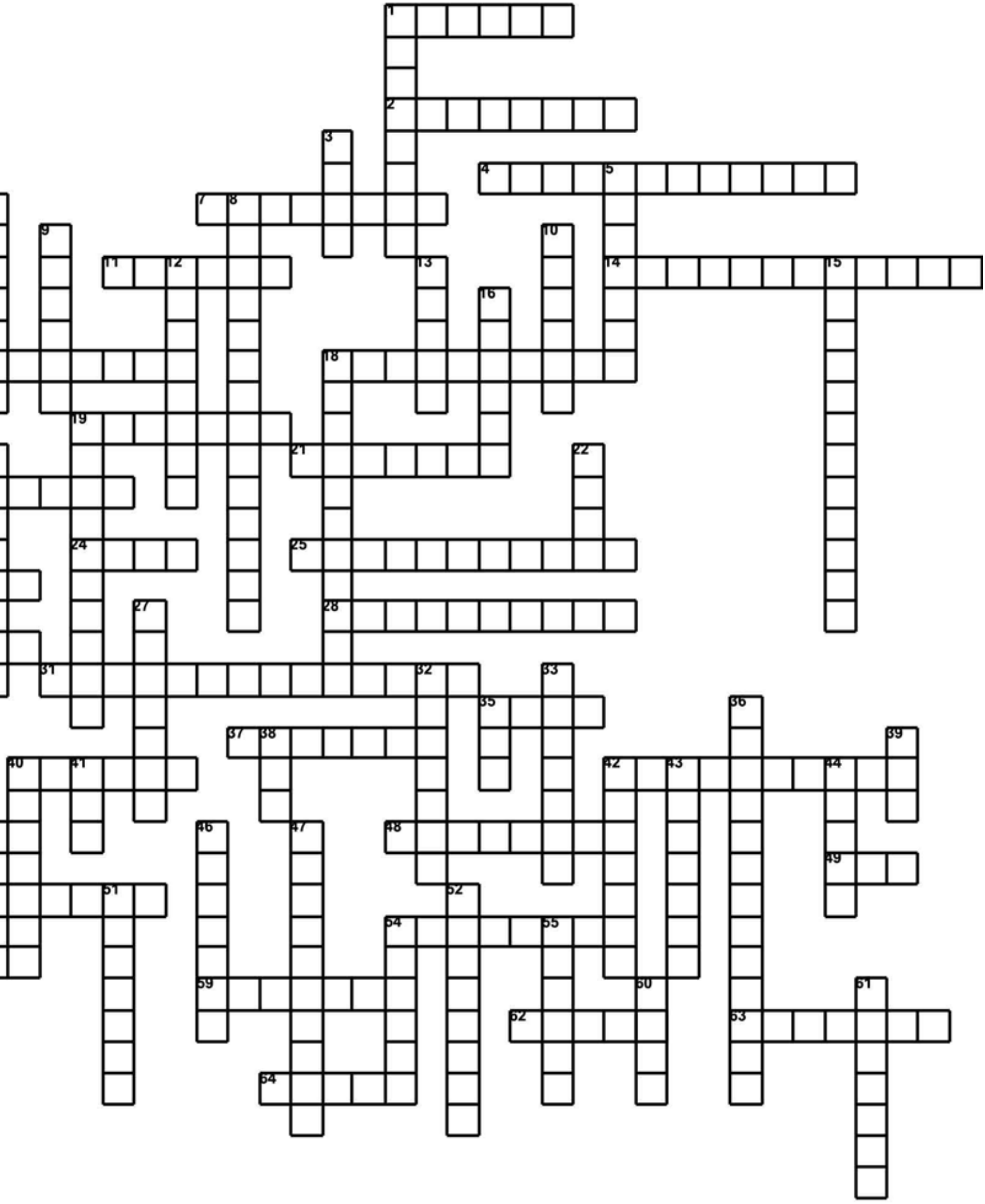

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1st Lt. Luis Gonzales

Shockers Clear the Way

Despite changes in operations, Charger route clearance platoon still plays vital role in mission readiness.

Even though combat operations by U.S. Forces have formally ceased throughout Iraq, stability operations can still carry with them inherent risks. One of these risks is improvised explosive devices. The U.S. Army has mitigated this risk by employing specially equipped and trained route clearance teams. 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division has such a team; combat engineer platoon, "Shockers."

The platoon's mission is synonymous with tactical safety and is defined by two words, "route clearance." The route clearance platoon rolls out before any U.S. Forces so they can clear the roads in order to ensure safe mobility within the Charger Battalion's operational environment. Most importantly, the platoon checks all routes for any IEDs that might impede the movement of a resupply convoy to the outlying locations where U.S. Forces are located.

Before every route clearance mission, 1st Lt. Peter Thompson, the engineer platoon leader, plots the roads that will be traveled, ensuring his route clearance team is fully aware of the ever changing routes that have to be cleared. Also, before every patrol Thompson and his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Guy, brief the platoon on current enemy situation, weather conditions, enemy trends for that day, medical evacuation plan, rollover plan, IED plan and escalation of force.

Nineteen year old Pvt. Joshua Jones of Port Orange, Fla. scans for IEDs using a camera mounted on his vehicle. He checks for anything that appears out of place with its surroundings; which may indicate an IED.

When asked how he felt about his job, Pvt. Jones indicated the importance of what he does, "It has to be done, our battalion depends on us to clear the way for others."

The mission Thompson's platoon undertakes every night is not an easy task; however it is vital to the success of the Charger Battalion.

Thompson's engineer platoon is organic to 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. They are attached to 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. while deployed in support of Operation New Dawn.

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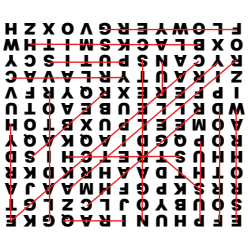

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GREYWOLF SETS THE STANDARD

Check it out: check yourself and check your buddies. We are the face of the United States in southern Iraq. Let's make our mission one to remember.