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Spc. Bulgar Limchao hands out bags of donated items to a local Afghan during an Operation Outreach Afghanistan drop on Afghan Mother's Day June 13th, 2011. Limchao, a geospatial engineer with Task Force Yankee Department of Public Works, said "It really makes you feel like you're a part of something bigger," when asked about OOA. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)

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# Commander's Corner

Greetings from Kabul!

I hope this edition of the Yankee Dispatch finds our extended "Yankee" Brigade family and friends healthy and well. Our collective journey is now more than a third of the way over! Your Soldiers are performing magnificently and you would all be proud of them. Our families are staying strong and demonstrating their resiliency, as we all look forward to reunions later next year. On a very positive note we have had eight new additions to the YB family! Congratulations to Sgt. 1st Class Rojas, Spc. Reinke, Maj. Rodriguez, Cpt. Page, Sgt. 1st Class Mason, Maj. Marshall, Maj. Godfrey, and CPT Bonavita and their families for the births of their children over the past few months while we have been deployed!!!

The brigade headquarters is continuing to improve on the critical missions we support here in Kabul on a daily basis. Our intelligence section is the talk of the town, with the exceptional products they produce each day. The Headquarters welcomed a long time YD Trooper, Lt. Col. Dan Arkins, who joined us in theater as the S-2. Lt. Col. Bill O'Brien and our construction team are building out and repairing projects all over the city while they plan for the eventual turnover to the Afghan government. In a collective team effort, the Soldiers from Military Police Operations, Contracting, the Department of Public Works, Staff Judge Advocate, and Logistics sections have made significant improvements in both the security and quality of life issues for the 10,000 folks that live and work on our KBC bases.

The 1-181st Infantry Battalion is winding down and all smiles as the 182nd Infantry Battalion arrives here in Kabul. Several of the Soldiers were recently recognized for their heroic response to a complex attack on Camp Phoenix. Gen. David Petraeus, the commanding general for all of Afghanistan, personally presented Soldiers of the 181st Infantry with Bronze Stars for Valor and Purple Hearts. He expressed his thanks for the Soldiers' heroism, his thanks to all of Soldiers for their commitment to the security of the United States, and his deep appreciation to all of families for their sacrifices.

On a lighter note, we in the "Yankee" Brigade are



extremely happy with exceptional skill exhibited by our Boston Bruins in winning the Stanley Cup! We have a great group of 200 Canadian servicemembers that live on Camp Phoenix, and this would have been a long year if we had lost! The rivalry over the past few weeks has been fierce but good natured!

Finally, we thank Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter and State Command Sgt. Maj. David Costa for their Command visit with the Troops! The Soldiers appreciated the distance they traveled in order to spend time with them here in Afghanistan. Please keep our Soldiers in both your hearts and prayers, and we will all be home before you know it!

"First to Fight, Yankee Pride"

Col. John Hammond

"Yankee-6"



(U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)

# Yankee Soldiers Making Donuts

By Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan—When someone hears the word donut they often think of a glazed sugary treat you get with a coffee, or a small spare tire used in case of a flat. Soldiers of the 26th “Yankee” Brigade now have a new idea of what a donut is. The Soldiers of the historic “Yankee” Brigade, along with volunteers from other units on Camp Phoenix, helped make fuel donuts for local Afghans.

The donuts, which are made from shredded scraps of paper, are a healthier and more environmentally friendly way for Afghanistan citizens to heat their homes and cook their food. “Currently, trash gets burned for these two purposes, including tires,” said 1st Lt. Vikram Mittal, a design engineer and environmental officer with the Department of Public Works, Task Force Yankee. “As a consequence, Kabul

currently ranks as the worst city world wide in terms of air quality,” added Mittal.

Making donuts is easy and it’s meant to be that way so any volunteer can come by and help out. The donuts are made by mixing shredded paper and water into a type of slurry compost. Then they are pressed in a PVC pipe to remove any water and dried. Removing the donut from the PVC is the hard part said Mittal. Once the donuts are dry they are boxed and sent to local organizations such as orphanages and shelters.

“It feels good to help out the local nationals,” said Mittal. “Plus making the donuts is fun (and) it gets me out of the office,” he added.



**Left:** 1st Lt. Vikram Mittal a design engineer and environmental officer with the Department of Public Works, Task Force Yankee, mixes water and shredded paper for fuel donuts. The paper and water are mixed then compressed and dried. The result is a fuel donut, which will be donated to local Afghans. The donuts are used for burning in order to heat homes and cook food. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)



**Right:** Staff Sgt. Richard Young, a construction non-commissioned officer and master electrician with the Department of Public Works, Task Force Yankee, prepares dried fuel donuts to be boxed and donated. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)



# Honoring The Fallen

By Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan—Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade and 1-181st Infantry Battalion held a Memorial Day service on May 30, to honor their fallen brothers and sisters. Soldiers from both units spoke about fallen heroes and the duty of all Americans to honor the sacrifice made in the defense of freedom, “Today we...remember all service members who fell in the name of freedom,” said Sgt. Greg Mcavoy, from the 1-181st Infantry Battalion.

For members of the 26th and 1-181st, this Memorial Day brings memories of fellow Soldiers lost during this and previous deployments. “I see the faces of the fallen. I see Pfc. David Jefferson, Spc. Matthew Pollini, and Spc. Morganne McBeth. All Soldiers I knew or knew of. All Soldiers from the same generation as me,” said Spc. Jessie Murray, an MWR specialist with Task Force Yankee. “They gave up a lot, and ultimately sacrificed the most sacred thing of all: their life,” she added.

Although Memorial Day can be a somber occasion, Soldiers’ spirits remain high. “Thank you for being here to celebrate the lives and legacy of our fallen heroes. They are no longer with us, but will never be forgotten, and will always be revered,” said Murray.

Soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade and 1-181st Infantry Battalion stand at attention during a Memorial Day service held on Camp Phoenix. The service was held to honor the memory of fallen brothers and sisters in arms.



“They gave up a lot, and ultimately sacrificed the most sacred thing of all: their life” - Spc. Jessie Murray



Soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade and 1-181st Infantry Battalion present arms during the playing of Taps during a Memorial Day service held on Camp Phoenix. The service was held to honor the memory of fallen brothers and sisters in arms.

# Chaplain's Corner



ask your families back home to help out by donating simple items such as school supplies or old clothing. Although it is difficult to see at times, we are making a difference here and there is no shortage of need, especially when we enter the winter season. We are hoping to have the opportunity to go on another Outreach mission soon. God bless the 26th "Yankee" Brigade and let's continue to do great things in Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. Gary Anderson



On May 30, myself and chaplain's assistant Sgt. Daryl Russell had the privilege of going on an Operation Outreach Afghanistan (OOA) mission. We went to a school called Abdul Qasem where we brought donated items such as clothing, toys and school supplies. It was an awesome feeling to know that we were doing something that benefitted Afghan children. It was heart-breaking though to see how many children in which we could not give items. The demand was much greater than the supply. We also got to tour the school, watch a ribbon cutting ceremony, and eat an Afghan lunch.

It can be easy to get discouraged here, but it was great to see that we are making a difference in Afghanistan. It also shows us how truly blessed we are. This is the type of news that does not make its way into the mainstream media every day. I would encourage all "Yankee" Brigade Soldiers to get on at least one OOA Mission this year.

Without support from the home front, we would be unable to continue to help the citizens of Afghanistan through organizations such as OOA. I ask that you  
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Photo by Sgt. Daryl Russell, Task Force Yankee

# COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Greetings to everyone from Camp Phoenix. We've been extremely busy this past month by improving our force protection, infrastructure and quality of life for our Soldiers. All of our sections and Soldiers have played a critical role in the improvements of the Kabul Base Cluster (KBC). You'd be extremely proud of your Soldiers and how they have come together as a unit and the drive they have to make the KBC a better place.

We had several ceremonies this past month, starting with the Law Enforcement Memorial held at Camp Phoenix on May 15. We had the honor of having Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, of Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-435 as the guest speaker. It was a special tribute to fallen Law Enforcement Officers who were killed in the line of duty.

On May 30, we had a Memorial Day ceremony. This ceremony was orchestrated by our very own Chief Warrant Officer James Girard, who suggested the ceremony be conducted using our junior enlisted Soldiers from the 26th "Yankee" Brigade and the 1-181st Infantry Battalion. I can tell you that it was a very poignant and meaningful ceremony with the guest speaker being Spc. Jessie Murray from Task Force Yankee. Murray relayed to the audience what Memorial Day meant from the eyes of a junior Soldier and she did a fantastic job.

We celebrated the Army's 236th Birthday on June 14 with another ceremony run by our junior enlisted Soldiers. Sgt. Steven Grasso of the 1-181st Infantry Battalion was the emcee and did a great job along with the other Soldiers involved. Not only did we celebrate the Army's Birthday on June 14, but there was a lot of smiling faces when the Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Raymond F. Chandler, announced that the patrol cap would be the official headgear with the ACUs and not the beret. The beret has been a bone of contention for the majority of Soldiers for ten years since Gen. Eric Shinseki announced its mandatory wear on June 14, 2001.

We also have had our share of distinguished guests visit our bases. We had Sen. John Kerry visit our area of operations (AO) on May 15. Not only was his visit welcomed, but so was his gift of two boxes of cigars that he generously donated to our Soldiers. We also had Command Sgt. Maj. Richard J. Burch, the 9th Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major, visit our AO. He coined several of our Soldiers and held an informative town hall meeting where Soldiers were



asked questions regarding National Guard issues. On May 31 Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, the Deputy Commander of Support for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (our higher HQs) visited Camp Phoenix and coined several of our Soldiers. This was well received by them and leadership alike. We recently had a very successful visit by our very own Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter, the adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard and State Command Sgt. Maj. David Costa, the state command sergeant major for the Massachusetts National Guard. They visited the majority of our Soldiers at various locations in Afghanistan. They also took the time to coin a large amount of our Soldiers. The Leadership and Soldiers were exceptionally grateful for their visit and that they took the time out of their busy schedules to personally show their support here in theatre.

I just want to thank everyone for their support of Task Force Yankee as we strive to make the KBC a better place for all. Thank you for your faithful service and personal sacrifices that you and your Families make every day in order for you to serve our country.

Command Sgt. Maj. William Davidson

"Yankee-7"

# Making a Difference on Mother's Day



Spc. Bulger Limchao, a geospatial specialist with the Department of Public Works, Task Force Yankee, greets an Afghan child with a fist bump on an Operation Outreach Afghanistan humanitarian drop. Servicemembers from Camp Phoenix collect donated items and hand them out to Afghan citizens as part of OOA.

By 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan—Soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade brought clothing and school supplies to the Ministry of Martyrs and Disabled in honor of Afghanistan’s Mothers Day holiday on June 13. Spc. Bulgar Limchao, a geospatial engineer and Spc. Kareem Olaniyi, a billeting specialist, both with Task Force Yankee’s Department of Public Work section, volunteer for Operation Outreach Afghanistan (OOA).

A number of Soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade, like Limchao and Olaniyi volunteer in their spare time with OOA weekly to sort donations, write thank you notes, and occasionally get the chance to go outside the wire to drop off donations.

“It’s just great to get out of the office and help out the local people,” Spc. Limchao said. “It really makes you feel like you are a part of something bigger and I also feel like I am helping to win hearts and minds.”

During this trip, Limchao and Olaniyi were able to visit a school for widows in the downtown Kabul area and a poor neighborhood where local Afghans are planning on building a similar school.

OOA provides assistance to Afghan people in the form of non-perishable food, clothing, toys, school supplies and other household items. The majority of items are obtained via donations. One of the organization’s goals is to empower the Afghan people through compassionate humanitarian assistance.

**“It really makes you feel like you are a part of something bigger” - Spc. Bulgar Limchao**



**Above:** Spc. Kareem Olaniyi meets with local Afghan children during an Operation Outreach Afghanistan donation drop.

**Below:** Olaniyi helps offload clothes and school supplies to be donated to local Afghans during an OOA drop.



# YD History

# Soldier Spotlight

## This Month in “Yankee” Division History

The 26th “Yankee” Brigade is part of one of America’s first and oldest military units and with that comes a rich and diverse lineage. “Yankee” Division history can be traced back to the original citizen Soldier who served in the Revolutionary War.

On June 28, 1918 the 26th Division was replaced by the 82nd Division on the lines near St. Mihiel, France, and moved by train to Meaux. The Division then entered the line northwest of Chateau Thierry, relieving the U.S. 2nd Division on July 5th.



Spc. Daniel Lopez was named the Firefighter of the Month on Camp Eggers, May 21. Lopez, an Upton, Mass. resident is a volunteer firefighter on Camp Eggers and was awarded for his leadership, dedication, personal courage and duty to the Camp Eggers community by Col. Brian Prosser, chief of staff, Camp Eggers and Master Sgt. Dane Crocker, fire chief NCO.

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# Family Readiness



Members of the 26th "Yankee" Brigade, Task Force Yankee, Massachusetts Army National Guard pose for a picture in the shape of the unit's YD Patch on North Fort Hood, Texas, April 14. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jay Baker, 1st Army West Public Affairs)

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Col. John Hammond, Task Force Yankee commander and Command Sgt. Maj. William Davidson, Task Force Yankee command sergeant major, poses with Col. Peter Dawe, deputy commander of the Canadian Contribution Training Mission Afghanistan and Regimental Sgt. Maj. Gorden Cavanagh after game seven of the Stanley Cup Finals. (U.S. photo by 1st Lt. Kelly Souza, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)

# The “Kabul Cup” Changes Hands

By Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan—Lord Stanley’s “Kabul Cup” changed hands for the last time on June 16 on Camp Phoenix. A friendly rivalry brewed between members of the Massachusetts National Guard and the Canadian Forces on Camp Phoenix. During every game of the Stanley Cup Finals the cup was up for grabs, whichever sides home team won decided which camp got to keep or relinquished the cup.

The rivalry swept throughout the base and had both sides hanging signs and flying flags. “In Thomas We Trust,” a popular saying by the Bruins fan base and “Doubting Thomas,” a phrase made popular by some of the Canadian Soldiers could be seen across the street from one another.

Although the Canadians held the cup for the first two games after back to back Vancouver victories, Boston’s blowout victories in game three and four

had the cup in the hands of the “Yankee” Brigade.

The cup would go back to the Canadians after a narrow victory in game five by the Canucks. When the series returned to Boston for game six, the cup would once again be in the hands of Task Force Yankee after a 5-2 Bruins win.



When the series went back to Vancouver for game seven tensions were high between Boston fans weary of the past 39 years and Canucks fans hoping to bring the cup back to Canada after over a decade. The Bruins came out swinging and never looked back as they skated to a shut out victory 4-0.

After the grueling seven game series the Cup now resides with Task Force Yankee. The Boston Bruins fought their way to their first Stanley Cup Championship in 39 years. The series proved to be as much of a team building event as a friendly competition for Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers and their Canadian counterparts on Phoenix.



# Valor Awarded

## Gen. David Petraeus Awards 181st Soldiers with Valor Awards

By Staff Sgt. James C. Lally, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan—Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of International Security Assistance Forces and commander of U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, presented a Massachusetts Army National Guardsman with the Bronze Star Medal with a “V” device for valor at an Awards Ceremony on June 4, on Camp Phoenix.

Army Pfc. Kevin F. Nieves, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Army National Guard was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a “V” device for valor and the Purple Heart for his actions defending Camp Phoenix from an attack on April 2.

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after December 6, 1941 distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement. The “V” device is worn to denote participation in acts of heroism involving conflict with an armed enemy.

Speaking to the significance of the “V” device Petraeus said, “Out of all the awards you have, the ones that mean the most have a ‘V’ on them. You should be proud.”

After the ceremony Nieves said, “It was a privilege and an honor to have been pinned by General Petraeus. It’s a big deal, I’m proud to have gotten it.”

The ceremony was not the first time a member of Nieves’s family has received a Purple Heart. In October 2010, Nieves pinned one on his father Staff Sgt. Brian Willette, 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry Regiment, also from Springfield.

When expressing his pride at receiving such an honor Nieves said, “I pinned my father at Camp Mehtar Lam in October when he got his Purple Heart.”

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States and is limited to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded in any action against an enemy of the United States.

Two other Guardsmen from HHC, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Army National Guard were awarded for their actions defending the camp. Sgt. Steven W. Grasso was also awarded the Purple Heart and Spc. Stephen Leon was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with “V” device for valor.



Command Sgt. Maj. William Davidson, command sergeant major of Task Force Yankee and 1st Sgt. David Correia, first sergeant of 26th “Yankee” Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company show Command Sgt. Major Richard J. Burch, command sergeant major of the Army National Guard, plans for the new United Services Organization (USO) building on Camp Phoenix. (U.S. Army Photo By Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)

## Army National Guard Senior Enlisted Leader Visits Deployed Guardsmen

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard J. Burch, command sergeant major of the Army National Guard, talks with enlisted National Guard Soldiers during a town hall meeting. Members of the 26th “Yankee” Brigade, Massachusetts National Guard, 1-181st Infantry Battalion, Massachusetts National Guard and 1-134th Cavalry Battalion, Nebraska National Guard got a chance to address the command sergeant major with questions that directly affect their deployment and home lives. The Command Sgt. Maj. addressed a number of problems that concern National Guard Soldiers such as suicides and unemployment. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public





## Massachusetts Congresswoman Visits Yankee Soldiers

By Spc. Erich Chapman-Goodman, Camp Eggers BSG, Task Force Yankee

On May 7 Camp Eggers received a very special visit from Congresswoman Nikki Tsongas, from the fifth congressional district in Massachusetts. The entire Base Support Group (BSG) cordially accepted the distinguished visitor, by taking time out of their workday to acknowledge the hard work of the congresswoman. The occasion was very special to SPC Daniel Lopez, a life-long resident of the fifth congressional district. Lopez said it was a dream come true to meet Tsongas and recalled campaigning for the late Paul Tsongas in his bid for the democratic presidential nomination in 1992. The BSG appreciated that Tsongas took the time out of her busy schedule to visit the camp and show her support for the deployed Massachusetts National Guardsmen.



Lt. Col. James Yates, the Camp Eggers officer in charge, presents Massachusetts Congresswoman Nikki Tsongas with a plaque. Tsongas, a Massachusetts congresswoman was on a visit to Camp Eggers to meet with deployed Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers.

# Around The Brigade



**Above:** The Camp Eggers Base Support Group gathered together on May 29 to celebrate Major Luis Rodriguez 35th birthday. The event was celebrated prematurely as the Worcester native was scheduled for leave the following morning. Rodriguez was traveling back to Worcester, Mass. for a reason other than R and R, the Massachusetts State Police Trooper is expecting his third child. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Erich Chapman-Goodman, Task Force Yankee)



**Above:** 1st Lt. Ross Kazer and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Mason speak with the Afgan National Army's 1st Kandak Commander as two 1st Kandak Lieutenants look over photos from a key leader engagement dinner. (Photo courtesy of Bala Hassar BSG)

**Right:** The 26th "Yankee" Brigade would like to welcome Jacob Reinke into the "Yankee" Brigade family. Spc. Robert Reinke, a Department of Public Works specialist with the Camp Eggers Base Support Group, made it home to meet his newborn son Jacob. (Photo courtesy of the Reinke family)





Members of the 26th “Yankee” Brigade, Task Force Yankee, Massachusetts Army National Guard pose for a picture holding a Patriot Guard Banner. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)



Command Sgts. Maj. Burch and Davidson pose with three soldiers from the 26th “Yankee” Brigade. Specialists Brandi Walsh, Michael Holmes and Angel Figueroa all received coins from Burch, who is the Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj., for their exceptional work with the “Yankee” Brigade while deployed. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)



Spc. Adam Fuller receives a coin from Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McHale. Fuller, a security specialist at the New Kabul Compound, was awarded the coin for his outstanding work at NKC. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Steven C. Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)



BOSTON BRUINS WIN THE STANLEY CUP! “Yankee” Brigade Soldiers across the KBC rejoiced when the Bruins topped the Vancouver Canucks in game seven 4-0. Many Soldiers from the “Yankee” Brigade woke up at four O’clock in the morning to watch the Boston Bruins play throughout the playoffs. (Photo courtesy of the Boston Bruins)

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**Massachusetts Soldiers Promoted in Afghanistan**  
 KABUL, Afghanistan— Soldiers from Seekonk and Rockland, Massachusetts were promoted here today. Pfc. Melissa Mussig, Operations Specialist and Pfc. William Donadini, Department of Plans Training and Mobilization, movement team, stand at attention in front of a formation after being promote...  
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**26th Yankee Brigade**  
**KABUL, Afghanistan—a Saugus, Massachusetts resident and Billerica firefighter is promoted to Sgt. 1st Class. Staff Sgt. Keith McDonald, the Department of Emergency Services, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, was promoted by Master Sgt. Michael Almeida here today. The 26th "Yankee" Brigade provides command and control, security and support operations for the nearly 9,000 U.S. and coalition forces operating in the capital region. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Steven Eaton, Task Force Yankee Public Affairs)**



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