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From the Commander's Desk...

Let me first extend my sincerest gratitude to all of our teammates, both deployed and at home, for your role in the success of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. You have been part of an unprecedented moment in both our nation's history and the history of military logistics. Your sacrifices and performance were critical to the accomplishment of our mission and contributing to a sovereign, stable and safer Afghanistan.

In preparation for this deployment, the command went through an intensive training phase to set the conditions for success. The train-up included a Command Post Exercise-Sustainment (CPX-S) at Fort Lee, Virginia, a 40-day annual training cycle at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, a Culminating Training Event (CTE) at Fort Hood,

Texas, and CJOA-specific training at Kandahar Airfield (KAF), Afghanistan. These events prepared us for what proved to be an exciting opportunity to support the war fighter and help the Afghan people build their future.

After ten years of full-spectrum conflict, the logistics mission grew from one of sustaining the force, to force adjustment, to preparing for the responsible distribution/draw-down of forces. We worked hard to set our logistics footprint early in order to better service the supported combat forces. The scope of this drawdown of forces and equipment required innovative solutions to balance these very difficult missions.

"Clearing the clutter" was the 184th ESC's plan to reduce excess equipment and return valuable resources back into the military inventory. This occurred seamlessly



Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher
JSC-A Commanding General

while you provided sustainment and distribution support throughout CJOA. Equipment returned to the Army's supply system ultimately resulted in direct savings to the American taxpayer.

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Warrior's Call

Warriors, the July edition of "Warriors Call" of the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command) will come to a close and there have been many accomplishments for the JSC-A in the last year. The great command team of the 4th ESC, Brig. Gen. Carroll and Command Sgt. Maj. Williams, follow in the footsteps and will continue the PhD level of logistics ever seen in the logistics community.

My sincere appreciation goes out to all of the officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers

of all commands of the JSC-A for their accomplishments in sustaining the War Fighter. "You are the Unsung Heroes of the Battle"!

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club has grown "Leaps and Bounds" with the outstanding leadership of the 7th Sustainment Brigade and Sgt. Maj. Murray. Her professional NCO leadership and drive has enlisted membership from many non-sustainment units throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area. This has given NCOs the ability to improve by becoming better mentors, leaders of Soldiers and to give back to their organization and communities.



Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey L. Riggs
JSC-A Command Sergeant Major

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During the course of our deployment, you coordinated the delivery of supplies necessary to sustain the force and aid in the drawdown of equipment. On an average day we delivered hundreds of cases of food, thousands of cases of bottled water, hundreds of tons of mail, and millions of gallons of fuel to combat bases throughout Afghanistan.

Our efforts over the course of this tour are substantial and provide the

people of Afghanistan an opportunity to build upon a strong foundation. Through your hard work, commitment, and selfless service you gave beyond mere patriotism; you gave a piece of yourself in this investment to democracy. Your achievements in Afghanistan will resonate in the lives of the Afghan people for generations to come.

Words are insufficient to describe the magnitude of difference you made for American and

coalition forces. It was my honor to serve with you and I will be forever grateful for your sacrifices. I am certain you will look back on this experience and feel an immense pride for your work in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“Ever There!”

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The JSC-A NCO and Soldier of the Year competition brought out the “Best of the Best”. The sustainment brigades of the 7th SB and 101st SB have many great NCOs and Soldiers. Two outstanding Soldiers from these brigades are Sgt. Dineyazhe of the 7th SB and Spc. Adams of the 101st SB. Their drive and commitment was demonstrated by winning the NCO and Soldier of the Year for the JSC-A. Both Soldiers went to the 1st Theater Sustainment Command in Kuwait and swept the titles of NCO and Soldier of the Year. The accomplishment did not stop there.

On June 18, their talents were tried again, as both Soldiers competed for Army Central Command's NCO and Soldier of the Year in Kuwait. Sgt. Dineyazhe came in second for the NCOs. Spc. Adams was victorious as the Soldier of the Year for ARCENT and now heads to Fort Hood to compete at Forces Command. “Take the Fight to Them”!

I want to thank the great command team of the 7th SB, Command Sgt. Maj. Escalona, 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Taylor and the 297th Inland Cargo Transfer Company, 1st Sgt. Floyd, for their mentorship, leadership and sacrifices that each organization had to make to ensure Sgt. Dineyazhe's duties were covered down on and to her success. “RESOLUTE”!

To the 101st SB, Command Sgt. Maj. Thompson, and the 530th CSSB, Command Sgt. Maj. Johnson, your work is not over. Continue to “Sustain the Fight” with Spc. Adams. Thank you for your mentorship, leadership and sacrifices that your organizations continue to make for this Soldier. “AIR ASSAULT”!

Safety. All commands of the Joint Sustainment Command have empowered their junior officers and NCOs in the safety arena. No Class “A” accidents for a 10-month period. Soldiers want to be in a discipline-based unit and have inspirational leadership. NCOs, you have set the mark in the CJOA for all units to follow. “LEAD FROM THE FRONT”!

Sexual Assaults. This is another milestone the sustainment units of the JSC-A have accomplished. JSC-A, Master Sgt. McDonald has traveled the CJOA teaching, preparing and mentoring unit victim advocates in all the units. Her work, as well as the UVAs, has made an impact for sustainment units with zero sexual assaults reported. “EXCEPTIONAL JOB”!

Finally, let us not forget the families of our fallen warriors that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I pray no more sustainers fall. Godspeed and God bless you all.

“Jaguar 7 Out! Ever There!”

Delaware's National Guard and Air Guard Members: Serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait

Story by Bob Yearick, Delaware Today

It was 1:30 on a cool March morning in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and Capt. Kelly Carey was sleeping soundly and loudly (his daughter Claudia claims he is a world-class snorer) when his BlackBerry Tour rang. Scrambling from his bunk, Carey grabbed the phone, only to see that he had just missed a call from home—Seaford, Delaware.

Carey has 20 years of Army service—16 in the National Guard—and 12 years as a teacher, including a stint last year as principal of Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Seaford. So panic has been scrubbed from his psyche. But the early hour, and the fact that the expensive-to-use Tour is reserved for emergencies, made him uneasy.

Quickly, he texted back: “What’s up? Something wrong?”

In Seaford, where it was 4 p.m. the previous day, Carey’s wife, Rachael, and 11-year-old Claudia were engaged in a contest of wills—over the term “double-space.”

“Claudia was having trouble completing her research paper for school,” explained Carey in a recent phone interview from Kandahar, “and she didn’t believe her mom about what ‘double-space’ meant, so Rachael called me. I responded with a text to Claudia via my wife that said, ‘Your Mother is right,’ and I explained what double-space meant.”

Then he added, “You should stop being as hard-headed as your old man. I’m the only one allowed to be hard-headed.”

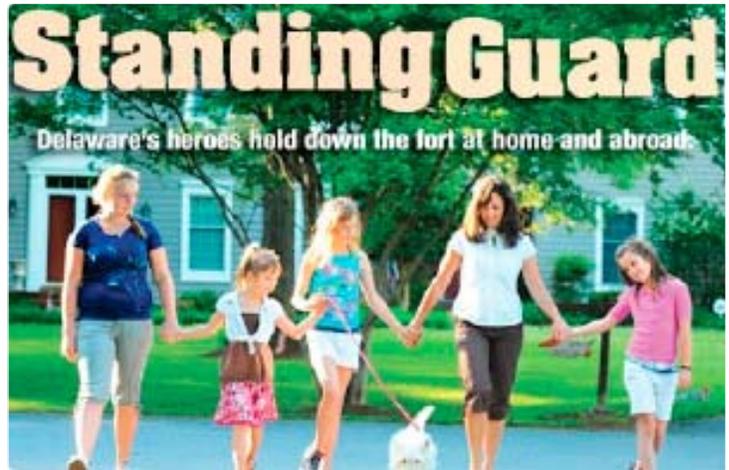
Dilemma solved, Claudia finished the paper and wound up getting an A. Carey went back to sleep with a contented smile.

“Not a big deal to us adults,” he says, “but at the time it was a crisis for my daughter.”

Carey is among six members of the Delaware Army National Guard who last June volunteered to join the Mississippi Army National Guard’s 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command for deployment to Afghanistan. After two months of training in the United States, the 184th arrived at Kandahar Air Base last August and assumed logistics support for American and coalition forces. They return home late this month or in early August.

All told, there are currently 525 Delaware Army and Air Guard personnel deployed in Afghanistan. While these citizen-soldiers deal with the dangers, discomfort and homesickness that come with being in a war zone, their partners back home face a different set of challenges. Single-handedly, they manage the quotidian events of family life, such as the definition of “double-space,” that can quickly turn into crises. Email, Skype and cell phones make communication easier and more frequent than in previous wars, but, as one wife says, “I miss having him at arm’s length, right here with me.”

She and the other spouses can take some solace in the U. S. military’s attempt to give their loved ones a taste—literally—of home, even in the heart of Taliban country. What could be more American than T.G.I. Friday’s, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Nathan’s hot dogs? That’s exactly what soldiers and airmen can find on the base’s quarter-mile-long “boardwalk,” where they also can buy T-shirts, Afghan rugs, cell phones and MP3 players.



Delaware’s heroes are not just the ones deployed overseas. The others are holding down the forts at home.



U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Carey surveys the JSC-A compound at Kandahar Airfield. (Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs)

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More than 26,000 troops from several nations are assigned to the airfield, so a smorgasbord of food is available. Lt. Col. Vincent Orlando, of Milford, is partial to a lunch of stir-fry at the Asian chow hall near his work area. In the morning, he can order an omelet at the American chow hall. Bottled water is everywhere—the local water is undrinkable—and the Post Exchange sells standard PX items—toiletries, snacks, cigarettes, but no alcohol. (General Order No. 1A basically prohibits consumption of alcohol by service members in Iraq, Afghanistan or Kuwait.)

Most areas are air conditioned, including the “mods”—modular units, which sleep four to eight people, depending on rank. For entertainment, almost everyone depends on laptops to watch movies, read books and use email. Television reception is limited, but Orlando did catch a live broadcast of the Super Bowl at 3 a.m. There is an occasional rock concert on the camp’s stage.

Despite these very American amenities, the airfield is still in a combat zone, and the threat of a rocket attack hangs in the air, along with the constant stench from the “poo pond,” where waste from the entire base is disposed.

There are plenty of recreational facilities, including volleyball and basketball courts and soccer fields, and everyone seems to be into physical fitness. Troops can choose from a U.S. or a NATO gym. “The NATO gym is cleaner,” says Orlando. “You even have to take off your shoes before you enter, then put on sneakers after you go in. And it’s all machines. The American gym is a little more gritty, with weights. And it smells like a gym. That’s where I go.” He says he has dropped 25 pounds since arriving in Kandahar.

Kelly Carey, meanwhile, is a dedicated runner who has competed in half-marathons and a 24-hour endurance run on the base. Most races are conducted indoors, he says, because the dust and sand “make running 10 miles outside like smoking a pack of cigarettes.”

Running aids his mental state as well as his physical conditioning. “Anything that helps me focus on this rather than thinking about home is good,” he says.

Sgt. 1st Class John Beers is another workout buff. “I pray and attend church, too,” he says. “That helps a lot.”

And while they miss their families and the comforts of home (for Orlando, sitting in his recliner and watching Phillies or Eagles games; for Beers, Mexican food and scrapple), they are dedicated to their mission. Beers has distributed shoes, coal stoves and tents to Afghans. “You can’t believe how they live,” he says. “Some live in caves.”

Adds Orlando, “We’re making a difference, and it really feels good.”

Back here in Laurel, Beers’ wife, Cherise, keeps herself and their 10-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son busy with Bible study classes and other activities, including frequent trips to the Salisbury YMCA.

She says her husband, an Army recruiter with 17 years in the military, had always wanted to volunteer for deployment. “But we just sort of skated around it and put it off. We were having children and things like that. But I knew he would’ve never been happy unless he served his country.”

Beers calls Cherise “an amazing woman,” but both agree that this, his first overseas deployment, has been tougher than either expected. “My daughter took it really hard when I came home for a 15-day leave and then had to come back,” says Beers. “And whenever I speak with my son, he asks when I’m coming home. It’s kind of hard to answer that, you know?”

Beers’ duties include security details that escort VIPs to surrounding areas. Carrying his M-4 carbine, he is the only one of the six Delawareans assigned to the Mississippi Guard unit who sometimes goes “outside the wire.”



(From left) U.S. Army 1st Lt. Tribhuvan Singh, Lt. Col. Vincent Orlando, Capt. Kelly Carey and Sgt. 1st Class John Beers pose for a photo outside JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield. (Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs)

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That exposes him to potential attack from the infamous IEDs (improvised explosive devices), although he usually rides in a 20-ton MRAP (mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle). He says he has been ordered not to comment on whether he has ever been under attack.

Beers jokes that his wife threatened to break his legs if he ever volunteered again, but he knows her support is unconditional. Says Cherise, “I really miss him, but I would stand behind him if he decided to do it again.”

Vincent Orlando’s wife, Liza, is a major in the Air Force Reserve, with 22 years of service as a trained combat medic, so she would seem better equipped than most wives to handle her husband’s deployment. On the contrary, she says, “Because of my training, I know what can happen when he’s en route from point A to point B. It’s a different perspective, so you worry a lot more. But you also respect what he’s doing, because that’s what we do, that’s what we train for.”

She misses the man who calls her “General,” or “Princess,” especially at night, “when everything quiets down, even if he falls asleep on the couch. And he makes my coffee every morning. I miss that. And his smile; he’s always smiling.”

According to Capt. Andrew Werner, a chaplain with the Delaware National Guard, the Department of Defense recently has increased its programs for military families. Through the DOD’s Yellow Ribbon Programs, Werner says, “There is support before, during and after deployment in a litany of different areas—psychological and financial counseling, employment assistance, events for families while their spouses are deployed.”

He says most complaints from deployed personnel stem from lack of privacy and home issues. “The home issues are heightened by Facebook and other social media, which today’s military personnel are really into. It’s a morale builder when things are going well, but communications is a two-edged sword. A soldier may see something on Facebook that upsets him, and it’s tough when he’s thousands of miles away.”



(From left) U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Carey, Lt. Col. Vincent Orlando, 1st Lt. Tribhuvan Singh, Sgt. 1st Class John Beers display the Delaware state flag outside JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield. (Courtesy photo)



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class John Beers pauses for a photo prior to loading up for a mission outside Kandahar Airfield. (Courtesy photo)

Rachael Carey has taken advantage of some of the Yellow Ribbon programs for her and her four daughters. In addition to Claudia, there is Alexis, 18, Victoria, 8, and 5-year-old MaryBeth.

The Careys are a close-knit family, and photos of the six of them are scattered throughout their house on a cul-de-sac in one of Seaford’s upscale neighborhoods. The girls obviously miss their father, and Rachael must be both mom and dad. “Sometimes,” she says, “the younger ones all want to talk at once. And at night they want to climb in bed with me. I can’t snuggle with all three. But with lots of help from Alexis, we’re handling it.”

Emailing from Kandahar, her husband agrees. “They have been so incredibly strong through all this. I am just amazed at how they are thriving. In fact, all three of my youngest daughters just got all A’s on their report cards. We were very proud of them.”

From the Inspector General's office...

"People are more easily led than driven."

~ David Harold Fink

By Lt. Col. Mathyn D. Williams



Working over 130 IG cases thus far this deployment has illuminated a trend among Service members concerning relationships between leaders and subordinates. An area of frustration among subordinates is that any person possessing rank or holding a position of authority is always supposed to be right. For leaders, the frustration is often a feeling that subordinates question their authority or “whine and complain” when they don’t get their way. One theory for a reason why so many complaints are coming to the IG’s office on this topic is that there is a lack of mutual respect between these two groups. According to a recent Army Times article written by a staff sergeant, entitled “Bad Leaders are destroying our Military,” a common complaint among Soldiers is the lack of an open door policy. This leaves subordinates feeling that they have no ability to speak out on issues or ask questions about policy. According to AR 20-1, Soldiers should be able to ask questions or identify issues without fear of reprisal. Though it is imperative that Service members should not be insubordinate to their leadership and should move out and execute rather than argue, it is also important for everyone to be treated as humans with dignity and respect and not ignored merely because of their rank.

However, always liking what we do or who we work for is not a condition of employment. We all occasionally have to do things we do not want or like to do to be successful in both military

and civilian careers, and it is not uncommon to have to ‘go along to get along’ whether you agree with the person you are required to follow or not. This is a fact of life, in order to keep your job, or to have a peaceful existence. Thomas Jefferson once said, “In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.” Swimming with the current is difficult for some people to do because their pride or values will not allow them to just ‘go along’ with something they disagree with. These people are often alienated by their bosses. Fortunately, people who take a stand and set themselves apart from the pack as principled leaders themselves will likely find other, better or more rewarding positions in other organizations. The annals of history are filled with people who were fired by bosses who didn’t appreciate them, or who were alienated by people who felt threatened by them. Examples of these are diverse, ranging from Socrates to Isaac Newton, Abraham Lincoln to Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Harry S. Truman, Elvis Presley, Tom Landry, Bill Gates, Michael Jordan and many more. Some common denominators for these people are that they were trailblazers or dreamers who were determined to succeed and were not afraid to take risks or do things their own way. Another commonality among these famous people is their ability to communicate with others and garner their support for ideas, or rouse in them a desire to achieve or win.

More interestingly, they were also not always well-liked by their bosses. Had these people stopped pursuing their dreams after their initial rejections, or having been made to feel worthless, we would likely not know their names today. With this in mind, it seems that a successful leader should be one who sees the value in their subordinates and should try to provide mentorship, rather than ignoring or berating them for being different, or chastising them for questioning the status quo. Marian Anderson wrote: “Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.” This leadership quote reminds us to see things from the perspective of the people whose lives we impact; a very important lesson for leaders in any position. Often though, the leader will make decisions that cause them to appear callous or clueless, because they don’t take the time or go to the effort to explain why they acted in a certain way. This could be because they don’t think anyone has the right to question their authority, but such an assumption might not always be a fair assessment of these leaders. It could be that they were merely forced to make the hard decisions; decisions that could not possibly please everyone, yet still must be made. However, it is important to remember that, though it is imperative to accomplish the mission, the welfare of the people should

Commemorative weapons from Colt Defense

 Photo by Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez, 7th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs



Members of Joint Sustainment Command - Afghanistan pose for photo at JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield, June 14. JSC-A was the first military unit to order commemorative deployment pistols and rifles from Colt Defense.

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not be discounted in this process. Col. Dandridge M. Malone once quipped, "The very essence of leadership is its purpose. And the purpose of leadership is to accomplish a task. That is what leadership does and what it does is more important than what it is or how it works." Malone's quote shows that leadership needs to be focused on what it accomplishes instead of just being leadership for leadership's sake. Noteworthy and former Miss. State Command Sgt. Maj. Gene Maske was well known for saying, "People first, mission always." Soldiers should respect their leaders and leaders should remember that Soldiers are crucial to their success and mission accomplishment.



(From left) U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Golden, Master Sgt. Franklin Harris, Maj. Gavin Reid, Lt. Col. Mathyn Williams. Harris and Reid will assume responsibilities for the JSC-A IG section towards the end of the month.

Monthly Promotions at JSC-A

 Photos by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs



(Right) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan commander, promotes Sgt. Michael Thomas to the rank of staff sergeant on June 11 at the Kandahar Airfield Humanitarian Assistance Yard. Thomas is a native of Laurel, Miss., and is currently serving as civil affairs non-commissioned officer with the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. Thomas, a 14-year Army veteran, serves as a patrol officer with the Laurel Police Department



(Left) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, commander of Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, and Sgt. James Hutcherson stand at attention as Hutcherson's promotion order is announced before the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command gathered on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, 16 June. Staff Sgt. Hutcherson is an automated systems specialist and serves as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the JSC-A sustainment automation support management office.



(Right) U.S. Army Sgt. John M. Critz, of Hattiesburg, is promoted to the rank of staff sergeant by Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, commander of Joint Sustainment Command –Afghanistan. Critz is a native of Philadelphia, Miss., and a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. He currently serves as a visual information equipment operator and maintainer for JSC-A and serves as an electronics mechanic at Camp Shelby.



(Right) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Torrence Green poses for a photo with Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, commander of Joint Sustainment Command –Afghanistan, after being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

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(Left) U.S. Army Col. Craig Weaver, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan support operations officer, prepares Staff Sgt. Timothy Moore for promotion to the rank of sergeant first class on June 22 at JSC-A SPO headquarters at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Moore is 20-year military veteran and is on his first overseas deployment. He is a resident of Seminary, Miss., and works in the air mobility section for JSC-A. At home, Moore works at Camp Shelby as a surface maintenance mechanic.



(Left) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, commander of Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, promotes Spc. Joshua Wells to the rank of sergeant at JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield, June 23. Wells, a three-year military veteran, is a paralegal specialist serving with the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Afghanistan. He is a resident of Jackson, Miss., and has been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since early Oct.



(Right) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, congratulates Maj. Laketter Cannon after her promotion to the rank of major on June 29.



(Left) U.S. Army Warrant Officer John Ratliff promotes his wife, Spc. Stacy Ratliff, to the rank of sergeant at JSC-A SPO headquarters on July 11.

Construction at JSC-A

 Photos by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs



Chaplain's Message... *Article and illustration by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fintan Kilmurray*

As we come to the end of our deployment and look back over the months spent here, I am sure there are many memories we have in common. The heat, flooding, bazaar and the boardwalk all mixed with the mingling aromas of the Poo Pond and the Far East Dining Facility. We remember the familiar sound of the big voice in the sky, care packages and the friends we made.

I remember the female first lieutenant at Stallion Ramp, who thanked me for being a priest and coming here to Kandahar Airfield to offer the Mass. She commented on Mass bringing some semblance of normalcy to the world.

I remember the hospital where I offered Mass for the staff and the wounded. I remember passing the children's ward that broke my heart looking inside, while admiring the courage of the doctors who dealt everyday with the trauma.

I remember the heavy sadness

of the ramp ceremonies. Although the name was changed to dignified transfers, that didn't change the feeling of loss and sadness felt by all.

I remember the poverty and its dingy brown colors, the discarded hoops and bicycles, corrugated tin and debris everywhere. I saw this everywhere as I traveled outside the wire of Kandahar Airfield.

I remember the apprehension I felt from time to time as we traveled to various places, but I also remember the camaraderie we shared with one another. I vividly remember the phrase, "We got your back Chaplain," and they did!

I remember the stares from people as our convoys thundered by, some with indifference and some with distain. In particular, I recall a barefooted little girl in a soiled purple dress. She sticks out in my mind because, in the mist of all this poverty and apprehension, she stood on the pavement, smiled

and waved as we passed. I don't know if she thought of us as a parade or if they even have parades in Afghanistan.

That pretty little face and trusting smile is something I will always remember about Afghanistan. It is my "take home" memory.

We all played a part in making Afghanistan a better place to live; I hope that because we came here that little girl in the purple dress will have a better future. I pray she can go to school, live with equality and grow up in a safer and richer Afghanistan.

We take home these memories, but let us also take home with us a grateful heart for all those who supported us during our deployment and the knowledge that God has blessed us by bringing us home safely.



AUSA Symposium & Exposition

Photo courtesy of Patrick Griffith



(Far right) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, attends the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare Symposium and Exposition May 11 in Richmond, Va.

4th of July re-enlistment ceremony

Photos by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs



U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, commander of International Security Assistance Force and commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, addresses Service members during a re-enlistment ceremony at Kandahar Airfield on July 4.



U.S. Army Spc. Jonathan Evans, JSC-A, renders a salute during a re-enlistment ceremony at Kandahar Airfield on July 4.



(From left) U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, Gen. David Petraeus, Maj. Gen. James Terry and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Greca render a salute during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at Kandahar Airfield, July 4.



Evans displays his commander's coin from Gen. David Petraeus after re-enlisting on July 4.

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U.S. Service members re-enlist during a ceremony held at Kandahar Airfield on July 4.



(From left) U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, Gen. David Petraeus, Maj. Gen. James Terry and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Greca cut a ceremonial cake with the youngest Service member during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at Kandahar Airfield on July 4



U.S. Army Soldiers from JSC-A pose for a photo after re-enlisting during a ceremony led by Gen. David Petraeus, commander of International Security Assistance Force and commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, at Kandahar Airfield on July 4. (From left) U.S. Army Spc. James Morris, Spc. Jonathan Evans, Sgt. 1st Class Lee Davis, Staff Sgt. Paul Hughes, Staff Sgt. James Thomas and Sgt. Lamarcus Anderson.

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(Left) U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, commander of International Security Assistance Force and commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, poses for a photo with Staff Sgt. James Thomas, JSC-A, during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at KAF on July 4.



U.S. Army Spc. Jonathan Evans displays his certificate of re-enlistment and command coins during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at KAF on July 4.



(Left) U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, commander of International Security Assistance Force and commander of U.S. Forces Afghanistan, poses for a photo with Staff Sgt. Paul Hughes, JSC-A, during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at Kandahar Airfield on July 4.



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Lee Davis his certificate of re-enlistment during a mass re-enlistment ceremony at KAF on July 4.

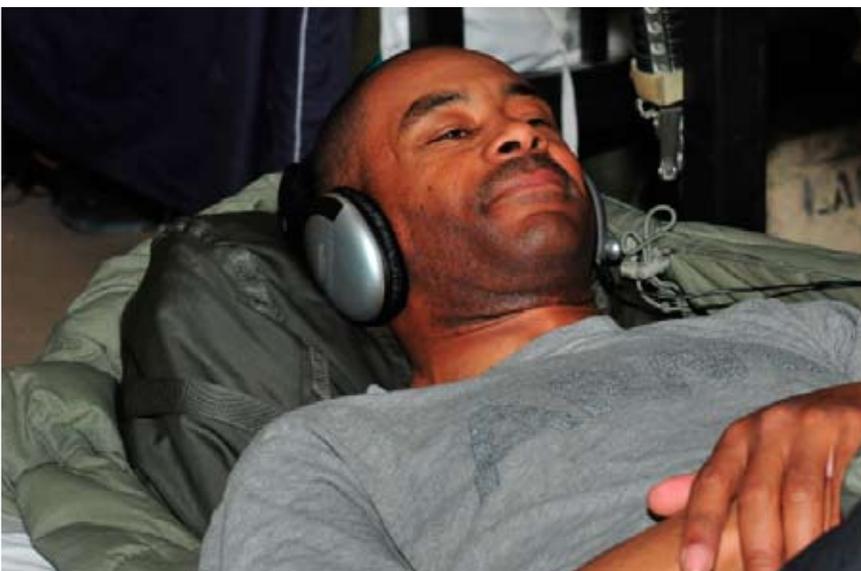
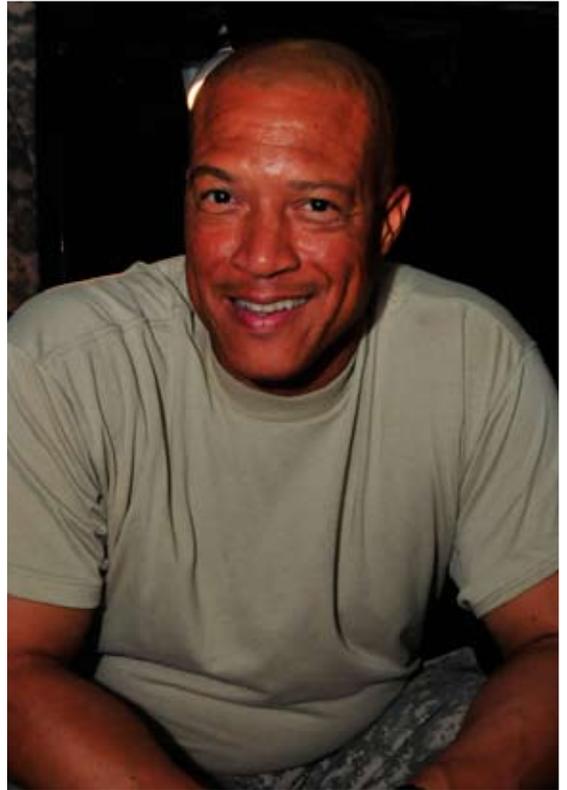
Life in the tent at KAF

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Magnolia Provider 5K Run

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(Above) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joby Moss, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, keeps track of runners as they finish the Magnolia Provider 5K run at Kandahar Airfield on July 4, 2011.



(Above) U.S. Army Maj. Dexter Thornton, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, welcomes participants to the Magnolia Provider 5K run at Kandahar Airfield on July 4, 2011. The race benefitted the Wounded Minutemen of Mississippi Organization. The organization raises awareness and funds to assist wounded veterans with their return to normal life. Beneficiaries include members and former members of the Mississippi National Guard wounded in action since 9/11. For more information or to make a donation, interested individuals may visit <http://woundedminuteman.com>. The Magnolia Provider 5K totaled 353 runners and some 45 volunteers from the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. The race raised over \$5,000 to benefit the Wounded Minutemen of Mississippi Organization.



(From left) U.S. Army Maj. Juan Corrigan, Lt. Col. Vincent Orlando and Ms. Shannon Page pose for a photo prior to the start of the Magnolia Provider 5K run at Kandahar Airfield on July 4, 2011.



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(Left) U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Phillip Cliburn and Maj. Scotty Carpenter, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan, pose for a photo as they collect race numbers at the finish line of the Magnolia Provider 5K run.



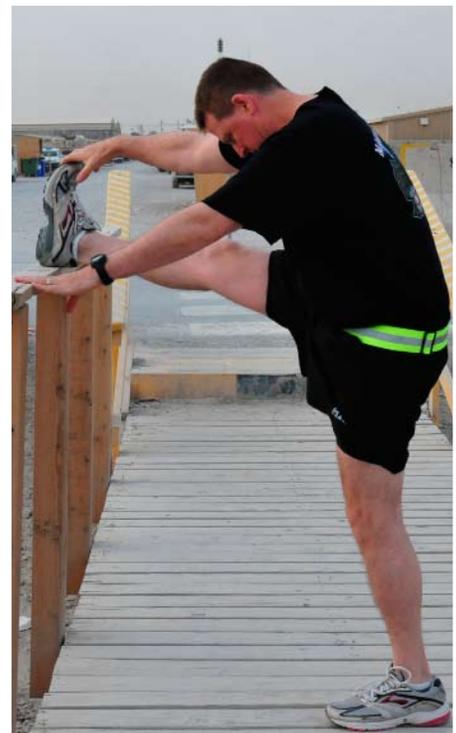
From left) U.S. Army Capt. Myranda Lindsay, Sgt. Kenya Clark, Staff Sgt. Cecilia Russell and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Terence Lowery sing the National Anthem prior to the start of the race.



(Above) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Milton Griffith, JSC-A, runs through the finish line at the KAF Boardwalk.



(Above) U.S. Army Maj. Robert Watras, JSC-A, runs through the streets of KAF during the Magnolia Provider 5K run.



(Above) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Edward Waller, JSC-A, takes a few minutes to stretch prior to the run.

Independence Day at the KAF Boardwalk

 Photos by Lt. Col. Kevin L. Bullard, JSC-A KMO / SASMO / ADPAO





Life support for Afghan truckers



Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Pete Mayes, 101st SB Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The Convoy Staging Yard at Bagram Airfield is considered a “home away from home” for many of the host nation truckers who convene there.

On any given day, the drivers converge there after completing a long haul through the dusty terrain. Once they arrive, they can line up outside a conex filled with Meals-Ready-to-Eat or Halal meals and grab a packet or two for chow. They can spend anywhere from two to three days on the road just to get to Bagram Airfield, and then spend an additional several days waiting there for their next mission.

The 101st Sustainment Brigade is hoping to make the truckers stay a little more comfortable by creating what is called a “Life Support Center” for them. In short, the center is essentially a truck stop where once completed, the truckers will have a place to relax in between drives, brigade officials said.

The center also helps continue the line of communication between the brigade and the truckers. “It makes their lives easier. They know we’re here to support them, and in turn they support us,” said Staff Sgt. Luro Flores, convoy staging noncommissioned officer in charge, 236th Inland Cargo Transportation Company, 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade.

The center will consist of a prayer tent for the truckers to conduct their daily prayers, an outdoor water tank that will allow them wash themselves, a convenience store for snacks, and a restaurant for meals. Flores said the concept of the center originally grew out wanting to give the drivers another option for their meals.

“We’ve heard complaints from them that the MREs did not agree with their digestive systems,” he said. “They like the Halal meals we provide them, but they get tired of eating it every day, just like a normal Soldier would get tired of eating the same meals all the time. This restaurant would give them a different venue to get food.”

Flores said the Soldiers noticed the truckers in the back of their trucks praying at certain hours of the day, and determined that a central prayer area was needed for them as well.

The convenience store and restaurant are being constructed out of hollowed out conexes. Construction has already begun at the site, and the store and restaurant are intended to be operational sometime next month, Flores said.

Capt. Jim Chessier, the brigade Law Enforcement Protection officer in charged, said there were several advantages to having a center such as the one being constructed from a force protection standpoint.

“Before, the drivers would roam around looking for food and water. This keeps them centrally located and easier to be found, especially for no-notice missions we give them, or if we have to conduct searches of their vehicles for narcotics, or health and welfare type issue.”



(Left) U.S. Army Spc. Shaun Donahue of the 584th Maintenance Company, 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, provides an Afghan driver with bottled water and a Halal meal. The drivers will soon have a place to get cooked food and to pray and wash themselves at the soon-to-be constructed Life Support Center.

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He also echoed Flores' statements about the importance of the center.

This restaurant will give them another option, and when asked, the drivers said they'd be willing to purchase food, water, and beverages of their choosing," he said. "They want to see this, and they want additional food sources that don't tear up their stomachs."

While Chessier said truckers are doing the coalition forces a favor and service by supporting their efforts while deployed here, Flores said the intelligence information they receive from the drivers about the Afghan roads is valuable.

"They're pretty adamant about providing us intel when it comes to letting us know what routes are dangerous," he said. "For example, if I asked for volunteers to go to Kandahar, they'll tell me the exact day they do not want to go. For intel gatherers, it makes their jobs easier to learn what's going on. They'll tell us if there's danger in a certain area."

"There's no one in Afghanistan besides the 101st Sustainment Brigade that travels more time on the road than these host nation truck drivers. The intelligence piece they bring to us and the positive benefits of it are almost immeasurable."

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Taylor promoted at JSC-A headquarters

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(Left) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Mark Stimer, 313th Joint Movement Control Battalion commander, promotes 1st Lt. Daryl Taylor to the rank of captain at JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield July 10. Taylor serves as the JSC-A 313th JMCB liaison officer.





Safety... by Chief Warrant Officer 2 David G. Hardigree



Our time here in Afghanistan is quickly coming to a close. Your thoughts have likely moved to the topic of vacation. The following are a few tips from the U.S. Army Safety website.

Taking a vacation is similar to deploying, but instead of traveling with your unit, you may go with your spouse, your children and maybe even pets. Just like deployment planning, you need to sit down in advance and write a checklist of to-dos that will make your vacation go smoothly and reduce unpleasant things that can take away from the fun.

Military personnel are often required to organize their travel plans in the Travel Risk Planning System found online at <https://safety.army.mil>.

Your diligent planning will tell you when you'll depart, where you'll stay en route and at your destination and how far you plan to travel daily, if more than one day on the road is required. But first, start with your home. Secure it for your absence by alerting neighbors to keep an eye on it, stopping the daily newspaper and mail and leave on a low-wattage light inside.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has compiled a helpful list of suggestions that will assist you in planning a safe trip before the rubber meets the road.

Vehicle Safety Checklist

Regular maintenance such as tune-ups, oil changes, battery checks and tire rotations go a long way toward preventing breakdowns before they happen. If your vehicle has been serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations, it should be in good shape and nearly ready to travel. If not--or you don't know the service history of the vehicle you plan to drive--schedule a preventative maintenance check up with your mechanic now.

Child Safety Seats

If you'll be traveling with children, you'll need to make room in your back seat for appropriate child safety and/or booster seats. NHTSA guidelines for proper child safety and booster seat use can be found at www.boosterseat.gov under "Which seat is right for my child?" Never leave children unattended in parked vehicles - especially during warmer weather. Even on a relatively cool summer day and with windows partially cracked open, temperatures inside a vehicle can soar, rapidly causing occupants to suffer from heat illness or even die from heat stroke.

Emergency Roadside Kit

Even a well-maintained vehicle can break down, so it's advisable to put together an emergency roadside kit to carry with you. A cell phone tops the list of suggested emergency kit contents since it allows you to call for help when and where you need it. Suggested emergency roadside kit contents include: cell phone, first aid kit, flashlight, flares, a white flag, jumper cables, jack and ground mat for changing a tire, work gloves and a change of clothes, basic repair tools and some duct tape for temporarily repairing a hose leak, water and paper towels for cleaning up, nonperishable food, drinking water, medicines, extra windshield washer fluid, maps and/or a global positioning system device.

There's one thing you and all your travel companions can agree on: Getting to your destination and back safely is priority No. 1. For additional vacation planning information, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov>.

On behalf of the JSC-A and the 184th ESC, it has truly been a pleasure to serve with you. 1st Lt. Rodney Hall and I wish to thank you for assisting us in making this a safe deployment.

Seabees upgrade Wounded Warrior Care Center on KAF

 *Story and photos by Sgt. Richard Andrade, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The motto for the U.S. Navy Seabees is “We build, we fight.” The Seabees assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based out of Gulfport, Miss., are living up to that slogan by not only conducting convoy security missions, but also working on construction projects on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

The Seabees of NMCB-1 have been in Afghanistan for over a month and recently finished a number of improvements for the Wounded Warrior Care Center on KAF. They built a ramp and walkway deck that will make it easier for injured service members to get around the facility with ease.

The care center helps service members who receive injuries on the battlefield recuperate on KAF and has the capacity to accommodate them from a few days to a couple of weeks, depending on their injuries. Once the Wounded Warrior is in good health, they are able to return to their respective unit so they can get back to their mission.

The non-commissioned officer in charge of the WWCC, Staff Sgt. Ellen Smith, of Alexandria, La., said the upgrading of the center took approximately two weeks to complete and the Wounded Warriors were really appreciative of the Seabees’ hard work.

“The Seabees have done a great job improving the WWCC,” said Smith, a health care specialist assigned to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, based out of Fort Riley, Kan.

“The Seabees are awesome, I wouldn’t work with anybody else,” Smith said. “They worked hard and didn’t complain; in fact they thanked me for letting them work here.”

The liaisons’ mission at the WWCC is to provide Wounded Warriors with a room and clothes if their uniform was cut for medical reasons. They make sure they have their proper medications, and drive them to their appointment.

“It is a major improvement to what the WWCC use to be,” said Sgt. Frank Romanowski, a health care specialist assigned to C Company (Medical), 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based out of Fort Drum, N.Y.,

Romanowski, liaison non-commissioned officer for the WWCC, said the upgrade not only makes his job easier, but “it is a blessing for the Wounded Warriors.”

The WWCC facilitates service members from all the branches of the military transition on their journey through recovery.



U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based out of Gulfport, Miss., work on what will become a walkway deck for the Wounded Warrior Care Center on Kandahar Airfield. The boardwalk will make it easier for injured service members to get around without having to trip on rocks or uneven ground.

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“We are under one mission, it doesn’t matter whether they are; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Reserves or what have you,” Romanowski said.

The Seabees were excited about the upgrading of the WWCC, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian Wong, assigned to NMCB-1.

“As soon as we found out it was a Wounded Warrior project; especially after finding out one of our guys ended up coming over here [to the WWCC], that was the driving force behind us wanting to do this,” he said.

“Whatever we can do to make the wounded warriors’ lives easier; making them more comfortable, we will do it, no hesitation,” Wong, said. “This is what we do best, putting something up that wasn’t there before,” said Wong, of Virginia Beach, Va.

Every member of the NMCB-1 takes pride in being a Seabee.

Petty Officer 3rd Class, Jacob LaMountain, assigned to the NMCB-1, has been a Seabee for four years and said he loves to build which is the reason he joined the Navy.

“I think it’s great that we are doing this project for the Wounded Warriors, I have a lot of respect for them,” said LaMountain of Albany, N.Y. “I hope they get better, and I hope they enjoy what we built for them.”

One Soldier temporarily staying at the WWCC, Spc. Matthew LeBlanc, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based out of Fort Drum, N.Y., said he was at a loss for words upon arriving at the WWCC. He did not know a place existed for soldiers to recuperate from battlefield injuries.

“It provides all the amenities to try and ease the stress and pain that people are going through,” said LeBlanc, of Allegany, N.Y.

As much as he enjoys his stay at the WWCC, LeBlanc said he looks forward to going back to his unit.

“Within the next couple of days I will get back my unit, get back with my guys and get back to doing the patrols and missions,” LeBlanc said. “I know my guys need me out there and I just want to get back with them and help them out.”

He said he has spoken with other Wounded Warriors at the WWCC and they say the same thing; they all appreciate the Seabees’ hard work improving the facility.



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A Soldier walks out of the Wounded Warrior Care Center on Kandahar Airfield. U.S. Navy Seabees (in the background) assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, based out of Gulfport, Miss., work on a walkway deck for the Wounded Warrior care center.

National Guard general officers visit JSC-A



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(Top left) U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. William Hatten, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan operations, takes Maj. Gen Perry Smith, Alabama National Guard Adjutant General, on a tour of the joint operations center at Kandahar Airfield, June 24.

(Top right) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Joseph Carter, Massachusetts National Guard Adjutant General, looks on as Hatten explains common support provided by the JSC-A joint operations center at KAF.



(Left) U.S. Army Col. Craig, JSC-A support operations officer, briefs Brig. Gen. Francis Gonzales, Nevada Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, on current sustainment issues.



(Left) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, discusses current sustainment issues with Maj. Gen. Perry Smith, Alabama National Guard Adjutant General, at JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield, June 24. Smith was part of a National Guard delegation that included Brig. Gen. Joseph Carter, Massachusetts National Guard Adjutant General, and Brig. Gen. Francis Gonzales, Nevada Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General.

Father and son celebrate birthday in Afghanistan

 *Story and photos courtesy of Sgt. Maj. Aaron M. Martin, JSC-A J5*

My name is Sgt. Maj. Aaron M. Martin and I am currently mobilized in Afghanistan. Up until July 2011, I have not been able to see my son, U.S. Army Spc. Anthony A. Martin, for two years. Tony is currently serving in the regular Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Engineers, in Germany. Finding time to meet up has been difficult due to our busy schedules. I tried to meet him during my R&R leave, but I missed him by three days. My wife told me that Tony was deploying to Afghanistan and would probably get there the month I was leaving. I thought it would be great to see my son in Afghanistan before I left, if I could locate him. Tony told my wife that he would call her once he arrived. I received approval from my supervisor and scheduled a flight. It was just a shot in the dark because I wasn't sure he would be there, and he had no idea that I was trying to find him. I was only scheduled to be at their proposed location for three days.

I went to many locations with no luck. I had all but given up hope, but on my last day an E7 gave me one last place to look. I followed his advice and walked into a clamshell tent that billeted some 400 Soldiers. It was as if I was looking for a needle in a haystack.

I walked to the other side of the tent and found a captain. I said, "Excuse me, sir, can you tell me where HHC, 9th Engineers are located?"

He said, "I sure can, it's my unit."

I asked him if he had a Soldier named Spc. Anthony Martin.

He said, I sure do, why do you need him?

I said, "He's my son."

At that moment, I heard a voice say, "Daddy". I had unknowingly walked right up to my son's bunk. We were both speechless.

Tony asked me how I found him in this big place with so many Soldiers. I laughed and told him, "I'm a sergeant major and that is what we do". The captain allowed us to spend the rest of the day together. We had a chance to call home together and talk to my wife (his mother), my mother and my youngest son.

It is of interest to note that my youngest son's birthday was the same day I found Tony so we had the opportunity to call home and both wish him a happy birthday. He said it was the best birthday present he had ever had. We ate pizza, caught up on all the gossip, made hunting plans and I brought him back to his unit. I met a few of his friends and I had an opportunity to coin two of his fellow Soldiers that had been doing an outstanding job in the unit.

This is my 30th year in the military and my son's fourth year in the military. To date, this is my most memorable experience in the military. You can't put a price on some things and this event was one of them. My mother told me later in a letter that divine intervention was what allowed me to find my son. I believe she was right when she said, "Angels are watching over you and Tony." I thank the Lord for allowing this to happen.



Soldiers donate school supplies to Afghan children



*Story by Col. Richard P. Martin, JSC-A J3
Photo by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Children at the Kandahar Airfield Bazaar School were presented with backpacks and school supplies by members of the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Saturday, June 25.

This was made possible by the work of Ed Funchess, owner of Mid Gulf Forestry Inc. and students from Parklane Academy, McComb, Miss.

U.S. Army Col. Richard Martin, the J3 operations officer for the 184th ESC, was contacted by Funchess inquiring what he could do to help while the unit was deployed to Afghanistan. Martin and Funchess both agreed that working with children would do the most good.

Funchess, through his contacts, raised enough money to purchase 50 backpacks and school supplies to fill them. He then contacted Parklane Academy administrator, Mr. Jack Henderson, to ask for help in loading the school supplies in the backpacks and packing them into the boxes. Parklane Academy students volunteered to stuff the backpacks with school supplies and prepare them for mailing.

Funchess then mailed the boxes loaded with backpacks to the 184th ESC.

Martin and soldiers from his section took the backpacks and school supplies to the Kandahar Bazaar School where they were handed out to the children. The school staff and children were very grateful for the supplies.

The 184th ESC is a Mississippi Army National Guard unit that deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2010. The unit is responsible for all sustainment operations for American and coalition forces.



Service members pose for a group photo after distributing school supplies to Afghan children attending the Kandahar Airfield Bazaar School on June 25. (Back, from left) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Edward Waller, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan chief of operations, Maj. Robert Watras, JSC-A battle major, Capt. William Austin, JSC-A operations, Lt. Col. Antonio Sanabria, 101st Sustainment Brigade liaison officer, and Sgt. Maj. William Hatten, JSC-A operations Sgt. Maj. (Front, from left) U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. April Harker, 451st Expeditionary Maintenance Group, Ms. Judy Reid, KAF Bazaar School representative, U.S. Army Col. Richard Martin, JSC-A operations officer, and Canadian LCol. Steve Davenport, KAF Bazaar School representative.

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Students at Parklane Academy, McComb, Miss., load backpacks full of school supplies in preparation for mailing to the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. (Courtesy Photo)



(From left) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Edward Waller, Maj. Robert Watras and Capt. William Austin distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to local Afghan children attending the Kandahar Airfield Bazaar School, June 25.



A group of local Afghan children carry donated backpacks filled with school supplies as they depart the Kandahar Airfield Bazaar School on June 25.



U.S. Army Maj. Robert Watras, JSC-A battle major, hands a backpack filled with school supplies to a local Afghan boy attending the Kandahar Airfield Bazaar School.

Clock arrives at JSC-A headquarters

 *Photo by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs*



(Left) U.S. Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Fintan Kilmurray and Lt. Col. David Williams, J4, celebrate the arrival of the new clock at Joint Sustainment Command - Afghanistan headquarters on June 20. The clock features six time zones to keep leaders informed during sustainment briefings.

U.S. and Romanian logistics units exchange awards

 *Photo by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs*

(Left) Romanian Col. Veronel-Cristian Vavura accepts the Mississippi Magnolia Medal from U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan commander, at JSC-A headquarters on Kandahar Airfield, June 15. Vavura also presented Fisher and Col. Mark Prine, JSC-A deputy commander, with honorary awards from Romania for their logistical support.



JSC-A command group presentations

 Photos by Lt. Col. David F. Jolly, JSC-A Public Affairs



JSC-A end-of-tour awards



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(Above) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, presents Mr. Bill Drury with the Mississippi Distinguished Civilian Service Medal at JSC-A headquarters on July 8. Drury, a member of the U.S. State Department is assigned to JSC-A.



(At right) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, presents Maj. Thomas Johnson (right), JSC-A surgeon, with a commander's coin for his contributions to JSC-A and its subordinate units on July 12.

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This Month in Army History

1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor, in the name of Congress, "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other Soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection." In 1863, the Medal of Honor was made a permanent military decoration available to all members, including commissioned officers, of the U.S. military. It is conferred upon those who have distinguished themselves in actual combat at risk of life beyond the call of duty. Since its creation, during the Civil War, almost 3,400 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions in U.S. military conflict.

1863 - The largest military conflict in North American history begins this day when Union and Confederate forces collide at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The epic battle lasted three days and resulted in a retreat to Virginia by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

1864 - Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest suffers his biggest defeat when Union General Andrew J. Smith routs his force in Tupelo, Mississippi. The battle came just a month after the Battle of Brice's Crossroads, in which Forrest engineered a brilliant victory over a larger Union force from Memphis that was designed to keep him from threatening General William T. Sherman's supply lines in Tennessee.

1865 - In the East End of London, revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian Mission, later known as the Salvation Army. Determined to wage war against the evils of poverty and religious indifference with military efficiency, Booth modeled his Methodist sect after the British army, labeling uniformed ministers as "officers" and new members as "recruits."

1940 - No longer required by law to keep its tanks under the infantry branch, Army formed the Armed Force. Five days later, the Army formed its first two armored divisions.

1944 - Count Claus von Stauffenberg, a German army officer, transports a bomb to Adolf Hitler's headquarters in Berchtesgaden, in Bavaria, with the intention of assassinating the Fuhrer.

1945 - The first atomic bomb test is successfully exploded. On this day in 1945, at 5:29:45 a.m., the Manhattan Project comes to an explosive end as the first atom bomb is successfully tested in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

1945 - U.S. Senate approves United Nations charter. In a ringing declaration indicating that America's pre-World War II isolation was truly at an end, the U.S. Senate approves the charter establishing the United Nations. In the years to come, the United Nations would be the scene of some of the most memorable Cold War confrontations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

1965 - First Marine wins Medal of Honor after the Viet Cong ambush. Company A of the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, led by U.S.M.C. Lt. Frank Reasoner of Kellogg, Idaho.

2002 - President George W. Bush announces his plan for strengthening homeland security in the wake of the shocking September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., in which nearly 3,000 people had been killed.



U.S. Army Maj. Gary Crist hangs out with the newest addition to the JSC-A compound, the Army National Guard Minuteman, on June 23. Members of the unit have been invited to write their names on the statue as a tribute to the 184th ESC. (Photo by Capt. Andrew B. Adcock, JSC-A Public Affairs)



Miss. Military Academy alumni



 *Story by Maj. Juan Corrigan, JSC-A Intelligence*
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The Miss. Military Academy Officer Candidate School (OCS) has graduated many officers who serve their state and country. Since 9/11 a great number have served multiple tours in the fight against terrorism. When the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) was summoned to deploy for Operation Enduring Freedom, a great number of officers who were graduates from the Miss. Military Academy OCS were called to serve by supporting sustainment operations throughout Afghanistan. 38 Miss. Military Academy graduates were called to serve together in a war zone 7,400 miles away. 30 officers serve in the 184th ESC and eight officers serve in the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB). These officers came from diverse backgrounds, hometowns, and have different military and civilian work experiences. This combination has made the deployment a success and enhanced the mission of the 184th ESC.



(Back row, left to right) 1st Lt. Tyrone Sanders, Col. Clint Walker, Maj. Rodney Hodge, Lt. Col. Thomas Booker, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Smith (Middle row, left to right) Lt. Col. Guy Reedy, Lt. Col. Myron Vanlandingham, Maj. David Oglesby, Lt. Col. Milton Griffith, Maj. Scotty Carpenter, Lt. Col. David Jolly (Front row, left to right) Lt. Col. Mathyn Williams, 1st Lt. Hermon Cotton, Maj. Gregory Cato, Master Sgt. Stanley Coats, Maj. Juan Corrigan, Lt. Col. Kevin Bullard (Not pictured) Lt. Col. Harry Gunter, Lt. Col. David Williams, Maj. Laketter M. Cannon, Maj. Wes Cochran, Maj. Jacqueline Corley, Maj. Scott Dearman, Maj. Todd Smith, Maj. James Triplett, Maj. Robert Watras, Capt. David Duckworth, 1st Lt. Anthony Harrell, 1st Lt. Edmeisha McGill, 1st Lt. Bryan Rushing



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The following Soldiers are graduates from the Miss. Military Academy State OCS who are serving in Operation Enduring Freedom 2010-2011 in order of class graduation:

Lt. Col. David Williams, Class 27. Williams is the JSC-A J4 that oversees, coordinates and provides guidance and directives to subordinate units for all internal logistics. Williams will return to Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center as the Supply Management Officer.

Lt. Col. Thomas Booker, Class 30. Booker serves as the Support Operations Munitions Branch Chief that is responsible for keeping the operational hubs at Bagram Airfield, Kandahar Airfield, and Bastian supplied with munitions. Booker will return to his position as a Wal-Mart Center Manager in Philadelphia, Miss.

Lt. Col. Kevin Bullard, Class 30. Bullard serves as a logistics automation officer in Support Operations and Knowledge Management Officer (KMO). Bullard will return as a civil service technician as a branch chief for the network control center for the Mississippi National Guard.

Col. Clint Walker, Class 30. Walker serves as the chief of staff for Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A). He directs and leads the JSC-A senior staff in executing the command's mission of providing operational sustainment support throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area – Afghanistan. Walker will return as the comptroller for the United States Property and Fiscal Office-Mississippi (USPFO-MS).

Lt. Col. Harry Gunter, Class 31. Gunter serves as the support operation's branch chief for mobility where he is responsible for coordinating all ground and air transportation within the Combined Joint Operations Area – Afghanistan. Gunter will return to a Title 10 assignment at Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center.

Lt. Col. David Jolly, Class 31. Jolly serves as the JSC-A Public Affairs Officer where he is responsible for media relations and public affairs within the Joint Sustainment Command. Jolly will return as the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Manager for the Mississippi National Guard.

Maj. Juan Corrigan, Class 32. Corrigan serves as the assistant Intelligence officer for the 184th ESC and directs, supervises, and coordinates the planning, collection, evaluation, fusion, analysis, production and dissemination of all-source intelligence. Corrigan will return to his job as an insurance agent and an actor in films and commercials.

Maj. Scott Dearman, Class 32. Dearman is the officer-in-charge for Task Force Razorback located on Camp Phoenix in Kabul, where supplies and equipment are issued to coalition forces. Dearman will return as the superintendent of schools for Perry County, Miss.

Maj. David Oglesby, Class 32. Oglesby serves as a future operations planner in the J5 plans section and has served as the deputy officer-in-charge for standing up the strategic planning cell. He is currently serving with the Bagram Regional Contracting Command as a special projects officer. Oglesby will return as a contract specialist with the purchasing and contracting division of the United States Property and Fiscal Office-Mississippi (USPFO-MS).



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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Smith, Class 32. Smith is in charge of handling all Battle Loss/Battle Damage replacement requests throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area – Afghanistan. Smith will return as a civil service technician at the Combined Services Maintenance Shop (CSMS) at Camp Shelby, Miss., where he is a technical inspector.

Maj. Robert Watras, Class 32. Watras serves as the battle major for the day shift in the operations section. He is responsible for monitoring all activities significant to the JSC-A throughout Afghanistan and directs a staff of Service Members and Civilians who receive and disseminate information directing actions. In civilian life, Watras is retired.

Lt. Col. Mathyn Williams, Class 32. Williams is serving as the inspector general and is responsible for assisting the commander in monitoring morale, welfare and discipline of the Soldiers within the command for identifying systemic issues and addressing them with the appropriate organization and/or staff agencies. Williams will return as the Battalion Commander/Director of the Regional Training Institute-Medical Battalion Training Site (RTI-MBTS), and Contract Oversight Representative for the Medical Simulations Training Center (MSTC) at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Master Sgt. Stanley Coats, Class 33. Coats serves in the distribution integration branch of support operations. His duties include maintaining the daily operation flow and battle rhythm of information and coordination among the support operations branches and reviews locations of all relevant files needed for operations and execution. Coats will return as an Active Guard Reserve operations noncommissioned officer in the 184th ESC.

Lt. Col. Myron Vanlandingham, Class 33. Vanlandingham serves as the Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) and maintains calendars for all members of the Command Group and schedules conferences, visits, office/ phone calls, flights and internal meetings for the staff to ensure the commanding general and all staff members are kept abreast of issues that are of concern to the sustainment mission. Vanlandingham will return as the director, internal review, at the United States Property and Fiscal Office-Mississippi (USPFO-MS).

Lt. Col. Milton Griffith, Class 34. Griffith serves as the chief of the operational contract support branch. He is responsible for interfacing with the JSC-A Sustainment units to assist with requirements development, contract management, contract oversight, Contract Officer Representatives Training, and Acquisition Requirements Packet Training. Griffith will return as the contracting officer/supervisory contract specialist, at the United States Property and Fiscal Office-Mississippi (USPFO-MS).

Lt. Col. Clifton “Lynn” Phippen, Class 34. Phippen serves as the battalion commander of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion comprised of three companies and one platoon deployed in Afghanistan as part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). Phippen will return as an Active Guard Reserve officer with the 184th ESC.

Lt. Col. Guy Reedy, Class 34. Reedy serves as the distribution management center chief and deputy support operations officer and synchronizes efforts within the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan between each of the support operations branches and joint staff. Reedy will return as the budget officer/deputy comptroller, United States Property and Fiscal Office-Mississippi (USPFO-MS).



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Maj. Scotty Carpenter, Class 36. Maj. Carpenter serves as the deputy integrations branch chief and is responsible for integrating all support operations activities to ensure timely and accurate flow of information and analysis to support the mission of the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan (JSC-A). Carpenter will return to Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center where he serves as the protocol officer.

Maj. Wes Cochran, Class 36. Cochran serves as the support operations officer-in-charge during the night shift and is responsible for daily reports and tracking current support operations. Cochran will return as a controller for a commercial construction company.

Maj. Todd Smith, Class 37. Smith serves as the human resource operations branch officer-in-charge and provides postal oversight to 170 Forward Operation Bases, including two major mail hubs, seven Army Post Offices, and 18 Satellite Army Post Offices, within the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan. Upon release from active duty, Smith will continue to work for the 184th ESC as an Active Guard Reserve logistics officer.

Maj. Ron Michael, Class 38. Michael serves as the Executive Officer of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Michael supervises and coordinates the staff to support the commander's intent and mission in Regional Command – West, Afghanistan. Upon return, Michael serves fulltime as an Active Guard Reserve officer.

Capt. Emanuel Barber, Class 41. Barber serves as the officer-in-charge for the operations and training section of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Barber ensures the execution of the battalion commander's guidance, directives, and orders. Upon return, Barber serves fulltime as an Active Guard Reserve officer.

Maj. Rodney Hodge, Class 41. Hodge serves as the deputy material readiness branch chief where he supervises and manages the Battle Loss-Battle Damage Replacement program for the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan. Upon release from active duty, Hodge will return as a human resource specialist for the Department of the Navy, Human Resources Service Center Southeast, Stennis Space Center, Miss.

Maj. Gregory Cato, Class 42. Cato serves as the battle major for the night shift in the operations section. He is responsible for monitoring all activities significant to the JSC-A throughout Afghanistan and directs a staff of Service Members and Civilians who receive and disseminate information directing actions. Upon return, Cato is self-employed.

Maj. Jacqueline Corley, Class 42. Corley serves as the JSC-A provost marshal. Upon return, Corley will serve as the provost marshal for the Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center.

Maj. James Triplett, Class 42. Triplett serves as the J-8 comptroller for Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan and is the primary staff officer for resource and financial management. Upon return, Triplett will return to his civilian job with Chase Bank.

Maj. Laketter Cannon, Class 43. Cannon serves as the theater support contract management officer. Upon return, Cannon will continue to serve on Title 10 at Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center.



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Capt. David Duckworth, Class 43. Duckworth serves as the aide-de-camp for Brig. Gen. Philip R. Fisher, JSC-A commander. Upon return, Duckworth will serve as the deputy provost marshal at Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center.

Capt. Anthony Burkett, Class 46. Burkett serves as the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander and as support operations transportation officer-in-charge. Burkett ensures the 298th CSSB staff is supported in all classes of supply, maintenance, food services and billeting. Upon return, Burkett will serve as the Assistant Operations Officer for the Military Entrance Processing Station in Jackson, Miss.

Capt. Cindy King, Class 46. King serves as the battalion intelligence officer (S-2) for the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and operational security manager. King is responsible for coordinating and preparing intelligence estimates and evaluation of all threats that could affect sustainment operations. King will return to her position as the environmental officer for Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center.

Capt. William Lowry, Class 47A. Lowry serves as the support operations and plans officer of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Lowry develops the sustainment estimate and support plans for future operations and coordinates with the commands of supported units. Upon return, Lowry will serve as the S4/Property Book Officer for the 154th Regional Training Institute at Camp Shelby, Miss.

1st Lt. Anthony Harrell, Class 48. Harrell serves as the night shift ammunition management officer for the JSC-A where he manages personnel, equipment and facilities required to provide a continuous flow of serviceable ammunition to supported units. Upon return, Harrell will serve as an Active Guard Reserve budget analyst for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Mississippi Army National Guard.

1st Lt. Hermon Cotton, Class 50. Cotton serves as the deputy country control authority-Afghanistan and contracting officer representative for the mobile container assessment teams. Cotton is responsible for coordination and execution of large scale container management operations involving personnel, materials and transportation across Afghanistan. Cotton will return to his position as a budget analyst with the directorate of logistics, Mississippi Army National Guard.

1st Lt. Lauria McDuffey Jr., Class 50. McDuffey serves as the signal officer for the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. McDuffey is responsible for advising the battalion commander about information technology (IT), which includes explaining technical information to key leaders and determining ways to resolve any IT related challenges.

1st Lt. Edmeisha McGill, Class 50. McGill serves as a maintenance officer in the JSC-A materiel readiness branch. Upon return, McGill will serve as the chief financial officer assistant/general ledger specialist at the Family Health Center in Laurel, Miss.

1st Lt. Sean Maily, Class 51. Maily serves as the commodities manager for the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Maily is responsible for commodities management for U.S. and coalition troops in the western provinces of Afghanistan. Upon return, Maily will return to his assignment with the Pre-mobilization Training Assistance Element (PTAE) for the Mississippi Army National Guard.



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1st Lt. Bryan Rushing, Class 51. Rushing serves as the officer-in-charge of JSC-A postal operations and provides postal oversight to 170 Forward Operations Bases, including two major mail hubs, seven Army post offices, and 18 satellite Army post offices throughout Afghanistan. Upon return, Rushing will serve as a finance director for the Mississippi Department of Human Services/Department of Family and Children Services.

1st Lt. Tyrone Sanders, Class 51. Sanders serves as a support operations services and supply officer and contracting officer representative for JSC-A. Sanders is responsible for management of subsistence, which includes operational rations, prime vendor products and bottled water within the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan.



(Back row, left to right) U.S. Army 1st Lt. Lauria McDuffey Jr., Capt. Anthony Burkett, Maj. Ron Michael and 1st Lt. Sean Maily (Front row, left to right) Capt. William Lowry, Lt. Col. Clifton “Lynn” Pippen, Capt. Cindy King and Capt. Emanuel Barber

Throughout the deployment, these officers have used their training and experience to accomplish their respective missions. It all began at Camp Shelby, Miss., where they took the first steps in becoming commissioned officers. The leadership training that began in Miss. is now being tested in the war on terrorism.

The alumni of the Miss. Military Academy are proud to serve the citizens of the State of Miss. and the United States of America. “Ever There”.

Community working group meets key leader of Shindand district

 *Story and photos by Sgt. Edwin J. Rodriguez, 7th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs*

SHINDAND DISTRICT, Afghanistan - Nervous smiles, and curious patience was evident throughout the room. Today's meeting, as with previous meetings, is a crucial step in the partnership building process between coalition partners in Western Afghanistan and the local Afghan district. The hope is the relationship between the two groups will continue to grow especially after the day's efforts.



Members of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Italian 11th Bersaglieri Regiment, Task Force Centre, Lt. Col. Christopher Miller, Najiba Rahim, leader of the Women's Association of Shindand District, and two of her family members, were all in attendance at Firebase Thomas July 4 during a meeting between the groups to discuss future partnership in the area.

Members of the Italian 11th Bersaglieri Regiment, Task Force Centre, 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Task Force Resolute and Special Operations Forces District Team met with Najiba Rahim, the Women's Association leader of Shindand District at Firebase Thomas July 4 to receive donated goods and to discuss further efforts in building community partnership.

Three sewing machines and boxes full of fabric were donated as requested by Rahim in order to train other women on sewing of clothe in outer wear, household materials and other useful items. Any items created through the machines will then be given to local families said Rahim.

"It has been a positive experience working with both the Italians and the Americans. I hope to continue our progress building a partnership," said Rahim.

After cordial greetings and the receiving of the items, Rahim spoke of issues the community is in need of. Her hope is that the coalition partners can assist. The meeting was held in high regard by Italian Army Cpl. Ivana Piazza, a member of the Italian Female Engagement Team, TF-Centre.

"We broke contact for a while so it was very beneficial to see and speak to her again," said Piazza.

Rahim has met with the working group numerous times before and is pleased by the progress of their relationship. She is an important leader in the district, and the coalition partners are very aware of her influence in the community.

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Both the 298th CSSB and TF-Centre were able to acquire the sewing machines as well as fabric through purchases in the local community. The goal for both sides is not only to maintain relationships but to build upon them.

“Our (298th CSSB) goal is to foster this relationship to a point where everyone feels safe,” said Capt. Reginald Brownlee, officer in charge of the logistics section of the 298th CSSB. “We hope that after today we are balancing each others’ needs of the community and the needs of Shindand Airbase.”

An hour later, as the vehicle Rahim and her family arrived in is packed full with items that everyone thinks will be of good use, the hope is that relationships have been solidified if not enhanced. As the last handshakes and ‘Tashakurs’ are given, genuine smiles can be seen among the groups. One fact that is known, said Brownlee, is that there will be another meaning, as both sides understand they need each other to build a better Afghanistan.



(Upper right) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Christopher Miller, officer in charge of the Special Operation Forces District Team Afghanistan, inspects one of the sewing machines that will be donated to the Woman’s Association of Shindand after a community partnership meeting held at Firebase Thomas July 4.

(Center right) U.S. Army Sgt. Wesley Moody, assigned to logistics section of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Task Force Resolute, helps to pack away boxes full of fabric to donate to the Women’s Association of Shindand District after a community partnership meeting held on Firebase Thomas July 4 .

(Lower right) Staff Sgt. Jaime Gonzalez, assigned the operations section of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Task Force Resolute and Italian Army Cpl. Olly Ferreti, assigned to Italian 11th Bersaglieri Regiment, TF-Centre work together to pack away items donated to the Women’s Association of Shindand District after a community partnership meeting held on Firebase Thomas July 4 .



Staying current on vaccinations

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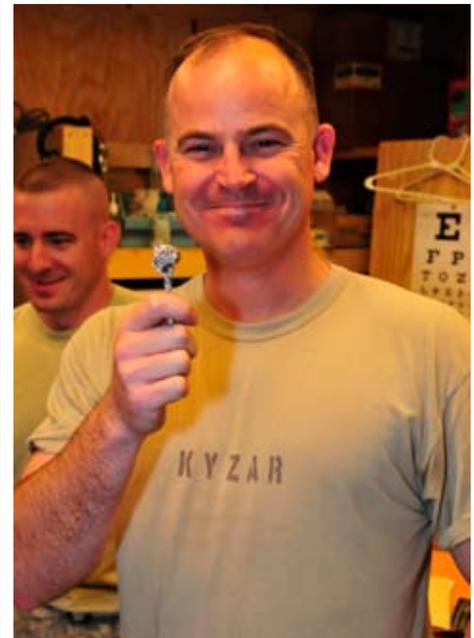
U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez prepares to vaccinate fellow soldiers of the 184th ESC.



(Left) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez, healthcare non-commissioned officer, gives a periodic Anthrax vaccination to Maj. Billy Hardin at JSC-A headquarters on July 5.



(Left) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez, healthcare non-commissioned officer, gives a periodic Anthrax vaccination to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jody Kyzar at JSC-A headquarters on July 5.



Kyzar displays his complimentary lollipop after receiving a periodic Anthrax vaccination.

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(Left) U.S. Army Lt. Col. Kevin Bullard attempts to relax as Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez, healthcare non-commissioned officer, administers a periodic Anthrax vaccination in the surgeon's office at JSC-A headquarters.



(Above) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Fernandez, healthcare non-commissioned officer, gives a periodic Anthrax vaccination to Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Taylor at JSC-A headquarters on July 5.



(Above left) U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joby Moss, JSC-A J1 awards section, performs a hasty self-assessment of his current eyesight. JSC-A has processed over 6,300 awards during the course of the 184th ESC's deployment.

(Left) U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jerry Myrick looks away as Maj. Johnson administers a periodic Anthrax vaccination.

Nevada Army National Guard Soldiers recognized



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(Above) Soldiers of C Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, a Nevada Army National Guard unit headquartered in Las Vegas, pose for a photo at Joint Sustainment Command – Afghanistan headquarters on Kandahar Airfield on June 23. Members of the unit received certificates of appreciation from JSC-A for their installation of network telecommunications wiring throughout the relocation of the JSC-A support operations section.

(Photos at left) U.S. Army Col. Craig Weaver, JSC-A support operations officer, presents members of C Co., 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion with certificates of appreciation.



1225th CSSB end-of-tour awards



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JSC-A JOC noise mitigation project

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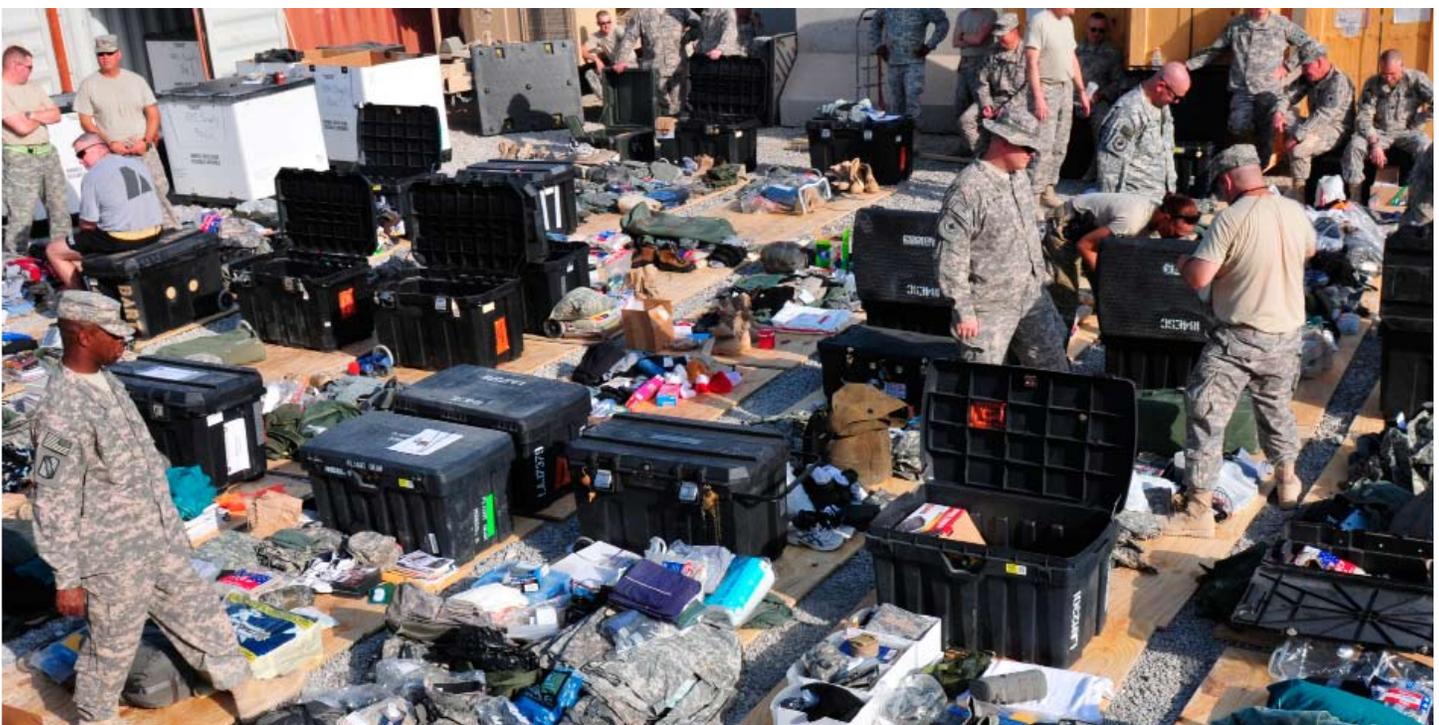


(Upper left) U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Travis Bond catches a breath of fresh air atop the sound barrier outside the Joint Sustainment Command - Afghanistan Joint Operations Center. The barrier reduces the noise signature of the generators on the compound for staff working inside the JSC-A JOC. Bond is a civilian carpenter by trade in Miss.

184th ESC prepares for redeployment



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4th ESC arrives at Kandahar Airfield



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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The U.S. Army Reserve’s 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command arrived at Kandahar Airfield July 7th.

The unit conducted pre-mobilization training at North Ft. Hood, Texas from June 16 until July 4, where they took part in a culminating training event which prepared them for service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“Our Soldiers are well-trained and ready to provide logistical support to Coalition and Afghan forces in counter-insurgency efforts so that the Afghan people can live in a safe and secure environment. We look forward to building relationships with our Afghan and Coalition partners to accomplish this mission,” said Brig. Gen. Les J. Carroll, 4th ESC commander.



(Right) Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Riggs greets Brig. Gen. Les Carroll, 4th ESC commander, as he departs the plane at Kandahar Airfield on July 7. The 4th ESC will assume command of JSC-A.

“I’m looking forward to being a part of the 4th ESC’s important mission,” said Maj. Gavin Reid, Command Inspector General for the 4th ESC. “It will be an honor to help enhance the discipline, efficiency, and operational warfighting capability of all units within the command.”

The 4th is currently conducting transition operations with personnel from the Mississippi Army National Guard’s 184th ESC, and will assume responsibility for Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan after the Mississippi unit returns home later this month.

The 4th ESC and its subordinate units will provide logistical support for the entire Afghanistan theater of operations.



Sgt. 1st Class Benari Poulten
4th ESC Deputy Chief of Public Affairs



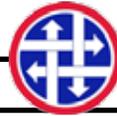
Spc. Andrew Valles
4th ESC Public Affairs Specialist



Lt. Col. Gordon Tate
4th ESC Chief of Public Affairs



4th ESC arrives at Kandahar Airfield

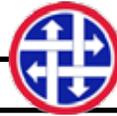


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4th ESC arrives at Kandahar Airfield



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Southpark Post Office grand opening at KAF

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(Top) U.S. Army Service members cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new South Park Post Office at Kandahar Airfield on July 5. The SPPO will process outgoing mail and alleviate congestion on the primary postal facility at KAF.

(Above) U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Duvall prepares to pay for postage with Eagle Cash at the new South Park Post Office at Kandahar Airfield on July 5.

(Left) A U.S. Army Service member makes his way to the new South Park Post Office at Kandahar Airfield on July 5.

184th ESC leaves its mark on KAF

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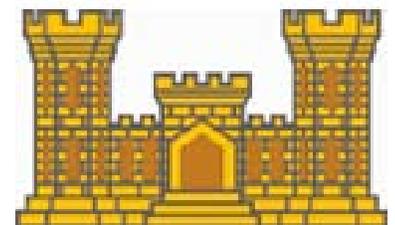


(Top left) U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher, JSC-A commander, thanks Master Sgt. Michael Box (right), JSC-A J4 engineering non-commissioned officer in charge, for his efforts in coordinating and executing the construction of the JSC-A flagpole and unit monument.

(Center left) The handpainted 184th ESC shoulder sleeve insignia is affixed to the front of the monument.

(Center) 184th ESC command coins are proudly displayed behind layered glass at the base of the flagpole.

(Center right) The handpainted 184th ESC unit crest is affixed to both sides of the monument.



184th ESC welcomes 4th ESC with barbecue

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July Birthdays

The JSC-A would like to wish the
following people a
Happy Birthday!



Lt. Col. Lawrence Austin
Mr. Charles Britton
Mr. Frederick Bryant
Mr. Vincent Camacho
Sgt. 1st Class Harry Carnes
Staff Sgt. Contarus Carter
Sgt. 1st Class Kim Carter
Maj. Gregory Cato
Maj. Gregory Dearman
Spc. Kaya Durr
Sgt. Wade Eason
Brig. Gen. Philip Fisher
Mr. Christopher Girouard
Staff Sgt. Torrence Green
Sgt. James Hauptmann
Sgt. 1st Class James Jones
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Martin Jones
Sgt. 1st Class James Masi
Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Mayfield
Petty Officer 2nd Class William McCall
Mr. Michael McCrae
Spc. Jocelyn McLeggon
Tech. Sgt. Tina Mora
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Plowden
Spc. Tony Shackelford
Maj. William Smith
Maj. Craig Sumrall
Staff Sgt. James Thomas
Senior Airman Lakisha White

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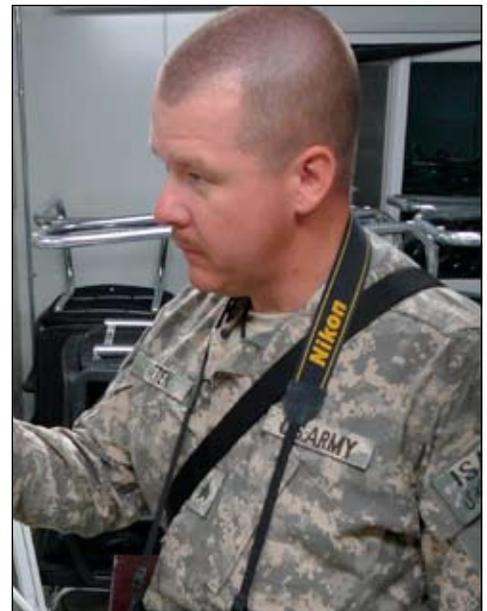
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