

Task Force Spartan News



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Task
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We are now approaching the “fourth quarter”. Most members of the Task Force have already gone home for their well deserved R&R and are now back in Afghanistan continuing the mission. We have to keep in mind that while the end is drawing near, it has not yet arrived and we still have challenges ahead, projects to complete, and we have to maintain the same sense of urgency we have displayed throughout the deployment in order to set the conditions for a successful hand-off to our successors, the 11th TTSB.

Our year-long training plan, which included many long hours and many days and nights away from home, has paid off as our Soldiers and Airmen easily and seamlessly took the reins back in March, and all are performing their jobs admirably. I said during my remarks at the departure ceremony in Spartanburg that I could not wait to “turn you loose” on this mission and you have not let me down. From the day we took over I have seen nothing less than an amazing performance by amazing professionals here in the 228th TTSB, Task Force Spartan. I see our top-notch NCO’s continuously monitoring, mentoring and coaching all Warriors on situational awareness, operations security, warrior skills, and safety. The technical expertise, coupled with the intense dedication and enthusiasm on display here makes me extremely proud to be part of this TF Spartan team. Thank you for all you do in defense of freedom.

I hope you are staying in close contact with your families and reassuring them that you are doing well, that spirits are high and everyone is being well cared for here on Bagram Airfield, as well as in RC-North and in RC-South. More importantly, remember to let your families know they are always on our minds, and that they are an important part of the TF Spartan team. Family support during the train-up and certainly now during the deployment is critical to our success. They face many challenges on “the home front” dealing with the bills, home repairs, “Soccer Mom” duties and the like. Knowing they are up to the task and working hard to deal with the daily grind eliminates distractions and allows us to focus on the task at hand, our very important mission of providing reliable communications to the warfighter.

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CSM
Campbell



Hello Soldiers, families and friends of the 228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade (TTSB). It's hard to believe it is the middle of October already. At least it is for me. The weather is starting to get cooler and we are starting to get regular rain showers. The mountain peaks are already getting snow accumulation which is a sure sign that colder weather is on tap shortly for us here in the valley.

Task Force Spartan is approximately three months from the completion of our mission. Our replacements, the 11th TTSB, recently had a team here for their pre-deployment site survey (PDSS). Their visit went very well and they acquired valuable information to assist them in their final planning in preparation to assume responsibility of this mission. The tentative time frame for the Transfer of Authority (TOA) is the middle of January.

It has been such a great honor to work with our brothers and sisters in arms. Besides the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 228th TTSB, Task Force Spartan is also made up of the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB), Task Force Mercury, in the South and the 44th ESB, Task Force Atlas, in the North. Task Force Spartan also consists of Airmen, Marines, Sailors and civilian contractor personnel. Our success as a whole would not be possible without these great organizations and services, their dedicated leadership and their technically and tactically proficient members.

We still have approximately three months here in theater. Some have more and some have less. We must fight the urges to become complacent and keep in mind we are still in a combat zone. Watch out for each other, stay safe and stay in touch with family and friends. I am honored and privileged to be the Command Sergeant Major of such a great organization. Until next time, Signal Ready! Signal Strong!

CSM Charles R. Campbell
Command Sergeant Major

Task Force Spartan Elements

Task Force Headquarters

HHC, 228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade
Bagram, Afghanistan

Regional Command -South

422nd Signal Battalion

422nd HHC

A Co 63rd

B Co 422nd

C Co 422nd

B Co 57th

Regional Command - North

44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

44th HHC

A Co 44th

A Co 51st

Regional Command -East

A Co 422nd

E&I Teams

SPIRITUAL RESILIENCY

Many years ago in my combat arms days, we had a saying that is still used today “train as you are going to fight”. Whenever possible we tried to replicate the conditions we thought we would encounter in a time of war.

This drilled down to the smallest detail in our training environment. If we had a night movement planned, then the LT who was leading the road march would perform a route recon at night from the company location to the SP at the exact speed we would travel, and under the same conditions. This ensured that we would be at the right place at the right time, and the LT would not miss the turn in the dark that was easy to see in the daylight.

We also knew that by repetitive training, when we found ourselves in an engagement, we would react rather than have to think about the response.

We tend to not give our spiritual lives the same attention. Ephesians 6: 11 says that we are in a spiritual war and are to put on the whole armor of God.

The question is, do we approach the spiritual war with the same attitude we approach the physical war? What does this mean and how do we prepare for a spiritual war? We face discouragement, and temptations in this environment, this is part of the spiritual war we face. Maybe

we are out of our faith routines that we had with our families before we deployed, and because of this we may see a change in our lives. How do we get back to where we want to be, build that spiritual resilience.

At our larger FOBs are Chapels with regularly scheduled services. Do we make the time to attend, to get rejuvenated, to

fellowship with others of our faith? This is one way. What if you are at an isolated location and don't see a Chaplain much. Do we make personal time to read the Bible and pray, to do those things that were important to us before?

Maybe a group of soldiers on a COB who have a similar faith background can hold their own Bible study. These are the things that help keep our guards up, help keep us spiritually resilient. Spiritual resiliency means that when tough times come, we are in the right place spiritually to face them without becoming defeated.

No matter where you are in this deployment, it is not too late to re-arm yourself spiritually for the challenges that are still ahead.

Sincerely,

Chaplain (LTC) Eric Turner

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~Ephesians 6:11

Soldiers recognized for service to Task Force

Photos by Sgt. Bethany Witherington



Staff Sgt. Lovinger, located at Ghormach, received certificate of promotion from Sgt. to Staff Sgt. from BG Batts.



Soldiers receive coins from BG Batts in recognitions of excellence. Below- Spc. Tennant proudly shows her newly received coin.



Building Relations and Credibility

Providing great customer service throughout the CJOA

By CPT Karena Hill

Great customer service is not a concept that most service members are accustomed to hearing in a military environment. However, for members of the Joint Network Operations Control Center- Afghanistan (JNCC-A), it is a term that is heard often and followed daily.

For members of the 228th TTSB JNCC-A, establishing relations and credibility is paramount to being technically and tactically proficient signaleers. As the old saying goes, no one wants to hear what you know until they know you care.

The JNCC-A operates in a unique environment in that they have Network Operations Authority of the RNCCs but do not have operational control. As a result of this non-traditional type of operations, it is even more imperative that members of the JNCC-A establish good working relations up front and on a continued daily basis.

Capt. James Breeden, JNCC-A Network Operations OIC, has seen first hand the benefits of a customer service oriented philosophy. He views the establishment of credibility as a must. "Whenever you go to a new job or organization you have to prove

yourself. People will test you and see how you react to situation", he said.

For Breeden, new to his position inside the JNCC-A, it was not enough to simply build relations via the telephone or DCO conferences. Instead he quickly realized the importance of meeting face to face with leadership when new to a team. Face to face meetings help with establishing a rapport which builds real relationships and partnerships within organizations. "Establishing credibility via face to face communications is invaluable and will ultimately come down to how you are perceived", said Breeden.

Camp Marmal Sets Stage for Reunion

Time in Afghanistan becomes family affair

Story by 1LT John Diggins

For most Soldiers a deployment is marked by leaving family behind but for Spc. Black, A CO 44th, it was a chance for a reunion. Earlier this month Spc. Black was reunited with her father, Rafael Urrutia a contractor based in Kabul. It has been over three years since the two have been together. It all started when she received a telephone call saying he would be at Camp Marmal. Spc. Black was then assisted by A CO so she could use this once in a lifetime opportunity.

The two met outside the transit tents. "It was completely by accident," Spc. Black said. "I was on my cell phone looking for him and he was right behind me!" It was a happy reunion. The two spent three days together watching movies and catching up with events. This is a great way to help Soldiers get a necessary break from the deployment. This kind of opportunity does not present itself often so when it does, every effort is made to make it happen"

The touching reunion came to a heartfelt end and both Spc. Black and her father

returned to duty to their respective bases. With morale raised, Spc. Black had this to say about the meeting, "I feel blessed. Not many Soldiers have this opportunity. I would like to thank my chain of command and A Co for sending me to see him!"



Agricultural Team at Gardez

Brings farming techniques to Afghanistan

Agriculture teams throughout Afghanistan are responsible for working with the local population and teaching them farming techniques to improve their quality of life.

At Gardez, Soldiers work with farm animals in an effort to teach locals how to raise and independently care for their own farm animals.



Photos by Sgt. Bethany Witherington



Photos above and to the left show the number and variety of animals raised at Gardez. The animals are raised in a controlled environment that allows Soldiers to maintain adequate care and control of the animals.

Sgt. Kramer proudly holds one of the chickens she and her team helped raise from a chick.



From the 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

Story by Capt. Adam Loutzenhiser
44th ESB

The Area Hub Node (AHN) was a project that was still in its infancy when we took it over from 307th ESB. It was nothing more than an empty building filled with dust, dirt, and poorly ran electrical wiring. After more than six weeks of coordination with the Afghanistan construction company, the electrical wiring was fixed and power was supplied to the building.

While we were waiting for the power cable to be ran outside the building, Soldiers from A/51 worked hard to clear out the inside of the AHN so it was suitable to begin installing the server racks. Once finished, they spent countless hours getting the server racks installed and populated with numerous routers and switches valued at more than two million dollars.

Once the power was established to the building, Soldiers from A/51st again took to the task of bringing this facility one step closer to its Initial Operating Capability. They did this by diligently working on the creation of fiber optic cables, that hadn't ordered by splicing



Soldiers installing racks in AHN

together two separate types of fiber cable. This allowed the building to have the connectivity it needed between its routers and switches.

The AHN currently provides all Microsoft Exchange mailbox services to users throughout all of RC(N). Once the facility reaches its Final Operating Capability, it will host not only Exchange services, but all Enterprise services for RC(N) such as HBSS and SCCM in addition to providing the interconnection that allows both strategic and tactical communications to talk to each other. This is all made possible by the hardworking Soldiers of Task Force Atlas!



Sgt. Schmit splices fiber for the AHN

Soldiers Display Physical Toughness

~10th Mountain Ruck March

Story by 2LT Carolyn Stankiewicz

TF Atlas Soldiers participated in the 10th Mountain Combat Ruck March Relay Competition at Kandahar Air Field. The team, organized by Sgt. 1st Class Garcia, included himself, Sgt. Moore, Sgt. Lopez, Sgt. Thompson and LT Stankiewicz, all from HHC.

The competition consisted of a 10-mile relay race, which used a rucksack and weapon as the "baton." Each team consisted of five members, each of whom had to complete a two-mile leg with the 35 lb. rucksack and weapon. The route included a run through Kandahar, over barriers, up and down steps and around Kandahar Lake.

The TF Atlas team trained for a month before the competition by doing distant runs with rifles, ruck marches, leg endurance workouts and sprints. They even practiced how to transition the rucksack and weapon between team members, as they would have to in the competition.

The race started early on Sunday a morning. It was still dark as the 10th Mountain Command Sgt. Maj. gave an introduction and safety brief with the sounds of firefights and artillery in the distance. There were 109 teams present ranging from infantry and Special Forces to NATO and coalition services.

The race began at 0500, with the first team members stepping off at the starting point. As Sgt. Moore fought his way to the front of the pack, the rest of the team members waited, in a marked-off transition area, for their turn to race. Though it was crowded, it was very exciting as the crowd cheered and fellow teammates yelled with encouragement

The TF Atlas team stayed near the front of the pack as each team member had a turn running the two-mile course. The team, which was ironically assigned as Team #44, ended up finishing the race 22nd of 109!

An award ceremony followed shortly after the race, in which the first five teams were recognized. The following day, the team headed back to Marmal on a VIP jet (aka: they were the only passengers on a Dutch commercial flight). The team might not have won first place, but the TF was very proud of their efforts, and for that, each team member was awarded the Army Achievement Medal.



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The Range was outside the wire about 5 miles from base and could be seen from the Task Force Headquarters building. Our German Counterparts had their Special Force Group tag along and lead the way out to the Range with our convoy in between the formation.

It was a hot and sweaty day with all the Improvised Outer Tactical Vest gear on with all our protective rounds, Armor Cavalier Helmet, gloves, camelback

and weapon on each Soldier. The desert was getting the most water it could out of each Soldier after this day was through due to no shade expect within the MRAPs.

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tional (spills, rips, etc.) or intentional (writing on it, crossing out, etc.) may invalidate your entire Will. Most states will not accept a copy of your Will. Therefore, your executor must know the location of your original will. Review and consider updating your Will during significant changes in your life, such as: marriage, divorce, birth of children, retirement, or a substantial change in your financial circumstances.

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your wishes should you find yourself in a coma or persistent vegetative state with little hope of recovery. It is your opportunity to tell the doctors what type of treatment you want in that situation.

A Medical Power of Attorney is a document that gives you the ability to name a person or persons who will be responsible for making medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make them.

Feel free to contact our office at 318-481-1686 for guidance on the preparation of any of these documents.

Engineering and Installing Team

~Maneuvers Hurdles and Excels

By Sgt. Bethany Witherington

Despite having to overcome many obstacles the Engineering and Installation teams, consisting of 12 Airmen from 241st EIS out of Chattanooga, TN, have surpassed the projection for their mission. They have managed to improve communication and are 4 weeks ahead of schedule.

Air Force Engineering and Installations (E&I) teams engineer and install fixed communications systems which encompass the total scope of telephone, data and radio communications. The teams adhere to military and commercial standards to give the customer quality reliable communications to meet sustained operations requirements. The Air Force teams supporting the Army mission through the request for forces tasking have completed projects to install outside plant and inside plant infrastructure to support technical control facilities connection to end users at multiple Forward Operating Base's across the AOR. Each FOB presented its own unique challenge to the various E&I teams.

When asked about some problems the team encountered during their deployment SrA Timothy Woodall, E&I Outside Plant Installer, said "For a long time in the beginning we were trying to dig with just our Vermeer trencher. The trencher had hydraulic problems causing breakdowns many times. After a couple months we received a Ditch Witch on tracks. The trencher worked much better for digging trenches but it also could not hold up to the environment. The vehicle broke repeatedly and finally the bucket was tore from its factory welds due to the rock and hard dirt we had to get through. We eventually got a new bucket which was slightly smaller and more durable. "

The equipment has proven to be more durable, the ground is so hard in some spots it is like digging into solid rock. The team has managed to get ahead of schedule. MSgt Jamie Smith, E&I OSP Team Chief, says of the difficulties the team has gotten through, "We were worried about not being able to complete the project due to equipment failures but we did our own repairs and pushed through so we were able to exceed our expectations and after many long days we are at least 4 weeks ahead of schedule."

There will be no complaints heard from that particular E&I group, either. They have had their share of problems, personally but they have managed to learn how to work through them and complete the mission. The group in Tarin Kowt is thick and tight as a team thrown together can be.

Woodall said, "Yes, I would definitely do another deployment with the same crew. We have had our differences, and sometimes they were not pleasant, but overall this is a good crew. Anyone can rub you the wrong way on any given day. It is how you handle yourself and others everyday that matter most."

The team works and plays well together, when asked about his feelings of the team that was put together for this deployment, Smith said, "Just having the hard working team I deployed with made everything tolerable and without them having my back and vice versa this deployment would have been a little too much to handle."

Task Force Mercury Highlights:

422nd ESB



The Soldiers of the 422nd ESB are a proud group of Signaleers, made up of volunteers from Washington, Oregon, North Carolina, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, and New York. With main Companies located in Reno, and Las Vegas, NV as well as Casa Grande, AZ. The 422nd ESB is the only ESB west of the Mississippi River that has the newest Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) equipment, one of only 6 ESBs with such equipment and the only one in the National Guard. We are-to date-the Nevada National Guard's largest and most expensive mobilization in the history of the state of Nevada. As well as the first full Reserve Component ESB to mobilize as a whole to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Battle Field Circulation ~ On the move



Above- Capt. Perez meets with BG Batts to discuss the full itinerary of the day's visit to his AOR

Right- Sgt. Salgado takes a moment to share his daily roles and responsibilities with Command Sgt.. Maj. Campbell.



Hungarian Soldiers give a tour of their work area.





Spc. Ramos gives a brief on the operation of the Phoenix terminal.



Soldiers located at Ghormach stand in line waiting an informal gathering in which they are awarded coins of appreciation in recognition for their hard work during this deployment.



Hungarian Soldiers located in Killigay brief BG Batts on the internet services they provide inside of their FOB.

E&I Team

Installing Cable and Wire at Tarin Kowt

Photos by Sgt. Bethany Witherington

Members of the E&I Team located at Tarin Kowt work diligently to install underground cables. The team works together using heavy equipment and tools to complete the mission.





1. Senior Airman Collin operates ditch witch lifting a hand hole for transportation on a pick up truck
2. Master Sgt. Smith does a final walk through before starting the job.
3. Senior Airman Woodall operates a back hoe
4. Senior Airman Collins uses a saw to cut through a hand hole
5. Tech. Sgt. Watson takes a break from the flying sand and dirt



HIRING

Looking for Employment

Check out these links/POCs for possibilities and information...

Civilian:

(1) *Employers Partnership of the Armed Forces*
www.employerpartnership.org
E-mail: gethired@employerpartnership.org

(2) *Civilian Expeditionary Workforce*
http://www.cpms.ods.mil/

Military

(2) *Personnel Force Innovation*
http://pfi.dod.mil/
Guard & Reserve Active Duty
Tours in Support of DOD
Agencies CONUS & OCONUS

(3) *Guard Knowledge Online*
https://gkportal.ngb.army.mil/default.aspx

(4) *Tour of Duty:*
https://mobcop.army.mil/TOD/default_new.aspx



Do you have an employer who has been supportive of your military service? Then nominate your employer for the “Patriot Award” in recognition of their support of deploying Soldiers.

Go to www.esgr.org/newforms.asp?p=patriot and complete the online form.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Focuses on Service Members Gaining Meaningful Employment Opportunities

Since the events of September 11th, our service members have played a tremendous role in fighting terrorism and keeping our country secure. The readiness of the Guard and Reserve components is at an all-time high and we can take great pride in that achievement. At the same time, we are now seeing unprecedented levels unemployment and underemployment among members of the Guard and Reserve. The promise of a secure job provides service members and their families with peace of mind, which is increasingly important as up to 22% of Guard and Reserve members face unemployment.



In this time of economic uncertainty, ESGR is focusing on connecting employers with the talented pool of service members and spouses, with the intent of facilitating meaningful employment opportunities:

- The Employment Initiative Program (EIP) is a collaborative effort with federal agencies - including the Department of Labor (Veterans Affairs), the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management - to create efficiencies, enhance the employment process and serve as an effective resource for service members and employers.
- ESGR is partnering with Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces (EPAF) through EIP with a high-tech and high-touch approach.
 - The high-tech approach is comprised of the website www.EmployerPartnership.org which provides employers with the ability to post available jobs and for service members to post resumes, search for jobs, and make a connection.

VISIT NOW



to Find a Job,

Find an Employee

- The high-touch approach comes through a series of employment related events being conducted in conjunction with DoD Yellow Ribbon Events throughout the nation as well as tailored, state-specific job events hosted by ESGR in all 50 States, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Hiring a service member makes good business sense. These are disciplined and skilled workers who display pride, leadership and professionalism in what they do. They understand the mission of their civilian jobs and make it a priority to get results, all while displaying a strong work ethic.

It is our goal to improve employment opportunities for transitioning service members. EIP will make a difference at the local level by using the 4,700 ESGR volunteers to connect with employers and service members and communicate the many employment resources available to them.

YOUR JOB IS PROTECTED!

As a uniformed service member, you have rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Your Requirements

- ✓ Provide prior notice to employer
- ✓ Serve under honorable conditions
- ✓ Return to work in accordance with USERRA guidelines

Your Rights

- ✓ Military leave of absence
- ✓ Prompt reinstatement
- ✓ Accumulation of seniority
- ✓ Reinstatement of benefits
- ✓ Training or retraining of skills
- ✓ Protection against discrimination

Reemployment Timetable

To be eligible for protection under USERRA, you must report back to work or apply for reemployment within the following guidelines:

- ✓ 1-30 days of service
- ✓ 31-180 days of service
- ✓ 181+ days of service

Report next scheduled work day
Apply within 14 days after completion of service
Apply within 90 days after completion of service



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Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value military service of their employees. We recognize outstanding support, increase awareness of the law, and resolve conflicts through mediation.

ESGR volunteers across the country stand ready to assist you with the following services:

- ✓ **Recognition**
Thank your employer for supporting your military service
- ✓ **Information**
Your one-stop resource for USERRA
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Neutral mediation to resolve employment issues

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The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas (CFC-O) kicks off their 2011 campaign October 3 to raise money for charitable organizations around the world. The CFC-O is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in the workplace and includes information pertaining to more than 2,400 approved charities.

Prior to the creation of CFC-O, charitable organizations were allowed to solicit government employees whenever they wanted to do so. As a result, many employees became frustrated and fundraising efforts were ineffective.

Whether it's medical research, international relief, environmental protection, or many more worthwhile causes, the CFC

allows us the opportunity to support those causes which matter the most to us in a very effective and efficient campaign.

Participation in CFC-O is strictly voluntary. Individuals can elect to donate money to charities listed on the approved CFC-O Charity List. For a complete listing of approved charitable organizations go to www.cfcoverseas.org.

Donations may be made via the website or you may give a check or money order to your unit CFC organizer.

This year's campaign will continue through December 2.

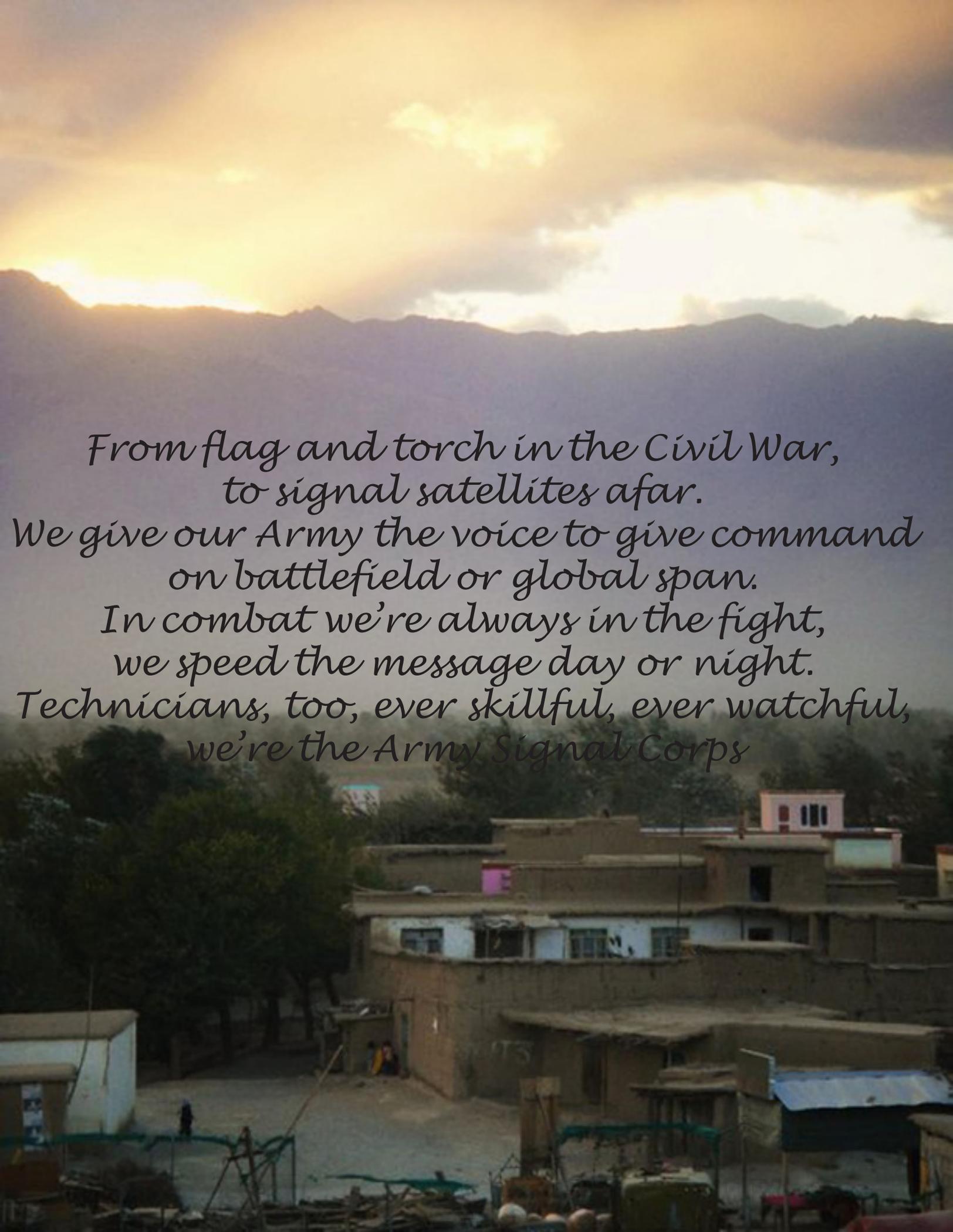
If you don't know who your unit CFC organizer is, contact the Task Force Spartan CFC manager, *2lt William Garner* or *CW2 John Boatwright*.

How does the process work?

Individuals are welcome to donate to one or more charities of their choosing. You decide the amount of money you are willing to give. Once you have identified your charity and monetary contribution, complete a pledge card (cards can be obtained from your CFC-O manager).

Donations can be made as either one-time gifts or via payroll deduction.

****2010 total donations were 13.8 million***



*From flag and torch in the Civil War,
to signal satellites afar.*

*We give our Army the voice to give command
on battlefield or global span.*

*In combat we're always in the fight,
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your wishes should you find yourself in a coma or persistent vegetative state with little hope of recovery. It is your opportunity to tell the doctors what type of treatment you want in that situation.

A Medical Power of Attorney is a document that gives you the ability to name a person or persons who will be responsible for making medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make them.

Feel free to contact our office at 318-481-1686 for guidance on the preparation of any of these documents.