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A mural done by a detainee known by the pseudonym "Mohammed PecasO," at the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the southern city of Umm Qasr. Mohammed taught many other students at the art school and was released in 2008.

Photo By Spc. Samuel Soza, 367th MPAD

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» EDITOR'S NOTE

First, I would like to thank Paul Adams, Editor, Warrior-Citizen magazine for offering his editorial column to me to say farewell to the Public Affairs community and the Army Reserve. Before I say “good bye,” I would like to point out some of the highlights in this issue of the magazine.

On page 4 we welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Schultz as the 11th senior enlisted NCO selected to lead the Army Reserve NCO corps to new heights. The Military Technician program is celebrating 50 years of service in June; please read about it on page 12. The 35th annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition was held at Fort Lee, Va., from Feb. 28 through March 12, 2010. The competition is the nation’s largest competition of its kind. The Army Reserve team won four gold, 23 silver, and eight bronze medals; read more beginning on page 22. Iraqi civilian and U.S. military deconstruction teams have transformed the landscape surrounding the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca; view the artwork starting on page 26. Enjoy this edition of the Warrior-Citizen magazine and continue to send in your fantastic photos and articles.

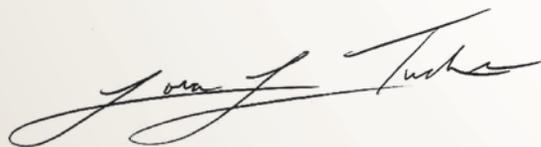
As I begin the next adventure in my life, I find it difficult to say farewell to my public affairs team. Over the years, you have inspired me to be my best. I am the leader I am today because of you, and it’s my honor and privilege to salute you and to say a very heartfelt “thank you!”

The honest state of Army Reserve public affairs is...that it’s a work in progress. There is no doubt in my mind that the future of Army Reserve public affairs is in the best of hands. The incredible talent, leadership, and energy level this team brings to the fight will lead public affairs into the future. You are the very best; continue to lead the way.

Looking back to the more than 20 years of my military career, I have absolutely loved leading Soldiers, taking care of Families, and conducting real world missions. The key to my leadership success (besides great NCOs!) over the years is living a leadership philosophy that has been my true north and I would like to share it with you.

- ♦ It’s an honor and privilege to lead
- ♦ People first
- ♦ Do what is right every single day (morally and ethically)
- ♦ Lead actively, energetically, and passionately by example, from the front
- ♦ Think critically and strategically realizing every action has a reaction
- ♦ Always be the calm in the storm
- ♦ As a leader you never accomplish anything by yourself
- ♦ “Good is the enemy of great.” – Jim Collins
- ♦ It’s the “small things” that will always reach out and bite you
- ♦ The glass is full, stay positive, it can be done, influence and inspire those around you
- ♦ Be passionate about coaching and mentoring people to be their best at work and in life
- ♦ Be bold, creative, we are only limited by our own imagination
- ♦ The situation determines the approach, do not get fooled by fads and stereotypes
- ♦ When picking people look for intelligence and judgment, a capacity to anticipate, to see around the corners, loyalty, integrity, a high energy drive to get things done and a well-balanced ego
- ♦ Have fun and maintain your sense of humor

Team, it has been an incredible honor and a privilege to lead you. I wish you and your Families the very best.



Col. Lora Tucker
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ON THE COVER

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Joseph Parker prepares his main dish—butter poached lobster with braised kale, sweet corn spoon bread, lobster & scallop sausage and seafood cracker topped with a lemon butter sauce—in the contemporary category at the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va. Photo by Timothy L. Hale, Army Reserve Public Affairs.

ON THE BACK COVER

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The annual battle
of minds, brute
strength and guts
is set to begin...

WHO WILL BE THE BEST WARRIOR?

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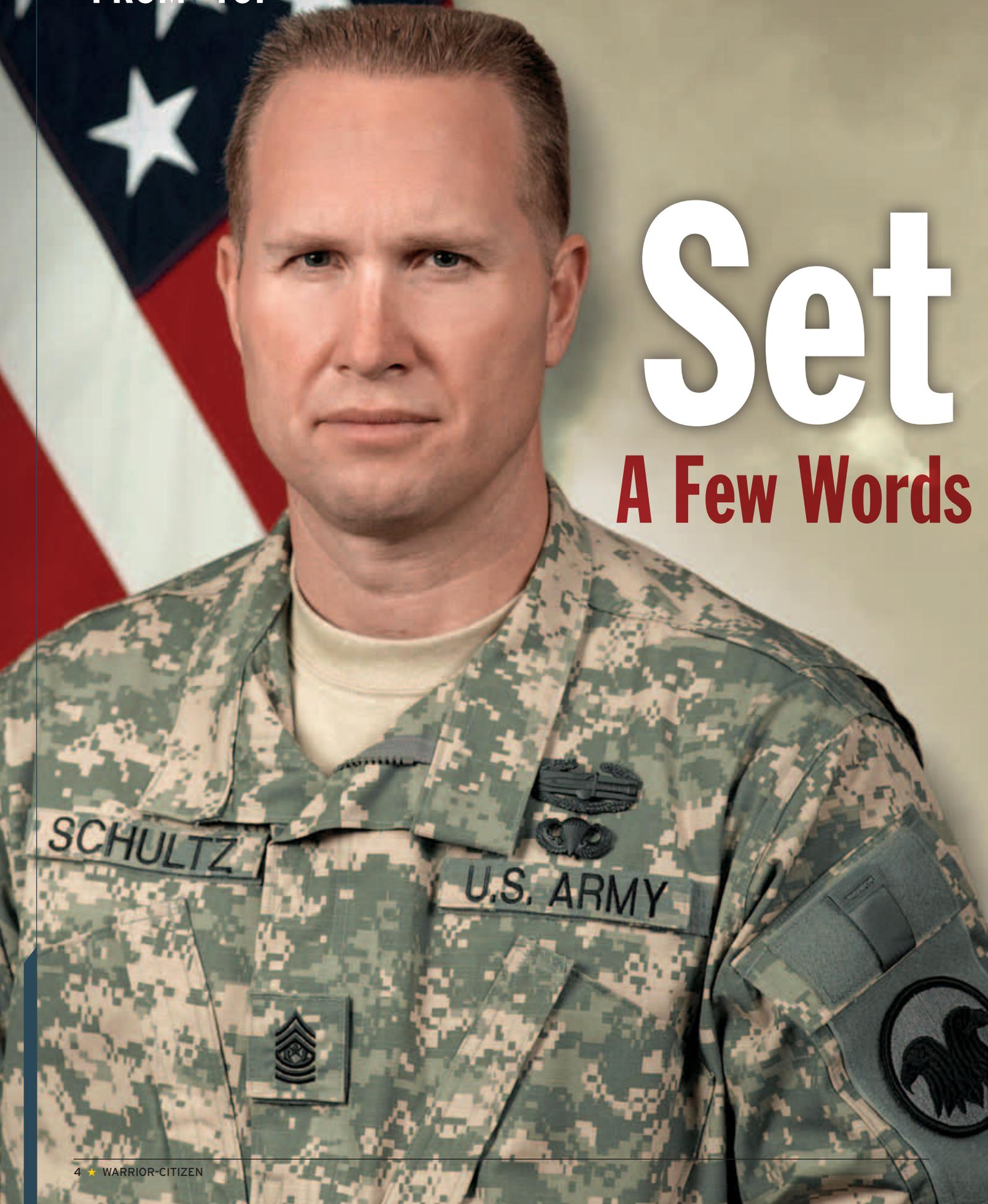
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» FROM THE TOP

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A Few Words



“I selected Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz because I knew he was the right choice to be the command sergeant major for the Army Reserve. He brings with him a wealth of experience, education, and leadership ability, as well as the spirit of a combat-tested warrior.”

– Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, U.S. Army Reserve Commanding General

to Lead

from Command Sgt. Maj. Schultz

It is a privilege to have been selected as the Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve and serve at such a pivotal time in history. The Army Reserve has some of the best-trained, best-equipped, and ready forces in history—the perception of Army Reserve Soldiers as ‘weekend warriors’ is a thing of the past. During my recent visits with Lt. Gen. Stultz to bases in Italy, Europe, Asia, and Africa, Army leadership was impressed by the vital contribution of Army Reserve Soldiers, many with specialized skills such as medical, civil affairs, engineers, law enforcement and transportation.

After almost a full decade of persistent conflict, Army Reserve Soldiers know what it means and understand the challenge of being out there and having to deploy, because we’ve done it. We know how to train up, deploy and come back. We’ve done it, and we have been doing it. We understand the challenge, and we are living the challenge.

In order to continue to meet that challenge and work towards shaping a fully operational force, I’m looking very hard at my senior enlisted leaders to help re-energize and refocus the Army Reserve NCO corps. I intend to build a Leader Development Office in conjunction with Human Resources Command—a one-stop shop to facilitate senior leader career progression and management. As we move out, over strength master sergeant and sergeants major ranks, we will get the right skill sets in the right seats.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz was sworn in on March 16, 2010 by Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz as the Army Reserve’s senior enlisted advisor and 11th command sergeant major.

What I can give to that junior Soldier is the best quality leadership on the NCO side.

What it comes down to is that we need to get back to the basics. I want to surround myself with the best NCOs and leaders with the same mindset. The basics—taking care of Soldiers: mentoring, counseling and physical fitness are not optional, they’re a requirement. Enlisted and junior NCOs deserve the best leadership out there and it’s my role to ensure that we as senior NCOs are giving Soldiers the best-quality, best-trained NCOs out there.

Some of my best mentors were terrible NCOs. Leaders who were not physically fit, ones who stayed behind, drilling for points, while his Soldiers went off on multiple deployments. As senior leaders, I believe we need to set the example and instill pride in the corps. Mentor and counsel Soldiers, tell them how they can do better. If that fails; fire them. We’re not in a place where we need to retain non-performers.

I intend to mentor my senior Sergeants Major by opening up the opportunity to attend events in my absence, getting them ready for when my position opens up—why wait until I am getting ready to transition out to allow somebody to mentor into this role?

As the senior enlisted advisor, I’m also the watchdog for the Army Reserve. I have to bring Lt. Gen. Stultz the issues and honest feedback from the field. That’s why it’s important for me to get out there, travel and see Soldiers. He may hear one thing from staff, but it’s my responsibility to represent those enlisted and NCOs across the Army Reserve. That’s what I owe him, and what I owe the enlisted corps. And I look forward to the challenge. ✘

» BLOGS AND WEB SITES

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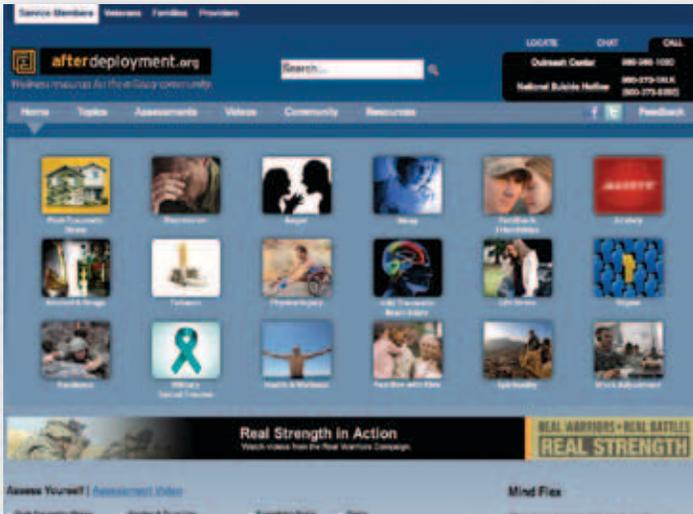
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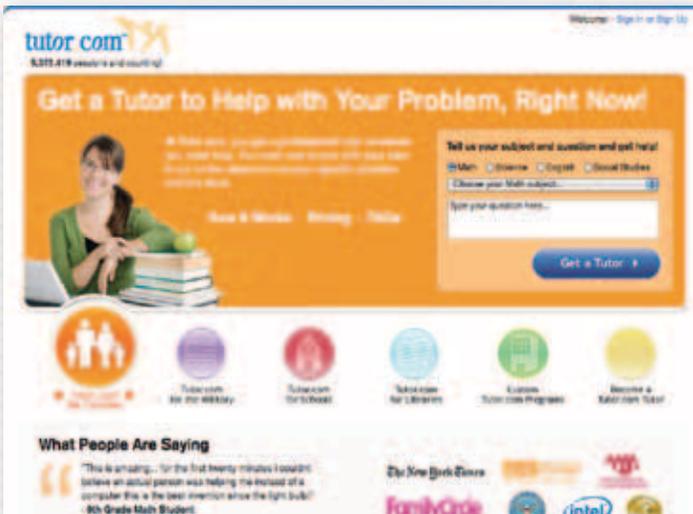
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THE EMPLOYER AWARENESS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES to successfully work with Army Reserve Soldiers diagnosed with traumatic brain injury and or post-traumatic stress disorder. As Soldiers transition from active duty deployment back into the workplace, there will be some who struggle to cope with these invisible wounds of war. This concept plan is designed to offer Soldiers, Families, civilians, and employers the tools to help those affected succeed on the job. The Department of Labor implemented the America's Heroes at Work Project which offers fact sheets, reference guides, training modules, and a toll-free helpline.



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» NEWS YOU CAN USE

TCS FRAUD: It Doesn't Pay

By Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Public Affairs

If you are even remotely thinking about using your recent mobilization as a way to pad your bank account or give you and your Family a few extra luxuries, you'd better think again. The Army Reserve Command Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is looking to prosecute you.

In conjunction with Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the Army Criminal Investigation Division, the SJA is actively pursuing those who have or are currently defrauding the government.

“The primary cause appears to be greed based on two general observations,” said Col. Stephen Castlen, USARC Staff Judge Advocate.

“One, this is a ‘learned behavior,’” he said. “The vouchers (DD Form 1351) show a progression over time. As Soldiers and officers see the apparent ease at which they can get away with it, they become increasingly brazen, and the amounts of reimbursements requested increase. Two, many of those committing fraud are homeowners who purchased the homes in the area of their tour—after being mobilized.”

“Soldiers oftentimes submit appropriate vouchers—initially,” said Capt. Fredrick Horton, Jr., USARC trial counsel. “Yet, over time, the temptation or their contact with other wrongdoers who educate them on the ins and outs of these crimes is expressed as the vouchers they file begin to change.”

Horton said the fraud can come in many forms, but basically there are two main types.

“The first is the appearance of renting a home, typically by using a straw man or company, when in fact they actually own the home. The second method of fraud is simply renting a home and paying one amount while providing documentation of a different amount,” he said.

“However it is done and however clever the Soldier/criminal is, DFAS, CID, and Army or other federal prosecutors are motivated and alert to see through the shell corporations and Family relationships, to find the criminal intent to steal and defraud the government,” Horton said. “We will ensure that crime does not pay.”

If you believe you are safe because you retired or de-mobilized, think again.

“As the statute of limitations (time the government has to take action) for prosecution is five years, there is usually time to pursue consequences for these Soldier/criminals. You will continue

to be subject to consequences by being recalled to active duty for court-martial or by having your case referred to the U.S. Attorney’s office for federal prosecution,” Horton said.

The problem is not just relegated to the enlisted ranks. Records show that officers are just as likely to commit this misconduct. Horton said that regardless of rank, the guilty are not ready to serve time in confinement in a military prison.

“Having been on the defense and government side in terms of litigating these cases, I can assure you members of the military are not groomed for or prepared to serve time in prison,” he said.

“These are basically decent, Family-oriented people who allowed their greed and the apparent ease of the crime to lead to bad decisions. So, even though it is often just you and your

computer, always remember: the decisions you make when filling out the travel voucher can appropriately reimburse you or can cost you and your Family.”

Castlen said there is “insufficient data to determine whether there has been an escalation based on the economic conditions. Again, as we are talking about folks with jobs and most likely homeowners, it appears as though desperation is not the motivating feeling. The analysis will continue as we move to more fully assess—and prosecute—those committing these offenses.”

Horton said that DFAS is alert and making referrals to CID when they detect fraud.

“The likelihood of Soldiers escaping detection has decreased substantially,” he concluded. ❏

TCS-FRAUD COURTS MARTIAL

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LTC	FORT GORDON	\$15,000	3 MONTHS CONFINEMENT, FORFEIT \$5,000 FOR 3 MONTHS, FINE 15,000, REPRIMAND
LTC	FORT EUSTIS	\$75,000	3 MONTHS CONFINEMENT
CPT	FORT EUSTIS	\$40,000	5 MONTHS CONFINEMENT, DISMISSAL
MSG	HQDA	\$88,000	REDUCTION TO E-6, 30 DAYS CONFINEMENT, \$27,000 FINE
MSG	FORT EUSTIS	\$25,000	3 MONTHS CONFINEMENT, FORFEITURES \$1,742 FOR 6 MONTHS, REDUCTION TO E-6
SFC	FORT GORDON	\$12,000	4 MONTHS CONFINEMENT REDUCTION TO E-4; FORFEITURE \$1,500 FOR 4 MONTHS
SSG	WALTER REED	\$65,000	CONFINEMENT FOR 70 DAYS, FINED \$1300
SGT	PENTAGON	\$145,000	CONFINEMENT FOR 16 MONTHS, BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE, FINED \$60,000

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Photo By Donald Bitner, Letterkenny Army Depot



At the Heart of the Network

WASHINGTON — As deadly as an enemy on the battlefield may be, the unseen enemy lurking in the military's information systems may be even more troublesome. Finding these enemies and stopping them before they can harm the Department of Defense is the job of the Soldiers of the U.S. Army Reserve Element-Defense Information Systems Agency.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Gunshannon completes tasks in support of the DISA Field Support Office.

"Their work doesn't make the headlines, but it is critical to our nation given America's reliance on technology, and our efforts to thwart our enemy's cyberwarfare activities."

What is IO? It encompasses electronic warfare, computer network operations, psychological operations, military deception, and operations security; all to which the Soldiers of the USARE-DISA directly contribute.

Maj. Gen. Mari Eder, commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Joint and Special Troops Support Command, the higher headquarters of USARE-DISA, understands the impact of the unit's mission.

By Master Sgt. Cory McKean
Defense Information Systems
Agency Public Affairs

States, the focus is the same; it's all about protecting information.

Navy Rear Adm. Elizabeth Hight, DISA's former vice director, understood the importance of the unit's support to the organization.

"Our Army Reserve Element provides DISA with technical expertise and skills from the civilian sector that directly support the defense of our military's network infrastructure," she said.

Whether this diverse and non-traditional unit is supporting Information

Operations missions in the Washington, DC area, in rural Alabama, or at any of its other six locations throughout the United

Second Term for Stultz

“USARE-DISA epitomizes the value our Army Reserve elements bring to Joint organizations,” she said. “By combining significant mobilization experience with civilian-acquired technical skills, these Citizen Soldiers are uniquely positioned to provide operational support in defending the Global Information Grid.”

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Enrique Torres said, “I feel an enormous sense of accomplishment after one of our Battle Training Assemblies—since we perform an operational mission every month, I truly feel like we are a part of the big IO fight against cyber-terrorism.”

So, how do they do it? Starting with support to the Joint Web Risk Assessment Center, Torres scans DoD Web sites for content and information that poses potential or real threats to DoD personnel and ongoing operations. Operations Security violations top the list of threats found; everything from Soldiers’ Social Security numbers to detailed troop movement plans have been removed from DoD Web sites and public blogs.

The JWRA team has mitigated more than 11,000 Web site content violations in just two years.

Each day USARE-DISA Soldiers are reminded of the unit’s motto—“Factum, Maximus, Excellentia” (translated to “Action, Urgency, Excellence”) because the Warfighter and Warfighter’s information deserves nothing less. ✘

For more information on USARE-DISA, including how to join the unit, visit <http://www.disa.mil/mps/usare.html>.

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By Melissa Russell
Army Reserve Communications

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz has joined a small, select group of Army Reserve Chiefs who have served more than the standard term of office.

Stultz was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate for reappointment in his current grade. He will continue to serve as the Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command.

His serving longer than the usual four-year term of office is rare but not unprecedented. Four of his 30 predecessors also served more than four years.

As the senior leader of the Army Reserve, Stultz is responsible for the crafting and execution of all plans, policies, and programs affecting Army Reserve Soldiers as well as for providing trained and ready units and individuals to mobilize and deploy in support of the national military strategy.

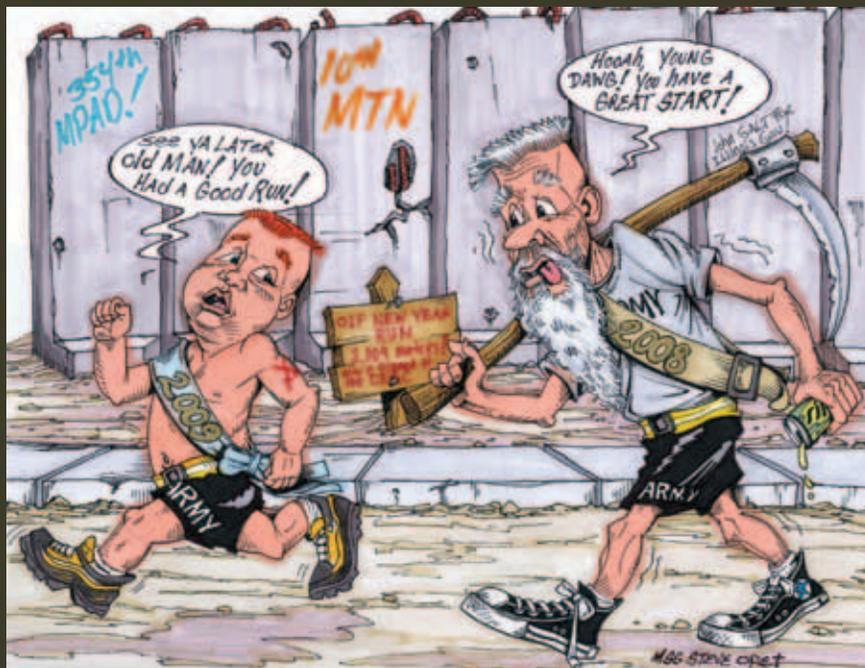
During his current tenure as Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Stultz has led the transformation of the Army Reserve from a strategic reserve organization into a fully operational force. He will continue to operationalize the Army Reserve, while shaping and sustaining the force to ensure that it is recognized and resourced as America’s premier reservoir of shared military-civilian skills and capabilities that support and defend the nation. He will also further develop an enterprise approach aligning functions, processes, and working relationships to effectively and efficiently generate trained, equipped, and ready forces for combatant commanders.

In addition, Stultz plans to continue to address Base Realignment and Closure-related issues to ensure that the Army Reserve achieves its congressional mandates.

“I am honored to have the privilege to continue to serve alongside of the 206,000-plus Warrior-Citizens who live and work in thousands of communities across our country,” Stultz said. “It is my goal to make certain that they are trained, battle ready, and Army Strong.” ★



THE O.P. By Master Sgt. Steve Opet



RIGHT: Master Sgt. Steve Opet won a 2009 Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Award in the Art/Graphics category for this cartoon entitled, *Spirits Stay High While Working During the Holidays*. Steve has won more than 50 awards, including eight 1st Place awards in the Illustrative Art category in the Keith L. Ware Annual Competition. (See 2009 Awards and Honors, pg 16.)

» NEWS YOU CAN USE



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIL-TECH PROGRAM

By Therese Beatty

Army Reserve Full Time Support Division

This June, the Army's Military Technician program is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Implemented during the Cold War to mobilize Reserve Component units for the war in Europe, the Mil-Tech program has expanded from its humble beginnings in 1960 as the source of "unit caretakers" to a current staff including positions as diverse as heavy mobile equipment repairers and aircraft flight instructors.

Paul Dziegielewski, hired as a GS-5 in 1990 to support the 99th Army Reserve Command's Special Staff, has also deployed to Afghanistan as a Soldier. "I am honored and proud to serve

my Country and the United States Army in both a civilian and military capacity," he said. "When people ask me what I do, I can hold my head high when I explain to them the differences of both positions I hold." Dziegielewski, a Chief Warrant Officer, is currently the supervisory staff administrator for the 55th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Army Reserve employs more than 9,000 Mil-Techs—civil service employees who have a dual status with a Selected Reserve membership requirement. This dual civilian-military status enhances the readiness of Army Reserve units for mobilization and combat. ★

Paul Dziegielewski is presented with the Army's Achievement Medal for Civilian Service on Aug. 15, 2008, for exceptional performance to the U.S. Army Reserve while assigned as the Human Resource Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Coraopolis, Pa.

LT. GEN. JACK STULTZ FIELDS QUESTIONS AT SOLDIERS TOWN HALL



How does the Army Reserve track Soldiers cross-leveled for deployment as well as when they return to a unit once their deployment is completed?

The Army Reserve G-1 tracks Soldiers who are cross-leveled on an internal database. These Soldiers are tracked by the AR G-1 until the transfer order is published and the Soldier reports to the gaining (deploying) command. During deployment and re-deployment, the losing major subordinate command tracks Soldiers until they return back to their original unit. However, when a Reserve Soldier volunteers for deployment, it makes it almost impossible to wait and hold a position for him or her as well as makes guaranteeing a true sense of predictability.

Is there a possibility to re-look at the direct commission process and develop accessions for specialized skills?

Currently, DA G-1 is piloting a program for a direct commission to captain, with this initiative, the recommendation is to access non-prior service applicants in the rank of captain in officer critical shortage branches and functional areas.

What is an operational reserve force?

An agile, flexible organizational structure that provides cohesive functional force packages to the combatant commander. Our status as an operational force means that the Army Reserve is no longer a force in waiting; we are an operational force in being. We play a vital role in overseas contingency operations and will for the foreseeable future. By executing a readiness strategy to deploy highly ready units and Soldiers, we are able to synchronize our strategic planning and resourcing actions necessary to generate sufficient manning, training and equipping levels to meet mission requirements. This process allows for a structured progression of increased unit readiness over time, and provides the Army recurring access to Army Reserve trained, ready, and cohesive units, which translates to predictability for Soldiers, their Families, and employers. As a federal operational force, the Army Reserve provides our nation and the Army with relevant, known capabilities to respond at a moment's notice to mitigate domestic emergencies, support homeland defense missions, and meet the ongoing demands of overseas contingency operations.

For the full Q&A from the Soldiers Town Hall, visit the Army Reserve site at www.usar.army.mil/arweb/soldiers/Pages/townhall.aspx.

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*"He didn't want to be on Patton's staff because he wanted to stay
They were building bridges across the Rhine..."*

Father of the



Photos Courtesy of Grace Morris Spears

Grace Morris Spears celebrated the end of World War II in 1945 by walking around her block in Vicksburg, Miss., beating on an old metal pan with a metal spoon. "I beat on it till I beat a hole in the bottom," Spears said. "Of course there weren't good pans back in those days."

By Sgt. 1st Class Phillip Eugene
412th Engineer Command

Spears was eight years old at the time, and she was more excited about her dad coming home from France than she was about the war being over. Her first memories of him are from his time in the war, according to Spears. His letters home

talked about a French family he stayed with that included a little girl who was the same age as she was.

"I was so jealous because he was around her...I didn't have him," Spears said. "He'd write home about her not knowing how I felt."

Spears' father was Brig. Gen. George A. Morris, the first commander of the 412th Engineer Command. She visited

the 412th headquarters with some friends on Jan. 22, 2010, at the reserve center in Vicksburg, which is named after him. The group came to see a painting of Morris by Marshall Bouldin, a National Portrait Artist Hall of Fame inductee. Spears' mother commissioned Bouldin to paint the portrait of Morris as a gift to the 412th when the unit relocated in 1993.

with his men.

412th

During a second visit to the unit in February 2010, Spears shared some stories of her father, one of which included how Morris, who was a colonel at the time, became a member of Gen. George S. Patton's staff during the war.

"He didn't want to be on Patton's staff because he wanted to stay with his men. They were building bridges across the Rhine," Spears said. "He sent word back to Patton, 'Thank you, but I want to stay with my men.'"

According to Spears, Patton got word back to Morris saying, "That's great, stay with your men tonight, but I'll see you at eight o'clock in the morning."

Spears said Morris mentored a lot of young men in Vicksburg who lost their fathers in the war.

"They came to our house, he brought them along...he'd talk to them like a son, like part of the family," Spears said. "There were a lot of them, many of them my age."

In 1963, the family Morris stayed with in France during the war visited him and his family in Vicksburg.

Spears remembers the 412th being a significant part of her childhood.

"At that time, the 412th met every Monday night, one weekend a month, and two weeks in the summer," Spears said.

She said visiting the unit renewed some cherished memories mainly because of the love and admiration she had for her father. ❏

LEFT: Morris Family portrait (year unknown), from left to right Mildred, Johnny, Grace, George Jr., George Sr., and Jimmy.

RIGHT: Grace Morris Spears stands alongside the portrait of Brig. Gen. George A. Morris.



Major General Keith L. Ware 2009 Award Winners

The Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Award is a communication competition recognizing military and Civilian employees in print and broadcast for journalistic excellence in furthering the objectives of the Department of the Army internal information program. The Secretary of the Army sponsors this competition annually. The Office of the Chief of Public Affairs conducts judging with a goal of ensuring that the best internal information efforts receive recognition for professional excellence and outstanding achievement. This year, OCPA's Community Relations Awards program moved under the KLV umbrella, making winners recognized by the Secretary of the Army. Changes within the competition include inclusion of contractors up to the DA level and additional categories to acknowledge the work of deployed broadcasters.

PRINT CATEGORIES

Category G: News Article — Military

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

2nd Place: Sgt. First Class Ron Burke, *Mile-long Training Trek Concludes Combat Lifesaver Class*, 211th MPAD

Category H: Feature Article — Civilian

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

3rd Place: Timothy L. Hale, *Liberating Buchenwald*, HQ, Army Reserve Command PAO

Category I: Commentary — Military

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

1st Place: Sgt. Joshua M. Risner, *Together We Stand, Divided We Fall*, 211th MPAD

Category J: Sports Article — Military

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

2nd Place: Staff Sgt. Mark C. Burrell, *Bikes Over Baghdad: X-Games Athletes Visit Baghdad*, 211th MPAD

Category M: Photojournalism — Civilian

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

1st Place: Timothy L. Hale, *Butler, Becher Compete with Army's Best*, HQ Army Reserve Command PAO

Category N: Art/Graphics in Support of a Publication — Military (INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

1st Place: Master Sgt. Stephen Opet, *Spirits Stay High While Working During the Holidays*, HQ Army Reserve Command PAO

2nd Place: Master Sgt. Stephen Opet, *MND-C Chats Its Way into the 21st Century*, HQ Army Reserve Command PAO

Category N: Art/Graphics in Support of a Publication — Civilian (INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

2nd Place: Timothy L. Hale, *Liberating Buchenwald*, HQ Army Reserve Command PAO

BROADCAST CATEGORIES

Category A: Radio Entertainment Program

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

2nd Place: Spc. Michael Pleyte, *Afternoon Mix Show* (USARC)
3rd Place: Sgt. Karina R. Kabalan, *Iraq Sunshine Morning Show* (USARC)

Category B: Radio Spot Production

(INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

1st Place: Staff Sgt. Stanley E. Maszczak, *Larry the Lion* (USARC)
3rd Place: Sgt. Karina R. Kabalan, *Think* (USARC)

Category D: Radio News Report (INDIVIDUAL AWARD)

2nd Place: Sgt. Jesse M. Granger, *Transformation*, 7th CSC



Gen. Douglas MacArthur 2009 Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2009 Army Reserve Gen. Douglas MacArthur Winners. This program recognizes company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood—duty, honor, country. The award promotes and sustains effective junior officer leadership in the Army, Army Reserve, and the National Guard. The Chief of Staff of the Army and the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation presented awards to the recipients at a ceremony in May at the Pentagon.

Capt. Alejandro L. Buniag
9th Mission Support Command

Capt. Aaron L. Hoffman
108th Training Command (IET)

Capt. Darryl A. Cox
Army Reserve Medical Command

Capt. Michelle J. Wesley
Army Criminal Investigation Command

Capt. Andrew S. Culbreath
Joint and Special Troops Support Command

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas A. Yelito
Army Criminal Investigation Command

Capt. Igor V. Dubinsky
108th Training Command (IET)

STULTZ INDUCTED INTO MILITARY ORDER OF FOREIGN WARS

Story and Photo By Gary Younger
Army Reserve Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, chief, Army Reserve, was inducted into the Military Order of Foreign Wars, making him the highest ranking active member of the patriotic organization during its March 2 meeting. The ceremony was held at the prestigious Army-Navy Club in Washington, DC.

"I'm humbled to be included in such a group with the history and legacy as yours," Stultz said, addressing the members. "What you do is so important to preserving our (military's) history. Thank you for your service."

MOFW, founded in 1894, is one of the oldest veterans' associations in the nation, with membership including

officers and their hereditary descendants for all of the Armed Services. Membership is composed of active duty, reserve, and retired officers of the United States Armed Services, including the Coast Guard, who have honorably served during one of the wars in which the United States has and/or is engaged.

Stultz was eligible for membership because of deployments in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As part of the induction, Stultz received a membership medallion and certificate.

Closing his remarks, Stultz committed to remind Soldiers to consider joining patriotic organizations like the MOFW. ✪

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief, Army Reserve, right, is welcomed into the Military Order of Foreign Wars by Wulf Lindenau.

Stultz



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz presents a coin to Sgt. Mackenzie Loope for her outstanding accomplishments as team sergeant for the Miami-based 478th Civil Affairs Team in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.

and Schultz Live Tour

By Petty Officer
1st Class Larry Foos
Combined Joint Task Force-
Horn of Africa Public Affairs

Delivering a Message to Civil Affairs Soldiers

The scenery and the missions of the Soldiers may vary, but the heart of the message from top Army Reserve leadership remains the same. In recent travels to bases in Iraq, Europe, Asia and Africa, the Chief of the Army Reserve and his Command Sergeant Major want the troops to know they are passionate about what the Army Reserve brings to the table and proud of what their Soldiers have accomplished.



Photo illustration

In a recent visit to Djibouti, Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz said, “We see it over and over again, the real value that’s added with the Reserve Soldier, whether it’s Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force Reserve. It’s not the military skills, although that’s part of it, but the added value is the civilian skills.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, who accompanied Stultz after being recently appointed as the 11th Army Reserve senior enlisted advisor, spoke about Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, a small contingent of Civil Affairs Soldiers across four countries in the Horn of Africa.

“Every place we’ve gone to, every organization that they are touching, whether it’s a school or any organization, you can see that there is true appreciation for what these civil affairs Reserve units are doing for the community.”

“What they bring to the table is their civilian background,” Schultz said. “A lot of these civil affairs NCOs and officers are teachers or they are in law enforcement. They bring that skill actually to the civil affairs community, the individuals they are working with and the community they’re in.”

The visit allowed Stultz to see for himself the effectiveness of this non-kinetic approach to countering violent extremism. CJTF-HOA Army Reserve CA teams in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Djibouti are witnessing the interaction of the U.S. and Africans working together in military-to-military training and improving the school systems.

Photo By Master Sgt. Bobby White, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion



During the Mar. 4 visit to Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz addresses Army Reserve Soldiers in a town hall meeting.

Photo By Staff Sgt. Amanda Boersma



Yhise, a local cook for the Miami-based 478th Civil Affairs Team, prepares a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia for the visiting Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, Feb. 19. The Ethiopian coffee ceremony is an integral part of the Ethiopia social and cultural life and an invitation to attend is considered a mark of friendship or respect.

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz enjoys a walk around the Rukini Primary School during a visit in Eldoret, Kenya with the Army's 411th Civil Affairs Team, Feb. 17. The Rukini Primary and Secondary schools were burned down during the post election violence in 2007. The Civil Affairs team reconstructed the school and it now provides a place of education for more than 1,000 students.



“What you see in Djibouti is special. It is truly the value of joint operations,” said Stultz. “We’re recognizing in this full spectrum of military operations that stability in operations is key, either in post-conflict as we’re trying to do in Iraq and Afghanistan, in some cases, or pre-conflict as you see here... trying to build stability so we don’t get into the problems that we have in Afghanistan.”

During a town hall visit with Soldiers from the 7th Civil Support Command in Vicenza, Italy, Stultz and Schultz discussed how the Army Reserve is balancing the Reserve force and the transition from a strategic to an operational force. Stultz painted

a picture of his vision for the Army Reserve, speaking on everything from changes in education and retirement benefits to the new alliances with civilian employers.

The pair also visited Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo, where Stultz acknowledged the need for longer periods of training. “In the Reserve we are budgeted by Congress for 15 days annual training per year,” Stultz said. “We are fighting because as an operational force we need more than 15 days a year to build readiness.”

Stultz also took the opportunity to preside over the promotion of a medic for Task Force Med Falcon to Sergeant. He pinned on Spc. Ross Teigen’s new rank and led him in the Oath of Enlistment.

“As I get around month after month, you see those Army Reserve Soldiers, and what I tell them is they are part of our greatest national treasure.

– Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, Army Reserve Commanding General



Photo By Staff Sgt. Amanda Boersma

“Our non-commissioned officers are the best in the world. That’s what distinguishes our Army,” said Stultz. “Other militaries want to replicate what we have with our NCOs. When we elevate someone to the rank of sergeant, into the NCO corps, it is a special day.”

Stultz summed up his perspective of what his all-volunteer reserve force means to our defenses and to the country in general.

“As I get around month after month, you see those Army Reserve Soldiers, and what I tell them is they are part of our greatest national treasure,” Stultz said. “That’s our Citizen-Soldiers. They’re all sacrificing away from their Family,

sacrificing a lot of time and income; sacrificing promotions in their civilian jobs to do what they do. And you say, ‘what a treasure we’ve got.’”

EDITOR’S NOTE

Contributing to this story were: Sgt. 1st Class Greg Murray, 844th Engineer Battalion–Camp Stryker, Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Hagburg, 116th Public Affairs Detachment–Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo; Master Sgt. Bobby J. White, 7th Civil Support Command–Vicenza, Italy.

Culinary team cooks up gold



ARMY RESERVE SCORES
BIG AT NATION'S LARGEST
CULINARY COMPETITION

Story and Photos By Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — The Soldier-Chefs of the Army Reserve culinary team cooked their way to a top five finish at the 35th annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition held at Fort Lee from Feb. 28 through March 12. The competition is the nation's largest competition of its kind.



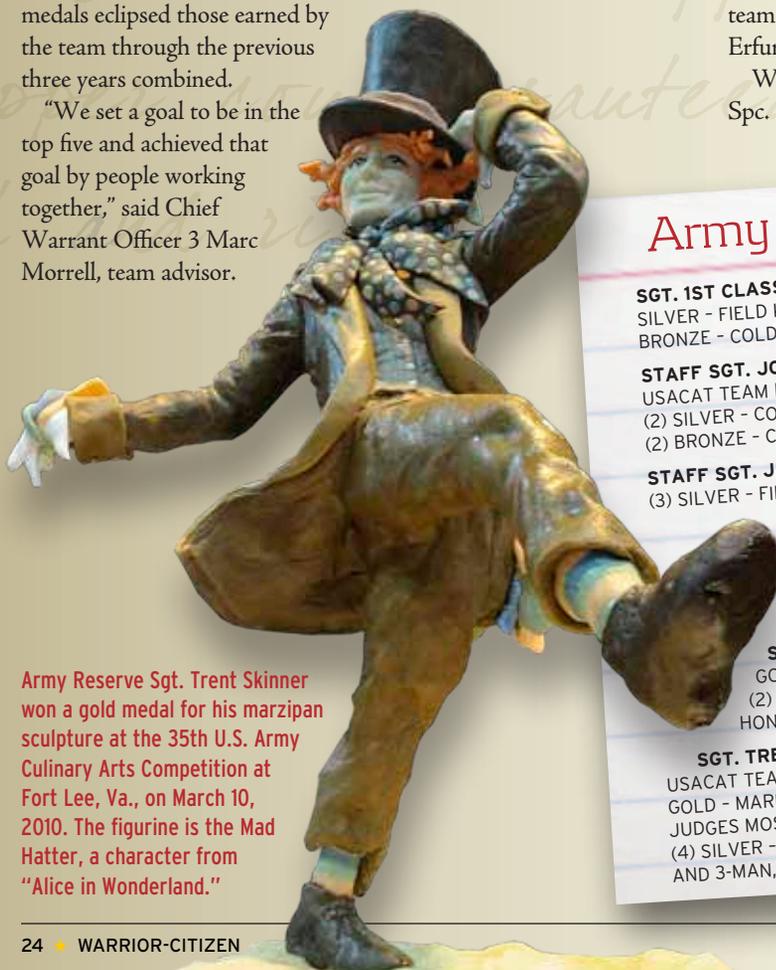
The Army Reserve Culinary team plates up during the Student Team Skills event at the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va., on March 10, 2010. Left to right: Spcs. Paul Harmon and Daniel Arshadnia and Cpl. Karah Williams.



Army Reserve Sgt. Patrick Alveranga plates up his award winning dish—grilled tomahawk veal chops with rosemary garlic and chive whipped yukon gold potatoes with sautéed asparagus—during the Contemporary Category event at the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va., on March 10, 2010.

Competing against active Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard chefs, the Army Reserve team won four gold, 23 silver, and eight bronze medals, battling right to the end for Installation of the Year honors. The four gold medals eclipsed those earned by the team through the previous three years combined.

“We set a goal to be in the top five and achieved that goal by people working together,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marc Morrell, team advisor.



Army Reserve Sgt. Trent Skinner won a gold medal for his marzipan sculpture at the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va., on March 10, 2010. The figurine is the Mad Hatter, a character from “Alice in Wonderland.”

An even bigger honor was bestowed upon three members of the team at the conclusion of the two-week competition.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Parker, Sgt. Trent Skinner and Spc. Jeffrey Vaughan were named to the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team. The team represents the U.S. military at the World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, and the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg.

Winning gold medals were Sgt. Skinner, Sgt. Colby Beard, Spc. Daniel Arshadnia and Spc. Eddie Malone.

Army Reserve Culinary Medal Count

SGT. 1ST CLASS JAMES DUFF - 200TH MP COMMAND
SILVER - FIELD KITCHEN COMPETITION
BRONZE - COLD BUFFET TABLE

STAFF SGT. JOSEPH PARKER - 841ST COMBAT ENGINEER BN.
USACAT TEAM MEMBER SELECTION
(2) SILVER - COLD BUFFET TABLE AND CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY (LIVE LOBSTER)
(2) BRONZE - COLD BUFFET TABLE AND USACAT TRY-OUT

STAFF SGT. JEFFREY MCLAUGHLIN - 103RD EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND
(3) SILVER - FIELD KITCHEN COMPETITION, COLD BUFFET TABLE AND CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY (POULTRY)

SGT. PATRICK ALVERANGA - 841ST ENGINEER BN.
SILVER - FIELD KITCHEN COMPETITION
(2) BRONZE - COLD TABLE BUFFET AND PRACTICAL COOKING
HONORABLE MENTION - MILITARY CHEF OF THE YEAR

SGT. COLBY BEARD - 807TH MEDICAL DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT COMMAND
GOLD - COLD BUFFET TABLE
(2) SILVER - FIELD KITCHEN COMPETITION AND 3-MAN, 5-BLOCK ICE CARVING
HONORABLE MENTION - CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY (VENISON)

SGT. TRENT SKINNER - 645TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
USACAT TEAM MEMBER SELECTION
GOLD - MARZIPAN CENTERPIECE
JUDGES MOST ARTISTIC AWARD - MARZIPAN CENTERPIECE
(4) SILVER - COLD BUFFET TABLE, WARM DESSERT, SINGLE BLOCK ICE CARVING AND 3-MAN, 5-BLOCK ICE CARVING

Left to Right: Army Reserve Spc. Jeffrey Vaughan, Sgt. Trent Skinner, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Parker, will represent the Army Reserve at the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg.

Skinner also earned the Judges Award for Most Artistic Centerpiece with a marzipan sculpture of the Mad Hatter from "Alice in Wonderland." Marzipan is a candy made of almond paste and confectionary sugar.

"I had about 60 hours total of work on that piece," he said.

Obviously not every dining facility has four-star meals served on fine china like that found in America's best restaurants, but the skills learned by Soldiers at this competition can be applied back at their home station.

"Anything that raises the standards for a few people ... we can bring those standards back to the unit and apply those standards in everyday cooking," said Skinner, a veteran of active Army culinary teams.

Team Manager Sgt. 1st Class James Duff said this year was the culmination of four years of hard work.

"It was experience, teamwork, and technical knowledge one year after another," Duff said.

Spc. Jeffrey Vaughan, who previously competed while on active duty, said being on the Reserve team has its challenges.

"We don't train as much as when I was on active duty. We trained for three months straight to compete," Vaughan said.

"[With the Reserve] we train two or three times a year so it's a lot harder. We have to be ready to go when we get here."

"As the Reserve, we get minimal time together compared to the active services that we compete against," Morrell added. "It's a lot of drive and ambition from the individuals. We finally got 13 individuals together as a team."

Duff and Morrell added that the team is always looking for young food service specialists to join the team.

"If they have the passion and the fire to accomplish something at this skill level, we will give them all the tools necessary so they can succeed," Duff said.

"It's all about opportunities," Morrell said. "The opportunities abound." ❖



Vaughan, Parker and Skinner named to USACAT

FORT LEE, Va. — Three Army Reserve food service specialists made history after being named to the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team at an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the 35th annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition on March 12.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Parker, Sgt. Trent Skinner and Spc. Jeffrey Vaughan were chosen to compete with the USACAT at the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg this November and the World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany in 2012.

They are the first Army Reserve Soldiers to be chosen since the USACAT's inception in 1984. The Army Reserve Culinary team has been competing at the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition since 2007.

"It's exciting. I've been working towards that goal and I wanted to be on that team," said Parker, a Haines City, Fla., native assigned to the 841st Combat Engineer Battalion based in Miami. Parker also served as the Army Reserve Culinary team captain.

"It leads the way for the Army Reserve and the young Soldiers coming up," Parker said.

For Skinner and Vaughan, it is a dream come true for them, having previously competed with active Army culinary teams.

"There's a lot of strong people on that team," said Skinner, a Junction City, Kan., native assigned to the 645th Transportation Company, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas. "Any support anyone needs from me I'll be there for them."

"I've been wanting to be on the team for a long time," said Vaughan, a native of Alexandria, Va., assigned to the 55th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Belvoir, Va. "I had a chance a couple of years ago when I was on active duty. ... Now I'm in the Army Reserve and I get to be on the (USACAT) team."

The USACAT is the U.S. national military culinary team and competes at local, national and international competitions. Since 2008, the USACAT has been open to all branches of service.

USACAT members compete against the world's best military chefs at both competitions. The USACAT has consistently won gold, silver and bronze medals in these prestigious competitions.

In 1992 and 2000 the team was crowned world champions among military teams. In 2004 and 2008, the team placed second in the world. ❖

CPL. KARAH WILLIAMS - 414TH MILITARY POLICE CO.
BRONZE - SALT DOUGH CENTERPIECE

SPC. JEFFREY VAUGHAN - 55TH SUSTAINMENT BDE.
USACAT TEAM SELECTION
(2) SILVER - COLD BUFFET TABLE AND 3-MAN, 5-BLOCK ICE CARVING
(2) BRONZE - TALLOW CENTERPIECE AND CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY (PORK)

SPC. PAUL HARMON III - 530TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
(2) SILVER - JUNIOR CHEF OF THE YEAR AND STUDENT TEAM SKILLS

SPC. DANIEL ARSHANDIA - 854TH ENGINEER BN.
GOLD - CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY (POULTRY)
SILVER - STUDENT TEAM SKILLS

SPC. EDDIE MALONE - 8/229TH AVIATION ATTACK REGT.
GOLD - SALT DOUGH CENTERPIECE
SILVER - STUDENT TEAM SKILLS

SPC. ERICH DOUD - A CO., 396TH COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL
HONORABLE MENTION - CONTEMPORARY CATEGORY
(LIVE LOBSTER)

SPC. AUSTON O'NIELL - 11TH MILITARY POLICE BDE., WAS
A TEAM SUPPORT MEMBER ASSISTING OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
IN PREPARING ENTRIES.

ART OF



Story and Photos By Spc. Samuel Soza
367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP BUCCA, Iraq — On Sept. 16, 2009, the last detainees in the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca boarded the detainee air transport north-bound for Camp Cropper, near Baghdad. The Camp Bucca detention center, located in United States Division-South near the city of Umm Qasr, was officially shut down. Since that day, Iraqi civilian and U.S. military deconstruction teams have transformed the landscape surrounding the rusting, chain-link walls of the TIF to piles of rubble. Today it is a two-square-mile ghost town...with a rather colorful past.

WAR

Detainee murals at Theater Internment Facility paint a brighter future



Sgt. Rob Bingham, "D" Company, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion, from Madison, Wis., sits in front of his favorite piece at the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the southern city of Umm Qasr, Dec. 19, 2009. Bingham worked at the TIF in early 2009 and said he was happy to take a last look around as deconstruction teams begin taking the facility down.



A mural painted by a detainee at the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the southern city of Umm Qasr. Numerous murals exhibited figurative themes about good versus evil, while others had more literal subjects like serene water landscapes or women and children.

Though the role of detention facilities was once tarnished by the inappropriate actions of a few service members, a new chapter is revealed in hundreds of murals that line the walls of many buildings within the Camp Bucca TIF's concertina-topped fences.

The color comes from nearly five years of detainees putting paint brushes to the outer plywood walls to create hundreds of murals on buildings around the TIF.

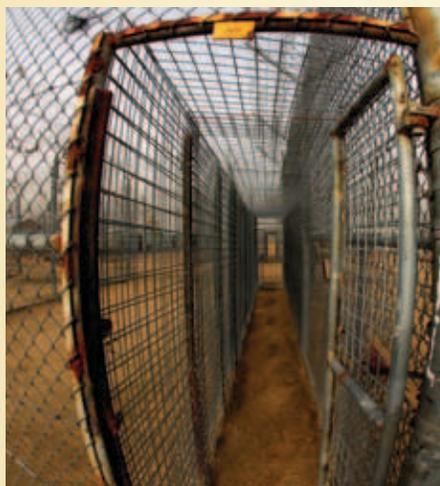
"The detainees painted all of the murals in the compounds and a significant majority of the murals outside," said Lt. Col. Kenneth King, commander of the 306th Military Police Battalion.

Looking out on the wide, dirt access-roads between the compounds, and the constricted footpaths winding between them, peers a six-foot vignette of an elephant standing in orange, tan, and green.

Elsewhere, under the shadow of a metal-framed guard tower is an impressively realistic black and white mural depicting birds flying above fishermen on the shore.

"I inherited a number of them when we arrived on Christmas of 2008," said King, a Scottsdale, Pa. native, "Many of them were quite impressive and of high quality."

King, the final commander of the TIF, said the art played an important role for the detainees.



The Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the city of Umm Qasr, ceased operation Sept. 16, 2009.

"It was one way to let them express themselves," he said, "It gave them something to help pass the time and the opportunity to have some degree of input regarding their environment."

King was preceded as TIF commander by Detroit native Col. Rod Faulk, who was at Bucca from 2007 to 2008.

"The detainees always had a proclivity for art," said Faulk, deputy commander of the 300th MP Brigade.

At the time, Faulk served as chief of staff for the 300th MP Brigade, which relieved Col. Jim Brown, then-commander of the 18th MP Brigade. He said that it was during Brown's tenure that the murals were painted.

"He was working hard on giving the detainees alternatives to violence," he said.

According to Faulk, Brown didn't give the detainees any guidance on what could and could not be painted. "They were able to express the nature of the human spirit," said Faulk, "This manifested itself in many ways."

"One of the common themes was of American and Iraqi partnership. Another

theme was about good versus evil and talked about stamping out violence.”

“I recall seeing what looked like Iraqis and American Soldiers killing a serpent which is a traditional symbol of evil,” he said.

Other times, the images were less figurative and more literal. Some of the cement-floored buildings were adorned by flowered vines painted around the interior door frame.

“They would also branch out and paint other subjects, such as children and beautiful women,” said Faulk, “If you look really close, there is a unique style.”

Among the number of people who passed through the detention center, a few were practiced painters. One of the most prolific artists was known by the pseudonym “Mohammed Pecasó.”

The entrance to Compound 12 features one of his works on two large concrete barriers turned from their usual gray to a bright yellow scene of Iraqi and American cooperation sealed with a handshake.

Pecasó “kind of ran things” at the art school, Faulk said, and, just as some of the student’s murals had deeper meaning, so did the school.

“Beyond the art, there was job skill training, education and explanation of good governance,” Faulk said.

The vocational school, later called the Centurion Skills Institute, taught a variety of trades including tilling, carpentry, reading, drawing, and painting. The supplies were mostly donated by Soldiers and folks back home.

The aim of the vocational training was to empower detainees in preparation for their departure from Bucca.

In 2008, as the facility moved from an EPW [enemy prisoner of war] to a corrections model, the goal was to assess and prepare the detainees so that, upon release, they had some marketable skills and could support themselves that way, rather than being paid by insurgents to dig holes for IEDs.

“There are a lot of stories that [seem to] say we think we’ve changed a person

overnight, but we’re not that naïve,” Faulk said, “You can teach someone to read and give them a skill and they might still go out and plant IEDs.”

The TIF personnel hoped that the skills detainees learned while incarcerated put them in a position to refuse the dangerous jobs as an insurgent mercenary.

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– Col. Rod Faulk, former TIF Commander

The change in the re-interment rate during this time dropped from 8-10 percent down to 1.5-3 percent.

The vocational programs not only prepared detainees for their time after leaving Bucca, but also promoted their safety, and that of the TIF personnel, during their stay.

Boredom quickly set in during detention and, if left unchecked, would be a security concern and also not in keeping with the intention of the Geneva Conventions, said Faulk.

“All along, the American Soldiers have operated according to the spirit of the

Geneva Conventions and executed safe care and custody of detainees,” he said, “The programs are just a manifestation of that custody.”

The policies of the Geneva Conventions also have an enormous effect on the future of the art.

“We cannot sell it,” said Faulk, “First, because it was produced with government funds, even though a nominal amount. Second, the Geneva Conventions prohibits the exploitation of

detainees, so we could not have an exhibit.”

As the Iraqi civilian and Army deconstruction teams move closer to their mission of tearing down the TIF, it is likely that there may be no choice but to reduce the art to rubble.

However, even if the names of artists like Mohammed Pecasó are torn down, the real legacy is in the people who passed through the TIF, said Faulk.

“I got to be there for [Pecasó’s] release,” he said. “It’s a record of transformation from an insurgent to a man of peace, and I hope that it holds true for the rest of his life.” ❏



A mural painted by a detainee at the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Bucca, Iraq, near the southern city of Umm Qasr. The two-square-mile facility is home to many murals painted by the detainees as part of a vocational training program that aimed to empower them with marketable skills in preparation for their time after Bucca.



★ KEEPING IN

ARMY RESERVE NCOs JUDGE FUTURE

Story and Photos By Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Public Affairs

ATLANTA — Army Reserve Master Sgt. Israel Sanchez slowly walked the line and stopped in front of a male cadet.

“Your sideburns are too long, you need to trim those up,” he said.

As he continued through the ranks, Sanchez verbally made observations ensuring that each cadet knew how to fix discrepancies on their uniforms and appearance before their next competition.

Sanchez was one of seven NCOs from Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command who participated as judges at the Georgia Area 6 Army Junior ROTC drill team and color guard meet held on Feb. 20, 2010.

The area competition is just one of eight held statewide. According to retired Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Smith, the winners in each of the categories advance to the state meet held later this year.





STEP

LEADERS

Smith, the operations sergeant major for the Atlanta Public Schools JROTC program, said the Army Reserve involvement was a key component to the success of the drill meet.

"It enhances the competition," he said. "It gives the cadets a chance to see these citizen Soldiers who are willing to come out and share their knowledge with them."

Army JROTC programs from 14 high schools throughout the Atlanta metro area competed in the event. In addition to uniform inspections, the USARC NCOs evaluated the cadets in color guard, armed and unarmed drills, and a freestyle-armed drill event with a squad-sized element.

"You get to see the next generation moving up," said Master Sgt. Libby Lipscomb, a member of the USARC Honor Guard team. "They're going to be taking our places one day."

For one of these future Soldiers, it meant a great deal to him to have these Citizen Soldiers watching his unit's every move.

"They help us out a lot," said Cadet 1st Sgt. Perry Henderson, a junior from Griffin High School. "They show us what we do wrong, but they praise us too without being degrading. It's right on point." ❏

TOP LEFT: Army Reserve Master Sgt. Israel Sanchez conducts a uniform inspection during the Georgia Area 6 JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard meet. NCOs from Army Reserve Command headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga., served as judges along with other JROTC instructors and recruiters from the Atlanta Recruiting Battalion.

ABOVE: Army Reserve Master Sgt. Israel Sanchez watches the footwork of cadets.

LEFT: Army Reserve Master Sgt. Carla Sanders evaluates an all-female honor guard. Sanders is the training NCO for the USARC honor guard.

TOP REGIONAL RECRUITING ASSISTANTS JAN-MAR 2010

REGION 1

Sgt. Justin Morelli
Amherst, N.H.

REGION 2

Spc. Edkin Garcia
Kearny, N.J.

REGION 3

Sgt. Natsha Boone
Suffolk, Va.

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Bardstown, Ky.

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Pvt. Michael Holtzendorff
Jacksonville, Fla.

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Pvt. Christopher Wright
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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1st Lt. Jason Fong
Seattle, Wash.

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Spc. Trevor Hill
Lincoln, Neb.

REGION 9

Pvt. Alex Witthar
Kansas City, Mo.

REGION 10

Sgt. Alvin Brooks
Fort Wayne, Ind.

REGION 11

Spc. Daniel Moya
Moreno Valley, Calif.

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Cadet Tom Ho
Houston, Tex.

REGION 13

1st Lt. Shawn Adams
Surprise, Ariz.

March honors fall of the Berlin Wall

By Sgt. 1st Class Osvaldo Sanchez
7th Civil Support Command Public Affairs

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany

— The 20th anniversary of the historic fall of the Berlin Wall was Nov. 9, 2009, reunifying East and West Germany. To commemorate this significant moment in history, 7th Civil Support Command Soldiers and German airmen conducted a 10-kilometer road march along rolling hills and unpaved roads at the Kaiserslautern Army Depot Nov. 15.

Participants were from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th CSC; 361st Civil Affairs Brigade; 406th Human Resources Company; 773rd Civil Support Team, and a German air force unit from Ramstein Air Base.

Before the march, Col. Friedbert J. Humphrey, the commander of the 361st CAB, said he was pleased with being able to take part in the event.

“I am honored to stand before you as together we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall,” said Humphrey. “Today’s celebration demonstrates a partnership that German and American units have enjoyed for many years.”

The march ended back at the parade field in Daenner Kaserne, where the German airmen were presented military unit coins and U.S. Army skullcaps from Humphrey and Command Sgt. Maj. David Stading, the 7th CSC command sergeant major. A barbecue was held afterward, where participants of both nations socialized and enjoyed American burgers and hot dogs.

“Thank you all who helped plan this worthwhile event,” Humphrey said. “I congratulate you on your dedication to our partnership. I look forward to partnering more in the future.” ❏



U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers and German airmen march along rolling hills and unpaved roads inside the Kaiserslautern Army Depot to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall Nov. 15. Members of the 7th Civil Support Command and a German air force unit from Ramstein Air Base conducted a 10-kilometer foot march to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

Reserve Soldiers visit U.S. war cemetery in England

By Sgt. Daniel Friedberg
7th Civil Support Command Public Affairs

BROOKWOOD, England — Beneath the blustery skies of England, the commander of the 7th Civil Support Command, Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells, paid tribute during a Veteran's Day observance at Brookwood American Military Cemetery. The ceremony honored 468 American service members who gave their lives defending freedom during World War I.

Wells also eulogized 563 more Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines missing in action or lost at sea, whose names are inscribed on the Brookwood chapel wall.

A dignitary from the American Legion, Roy Cochran, summarized the importance of Brookwood and eight other U.S. cemeteries for the fallen of World War I, stating that "the cemetery provides a venue to quietly consider the ultimate sacrifice given by Soldiers for our freedom in times past."

Proudly representing the Army to the mainly British audience was the 7th CSC honor guard of four Soldiers under the direction of Master Sgt. Kabaka Teague. Under her charge were Master Sgt. Michael Stewart, Staff Sgt. Jose Ruberte, and Staff Sgt. David Arnold.

The memorial ceremony was also supported by a colorful cast of veterans and re-enactors of U.S. wars past. Enthusiasts in uniforms dating from the Civil War to the khaki campaign hats and puttees of Gen. John J. Pershing's American Expeditionary Force helped to give the attendees a feeling for the long history of the U.S. military's record of combat and determination.

As the volley fire of the doughboys' Springfield rifles echoed through the trees before the playing of Taps, they heralded the courage of those American Soldiers and Marines sent by President Woodrow Wilson to support a war-weary French and British army in their fight for liberty against the German army of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

The U.S. entered World War I on Apr. 6, 1917, in reaction to repeated attacks on American ships and naval transports by German submarines. In less than two years, the American Army ballooned from an approximate 200,000 regular, reserve and Guardsmen force to more than two million Soldiers.

It was in World War I that the American First, Second and Third Infantry Divisions along with a great number of National Guard divisions were made famous in the far and bloody crucible of Verdun, Belleau Wood, The Marne, Argonne, Soissons, and St. Mihiel to name but a few.

The war ended with the armistice of Nov. 11, 1918. The U.S. suffered more than 300,000 casualties with more than 100,000 combat and non-combat deaths. ★



Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells, the commanding general of the 7th Civil Support Command, pays respect to fallen service members during a Veterans Day observance at the Brookwood American Military Cemetery Nov. 8. The general was the guest speaker at a cemetery of World War I, which is one of eight burial grounds of those lost in the war.

Photo By Staff Sgt. Valerie Resciniti, 7th CSC Public Affairs

CEREMONY MARKS 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCUD MISSILE ATTACK



Photo By Spc. Michael Crawford, 316th ESC Public Affairs Office

By Sgt. Crystal Adamosky

316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Members of the Combat Veterans Association salute the memorial site of Army Reserve Soldiers with the 14th Quartermaster Co. during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Reserve Center. The event marked the 19th anniversary of an Iraqi Scud missile attack in Saudi Arabia that took the lives of 13 of the unit's Soldiers during Operation Desert Storm.

GREENSBURG, Pa. — On Feb. 25, 1991, approximately 70 Soldiers from the 14th Quartermaster Company had just deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm, preparing to provide water purification support. At 8:40 p.m. (12:40 p.m. EST), an Iraqi Scud missile hit their barracks, killing 13 and wounding 43 of the unit's Soldiers.

No other community felt a greater loss that day than Greensburg, the home of the 14th QM Co.

"It was a heartfelt moment," said Mike Hampton, veteran and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 781.

Hampton, as with many of the ceremony attendees, remembers that day in precise detail. It is a day this community will not forget.

Together, the ceremony participants gathered outside of the facility near the memorial, which was constructed a year after the attack.

"They deserve a day of their own," said Connie Clark, the mother of Spc. Beverly Clark, who was among the Soldiers killed in the attack.

The site proves to serve as more than just a memorial ground but a place of reflection, support, and camaraderie.

"I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't come here," said Clark to the audience. "We gather to remember. We laugh together, cry together, and remember together."

For one of the former 14th Soldiers, it is a day to see familiar faces.

"Today is a memorial...but it is also just nice to see everyone again," said Lester Bennett, who was originally assigned to the 464th Chemical Brigade but deployed and was present with the 14th during the attack. Now a military retiree, he continues to travel to Greensburg for the ceremony every year.

Over the years, this close-knit group has expanded and attracted members from outside the community, such as the Monroeville American Legion.

"We wouldn't have what we have today without our service members. We appreciate their support and must always remember them," said Christine DeMarcki, a member of the American Legion Gold Star, Post 820.

As the final rose was placed upon the memorial, the ceremony drew to a close. While the moment was solemn, the day proved to be inspirational. Year after year, faces may change but one aspect remains certain. Thirteen Soldiers may have lost their lives on Feb. 25, 1991, but their legacy lives on. ❖



This statue, which stands outside of the U.S. Army Reserve Center, is part of the memorial to the 13 Soldiers who lost their lives on Feb. 25, 1991, in an Iraqi Scud missile attack.

Photo By Sgt. Crystal Adamosky, 316th ESC Public Affairs Office

ATLANTA – Members of the rock band Alice in Chains, have a blistering tour schedule running 11 months a year. But that schedule opens the door for an opportunity—to visit injured service men and women around the country.

Story and Photo By Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Public Affairs

Alice in Chains lead guitarist, co-lead vocalist, and co-lyricist, Jerry Cantrell performs for wounded Soldiers at The Tabernacle in Atlanta.

Wounded Warriors honored by Alice In Chains

Military upbringing drives band to support armed services

Jerry Cantrell, William Duval, Mike Inez and Sean Kinney all come from military families and know the trials and tribulations that come with military life.

“It’s such an honor,” said Inez, “It gives you so much perspective in your life. We have so much stuff going on around us ... production issues and press obligations. No matter how wound up you get about all this, you turn on the television and see Afghanistan and it shuts you right up.”

The band, who had its own share of loss with the death of lead singer Layne Staley in 2002, make as many trips as possible to Ward 57 at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

“It makes you really proud to be an American when you see these folks (service members),” Inez said.

“Whether we back the decisions that have been made, we always back the Soldiers who are out there doing the heavy lifting,” Duval said, whose father was an infantryman.

“A lot of the songs this band does are about survival or overcoming struggle or dealing with it and they (Soldiers) understand that,” Duval continued.

“They’re picking up on that. They’re stoked to be here and we’re stoked to see them.”

“The Warrior mentality is something you have to carry around all the time,” he continued. “We understand that and we carry a lot of appreciation for what they have to do and how it impacts their Families.”

As the band struck the first note, the sold-out crowd roared to life singing along with the words to “All Secrets Known”.

In the upper level just off stage right, Wounded Warriors from the Army Reserve, National Guard and active Army snapped photos, sang along and had the familiar up and down head nod you so often see at concerts.

“I’m a big, big fan,” said Army Reserve Maj. Richard Moore. “I used to live in West Seattle and they’re from Seattle so I’m very familiar with the band.”

Moore, an Individual Ready Reserve Soldier, served as an air and aviation officer for Regional Control-South in Kandahar, Afghanistan from October 2008-November 2009. Back in the U.S., Moore serves as an Army Reserve maintenance test pilot. When he isn’t in uniform, he’s a civilian flight instructor with Lockheed-Martin in Cherry Point, N.C.

Alice in Chains lead singer, William DuVall, takes to the front of the stage.

“I thought it was a great concert,” he said. “I was really, really impressed with the band taking time out of their schedule to spend time with us. They talked with us backstage, signed autographs and gave us great seats.”

“I think they are just great patriots,” Moore said.

The Soldiers were invited through the Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center at Fort McPherson, Ga., under the Army Reserve Family Program. ★



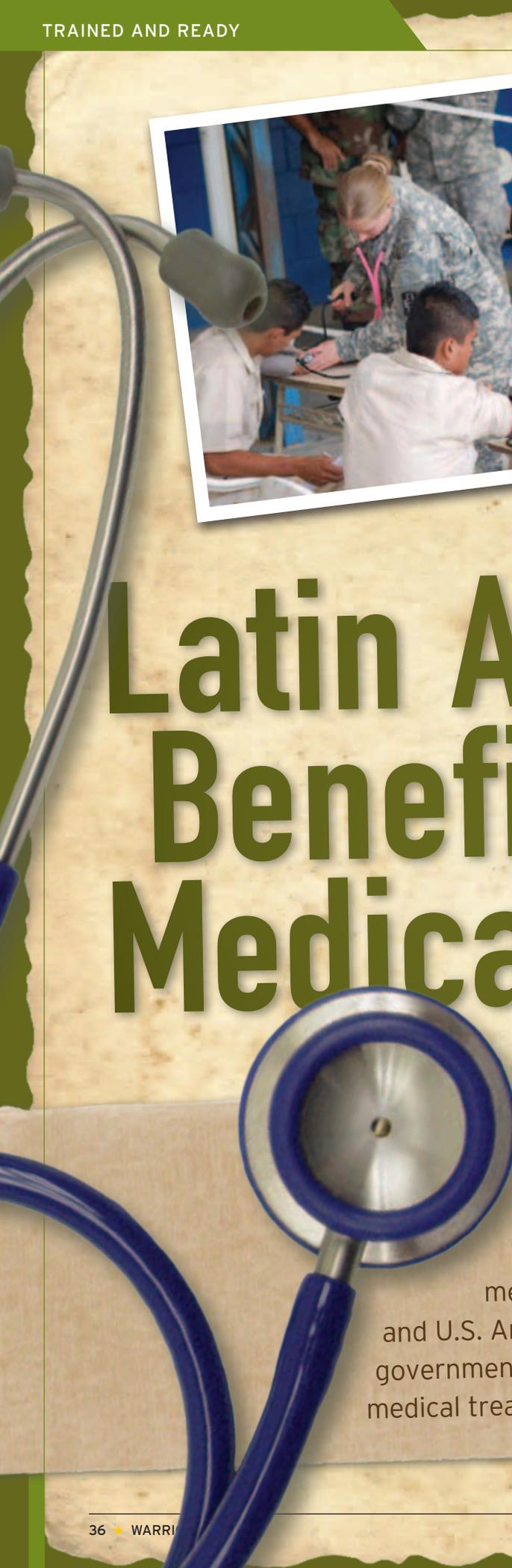


Photos By Sgt. 1st Class Michael Crescitelli, 420th Minimal Care Detachment



Latin Americans Benefit from Medical Services

By Arwen Consaul
U.S. Army South Public Affairs



FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — During a two-week period early this year, more than 10,000 patients in El Salvador and Colombia received much needed specialized and general medical treatment, thanks to the Army Reserve and U.S. Army South. At the invitation of the respective governments, the medical professional Soldiers provided medical treatment at multiple locations in both countries.

FAR LEFT: Spcs. Matthew Brady and Felicia Chadwick, medical specialists assigned to the 420th Minimal Care Detachment from Polar Bluff, Mo., initiate treatment of Salvadoran patients by taking vital signs at a treatment site in Guadalupe, El Salvador.

LEFT: Spc. Felicia Chadwick, a medical specialist assigned to the 420th MCD, checks vital signs on members of a Salvadoran family at treatment site Guadalupe, El Salvador.

“Our primary goal of this Medical Readiness and Training Exercise (also known as MEDRETE) is to treat as many Salvadorans with the best possible medical care that we can provide,” said Army Reserve Lt. Col. Marscha Shivley, the officer in charge of the El Salvador mission and a member of the 420th Minimal Care Detachment from Polar Bluff, Mo. The medical mission in El Salvador was from Jan. 25 to Feb. 2, while the Colombia effort ran from Jan. 25 to Feb. 3.

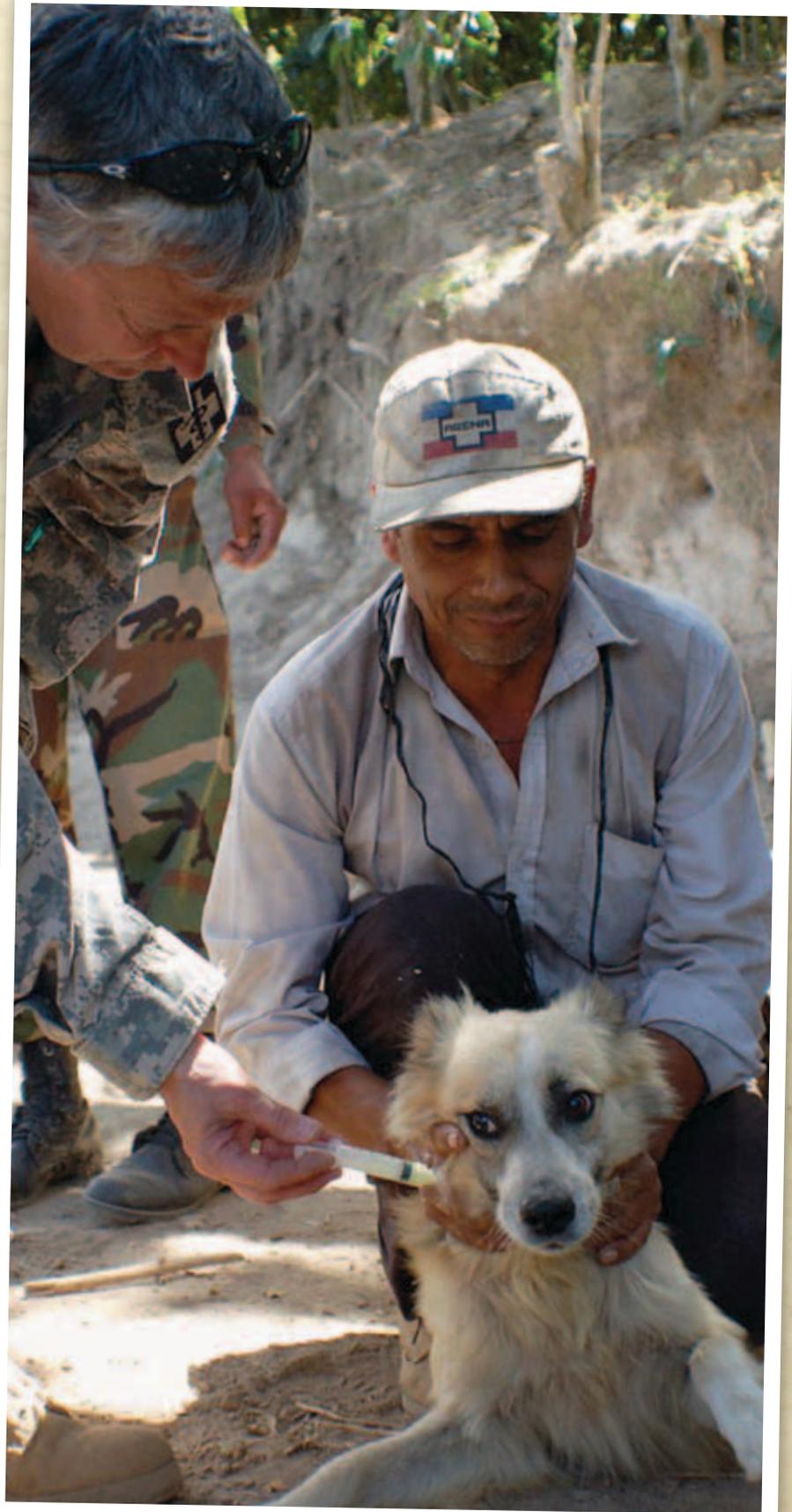
While in El Salvador, members of the medical task force consisting of Soldiers from several Army Reserve units provided general medical treatment to more than 3,400 patients, dental services for more than 900 patients and optometry care to more than 700 patients. The 445th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) from Independence, Mo., also provided treatment and care for more than 1,200 animals.

In Colombia, members of the 425th Minimal Care Detachment from Indianapolis provided general medical treatment to more than 3,700 patients, dental services to more than 200 patients and optometry care to more than 1,100 patients.

“This is a great opportunity for us to practice our skill sets in the field while working in an austere environment,” said Army Reserve Capt. William Payne, the officer in charge of the Colombia mission. “This offers a real world environment should we ever need to use our skills for future humanitarian assistance.”

The purpose of the MEDRETE in Colombia was to continue the U.S. commitment to that nation while

Photo By Sgt. Ist. Class Michael Crescitelli, 420th Minimal Care Detachment



Maj. Suzanne Terrant, with the 445th Medical Detachment from Independence, Mo., provides care to the pet of a Salvadoran coffee farmer.

Photos by 2nd Lt. Bill Hooks, 425th Minimal Care Detachment



Pfc. Bryan Baker of the 425th Minimal Care Detachment from Indianapolis hands out vitamins to a young patient in Colombia.

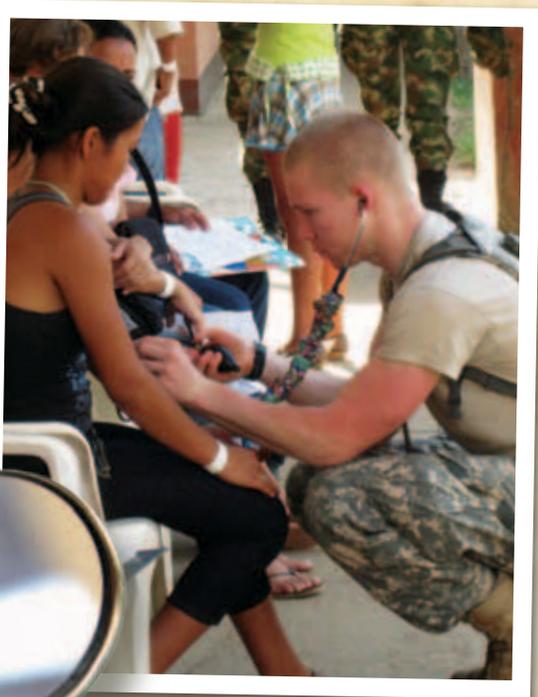
improving the quality of life for the local populous with the assistance of the Colombian military. The on-going civil war between Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia has made various areas throughout the region dangerous.

“The government of Colombia provided great security to our Soldiers on the ground,” said Army Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general of U.S. Army South. “Working with the Colombian Security Forces shows our resolve to support the people of Colombia and a desire to put our efforts where they can be most maximized.”

Payne added, “The CSF was quite helpful. They provided the needed

security to protect the medical team from any potential dangers which allowed us to do our job and treat our Colombian patients.”

Relationships built and sustained with partners in Central and South America and the Caribbean region through such medical exercises help tremendously in humanitarian efforts and preserving peace and stability in the region.



MEDRETEs, initiatives of U.S. Southern Command, and coordinated through U.S. Army South and the Army Reserve, deploy U.S. service members to rural communities in Latin America and the Caribbean where they collaborate with the host nation military to provide medical, dental and veterinary services enhancing the capabilities of participating forces. MEDRETEs are designed to foster goodwill and improve relations between the governments of the United States and El Salvador. ✘

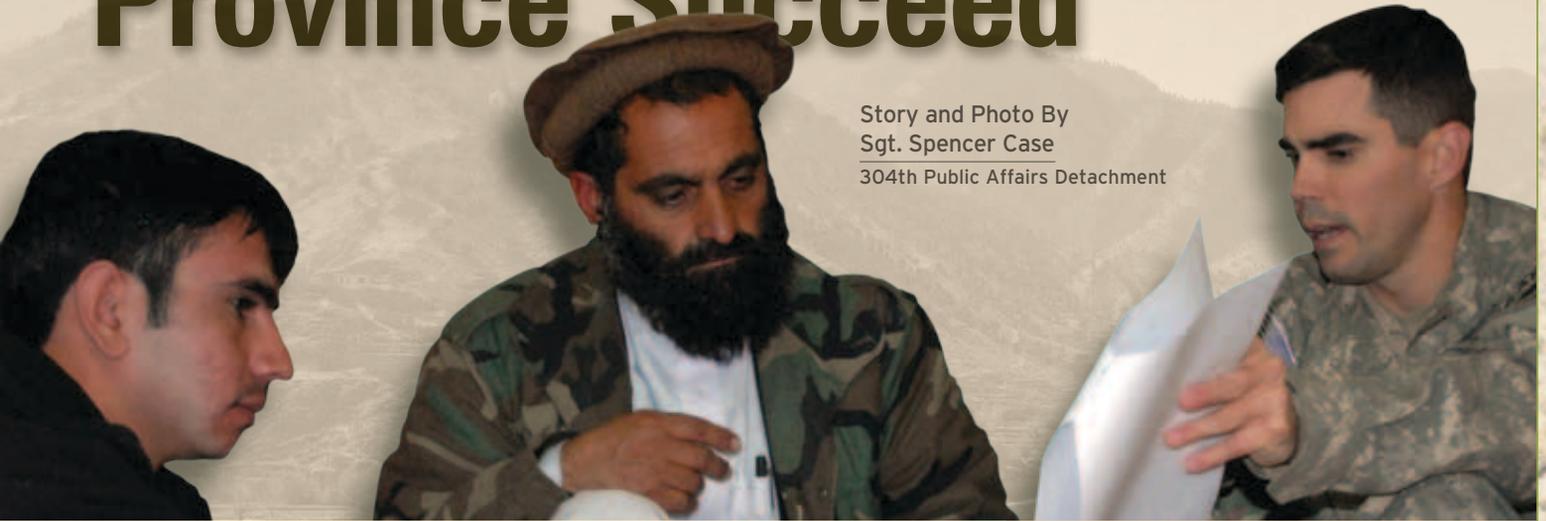
Army Reserve Spc. David Christopher, a medical specialist with the 425th Minimal Care Detachment from Indianapolis, checks the blood pressure of a patient at a treatment site in Colombia.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In addition to the units mentioned above, the El Salvador task force members were from the following units: The 325th Combat Support Hospital from Independence, Mo.; the 349th CSH from Los Angeles; the 369th CSH of Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico; the 7227th and 7228th installation medical support units from Columbia, Mo.; the 912th Forward Surgical Team from Worcester, Mass.; and 388th Medical Detachment of Hays, Kan.

Utah Soldiers Help Khost Province Succeed

Story and Photo By
Sgt. Spencer Case
304th Public Affairs Detachment



KHOST PROVINCE, Afghanistan — A group of Utah Reserve Soldiers deployed to southeastern Afghanistan have come to know the meaning of two sayings popular with village elders in Qalandar District: “Don’t write on ice” and “We will wait for you another year, but you’re not a shrine for us to worship.”

“Basically, [there are] two ways of saying un-kept promises don’t mean anything,” said Sgt. Michael J. Hosmer, a civil affairs specialist with Utah-based Bravo Company, 405th Civil Affairs Battalion, and a student at Utah Valley University. “If we say we’re going to do something then we’ve got to do it.”

Hosmer, Spc. Joshua J. Kitzmiller, and Staff Sgt. Adam Peters are members of Civil Affairs Team A, part of the Khost Provincial Reconstruction Team. The troops of CAT A have been working as liaisons between the International Security Assistance Force and the governments of five districts in western Khost province since July.

“They hope their efforts will help establish trust between the people and the government,” said Kitzmiller.

“It’s like a tug-of-war,” said Kitzmiller, a civil affairs specialist from Vernal, Utah. “Three steps forward, one step back, three steps forward, two steps back—but I think overall we are progressing.”

One step forward took place March 4, when nearly 40 village elders met the Qalandar district governor, Abdul Hanan, and ISAF members at Camp Parsa, an Afghan national army installation, to discuss

Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and ISAF-funded infrastructure projects. It was here that the elders voiced concerns about keeping promises.

Hosmer and Peters, who have both spent previous deployments as civil affairs specialists in Afghanistan, said the GIROA and ISAF tend to turn away from larger projects toward smaller ones, where promises are more easily kept.

Unlike large-scale projects like building schools and district centers, small-scale projects such as building wells and installing solar- or gas-powered generators are cheap, can be completed relatively quickly, and tend to be protected by villagers, said Hosmer.

A big part of keeping promises involves ownership of the completed projects.

Previously, projects became the property of the district or provincial-level government, which would then be responsible for maintenance costs. Not so with small-scale projects, said Peters.

“When we do a project now, the community has ownership 100 percent,” said Peters.

However, one of the struggles the troops of CAT A face in Qalandar is getting local

Sgt. Michael J. Hosmer (right), a civil affairs specialist with Bravo Company, 405th Civil Affairs Battalion and a student at Utah Valley University, and an interpreter help Mohammad Azim, the governor of Spera District, Khost province, conduct quality control over project nomination forms at Camp Clark, March 6. The effort will help Afghans and officials in western Khost province to help establish rule of law.

Afghans and GIROA officials to oversee the entire project process from conception through completion instead of ISAF soldiers taking the lead.

“Really, we should be working ourselves out of a job,” Kitzmiller said. “Meaning the locals should not rely on ISAF to be here and take care of them. They need to stand up and take care of themselves.”

That goal still remains far off in Qalandar District, yet the emphasis on small-scale projects seems to be taking hold, Hosmer said.

Political leaders in the area are aware that these projects have the potential to put anti-GIROA groups like the Taliban and Haqani Network in a dilemma, Hosmer explained. If the Taliban try to thwart the projects, they risk turning the population against them. On the other hand, if the project is successful, it will be a “monument to their inevitable doom,” he said.

“They can’t really compete with us when it comes to development,” he said. “They can intimidate the snot out of people—and they do—but they can’t win the hearts and minds.” ❖

Military Police Teach Iraqis to Properly Handle Evidence



A U.S. Soldier simulates a detainee caught with contraband during a vehicle search as part of the Sensitive Site Exploitation Training held at Al Siniyah Airbase, Iraq.

Story and Photo By 1st Lt. Timothy Kuppler
1st Infantry Division

simple objects, therefore it is important to recognize the evidence and how to treat it.

Much of the training focused on how to collect evidence at checkpoints. The 14th Iraqi Army Brigade is responsible for more than a dozen checkpoints in the northern Salah ad-Din province, said Upton as he taught IA soldiers how to search a vehicle, and pointed out places to hide suspicious or illegal items.

Capt. Fowzi, the intelligence officer from 2nd Battalion, 14th IA Brigade, said this portion of the course was especially valuable because “we can go back and teach our IA soldiers how to search cars at their checkpoints.”

On the final day of the course, the soldiers competed to determine which team could best search a building using proper techniques taught from the class. Each team navigated the rooms, systematically examining every corner and piece of furniture.

“The contest was good because we could see how much we learned during the course,” said Sgt. Mazin, an intelligence soldier from 1st Battalion, 14th IA Brigade.

The Iraqi soldiers were graded on their teamwork, overall organization, how well they collected the evidence, their handling of evidence, and how they packaged the evidence.

“They learned very quickly and used knowledge from the previous days in the final practical exercise. They were one of the best groups I’ve ever taught,” said Upton.

With this foundation of knowledge, these IA intelligence officers and soldiers have a better understanding of how to recognize and handle evidence. These skills will help the 14th IA Brigade accomplish their mission of securing northern Salah ad-Din province now and in the future. ❏

AL SINIYAH AIRBASE, Iraq —

Staff Sgt. James Upton, a squad leader in 1st Platoon, 363rd Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit from Jane Lew, W. Va., thought a pop quiz was in order.

The Iraqi Army soldiers gathered around the primary instructor were up to the challenge. The most important thing to remember when collecting evidence, they responded, was to “wear gloves.”

This simple dialogue demonstrates one of the many lessons Iraqi Soldiers learned during the evidence collection training conducted by the 1st Platoon at Al Siniyah Airbase, Iraq, Jan. 17-19.

Twelve Soldiers from the 14th Iraqi Army Brigade attended the training and learned basic forensics skills. The training was for Iraqi intelligence or reconnaissance Soldiers who often respond to attacks or crimes and must properly handle the evidence. The training was aimed at making the Iraqi soldiers

more thorough and efficient at collecting and handling evidence.

“The better they learn these skills, the easier it will be to prosecute suspected criminals or insurgents,” said Upton, a native of Hurricane, W. Va.

The purpose of the class was to make the proper custodial transfer of evidence from the scene of the incident to the courtroom as smooth as possible.

Through a combination of presentations in a classroom and practical exercises in multi-room buildings, students learned many different subjects ranging from handling, storing, and labeling different types of evidence to identifying key indicators of improvised explosive devices.

“The most important thing I learned was to wear gloves because you don’t want to leave your fingerprints on evidence,” said 1st Lt. Mohammed, an intelligence officer in the 14th IA Brigade.

The Iraqi soldiers learned that labs can lift evidence off of the most obscure or

Maintaining Readiness

Civil Affairs Unit Prepares for Joint Operation

FORT PICKETT, Va. – The day brought a light rain and low clouds to south central Virginia that delayed a planned airborne jump for several hours. Shortly before noon, Soldiers were finishing a lunch of Meals Ready to Eat when unit officials decided to proceed with the jump.

Story and Photo By Spc. Jeff Daniel
352nd Civil Affairs Command Public Affairs

The Riverdale, Md., based 450th Civil Affairs Battalion traveled to Fort Pickett, Va., to participate in a four-day training exercise focusing on jump readiness and weapons qualifications Nov. 19 - 22. The exercise helped prepare the unit for Operation Southbound Trooper, a joint operation with a Civil-Military Cooperation Unit of the Canadian Army.

The jumpers donned their parachutes and boarded a Hercules C-130. By 2 p.m., as the plane flew 1,000 feet above Fort Pickett's Blackstone Army Airfield, jumpers began exiting the C-130's left-side door. Just before dusk, the C-130 completed its tenth and final pass over the airfield. A total of 70 Soldiers had made the jump.

One of the first timers was Pfc. Stephen Peck, from Baltimore, Md., who joined the unit in February 2009. Prior to firing 12 live rounds, he was given a one-on-one coaching session on how to handle and fire a pistol by Maj. William T. Birch, the 450th CAB's planning officer. Birch said that if Peck was completing an actual qualification, "he would have qualified as an expert, having missed only one target." Birch, a former federal agent firearms training officer, said, "I like providing leadership to the young Soldiers."

The group ranged from new to seasoned Soldiers. Pfc. Michael Armstrong, 21, of Washington, DC, joined the unit in May 2009 after completing basic combat training at Fort Jackson and advanced individual training at Fort Lee. Prior to the jump, Armstrong said he was a little nervous. After the jump, he said it was one of his best landings. "I listened to the Jumpmaster on exactly what to do," said Armstrong.

One of the more experienced Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas E. Jannuzzio, the training and operations noncommissioned officer, from Middletown, Del., completed his 131st jump with the night jump. He has been jumping since 1978 and has been with the 450th two separate times, the last time since 2000.

Capt. Lance Jensen, the battalion chief of operations and intelligence, called the series of airborne jumps from a C-130 Hercules "the last tactical mile of a civil affairs mission."

"When providing humanitarian aid, we have the capability of para-dropping relief supplies in, along with troops to protect those supplies," Jensen said. "This training exercise simulates dropping supplies and troops by air, the road march to the town in need of the aid, and the civilian help needed for that town." ★



Command Sgt. Maj. J. Priest, 450th Civil Affairs Brigade, Riverdale, Md., stands ready in the number one spot on a training jump to maintain jump readiness of the unit.



PARTNERSHIP FOR COMBAT LIFESAVER COURSE GIVES THE GIFT OF LIFE

The 844th Engineer Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Knoxville, Tenn., as part of their partnership with the HQ FER, provided an eight-day Combat Lifesaver Course to a group of 11 Soldiers from the HQ FER.

Story and Photo By Sgt. Amber Latham
844th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs

The CLS Course is implemented to train non-medical Soldiers how to provide advanced first aid and lifesaving procedures beyond the level of self-aid or buddy-aid taught during Army Basic Training. The goal was to conduct a “train-the-trainer” course so the Iraqi army soldiers could return to their units and train their own soldiers.

The CLS-trained Soldier is not intended to take the place of medical personnel. However, due to the structure of the HQ FER, CLS-trained Soldiers often serve as the only medic within the unit. This only intensifies the need for these Soldiers to be fully equipped and trained for various medical situations that can quickly develop both on and off the battlefield. The students

were taught techniques to treat and stabilize injuries related to combat, including blast injuries, amputation, severe bleeding, penetrating chest injuries, simple airway management, and evacuation techniques.

“Language was a barrier, but we were easily able to overcome it,” Kuhlenschmidt said. “The curriculum was developed from scratch, and everything was translated into Arabic. Our interpreter was a big help.”

On the final day of training, students were required to take a written exam as well as participate in a live training exercise. The training exercise was a “true-life” test that allowed Soldiers to demonstrate the knowledge they had acquired during the course. HQ FER Soldiers were taken to a nearby Military Operations in Urban Terrain site, where they reacted to different scenarios and treated simulated injuries.

ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Jason Williams, from Crossville, Tenn., provides assistance during the “live” training exercise as members of the HQ Field Engineer Regiment treat “wounded” Soldiers.

The training is important because as coalition forces withdraw from Iraq, the Iraqi Army needs to develop the skills necessary to be a self-sustaining Army after our departure. Medical skills are an essential part of that development.

“Everything we do is by, with, and through our Iraqi partners,” said Lt. Col. Adam S. Roth, the commander of the 844th Engineer Battalion. “The training we have done here, as part of our overall partnership efforts, has given the gift of life and the ability to preserve it in a combat environment to our partners. I can think of no higher calling than to provide that kind of training to our brothers in arms.”

WHO WILL BE THE BEST WARRIOR?

Follow the Army Reserve BWC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/myarmyreserve, WordPress at www.bestwarrior.wordpress.com, and Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/myarmyreserve. We'll also have a wrap-up in Warrior-Citizen this fall.



By Sgt. Darius Kirkwood
200th Military Police Command Public Affairs

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — Take a battle of minds, strength, and determination. Mix in equal parts of ingenuity and never-say-die, and you set the stage for the Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition. The annual competition, which will establish one Solider and one noncommissioned officer as the Best Warrior, is being held this year at Fort McCoy, Wis., July 25-31.

The BWC challenges entrants in a range of tasks, including the Army Physical Fitness Test, M-4 range qualification, Army Warrior Tasks, an appearance board, and a written essay, to name just a few.

The competition is aptly named, because the Soldiers involved are the type who always put the mission first, are consistent, and set high standards for themselves. Such dedication and effectiveness in leadership, as well as the desire and willingness to do hard things, has yet to be rivaled by our enemies and our allies, and continues to be the stuff that makes Best Warriors of us all. ❏

Spc. Timothy Noel of the 841st Engineer Company performs a push-up during the Army physical fitness test portion of the 412th's Best Warrior Competition held at Camp Smith, N.Y., April 14-19, 2009.

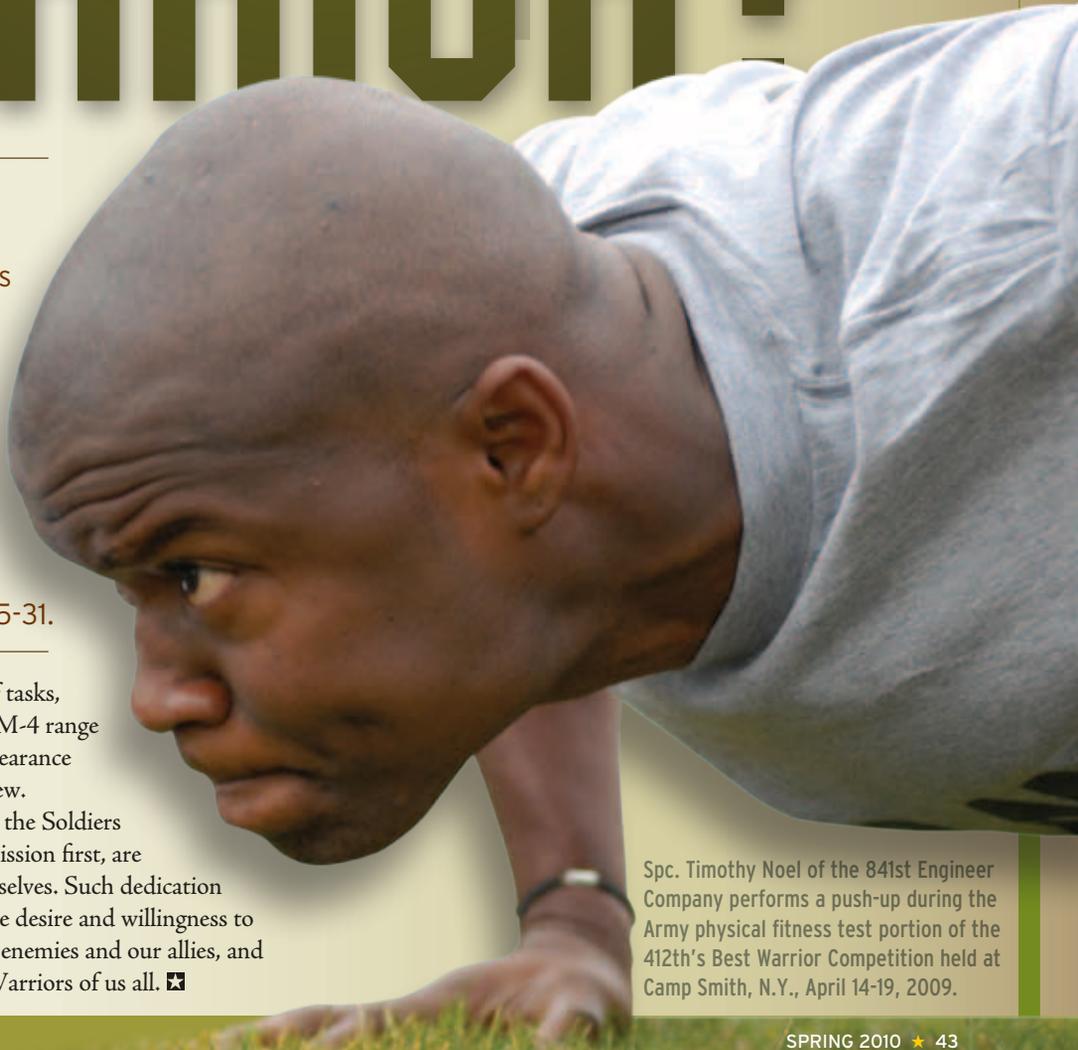


Photo By Pfc. David Thompson, 326th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

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