Sgt Matthew Skilling, an intelligence analyst with HHC, 18th CSSB, cooks for the redeployment celebration for Bravo Company, 113th Special Troops Battalion. The Soldiers of B-Company, 113th STB, deployed to Afghanistan, in support of the CENTCOM Material Retrograde Element in June and are now getting ready to go home to North Carolina, with the rest of their brigade which is deployed to Kuwait.
Greetings to all members of the Warhammer Battalion and their Families!
We are pleased to welcome the month of October. October is a month to celebrate reading to children, raise awareness on domestic violence and the fourth month of our headquarters providing mission command for the CENTCOM Materiel Recovery Element and the month we became a joint headquarters as we welcome our Navy brothers and sisters. As we move towards our half way point of the deployment we have to remember to embrace our families in healthy and positive ways while we work towards mission accomplishment.

It was once said that “children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” There is something special about the time an adult spends reading to a child, something very formative. Although we are away from our families and loved ones, we can still reach out through video chat or recording a DVD and read to our children. I would encourage you to make sometime this month and choose a family favorite or a new book and read together.

In my family, and I have little ones, some of our favorites are, Are You My Mother, Good Night Moon, The Giving Tree, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

As we continue our mission here to keep our nation safe I would also ask you to look at ways to keep your community and home safe. As families struggle and overcome challenges of being separated, there are moments of increased stress. Ensure you support your community but look internal to your home and find ways to keep your family safe. As stressors increase, ensure you find ways to cope with those moments. There are many organizations on post that have opportunities for free child care and support while service members are away. We not only want to bring everyone home safely but want to ensure everyone at home remains safe.

Finally, we said good-bye to B Company 113th and welcomed over 200 contractors and a team of Navy Customs personnel to the Warhammer Battalion. The past week has been filled with new acronyms and uniforms and team building. The mission here is a morphing one but the motivation and support of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Contractors allows us to continue to set new standards of excellence as a team.
In the end, our history is one our children will read about in history books. When we safely return, we will reflect on the challenges but more so the success and dedication to a mission in which we truly led the way. It’s Hammertime! We Forge Ahead!

- Warhammer 6

Hello Warhammers,
It is a great day in Afghanistan. We have embraced another month. October brings in a little cooler weather here, not much but a little cooler. As our families have fully embraced a fall and an upcoming Halloween season, take the time to communicate with them to share in their experience from afar.
As I have traveled around I have had the opportunity to see our Soldiers do great things. I am truly amazed each day on their ability to be flexible and adapt to any situation. The Warhammers are truly forging the future in Afghanistan when it comes to recovering equipment and saving valuable tax payers dollars.
It is time to welcome a new crew to the CMRE element. We just received our fellow Sailors from the Navy to assist in the customs process. So welcome them aboard when you see them and make them feel part of the team.
As you go through challenges each day, I want Soldiers and leaders to look out for a few things. First, always have your battle buddy with you. This is imperative for our success. Next, let’s all fight complacency. This is starting to creep up on us right now. I can see that with simple discipline, and also with some of the profiles. Let’s not lose focus on why we are here. Finally always stay vigilant; this includes facing the elements that will embrace us in the upcoming months. Let’s keep up the good work and let’s forge ahead.

- Warhammer 7
By 2nd Lt. Henry Chan
18th CSSB Public Affairs Officer
Spc. Alicia Smith
1462nd TC Unit Public Affairs Representative


The BAF RSY is operated along with two other retrograde sort yards in Afghanistan under the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB).

The success of the BAF RSY is contributed to the effort of Soldiers from the 18th CSSB from Grafenwoehr, Germany, the 10th Sustainment Brigade of Fort Drum, NY, the 427th Brigade Support Battalion of the New York National Guard and the 1462nd Transportation Company of the Michigan National Guard.

With high spirits, the group proceeded to tour other areas of the RSY.

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Dowd led Lt. Gen. Brooks to view recently opened shipping containers full of used tires, vehicle parts and even the cab of a 5-ton military transport truck.

"My first general [visiting our yard], my first coin. It was exciting and new. He left an impression!"

Office supplies, computer cables, “Chem-lights” (disposable chemical light sticks) or similar items collected from the processing area are gathered here for issue to local units with no charge to the unit.


Spc. Fivecoat said, “My first general [visiting our yard], my first coin. It was exciting and new. He left an impression!”

Cpl Malone was pleased to have the General visit the yard to see how operations were run, “It was great to see the General and for him to see how the yard works.”

Lt. Gen Brooks ended his trip by speaking with all of the Soldiers and at the RSY. Proud of the progress in the BAF RSY, he said that, “We needed [the mission] to be done. We gave the mission to the 1st TSC (Theater Sustainment Command), and they gave the mission to you, because we knew that you’d get it done.”
18th CSSB, HQ and HQ Co.

Major General Stein’s Visit to the Kandahar Airfield Retrosort Yard

By Spc. Andrew Bohn
Unit Public Affairs Representative
18th CSSB Public Affairs


Maj. Gen. Stein recognized the outstanding leadership and personnel from the 18th CSSB who have worked tirelessly during the past two months to transform the Kandahar retrograde sort yard into a world class receiving, processing, redistributing, retrograding and re-deploying center. The retrograde sort yard ships material out of the Afghanistan Theater, re-distributes them inside Afghanistan so that war fighters can quickly re-utilized them, or simply saves the Federal Government a lot of money recycling the material back into the wholesale supply system.

The 18th CSSB assumed mission command of the CENTCOM Materiel Recovery Element, or CMRE, in June 2012 and aligned all retrograde sort yards under the 18th CSSB’s Headquarters. Soldiers from B Company of the 113th Support Operations Battalion and the 18th HHC leadership worked hard to clear a Retrosort Yard of excess. In two short months, the retrograde sort yard has nearly doubled its output of sorted material. Recently, the Kandahar Retrosort Yard firmly satisfied the theater retrograde velocity goals set, by reaching a 50% increase in production. Upon completing his tour of the retrograde yard operations, Maj. Gen. Stein conducted a ceremony to recognize the leadership in the retrograde yard. Maj. Gen. Stein presented CW3 Sulaiman Bah, 1st Lt. David Ennis, and Sgt. 1st Class. Sung Park with the 1st TSC Coin for Excellence. CW3 Bah, the accountable officer of the Kandahar Retrosort Yard said, “I really appreciate Maj. Gen. Stein for taking time

Cpt. Christian Noumba

1st Sgt. Charles Odom

The First Sergeant’s Blurb

Salutations to all from Kandahar, Afghanistan.

As Headquarters Company surpasses its 4 month bench mark during this deployment I am proud to say that all of our Head Hunters are doing well. Since our departure from Germany it is my great pleasure to report that no major incidents have fallen upon any of our Soldiers as we continue shattering our CENTCOM Materiel Recovery Element (CMRE) monthly goals in the Retrograde Sort Yards.

Election is the time that your voice can be heard and will make difference in who will represent the United States as our President for the next four years. So I urge every Soldier, family members, and friends to let your voice be heard and don’t forget to vote.

On another note, I am proud to report that we have reenlisted six of our Head Hunters to continue being our great country’s guardians as we push onward towards ending the tyranny that misguided souls do.
113th STB, Bravo Company

113th Soldiers complete mission in Afghanistan

“Working outside of my regular job was fun; I enjoyed it, a lot of it. The hours were long, but I actually didn’t mind it.”

- Staff Sgt. Michael Stalvey

By Spc. Isaac Adams
Battalion Public Affairs Specialist
18th CSSB Public Affairs

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – Soldiers of Bravo Company, 113th Special Troops Battalion, deployed from Greensboro, N.C. in December of 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn. 7 months later, B-Company received orders for a temporary duty assignment at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

The 113th Soldiers set out into the different, but rewarding mission of the Kandahar Airfield Retrograde Sort Yard, or better known as the KAF RSY.

The retrograde process in Kandahar was in its infancy when the 113th arrived. When the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, or CSSB, assumed operational control of the facility in July, the first focus was reorganization and clean up.

The 113th was attached to the 18th CSSB to serve as a bulk of the man-power. Soldiers from Bravo Company, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, of the N.Y. National Guard, and the 40th Quartermaster Company, from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii also work side-by-side at the KAF RSY.

Saturday, September 22, 2012, a barbeque and festivities marked the hard work of 113th Soldiers. Comrades from the other KAF RSY units seized this chance to say farewell to their friends.

113th Soldiers were the sole workforce behind the receiving yard of the KAF RSY.

Master Sgt. Walter Warren served as the yard supervisor, Sgt 1st Class White as the day shift supervisor, and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Schaecher as the night shift supervisor.

The KAF RSY Soldiers were flexible with the mixed leadership and the developing procedures of the retrograde process.

Spc. Amber Vanzandt, from Eden, N.C., worked in half of the six different sections of the yard. From the “customs and pallet build section” to the “moving to receiving”, and the “processing section”, Spc. Vanzandt spent all of her energy in providing the best she could.

“I spent most of my time working in [the] receiving [yard]. I was put in charge of pushing out all of the tires that we had in the yard.” Vanzandt stated, “That was definitely a frustrating job. I also drove a forklift, a lot, but my main job there, and what I got recognized for, was all of the tires.”

Sgt. Raymond James was a section leader for the receiving yard, and developed the plan to displace all of the materiel in the receiving yard to the main yard for re-distribution.

“Working outside of my regular job was fun; I enjoyed it, a lot of it. The hours were long, but I actually didn’t mind it.” Stated Staff Sgt. Michael Stalvey, “Sgt. [1st Class Sung] Park and Chief [Warrant Officer Sulaiman] Bah really supported the 113th really well.”

Vanzandt also added “Sgt Park always made the day better. He didn’t even have to try. Whenever he came up to talk to you, he always made you feel good.”

A large contracted work force from Dyncorp International arrived at the KAF RSY through September. The

Spc. Anthony Fultz (Left) and Spc. Demarcus Blakeney (Right), both of Bravo Company, 113th Special Troops Battalion, take part in a “shout out” through the Armed Forces Network, for the holiday season. (US Army photo by Spc. Isaac Adams, 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Public Affairs)
The 27th IBCT TF Orion

“Road Runners” on the move
By 1st Lt. Thai-Bao Ngo
Unit Public Affairs Representative
Headquarters Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion Public Affairs

Bagram, Afghanistan, 3:30 AM, September 15th 2012 - While most of Bagram Airfield is still sleeping comfortably in their bed the NY Army National Guard 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) Marathon team laces up their shoes to compete in the 16th Annual Air Force Marathon.

The Air Force Marathon offers competitors the chance to participate in a variety of different challenging road courses while serving up the satisfaction of testing ones’ will and stamina. Runners are given the choice of competing in either a 5K, 10K, half marathon, and for those who are not “faint of heart”, a grueling 26.2 mile full marathon. Marathons dates back to the fall of 490 BC. After the Athenians defeated the Persians in the Battle of Marathon, the Greek Soldier Pheidippides ran the entire distance from Marathon to Athens without stopping and burst into the assembly, exclaiming “victory”, (We have won), before collapsing and dying.

The first official Air Force marathon was held on September 20th, 1997, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force, and is held the third Saturday of each September in celebration of the U.S. Air Force. 2012 marks the 16th year of the marathon, and will be held September 15, three days before the 65th anniversary of the Air Force.

The 27th IBCT Marathon team is comprised of 7 Soldiers: 1st Lt. Thai Ngo of C Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion, Warrant Officer Michael Keller of the Headquarters Company, 27th IBCT, Sgt. 1st Class, Benjamin Lewis from the Headquarters of the 27th IBCT, Sgt. 1st Class Nara Tith of 10th Sustainment Brigade, Sgt. Joriann Garcia-Hernandez, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Sterling, and Pfc. Matthew Van Scoter from the Headquarters Company, 427th Brigade Support Battalion. Although being from different units, throughout the 27th IBCT, these Soldiers all came together as part of the Orion Brigade, has a long rich military history in upstate New York. The Orion Brigade has Soldiers currently serving throughout Afghanistan since mid-March. New York State Veteran’s Home of Oxford, New York sponsors the Task Force Orion marathon team. Sgt. 1st Class Lewis works as a nurse at the NYS

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Reassuring Beliefs

By Pfc. Brandon McMullen
B Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion, Unit Public Affairs Representative
Reviewed by 2nd Lt. Henry Chan

FOB WALTON, Afghanistan – On a warm and bright Afghanistan day, Sgt. David Frank from B Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) stood before his Material Recovery Team (MRT) Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Anthony Scollante. Sgt. Frank looked eager, as a child on Christmas morning as he confirmed his trust and beliefs in the United States Army, The New York Army National Guard and his company with his reenlistment.

“I liked what I was doing at Phoenix, it was pretty cool, but it’s nice to come back and actually be with B Company.”
-Spc. Ian Yannantuono

The FOB (Forward Operating Base) Walton MRT (Material Recovery Team) is an element under operational control of the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, whose mission is to directly support the units in Afghanistan. The MRT provides oversight and guidance in the process of how to identify, segregate, control, and process excess, repairable materiel throughout the Afghan theatre. Such items are then redistributed to other theaters of operation or processed for use at military installations saving the American taxpayer millions of dollars. Sgt. Frank, a “91B, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic” assigned to the MRT at FOB Walton and B Company 427th BSB, raised his right hand on September 3rd, 2012 at FOB Walton, Afghanistan, and extended his contract with the Army for six more years.

Sgt Frank’s spoke

The End is in Sight

ISG Corner

The end is in sight. However not only do we have the mission to continue but a laundry list of tasks to complete in preparation to redeploy. As individual Soldiers we need to have our equipment packed properly to turn in OCIE at the mobilization site; our non-essential equipment needs to be packed into our CONEX for its return state side by 15 October; cold weather gear needs to be available for wear later in the year.

It’s APFT time! All APFTs will be completed NLT COB 31 October 2012. Be sure that all documentation is submitted to the orderly room and that you receive confirmation that your information is submitted into DTMS and RCAS.

Happy Halloween!
Hello from Michigan.

Duty—Fulfill your obligations. Doing your duty means more than carrying out your assigned tasks. I know I had to take a knee and go back for emergency leave. However, that does not mean I can stop being your acting first sergeant. Again, I have pride and faith in all my NCO’s out there on the battlefield doing what we do best, taking care of Soldiers. 1st Sgt. Spreeman was glad that he got to visit all of you. He knows that the beans and bullets are distributed and that the mission will be completed. You guys are working your way into the history books, and you’ll be able to tell generations after all the good times you had representing the Michigan National Guard. Thank you for your hard work Soldiers, and stay safe.

Sgt. 1st Class Ray Ruzzin
First Sergeant
**When:** 10 November 2012

**Where:** Kandahar Airfield  
Bagram Airfield  
Camp Pratt  
Freihung, Germany.

**Time:** 0600 - 0800, Local Time

Sign up will be online  
See your chain of command  
for more information

The German War Graves Commission is a humanitarian organization charged by the Federal Republic of Germany to register the German war dead abroad and to ensure it is updated and monitored. It advises relatives of war grave care, supervises public and private sites, supports international cooperation and assists within the sector of war grave care.

The Warhammers, of the 18th CSSB, are the only foreign military members to donate to the German fund and have been doing so since 2009.
113th STB complete mission in Afghanistan (Continued)

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113th passed along their work experience accumulated in the three months to Dynacorp workers as a final mission at the KAF RSY.

In the last few weeks of their work at the yard, the Soldiers of the 113th never slowed down, and push through at full force until the very end.

The Soldiers of Bravo Company prepare to return to Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, where they will reassemble with their battalion and brigade to return home to North Carolina.

At the farewell barbecue, an award ceremony honored outstanding Soldiers of the company. Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery White, the day shift supervisor for the receiving yard, and Spc. Nicholas O’Conner, a Soldier in the customs section received the Army Commendation Medal for their performance in the Kandahar Retro Sort Yard. 20 other 113th Soldiers were recognized for their hard work and leadership with the Army Achievement Medal.

As she gears up and gets ready to go home to Lugoff, S.C, Sgt. Tasha Towning, the processing supervisor for the night shift says, “I’m so glad to be going home. I feel like we’ve been gone forever, which we have. We’ve been gone since August, and now I’m ready to go.”

Spc. Nicholas O’Conner, a customs section Soldier, of Bravo Company, 113th Special Troops Battalion, takes part in a “shout out” through the Armed Forces Network, for the holiday season. (US Army photo by)

Escort Team (Continued)

that we can."

“The rest of the crew does about 80% of the work while I am left to do most of the paperwork, so without them not as much would get done. They all have great personalities and work with the [local nationals] very well,” said Sgt. Leonard.

There is an inherent danger with unknown cargo. It is difficult not knowing what the trucks contain until you open the shipping container and sometimes they are not secured. Live munitions, exposed wires or fake IED training aids have had trucks turned away trucks at the front gate.

“From the time I have been here, I have seen significant progress and change in the RSY. A lot of materials and gear have come through here. We’ve saved a lot of money!” states Sgt. Leonard Clay.

Soldiers of the Escort Crew call out numbers that identifies the driver of trucks for the crew to assemble into a convoy and escorted to the Bagram RetroSort Yard. (US Army Photo’s by Spc. Alicia Smith, 1462nd Transportation Company Public Affairs)
Veterans’ Home in Oxford. The organization covered the cost of the marathon team’s race tee shirts and friends pledged their full support. Sgt. 1st Class Lewis is a seasoned runner and team captain. Before the race started, Sgt. 1st Class Lewis spoke to his teammates, “this race is more than just a race, its New Yorkers taking care of New Yorkers, its Soldiers both past and present taking care of Soldiers.”

Every runner has their own reasons for running the grueling race. It was 1st Lt. Ngo and Sgt. Garcia’s first marathon. Sgt. Garcia was the teams’ youngest runner at 27 and dedicated the run to his wife, Kristie L Garcia. “I’ve always wanted to run a marathon; being part of a team the timing just seemed right,” he said. “When I doubted myself she believed in me and told me I could do it. There were times I wanted to quit, but every time I thought of quitting I thought of her, so I kept on going through the pain.”

The team’s other marathon new comer, 1LT Ngo was in high spirits as well. “What a feeling.....to start as a team and finish as a team in the time we did,” Ngo said after finishing. 1st Lt. Ngo is a Medical Supply Officer in his company. As an aspiring Physicians Assistant, Lt. Ngo learned first-hand about the vigorous demand that running a marathon puts on ones’ body. “I’ve never been this sore and hungry at the same time”, Lt. Ngo said as he gorged on cookies at the 427th BSB command post after the race. Lt. Ngo exclaimed, “to be this sore and this hungry at the same time really shows the amount of energy distance runners’ expend during the course of the race”. Sgt. 1st Class Lewis dedicated the run to his lovely wife Jessica and their three boys, Benny, Braden, and Brett, he said, “when I run it helps to take my mind off of missing them, out there it’s my teammates and the road”.

The 427th BSB also had runners competing in the 10K event in other areas of Afghanistan. Warrant Officer Keller was the team’s lone participant in Kandahar Air Field. Mr. Keller ran the 10Km event and said, “It felt good, to get out, run, and build camaraderie with fellow Soldiers and Airmen”.

There were over 500 runners participating in the Air Force Marathon on Bagram. While every runner runs for their own reasons, the Soldiers of the 27th IBCT Marathon team started and finished the day together proving there is nothing greater than pride, determination, and brotherhood. “Victory!!!!!!”

(From left to right) Sgt. Joriann Garcia-Hernandez, Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Lewis, 1st Lt. Thai Ngo, and Navy Commander Onofrio Margioni at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan after completing the grueling 26.2 miles of the Air Force Marathon. (US Army photo from Headquarters Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion Archives)
Civilian contractors have begun to take the lead on assigned missions and work with various units and Task Forces located across RC-East in an effort to meet their specific timelines and objectives. The Material Redistribution Team missions are on the rise with the increase of base closures and transfers as units consolidate and reorganize at larger hubs. Soldiers are all gainfully employed and continue to plow forward.

Two more Soldiers were promoted this month. Spc. Matthew Vanscoter and Spc. Emery Schwartz both earned well deserving promotions and their hard work does not go unnoticed. Impact Army Achievement Medals, or AAMs, were awarded to Spc Pratt, Spc Wise, Cpl Depape and Staff Sgt. Williams for their contributions to the Bagram Retrosort Yard and Spc Ruiz for his excellence as a Customs Agent at FOB Salerno. Spc Sherman and Pfc Perry were also recognized and were presented with Impact AAMs for their actions and hard work during the Four-Corners operation at Bagram which facilitated the redeployment of the 1/82nd Airborne Battalion.

Once again, I would like to emphasize Headquarters company’s redeployment date has not changed. It is still set for early 2013. Safety and Soldier care remains a priority among the command team. Leaders across the formation strive and excel in this respect. Thank you for your hard work. As Headquarters Company proceeds through the last third of the deployment, we can not lose focus on safety and the mission at-hand. Great job thus far. Keep up the great work.

“Hammer Down” HHC.
Capt. Pforter

HHC 427th BSB Captain's Corner (Continued)

B 427th BSB Capt’s Corner (Continued)

The Morale Mill

For all the Soldiers who are going to the Promotion Board
about choosing the next President of the United States of America, but it also about choosing people who will represent us and speak on our behalf in the US Congress, Federal and State legislative and judicial bodies, and more close to you people who will claim to speak for you as your town or city councilmen (woman) and even in your school district. If you have not done so yet, request your absentee ballot now and vote immediately. It doesn’t matter who your party affiliation is or who your candidates are, be a citizen and vote!

Another big topic of conversation is the Combined Federal Campaign Overseas (CFC-O). HHC Soldiers joined the leadership on 17 September 2012 to officially launch the CFC-O campaign for the Battalion in Kandahar airfield (KAF), Afghanistan. The campaign is the opportunity for all Federal employees to make donations to charity organizations around the world. It also offers the opportunity to donate to your military community in support of morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) activities. US Europe has collected over $300,000 dollars last year and this year, USAREUR community aims to break that record. Let’s make sure we are part of the effort to bring assistance to those who are in need or just simply to causes that we want to support.

Before I bow out, I want to offer a shout out to all of the Soldiers who reenlisted this month. Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Guzman, Staff Sgt. Phillips, Staff Sgt. Olivieri-rodriguez, Sgt. Allison, Spc. Islas, Spc. Andrews. Thank you for volunteering to serve our United States of America, our great nation as a member of the greatest military ever formed by mankind.

HEADHUNTERS … HEADS WILL ROLL!
WE FORGE AHEAD!

Capt Christian S. Noumba
The Soldiers of Bravo Company, 113th Special Troops Battalion form up for the award ceremony to recognize the high performers of their company. Col. Douglas McBride, the Commander of the 593rd Sustainment Brigade, CENTCOM Material Retrograde Element, speaks in high regards to the 113th for everything they have accomplished, and wishes them a good and safe journey home. (US Army photo by Spc. Isaac Adams, 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Public Affairs)
Happppy Birthday!

Pfc. Darryl Allen
Oct. 1
Chief Warrant Office Sulaiman Bah
Oct. 2
Spc. Robert Gadson
Oct. 3
Cpt. Erica Conrad
Oct. 6
Staff Sgt. Heather Stickney
Oct. 8
Spc. Stephen Barrant
Oct. 10
Sgt. 1st Class Frank Bond
Oct. 10
1st Lt. Jennifer Speeckaert
Oct. 10
Spc. John Weyant
Oct. 11
1st Sgt. Charles Odom
Oct. 13
2nd Lt. Michael Costello
Oct. 16
Spc. Timothy Wood
Oct. 16
1st Lt. Lee Schroeder
Oct. 20
Spc. Elvis King
Oct. 21
Pfc. Aaron Demunn
Oct. 23
Maj. Edward Cappelano
Oct. 26
Spc. Tina Pratt
Oct. 29

Reassuring Beliefs
(Continued)

loudly and proudly after 1st Lt. Scollante, “I do solemnly swear to defend and protect the constitution of the United States and the State of New York…”

Sgt. Frank and members his team celebrated the ceremony and his decision to stay with chants of Bravo 427’s motto, “Bulldogs Keeping the Faith”, and other boastful cheers and words of encouragement.

After the ceremony, Sgt. Frank stated, “I am proud to be a member of such an amazing company”. 1st Lt. Scollante, Bravo 427 Platoon Leader said, “Sgt. Frank has been an asset to Bravo 427, and he’s full of positive energy.” 1st Lt. Scollante also said, “I am just happy to be a part of Sgt. Frank’s military extension”.

The Navy Customs Personnel along with their Officer-in-Charge, Lt. Cmdr. Kendall Kalstad, and their Senior Enlisted Leader Senior Chief Petty Officer John Matuza, who all just joined the CENTCOM Material Recovery Element (CMRE), under the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, all pose together for a photo, with their new command team, Lt. Col. Michelle Letcher and Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Griffin, before they go their separate ways to work as customs agents and inspectors for the CMRE.
Sgt. Luis Andujar, a Customs Agent of the Headquarters Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion, from Rochester, NY would like to shoutout to everyone at home especially his wife Amy, “I’ll be home soon, I love you!”

Capt Seth Burgess a Military Intelligence Officer of the Headquarters Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion, originally from Newark, NY said, “The support from home during B/427’s 2012 deployment to Afghanistan has been incredible. For me, it’s been very strengthening to know that my family, friends, and community are standing behind us serving overseas. Special appreciation to my employer iVEDiX, inc. and CEO Raj Kutty, and to my hero at home, my wife Jessica. With 2 little ones in diapers and a monster of a Golden Retriever too, Jessica’s daily mission is a dynamic challenge that she executes with vigor.”

Ssg. Heather Stickney from the Headquarters Company, 427th Brigade Support Battalion of the New York National Guard says, “Hi Sweetie, All my love from Afghanistan… Can’t wait to be where I belong with you, love.”
Camp Pratt continues to build up. Units all around the Area of Operation are in need of equipment and come to Camp Pratt for the easiest and quickest to fulfill their needs. Units are often so grateful to be able to acquire item that may have taken weeks to arrive that they are returning favors to the retro-sort team.

The retro-sort team has been given free pizzas, UAV tours and even conducted a re-enlist on a black hawk. The retro-sort team is also getting ready to say goodbye to their comrades from the 1462nd TC as they get ready to head home. The retro-sort yard will be conducting a cook out to give them a proper parting.

Staff Sgt. Alexander Oliveri-Rodrigez from Arecibo, Porto Rico, a mortuary affairs specialist from HHC 18th CSSB, said “I am proud to be offered the chance to serve my country another six years but that ride made me miss my mom.” Staff Sgt. Oliveri-Rodrigez is the supervising of the Camp Pratt Mayor Cell reception desk.

Spc. Jonathon Persons, a Customs Agent of the Headquarters Company 427th Brigade Support Battalion, from Watertown, NY would like to tell his my wife Trudy, “I love you and hope to be home soon.”

Pfc. Brieann Rice a processor at the Bagram Airfield Retrosort Yard from the 1462nd Transportation Company of the Michigan National Guard says, “to my honey… I miss you like the devil!! Can’t wait to be with you again!!”

Team Pratt

After conducting four rollercoaster like combat maneuvers in honor of his re-enlistment of 4 more years SPC Saul Andrews says “Now I know why we say ‘So help me God!’” SPC Andrews, from New Orleans, Louisiana, is a 92A, automated logistic specialist, from HHC 18th CSSB working as a processor in the retro-sort yard.

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