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WRANGLERS RECEIVE HOME COOKED HOLIDAY DINNER

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Over thirty Soldiers from across the 4th Sustainment Brigade were treated to a little treat from home; a homemade Christmas dinner meant to take participating Soldiers' minds away from the rigors of deployment, if only for a bit.

The early Christmas dinner was not of the standard sides, fixings, and turkey – it was a little more modest. It was a meal of sacrifice, giving, and hope. Hope that those Soldiers eating the meal would bring their minds to their deployed Family in place of their real Family.

The meal took a week to prepare, with a little done each day, and the final outcome was to give Soldiers a taste of home – a Filipino home.

The meal consisted of chicken dumplings, egg rolls, white and fried rice, and a sweet dessert that was the exclamation point for a buffet that every Soldier and Airmen truly enjoyed.

Mrs. Lydia Lacanlale, a management analyst for Agility Defense and Government Services, prepared the meal to give Soldiers something different from the care packages they receive.

“When I first came to Camp Arifjan, I saw Soldiers walking in the sun with their backpacks and it broke my heart,” said Lacanlale.

She came up with an idea to treat Soldiers to a little taste of her native country, the Philippines.

CAMP ARIEFJAN, Kuwait -- Command Sgt. Maj. Erik R.R. Frey, the 4th Sustainment Brigade Command Sergeant Major shakes Mrs. Lydia Lacanlale's hand after presenting her with a unit certificate of appreciation for her time and a donation to feed Soldiers of the unit a holiday dinner with a Filipino twist.



CAMP ARIEFJAN, Kuwait - Soldiers and Airmen line up on both sides of a table to treat themselves to a Filipino holiday dinner, home-made by Mrs. Lydia Lacanlale, who presented the unit with chicken, lo mien, white and fried rice, and hope that the participating service members would forget their troubles for a while and enjoy the meal.



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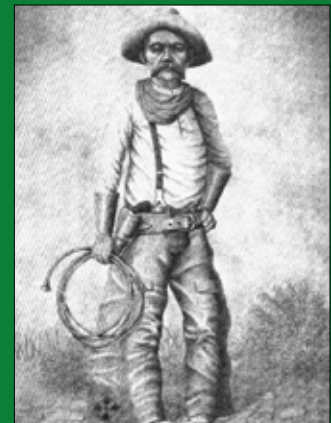
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JLTF 28 Commander's & CSM's Words



Greetings Wrangler Team, Soldiers, Airmen, and Family Members,

First and foremost, the Command Team thanks everyone for their continued hard work and effort over the Holiday Season. During this time of the year it is very easy to lose sight of the mission or forget about Family and friends. We are proud of the fact our Warriors were able to strike a balance between mission support and Holiday Spirit.

As always, our Task Force is in constant transition. We welcome the 594th Transportation Company from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to our formation. The

expectation and mission are large, but we are confident you will succeed. On the flip side, we bid farewell to the 1844th Transportation Company, our National Guard unit out of the great state of Illinois. Their contributions have been enormous and we are very proud of their accomplishments. From the day they stepped on Camp Arifjan, the 1844th could be counted on to complete the most demanding missions. From developing the Pro Tote towing device, maintaining a high operational readiness rate, providing superb administrative, communications and supply support to performing outstanding convoy operations, the Road Hogs set the standard. In an unprecedented maneuver within JLTF 28, half way through their deployment the Road Hogs successfully transformed from a pure line haul mission to providing both Combat Logistic Patrols (CLP) and Combat Escort Teams (CET) for the fight. Their hard work and dedication can be summed up with their mission statistics: 2.4 million CLP miles and over 84,000 total CET miles during 72 missions. A true team effort, and a job well done by all members of the 1844th Transportation Company team.

The Command has finally passed the half way mark here at Camp Arifjan. We are continually amazed at the pace of the



deployment as well as the Task Force's accomplishments. To date we have completed over 472 missions covering over 19 million miles. We have transitioned the Task Force's motor pool operations into their new facilities and have set the foundation for our headquarters move into their new facilities which will also be located in the motor pool.

Finally, Command Sgt. Major Adkins and I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2009.

EN TEMPS!
LTC B and CSM Adkins

Wrangler Command Team Message



4th Sustainment Brigade
Commander
Col. Terence Hermans

Our Brigade remains committed to the successful execution of our operations as well as the safety and wellbeing of our Soldiers, Families, and Civilians. The many successful missions accomplished by 4th Sustainment Brigade are a direct reflection of our diligence and perseverance. As we embark on this new year together, I encourage all leaders to remain vigilant and involved to ensure our Soldiers stay alert to any hazards they may face. It is time to double our efforts to enhance resilience across the force, and increase our physical, mental, and emotional strength. Continue to focus on the mission and above all stay safe. Thank you for all that you do.

'JUST GET IT DONE'



4th Sustainment Brigade
Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj. Erik R. R. Frey

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She decided to cook an elaborate meal complete with dessert. The meal was offered to a unit to give its service members a break from their work schedule and hopefully feel a little closer to home.

She found the unit, the 4th Sustainment Brigade, through her boss, who contacted the unit in order to facilitate the dinner.

When it was known who she would cook for, Mrs. Lacanlale went to work preparing the meal. “I would come from work and spend an hour or so, hand rolling the egg rolls and then freezing them. I would do this everyday for a week to get ready to be able to feed the Soldiers.”

She created a home made meal to treat the Airmen and Soldiers who were use to the dining facility meals of regularly rotated processed foods. It was a treat the service members truly were grateful for.

“It was a great meal,” said Sgt. Gabriel Hamilton, a unit supply sergeant with the 4th Sustainment Brigade. “It was the first time I’ve eaten Filipino food, and it was great. It definitely improved my morale.”

During the meal, phrases such as, ‘Wow, this is good,’ ‘Have you tried the chicken? It’s real chicken,’ and ‘I have to go get seconds,’ were heard from the large group, along with constant statements of, ‘This is the best food I ever had deployed.’

Soon, finishing the vast plates of chicken, rice, and egg rolls, the Soldiers walked back to their jobs throughout Camp Arifjan, and returned to the mission at hand. But only after greeting, hugging, and thanking Mrs. Lacanlale for the thought of giving them a home cooked meal which some Soldiers had not had for more than 10 months.

It was a simple gesture, yet one that was echoed by all in attendance, and it was best summed up by Mrs. Lacanlale, “A home cooked meal is a gift in itself because it is made from the heart.”



CAMP ARIEFJAN, Kuwait – Spc. Ann M. Campbell, a legal specialist with the 6th Transportation Battalion, assigned to the brigade legal section and 1st Lt. Jamie Lemon, a motor transport officer with the 10th Transportation Company unwrap trays of food before the start of the buffet line that highlighted the Christmas Dinner provided by Mrs. Lydia Lacanlale for members of the 4th Sustainment Brigade.



CAMP ARIEFJAN, Kuwait – Master Sgt. Michael Tribble, looks down into a crock pot trying to decide which piece of chicken looks best during the Christmas Dinner Filipino buffet provided by Mrs. Lydia Lacanlale.

1844TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY 'ROAD HOGS' WELCOME THE 594TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY AND PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY TO HOME STATION

Article by Sgt. Amy Andrews
1844th Transportation Company

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – The 1844th Transportation Company brought in the New Year by welcoming their replacing unit, the 594th Transportation Company of Fort Campbell, Ky. The 594th Transportation Company will sustain the 1844th TC's dual Combat Logistic Patrol (CLP) and Convoy Escort Team (CET) mission.

The 1844th TC immediately immersed the new unit with six days of combat mission training at Camp Buehring, beginning on Dec. 30, 2008. Before the 1844th TC redeploy, Soldiers will participate in training missions and left seat, right seat rides on both CLP and CET missions. Support Soldiers from the

supply, maintenance, tactical operations center, administration, and training sections will familiarize replacement Soldiers with daily duties, tasks, and vital information to make the 594th TC mission a successful one.

The 1844th TC began their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-10 after a farewell ceremony in Quincy, Illinois on Feb. 1, 2008. Soldiers trained for the upcoming mission for two weeks at Marseilles Training Center in Illinois and over two months at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The unit arrived in theater April 9, 2008, and will complete their stay at Camp Arifjan at the end of January.

The 1844th TC successfully completed 82 CLPs, 29 CET missions, and 139 local missions throughout Kuwait and Iraq. The unit amassed over 662,544 cumulative miles while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 08-10.

The 1844th TC proved to be a valuable asset for current and future mission success, often chosen by the Joint Logistics Task Force 28 and the 4th Sustainment Brigade for specific mission tasks and challenges.

1844th Soldiers were challenged

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Soldiers of the 1844th Transportation Company pose for a unit photo to remember the final days of their deployment. As the 1844th transition out they welcome the 594th Transportation Company, who will take over the role that the 1844th filled.

DOER'S BACKBONE REENLISTMENT

Article and Photos by Capt. Dovia Williams
6th Transportation Battalion

In the past five months, reenlistment has increased almost 40%. We've had 19 Soldiers reenlist since we've been in theater. Sgt. Roger Brown, the Battle NCO for 6th Transportation Battalion, recently reenlisted on a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) at Kuwait Naval Base (KNB) and shares his views about reenlisting. Sgt. Brown stated "I came into the Army with the intentions of only doing one enlistment, which was four years. Needless to say, this is my third reenlistment. The Army is a great organization to be apart of, you are able to stand up for your country, take care of your Family and experience things beyond your imagination. Not to mention, the great people you encounter throughout your career. Stay Army Strong! Doers!" Many Soldiers in the unit have taken advantage of the re-enlistment bonuses and continue to do so as their window of opportunity opens. It is indeed a great day to be in the Army! Hooah! **Backbone!!!!**



Sgt. Roger Brown reenlists for the 3rd time on a Landing Craft Utility at the Kuwait Naval Base by Maj. Joshua Vogel, 6th Trans. SPO OIC.

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with the incorporation of a M1070 and M1000 trailer Heavy Equipment Transport (HET), and a team was placed as a lead vehicle on combat missions. Their unparalleled work ethic and can-do attitude allowed them to execute more missions with the HET than any other squad in the Task Force.

The unit's maintenance section spearheaded the fabrication and assembly of the M915A3 with a Pro-Tote towing assembly. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Russell E. Richard and his section welded a signature deck for the M915A3 and provided an example for the structure and welding fabrication shop as a template for future productions of the system. The section received acclamations and

awards for their accomplishments in theater ranging from the JLTF 28 to the United States Army Europe, 21st Theater Sustainment Command Team from Germany.

Soldiers performed with impeccable accomplishments and outstanding results when tasked to transform six CLPs to CETs to provide convoy security missions. By filling the shortage of CETs, the 1844th TC is the only company within the Task Force to maintain, support and execute both CLPs and CETs.

The 1844 TC planned and orchestrated a "Road Hog" truck rodeo. The truck rodeo provided for M915A3 and M1151 competitions among units

within the JLTF 28.

The Illinois citizen-Soldiers were also able to take advantage of deployment perks and possible once-in-a-lifetime events such as meeting President Bill Clinton and President-elect Barack Obama during congressional visits to Kuwait. Soldiers were also able to visit local monuments and be amongst the culture of Kuwait on various MWR trips.

The 1844th TC would like to thank the Family Readiness Group, Rear Detachment and fellow Soldiers and Airman for their endless efforts and support, making the unit's mission success and astounding accomplishments in theater possible.

4th SB Soldiers Volunteer With Nolan Middle School

Article and Photos by Private 1st Class Naveed Ali Shah
13th ESC Public Affairs

T’was the night before Christmas and all through the town, the children lined the streets, jumping up and down.

They shouted with glee, “Santa’s coming soon, he’s on his way! I hope he brought sweets and candy today!”

Jolly old Santa Claus threw sugary treats, from atop a sleigh, no...wait a ladder truck from the Killeen Fire Department, and the children dove as it landed at their feet.

This was the scene during Killeen’s annual Christmas Parade in downtown Killeen Dec. 13.

Soldiers from the Rear Detachment, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), marched with students from Nolan Middle School during the parade. The 4th SB Soldiers also helped the middle school students decorate the float prior to the parade.

The parade featured more than 140 different entries, made up of floats, riding clubs, marching bands, and other organizations including the 1st Cavalry Division Band, Horse Detachment, and Honor Guard.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, and Texas State Rep. Jimmie D. Aycock were the grand marshals for the parade, which is now in its 46th year.

The 4th SB Soldiers often volunteer their time with their adopted



Sgt. Diamante Barnett, a medic, with Rear Detachment discusses safety issues with the student’s of Nolan Middle School prior to the commencement of Killeen’s 46th Annual Christmas Parade.

school, decorating the float and marching in the parade was just a small part of everything they do.

“We volunteer in the classroom, read with the students, help them with lawn care and maintenance, and go on field trips with them,” said Spc. Kyle Walker, human resource information system management

specialist, Rear Det., 4th SB.

The Soldiers do not view volunteering as a card they have to punch for time served though.

“I love kids, interacting with them and teaching them,” said Walker, who has been volunteering at Fort Hood since 2001, “Especially if their parents are deployed, I like to give them something to smile about.”

This holiday season, we should all follow the example set by these outstanding Soldiers. Remember the old adage: “T’is better to give, then to receive.”

Walker said, “I like to see kid’s smile. It warms your heart, and it boosts the kid’s spirits, I love volunteering my time for them.”



Sgt. Johnathon Taylor, a signal specialist marches alongside Nolan Middle School’s float during Killeen’s 46th Annual Christmas Parade.

2009: The Year to “Just Get It Done”

Article Courtesy of
4th Sustainment Brigade (Rear D)

It's finally 2009. In the spirit of “starting fresh”, “turning a new leaf” and all that... I feel I must admit that My New Year's resolution from last year was a total failure. I was going to “get organized for 2008”... probably something I read in a magazine somewhere. I had such high hopes for myself. It wasn't until this past Monday when I returned to work that I had to admit I was a huge failure! On Jan 5th, my nemesis, the Christmas cards I plan on getting out every year, the one true test of my new organized self, once again remain unsigned and unaddressed! It's probably no surprise to hear that I purchased these cards our first summer here... THREE years ago!

The way I see it I have two choices. I can continue to beat myself up for being such a slug, or I can decide to just breathe,

freeing myself to spend all that energy on more important things. You know what I'm talking about... that big exhale that comes when you just let things GO and move on.

That wonderful Holiday craziness has passed, the kids are back in school and it's the perfect time to take a big deep breath, plant your feet and focus forward. So... here's your chance....nobody's watching... one...two...three...EXHALE!

Now.... For me, this new year brings the same old resolution, just with a 4SB twist. This year, I publically resolve to “Just Get It Done”. I'll start by attending the Town Hall Meeting on Monday Jan 12th where the JAG guys will be available to actually get my childcare POA done for the first time EVER. Then

I'll move on to tackling that huge pile of junk mail piled high on the “desk” in my kitchen. (I assume there's still a desk under there somewhere).

And those cards...with or without pictures and that silly letter everyone dreads anyway.... will go out Monday! Maybe with the help of my trusty sharpie they can be transformed into “Happy New Years” cards!

For more information on current events please visit our new AKO or vFRG Web Sites or contact your FRG leaders or FRSA :

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HOME FRONT HAPPENINGS

28 Jan 62QM FRG Mtg, 6:30 pm, Oveta Culp

2 Feb, 4SB Steering Committee Meeting, 6pm, Oveta Culp

9 Feb, 4SB Town Hall, 6 pm, Oveta Culp

21 Feb, Wild West Night, 6pm, Club Hood

2 March, 4SB Steering Committee, 6pm, Oveta Culp

9 March, 4SB Town Hall, 6pm, Oveta Culp

Editors Note

In Volume II, Issue 7, page 3 of The Wrangler, the 257th Transportation Company was identified as being from Kansas. The unit is actually from Las Vegas, NV, with a detachment in Tucson, AZ. The unit has been adopted by the state during the course of their deployment to show support to the Soldiers.

New AKO FRG Homepage

Anyone with an AKO account can easily access the new site from the AKO home page. Scroll down under “Cyber Patrol” and “Family Readiness” and click “FRG Directory”. On the left there is a column of unrestricted sites.... Click “4th Sustainment Brigade”. For those needing AKO access: AKO Sponsored accounts are available to family members of full account holders and other users who have legitimate business with the US Army or the DoD.

To register for an AKO guest account:

1. Go to <https://www.us.army.mil>
2. Click on ‘Register for AKO’
3. Choose ‘Create Sponsored Account’

A guest must enter the AKO/DKO ID of his or her sponsor, his or her first name, and his or her last name to request an AKO/DKO account. Also, all guest accounts are required to enter their SSN or their FIN (Foreign Identification number) to register for a sponsored account.

Welcome to your 4th Sustainment Brigade Family Readiness Group Knowledge Access Portal

Our families are as important to our mission as our soldiers. Because of this, we want you to stay safe when your family members are deployed. As you utilize this site, please keep in mind that nothing on this site is anonymous. Information posted to Forums is viewable by all members. Information requiring limited viewing should be sent via the Email or Instant Messenger tools (keeping in mind that nothing is totally anonymous). Please help each other stay safe by not advertising items such as being home alone, having children home alone while you work, etc. Your safety is our #1 concern.

4 SUS FRG World Clock

4TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

Family Readiness Group

NTC PST 10:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Colorado MZT 11:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Fort Hood CST 12:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Georgia EST 13:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Zulu/GMT GMT 18:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Kosovo CET 19:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Baghdad IQT 21:22:15 ~ 11 Jan 09	Afghanistan AFT 22:52:15 ~ 11 Jan 09
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4 SUS FRG Links of Interest

- [Army Families Online](#)
- [Army Family Liaison Office](#)
- [Army Family Team Building](#)
- [Army FRG](#)
Access our Virtual FRG Site here
- [Army Legal Assistance](#)
- [FRG Leader Forum](#)
- [Ft Hood ACS](#)
- [Ft Hood Homepage](#)
- [Ft Hood MWR](#)
- [Military Community & Family Policy](#)
- [Military Homefront](#)
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Your Thoughts?

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What are your ideas for our next Brigade Family Fun event?
(karol.pinkerton, 6 Jan 2009 16:21 GMT)

On Post? Off Post?

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Ft Hood Happenings

Upcoming Events

Full Month View

Event: 458 Town Hall

Time: 1/12/2009 18:00 GMT - 1/12/2009 20:00 GMT

Location: Oveta Culp

Summary: Our Town Hall this month will be held concurrent with our Family Fun Movie Night.

Event: [Korea Film Bands](#)

HHD, 6TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

“BACKBONE” CHAMPIONS

Article and Photos by Capt. Dovia Williams
6th Transportation Battalion

HHD, 6th Transportation Battalion has taken Kuwait by storm. On Dec 14, the Mighty Backbone Flag Football team won the ASG Kuwait Flag Football Tournament. This team is unstoppable! Not only did they win in flag football, but they have now taken home the gold in the Dodge Ball Competition as well. Officers, NCOs, and Enlisted Soldiers have all come together as a team which has increased the esprit de corps and camaraderie within the unit. This team has boosted the moral of the unit and has displayed the very essence of positive team building, trust in your fellow comrade, and physical stamina. Through all the bruises, cuts, and broken bones, Backbone remained in the fight until the very end. Backbone is determined to win it all and achieve every goal that the unit sets out to accomplish. These wins are examples of the unit's determination, drive, and heart to excel in everything that the unit strives to do!

The Football season was an opportunity for the Mighty “BACKBONE “ Soldiers to relieve some stress as well as take their minds off of missing our loved ones back home, by doing something that we all love to do. It gave us a very good opportunity to grow closer together as a unit as a whole because of the outstanding support that we always received from the leadership and Soldiers. The season started out good after only losing one game the entire regular season, we made it to the post championship. The two top teams from each post in Kuwait qualified for the ASG tournament which was held to determine who would be the best team in Kuwait. This was the time when the entire team came together even more so than before and defeated team after team to make it to the ASG championship where we had an opportunity to play the same team that we lost to in the post season championship. With the intensity that OUR team had on that day, There was no way that we would be denied our championship victory that our team had so well deserved. It was indeed an honor to play with such a well organized and dedicated group of true professionals but the support of the loyal and very supportive fans from day one is what helped to push us as a team to another level to bring home the gold.



Members of the Mighty “Backbone” Flag Football team pose for pictures after defeating their competitors in the Area Support Group Kuwait Flag Football Tournament. This competition determined that the Mighty “BACKBONE” team was the best in Kuwait.

WRANGLER BOWL CHAMPIONS!

Article and Photos by Master Sgt. Kevin Jenkins
6th Transportation Battalion

After winning the ASG Kuwait tournament and crowned the champions of all Kuwait, The mighty BACKBONE football team thought that we would now have an opportunity to allow our bodies to heal. To our surprise, The 4th SB hosted a tournament within the Brigade as well for bragging rights. Our football team and loyal fans felt that it was our duty to once again bring home the gold for the entire "DOERS" Family. As the tournament began, there was already the talk of how the other teams were aiming for us because we were indeed the best. This tournament proved nothing less than the others, because our football

team came out with an onslaught victory over our first opponents; defeating them by 28 points.

The next team that we played were even more determined to defeat us than the first, but it was the will power of the team and the ongoing support of the "DOERS" Family that allowed us to move on to another victory placing us in the championship Wrangler Bowl game the next night.

We came to the championship game with one agenda - to be victorious. From the beginning it was a very good game and we had to give credit to our opponents who had definitely come to

play as well. But when it was all said and done, they too had to succumb to the onslaught of the "BACKBONE" football team. Afterwards as we received our first place Wrangler Bowl Championship T-shirt and a coin from the 4th SB Commander Col. Hermans. We knew that we had proven once again to all of Kuwait that the 6th Transportation Battalion "DOERS" were indeed #1 hands down, primarily because of the skills of the elite players that the team possessed, but also because of "DOERS" Family showing their support and giving us that extra push that we needed at times to pull out a victory. Displaying the true definition of TEAMWORK!!

Send Your Loved Ones A
Valentines Day Greeting

Monday, January 19	0900-1200	Camp Arifjan MWR Stage
Tuesday, January 20	1300-1600	Camp Virginia PX/Food Court
Wednesday, January 21	0900-1200	Camp Arifjan Zone 1 Food Court
Thursday, January 22	1300-1600	LSA Food Court
Friday, January 23	0900-1200	Camp Arifjan MWR Stage
Saturday, January 24	1300-1600	KNB PX





Merry Christmas



Holiday In The Desert

Article and Photos by 2nd Lt. Brian Flannery
Brigade Troops Battalion

We here at the Camp Buehring Convoy Support Team we would like to enlighten you on how we celebrated this year. We all know what it feels like to be away from Family and friends during the holidays. The Soldiers at our CST have been doing everything they can to bring Christmas cheer into the office.

For Thanksgiving, Master Sgt. Lewis and Spc. Bonney cooked up a feast consisting of two turkeys and all the sides. Then for desert they had a different assortment of pies and a cakes that were provided by Camp Buehring's DFAC. Both Master Sgt. Lewis and Spc. Bonney spent the majority of the day cooking the "home cooked" meal that everyone appreciated. To celebrate Christmas, Spc. George and Spc. Bragg decorated our office with a Christmas tree, and added wrapping paper to almost everything in the office. We are going to have a small gift exchange because no matter how old you are, it always feels good to have something to unwrap on Christmas Day.

During this holiday season we would like to welcome our two newest members to the Buehring CST. Spc. Mendini, a cable systems installer, has proven to be a huge help around here. He is always the first one to volunteer for any task. We also would like to welcome Spc. Bragg, a mechanic, who should prove to be an asset to an already strong team of mechanics. We also need to say goodbye to a couple of individuals. Sgt. Martin, from 1844th, will be preparing to end his deployment in the upcoming weeks. Sgt. Martin was the Night Shift NCO and he will be missed. Sgt. Martin will be replaced by newly promoted Sgt. Mann. Sgt. Mann has already begun making changes to the new shift. Spc. Richardson is departing to aid the Speicher CST. He will be a huge loss to our Night Shift, but he will help the new CST head in the correct direction.



Members of the Camp Buehring CST kept in good spirits by decorating their office space during the holiday season.



Members of the Camp Buehring CST decorate the entrance way of their office building to celebrate the holiday season.



Spc. Ronald Mendini, Cable System Installer on the Camp Buehring CST enjoy some lunch during a break from his daily activities. Mendini is one of the newest members of the Camp Buehring CST.

4TH SB SOLDIERS RECEIVE RIPRNET TRAINING

Article and Photos by Warrant Officer Robert Hunter
4th Sustainment Brigade

RIPRNET stands for Radio Over Internet Protocol Network (RIPRNET). This technology was originally developed and used by the Air Force to protect Iraq citizens during the country's first constitution referendum. RIPRNET technology expands the range of independent Line of Sight (LOS) radio towers along Main Supply Routes (MSRs) and Alternate Supply Routes (ASRs) by connecting them via an Internet Protocol (IP) network and converting analog voice communication at each tower and console to digital information to be transported over a Wide Area Network (WAN). By expanding LOS

radios system, commanders are able to receive real time voice communications, which was hit or miss in years past depending on the location of Soldiers on the battlefield. This technology uses an independent network overlaid on existing networks. "This technology has been one of Gen Ordinerio's favorite projects in Iraq" said Dervon Burnett a RIPRNET training lead.

4th Sustainment Brigade provides supplies and logistical support for armed forces throughout Kuwait and Iraq theaters of operations. 4th Sustainment Brigade convoys consist

of elements of security forces and transportation lift assets which provide warfighters with needed resupply to continue daily operations. 4th Sustainment Brigade has already been on the cutting edge of technology using Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. "4th Sustainment Brigade has expanded its technological footprint with the integration RIPRNET, enhancing full spectrum communications" said 1st Lt. Ignacio Perez BDE Signal OIC. With

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Soldiers gathered in the 4th Sustainment Brigade Troops Battalion Conference room to take part in RIPRNET training. The training was administered by Mr. Vernon Brown, Field Service Representative; Mr. Dervon Burnett, the training team leader; and trainers Mr. David Whalen and Mr. Darius Brown.

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the integration of RIPRNET, 4th Sustainment Brigade has established long range voice communication to it's convoys from Kuwait to northern Iraq. This technology has greatly enhanced the ability to monitor different voice communications system across the battlefield.

“I’m glad we have this technology available now, I remember the days of setting up Retransmission (RETRANS) stations along Main Supply Route during OIF one” said Sgt. Rolle, Signal Support Soldier. RIPRNET alleviates the need to have Soldiers in harms way for communication support. This capability is making troops safer and allows them to focus on other communication support assets. The average RIPRNET setup consists of a computer console with a headset monitored by warfighters in the Tactical Operations Center (TOC). This Soldier can communicate through their console



Mr. Dervon Burnett, training team leader and trainer Mr. Darius Brown prepare equipment that will be used by Soldiers participating in the RIPRNET training.

to convoys on the road conducting missions anywhere on main supply routes 24 hours a day. Troops must be able to react to events as they unfold to coordinate proper support for Soldiers on the road. “I feel RIPRNET will increase our effectiveness during hostile situations, I am glad we have this technology at our disposal!” said Sgt. 1st Class Murray, Operations NCO.

Submissions

The Wrangler wants to hear from you!

Do you want to highlight someone or something going on in your unit or section? Have a photo that you would like posted? Please send all submissions via email to Sgt. Myers at angienne.l.myers@kuwait.swa.army.mil. In the body of the email, please include the following: Full Name, Rank, Unit and Duty Position. Attach your submission as a Word Document and limit to 300 words. Submissions are subject to editing. For photo submissions, please include a caption describing the photo (Who, What, When, Where and Why).

Arctic Transition: Prepared And Ready To Fight

Article Courtesy of
539th Transportation Company

Straight out of the Alaskan interior, the 539th Transportation Company was re-activated at Fort Wainwright, Alaska this past winter after 30 plus years of deactivation.

The 539th was previously a medium lift helicopter company with a long history in the Vietnam War. The newly activated 539th was designated a Medium Truck Company, and along with this new designation, we found ourselves with brand new equipment, and a whole host of fresh and seasoned Soldiers.

What was new to all the Soldiers was the Alaskan weather. With lows at -40 degrees Fahrenheit, it was a challenge to prepare the company for an upcoming deployment. When Spring finally approached and temperatures rose to above zero, we started to increase training.

When breakup (an Alaskan term for ice melt, runoff, and mud) occurred we finally were able to get the Soldiers into the Army tractor-trailers and a few up-armored Humvees to train the Soldiers for the upcoming deployment.



2nd Platoon Soldiers pose for a group photo in the staging lanes prior to SP. Pictured is Spc. Faine, Spc. Keefer, Sgt. 1st Class Winchester, Private 1st Class Lopez, Sgt. Bennett (4th SB medic), Sgt. Short, Private 1st Class Hernandez, Spc. Pelkey, Spc. King, Private 1st Class Suhr, Private 1st Class Ashford, and Sgt. Walker.

Our first field problem included a situational training exercise and convoy live fire lanes. We had excellent weather with 22-hours of sunlight each day, beautiful scenery, opportunities for chasing large moose off the lanes, and eager Soldiers, which amounted to a leader's dream for a full day of training.

Our deployment date approached rapidly not too long after our field exercises. Fort Wainwright to Kuwait is the longest flight itinerary for any Army unit deploying to Southwest Asia. We were in a travel status for over 40 hours. When the 539th left Alaska, temperatures were in the upper 50's. Upon landing in Kuwait it was close to 110 degree's with high humidity, an extreme shock for Arctic Warriors.

The company stood strong on the first day and jumped right into training at Camp Beuhring to prepare for the gun truck mission. Subsequently, the platoons validated on their first mission and the company has been operating at full steam with many Soldiers completing about six or seven missions in just three short months. The Soldiers of the 539th, these Arctic Warriors, have transitioned smoothly and are proud to be a part of the JLTF 28 and its various sister companies.



Where we come from, the concern is hitting a moose or getting eaten by a bear, but CAMELS... There's never a dull moment around here. Soldiers of the 539th Transportation Company rolls by a camel while out on a mission. (Inset) The view from a 539th TC gun turret on an overcast day just north of K-Crossing.

846th TC Celebrate The Holidays

Article Courtesy of
846th Transportation Company

While it's never easy being away from home during the holidays, there are still ways to make it extra special. The Soldiers of the 846th Transportation Company, deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, were able to do just that and turn a routine time away from home into a happy holiday with their brothers and sisters in arms. The holiday season kicked off early for the Road Dawgs as Soldiers decorated both their work and sleep areas. Everything from Christmas lights to icicles to holiday cards were used to turn small places into festive displays. It really helped set the mood for the season and to give the Soldiers a chance to showcase what their holiday means to them. The unit is extremely appreciative of all the decorations and cards that arrived from friends and Family back in the United States. It really helped to bring a piece of home to Kuwait.

Christmas morning started with a run in Zone 1 of Camp Arifjan. The run, known as Rudolph's Revenge 5K, was in the spirit of Christmas and gave the runners bells to wear for the event. Several Road Dawgs chose to participate in the run for the chance to sneak in a little Christmas physical training and to hopefully get their hands on a free T-shirt. It was also a great opportunity to get a head start on running off Christmas dinner. After the 6:00 am start, they joined almost 100 participants in completing the run. The sound of the bells filled the streets as the runners took off on the enjoyable morning run.

Later that morning, the unit formed up in the Zone 6 TAC building for their highly anticipated holiday party. The party began with awards being presented

for those Soldiers who were recognized for outstanding performance during convoy operations. The unit then played games with holiday themes, ate snacks, and socialized. The party was the perfect opportunity for the Soldiers to share memories of the deployment and memories of their holidays at home. Some Soldiers chose to get their Christmas day meal from the dining

speech to the Road Dawgs, Capt. Emilio Rodriguez stressed the importance of calling home and sending holiday greetings to loved ones. He then let the troops know how proud he is of their performance and dismissed them to give them time to spend the rest of Christmas and the holidays as they wished.

When it was all said and done, the



Soldiers of the 846th Transportation Company gathered together in the Camp Arifjan TAC building to celebrate the holiday season, with good food, games, awards and a lot of memories.

facility and return with it back to the party. "This is one of the few good meals we'll have over here; there's no way I'm going to miss this one" said Spc. Joshua Cole, a medium truck driver for the 846th TC. By getting their meals to go, they could eat together as a family and watch classic holiday movies that were projected onto the stage.

After the games were over, the movies had ended, and the stories were told, the unit formed up once more for final words from the Commander. In his

846th TC Road Dawgs made the best of their time away from home during the holidays. The entire Road Dawg Family would like to thank the generous Family members, friends, and citizens they will never have the opportunity to meet for all of the decorations, gifts, food, and prayers that were sent their way. Without those loving people, the holidays away from home would have been no more than a routine time in Kuwait. Instead it was a warm and heartfelt moment in time that will be remembered as a special holiday occasion.

Ghost Riders Give Thanks

Article and Photo By 2nd Lt. Jamie Lemon, Ghost Writer
10th Transportation Company

As the holiday season approaches and fall decorations fill the dining facility, many Soldiers' thoughts are of their Family and friends back home. While deployed to Kuwait is not a traditional way to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas, Soldiers like Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thomas and Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thomas are no strangers to a holiday away from home.

Both Soldiers, who are married and serving in the same unit, say this is their third holiday season spent on a deployment, but are thankful it is their first season they are able to celebrate together while deployed.

A traditional holiday meal at home for them entails "eat, sleep, and eat some more," according to Matthew, who is the truck master for 10th Transportation Company. The dining facility will no doubt pull out all the stops to feed the troops this Thanksgiving and Christmas, but Jennifer says she will miss "homemade stuffing and Spanish rice," while her husband, says it will be the "collard greens and corn bread" he will miss the most.

Other Ghost Riders took a moment out of their day to reflect on what they are most thankful for this Thanksgiving. Sgt. Carter, the orderly room NCO says "honestly, I am thankful no one has been hurt on the deployment and everyone has stayed safe."

He also adds that his favorite part of the holidays is "Family and food." Capt. Charles Fyffe, the company commander, agrees. "I am thankful for my health, Family, and the opportunity to serve with [the unit]." A traditional holiday meal for him entails "Family and football."



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thomas and Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thomas, pose together on the side of a M915, the primary vehicle the Ghost Riders use on mission.

The 10th Transportation Company is nearly ten months into their 15-month deployment and has reenlisted nine Soldiers in the month of November alone. Staff Sgt. Anne Graffagnino, a maintenance NCO, recently made the important decision to stay Army.

This holiday season she is thankful for her Family. "I am especially thankful for

my Family this year because they are very supportive of my choice to reenlist despite the fact I'm not home as often and can't always be there for the holidays."

The Ghost Riders thank all the friends and Family supporting us at home and wish them a happy holiday. We appreciate all that you do for us...
GHOST RIDERS!

Airmen Continue To Make History

Article Courtesy Of
JLTF 28

It is not uncommon at Camp Arifjan to see Air Force personnel working in the motor pool or manning a Tactical Operations Center in support of Airmen and Soldiers who execute convoy missions into and out of Iraq.

It's also not uncommon to see Airmen in flight suits grabbing 'to-go boxes' from the dining facility on their way out to their trucks in the staging lanes. In fact, many of these Airmen are on their third or fourth rotation, conducting the same convoy mission, right here at Camp Arifjan over the past four years.

Airmen have been performing an 'in lieu of' tasking, now called the Joint Sourcing Solution with the Army since 2004. Joint Sourcing Solution allows

for the Army to request a capability from another service, when the Army itself is not able to support a wartime task.

The joint sourcing solution allows the Air Force to provide a similar capability to fulfill the wartime mission. Since 2004, the Air Force has been providing two medium truck detachments, equivalent to Army truck companies, consisting of vehicle operators, vehicle maintainers, supply,

communications, security forces, and information specialists.

These Airmen usually do not operate Army tractor trailers or fix the vehicles, but they come together as a team to meet the mission demand. The flexibility and attitudes of our Airmen allow them to quickly learn these new skills and become experts on equipment they were

these types of missions in the Central Command Area of Responsibility.

Some Airmen can be found providing security to detainees at Camp Bucca or performing patrols outside the wire. Other Airmen have been tasked to rebuild roads and infrastructure as part of Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Still others are providing training and

expertise to the Iraqi and Afghani armies as part of Embedded Training Teams. More and more Airmen are stepping outside their traditional roles and working side-by-side and sometimes in place of their Army brothers.

The 424 and 70th Medium Truck Detachments' Airmen execute

convoys under the tactical direction of Joint Logistics Task Force 28, and are 'joint sourcing solutions' warriors.

These Airmen come trained, ready to bring to the fight their expertise and knowledge.

While performing convoys may not be in their normal job description, the Airmen enjoy their mission executing the distribution mission through Iraq.



Tech. Sgt. Lawrence, a vehicle mechanic, is one of many Airmen filling the Joint Sourcing Solution taskings. He is seen here working on a trailer at FOB Speicher, Iraq.

unfamiliar with just one month prior to being deployed.

The Air Force is not the only service providing joint sourcing solutions for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The Navy and the Marines are also being asked to step outside their comfort zone and to take on missions they have usually not performed. Approximately 6,000 Airmen are currently performing

Food Service Personnel Get Creative During The Holiday Season

Article Sgt. John Ortiz
Public Affairs NCO

For service members deployed, no place conjures up great memories than that of the local dining facility.

It is there, that meals are eaten, friends are made, and stress relieved. As people wonder about the next meal and whether it will be the same as last week, there is a feeling like a dining room table; the Dining Facility is where most of life happens, surrounded by friends and Family.

For the 4th Sustainment Brigade, the Family dinner table is located in Zone 6 on Camp Arifjan, just a short walk from the brigade headquarters, and quite frankly every other unit in the formation.

During peak times, lines form and patrons wait to wash hands, swipe their ID cards, grab a plate to eat, hoping they find a seat in front of the many TVs to watch their favorite program.

For holidays dotted throughout the year, DFACs usually dress themselves in the spirit of the holiday; red, white and blue for Independence Day, black and orange for Halloween, brown and orange for Thanksgiving and red and green for Christmas.

Such as a department store, whose decorations portray the upcoming holiday, so do DFACs as they toil in order to give service members a chance to feel at home and remove them from the rigors of deployment.



For the Holiday season, 4th SB Dining Facility personnel provide a festive atmosphere for Soldiers to enjoy a good meal while socializing with other service members. Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginald Wright



The Dining Facility is decorated with display tables such as this to get Soldiers in the holiday spirit. Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginald Wright

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, dining facilities go all out in order to bring cheer to service members who are spending the holidays away from their friends and Family.

It is during these times, the DFACs kick it up a notch.

“We try and go above and beyond what is expected,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher C. Cherry, a food service NCO with the 4th Sustainment Brigade. “We try and create a home atmosphere for Soldier’s to replicate what they would get at their moms.”

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To create that atmosphere for Soldiers deployed to this location, large quantities of food and decorations are needed.

The DFAC served over 2,800 lbs of prime ribs, 500 lbs of steamship round of beef, 1,800 lbs of pit ham, 2,200 lbs of turkey breast, 2,700 lbs of whole turkey and 1,400 lbs of shrimp for cocktails. Hundreds of pounds of vegetables for salads and mainline, thousands of servings of mashed potatoes, stuffing and assorted pies and cakes.

“We have great artists within our contractors and they use their culture to put a spin on our ideas creating things that are pretty remarkable,” said Cherry.

Such ideas were seen during the Thanksgiving meal at the DFAC, where contractors labored for over eight hours putting together a mosaic of rice, lentils and other small ingredients, making an 4 foot wide circular emblem wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

“It was pretty neat to see the contractors make that,” said Cherry. “In my years five years deployed, I’ve never seen anything so intricately made.”



The DFAC provided Soldiers with many meal options to help them celebrate the holiday season as they would at home. Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginald Wright



Food service personnel from the Camp Arifjan Zone 6 Dining Facility used strawberries and cucumbers to create a bouquet of flowers for display during the holiday season. Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginald Wright

Christmas, aside from the featured colors will be the bigger statues said Staff Sgt. Lemon Crawford, the rations NCOIC for the brigade.

“We started the day after Thanksgiving to prepare the centerpieces for Christmas Day,” he said.

Decorations are an added benefit to service members who eat in the chow hall, as the competition for bragging rights is intensified between the facilities within the base.

“Holidays are our chance to show our creativity and the creativity of the workers,” he said. “And our chance to earn bragging rights as being the best designers in town.”

It is not only attention to detail that helps give DFACs a ‘home’ feel.

A local supplier donated paper wreaths and chains hung from the rafters to help invoke the holiday spirit in people.

It is not only the paper decorations but the ice sculptures that dot the building, and fruit sculptures that are made by contractor’s hands and are limited only to the imagination of the artist.

It takes hundreds of man hours to prepare the carvings and displays that are set out,” said Cherry. “Mr. Kotian, the DFAC manager and his staff of workers are some of the best I’ve worked with.”

The difference between Thanksgiving and

1844th Transportation Company Hosts "Road Hog" Truck Rodeo Competition

Article Courtesy of
1844th Transportation Company

CAMPARIFJAN, Kuwait – With only a few months remaining of a year long tour, the 1844th TC's mission and accomplishments are rolling strong. In the past few months the unit has completed the transformation to support both, Convoy Escort Team and Combat Logistic Patrol missions. The transition has kept the supply and maintenance sections very busy with a heightened work load due to the transfer of equipment and vehicles as well as the addition of mission essential communication systems and mechanical updates. The smooth transition and coordination within the unit has provided the capable assets necessary for successful daily operations.

In addition to the daily mission at hand, Sgt. 1st Class Elder, Michele, Truckmaster and NCOIC of the 1844th TC Tactical Operations Center, has been the driving force behind the planning and development of an upcoming "Road Hog" Truck Rodeo competition for the Joint Logistics Task Force 28. Hosted by the 1844th TC, the truck rodeo will test Soldiers' maneuvering capabilities while driving the M915A3 and M1151 in various capacities. Four Combat Logistic Patrol companies and two Gun Truck companies within the Task Force will provide Soldiers who will navigate their assigned vehicle through precision driving courses.

"I am greatly anticipating the result of the truck rodeo as it is a test of driving skills and judgment as they maneuver their vehicles and compete in an attempt to defeat the illustrious, highly skilled, "Road Hogs."

Soldiers will be judged with a point system on the use of an off set alley, right turn, straight line backing, the use of a bumper stop, and the use of a serpentine



Spc. Stout, Jack E. places the finishing commo touches on the 1844th TC's M1151 fleet. Photos by Sgt. Amy Andrew.

while driving the M915A3. The M1151 courses will test similar skills to include the use of a serpentine, parallel parking, use of a stop line, alley dock and an off-set alley.

After all of the team and unit points are tallied, an award ceremony will be hosted. Awards will be presented to the six highest scoring crews and the overall highest scoring unit within the Task Force.



Soldiers lined up their vehicles for the "Road Hog" Truck Rodeo. Photos by Sgt. Amy Andrew.

2009 New Years Resolution

Article by Master Sgt. Greg Pocaigue
70th Medium Truck Detachment

Have you made your New Year's resolution for 2009? What did you decide to accomplish this year? Being deployed, far away from Family, during this holiday season service-members should honor the tradition of making a New Year's resolution.

According to Gary Ryan Blair of GoalsGuy.com, the tradition of a resolution goes back more than 2,000 years to a mythical Roman king who was placed at the head of the calendar. King Janus had two faces so he could look back on past events and forward to the future which made him the ancient symbol for New Year's resolutions. Although the date for New Year's Day is not the same in every culture, it is always a time for celebration and for customs to ensure good luck in the coming year.

While Soldiers come from different countries, cultures, and religions, service members do share a common theme. I believe we all want to better ourselves and be successful. These goals may take a lifetime to achieve. Some people are successful at achieving their goals, while others work hard at them and never succeed.



The sculpture of Mythical Roman King Janus is known as the ancient symbol for New Years resolutions

Soldiers should decide on simple goals that they can easily achieve for their New Year's resolution. It should be something that they can accomplish during their deployment. It should be a simple goal that will keep them busy and help them better themselves during the deployment.

Many service members deploy with personal goals in mind such as losing weight, bulking up at the gym, saving money, getting promoted or achieving higher education. These are some good ideas for a New Year's resolution. They are simple, measurable, and easily attainable if one remains focused, motivated, positive, and well disciplined.

What ever your New Year's resolution is... make it and set your sights on the end result. Remember to keep it simple and realistic such as losing ten pounds during your six month deployment or taking those last few classes to finish your degree. When your deployment is complete, you can reflect back on it and clearly see what you accomplished and what you need to work on.

As Edith Lovejoy Pierce once said, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its



Master Sgt. Greg Pocaigue pose for a picture in the entrance of the Detachments doors, which is decorated to celebrate the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

first chapter is New Year's Day."

I am sure most people can relate to making resolutions that are hard or nearly impossible to achieve. When a goal is set to high and one fails to achieve it that can dampen the human spirit and a person's motivation. This may cause someone to never make a resolution or goal ever again.

As service members serve their tour of duty here in Kuwait and Iraq, they should conjure up a New Year's resolution and achieve it while they are here. Take the time to write down your resolution just as you would write down your short- and long-terms goals.

Here is my advice. Take a look at your surroundings and see what it has to offer you to help make a successful New Year's resolution. Whether you are here for six months or 15, make a positive change for yourself and stick to the plan.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND COUNTING

Article and Photos Courtesy of
846th Transportation Company

Sgt. 1st Class Richard D. Cogswell, Sr. joined the United States Army Reserve on Jan. 13, 1982, as a junior in high school. He was 17 at the time, and made up his mind he wanted to serve, protect, and defend this great nation.

His plan from day one was to serve 20 years and retire from the Army Reserve. He chose to become an 88M, known as a Motor Transport Operator so that he could apply the skills he learned in the Army to his civilian job, as a tractor-trailer driver.

Cogswell has had a very active life; not only was he in the Army Reserve and a full-time civilian tractor-trailer driver, he has also been a volunteer firefighter in his community for the past 17 years.

He is a trained Emergency First Responder, a certified open-water diver on the cold water rescue team, committee chairman for the Cub Scouts for seven years, and a Safety Officer for the Civil Air Patrol for the past two years.

As a volunteer firefighter, he is trained to perform various tasks, and can operate fire fighting vehicles, emergency equipment, operating pumps, portable equipment and emergency radios.

As a volunteer firefighter, he picked up additional responsibilities; such as going to the local schools during Fire Prevention Week and teaching kids what



Sgt. 1st Class Richard Cogswell Sr. and his oldest son, Richard, pose for a quick picture before getting ready to dive into the Lake.

to do in case of a fire in their homes.

Cogswell is also known as second Lieutenant when acting as a safety officer for the Civil Air Patrol. He is responsible for maintaining a safety program for cadets ranging from 12 to 18 yrs. old. He ensures safety briefings are conducted monthly and sent to the Civil Air Patrol Wing Command. He also assists the training officer in training the cadets in drill and ceremony, physical training tests, and orientation flights with the Army National Guard.

In 2002, after driving a truck in

the civilian sector and completing 21 years of dedicated service to the Army Reserve, Cogswell decided to apply for an Active Guard Reserve position. In 2003, he was accepted and in 2005 did an indefinite re-enlistment into the AGR. His retention control point is now set for the year 2024.

Cogswell currently works on the JLTF 28 operations staff, but deployed with the 846th Transportation Company from Salisbury, N. C. He redeploys next year, and one of the first things he plans on doing is marrying his fiancée, Janet, on the 4th of July.