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Happy Thanksgiving



ARCENT COMMANDER'S CUP

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The First Thanksgiving, A Slice of History

Plymouth Colony, America's first permanent Puritan settlement, was established by English Separatist Puritans in December 1620. The Pilgrims left England to seek religious freedom, or simply to find a better life. After a period in Holland, they set sail from Plymouth, England, on Sept. 16, 1620, aboard the *Mayflower*, its 102 passengers spending 65 days at sea. Passengers, now known as the Pilgrim Fathers, included leader William Brewster; John Carver, Edward Winslow, and William Bradford, early governors of Plymouth Colony; John Alden, assistant governor; and Myles Standish, a professional soldier and military advisor. The *Mayflower* dropped anchor near present-day Provincetown on Nov. 21, 1620, and 41 male passengers signed the Mayflower Compact, an agreement to enact "just and equal laws for the general good of the colony." The Pilgrims finally landed at the site of present-day Plymouth, Mass., on Dec. 26, 1620.

By legend the Pilgrims stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock; their records do not mention this landmark. Settlers began erecting buildings and rough shelters for the winter. But harsh climate and illness took their toll. By the end of winter half the colonists had died. The colonists encountered the Indian Samoset, who surprised them by speaking English, learned from English traders on the coast of Maine. Samoset introduced the colonists to Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag Indians, who signed a peace treaty with the Pilgrims. Squanto, another English-speaking Indian, acted as guide and interpreter, and with his help the colonists learned to plant corn, catch fish, and gather fruit. The Pilgrims invited the Indians to celebrate their first harvest in 1621, an event now celebrated as Thanksgiving Day. After Massasoit's death, the Wampanoag joined a tribal coalition to eliminate English settlers, but in the ensuing King Philip's War the Wampanoag were nearly exterminated. The colony gradually grew in size, and the original settlement known as the Plimoth Plantation expanded as settlers built houses in the area. Plymouth Colony retained its independence for over 70 years, and by 1691 its population exceeded 7,000. It was integrated with the Massachusetts Bay Company's much larger colony to establish the royal colony of Massachusetts — now the state of the same name.

National Native American Indian Heritage Month: November 1-30

God created this Indian country and it was like He spread out a big blanket. He put the Indians on it. They were created here in this country, truly and honestly, and that was the time this river started to run. Then God created fish in this river and put deer in these mountains and made laws through which has come the increase of fish and game. Then the Creator gave us Indians life; we awakened and as soon as we saw the game and fish we knew that they were made for us. For the women God made roots and berries to gather, and the Indians grew and multiplied as a people. When we were created we were given our ground to live on, and from that time these were our rights. This is all true. We had the fish before the missionaries came, before the white man came. We were put here by the Creator and these were our rights as far as my memory to my great-grandfather. This was the food on which we lived. My mother gathered berries; my father fished and killed the game. These words are mine and they are true. It matters not how long I live, I cannot change these thoughts. My strength is from the fish; my blood is from the fish, from the roots and the berries. The fish and the game are the essence of my life. I was not brought from a foreign country and did not come here. I was put here by the Creator. "Meninock"

Celebration Schedule

Date: Thursday, 25 Nov 04

Time: 1100hrs - 1400hrs

Place: DFAC, Bldg 218



Thanksgiving Menu
Happy Thanksgiving

SOUP CREAM OF MUSHROOM	ENTRÉE ROAST TURKEY STEAMSHIP ROUND BAKED HAM
APPETIZER SHRIMP COCKTAIL AMBROSIA FRUIT SALAD	SALAD COLESLAW POTATO SALAD WALDORF SALAD TOSSED GREEN SALAD
POTATOES STARCHES, DRESSINGS CORN BREAD DRESSING MASHED POTATOES CANDIED YAMS MACARONI AND CHEESE CRANBERRY SAUCE TURKEY GRAVY HORSERADISH SAUCE	BREAD, ROLLS CORN BREAD HOT ROLLS
VEGETABLES BRUSSEL SPROUTS COLLARD GREENS BUTTERED WHOLE KERNEL CORN BROCCOLI w/ CHEESE SAUCE	DESSERTS CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE PUMPKIN PIE APPLE PIE SWEET POTATO PIE PECAN PIE ASSORTED ICE CREAM CHOCOLATE & CANDIES RED VELVET CAKE THANKSGIVING DECORATED CAKE

Contractor Employees in the Federal Workplace

“They’re everywhere, they’re everywhere”

The bottom line is no matter where you go on Camp As Sayliyah, you will be working with or receiving services from contractors and their employees. This is a good thing! We need ‘em and they are a part of the team, however there are some things we need to keep in mind:



1. Remember that contractor employees are NOT Federal employees.
2. Respect the employer-employee relationship between contractors and their employees. (They are not your employees!!!)
3. Don’t require “out of scope” work, personal services, or “inherently governmental functions” from contractor employees.
4. Identify potential conflicts of interest issues and mitigate the risks.
5. Resolve inappropriate appearances created by close personal relationships between Federal and contractor employees.
6. Safeguard proprietary, Privacy Act, and other sensitive information from contractor employees of different contracts.
8. Beware of gifts from contractor employees.
9. Set the example -- as leaders, establish and maintain high ethical standards.
10. Address ethical issues promptly and confer with counsel.
11. If in doubt call the contracting officers representative or United States Contracting Command SWA- Qatar DSN318-432-2634 or Commercial +974-460-8297.

Article by Maj. Christine Hackett

Famous Native American Indian Quotes

Crazy Horse (1840-1877)

Chief (Oglala Sioux)

Statement, Sept. 23, 1875

One does not sell the land people walk on.

Geronimo (1829-1909)

Chief (Apache)

to President Grant after surrender (1877)

It is my land, my home, my father’s land, to which I now ask to be allowed to return. I want to spend my last days there, and be buried among those mountains. If this could be I might die in peace, feeling that my people, placed in their native homes, would increase in numbers, rather than diminish as at present, and that our name would not become extinct.

Louise Erdrich (1954-)

Novelist (Ojibway)

from a Jan. 17, 2001,

interview, Atlantic Unbound

It’s impossible to write about Native life without humor—that’s how people maintain sanity.

Legal Spotlight

General Order 1A restricts possession of certain items and conduct of certain activities by US Forces and civilians serving with, employed by or accompanying US Forces. Briefly, these include:

- Privately owned firearms, ammunition and explosives
- Entry into a Mosque without proper permission
- Pornographic materials
- Controlled substances and drug paraphernalia
- Alcohol, except as purchased and consumed in accordance with installation policy
- Gambling
- Removing archaeological artifacts
- Adopting animals as pets or mascots
- Proselytizing any religion, faith or practice

There is more to know, and if you have any question at all, please contact the installation’s Office of the Command Judge Advocate at DSN 432-2409. *Article by Capt. Michael Griffin*

Famous Native American Indians

Charles Curtis, Kaw senator and vice president of the United States (1929-33)

Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Northern Cheyenne chief and U.S. senator from Colorado

Pocahontas, Powhatan peacemaker

Sitting Bull, Sioux chief
Will Rogers, Cherokee actor and humorist

Robbie Robertson, Mohawk songwriter and guitarist

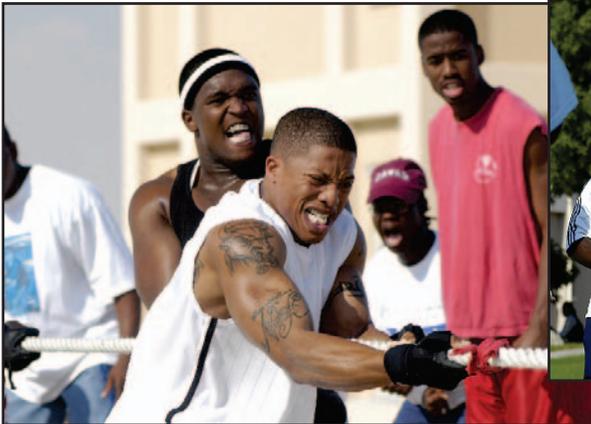
Scenes from Camp As Sayliyah Commander's Cup



Commander's Cup winner: United States Medical Materiel Management Center - Southwest Asia (USAMMC-SWA) "Bow down to Medlog"

Commander's Cup

The semi-annual Commander's Cup was a highly anticipated event that had widespread participation from over 300 team members representing most tenant units. It was a highly contested event. Despite a revenge ARCENT victory over MEDLOG in this years tug-of-war, ARCENT could not reclaim the Commander's Cup. An exciting second place finish in the guidon relay cost SOCCENT a Commander's Cup victory, and MEDLOG'S win in this event clinched the championship and bragging rights for another six months. The top three unit placings were: MEDLOG, SOCCENT and ARCENT.



All photos taken by Clayton Grusing

Purple Heart Recipient, Staff Sgt. Fisher

The Purple Heart, originally known as the Badge of Military Merit was established by General George Washington August 7, 1782 as a way to recognize soldiers for their service and meritorious action. Reminiscent of European aristocracy, the badge never achieved popularity and only three were awarded. After historians were conducting research for the bi-centennial celebration of George Washington's birthday, it was discovered his Executive Order of August 7, 1782.

Army Chief of Staff, General Charles P. Summerall drafted a bill on October 10, 1927 to revive the Badge of Military Merit, however, in Congress the bill received little support. It wasn't until General Douglas MacArthur, he himself a hero or service in Mexico and World War I and the son of a Civil War Medal of Honor was interested in its renewal. In 1931 the Army designed a new look for the medal and in honor of the father of our country, it bears the profile of George Washington.

The army authorized its presentation to any soldier whose "wound necessitates treatment by a medical officer and which is received in action with an enemy." The award was made retroactive to include World War 1 Army veterans wounded in action to exchange Meritorious Service Citation Certificates for the Purple Heart Medal not only for wounds but occasionally for meritorious service.

It was President Franklin D. Roosevelt a year after the bombing in Pearl Harbor that issued an executive order authorizing the medal for sailors and marines. He also established the Legion of Merit medal for meritorious service restricting the Purple Heart award to only those killed or wounded in combat. It was President Truman that extended the timeframe back to April 5, 1917 to allow Naval and Marine Corps veterans of WW1 to received the award.

Purple Heart recipient, Staff Sgt. Kyle E. Fisher was wounded by an improvised explosive device when his convoy mission was traveling from Kuwait to Iraq. Because of his bravery, personal courage, loyalty, duty, selfless service, honor integrity and respect he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Staff Sgt. Fisher said, "I am very proud to serve in our Armed Forces. I would ask everyone to stay focused and always be

aware of the situation, and when the day finally comes for you to step up and put your faith in all the training you have received and Soldier on."

The Purple Heart Medal is one of the most widely recognized and respected medals. It cannot be earned by courage or exceptional service or achievement, but represents sacrifice. It represents the blood that has been shed in defense of liberty.

Collabrative story by Jamie Whipp and Spc. Calandra Holt

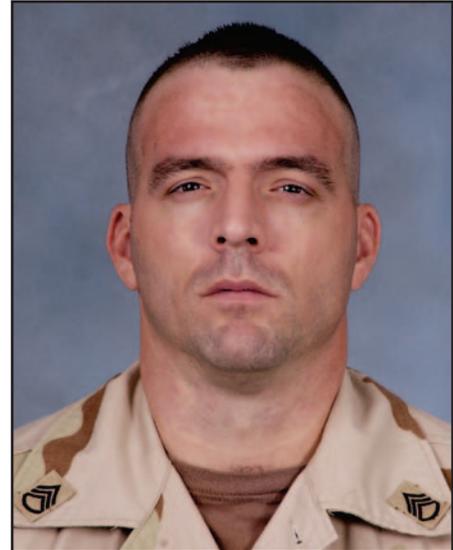


Photo by Clayton Grusing

Staff Sgt. Kyle E. Fisher



Purple Heart Medal



Commerative Stamp

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

15 November - Activities

Holiday Door Decorating Contest Registration begins. Register on ARCENT intranet, tenant units without access may email: holidaydoor@qatar.army.mil.

Outdoor Greeting Card Contest - all units and organizations. We supply the materials, you transform it into a LARGE greeting card. Contact USO No Later Than 30 Nov 04 Supplies are limited. First-Come-First-Serve

21 November - Activities

U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) 389th Army Band performing at 1130-1300 (JAZZ) in the DFAC for lunch on 21 November and 2030-2200 (Rock) in the Oasis.

24 November - Activities

Washington Redskins Cheerleaders at 1930 at the Top Off on 24 November.

25 November - Activities (Thanksgiving)

Chaplain Services - 1000hrs, Joint Protestant & Catholic services

Thanksgiving Celebration -
Time: 1100hrs - 1400
Place: DFAC, Bldg 218

26 November - Activities

Arabic Nights - After Thanksgiving Fest
Friday, 26 Nov 04, 1700hrs
Parking Lot & Lobby, Bldg 406

1 December - Activities

Holiday Door Decorating may begin, doors must be registered and decorated no later than 15 Dec.

Christmas Parade - All Units and Organizations!
Deadline: 1 Dec 04 Event Date: 9 Dec at 1800

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E-Pictures with Santa - Date: 1 Dec

Time: 1600-1800

Place: USO, Bldg 406

Cost: FREE

Let us e-mail your picture with Santa for FREE!

Contact the USO at 432-4008 or USO@qatar.army.mil

5 December - Activities

QAF Marksmanship Championship, for more information please contact Gary.Everingham@qatar.army.mil or 432-3758.

8 December - Activities

E-Pictures with Santa - Date: 8-22 Dec (every Wed)

Time: 1100-1300

Place: USO, Bldg 406

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9 December - Activities

Christmas Tree Lighting - 1830hrs -1930hrs, in front of Bldg. 101.

15 December - Activities

Holiday Door Decorating Contest ends at midnight. Have those doors decorated so their pic can be taken!

QAF Soccer Championship, for more information please contact Gary.Everingham@qatar.army.mil or 432-3758.

16 December - Activities

Holiday Door Decorating Contest doors photographed.

Camp As Sayliyah community "Winter Wonderland Celebration" dance at Oasis on 16 December 1800-2400, food, DJ and fun, fun, fun.

24 December - Activities

Chaplain Services - Christmas Eve Service
Protestant - 2000hrs, Catholic - 2200hrs

25 December - Activities (Christmas)

Chaplain Services - Catholic - 0900,
Protestant - 1030hrs

Christmas Day Celebration - 1100hrs - 1400hrs,
DFAC, Bldg. 218.