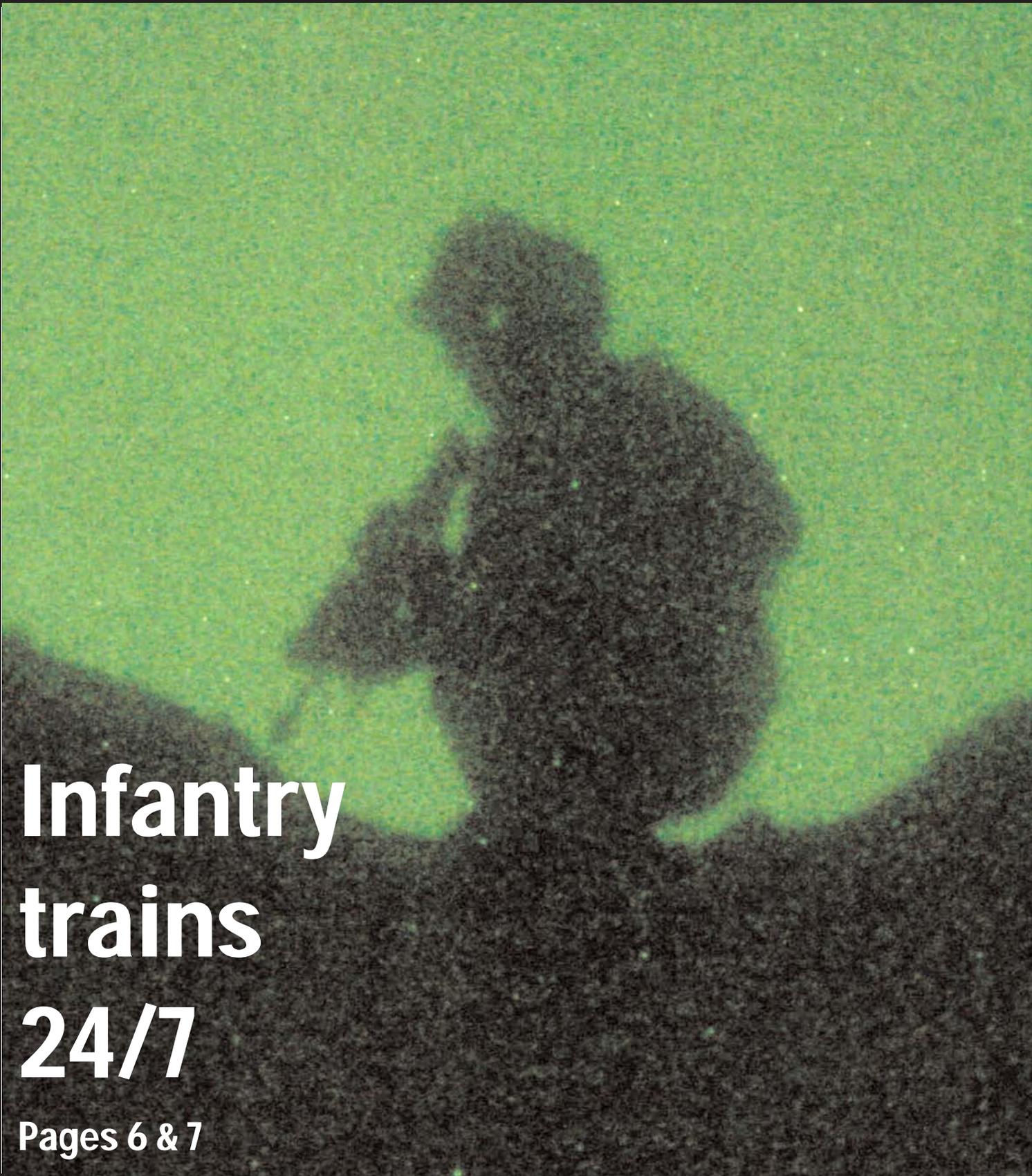


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A Co. C, 2/506 Inf. Soldier takes a knee during a night ambush training mission on the dismount lane exercise at the Udairi Range Dec. 20.



Think safety first

# Lives will be saved

**Lt. Gen. R. Steven**

**Whitcomb**

CFLCC Commanding General

I wish you all a Happy New Year and more importantly, a safe New Year. We will face new challenges and more opportunities and I look forward to doing this together. As I look back at the past year, one area that we need to improve is safety.

As we set aside time to make our “New Year’s Resolutions”, let’s make safety one of our top priorities.

We lost two THIRD Army/ARCENT/CFLCC Soldiers to combat action in 2005...and nine to “accidents”! Nine young men and women that should be here celebrating with us or at home with their families. With such statistics, we can’t allow ourselves to go on like it’s business as usual. These nine losses could have been prevented (they were not some “unexplainable event”) had someone made the effort to break that deadly chain of unsafe acts. I can issue orders and publish regulations and mandate safe operations, but unless each of you accepts the responsibility to know and enforce safety standards and exercise the discipline to stop this trend, all the rules and regulations are pointless. Every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, Coastie and Civilian must do their part by stopping unnecessary risk—and

leaders must declare war and enforce safety standards.

Unfortunately the list is too long when it comes to the type of unnecessary risks that we take: improper weapon and ammunition handling, faulty tie-down procedures, failure to use personal protective equipment such as vehicle seat belts, reflective belts and goggles, failing to adhere to General Order #1, speeding, fires, etc. There’s no good reason for any of these, especially speeding, whether it’s on Main Supply Route Tampa in Iraq, Seventh Ring Road or MSR Dallas on the way to Camp Buehring. The primary cause of injuries or fatalities is vehicle crashes.

The majority of serious “accidents” that involve personal injury or damages are the result of erratic driving, by all drivers: our troops, our Soldiers in Slacks, TCNs and local residents. Unpredictable maneuvers by local drivers are the most commonly recorded cause of serious accidents with servicemembers who collide with walls, barriers, fences and other vehicles to avoid hitting the erratic driver. But I don’t buy that—DEFENSIVE DRIVERS SELDOM HAVE “ACCIDENTS”! THEY ARE WATCHING, ANTICIPATING AND IN CONTROL.

Many of the fatal and near-fatal “accidents”, especially rollovers that occur on Iraqi and

Kuwaiti highways can be prevented.

Some preventable measures include drivers’ and tactical commanders’ attention to detail, driving the speed for road conditions, ensuring licensed drivers, following rest and sleep plans.

The MYTH that more accidents occur during surge is exactly that—MYTH: during “the Surge” leaders are involved, paying attention, enforcing standards to prevent or mitigate “accidents”. Leaders focus on safety preventive measures and ensure servicemembers are held accountable for their actions as drivers.

Preventive measures start with you. Leaders must enforce safety standards and hold first-line supervisors accountable for holding servicemembers to those standards, starting with wearing seatbelts and stopping speeding. I empower leaders to make the call when warranted. Manage risk and make the call at the proper level. This involves training junior leaders in the functional use of risk management.

All leaders are charged with enforcing standards. If you fail in your duties, you put your troops’ lives at risk. No leader is more derelict in his duties than one who fails to uphold standards and when we have a non-combat death, I hold leaders partly responsible.

We must maintain our level of



**Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb**

commitment to safety at all times. Safety standards, including risk assessments, must be adhered to by all and enforced by leaders and each must be held accountable for maintaining those standards. So leaders, stay keenly aware of your actions and those of your subordinates. Make it your number one priority.

Our mission here is huge and I remain enormously proud to be part of what you accomplish every day—we can not falter in our duties. But part of my implied mission to you is to return home safely; a little older, a little wiser and, with a lot of attention, no worse for wear. Consider that the next time you think to take some unwarranted risk or stand idly by while your battle buddy does the same. This deployment won’t last forever, but death will – PATTON’S OWN.



# CSA encourages troops, views training in Kuwait

**Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw**  
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

The second-highest officer in the Army recently took a trip to the Middle East, visiting Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, visited American and Kuwaiti troops and observed training exercises in Kuwait Dec. 27.

“The process went smoothly,” said Capt. Dennis Sleva, Coalition Forces Land Component Command protocol officer. “He was able to see the people he wanted to see and visit the Soldiers.”

Schoomaker began his visit by meeting with his Kuwaiti counterpart, Maj. Gen. Ibrahim M. Al-Wasmi, Kuwait Land Force commander and Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, Third U.S. Army/U.S. Army Forces Central Command/CFLCC commanding general.

Schoomaker presented Al-Wasmi with a gift before heading to his next stop and had lunch with commanders and sergeants major of units at Camp Buehring.

He spoke to them about Iraq and the situations they may face there. He gave them

encouragement and advice and shared stories from his career and recent events that reiterated this sentiment.

Schoomaker spoke of a noncommissioned officer who had been such a great leader that all his troops reenlisted because of his example.

“These are the kind of leaders we need in the Army,” he said.

He added, “I know you all can be that leader.”

After greeting more troops, the chief of staff continued his visit, flying to Forward Operating Base Dagger on Udairi Range.

Schoomaker toured the tactical movement and counter-improvised explosive device training exercise lanes after a brief about what the lanes are accomplishing, how they decide what scenarios to create and how this is impacting other Army training facilities.



*Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw*

**Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, visits with troops at Udairi Range while touring the counter-improvised explosive device training exercise lanes during his visit to Kuwait Dec. 27.**

Schoomaker also looked at training aides of what possible IEDs could look like that servicemembers view before their training.

The chief of staff then went to the lanes and viewed a convoy completing the training at the range.

Prior to his visit to Kuwait, the chief of staff stopped in Iraq and Afghanistan. He returned home after his visit to Kuwait.



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(Top) Staff Sgt. Rejetta Driskell, among other National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, is reenlisted by Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve, at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait Dec. 26.

(Right) Command Sgt. Maj. Nick A. Piacentini, U.S. Army Reserve Command, speaks to Maj. Michael Konczyk, Udairi Range training officer, during his visit at a counter-improvised explosive device training stage at Udairi Range Dec. 23.



# Reserve leaders visit Middle East

**Spc. Michael R. Noggle**

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During the holiday season the chief of the Army Reserve and command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve Command spent time reenlisting a group of Soldiers, answering questions concerning the Army's future and observing units in action.

As he has the last four Christmas seasons, Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Piacentini and other leaders from the U.S. Army Reserve Command traveled to the Middle East to visit troops.

"We want to be with them and let them know we are thinking of them during the holidays," Piacentini said.

As always, Piacentini arrived earlier than the main party to see Soldiers in action. He traveled to Udairi Range to observe units at the tactical movement with counter-improvised explosive device training exercise lanes.

Piacentini said he was in awe of the training Soldiers conduct before heading into Iraq.

"I was really impressed with the awareness and razor-sharp identification process that goes into each exercise," he said. "When they leave here, they're ready for the real deal."

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserves, joined Piacentini to visit troops in Pakistan providing aid to the victims devas-

tated by an earthquake that decimated the country and its people.

"I wanted to visit the helicopter unit," said Helmly referring to Company B, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment. "I wanted to see how they were doing, their mission operations and if they were getting supported correctly."

Helmly and Piacentini praised the unit for its aid to the earthquake victims on such a short notice.

Through all hours of the day and night over the holidays, the unit prepared and delivered supplies to Pakistani locals. The leaders also flew on a mission with a Chinook helicopter crew, dropping off supplies to villages and candy for the youngsters.

"Here these young men and women are going about their business on Christmas morning," he said. "Helping these local Pakistani people was a sense of purpose that I admire and respect."

Upon completion of their visit to Pakistan, the leaders voyaged back to the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait to meet U.S. Ambassador Richard LeBaron and reenlist a group of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

"You are all great Americans," Helmly said to the group. "Making the decision to stay in the military is a great commitment and an act of selfless service."

To round off the visit, Helmly and Piacentini dined with troops at a Camp

Arifjan dining facility and held a town hall meeting.

Among the concerns of the Soldiers were improved funding for tuition assistance, Army Reserve transformation and the family readiness group program.

"I listen to their concerns for what the future holds," Piacentini said. "I try to reassure them the future holds a better Army Reserve in responsiveness ... ready to go and ready to fight."

The one weekend a month and two weeks a year of training is over, he said. There will be a schedule for training events and continued mobilization. Units will attend battle assembly training and think deployments.

Piacentini also noted the importance of the Reserve getting Soldiers job-qualified with their military occupational specialty.

"We've got to have the right Soldiers in the right slots," he said. "It's of primary importance for the senior leaders to get the Soldiers to school and get them trained."

At the conclusion of their trip, Helmly and Piacentini wished all the Soldiers a happy holiday.

"It was a memorable Christmas Day for me to spend with these fine Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines going about their business," Helmly said.

He added, "The service to their country and helping those from other countries is something to take pride in."

# Day Recon



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

Pfc. Joshua Rogers, Co. C, 2/506 Inf. rifleman, searches an EPW while a Soldier provides protection during dismounted lane training at Udairi Range Dec. 20.



Soldiers find concealment behind a berm during a reconnaissance mission in a town at Udairi Range.

## Warlocks

### *Infantrymen hone skills*

**Spc. Robert Adams**  
Assistant Editor

Before heading north for their year-long deployment to Iraq, units will first get a good taste of what is to come from the training they receive at the Udairi Range.

The 1st Platoon “Warlocks” from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment were one of the first units to train on the newly constructed dismount exercise lane at Udairi Dec. 20.

The unit’s training consisted of a day reconnais-

sance and a night ambush mission in and around a simulated built-up town filled with an abundance of buildings, bridges, vehicles and third-country national role players.

“While on security patrol in the populated area, the unit focuses on various threats and aspects of the improvised explosive device system,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Ballard, chief of training for Coalition Forces Land Component Command C-3.

The morning began with an operation order, in which the combat arms unit went over movement techniques, enemy prisoner-of-war searches, communication, signals and a map analysis of previous actions in the area of operations.

The platoon then broke down to the squad level to further discuss the mission and rehearse each member’s role before regrouping to head out to the starting point.

During the day recon mission, Soldiers successfully identified various insurgents and captured an EPW after they were attacked by hostile fire and IED explosions. Only suf-



(Right to left) Casualty evacuation team Soldiers Pfc. Bradley Young, Spc. Andrew Hanna, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Dodge and Staff Sgt. Tracey Stremming, patrol up the trail.



Soldiers fire blanks on hostile targets in the simulated town they staked out and ambushed on the dismounted lane exercise at Udairi Range.

## skills on Udairi dismount lanes

fering one casualty, the evacuation team carried the injured Soldier to the designated medical evacuation point, EPWs were searched and information was gathered.

“You’ve got to put your head in the game and keep an eye on your team when you’re out there,” said Pvt. Danny Purcell, Co. C, 2/506 Inf. M249 gunner.

After speaking to local officials and a final recon of the area, the platoon regrouped to discuss the night ambush operation. After conducting a second operation order and rehearsals, the unit moved out to the area of operation.

The unit quietly maneuvered to strategic vantage points to keep an eye on the town and surrounding areas and waited for unusual activity or a hostile act to occur. They successfully stopped the emplacement of an IED on the side of the road and the loading of IEDs in a vehicle.

After each major scenario, observer controllers held a quick after-action review to gain instant feedback and after the mission was complete a final review was conducted to give and receive feedback

from both sides on what they viewed during the training.

The unit constantly conducted training at Fort Campbell and at the various training centers in preparation to deploy but Sgt. 1st Class Mark Dodge, Co. C, 2/506 Inf. platoon sergeant, said this training is a lot better because it directly gets its tactics, techniques and procedures and programs of instruction from up north on a frequent basis.

“Going from training in woods to desert is a different fight... It’s going to reinforce what we’ve already learned,” Dodge said. “Hopefully every unit gets the opportunity to do this... If not, they are missing some good training.”

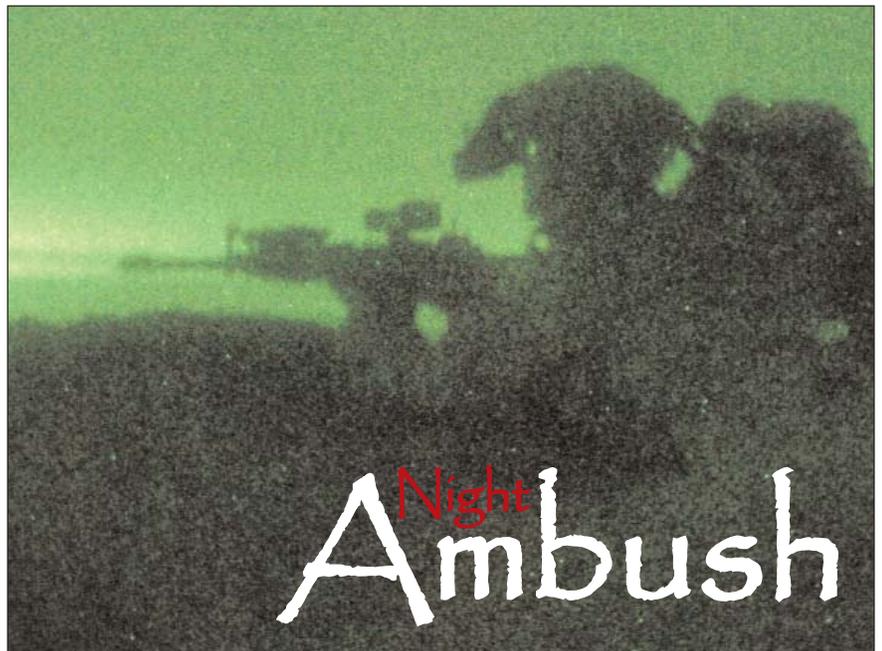


Since the unit is a well-trained combat arms unit, the Coalition Forces Land Component Command’s training division will be able to get feedback from them to further improve and modify the training.

“We just started training on this lane last week... so it is a work in progress,” Ballard said. “In a dynamic environment our training is constantly modified, so this is a learning experience for all of us.”



A Co. C, 2/506 Inf. Soldier takes a knee while his squad forms a 360 degree perimeter during rehearsals before the night ambush mission.



(Above) Soldiers engage at a hostile target during a night ambush mission on the dismounted training lane at Udairi Range.

(Left) Sgt. 1st Class Mark Dodge, Co. C, 2/506 Inf. platoon sergeant, scouts out the area of operation from a high point during the ambush exercise.

# Politicians represent with rock concert

**Spc. Robert Adams**

Assistant Editor

Putting government issues aside, U.S. congressional representatives showed their support to deployed troops by rocking out on stage.

The sounds of Santana, Eric Clapton, The Eagles and the king Elvis Presley flowed through the cool desert air during the Second Amendments rock concert at the Camp Arifjan Zone 6 stage Wednesday.

The Second Amendments, a bipartisan band comprised of five elected members of the U.S. House of Representatives, are playing six shows for servicemembers in Europe and the Middle East.

The band was accompanied by three other representatives who wanted to talk to troops from their States.

"We recognize that during the holidays our men and women are away from their families, so we're taking our instruments with us, and during the evening times we're going to do our own little USO tour," said Rep. Kenny Hulshof, 9th District of Missouri congressman.

"Hopefully they'll overlook our lack of talent and appreciate the effort," Hulshof said.

After Soldiers warmed up to the first few songs, a few brave ones started dancing in front of the stage and some were asked to join the act on stage.

Before the concert, representatives got the chance to speak to troops, listen to their stories and



**Rep. Jon Porter (R-Nev.) listens to fellow statesman 1st Lt. Marthana Loddy of 377th Theater Support Command, from Ely, Nev., at Camp Arifjan's Zone 6 dining facility Wednesday.**

concerns and take photos with them.

"Soldiers told me about their experiences... I get a face and emotion to go with the many stories I've read in e-mails," said Rep. Melissa Hart, 4th District Pennsylvania congresswoman.

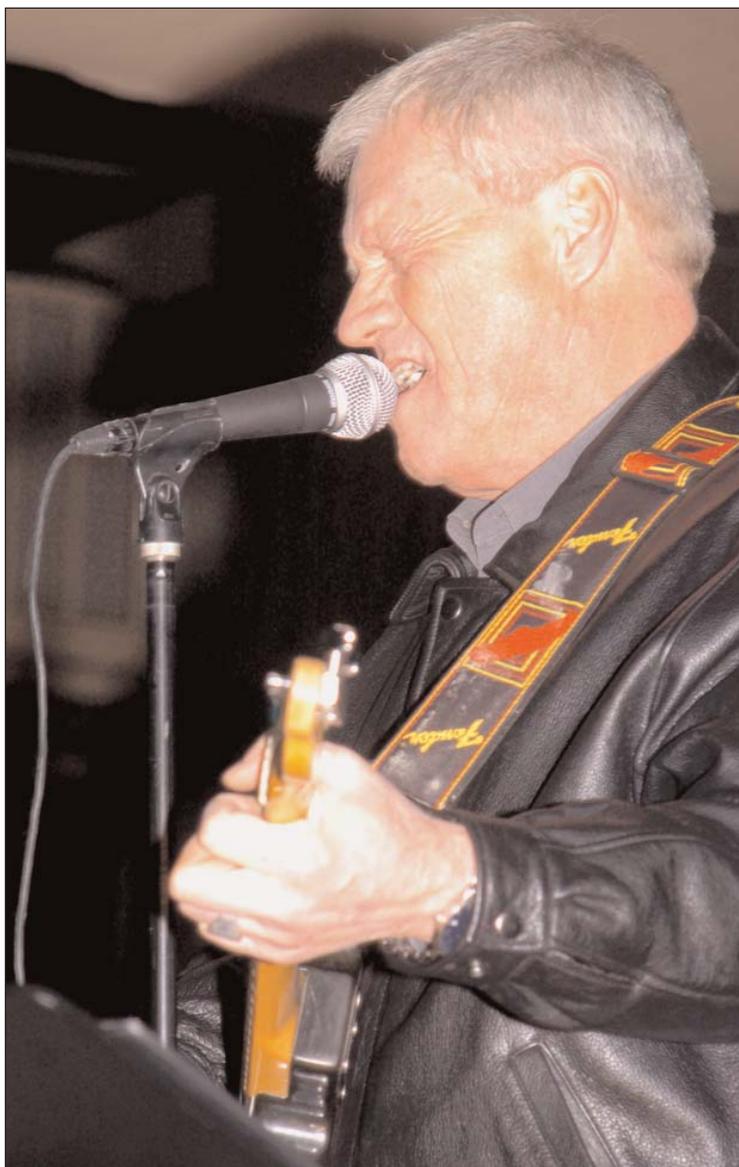
Thursday the group toured the humvee up-arming process at the field support battalion on Arifjan led by Brig. Gen.

Raymond Mason, Army Materiel Command commanding general.

The Second Amendments tour began at Ramstein Air Base and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, where the group performed for and visited injured servicemembers.

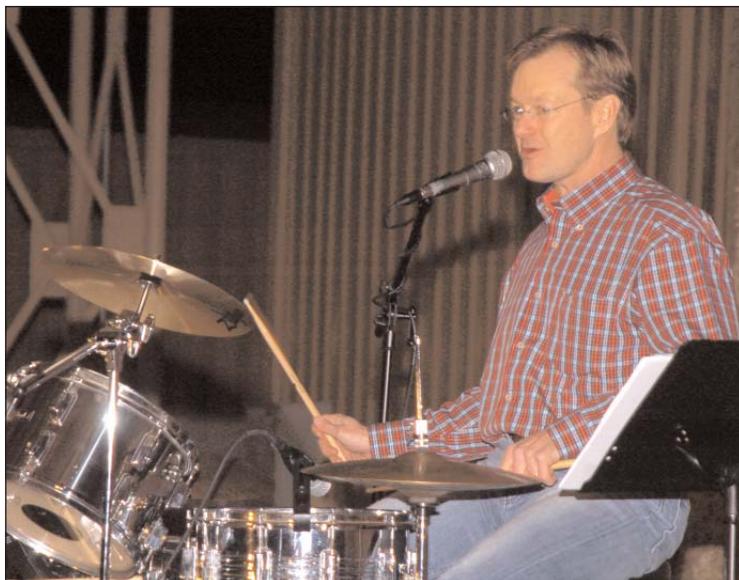
After their visit to Kuwait, the crew traveled to Pakistan and Afghanistan to continue their tour before returning to the United States to speak to their government committees and respective states about what they viewed and learned.

**(Right) Second Amendments' drummer Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R-Mo.) sings backup and keeps the beat to The Eagles song *Already Gone*.**



*Photos by Spc. Robert Adams*

**Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) sings lead vocals and plays guitar for the Second Amendments band which played a concert for troops at the Camp Arifjan Zone 6 stage Wednesday. The Second Amendments is a bipartisan band comprised of five elected members of the U.S. House of Representatives who stopped in Kuwait to visit servicemembers during their tour.**



## **Eight representatives:**

**Jon Porter (R-Nev.)  
Thaddeus McCotter (R-Mich.)  
Kenny Hulshof (R-Mo.)  
Dave Weldon (R-Fla.)  
Collin Peterson (D-Minn.)  
Melissa Hart (R-Pa.)  
Madeleine Bordallo (Guam)  
Mike Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.).**



Courtesy photo

Soviet-class armored vehicles known as Bronyetransporter line the port at the Seaport of Debarkation in preparation to be loaded on the two civilian contracted vessels. Ammunition, weapons and body armor were shipped back to Ukraine as well.

## Shipping home, donating equipment

# Ukraine leaves mark in War on Terrorism

**Spc. Janine Coogler**  
CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

As the War on Terrorism continues to drive forward, some Coalition Forces are cutting down on the amount of support.

Upon completion of mandated support in Iraq in December and successfully training Iraqi forces, the support of more than 1,000 Ukrainian troops has dwindled down to approximately 50.

Focused on the priority of supporting, advising and training Iraqi soldiers, as well as providing security around the borders of Ukraine's area of responsibility, Ukraine soldiers help in the transition from U.S. military and Coalition troops to Iraqi security forces, said Ukraine Capt. Sergey Tyutyunnik, 81st Task Force logistic translator.

The troops left in Iraq will continue the mission of training the Iraqi security forces, said Maj. Greg Willingham, Task Force Gator country officer.

As Ukraine troops return home, coordination of all equipment became a priority. The Ukrainian soldiers used various equipment such as Soviet-class armored vehicles known as Bronyetransporter, ammunition, weapons and body armor.

In order to transport equipment, the

Ukraine support group coordinated with TF Gator to coordinate planning for moving equipment.

After convoying the equipment from Iraq to Camp Virginia, the support group had to make further plans with TF Gator for loading and moving equipment from Camp Virginia to the Seaport of Debarkation.

To ship their equipment, two civilian vessels were contracted by the Ukraine government to transport the equipment back to Ukraine, Willingham said.

Proving the generosity of its country, the Ukraine army donated some of its equipment to the Iraqi forces.

The Ukraine army gave Russian combat reconnaissance patrol vehicles, known as Boyevaya Razveduyatel'naya Dozornaya Meshina, to provide the security forces with the proper equipment to successfully complete missions.

The support and training from the Ukraine contingent helps strengthen Iraq's military and will help the Iraqi community maintain and be self-sufficient, Willingham said.

Although there is a reduction of the Ukrainian contingents' troops, Tyutyunnik said their efforts will continue to remain with the security forces making the Iraqi police capable and efficient to protect Iraq.

## Did you know?

- ◆ Ukraine is located in southeastern Europe, bordering the Black Sea.
- ◆ Almost the entire country of Ukraine is a flat plain, with elevations generally below 350 meters.
- ◆ Ukraine contains approximately 5 per cent of the world's total mineral resources. Ukraine has deposits of more than 80 types of minerals.
- ◆ The population of Ukraine is more than 48 million.
- ◆ The official state language is Ukrainian. Russian is widely spoken in eastern and central Ukraine.
- ◆ Ukrainians have a deep-rooted musical tradition and singing is very popular. Most cities also have good musical comedy, puppet-theatre and troupes.
- ◆ Ukraine was ruled from Moscow for almost three centuries in Tsarist and Soviet times.
- ◆ Ukraine's president is elected for a five-year term.

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*Dangerous intersection ahead...*

# Roads traveled in Kuwait bring concern

**Lt. Col. Charles Clayton**  
CFLCC Safety Office

Kuwait has some of the most systemically dangerous intersections that I have ever experienced. This is primarily due to the direction-change turn-arounds on the high-speed highways. The Coalition Forces Land Component Command chief engineer has taken a look at the design of intersections and how frequently we enter them and come up with the six most dangerous intersections in Kuwait.

If you travel from Ali Al Salem or other northern camps to points south, you will use I-70. To enter the southbound lane, you must travel north, cut across three lanes of traffic to the fast lane, and make a U-turn (crossing the median) into the southbound fast lane. Sound dangerous? You bet, especially when you consider the amount of U.S. military traffic that traverses that particular intersection every day!

To enter KNB from I-30 southbound, you will need to enter a U-turn lane (crossing the median) to go from the southbound fast lane to the northbound fast lane, this is another hazardous area. Once northbound, you need to cross three lanes of traffic within 300 meters to make the turnoff to KNB.

Another intersection of concern is the Arifjan access road to the Seaport of Debarkation. To get from Camp Arifjan to the Port of Al Shuaibah (the SPOD) using I-30, you must travel about one kilometer south to the first U-turn to go north. This is normally plenty of time to execute this maneuver. But once you execute the U-turn, you immediately enter the fast lane. That's right, there is no acceleration lane.

As you've probably guessed, these three intersections are the most dangerous because of the chance that a fast-moving vehicle could easily plow into the rear of your vehicle, either before or after you execute the U-turn.

U.S. military-owned or leased vehicles, including tactical vehicles singly and in convoys, contracted transport trucks and non-tactical vehicles, travel tens of millions of miles on Kuwait roads each year. Such a high frequency of road travel makes reducing the risk of an accident very challenging.

Our best defense in avoiding accidents include:

- ♦ *Maintain situational awareness; stay alert.*



*Courtesy photo*

**No age, gender or rank group is immune to vehicle crashes. Know the limitations of your vehicle. Know how much acceleration your vehicle is capable of and the turning radius.**

- ♦ *Don't get into a hurry. Wait until there is enough room for your maneuver.*
- ♦ *Know the limitations of your vehicle. Know how much acceleration your vehicle is capable of and the turning radius.*

Remember: one of your missions while here in the area of operation is to return home a little older, a little wiser and no worse for wear.

Only one of the next three intersections that I cover involves a turn-around, but all three are highly traveled by convoys and individual vehicles. That frequency brings the higher likelihood of an accident at those locations.

The fourth dangerous intersection in our list of potential killers is the turn-around traveling north on I-80 to enter Iron Horse Road. This is the most direct route into Camp Buehring.

Again, you must get into the far left lane to enter the turn-around, and then travel south for another 300 meters to get to Iron Horse Road.

To do this, you need to cross three lanes of southbound traffic and, once approaching Iron Horse Road, there is no deceleration lane.

For these reasons, drivers are cautioned to watch traffic far in advance of entering the intersection, and to be well aware of the speed of oncoming traffic heading south once in the turn-around.

This next intersection is a chiller: the turn-off from I-70 west coming into Camp

Victory. There are no signs announcing the location of the camp on the road, and the turn-off itself is a dirt road connecting the east and west bound lanes.

There is no turning lane, making the use of turn signals vital for any traffic closing from your rear. You will need to be in the right lane of the west bound traffic to turn onto this dirt path, stop on the path, then observe the high-speed traffic oncoming in the eastbound lane.

This is critical, as the eastbound traffic closes very quickly and the observable distance is limited due to a curve. Whatever you do, don't stall in the middle of that eastbound lane when you do cross.

The last in our rollup of most dangerous intersections is I-80 and Marietta Road. If you are southbound from Camp Navistar and need to turn west onto Marietta to get to Camp Buehring, be aware of oncoming traffic from the rear. There is no deceleration lane, making the possibility of a rear-ending very likely.

Traveling in the opposite direction, there is no acceleration lane for traffic turning north onto I-80 from Marietta Road. In both cases, be extra alert to approaching traffic to prevent rear-endings.

In every one of these intersections, it is vital that you make your intentions known to other drivers on the road. Know the acceleration and handling characteristics of your vehicle. No matter how short the trip, always wear your safety belt.

# Community

## happenings for Jan. 4 through Jan. 11

### Ali Al Salem

**For information call 442-2005**

### Arifjan

#### Wednesday

Nikki Barr Show, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Flag football post season, through Friday  
Boxing class, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center  
Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

#### Thursday

Ballroom dancing, 8 p.m., Zone 1  
Community Center  
Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1  
Community Center

#### Friday

Boxing class, 8 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center  
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

#### Saturday

X-box football tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 6  
Community Center  
Pingpong tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1  
Community Center

ASG - Ku flag football championships  
Boxing class, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center  
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 food court  
Country Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

#### Sunday

ASG - Ku flag football championships  
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage  
Step and abs, 5 a.m., 1 p.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center  
Abs, 8 a.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center

#### Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center  
Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

#### Tuesday

Hearts tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1  
Community Center  
Cardio kickboxing, 5 a.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center

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### Army LSA at Ali Al Salem

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### Buehring

#### Wednesday

Texas Hold'em tournament, 3 p.m., MWR  
Oasis  
Weekly fun run, 7.5k, 5:30 p.m., Hole-n-one  
donut

#### Thursday

Phase 10 tournament, 2 p.m., MWR Oasis  
Pool tournament, 8-ball, 7 p.m., Recreation

#### Center

#### Friday

Darts tournament, 2 p.m., Recreation Center  
Karaoke Night, 8 p.m., MWR stage  
Rendezvous Club, 9 p.m., Events tent

#### Saturday

New Year's 10-k run, 6:30 a.m., Hole-n-one  
donut  
Spa Day, 10 a.m., Events tent

#### Sunday

Spa Day, 10 a.m., Events tent  
Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Events tent

#### Monday

Hearts tournament, 7 p.m., MWR Oasis

#### Tuesday

Pool tournament, 9-ball, 3 p.m., Recreation  
Center

#### Wednesday

Madden tournament, 3 p.m., Palms  
Weekly fun run, 5k, 5:30 p.m., Hole-n-one  
donut

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### Kuwait Naval Base

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### Navistar

#### Wednesday

Pingpong tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Poker tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Volleyball tournament, 8 a.m., volleyball  
courts

#### Thursday

Pingpong tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Poker tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Volleyball tournament, 8 a.m., volleyball  
courts

#### Friday

Ping-pong tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Poker tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Volleyball tournament, 8 a.m., volleyball  
courts

#### Monday

Pool tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Cribbage tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Basketball tournament, 8 a.m., basketball  
courts

#### Tuesday

Pool tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Cribbage tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Basketball tournament, 8 a.m., basketball  
courts

#### Wednesday

Pool tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Cribbage tournament, 8 a.m., MWR tent  
Basketball tournament, 8 a.m., basketball  
courts

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### Spearhead/SPOD

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### Victory

#### Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., MWR dayroom  
Spades tournament, 3 p.m., MWR fields

#### Thursday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., Tent 1-32  
Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., MWR dayroom  
Desert Bingo Night, 6 p.m., MFT

#### Friday

Horseshoes tournament, 3 p.m., MWR courts

#### Saturday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., Tent 1-32  
Talent show, 7:30 p.m., MFT

#### Sunday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., gym  
Softball homerun derby, 3 p.m., MWR fields

#### Monday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

#### Tuesday

Aerobics, 5 a.m., Tent 1-32  
Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., MWR dayroom  
Texas Holdem tournament, 6 p.m., MWR  
dayroom

#### Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., MWR dayroom  
Desert Bingo Night, 6 p.m., MFT

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### Virginia

#### Wednesday

Checkers, 7 p.m., Community Center

#### Thursday

Billiards league finals, 7 p.m., Community  
Center

#### Friday

Bazaar, 10 a.m., Dusty Room

#### Saturday

Hip-hop Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Sunday

Foosball tournament, 7 p.m., Community  
Center

#### Monday

Dominoes tournament, 7 p.m., Community  
Center

#### Tuesday

Unit Feud, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

#### Wednesday

Poker tournament, 7 p.m., Community Center

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