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Stryker Out

After serving 16 months in Iraq, the 172nd Stryker Brigade is going home

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A 172nd Stryker Brigade Soldier exits a Stryker vehicle at Camp Buehring. The unit is set to redeploy to the U.S.

Photo by Maj. Mark Collins

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Soldier reunites with grandparents in Kuwait

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Spc. David Luntz had been at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, only a few days when a small bus pulled up next to him.

"It was one of our lieutenants and he was pointing and saying something about a grandfather and I was wondering, 'What is he talking about?' Then I looked and it was Richard and Martha in the car and I was like, 'Oh my God,'" said Luntz, his voice still showing the emotion of the moment.

Richard and Martha Luntz are David's grandparents and both have combat support jobs in Kuwait. Richard Luntz is a security supervisor in Kuwait City and Martha Luntz is an office manager at Camp Buehring, where David is stationed.

"Last time I saw David was in Tennessee and he was just a little guy. Now here he is a Soldier," said Richard Luntz, a retired Marine Corps noncommissioned officer.

Luntz was 12 the last time he saw his grandparents. He was living in Tennessee at the time, near his grandparents, but his family moved to Alaska and the three had not seen each other since.

When Luntz found out he was deploying to Kuwait, his father told him that his grandparents would be there, too. On his third day in Kuwait, he was working at the motor pool, when Martha Luntz and Richard Luntz pulled up in the bus to greet him.

"It was exciting," said Luntz.

Soldiering runs in the family, said Martha Luntz. "What we have is a Marine Corps father with three children who served in the Army and two grandchildren in the Army. So we are a military family," she said.

Luntz, 21, joined the Alaska National Guard three years ago in Fairbanks, where he lives with his wife and daughter. In his civilian career, he is a member of the Painter and Glazers Union, but he is considering a full-time career in the military.

Both David's father and mother are retired from active duty Army. His father served in the Middle East during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Luntz's grandparents have worked in Kuwait for more than three years, and they said they will consider going back to the U.S. in May. For their grandson, he doesn't need to make a decision; he is in Kuwait until the Army tells him to go home, which is expected to be next October.

"I am really glad that we are over here," said Richard Luntz, "that we can help if [David] needs something, just for him to be able to call. He's got someone to talk to."

Spc. David Luntz of 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry Regiment poses with his grandparents Martha and Richard shortly after Luntz arrived at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Luntz's grandparents work as civilian contractors at Camp Buehring.

Female Soldiers teach, certify Y

Story and Photos by
Senior Airman Sarah Stegman
CJTF-HOA Public Affairs

Four female Soldiers have given more than 40 women the tools and knowledge to change the future of Yemen's economy.

The group included veterinarians and veterinary technicians, two of which are with Third Army/U.S. Army Central. The group traveled to Sana'a, Yemen, from Kuwait, Bahrain and Djibouti to teach basic livestock care to female animal workers Nov. 11 to Nov. 23. The course is part of the first all-female veterinary civil action program, according to Capt. Gwynne Kinley, a veterinarian with Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

"The animal workers in Yemen are predominately women, so it was necessary for CJTF-HOA to send an all-female team to teach these women, due to the sensitive nature of the culture," said Kinley.

The training was conducted in several small villages outside the capital city of Sana'a and in the governate, or province, of Amran. The female animal health workers represented five governates in Yemen: Al-Jawf, Amran, Marib, Sa'dah and Shabwah. The U.S. Agency for International Development has targeted governates for its agricultural development projects. Some women traveled more than 300 miles to be certified by the CJTF-HOA veterinary team.

A few of the topics covered in the training included how to identify infectious diseases, treating common ailments and hoof trimming. Each woman received more than $650 worth of veterinary supplies including multivitamins, various medications, lidocaine, topical cream, wound powder,

United States Army Staff Sgt. Meghan Groth, a veterinary technician with Third Army/U.S. ARCENT, shows a Yemeni animal worker how a stethoscope is used to listen to heart beats during a veterinary civil action program.

emeni women to help livestock

digital thermometers, syringes, veterinary gloves and various Arabic-language disease pamphlets.

"After teaching these ladies, they are able to build capacity within their villages and surrounding countryside by going on to train additional female animal health workers," Kinley said. "We're perpetuating the cycle of education and at the same time improving the country's overall livestock health and productivity."

During the two-week project, the Soldiers taught the women both in the classroom and outdoors with practical application techniques with help from Dr. Najib Al-Hammadi of the Yemen Agricultural Support Program.

"After receiving the training the women are recognized by the Republic of Yemen as certified animal workers and can be called upon by the government to care for animals," said Al-Hammadi. "The title also gives them more respect and authority within their own villages."

Educating the women to raise healthier livestock helps their villages, said Capt. Stephanie Foreman, a veterinarian on the mission.

"Livestock are the lifeblood of remote villages in Yemen," said Foreman. "The healthier the animals are, the healthier the people who eat the meat and drink the milk will be. When it's time to take the animals to market, the families can prosper monetarily because the animals they've raised are larger and healthier than in the past. Also, the wool on the sheep will be enhanced, and the wool industry in the country can flourish."

CJTF-HOA, the U.S. Embassy and USAID are preparing to continue these types of projects at least four times a year to continue follow-ups with the female animal workers.

(Top) U.S. Army Capt. Gwynee Kinley and Staff Sgt. Meghan Groth vaccinate a lamb during a veterinary civil action mission in Yemen.

(Right) From left, U.S. Army Capt. Gwynne Kinley, Yemeni Dr. Najib Al-Hammadi, Capt. Stephanie Foreman and Staff Sgt. Meghan Groth vaccinate a cow in a veterinary training mission in Yemen.

Arctic Wolves' extended tour nearly complete

Stories by
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Stryker Soldiers rise to challenge

When the Soldiers of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team were told they could not go home after 12 months, despite all their hard work and dedication in Mosul, Iraq, they were disappointed.

"It's disheartening at first. Everyone was looking forward to going home, especially [our] families," said 2nd Lt. Jason Blair, ordnance officer with Forward Maintenance Co., 172nd SBCT.

Then, after a few pep talks from their leaders, the Soldiers were able to pull together and perform as well in Baghdad as they did in Mosul, said Master Sgt. Charles Aguon, a maintenance advisor with the 172nd SBCT.

"We were down but our commander came in and talked to us. He said we had a job to do down there," said Private 1st Class Daniel Kane, a military intelligence specialist with the 572nd Military Intelligence Company, 172nd SBCT.

"I'm happy to be a part of the 172nd. I'm proud to wear this patch on my arm," he said. "Knowing Gen. Casey wants to see our product is a good feeling."

"We were needed in Baghdad. We didn't know the physical area, but we knew how to handle ourselves," said Blair.

"After about a week and the battalion commander talking to us, everything was cool," said Spc. Joshua Young, a supply specialist with the 172nd SBCT. "They can't throw much more at us."

Chosen because of their expertise in the full spectrum of counter-insurgency operations, the brigade was called to reinforce the effort in Baghdad until another unit was ready to take their places.

"It feels good," said Young, on knowing they were chosen to stay because of their expertise. "We went there and did our best."

"We got a job to do," said Spc. Harry Drum, a rifleman in 172nd SBCT. "We'll finish it and go home."

Getting them home quickly

After an extended time in theater, the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team rolls out of Iraq and into Kuwait for the final leg of their tour – the resetting of their Stryker vehicles.

A job this big requires the hard work and dedication of several different groups.

"Third Army was with us the whole time. They brought us to Mosul to Baghdad and back [to Kuwait] again," said Maj. Mark Collins, the chief of redeployment operations with the 172nd SBCT.

Third Army/U.S. Army Central provided the 172nd's "Arctic Wolves" with the transportation they needed to get in and out of Iraq.

"The transportation units [in Kuwait] are real warriors," said Collins.

Once back in Kuwait, the 172nd SBCT began the daunting process of redeploying back to the U.S.

The Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade worked hand-in-hand with several other groups including ITT Federal Services International, Kellogg, Brown and Root, General Dynamics Land Systems, the 172nd SBCT themselves and the 4th Infantry Division to accomplish the mission.

"Like an orchestra, everyone must

Photo by Spc. Debrah A. Robertson

A 172nd Brigade Support Battalion Soldier guides a Stryker vehicle during the redeployment process at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Photo by Maj. Mark Collins

A 172nd Stryker Soldier washes a Stryker vehicle during the redeployment process in Kuwait.

be tuned together," said Maj. James Coe, a support operations officer with AFSB-Kuwait.

AFSB-Kuwait did the overall plan, he said. "We provided the work area, the wash rack, the project engineering building for oil changes, the vehicle upload area as a deslat area, command and control tents, portable lights and latrines, and a refreshment tent."

After emptying the project engineering building, it was set up in assembly line fashion to conduct routine maintenance operations, such as oil changes, said Coe.

Tools and compressors were provided for the deslating project, he added.

The slat armor, also known as the 'bird cage,' must be removed prior to cleaning the Strykers, said Blair. It's also important that the Stryker be reduced in size by removing the slat for compact shipping aboard the large vessels that will take them back to Alaska.

"If it is battle damaged, engineering experts inspect it," said Blair on the deslatted Strykers. "They have the final say if the factory needs to rebuild it or if it can be sent to Alaska to be taken care of there."

The cleaning process is one of the largest details in the reset process.

The Arctic Wolves, along with Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, dive into the work full-force using power washers at both Camp Arifjan and Camp Patriot to get the job done.

"We're trying to get everything together and get back home," said Spc. Joshua Young, a supply specialist with the 172nd SBCT.

While the Stryker vehicles are reset, the Wolves need to be supported.

"Third Army afforded us space, vehicles, buses, chow and living areas," said Blair. "They covered all the basics."

"They've been there through all of this," said Collins of Third Army's support during their redeployment.

Soon the Arctic Wolves will be out of the deserts of Iraq and Kuwait and back in the snowy drifts of Alaska.

Stryker Success

Deemed an intimidating piece of equipment by many Soldiers of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the Stryker swept through the streets of Baghdad with speed and precision.

"Everyone rolls in a pack," said 2nd Lt. Jason Blair, ordnance officer with Forward Maintenance Company, 172nd SBCT. "Where you see one, there's more."

"It's the best vehicle the Army has," said Spc. Joshua Young, a supply specialist in 172nd SBCT. "I trust it more than a humvee or anything else."

"We saw some big booms, but they just flattened the tires," said Spc. Harry Drum, a rifleman in 172nd SBCT. "You see humvees ate up from the same explosion. I felt safe in it," he continued. "It saved a lot of lives."

Reinforced with metal plates and wrapped in protective slat armor, the Stryker can take quite a beating on the violent streets of Baghdad and Mosul, and the 172nd's "Arctic Wolves" tested it to its limits during their 16-month deployment in Iraq.

With high-speed capability and manueverability, the Stryker got the Wolves where they needed to be, when they needed to be there.

"Speed is our security," said Private 1st Class Alex Hegley, an infantryman with the 172nd. "It goes where we want."

Quietly and stealthly, the Stryker was able to maneuver the Wolves through the streets nearly undetected – hunting terrorists and gaining ground without waking a soul, said Hegley. The Stryker allowed them to perform raids without giving away their location to the enemy.

"We can go places and do more with [Strykers] than anyone can with humvees," he continued.

"It can maneuver," said Young. "It can knock down a brick wall and keep going."

"It's great because of its mobility, its armor and the guys in the vehicle," said Private 1st Class Jason Brown, an infantryman in the 172nd.

"The equipment means nothing without the Soldier," said Blair on the 172nd's success.

After five years deployed, 143r

Staff Sgt. James E. Martin
377th TSC Public Affairs Office

After five years of providing transportation support for Third Army/U.S. Army Central operations in the Middle East, the 143rd Transportation Command (Forward) cased its organizational colors during a deactivation ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Dec. 4.

"Today is a sad day, and it's a happy day. It is a sad day because it marks the end of the [Transportation Command's] forward element for which we have been here for five years as an enduring unit," said Brig. Gen. Keith L. Thurgood, 143rd TRANSCOM (Forward), commanding general. "It's a happy day because it marks the beginning of change. It marks the beginning of a transformation as we move from a transportation command to a sustainment command in support of the Army's modular structure."

Colors have been used by militaries around the world for centuries to identify who they were and to serve as a rallying point. Today the colors represent a unit's lineage and part in the U.S. Army's role of protecting the United States.

Photo by Sgt. Chris Jones

The 143rd Transportation Command colors are retired in the unit's deactivation ceremony at the Zone 1 Fitness Center on Camp Arifjan, Dec. 4.

The deactivation ceremony included Soldiers and Sailors from 143rd TRANSCOM (Forward) subordinate commands. The unit has been on the ground since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom and was already present at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The 143rd TRANSCOM, supported by the units here today as well as the units, and rotations before us, have accomplished a logistics feat that only rivals the enormous effort that was essential for success in World War II," Thurgood said.

During his address, Thurgood talked about the Red Ball Express. This was a convoy system set up in 1944 that moved supplies and equipment over hundreds of miles to ensure the Allies had what they needed to continue the fight.

"At its peak the Red Ball Express delivered 12,000 tons of supplies forward to the depots daily. When the Red Ball Express ended, our truckers had delivered 413,000 tons of supplies," Thurgood said. "Today we deliver 16,000 tons of supplies daily. Across lines of communication that are over 600 miles long, from the ports, up to Iraq … and back again."

Some accomplishments of the 143rd TRANSCOM (Forward) during the last five years include driving 138,000 convoys traveling more than 100 million miles. The unit also unloaded more than 600 ships and moved more than 8 million tons of cargo.

"Every truck load we deliver brings us closer to victory. Without our logistics capabilities the fine men and women at the tip of the spear would not be able to accomplish their jobs and the overall mission would fail," Thurgood said. "[This change] will make us more agile, more flexible and more capable to support the warfighter."

The deactivation of the 143rd TRANSCOM (Forward) is one of many changes the Army is making to its unit structure as part of Army transformation.

"[This is the] first step in the transformation of the 143rd as we case the colors of the forward element today leading eventually to summer 2007 when we case the colors of the 143rd Transportation Command back in the United States," Third Army/U.S. Army Central Deputy Commanding General Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy said.

With the deactivation, the roles

rd TRANSCOM cases its colors

and responsibilities the 143rd TRANSCOM (Forward) have been transferred to the 377th Theater Support Command (Forward).
In the United States the unit will transform into the 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in 2007.

"We are preparing for the future," said Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Robinson, 377th Theater Support Command (Forward), commanding general. "The mission has not changed; the warfighter still needs supplies and equipment. Those on the ground will not see any difference in the level of services we're providing."

Robinson was the commanding general of the 143rd TRANSCOM in the United States until he took command of the 377th TSC (Forward).

"We are moving toward multifunctional units capable of, for example, transportation, ordnance and quartermaster roles," said Robinson. "This is ultimately more efficient."

About 15 Soldiers of the approximately 70 who deployed with the current rotation will be redeploying back to the United States. Soldiers staying in theater will be assigned to subordinate units of 377th TSC.

"These Soldiers were mobilized on one-year orders," Robinson said. "Most of them wanted to stay and we can use them."

Photo by Staff Sgt. James E. Martin

Brig. Gen. Keith L. Thurgood speaks during the 143rd TRANSCOM deactivation ceremony on Camp Arifjan.

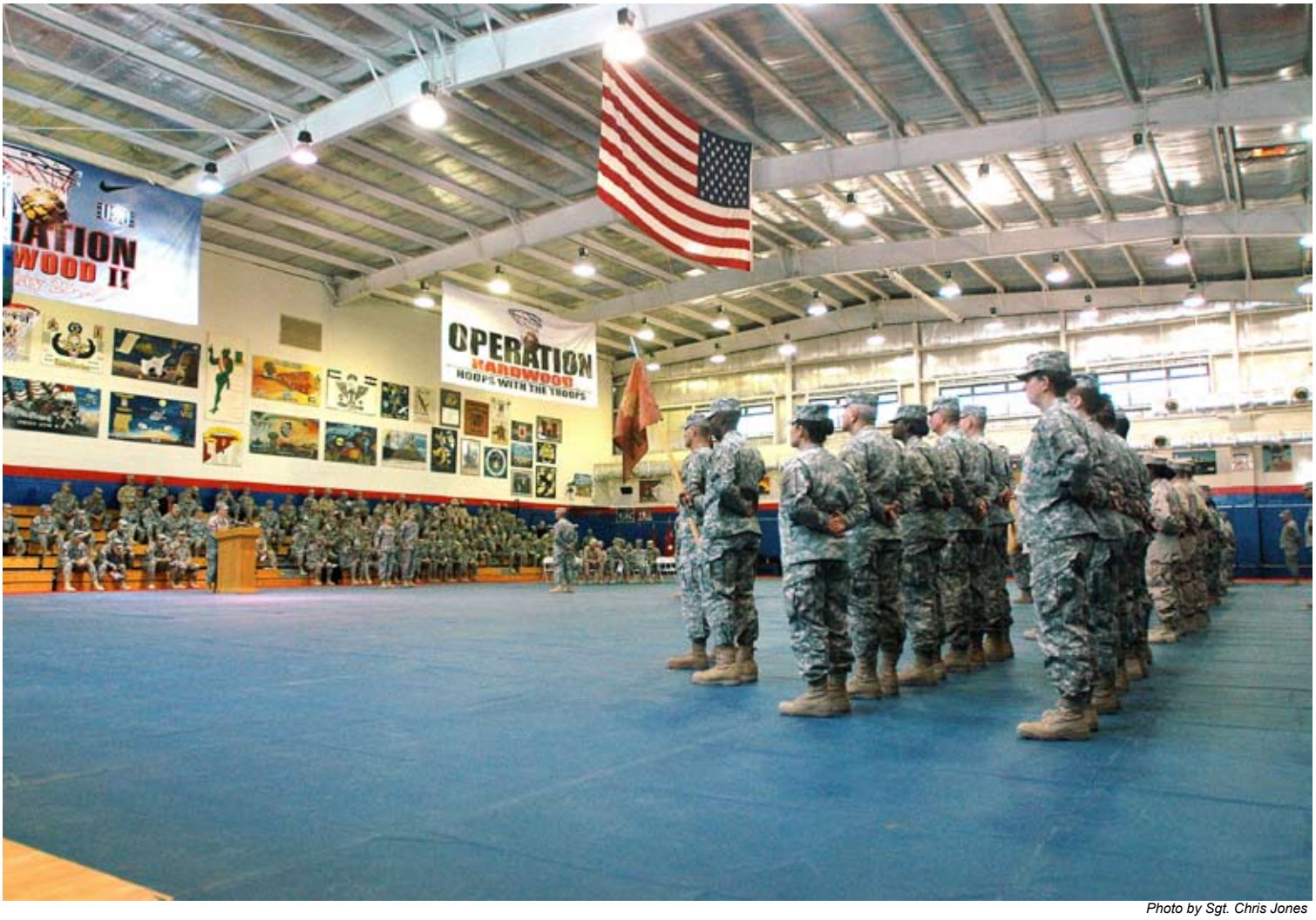

Photo by Sgt. Chris Jones

143rd Transportation Command Soldiers stand in formation as Brig. Gen. Keith L. Thurgood speaks at the deactivation ceremony of the 143rd at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, on Dec. 4.

What can the Inspector General do for you?

Maj. Debra Koltveit and Master Sgt. Catherine Holdaway
Third Army/U.S. Army Central IG

Inspectors General work for the commanding general and act as the command's eyes, ears, voice and conscience. IGs are directed by the CG to determine the state of his command—its discipline, morale, mission performance, training and readiness.

Soldiers are often unclear about what the IG can and cannot do for them. IGs are problem-solvers of the last resort. Try to help yourself first, then use your chain of command. If necessary involve the IG to deal with the many agencies involved.

Before coming to see the IG, give your chain of command a chance to solve the problem. If the chain of command doesn't know about a problem, it can't solve it.

The process is simple: once you talk to the IG, we have your side of the story. Then, we'll call others involved to get their side of the story. Once we have all the facts, we'll come up with a solution.

Before coming to see the IG, be sure there is a real problem and not just an annoyance. Having a difference of opinion or "personality conflict" with your boss may feel like a real problem, but probably isn't when it comes to the IG. The IG will let you know if your boss is doing anything wrong—based on regulations.

When you come to the IG, be honest. IGs ask questions and collect facts; the truth will come out. Issues can be resolved only on the basis of fact, not personal opinion. Just because you think something is wrong doesn't make it a fact, it's still an opinion. IGs gather the evidence and get to the root cause of the problem. Sometimes the answer is "no" and the outcome may not be what you want or expect.

What the IG does

In accordance with Army Regulation 20-1 *The Inspector General Activities and Procedures*, the IG provides support in four ways: teaching/training, assistance, investigations, and inspections. Each function provides information, resolves issues and helps increase discipline, morale, and readiness for Soldiers, units, and families.

IGs teach and train whenever they talk with Soldiers or leaders who need advice on how to do something. IGs assist commanders and NCOs in setting standards of behavior and appearance and pass on lessons learned to enable others to benefit from past experience.

> "Just because you think something is wrong doesn't make it a fact. It's still an opinion. We gather the evidence and get to the root of the problem."
>
> **-- Maj. Debra Koltveit**

If you need assistance

The assistance function is what most people think when they think of the IG—help with a problem. The IG can help resolve issues, complaints, and allegations, but does not intervene in criminal allegations, or other issues with a means of redress [evaluation report disagreements or non-judicial punishment for example].

Remember to give the system a chance to solve the problem. The IG gets involved with a problem only when the chain of command has been unable to resolve the issue.

Working with commanders

The IG must have the commander's total confidence and trust in order to be effective. The IG must understand the commander's goals, expectations, standards, vision, operating methods and personality. The IG must become the commander's confidant—the individual with whom the commander can discuss anything at any time. IGs can assist commanders using sensing sessions, questionnaires, interviews, simple reviews, and even special inspections.

Confidentiality

Anyone—Soldiers, civilians and family members—has the right to speak to the IG without fear of reprisal. While IGs have the responsibility to discuss observations, findings and assistance requests with subordinate commanders, they are careful not to violate confidentiality. The IG will protect an individual's confidentiality as much as possible, especially when it is specifically requested. One last thing to remember: IGs are not commanders. They have no command authority. They can't make policy, recommend adverse personnel actions or ever go "off the record." In other words, IGs can only take an issue and recommend a solution to the command group. As long as the commander is within regulation, the IG has no authority to make him change what he is doing. Once the facts are presented, we find almost all Soldiers and commanders are able to develop a mutually agreeable solution.

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ASG-KU Ice Plant chills out Kuwait

Spc. Sarah B. Smith
377th TSC PAO

From sweltering hot days to blistering hot coffee, ice is a great way to cool down in Kuwait. Have you ever wondered where all the ice comes from?

Every day, hundreds of gallons of water are frozen into ice cubes at Camp Arifjan by the Area Support Group – Kuwait Ice Plant. Once packaged into eight-pound bags, this cold commodity is distributed to each camp in Kuwait.

At maximum capacity, the ASG-KU Ice Plant stores more than 432,000 pounds of ice. This is more than 54,000 bags. The plant's two machines produce 8,000 bags in 24 hours.

Each day, the workers test the water before it is pumped into each machine. They also rotate the ice stock by using the oldest bags stored in containers before they ship any new bags.

Units and organizations are authorized a certain number of bags depending on their mission and number of personnel. Individual Soldiers cannot sign for ice without a signature card from the commander. For example, the 377th Theater Support Command is authorized 35 bags of ice per day.

"If personnel from our command need ice, with some coordination and help from supply, they can get the mission done," said Staff Sgt. Bobby Brumley, supply noncommissioned officer in charge, 377th TSC.

During the summer months, the plant produces enough ice to supply Camp Arifjan, Camp Patriot and the Sea Port of Debarkation.

Ice is delivered to camps by trucks carrying pallets of 250 bags each. The ice plant manager monitors usage through weekly reports. This helps schedule production and delivery dates.

So when you burn your mouth with coffee or need to calm a fever, remember that the ice cube remedy is homemade.

Hometown Hero

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Schooler, Infantry, Company A, 297th Infantry Regiment

Schooler and his unit have worked in Kuwait and Iraq assisting with the safe movement of convoys.

Talks about what he misses about his hometown, Fairbanks, Alaska

"I miss the snow. Geese and ducks fly in during the springtime and there's a moose that walks through town."

Just One Question...

What's that one toy you wanted, but never got?

1-121 Field Artillery Battalion

The 1-121 Field Artillery Battalion, from the Wisconsin National Guard, is currently stationed in Camp Navistar, Kuwait. The unit is partnered with Soldiers representing multiple units from Maine, Arizona, Nevada and Alaska. They provide convoy security throughout Iraq.

If your unit would like to be featured in this section call 430-6334 to schedule a time.

"Hot Wheels, the tracks. My friend had one. I never could get one."

Sgt. Michael Alcosiba
Gunner
Company A,
1-121 Field Artillery Battalion
Honolulu, Hawaii

"I always wanted a Lite Brite. My wife bought me one and broke it."

Sgt. Ronald Batula
Human Resources Sergeant
1-121 Field Artillery Battalion
Honolulu, Hawaii

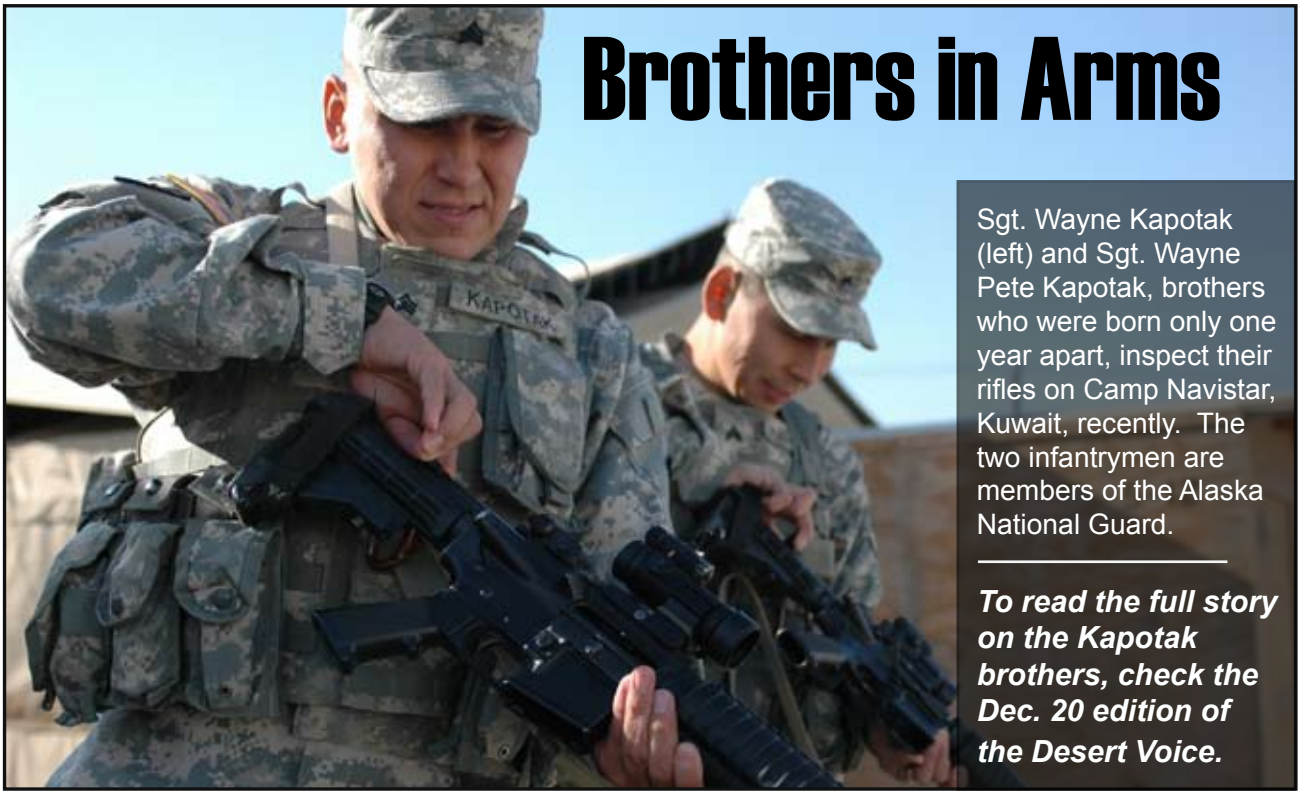
"The Big Wheel. I thought it was the coolest thing."

Sgt. Elius Crespo
Chaplain's Assistant
HHC 1-121 Field Artillery Battalion
Kenosha, Wisc.

"I wanted the KITT Knight Rider toy car. Santa Claus couldn't bring it. But I did get it the next year."

Spc. James Halderson
Personnel
HHC 1-121 Field Artillery Battalion
Jamesville, Wisc.

Brothers in Arms



Sgt. Wayne Kapotak (left) and Sgt. Wayne Pete Kapotak, brothers who were born only one year apart, inspect their rifles on Camp Navistar, Kuwait, recently. The two infantrymen are members of the Alaska National Guard.

To read the full story on the Kapotak brothers, check the Dec. 20 edition of the Desert Voice.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Patrick N. Moes

Holiday Happenings

December 13-January 1

The Rock

Dec. 17-Dec. 18 -- Holiday Gala, midnight, Community Center

Dec. 25 -- Holiday Parade, 9 a.m., starts at Community Center

Camp Arifjan

Dec. 13 - Dec. 25 -- 12 Days of Dodgeball Holiday Tournament

Dec. 14 -- E-cards with Santa, 2 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center.

Dec. 16 -- CFLCC Christmas Party, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Training and Activites Center

Dec. 25 -- Jingle Bell Run, 6 a.m., Zone 1 Fitness Center

Dec. 31 -- 50's Rock & Roll Sock Hop, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center; Masquerade Party, 8 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

Camp Buehring

Dec. 17 -- Tree Lighting, 6 p.m., MWR Stage

Dec. 24 -- Jingle Bell Run, 6 a.m., Green Beans; Holiday Dance, 7 p.m., Pad 31 Events Tent

(Buehring cont.)

Dec. 25 -- Holiday Billards Tournament, 8 p.m., Community Center

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Dance, 7 p.m., Pad 31 Events Tent

Camp Patriot

Dec. 3- Dec. 30 -- Holiday Tournaments, 7 p.m., Community Center

Dec. 25 -- Holiday Trivia Contest, 2 p.m., Community Center; Blind Folded Gift Decorating Contest, 3 p.m.; Santa Bag Relay Race, 3:30 p.m., Volleyball Court; Special Holiday Bingo, 7 p.m., MWR Stage Area

Dec. 26- Dec. 30 -- Holiday Softball Tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center
MWR Tent

Life Support Area

Dec. 14 -- Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt Kick-Off, 12 a.m.

Dec. 16 -- Decorating Party, 7 p.m., Scorpion's Den

Dec. 22 -- Christmas 5K Run, 6 a.m., ACP Gate

(LSA cont.)

Dec. 23 -- Christmas Karaoke, 9 p.m., Scorpions Den

(LSA cont.)

Dec. 24 -- Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt Finale, 7 p.m., Scorpions Den

Dec. 25 -- Christmas Pajama Bingo, 7 p.m., Scorpions Den; Secret Santa Revealing, 9 p.m., Scorpions Den

Dec. 31-- New Year's Eve Party, 10:00 p.m., Scorpions Den;

Camp Navistar

For information, call 859-1060

Camp Virginia

Dec. 23 -- Holiday Season 5K Run, 6 a.m., Library

Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Rave, 9 p.m., Dusty Room