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Record of Emergency Data

The Army has updated Department of Defense Form 93. DD Form 93 is one of two emergency information forms that every Soldier is required to complete.

The DD Form 93 is used to identify who is to be notified in case of an emergency or death of a Soldier. The Servicemember's Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate (SGLI-8286) is the second emergency data form that all Soldiers are required to complete. SGLI-8286 is used to identify who will receive the proceeds of the government sponsored life insurance.

There have been a number of changes made to DD Form 93 over the past two years, giving Soldiers more flexibility in designating a recipient of their benefits. Effective July 2008, a change to the existing law allows Soldiers to designate up to ten beneficiaries to receive their 100,000 dollar death gratuity benefit. DG will be paid in 10,000 dollar increments and is not required to be given to a spouse or Family member. In cases that the Soldier is married and elects that the spouse receives less than 100 percent of the DG, the Army will notify the spouse in writing.

The Department of the Army has directed all Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve Soldiers, who completed DD Form 93, on either the 1998 or 2008 version of the form on or after 1 July, 2008, must complete the Jan. 2008 version as soon as conditions permit.

However, because of the new flexibility allowed to Soldiers, commanders should provide their remaining Soldiers with an informed opportunity to review their DD Form 93 and ensure that it accurately reflects their requests.

There are several options for completing the form; none of the preferred options require a human resources specialist to be present, but all require an HR specialist to review the form. However, in all cases, if the Soldier has questions, a HR specialist should be consulted prior to signing the DD Form 93.

More information on the new DD 93, its changes and options on how to update your own, visit the U.S. Army Central Command home web page at http://www.arcent.army.mil/includes/ddForm_93.asp#one.

This is a frequently asked questions webpage that provides information on what Soldiers need to know about the new changes.

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Safety Corner: ASG-Kuwait SRT

On average, 10 hazardous material spills per month are reported to Area Support Group-Kuwait. This number decreased by approximately 20 percent since last year. Why? The ASG-KU Hazardous Spill Response Team is making the difference.

With emphasis on planning, training and teamwork, and over 80 people strong, the SRT is an immediate response team dispatched by the fire department in response to hazardous spills for ASG-KU.

“The challenge has been to ensure the SRT training is reflected in the on-site response. When you see civilians and military working together as one team to take immediate action on petroleum, oils, lubricants and other hazardous material spills, you get successful response and clean-up stories with minimum environmental impact,” said Julee Dugan, coordinator and supervision, SRT.

“Although no military staff is directly assigned to the SRT, the unit or Camp Lead Environmental Compliance Office is a critical and pivotal component in calling in additional military personnel and materials for meeting the level of response at their site or on their camp.”

According to Allan Bean, manager,

SRT, two recent spill responses are examples of the successful work of the Spill Response Team in conjunction with the close working relationship of the Camp Lead ECO.

In a report from the SRT supervisor, during a recent 200 gallon Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot spill and generator fire on Camp Arifjan, it was noted that Sgt. 1st Class Sanford Moore, Theater Aviation Maintenance Program, AVCRAD was instrumental in mobilizing staff and materials.

Another example is a 200 gallon fuel truck leak that spilled from Eisenhower Road to troop medical center on Camp Buehring; Sgt. Dorothy J. Booth, Base Support Battalion-North was also helpful assisting the spill response coordinator.

Without these collaborative efforts and seamless communications between the various sections responsible for spill response, the fire department, DPW/PWD, CSA Fuels, U.S. Army Safety and Environmental Safety Department, the process for HAZMAT emergency response successes could not have been obtained.

Spill incident reporting procedures are prominently noted in the ASG-KU Environmental Handbook Guidance

and Instructions. Each unit or section’s environmental compliance officer must have this document.

All incidents of hazardous material spills above five gallons or measure greater than three feet in any direction, or that threaten a natural resource, must be reported immediately to the fire department.

The fire department will contact the SRT, who will dispatch the appropriate response personnel.

“The International Marine Operation Drill, held between the Kuwaitis and Camp Patriot command, was an excellent demonstration of effective communication between multiple parties for spill incidents notification and reporting. Partners in response and clean-up come from various sources,” said Ben Ayers, Camp Patriot.

All persons involved with the management and handling of POL and hazardous materials must be knowledgeable of spill prevention, response requirements, and must be trained within two weeks of their assignments to a POL or hazardous material site. Hazardous spills response is handled by four distinct operations: report, stop, clean and dispose. **A**



Area Support Group-Kuwait’s Spill Response Team responds to a calcium hypochloride spill in Zone 7.

Servicemembers celebrate equality

Story and photo by
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Servicemembers gathered at Camp Arifjan, Zone 1 Chapel, Aug. 26, to celebrate the rights won by women on that important day in 1920.

The commemoration began with an invocation and singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by a short video and re-enactment, performed by Camp Arifjan servicemembers, of events from the women's suffrage movement: a petition for women to gain the right to vote.

The video recognized leaders of the movement and the sacrifices and struggles of inequalities that women faced trying to establish the right to vote.

The performance by servicemembers as key figures involved in the women's suffrage movement gave the audience an idea of what it was like to fight for women's rights.

Sgt. Latonya White, from Prince George, Va., headquarters and headquarters detachment, 54th Signal

Battalion, recited a poem she wrote about the rights fought for by so many women before suffrage was granted.

"After going to a [previous] women's equality day, I felt inspired to research what I had seen that day," said White.

"Yet the fight for equality is still not finished ... and I will continue to fight, pray and picket until inequality has diminished."

"I'm Tired"
Sgt. Latonya White
54th Signal Battalion

"Women's equality symbolizes one of the steps that society had to take for all genders and all races to achieve equality," said 1st Lt. Leslie Higgins, from Tyler, Texas, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

According to the Library of Congress American Treasure's website, the women's suffrage movement began in July 1848 when a convention was called in Seneca Falls, N.Y., to discuss

the social, civil and religious conditions of women.

After a 72-year struggle, women were granted the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

According to the 19th Amendment, Section 1, the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"The passage of the 19th Amendment capped the most extensive civil rights campaign our nation has ever experienced," said Maj. Belinda May, 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, during the event.

"It amazed me to see how long the struggle was for women to win this very basic right [to vote]," added May, a Pittsburgh native.

The women's equality movement not only gave women the right to vote, but also granted women equality in wages as well as the right to serve in elected government positions. The suffrage movement ended with the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. **A**



Servicemembers re-enact suffrage demonstrations at a Women's Equality Day celebration Aug. 26, at Zone 1 Chapel, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to give the audience an idea of what it was like to fight for women's right to vote.

Arifjan kennel hosts joint exercise

Story and photos by
Pfc. Howard Ketter
Desert Voice staff writer

Military working dogs and their handlers, from several camps in Kuwait, came together for a joint training exercise on Camp Arifjan, Aug. 22.

K-9 teams from LSA, Camp Buehring and Camp Arifjan were tested on an explosives detection scenario in the Directorate of Public Works building.

Dog handlers from the 386th Expeditionary Special Forces Squadron, Combat Support Associates and Navy personnel serving as Camp Arifjan Military Police, participated as well in the exercise.

The dogs in each of the K-9 teams varied by age and breed; the breeds included German Sheppard, Labrador Retriever and Belgian Malinois. Both narcotic and explosives detection dogs participated with their handlers in the competition.

Camp Arifjan's joint kennel, where Navy, Army, and Air Force service-members work, is where all the teams met.

The dog handlers are a very close-knit group who deal with each other everyday, said Navy Chief Elizabeth Koehler, Camp Arifjan kennel master, a New Orleans, La., native.

"We wanted to get everyone together as a morale booster and this is also good training for the teams," said Senior Airman Brian Carragher, Camp Arifjan kennel, from Victorville, Calif.

The competition style training was graded on how well the K-9 teams could identify hidden mock explosives. There were four mock explosives hidden, and each find was worth 10 points. Five points were deducted from the overall score of each handler if the dog responded to something other than the explosives. Two points were deducted if the dog responded six feet or more away from where the mock explosive was hidden.



Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas J. Link and Damian, search for mock explosives during a joint training exercise which took place at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug 22.

The kennel masters from each of the camps graded the exercise. Each team was brought into the building and briefed on the areas they were to search. The hidden mock explosives were sniffed out by the dogs as the handlers guided them through rooms and around obstacles in a narrow hallway.

The first place winners were Air Force Staff Sgt. Brett J. Marzo, 386th ESFS and his dog Hart.

Airman 1st Class Alisha D. Moseley, 386th ESFS, and her dog Rex placed second. Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas J. Link and Damian, Camp Arifjan kennel, took third place. The plaque for best overall kennel went to the Camp Arifjan Kennel.

"I'm glad that this event went so well," said Koehler "It's always good for our K-9 teams to get together and train." **A**



Air Force Staff Sgt. William D. Bodwell rewards Danita, a German Sheppard, after she found a hidden mock explosive during a joint training exercise at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 22.

SERVICEMEMBERS HONORED DURING

Story and Photos by
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As the humidity cascaded visibly through the air, over 100 servicemembers came from all over Kuwait to commemorate the final mile of the “Run for the Fallen” event held in the U.S.

Deployed Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines ran a mile for their fallen comrades in the “Run for the Fallen” event held at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait Aug. 24.

The run was organized in the U.S. to have Americans run together in all 50 states and across the world for a common reason; to honor all fallen military members who gave their lives to support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

“That’s what today is all about,” said Commanding General, Lt. Gen.

Jim Lovelace, U.S. Army Central. “Never leaving a fallen comrade and never forgetting a fallen comrade.”

Servicemembers and U.S. Embassassy workers and Family members, including the ambassador herself, Deborah K. Jones, ran together, as Americans far from home.

The memorial run began in Fort Irwin, Calif., June 14, when a small team of runners that wanted to raise awareness about the lives lost defending freedom and to keep their spirit alive.

Over the course of about two months, the running team, with the help of thousands of volunteer runners, completed over 5,000 miles across America as they reached the gates of Arlington National Cemetery

in Washington, D.C., Aug. 24.

Throughout the two-month event, many volunteers ran in support of all whose lives have been affected.

“That’s what today is all about ... Never leaving a fallen comrade and never forgetting a fallen comrade”

Lt. Gen. Jim Lovelace
Commanding General
U.S. Army Central

“Everyone has to deal with loss,” said Master Sgt. Charles Tennant, Area Support Group-Kuwait Operations. “I lost a dear company commander in Iraq. This is real to me to

run in his honor.”

For one family, the run was a way to connect from across the world.

Chief Warrant Officer David and Sgt. 1st Class Derek Greenough, brothers who haven’t seen each other since early 2007, both ran for the fallen.

One in Parsons, Kan., the other in Kuwait, deployed on his third tour in the Middle East.



Sgt. 1st Class Derek Greenough picks up his commemorative shirt after the run at the American Embassy.



“RUN FOR THE FALLEN”

David, 329th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion out of Kansas Army Reserves, explained that his father, who started the family running 5Ks 16 years ago, passed down the tradition.

“We have been running together ever since,” said David. “It’s special. We can take the whole family out for events.”

“When I found out I had a chance to take part in the memorial run my that brother took part in at home, I was overcome with emotion,” said Derek, headquarters and headquarters company, ASG-KU. “What an opportunity for two brothers in the military to bond, even when they are over 7,000 miles apart.”

The “Run for the Fallen” gave servicemembers and supporters the chance to honor those who sacrificed their all defending the liberties of America. 

Deborah K. Jones, American ambassador to Kuwait, with Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, U.S. Army Central commanding general, spoke just before the race in remembrance of the fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who sacrificed their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



Over 100 servicemembers in Kuwait participated in the “Run for the Fallen” held at the U.S. Embassy to honor the memory of the fallen. They ran the commemorative last mile of the memorial run, held in America the same day.

CJTF-HOA BUILDS RELATIONS

Story by
Staff Sgt. Jarod Perkioniemi
Desert Voice Detachment Sgt.

In late 2002, the USS Mount Whitney, a U.S. Marine Corps ship, arrived off the coast of Djibouti to set up camp for the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, CJTF-HOA is tasked to detect, disrupt and defeat terrorists who posed an imminent threat to coalition partners in the region.

Comprised of: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen, the land mass of CJTF-HOA's area of responsibility is equal to 67 percent of the U.S. Also, CJTF-HOA's AOR and has six times the land mass of Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

In addition to detecting, disrupting and defeating terrorists in the region, servicemembers train foreign troops in basic combat skills and recently held a senior non commissioned officer academy assessment.

The Ethiopians identified a need for training to help them prepare for the addition of two new ranks to their military, said Sgt. 1st Class Kyle M. Crockett, headquarters and headquarter's battery, 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment.

"They needed to indentify a curriculum, which is what we went in to do, to show 'this is what a command sergeant major and sergeant major needs to know,'" added the Abilene, Texas native.

Currently in the Ethiopian Army, the highest rank is master sergeant with first sergeant being below it.

"More specifically they asked for four different areas to be [taught] which were: map reading and land navigation, military attributes, NCO duties and responsibilities, and logistics," said Crockett.

The assessment of the NCO academy in Ethiopia was conducted by three senior NCOs from Camp

Lemonier, Djibouti.

"It's normally the host nation's doctrine, since they're working off the old Soviet Union doctrine, that it's the officers who normally run everything," said Crockett. "We came in and made a statement: 'if NCOs are what you want, then NCOs are going to come in and assess it.'"

Besides training foreign troops, servicemembers dig water wells and help build schools and hospitals.

"After eight years, it took us two months to do what we did and help those people."

Spc. Justin P. Polk
C Battery
2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment

After completing a well digging mission, servicemembers were treated to breakfast by a local Djiboutian camp commander.

"He had told us it had been eight years since they put in a requisition to [receive] a well," said Spc. Justin P. Polk, C Battery, 2-18 FA, of Jacksonville, Fla. "After eight years, it took us two months to do what we did and help those people."

Another mission of CJTF-HOA is

to participate in Medical Civic Action Programs, Veterinary Civic Action Programs and Dental Civic Action Programs.

"We just completed a [VETCAP] project where we gave [vaccine] to the cows," said Staff Sgt. Justin Carnell, HHB, 2-18 FA, a Shawnee, Okla., native.

With October quickly approaching, which signifies the establishment of United States Africa Command, change is in the air for servicemembers of CJTF-HOA.

Renovations have already begun to expand Camp Lemonier from 88 acres to nearly 500 acres. New billets are being installed along with more Morale, Welfare and Recreation buildings.

The current countries in the AOR will also expand to encompass the entire continent of Africa, excluding Egypt, once CJTF-HOA transitions into USAFRICOM.

Regardless of the coming changes, one thing remains the same for servicemembers in CJTF-HOA, their role of "Helping Africans Help Themselves." 



Photo By Air Force Tech. Sgt. Katherine A. Garcia

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment work during a Medical Civic Action Program to aid the local community, Djibouti, June 24.

ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM APPROVED FOR WEAR

Story by
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Desert Voice Detachment Sgt.

The Army has approved the wear of the blue Army Service Uniform; the approval is in direct correlation to the Army listening to Soldiers and their leaders about their thoughts and desires for better combat and dress uniforms.

In 2004, while discussing the change from the old Battle Dress Uniform and Desert Camouflage Uniform to the current Army Combat Uniform, the idea was first mentioned to also change the dress uniform from the traditional dress green to the blue ASU.

In June 2006, the decision was made to transition to the new blue uniform to represent another step in the Army transformation to a campaign quality expeditionary force that is dominant across the spectrum of the 21st century conflict, while linking our current Soldiers to their heritage and connecting them to warriors past.

The new ASU has deep ties into our military history.

General George Washington issued a general order in October 1779 “prescribing blue coats with different facings for various state troops, artillery, artillery officers and light dragoons.”

In 1821, the Adjutant and Inspector General’s Office established, “Dark blue is the National colour. When a different one is not prescribed, all uniform coats, whether for officers or enlisted, will be of that colour.”

Ensuring that the transition was well received by Soldiers, in 2007 the Army surveyed its force for recommendations Soldiers wanted to see in the new uniform.

Survey results overwhelmingly showed that Soldiers wanted recognition of their combat service. In fact 98 percent of those surveyed said that combat service recognition was the most important part of the uniform.



Courtesy Photo

The blue Army Service Uniform, which will be required for wear by 4th quarter Fiscal Year 2014.

The Army decided instead of combat patches worn on the sleeve, the ASU will have a Combat Service Identification Badge worn on right breast pocket. The dress blue overalls also have been replaced with belted trousers, similar to the current dress green uniform, and the tradition of being authorized to wear “jump boots” remains intact for those Soldiers wearing a tan (Ranger), maroon (Airborne), or green (Special Forces) beret. This authorization also includes Soldiers assigned to air assault coded positions and military police on duty.

The ASU pants will continue the tradition of those obtaining the rank of corporal and higher earning the right to wear the gold braid on the pant legs, symbolizing their “right of passage” into the leadership roles.

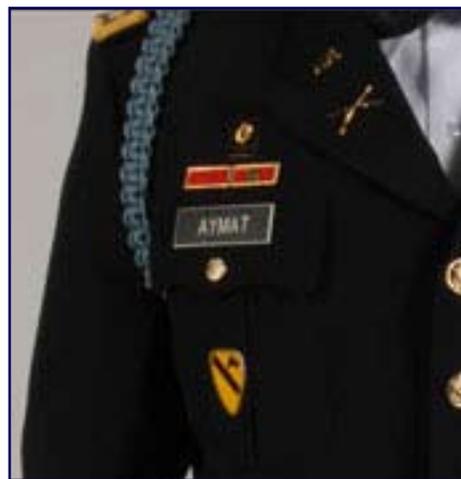
Both officers and enlisted Soldiers will be able to wear overseas service bars; while in addition, enlisted Soldiers will also wear service strips on the opposite sleeve.

The fabric of the uniform has changed as well, consisting of 55 percent wool and 45 percent polyester, which makes it heavier and wrinkle resistant as compared to the current blue uniform. It also utilizes an athletic cut to improve fit and appearance.

The white undershirt has also changed to be heavier and wrinkle resistant, with permanent military creases and shoulder loops.

The mandatory possession date of the ASU is 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2014. Beginning in 4th quarter FY09, the ASU will be available for purchase at Military Clothing Sales Stores, with Initial Entry Training Soldiers receiving the ASU in their clothing bags starting 4th Quarter FY10.

For more information about the new ASU, go to <http://www.army.mil/asu> to see images of the uniform changes and regulations governing the wear of the new uniform, which is covered in Army Regulation 670-1. 



Courtesy Photo

A close up shot of the new Combat Service Identification Badge, which is worn on the right breast pocket of the Army Service Uniform.

Shedding some light on Ramadan

Story by
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Desert Voice staff writer

Ramadan, an Islamic religious observance that takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar, began this year on Sept. 1 and will end Sept. 30.

Muslims consider Ramadan to be an honored and blessed month. It is a time for people of the Islamic faith to practice self-discipline, meditation and purification by fasting and abstaining from certain activities such as smoking.

According to a group of Kuwaiti Muslims who work on Camp Arifjan, Ramadan is the most holy month of the Arabic year and it is one of the main rituals, or pillars, that all Muslims, with a few exceptions, must follow.

Kuwait is one of many countries where a majority of its citizens participate in Ramadan.

Non-Muslims do not have to fast during this time; but, as guests to this host nation, servicemembers and Department of the Army civilians must remember to be courteous and observe the religion's customs by not eating, drinking, smoking, chewing gum, or tobacco products in public or in your vehicles while off post. Doing any of this is considered to be disrespectful to Muslims and is a punishable violation of Kuwaiti law.

It is also important to have respect while on post as there are people of the Islamic faith who work and live on the camps.

"On Arifjan you can eat and drink, but have awareness of who is around you," said Sgt. 1st Class Donna Dawson, Host Nation Affairs, a Bowie, Md., native. "Be cordial of what [Muslims] might be going through."

During Ramadan, Muslims who are fasting must go, from sunrise to sunset, without so much as a sip of water or food. Since meals are allowed

only during the hours of darkness and taking naps during the day is often forsaken, be mindful that the combined result of these things may cause some Muslims who are fasting to become tired, tense, and slightly irritated during the day, especially during the beginning stages of Ramadan. Be alert while driving off post, particularly during the late afternoon when many Muslims will be rushing home to have their evening meal.

"I think it's interesting the way they do things," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Gonzales, 14th Transportation Battalion, "[Muslims fast] for 30 something days; no food, no water, that's a sacrifice."

Although abstaining from food and drink may seem like a great sacrifice, Muslims believe that fasting during Ramadan helps them to become more focused on strengthening their spiritual relationship with God, cleanses their souls and makes them more sympathetic to others. The 30 day fast also brings unity to the Muslim community.

According to a local Muslim, during Ramadan the whole atmosphere is changed, people are happier and families and friends are brought closer together.

The word Ramadan is derived from an Arabic word that means intense heat, scorched ground and shortness of rations. It is also the name of the month that the Qur'an, the central religious text for Islam, was revealed.

Because the holiday is based on the Islamic Lunar Calendar, the date which Ramadan takes place changes every year.

Several other Islamic religious observances take place during the month of Ramadan, one of those being Lailat Al-Qadar. It is thought to be the most spiritual night of Ramadan. Devout Muslims spend this time praying all through the night for the purpose of spiritual cleansing.

Muslims welcome support and encouragement from all, even those who do not practice Ramadan. During the initial stages of Ramadan, it is encouraging to give cards and greet Muslims with the phrase "Ramadan Mubarak," which means "Happy Ramadan!" 



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"It is important to me because I know what my ancestors went through to make it possible. Our country was built on democracy, why not use it."

Staff Sgt. Dehedrin Patterson
Medical Taskforce, Kuwait
S-1 Administration
Greensboro, Ala.



"It is your duty and your responsibility to elect people who will serve the needs of the people."

Staff Sgt. Mark Covington.
70th Medium Truck Detachment
Lead controller
Colorado Springs, Colo.



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Ensign Michael Reid
NAVELSG
TOC officer
Monticello, Minn.

Why I Serve:

**Chief Rolando Martinez
22nd Navel Construction Regiment Class 4 Yard OIC**



The San Juan, Puerto Rico, native explains why he chose to join the military.

"You have to do your part in maintaining liberty for the greater good."



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Lt. Col. Jenie Lawton
311th ESC
Surgeon
Abbeville, S.C.



"It is your freedom and it's your choice."

Sgt. Edwin Santiago
311th ESC
Administration NCO
Tampa, Fla.

What's happening around USARCENT ...

General's Visit



Photo by Marine Sgt. Edward R. Guevara Jr.

Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric M. McKoy, maintenance officer in charge of quality assurance here, explains how his staff refurbishes the Marine Corps' up-armored Humvees at their off-site maintenance facility Friday. He is working with Col. Robin G. Gentry, officer in charge, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command's Coordination Element Kuwait, to process UAH's out of Iraq and into Afghanistan. Maj. Gen. Richard T. Tryon, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Brig. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson, deputy commanding general, 2nd Marine Division, and Brig. Gen. John E. Wissler, deputy commanding general, II MEF, are getting familiar with the area of operations and its capabilities.



Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton

Congressmen Visit

Congressmen Donald Cazayoux, blue, Joe Donnelly and Steve King, receive an overview and tour of the Warrior Return Unit, during their Aug. 29, Camp Arifjan visit, from Lt. Colleen Mahon, near right, division officer and Capt. Elaine C. Wagner, commander.

Did you know ...

From May 1941 until February 1943, the Third Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, who made the Third Army the best training army in the U.S.

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