



Did you know?

- **Lucky Warrior 08-01 is an internal certification of our capability to provide a Full Spectrum Operations Joint Task Force capable headquarters anywhere within the CENTCOM AOR.**
- **Lucky Warrior 08-01 is the first of two internal training and certification exercises culminating with an external certification summer 2009**
- **A trained and ready USARCENT Joint Task Force capable headquarters provides CENTCOM and the Army the agility to respond to other crises anywhere in the AOR.**

Command Imperatives

- **Get better everyday**
- **No accidents**
- **Maintain Warrior Ethos**
- **No loss of sensitive items or classified materials**

Lucky Warrior commences, U.S. Army Central transforms



As the sun sets over the U.S. Army Central operational command post at Camp Buehring Kuwait, the command and control network for Lucky Warrior exercise is established. Lucky Warrior is part of USARCENT's certification for Full Spectrum Operations.

*Photo and story by
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Building a community from the ground up can be an arduous process that normally takes years.

For Soldiers and civilians who deployed to Camp Buehring, Kuwait, from throughout U.S. Army Central's area of operations, it took about two weeks.

U.S. Army Central's fully functioning operational command post was assembled at Camp Buehring for the exercise, Lucky Warrior, scheduled to begin early September.

The exercise embodies USARCENT's eclectic personality. More than 500 personnel, including several Marines and Airmen, and 35 civilians converged, on the Kuwaiti desert to move USARCENT forward.

Lucky Warrior is a scenario that tests participants' ability to receive, interpret,

disseminate, and respond to information.

Its goal is to test USARCENT's abilities in being Full Spectrum Operations capable, able to rapidly deploy in response to a threat or need anywhere in its area of operations, which includes countries along the Horn of Africa, Central and South Asia, and the Middle East.

"We are validating all of the new equipment that we received from the Army, including computers, tents, and all sorts of other stuff and we are training to integrate all of those systems as one entity to make us closer to being certified Full Spectrum Operations capable," said Lt. Col. Liston Edge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USARCENT Deputy Chief of Operations.

The goal of Lucky Warrior is a staff that is trained on new hardware and software, said Edge. They will also learn a new decision making process that goes into making the unit Full Spectrum Operations capable.

Servicemembers work around the clock for Lucky Warrior

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Servicemembers participating in U.S. Army Central's Lucky Warrior 08-01 exercise are operating on a 24-hour schedule.

So, what happens when the sun goes down? Servicemembers continue performing the same tasks as those working the day-time shift.

"Working at night time is not too bad," said Spc. Leon Patterson, a Riverdale, Ga., native. "I like it better because it's cooler and there is a lot less traffic moving through here."

The Army Reservist serves as an entry control point guard for eight consecutive hours.

"We make sure the proper personnel

are able to enter the ECP, maintaining a secure atmosphere at the site," said Patterson.

"The first couple of days are hard and then you get used to working nights," added Sgt. 1st Class Tommie Jones, G-4, USARCENT.

The Chicago native works from 7:30 p.m. until 8 a.m., arriving early to be briefed on what needs to be done during his shift.

Jones works in the land mobility section tracking movement of supplies, fuel, personnel and vehicles in theater. He monitors movements on highways and railways, as well as finding alternate routes and detours for obstructions, such as improvised explosive devices.

"At any time a [servicemember] needs something, someone is always available," said Jones.

For Capt. Jonathan Y. Ji, USARCENT Field Surgeon, his nightly duties require him to be responsible for the health and welfare of approximately 500 servicemembers, at the site's aid station.

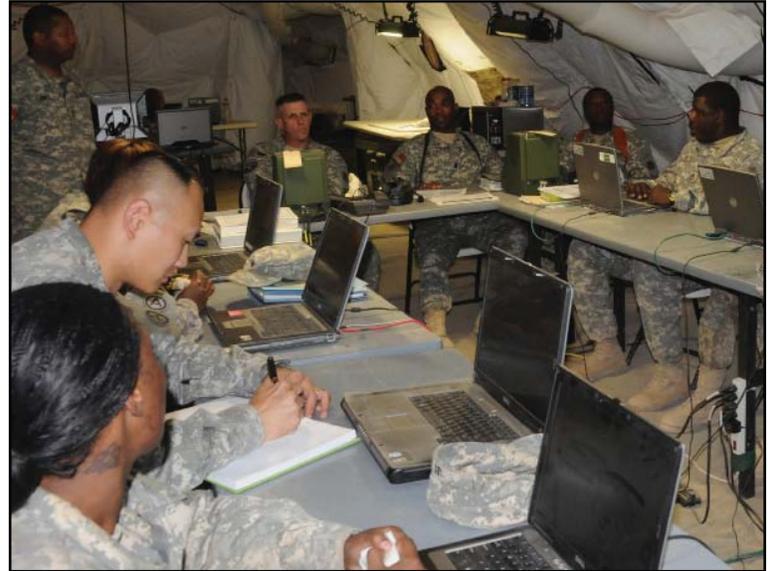
"In the event that there is a medical emergency, all [servicemembers] know that there is medical staff available at all times," said Ji, a New York native. "More importantly, there is a place that we can perform a triage and a casualty evacuation."

Working from 5:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Ji spends his time sharing his clinical experiences with his Soldiers, who also have field medical experience.

Whether it is monitoring transports, providing healthcare or helping secure the site, for servicemembers in USARCENT, working the night shift can be just as challenging as the day shift.



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U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait Deborah Jones visits with servicemembers during the Lucky Warrior exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 7. In addition to touring the operational command post, Jones delivered a video greeting to USARCENT for its upcoming 90th birthday.

USARCENT's Special Troops Battalion conducts its daily update briefing during the Lucky Warrior exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 7. The Special Troops Battalion is responsible for deploying, supporting, sustaining, protecting and redeploying the command post.

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USARCENT medic reenlists during Lucky Warrior exercise

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While U.S. Army Central is in the midst of preparing for its future in being Full Spectrum Operations capable, Sgt. Fran Smith is thinking of hers.

The medic, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Central, reenlisted Aug. 27 during setup operations for the Lucky Warrior exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

Smith had been considering reenlistment but found out on the plane ride over that she had obtained a dream assignment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and knew she had to act quickly.

After contacting her reenlistment noncommissioned of-

ficer, Staff Sgt. Tanisha Glass, her paperwork was faxed to Camp Buehring and her reenlistment scheduled.

Working at Walter Reed is the fulfillment of a dream for her.

“When I found out I got Walter Reed, I was happy,” she said. “I will get a chance to see a lot medically, especially with Soldiers coming back from Iraq and help them in their rehabilitation.”

Helping wounded Soldiers returning home from Iraq hits home for Smith. Her husband, Sgt. Aaron Smith, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, was killed in 2006 when an improvised explosive device hit the vehicle he was riding in.

Instead of choosing to leave



Sgt. 1st Class Ladietra Harris

Sgt. Fran Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USARCENT, reenlists at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 27.

the Army after such a tragedy, Smith holds a deep sense of pride for what she does.

“I like the Army and I like my job,” she said. “I want to learn more and have the opportunity to teach young Soldiers coming in and share my experiences with them and help them.”

She admits the Army can be

hard, but believes that anything worth working for isn't always easy.

“Sometimes when I go to my daughter's school and the kids look at me I feel a sense of pride,” she said. “At times it can seem like it's hard, but at the end of the day, you've made a difference.”

LUCKY WARRIOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICE ARCENT DFAC

14 SEP 2:00 a.m. AND 10:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC MASS ARCENT DFAC

13 SEP
TIME TBD

HEROES OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY

TUES AND THURS
9, 11, 16 & 18 SEP
2:00 a.m. AND 10:00 a.m.
USARCENT DFAC

PRAYER TENT IS LOCATED BY STB
AND IS OPEN TO ALL
MUSLIM PRAYER TIMES POSTED ON
THE TENT



By Spc. Elayseh Woodard-Hinton

Chaplain (Col.) Philip W. Hill celebrates the Eucharist during a Catholic Mass held at the Lucky Warrior 08-01 training exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 3. Hill has been a Chaplain for 40 years and takes great pride in his work. He encourages anyone who feels they have a calling for the vocation to pursue it. “We deal with the ultimate things in life,” said Hill. “It's the one vocation where we work with people on the only things they can take with them from this life to the next.” Hill will spend the next year at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. With there being a shortage of chaplains, he is currently serving as the only Army priest in Kuwait.

Feeding the force: USARCENT cooks support Lucky Warrior

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Feeding approximately 500 people in the desert may seem overwhelming for some, but for U.S. Army Central's Headquarters and Headquarters Company food service personnel, this task is all part of a day's work.

The unit, from Fort Gillem, Ga., deployed in August to Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in support of Lucky Warrior 08-01.

As servicemembers arrived to Camp Buehring to participate in Lucky Warrior, more of the food service personnel's time has been dedicated to providing them with breakfast, lunch, dinner and midnight chow.

Working out of a containerized kitchen and three-Soldier staffed shifts, the unit has been responsible for planning, delivering, setting up and serving food to servicemembers.

Doing these tasks involve coordination with the Camp Buehring dining facil-



ity personnel and GI, to ensure the right Spc. Marcus Anderson, left, Spc. Andrew Garnett and Staff Sgt. Gregory C. Young, serve breakfast out of a containerized kitchen.

types and amounts of food are available to the Lucky Warrior participants.

According to several servicemembers in the unit, the heat has been one of the biggest challenges to their mission, so they have had to make a few adjustments in adapting to the hotter climate.

"We get up extra early and stay a little later prepping for the next day so we don't have to do as much in the heat of the day,"

said Staff Sgt. Gregory C. Young, a native of Lafayette, La.

Even with some of the challenges, the group has had some positive experiences during this mission and in their overall role as food service personnel.

"Some of the benefits of working out here is learning how to move forward to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Garnett.

"Being able to get there quick, set up and to feed the troops there."

Before joining the military, Spc. Marcus Anderson enjoyed cooking and made meals based off of what he liked. By doing this job, the Akron, Ohio native gets to see what other people like. He has learned what it is like to serve a large group of people and adjust to different people's tastes.

Despite a few circumstances that may have seemed like barriers to most, members of the food service personnel unit have managed to work through these challenges and have food available to Lucky Warrior participants at each meal time.

Important information from Command Sgt. Major Charles "Doc" Holliday Sr. Special Troops Battalion Command Sergeant Major

Lend a hand

If you see debris in the wire or on the ground, do the right thing and pick it up and throw it away. Make sure that all trash thrown in the dumpsters stays in the dumpsters. Police calls must be conducted daily.

Parking

Park NTVs in the proper parking lot; parking signs are being made for designated personnel.

Proper uniform

The Army Physical Fitness Uni-

form must be worn in its entirety. Do not mix civilian clothing with the uniform. However, wearing the USARCENT t-shirt with both the APFU and civilian clothing is authorized.

Bus Stop

A bus station and sunshade are being placed in front of the access control point.

Barracks check

Senior leaders need to check their Soldiers' living conditions.

U.S. Army Central Voting Assistance Officers

STB - 430-6357

CFLCC G-1 - 430-6322

CFLCC G-2 - 430-5118

CFLCC G-3 - 430-6428

CFLCC G-4 - 430-5029

CFLCC G-6 - 430-6122

CFLCC G-8 - 430-6122

CFLCC PAO - 430-6331

CFLCC PMO - 430-6294