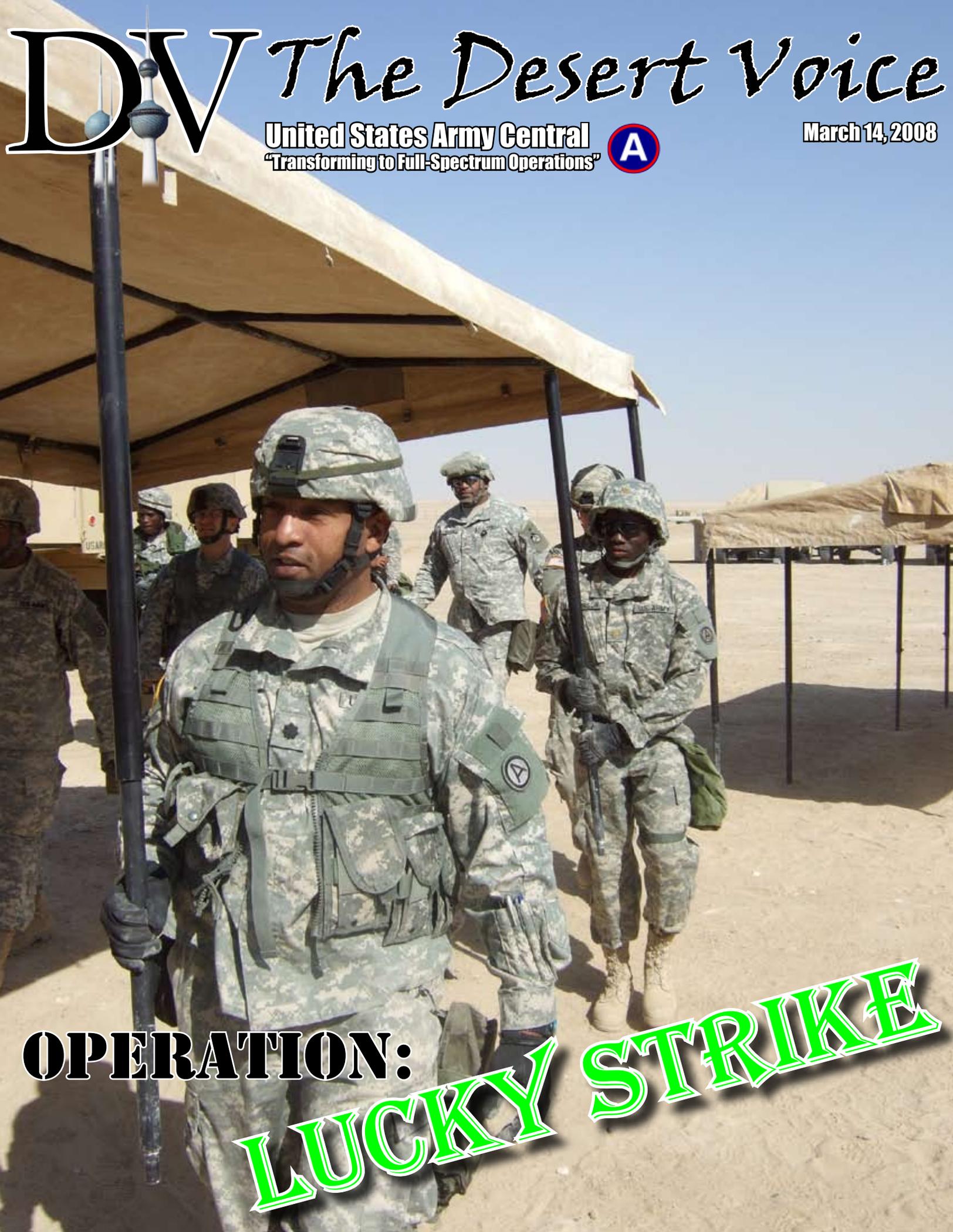


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Lt. Col. Prentiss Baker, from Thomasville, Ala., information operations officer for USARCENT, and other USARCENT Soldiers move a canopy into position during the Lucky Strike exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, late February. For the full story turn to page 6.

Photo by Lt. David Hylton

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USARCENT HEAT INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Heat Can Kill!



Prevention Works

Drink:

- Drink enough water to replace your sweat losses.
- Don't wait to feel thirsty; your body may need water before you feel thirsty.
- Remind your buddy to drink. Grab a bottle of water at every opportunity.
- Look at your urine. If it is dark or if you have not urinated, you need to drink more.

Eat:

- Eat meals to replace salts. Drinking too much water and not eating enough salt may be fatal.

- Do not follow low calorie diets while operating in a hot environment.
- Do NOT take any dietary supplements containing ephedra (ma-huang) ANY time.

How to Spot Trouble

Notify someone if you are:

- Dizzy.
- Have a headache.
- Nauseated or have vomited.
- Feeling very tired or weak.
- Confused or your buddy notices you are "acting differently".
- Sick or were sick yesterday.
- On any medication.

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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SUN

SHADE



- When possible, spend rest periods in natural or artificial shelter
- Short shadow = seek shade!

CLOTHING



- Use wide-brimmed hats to protect your eyes, head and neck
- Cover your arms, legs and torso with loose-fitting clothing

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Be prepared – sandstorms can make driving a challenge

Story by
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Mother Nature can be ruthless, particularly in the desert. Even our Army, the most mobile and powerful in the world, must bend to her power, especially during sandstorms.

Sandstorms have a negative impact on personnel and equipment readiness, and any type of operation during such conditions is dangerous. You can protect yourself and get the mission done, however, even during the worst of conditions.

Sandstorms occur frequently on the Arabian Peninsula and are most common in the spring. These storms are created by strong, dry winds that blow close to the desert's surface. The heat of the desert terrain causes the winds to become stronger and hotter. Throw in a cold front and tornado-like forces suddenly appear, complete with howling winds and swirling sand.

A sandstorm's leading edge creates a wall of dust that reduces visibility to near zero. Driving in theater is already dangerous even in the best of conditions. The probability of an

accident increases when you factor in a sandstorm and near zero visibility.

Operating vehicles during a sandstorm is extremely difficult, so the optimum choice is to stay put on your base or in a safe place.

However, if the mission must go on, drive slowly. Wear goggles with the clear or yellow-tinted lens insert to protect your eyes. If you don't have goggles, wear any type of eye protection that might be available. Thermal imaging devices provide vehicle and tank drivers better visibility during sandstorms.

An Army News Service story explained the benefits of these devices to Soldiers at the beginning of the Iraq conflict.

"During the infamous Iraqi sandstorms ... our Army had very limited visibility," the story read. "Soldiers in Iraq discovered they still had good visibility with their individual and crew-served thermal weapons sights, even when the sandstorms obscured nearly every other optical sensor."

Communication during sandstorms is problematic. Sometimes the wind and blasting noises make

communication between crewmembers and other Soldiers nearly impossible.

Even so, drivers, co-drivers and vehicle commanders must communicate with one another. Situational and environmental awareness is vital to Soldier safety during sandstorms, especially in moving vehicles. Drivers and vehicle commanders must use the scanning method while driving during these storms.

Sandstorms also present physical dangers to Soldiers. Blowing sand can make breathing difficult, and fine sand particles cause a hacking cough. Place a T-shirt or cloth over your nose and mouth to help you breathe and protect your airway. Close all vehicle vents and place sand bags or other material over any openings. Both these measures are important because sand and dust within the Persian Gulf region can carry infectious diseases, so protect your airway as much as possible.

Sandstorms aren't a force to be taken lightly. Be prepared and know the proper techniques to prevent an accident and protect yourself when sandstorms strike. 



I am woman ... hear me roar

Molly Pitcher, WACs paved way for women in military

Story by
Spc. Wes Landrum
Desert Voice staff writer

Mary Hays McCauly was doing her job well on that summer day in 1778. At the Battle of Monmouth, during the Revolutionary War, McCauly ran across the field bringing a pitcher of water to the exhausted and thirsty men of the Continental Army.

McCauly was no stranger to danger. She had been with the Army during the winter months of that year at Valley Forge, Pa. On a trip with water, she watched as her husband, an artilleryman, fell wounded. Without a crew to operate it, the cannon was to be withdrawn from the field. At once Molly stepped up and took the rammer's staff from her husband and continued to fight – even during the heaviest of fighting. While McCauly's heroics earned her a noncommissioned officer warrant from Gen. George Washington, her earlier deeds earned her the nickname that she forever will be known as – Molly Pitcher.

March is Women's History Month – giving people time to reflect on the accomplishments of women throughout history.

Sgt. 1st Class Vicky L. Teigue, equal opportunity advisor for Area Support Group-Kuwait, said observances are held to educate as well as to remind.

"Women worked in the factories during World War II. We were air defense artillery personnel," the native of Warren, Ohio said. "During the Civil War, we dressed up like men so we could defend our country. The Nurses Corps started during the Revolution. During the Civil War, the Women's Army Corps came up."

Teigue, herself, comes from a military family. Her father served in in the

Army during World War II. While her grandfather served in the First World War. She said she could remember wanting to join after seeing her sister in a military uniform.

"My sister was in the military as a member of the WAC," Teigue said. "I can remember her coming home in her Class A's with the Army rank on and I wanted to be like her. But when I joined up, the



Molly Pitcher at the battle of Monmouth, during the Revolutionary War.

WAC was incorporated into the regular Army."

Sgt. Yvonne Brooks, a chaplain's assistant with Logistics Task Force 10, said Women's History Month is a moment that can spotlight women in the military, civilian sector and through history. It's also a chance to show the future women leaders the path that has been forged for them.

"It can give empowerment to those

who come in future generations," the Norfolk, Va., native said.

Brooks said there are women on Camp Arifjan, master sergeant, sergeants major and colonels who are getting the job done and are blazing a path for future female leaders.

"Master Sergeant [Ruby] Murray, president of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club [is one such woman]. I love her attitude, her spirit and her motivation. It just drives me," Brooks said. "Master Sergeant Ylonda Jackson is my NCO. She's done a lot for the chaplain's assistant corps. I look up to her because she is where I want to go [as a leader]."

Women's History Month is also a chance to erase the stereotypes that have risen throughout the years

"It all comes down to socialization and stereotypes.

When you grow up, you have male and female child and you give the female pink stuff and the boy blue stuff," Teigue said. "It has changed since I was growing up and it takes time.

"You know the stereotypes – 'women should be barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen cooking meals, women only do the cleaning.

Women should not be on the front lines because they couldn't bear to see a woman die in combat.' A lot has changed since World War II because there are no front lines anymore."

After the Battle of Monmouth, Gen. George Washington issued a warrant to Molly Pitcher making her a noncommissioned officer. From that moment until the end of the war, she was hailed as "Sergeant Molly." A flagstaff and cannon stand at her gravesite at Carlisle, Penn. A sculpture on the battle monument commemorates her courageous deed.

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series commemorating the achievements of women in the military during Women's History Month. A

Senior enlisted leaders tour CENTCOM

Story and photo by
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A group of senior enlisted leaders gathered in Kuwait Feb. 24 and 25 to tour military facilities and discuss ways to increase mission success throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The multi-service group included Army, Air Force and Marine Corps senior enlisted leaders from various offices including U.S. Transportation Command, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Headquarters Department of the Army, U.S. Army Central and other organizations responsible for providing manpower and training. The trip allowed the participants a glimpse of the training and staffing successes and problems throughout the theater.

“You have to come out and improve the [command], to make it better for the next rotations as they come in,” said Sgt. Maj. John Gipe, sergeant major of the Army National Guard. “The mission has changed a whole lot since we came over here initially. You have to constantly be adjusting things, especially the training processes. That is what we are out here to do, to look at the training processes and personnel issues, to see what we can address and make better.”

During the visit the leaders met with servicemembers who told the leaders about the good and the bad. Primary among the concerns was the number of servicemembers who were not doing the job they initially trained for, or doing jobs they don't normally

do in their own service. According to Marine Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey A. Morin, senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Central Command who organized the visit, this



Sgt. Maj. Joseph Davenport (in back), Headquarters, Marine Corps Reserve Affairs; and Sgt. Maj. Daniel Burs (right), sergeant major for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps Headquarters; speak with Lance Cpl. Christopher Thompson, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and Navy Corpsman Aaron Tucker, a native of Santa Ana, Calif., both with I Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The sergeants major met the Marines while touring the Life Support Area, Kuwait, during a senior enlisted leaders visit.

mismatch of skill sets causes delays in preparing the Iraqi and Afghan forces to take over.

“At the end of the day, it is not about the Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine on the ground,” Morin said. “Our replacement is not coming out of the 101st Airborne Division, is not coming out of 4th ID. We are talking about the enduring [replacement]. The enduring [replacement] is when we turn over individual skills and battle space to an Iraqi or to an Afghan.”

Morin said having the right person in the right job at the beginning of a deployment will increase how quickly and efficiently permanent replacements are trained.

“Every day we lose, every day we are not building capacity in [the Iraqi or Afghan forces], is another day you can add on to another deployment or another rotation [for the U.S. military],” Morin said. “It's not hard to see that

if it's taking the people we send over here 30 to 60 days to get on the ground and get comfortable and get proficient at what they are going to be tasked with doing here, that is 60 days that is wasted, that is 60 days we are going to have to tie on to the end.

“When you get here this is not the time to learn and find out what you are going to be required to do and be trained to do it,” Morin continued. “You are here to accomplish the mission. You are here to start that mission the day you get here and if you are not ready to do that then we need to do a better job back at home station training and preparing them to do what's expected.”

Morin said the senior enlisted group saw the success and where the needs lie.

“The leaders were exposed to success stories they didn't know existed,” Morin said. “If we are making this much success with who we are sending, just think of what we could do if we tweaked the system a little bit and we do a little better at [job] matching, do a little bit better training back at home station.”

“The enduring [replacement] is when we turn over individual skills and battle space to an Iraqi or to an Afghan.”

Marine Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey A. Morin
U.S. Central Command

USARCENT takes big step toward full-spectrum operations

Story by
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U.S. Army Central recently took a big step towards being full-spectrum operations capable. Lucky Strike, a computer-assisted, command post exercise began with an alert on Feb. 22 and the first contingent of Soldiers from Fort McPherson, Ga., landed in Kuwait on Feb. 26.

According to Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, deputy commanding general, USARCENT, the purpose of Lucky Strike was to build upon and continue to foster an already-capable staff team's collective capabilities towards full-spectrum operations.

"This exercise will allow USARCENT to exercise full-spectrum operations to respond anywhere across USARCENT's AOR," stated Hardy.

After Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace assumed command of USARCENT in December, the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey gave Lovelace a clear direction for the headquarters and this exercise is part of USARCENT's movement in that direction.

"We have a specified task from the chief of staff of the Army to transform this headquarters into a full-spectrum operations capable, command and control, war-fighting headquarters, forward-deployed, by this summer," Lovelace said. "In order to do that, you have to be able to assess how well you can do those command and control functions. Lucky Strike is a great exercise that affords us those

opportunities to assess where we are. It allows us to stretch ourselves out, challenge our leaders, and assess the disposition and viability of our battle rhythm."

This Lucky Strike exercise was USARCENT's first big step to becoming a full-spectrum operations capable command able to deploy and operate as a joint task force war fighting headquarters when directed.

The training exercise demonstrated USARCENT's ability to quickly establish a forward-deployed warfighting command headquarters, known as the Early Entry Command Post, starting with the most essential elements. In previous Lucky Strike exercises, the EECP was quickly set up and communications were established with scenario-based higher command elements.

(Background) Servicemembers with USARCENT set up a tent during the Lucky Strike exercise at Camp Buehring Feb. 27.



Photo by Spc. Wes Landrum

erations capability

Sgt. Nehemias Serrano, aviation operations sergeant for U.S. Army Central's G3, coordinates air space during the Lucky Strike exercise, March 6. The computer-assisted command post exercise started Feb. 25 and was conducted at Fort McPherson, Ga., and Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Lucky Strike is part of the U.S. Army Central's transformation to a war-fighting headquarters that is full-spectrum operations capable.

This exercise was different. The Main Command Post was activated at USARCENT headquarters at Fort McPherson until the EECP could be set up and begin functioning forward. Once the EECP was set up, it established communications with the MCP and assumed its role as the forward command post on the ground, while the MCP assumed its role as the command's overall information conduit and crisis action planning cell.

Connecting the EECP to the MCP, and synchronizing and exercising efforts through scenario events, greatly increased the USARCENT team's ability to tackle real world events from humanitarian relief to major combat operations.

While the MCP took control of



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Eric Brown

operations, the EECP was able to concentrate exclusively on forward operations on the ground.

"As the exercise progressed the command accomplished two key events," said Col. Mike Simmons, chief of Operations for USARCENT's MCP. "First, the main command post took complete control of operations and operated continuously during the exercises, a capability that had never been done before. Second, during the course of the exercise, the command identified a number of deficiencies that will be used to design a training plan to enable us to become full-spectrum operations certified."

The Lucky Strike exercise gave the commanding general an understanding and appreciation of the deployable headquarters and our capabilities, said Maj. Edwin R. Corona, USARCENT Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander.

An important part of establishing a deployed headquarters is its communications and intelligence capability on the ground.

The first thing the Soldiers did upon arrival at Camp Buehring was set up the intelligence and signal sections. As the most essential elements of a deployable headquarters these sections are set up first and built upon. Each section operates from an M934 expandable

van which houses all the equipment necessary to perform that section's specific function, said Corona.

The intelligence section's mission is to provide communications to the garrison command as well as troops on the ground, said Staff Sgt. Devin Pandy, the 513th Military Intelligence Detachment (Forward) Joint Mobile Integrated Communication System noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

The capabilities provided by the intelligence section allow the commander quick access to real-time information via video teleconference.

"[The commander] needs to know what's going on and needs to know who the players are," said Pandy.

The signal section provides data communication to the commander and his staff to assist in making accurate and timely decisions necessary to assist the warfighter, said Montgomery, Ala., native Maj. Marion Dortch Jr., USARCENT C6 command information management officer.

"We provide the communications backbone that is necessary for voice communication and data communication," said Dortch.

The exercise, which ended March 7, is just one of a series of training exercises USARCENT will use to become full-spectrum operations capable. **A**

3rd LAAD Marines share joy of soccer

Story and photos by
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GRAND DOUDA, Djibouti – Marines from 3rd Lower Altitude Air Defense Battalion, assigned to Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, found a unique way to combine an essential part of their mission as United States ambassadors with the pure joy of sports competition.

In what has become a weekly ritual, each Monday afternoon after they've knocked-off work, the 3rd LAAD Marines emerge from the Camp Lemonnier Base gate and into the surrounding area to meet up with members of the local Grand Douda Sports Club for an encounter on the soccer field. The ongoing contest between the two groups is carried out for amusement, exercise and mutual good-will.

"It is a real pleasure when the Americans come out to play against us," said Abdu Djama, GDSC athletic coordinator.

"The people in town are big fans of the service members on the American base. Whenever they come here, you'll see both young and old come out to enjoy the event," he added.



Lance Cpl. Christopher Austin (right) of Detroit, Mich., and Lance Cpl. Lawrence Prete of Chicago, both of 3rd Lower Altitude Air Defense Battalion, take time out from participating in soccer with Grand Douda Sports Club members to make new friends with the local Djiboutian community.

The weekly "showdown" began thanks largely to 3rd LAAD liaison officer Sgt. Mario Guadarrama's initiative in sensing an opportunity to build relationships with the people of Grand Douda village.

"Soccer is the primary sport that the people here like to play, so one day I asked them if they would like to have a friendly match against our guys, which they did. They liked it so much and we liked it so much that I suggested that we just make it a weekly thing," said Guadarrama, a native of San Antonio.

So far, the weekly competition has continued for seven months and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

Cpl. Charles Colton of Houston said interacting with the Djiboutian community solely through humanitarian efforts is not enough. He believes it is important that the people in the area understand that Americans are very much like themselves in that they enjoy the same activities and have many similarities despite language barriers and cultural differences.

"It's good that they can see us out here participating with them and having a good time when we're not in uniform. They can see that we're human just like them, and friendship is always

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Jeffery Smith of Austin, Texas, drives the soccer ball down the field. Smith is part of 3rd Lower Altitude Air Defense Battalion, and participated in soccer with the Grand Douda Sports Club members.



r with local Djiboutian community



important no matter where you find yourself in the world,” Colton said.

Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa works to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect coalition interests in east Africa and Yemen through humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, consequence management and civic action programs. This includes medical and veterinary care, school and medical clinic construction and water development projects. **A**

Marine Sgt. Mario Guardarrama of San Antonio drives the soccer ball down the field. Smith is part of 3rd Lower Altitude Air Defense Battalion, and participated in soccer with Grand Douba Sports Club members.

So many stars ... so little time

Story by
Spc. Giancarlo Casem
Desert Voice editor

Servicemembers have seen countless singers perform and have met numerous Hollywood stars. However, they most indubitably have never met the Marine who makes it all happen.

Chief Warrant Officer Randall Martinez is that Marine.

Martinez, from Marine Corps Station Yuma, Ariz., works hard behind the scenes to make sure servicemembers get that shot of morale boost.

Martinez has escorted stars like Kix Brooks of country duo Brooks and Dunn, award-winning actress Scarlett Johansson, and numerous NFL cheerleading troupes. How did the Houston native get this dream job?

"I got lucky actually," Martinez said. "I put in a request to go to Iraq, and they gave me something better."

Martinez said he volunteered for a billet in Iraq, but that job was assigned to someone else. Martinez wanted to deploy and at that point, had no specific

preference.

Martinez, who is set to redeploy in March, can look back at his numerous memories with celebrities and feel good about what he has done to help boost morale for servicemembers in Kuwait.

"It's been very rewarding," he said. "I'm very honored to have had this bestowed on me."

Although Martinez has met many stars in his time at U.S. Army Central G1, the two most memorable for him has been comedian Carlos Mencia and the band Yellowcard.

"Everybody knows you, you meet so many people," he said. "[Carlos Mencia and Yellowcard] were, by far, the best entertainers that I met. We actually got to hang out and I got to know them on a personal basis."

Martinez's trip to stardom started 18 years ago. As a teenager, he was talked into joining the Marine Corps by his best friend. Almost two decades later, his friend is no longer serving while Martinez has schmoozed with some of the biggest names in show biz.

Although he has gained himself a star-like status amongst the camps in Kuwait, Martinez remains humble and continues to work diligently.

"He's an excellent worker," said Capt. Irma Matos, USARCENT G1 programs and

(Counter-clockwise from top-left) Ryan Key of Yellowcard, Martinez with Kix Brooks, Chuck Norris, and Scarlett Johansson.



**Chief Warrant Officer
Randall Martinez**

policies deputy chief. "He does his job, you don't see him do his job, but he does it well, he's not star-struck like everybody else."

As Matos, a native of San Diego, looks back at Martinez's time with the G1 section, she said Martinez has more to offer than just his job expertise.

"It's eventful, he always makes you laugh, when you're down he brings you back up," she said. "You don't have to worry about what needs to get done, he's always on it."

Martinez's personality has truly benefitted him during his time escorting celebrities, even when last minute problems arose.

"I'm easy going and I like to interact with people," Martinez said. "I try to take care of as many people as I can – I just go with the flow and do the best I can."

The best that he can do has resulted in many servicemembers being able to enjoy a concert or meet some of their celebrity idols. Martinez's calm-and-collect demeanor has also helped him when he's had to introduce some of the music acts.

While introducing a country music legend to a crowd of thousands may make almost anyone sweat bullets, Martinez makes it look effortless.

"It's unnerving, I was very nervous," he said. "You just can't go out there and introduce them; you have to make sure the crowd is pumped up. That way, it makes the entertainer feel better. You're in the spotlight and do the best you can."

It's an honor to open for those people."

As his time here in USARCENT wraps up and his boots eventually land him Hawaii, Martinez's replacement, Chief Warrant Officer Jonell Kosa, as Matos put it, "has big shoes to fill." 



Camp Arifjan



Just One Question ...

“Who is the most influential woman in history?”



“Eleanor Roosevelt because she was practically the president towards the end – the president was incapacitated. She was the first woman president if you think about it.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class Pamela Kerns
Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 14
Builder
Key West, Fla.

Did you know?

USARCENT continues to build upon its close relationship with our Kuwaiti hosts toward long term stability in the region.

- We maintain a close relationship with the Kuwaiti Armed Forces.

- Our relationship with Kuwait is one

of mutual support, cooperation and partnership.

- Kuwait remains a gracious host and steady supporter of USARCENT efforts and serves as the primary staging point for forces and equipment rotating into and out of theater.



“Rosa Parks. She made a statement by not giving up her seat on the bus.”

Pfc. Kenneth Hill
HHD 546th Trans.
Motor transport operator
Los Angeles



“Mother Teresa because of everything she did for charities, and she was just a helpful person.”

Pfc. Evelio Segura
4th Sustainment Brigade
Light-wheel vehicle mechanic
Killeen, Texas

Why I serve:

Maj. Alfred Williams
4th Sustainment Brigade
CSSAMO Officer



The Parkin, Ark., native explains why joined the military.

“It was a way to serve my country and further my education without distractions. I’ve been in for the long haul, the Army has taught me quite a bit.”



“Oprah Winfrey, she gets information out and people listen to her. She’s like the poster-girl for American women.”

Staff Sgt. Montrell Kea
2nd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division
Liaison officer
Wilmington, N.C.



“Oprah Winfrey, because what she says, people do.”

Spc. Lashonde Rose
116th BSTB
Military police
Richmond, Va.

What's happening around USARCENT ...

Squeeze



Photo by Marine Sgt. Alec Kleinsmith

Marine Sgt. Ryan Hunt, a Paynesville, Minn., native and section leader with Battery A, 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, supervises a member of the Djiboutian Police Academy during marksmanship training at the Djiboutian Police Range in February. The Camp Pendleton-based Marines routinely provide marksmanship training to the Djiboutian military and police force.

Road trip



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tuttle

A heavy equipment transporter from the 1175th Transportation Company carries a Stryker armored vehicle while preparing for a convoy to take the Strykers to Iraq at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Mar. 3. HETs are capable of carrying large cargos, including the M1A1 Abrams tank. The 1175th TC of the Tennessee Army National Guard is located in Brownsville, Tenn., and deployed in the early summer of 2007 to Kuwait to transport heavy equipment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Motor pool of the month



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer M. Shawn Pearce

The trophy for Camp Arifjan's Motor Pool of the Month for March goes to the 19th Transportation Company. The winners were presented with the trophy by Col. Darlette Stowers, Zone 6 commander, and Command Sgt. Major David Schmidt, Zone 6 command sergeant major. For more information about the Motor Pool of the Month, contact Chief Warrant Officer M. Shawn Pearce at 430-2684.

Lt. Gen. Jim Lovelace, commanding general of U.S. Army Central, welcomes more than 2,000 servicemembers to the Operation MySpace concert Monday at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The concert featured Jessica Simpson, the Pussy Cat Dolls, Filter, Disturbed and Carlos Mencia and aired live on MySpace.com. Pick up next week's issue of the Desert Voice for the full story.



CG rocks out