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"Always First ... Anytime, Anywhere, Patton's Own!"



**Lucky Strike
hits
USARCENT!**



Command holiday message

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Lucky Strike participants download their gear in preparation for the exercise (Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton).

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In U.S. Army Central, we "Do the mission and Protect the force." We in ARCENT also say that everyone is a leader, but what does that really mean? Part of being a successful leader is having a leader's mindset. Leaders have an inherent responsibility to know the standard, to make sure their people know the standard, and to enforce the standard. So when we talk about even the most junior, it's about developing and instilling that leader's mindset. In no area is this more important than that of safety. Choosing to violate or ignore a standard exposes Soldiers and their Families to avoidable risks.

The Combat Readiness Center publishes safety notes following each major accident. One recent note described a young Soldier from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina who signed out on leave at about 0045 in the morning.

Tragically, this Soldier was killed when she lost control of her vehicle at approximately 0200 near Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Soldier had completed the Travel Risk Planning System before submitting a leave form, but chose to get an early start on the long Thanksgiving weekend.

This story line is all too common... especially around the holidays. Soldiers are excited to get on the road and overlook key contributors to motor vehicle accidents. Contributing factors such as driving too fast, driving tired, or driving after drinking.

As busy as we are, we must remember that safety is part of that leader's mindset... an attitude within good organizations. We must keep it in the forefront of everything we do. At the most junior level, there must be a behavior or mindset about doing the right thing... exacting a standard.

As leaders we must take care of our comrades, talk to them about making good choices, and influence behavior in positive ways. It's about caring leadership. We have a tendency to overlook some things during the holidays... we must challenge leaders to resist this urge and look after the safety of your Soldiers and their Families.

ARCENT leaders... continue to promote the use of the TRiPS risk assessment among our junior leaders. The information collected from this risk assessment provides a starting point to discuss travel plans with your Soldiers. Take seriously and engage Soldiers about their travel plans... ask specific questions based on their TRiP.

First line leaders must decisively engage their subordinates to avoid risky behavior. Leaders must complement the formal risk assessment process by meeting face-to-face and entering into personal "behavior contracts" with their Soldiers; engaging subordinates by looking them in the eye and entering into a verbal contract where the Soldier agrees to mitigate avoidable risks identified in the assessment.

We challenge leaders to be engaged in setting and enforcing the standards... They have the ability to prevent nearly every accident by using good judgment, enforcing standards, and creating a positive attitude about safety within the organization. Leaders and supervisors must check to ensure that their subordinates know the standards and enforce them.

Every accident is preventable... be a part of that prevention. Safety is important all the time, but especially during long holiday weekends: Don't cut corners and don't compromise standards.

Do the smart things... the right things... mitigate risk, enjoy the holidays, and return healthy and ready to continue the important work we're doing.

Do the mission; protect the force.
Patton's Own! 

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Re-engineering your eating habits #3: Think twice before "Taking Two"

We have all seen those scrumptious snack items displayed in the dining facility with the invitation "Take Two." When trying to lose or maintain your weight, remember that a healthy snack should have less than 225 calories, less than 7 grams of fat and less than 12 grams of sugar. Compare these facts with the following snack foods:

Pop Tarts: One package of Pop Tarts contains 400 calories, 10 grams of fat and 35 grams of sugar. If you are on a 1500 calorie weight loss diet, this will provide 27 percent of your total calories, and 25 percent of your total fat for the day. Eating one packet everyday for one year provides enough calories to gain 42 pounds of body fat while providing 8 pounds of fat, and 27



Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab
U.S. Army Central Surgeon's Office

pounds of pure sugar.

Oatmeal Cookie: Similarly, one 3 ounce oatmeal cookie contains 383 calories, 15 grams of fat and 21 grams of sugar.

Otis Spunkmeyer Muffins: A 2.25 ounce chocolate chip muffin contains 250 calories, 13 grams of fat and 19 grams of sugar.

A better choice would be a piece of fruit with just 60 calories, a container of skim milk with 90 calories, or a packet of instant oatmeal with just 110 calories. These foods have no fat and no added sugar.

Snacking on the wrong foods will make the process of weight loss difficult and frustrating. Think twice before "taking two" and be successful at staying healthier in 2009. **A**

Prevent suicide. Be willing to help.



Health & Safety

National Guard celebrates 372nd Birthday

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The United States is a young country, but four of the oldest military organizations in the world are in our country's National Guard, which is celebrating its 372nd birthday this year.

Today, the military lineage of these 1636 regiments is carried by the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery, the 181st Infantry and the 182nd Cavalry, all part of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. These four units, have been in continuous service since 1636 and are the oldest units in the U.S. Army.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony was seven years old in 1636. About 5,000 men, women and children made the two-month voyage to the New World, leaving the relative comfort and safety of England behind.

In Massachusetts, they confronted a wilderness of dense forests, wild animals and local Indians who were suspicious of the newcomers. The colonists needed a military force for protection, but they had no money to hire a mercenary army, which was common practice in Europe at this time. So, they turned to the English tradition of the militia, citizen-soldiers who gathered for military training and who could fight when needed. All able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60, except ministers and judges, were required to join the militia.

The Swiss Guards who serves to protect the Vatican are older, dating back to the early 1500s; and so is London's Honorable Artillery Company, dating back to the 1530s, a unit of citizen-soldiers which is the oldest in the British Army.

Only one other regiment of the British Army, the Royal Scots, predates our National Guard's oldest units.

The National Guard has played a role in every war America has fought.

It was the "Minute Men" of the Massachusetts militia who fired the



Spc. Johnny Choi (left) and Chief Warrant Officer Keith Harwood, the youngest and oldest National Guard Soldiers at Camp Arifjan, cut a ceremonial cake with Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, U.S. Army Central commanding general to celebrate the National Guard's 372nd birthday, Dec. 13.

shots at Lexington and Concord that began the American Revolution and who held their fire until they could "see the whites of their eyes," refer to their defeat over the British soldiers at Bunker Hill.

The story of the Guard is also the story of U.S.'s Army.

Guardsmen fought in battles familiar to many: Yorktown, New Orleans, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, St. Mihiel and Normandy. The Guard also has ties to 3rd Army.

In World War II, five Army National Guard divisions were under the command of Lt. Gen. George Patton from August 1944 to May 1945. These divisions participated in Third Army's drive across France and the liberation of Paris. They also fought to push back the German counteroffensive in the Battle of the Bulge, drove on across the Rhine into Germany and ended the war in what was then Czechoslovakia.

Later, during Operations Desert Shield and Storm, 37,548 Army Guardsmen served under U.S. Army Central, then Third Army, helped in the liberation of Kuwait. The Guard still proudly serves with USARCENT.

Since Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom began in 2003, USARCENT has conducted reception, staging and onward movement of over 227,000 Army Guard Soldiers.

Guard Soldiers serve in Kuwait performing convoy security, explosive ordinance disposal, medical transport, fixed and rotary wing airlift and ground transportation operations. Guard combat brigades play an active role in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

During OIF II and III, Guard brigade combat teams made up 50 percent of the U.S. Army's brigades in Iraq.

The Guard has truly transformed from being a strategic reserve to being a ready operational reserve. As one of the two reserve components of the Army, the Guard has the unique role of also performing state missions and quickly mobilizing to aid people back home when hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and other disaster strikes.

For 372 years, the men and women of the Guard have been there when America needed them and are continuing that tradition today as a proud part of USARCENT. **A**

ADA officer uses “first-language” as teaching tool

Article by
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Highly motivated, intelligent and hard working are all adjectives to describe one platoon leader.

First Lt. Chiara F. Turcato, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, has dedicated herself to servicemembers in more than one way.

She is not only a leader of Soldiers in her unit, she also teaches them in the classroom.

Turcato has been an Italian 101 instructor for the University of Maryland University College since the summer.

“I like teaching because I just love to explain things and make people interested in them,” said Turcato.

She got the position as a teacher in the beginning of her deployment with 2-43 ADA, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

“I just went in the education center to use a computer and I was talking to the staff about my last name being Italian,” said Turcato. “Next thing I knew I was turning in a packet with my transcripts and UMUC hired me that summer.”

Turcato was highly qualified for the job; being a former non-commissioned officer and instructor, she is no stranger to teaching or leading Soldiers.

Turcato, originally from Jesolo, Italy attended college at the University of Ferrara in Italy before joining the U.S. Army as a specialist, in early 2001.

“I wanted to join the military because my grandfather always talked about how great the U.S. Soldiers were, he helped them in World War II,” said Turcato. “Plus, at the time, my country didn’t let women join the military.”



1st Lt. Chiara F. Turcato
2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery

According to Turcato, because of the strict school system in Italy, the disciplinary part of basic training was easy; it was learning English that was the real challenge.

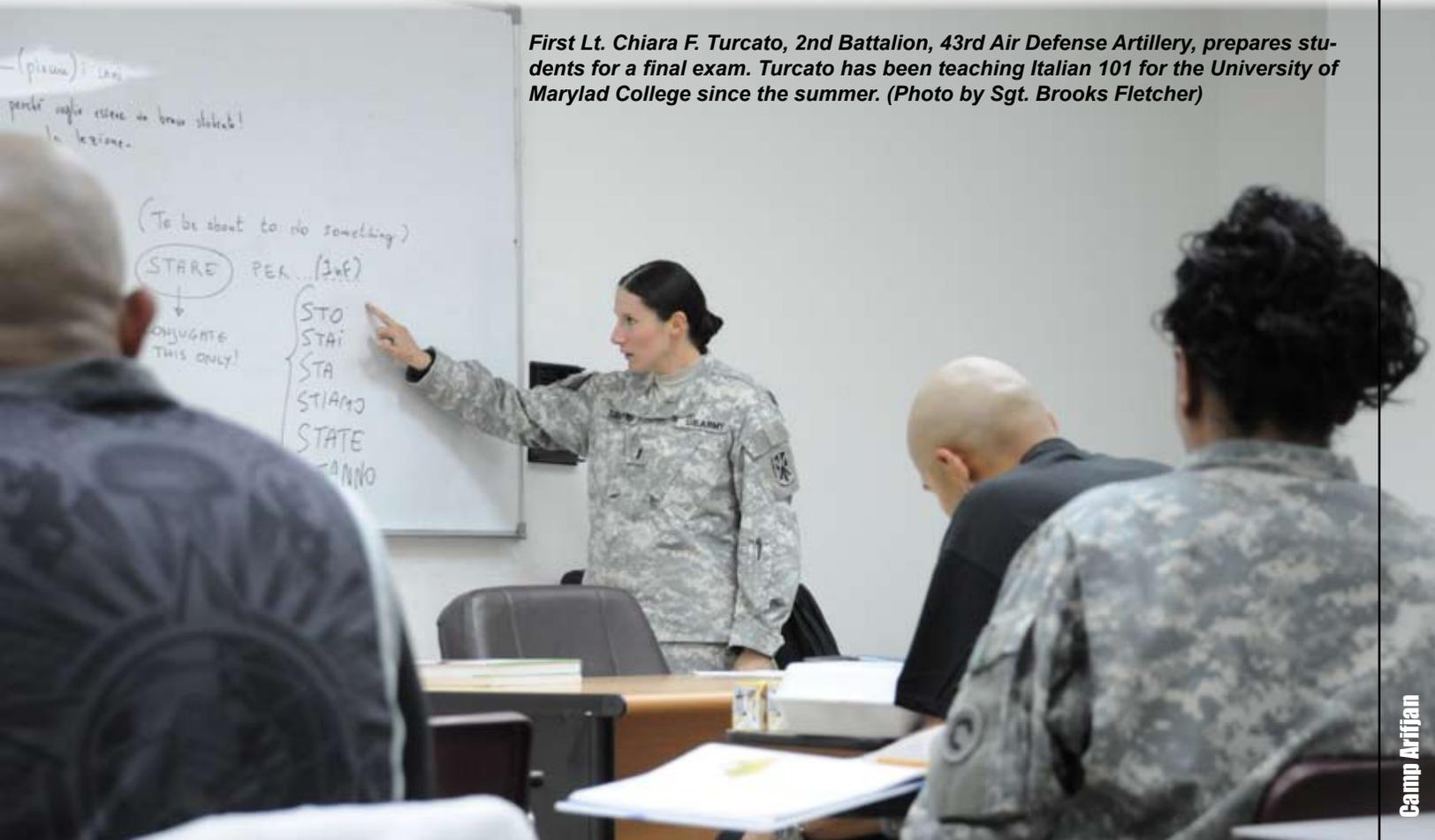
When she arrived at her first unit, Headquarters Support Command, South European Task Force, she was put in charge of Soldiers as a corporal. She worked her way up to sergeant and finally staff sergeant in 2005.

“I absolutely loved being an NCO, I honestly don’t think I’ve fully transitioned yet,” said Turcato, jokingly. “I want to use the skills and leadership tactics I learned as an NCO in the officer ranks.”

Turcato attended Officer Candidate School in 2007 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

“It was tough, but I was fine because I was there with other former NCOs, and we knew we could handle it,” said Turcato. **A**

First Lt. Chiara F. Turcato, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, prepares students for a final exam. Turcato has been teaching Italian 101 for the University of Maryland College since the summer. (Photo by Sgt. Brooks Fletcher)



USARCENT conducts L



Capt. Anthony Findlay, air missile defense battle captain, U.S. Army Central and Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Roberts, provost marshal office battle captain, USARCENT, test the intercom system before a battle drill during the Lucky Strike exercise at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Dec. 6.

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The Lucky Strike exercise, involving key staff sections of U.S. Army Central, began at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Dec. 8.

Lucky Strike, an internal evaluation, tests USARCENT's ability to deploy and establish operations in their area of responsibility.

It gives USARCENT the opportunity to train to execute a mission re-

quirement in the event that a command post is needed in the AOR.

"Lucky Strike is a command post training event to give us an opportunity to train distributed battle command with geographically separated command posts," said Maj. Ardrelle Evans, deputy chief of operations for current operations and the operational maneuver director, USARCENT.

The separated command posts included an operational command post at USARCENT's headquarters in Fort McPherson, Ga., and an early entry

command post at Camp Arifjan.

The EECP, made up of M934 expandovans, was set up at Camp Arifjan with vital staff sections, including over 200 people who deployed from Atlanta to establish operations in the exercise's AOR.

According to Maj. John Fejerang, operations officer, USARCENT exercise control group-forward, there are a total of 17 training exercises throughout the Central Command AOR during a year. Two of the exercises, Lucky Strike and Lucky Warrior, are routine

Lucky Strike exercise



Sgt. Maj. Dennis Paxton, senior enlisted advisor, National Guard Affairs, briefs the exercise control group during the second day of the Lucky Strike, an internal training exercise for U.S. Army Central, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Dec. 9.

to USARCENT.

“The planning process starts three to five months prior to the exercise with a concept conference,” said Fejerang.

Fejerang explained that further planning conferences are held and training objectives are addressed.

Models are used to develop a training plan for different scenarios. The scenarios use role players to train and test the abilities of the EECF and OCP staff sections.

“We are exercising our network

proficiency, regenerating proficiency with our army battle command systems, reintegrating members of the team and training new personnel in their duties and responsibilities,” said Evans. “We are getting operators licensed on the equipment using hands-on training of how we actually conduct operations.”

The staff sections at the EECF began training prior to the start of Lucky Strike in order to become proficient at operating the systems used in the command posts.

“Managing the network is a complex endeavor and some of our operators have never been around this type of network system,” said Evans. “Our section information management officers are training those people to integrate those processes with that technology.”

Lucky Strike gives USARCENT the opportunity to learn skills that are necessary in setting up an EECF.

“Through application, you generate proficiency,” added Evans. **A**

Marine commander conducts recon from the sky

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When 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit recently conducted a massive bilateral training exercise, 26th MEU Commanding Officer Col. Mark Desens seized an opportunity to personally conduct a leader's recon from the air to see firsthand the training locations, conditions, procedures and safety measures.

During the exercise, several hundred Marines and Sailors were spread across two training areas 51 miles apart and 50 miles from their origin aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima in the Arabian Gulf. With multiple ranges, landing zones and training areas, the subordinate and disparate units of the dynamic MEU had to synchronize efforts in a carefully-coordinated cacophony of movements. In the end, one man was responsible, Desens.

"Desens knows that plans and intentions do not always match reality," said Lt. Col. Jan January, executive officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264, who flew in the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter with Desens.

"He was interested in seeing if everything was working as advertized," said January, a Cleveland, native. "There's matching perception to the reality. What happens in the brief days earlier doesn't usually – the plan doesn't survive first contact with the enemy."

In all, Desens observed the entire setup of the huge training area, according to January.

Desens also flew to the final exercise site, where AH-1W

Super Cobra and CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters, AV-8B Harrier jets, an infantry company with heavy weapons support and host-nation forces converged on an "enemy" target.

"He saw relative to where the reviewing stands were," January explained. "Where the road was going to be, where we were going to land and where the beach was. He saw what a great opportunity [it was] to jam all those aviation assets and ground pieces together."

Desens, a CH-46E Sea Knight (or "phrog") pilot, now leads the unit conducting the last deployment with the aged Sea Knight helicopters, which are being replaced by the MV-22B Osprey.

"As an aviator, he's been so busy with his MEU commander responsibilities that he hasn't had many chances to fly with us," said January. "As a 46 pilot and the last 46 squadron on the East Coast, this was a fleeting opportunity for him to get one more shot in a 46 before they disappear. He'll probably never fly a 46 after this float. With that being the case, and twenty-plus years inside the 46, I'm sure it will be pretty powerful for him to bid farewell to the venerable phroggy."

But January was clear that Desens' mission was one of reconnaissance, not reminiscence.

"That's where people will go, 'Hey, what are you doing out there? You're a MEU CO, you shouldn't be flying. You're supposed to be riding a pine [desk].' But he's not that kind of guy," said January, reinforcing that Desens' hands-on leadership style is admired by his Marines."

"He got a lot of cool points with the crew chiefs," said

January. "They were talking about this when we got back... It's a very challenging regime in the aircraft and his landing was as good as mine. The crew chiefs were very impressed with that, they were all kicking it around the flight line, 'Hey, the old man's still got it.' It goes a long way. It's like being a grunt, you've still got to be able to [march with a pack] and shoot. For aviators you've still got to be able to talk and fly, and he was very much able to do that. It goes a long way with your credibility. When the old man sticks [a landing] with no problems, word gets back through the corporal/lance corporal network that the boss can still fly." 



Photo by Marine Capt. Cailean D. McElheny

Col. Mark Desens, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit commanding officer, brings in a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter to a dusty landing at one of many training sites during a recent bilateral training exercise in the Middle East. Desens conducted a leader's recon of the entire training area, spanning three points more than 50 miles apart each.

2-43 ADA: Protecting Middle Eastern skies



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady

Warrant Officer Simon Roquillo, tactical patrol officer, A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, hands a data link terminal antenna to Spc. Cristian Montanez during an exercise in the Middle East.

Article by

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The U.S. Army is commonly known for its role as a land-based military force. However, with time and the advancement of technology, the Army has expanded its role and the sky is the limit; a fact that is literally true for the Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

Currently deployed to both Kuwait and Qatar, 2-43 ADA holds an important role of watching over the skies of the Middle East.

“Our main mission is defending [Qatar], defending Kuwait with the assets that we have,” said Spc. Randy Puig, intelligence analyst.

As a patriot unit, 2-43 ADA has the capability of providing defense against hostile aerial and missile threats at the tactical, using rapidly deployable and technologically advanced systems.

Members of 2-43 must possess key skills, work as a team and remain vigilant in their training so they are successful in their mission.

“Situational awareness is really good because we make sure everyone is informed, our commander, our [engagement control station] crews and launcher crews,” said Spc. Joshua Polonowski, early warning systems operator, A Battery.

Much of what Polonowski, a Marlette, Mich., native, and his early warning system operator colleagues do, involves watching high detailed radar screens to make sure there are no threats in the skies.

The intel analyst group also plays an important part in keeping the unit proactive and informed about any possible threats.

The analysts collect data and report information to the batteries so that they remain up to date on the state of their surroundings.

“Everybody kind of looks to the [intel analyst group] shop to find out what’s going on,” said Puig, an El Paso, Texas native. “We’re the ones that provide them with all of the intel that they need to do their job.”

Training exercises are also important in helping keep the batteries up to date with current systems and trends.

“We do continuous exercises to keep us on our toes,” said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Kleppe, detachment first sergeant and a West Union, Iowa native.

Spc. Christina Clark, tactical control assistant, D Battery, has found the training to be a fun and valuable way to learn the systems and to help her in her career advancement. The Jamestown, Ky., native has become particularly fond of her training in air battles and maintaining the systems.

“It’s fun to get in there and train,” said Clark. “We have certain drills that we do to train up on and it’s really fun to learn the different ins and outs of the job.”

Soldiers of the patriot unit admit that they do not always have one of the most exciting jobs in the Army, as a lot of what they do sometimes consists of sitting, watching and waiting to see if something will happen. However, what they do is important in the overall mission in the fight against terrorism. They are the first line of defense in protecting our homeland, deployed servicemembers and host nations from hostile aerial attacks. **A**

U.S. Army NCO History Pt. 5

World War I

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In June 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was assassinated; an event that many attribute as one of the main underlining moments that led to what would be known as “The War to End All Wars,” World War I.

Not initially becoming involved in the war itself, the U.S. wasted no time in preparing itself for the possibility of joining the Entente Powers in their struggle against the Central Powers.

Noncommissioned officers, specifically corporals, who were the primary trainers at the time, began training Soldiers in what would be the first massive training of men the U.S. had ever seen. By the time the war ended in 1918, NCOs had trained 4 million men, of which 1 million were sent overseas.

In addition to the standard training emphasizing land navigation, weapon familiarization and tactical maneuvers, NCOs spent numerous hours teaching the proper wear and use of the gas masks, which in turn included multiple trips into the gas chamber.

World War I forced NCOs to use and teach new tactics, as gas warfare became a prominent method of attack by both sides in the war. The war also introduced the use of trenches, which not only protected Soldiers from enemy fire, but also connected the front and rear lines allowing wounded to be transported on and off the line, along with supplies.

In 1917, the U.S. declared war on Germany, officially bringing them into World War I. By the summer of 1918, the U.S. was sending 10,000 troops a day into France to fight alongside its allies.

In June 1918, the 2d Division made the first offensive maneuver by an American division at the villages of Boursches and Vaux, France. It was a costly offensive, with 9,777 casualties,

Soldier Spotlight

Cpl. Turner, Harold
Company F, 142d Infantry
Medal of Honor recipient for
actions conducted near St.
Etienne, France.

Citation: Cpl. Turner encountered deadly machine gun fire which reduced the strength of his command to four men, and these were obliged to take shelter. The enemy machinegun emplacement, 25 yards distant, kept up a continual fire from four machine guns. When the fire shifted momentarily, Turner rushed forward with fixed bayonet and charged the position alone capturing the strong point with a complement of 50 Germans and one machine gun.

but helped stop the German offensive and brought a new moral boost to the Entente Powers.

The war ended in July 1919 with the signing of various treaties, the most famous being the Treaty of Versailles, which helped redraw the European map after all of the Central Powers lost land and several new countries were created.

After the war, the NCO Corps underwent major changes including a reorganization of ranks, the introduction of technical ranks, massive demotions and enlisted men being pushed out as the Army tried to reduce its numbers.

In 1922, the Army, in an attempt to reduce the force and save money, scheduled the reduction of rank for 1,600 NCOs. Also, with entire units being disbanded, Soldiers who had been promoted within the regiment were not allowed to take their rank with them to the new unit, instead the Soldier went back to the rank

of private. It wasn't until 1940 that enlisted Soldiers would be able to retain their stripes if they transferred from one unit to another.

An example of this radical shift is the record of Alexander Loungeway who served 32 years.

Loungeway, who enlisted into the Army in 1908, rose through the enlisted ranks and was then promoted to first lieutenant during World War I. He was reverted to a first sergeant after the war, only to be then reduced again to sergeant, then corporal before dropping all the way to private first class. A year before his retirement he was promoted back to corporal.

In the 1930s, technicians were created in the army, which wore chevrons marked with a “T.” The slots were created in the corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant grades. This new rank increased promotions in the technical career fields. In addition, there were also 231 vocational skills that could add \$3 to \$35 to a Soldier's monthly pay.

With the Great Depression affecting the entire nation, NCOs dealt with the potential of not only being demoted or pushed out of the Army, but also only receiving half pay or consumer goods and food.

Desertion again became a problem in the Army and NCOs would be counted on to combat against it, as they themselves felt the pressure of staying in the Army.

During the late 1930s, NCOs fought to keep their rank and place in the Army, while training Soldiers unique tactics learned from fighting in World War I, all the while watching new conflicts arise across Europe.

The NCO Corps and the entire nation would be drawn back into war on Dec. 7, 1941, “A date which will live in infamy,” as quoted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, officially bringing the U.S. into World War II. 

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Just One Question ...

"If you could be a superhero, who would you be?"



"I would be Batman because he is like a Soldier. He is a superhero because of his training, equipment and what he has done to better himself."

Chief Warrant Officer Chris Cruzier
Network Management Tech
USARCENT G-6
Fairfield, Calif.



"The Incredible Hulk because I admire his strength. He lets his actions speak louder than his words."

Sgt. Felix Johnson
CBRNE NCOIC (fwd)
USARCENT HHC
Fort Meyers, Fla.



"I would be Captain America. He identified the criminal element and went after them. He represented all the good in America."

Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Hainline
Patrol Officer
Provost Marshall Office ASG-KU
Macomb, Ill.

Why I Serve:

Sgt. 1st Class Wanda Walker
Secretary to General Staff NCOIC, USARCENT



The Orlando, Fla., native explains why she chose to join the military.

"Besides all of the other benefits, I get to travel and experience other cultures."



"I would be Wonder Woman because of her ability to transform as she goes; I kind of see myself doing that."

Lt. Col. Meridith Wade
Liaison Officer
55th Sustainment Brigade
Chester, Va.



"I would be Hancock because he changed his attitude to help people; then he developed a passion for it."

Spc. Antonio Walton
Wheel Mechanic
USARCENT HHC
Chicago, Ill.

What's happening around USARCENT

Operation Holiday



Sgt. Guillermo Chavez, a Los Angeles native, is sitting in for the elves this year at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Chavez, a paralegal noncommissioned officer for 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, wraps presents for Operation Holiday, Dec. 12, a yearly event providing donated gifts to troops below the rank of sergeant.

Photo by Army Sgt. Nathan Hutchison

Kansas City Royals pitcher, Kyle Davies, reads to children and Families of U.S. Army Central at Fort McPherson, Ga., Dec. 6, as part USARCENT's "Tell Me A Story" event sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition. Davies read "Night Catch" by Brenda Ehrmantraut, which focuses on a father who is deployed and teaches his son to play a game of catch each night in his mind as a way to stay connected.



Photo by Sgt. Beth Lake

Tell Me A Story

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Santa LTC Richards, 335th and
his elf LTC Jones, PAO.

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