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## Leader Involvement

**T**eam, By now, most of you have seen our command philosophy. We value our great Soldiers and believe that taking care of them is critical to mission success. The purpose of this message is to energize leaders to access the health and welfare of our command and enforce standards in everything we do.

As I look around the command, I see great people doing wonderful things. You have embraced our transformation to a full spectrum operations-capable headquarters, while maintaining significant efforts towards theater sustainment and security cooperation. The pace is quick and most of you are keeping up.

At the same time, there are a number of things taking place that are cause for concern. Safety violations, sexual assaults, equal opportunity complaints, and administrative actions... all demonstrations of discipline and the health of our command.

These issues are not new to the Army, but now we are busier than we've ever been before. Every ounce of our collective energy is called upon each day to accomplish the mission. This is why leaders need to rise above the fray, step back, and be in a position to expand their area of influence and area of interest.

When leaders increase their area of influence and area of interest... good things happen. When the leaders on your left and on your right do



Lt. Gen. Jim Lovelace

U.S. Army Central Commanding General

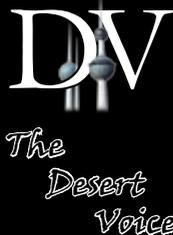
it... there are no seams. Those seams are where the problems generally lie (e.g., sexual assault, safety, suicide, violations of dignity and respect). It's about taking care of Soldiers... a leader responsibility.

We need to get the entire chain of command involved to address these challenges. The chain of command must first take responsibility for adversity in their commands... then take a personal interest in motivating their Soldiers to get back on track. Leaders... hold people accountable. Enforcing the standard is taking care of them.

High performing organizations do the small things right. They have great people and know how to delegate. They have the capacity to perform with great velocity and volume to accomplish the mission. They create a climate of respect... regardless of gender, race, age, and background. High performing organizations don't tolerate violations of safety or Soldiers preying on each other.

USARCENT is a high performing organization. Our command is putting forth a great effort... each and every day. Leaders... access your commands, get your chain of command engaged, and enforce standards in everything you do. I'm immensely proud of all that you do... keep up the great work. **A**

*Pattons Own!*



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# National Food Safety Education Month

September is National Food Safety Education Month. Now in its 14th year, NFSEM is aimed at focusing on the importance of safe food handling, both at home and in professional kitchens.

In order to raise awareness of NFSEM, U.S. Army Veterinary Service personnel will be posting informational flyers throughout military installations.

The 2008 theme for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, sponsored NFSEM program is, “Be Food Safe”, which focuses on four areas: Clean, separate, cook and chill.

Clean hands, utensils and countertops.

Separate raw meats, poultry, fish and their utensils and storage containers.

Cook using a food thermometer, rotate items in the microwave to ensure all parts are heated and bring sauces to a rolling boil.

Chill by keeping refrigerator 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Thaw meats, poultry and seafood in the refrigerator. Then, chill leftovers and takeout food within two hours.

Although this year’s government-sponsored theme is very important, the National Restaurant Association, which is responsible for the extremely successful ServSafe® Food Safety Certification Program, has a different theme for the year 2008: Take Action to Prevent an Allergic Reaction.

The FDA estimates that about 2 percent of adults and 5 percent of infants and young children are affected by food allergies.

According to the FDA, more than 160 foods may cause an allergic reaction. Eight of these foods account for 90 percent of allergic reactions. These are considered the “major food allergens.”

These foods are milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybeans.

Although some of the symptoms are similar, do not confuse food allergies with food intolerance. WebMD® describes a food allergy as an abnormal response to a food by your immune system. Food intolerance triggers a digestive system response. According to the FDA, symptoms of a food allergy usually occur immediately after consumption. The initial symptoms may include hives, hoarse voice, and wheezing. Low blood pressure and blocked airways may result from more severe reactions. Other symptoms include abdominal pain, swelling (eyes, face, lips, and tongue), diarrhea, difficulty swallowing, itching (eyes, mouth, throat, skin), light-headedness or fainting, nasal congestion, nausea, runny nose, shortness of breath, stomach cramps and vomiting.

WebMD® also warns to be aware of anaphylaxis, which is a potentially life-threatening allergic response that is marked by swelling, hives, lowered blood pressure and dilated blood vessels.

Anaphylaxis may result in the potentially fatal anaphylactic shock. Bottom line: seek immediate medical attention when facing a possible allergic response.

Avoiding potential allergens takes a concerted effort. Food service workers must take appropriate action to preclude cross-contamination. This action includes using clean utensils and clean hands when handling food items and proper segregation. Consumers must read product labels and menus carefully to avoid items that they are allergic to. While serving overseas, special care must be taken when eating at off-post establishments.

Together, we can “Be Food Safe,” and “Take Action to Prevent an Allergic Reaction.”



# Hispanic heritage in the Army



Deployed Soldiers dance to salsa music during a Hispanic Heritage month dinner.

Courtesy Photo

Story by  
Pfc. Howard Ketter  
Desert Voice Staff Writer

Sept. 15 marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The 30-day period is observed nationwide.

It is a time to celebrate Hispanic culture.

On Aug. 17, 1988 a law was enacted by President Ronald Reagan, beginning the observance of Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Sept. 15 was chosen because it was that day in 1821, that Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua gained their independence. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence during Hispanic Heritage Month.

“It’s great that we celebrate the independence of so many Latin countries,” said Spc. Christian

Cornejo, a Virginia Beach, Va., native with the 40th Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

In 2007, it was reported that over 9 percent of Soldiers on Active Duty are of Hispanic ethnicity.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in July 2007, the estimated population of Hispanics in the U.S. was 45.5 million or 15% of the U.S. population.

Seventy percent of the Hispanic population is concentrated in four states - California, Texas, New York and Florida. Mexican is the largest ethnic subdivision of Hispanics in the U.S., comprising about 63 percent, followed by Central and South American, 14.4 percent; Puerto Rican, 10.6 percent; Cuban, 4.2 percent; and other Hispanics, 7.4 percent.

Hispanic culture is evident in the Army in ways such as Salsa dancing. Every Friday night at Camp

Arifjan, Kuwait, servicemembers of all ethnicities come together to Salsa dance, converse, play games and share aspects of Hispanic culture. Celebrating Hispanic culture is not limited to Hispanic people, which is why Hispanic Heritage Month is nationally observed.

“I celebrate my heritage by teaching my kids throughout the year to be grateful for what we have and appreciate the risks our forefathers took in America to make it so that people of our culture can have what we have today,” said Capt. Sonia I. Fuertas, G-4, USARCENT, a Puerto Rico native.

The number of Hispanics is growing in the U.S. Army. During Hispanic Heritage Month we observe Hispanic heritage, making everyone more aware of the Army’s cultural strength. **A**

# Parachute rigger honors traditions



Courtesy Photo

**Staff Sgt. Viviana Y. Paredes prepares to jump. It is a part of her job to test equipment before it is fielded to Soldiers.**

Story by  
Pfc. Alicia Torbush  
**Desert Voice Staff Writer**

**“T**here’s nothing special about me in particular,” said Staff Sgt. Viviana Y. Paredes, a parachute rigger with the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate. “What is special is what I do and who I do it with.”

Paredes joined the Army in 2001 in order to become a U.S. citizen and to acquire citizenship for her two older children.

She set out from the start to become part of the 82nd Airborne Division after she witnessed the U.S. invasion of Panama in December 1989, from Torrijos International Airport, where paratroopers from the 82nd conducted their first combat jump since World War II.

As a devote Roman Catholic, Paredes says she prays three times before she jumps: once when the plane goes up, once when the jump master starts to give commands and the last time when she hands her static line to the safety and then steps out the door.

Each jump is an adrenaline rush, said Paredes

ABNSOTD conducts testing by dropping equipment rigged with parachutes from airplanes to ensure the equipment functions after multiple airborne drops.

“We test everything that needs to be dropped out of an airplane,” said Paredes, a native of Panama.

The test directorate conducts the final evaluations before a piece of equipment is fielded for air drop operations, explained Paredes. Each piece of equipment must be able to withstand multiple rigorous airborne drops.

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Staff Sgt. Viviana Paredes  
Parachute Rigger  
Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate

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There are about 1700 parachute riggers in the Army and only 10 percent of them are female. There are just over 40 test jumpers in ABNSOTD. Each test that the parachutists perform is congressionally mandated and each item goes through rigorous evaluations

prior to being tested in the air.

“Anytime I get on a plane with my peers, it is reviving history and tradition,” said Paredes. “I am part of an elite force.”

Paredes recently revived history by commemorating National Airborne Day Aug. 16 with a display that showed the past and present airborne unit patches as well as photos of Soldiers and of many airborne units.

“The display just reinforces her love not only for the military, but also for the Airborne,” said Maj. Mike Foster, liaison officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition Logistics and Technology.

The display is about nostalgia, explained Paredes. There is no airborne mission in Kuwait so the camaraderie that a person gets from being part of this select group of Soldiers is missing. The display brought so many people forward to share their stories about being airborne.

“I tell my husband all the time that I am like a stool,” said Paredes. “A stool has three legs that hold it up. I have the military, my family and my religion.” **A**



Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush

**Paredes stands in front the display she set up to commemorate National Airborne Day. Paredes is a parachute rigger with the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate.**

# LUCKY WARRIOR EXERCISE COMMENCES,

Story by  
Sgt. Beth Lake  
**Desert Voice Staff Writer**

**B**uilding a community from the ground up can be an arduous process that normally takes years. For servicemembers and civilians who deployed to Camp Buehring, Kuwait from throughout U.S. Army Central's area of operations, it took about two weeks.

USARCENT's fully functioning operational command post was assembled at Camp Buehring for the Lucky Warrior exercise, which began Sept. 8. It includes an operations center, motor pool, medical aid station and even its own dining facility.

The exercise embodies USARCENT's eclectic personality. More

than 500 personnel, including several Marines, Sailors and Airmen, and 35 Civilians converged on the Kuwaiti desert to move USARCENT forward.

Lucky Warrior is a training event 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 and its ability 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.

In the past, Lucky Warrior has been held at Fort Gillem, Ga.; Doha, Qatar; Camp Doha, Kuwait; and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Though it holds the same name, this year, the exercise will have a few

changes.

USARCENT is integrating a lot of new equipment compared to what they have had before, said Master Sgt. John Konken, G3, USARCENT.

The exercise serves as a test drive of the new equipment, said Lt. Col. Liston Edge, HHC, USARCENT Deputy Chief of Operations.

"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 Edge.

In the past, USARCENT has used metal shelters and expandable vans. This exercise transforms the Operational Command Post to a rapidly de-



Photo by Sgt. Beth Lake

**Master Sgt. Norman Broderick, guides Staff Sgt. William Laughlin into a parking space during the establishment of the motor pool for U.S. Army Central's Lucky Warrior Exercise at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Aug. 26.**

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tional Command Post to a rapidly deployable system that uses tents and the Army Battlefield Command System components.

The ABCS enable commanders to not only communicate with one another but to also see the battle on a screen as it unfolds.

“Using the ABCS system gives us a better picture as far as all of the systems coming together to give the commander better information and a better picture as to what is going on,” said Konken.

The ABCS is a system comprised of many parts, said Maj. Robert Mallet, G-3, USARCENT.

He also added that each Battle Operating System has its own element that leads to a bigger system so that maneuver forces can be controlled, in-

formation displayed, and logistical and administrative data can be shared.

One goal of Lucky Warrior is a USARCENT 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 FSO capable.

This exercise and equipment will take USARCENT out of the analogue age and move it into the digital age with other Army units, said Mallet.

Lucky Warrior is conducted with support from units and agencies from Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort McPherson, Ga., Fort Wainwright, Alaska, McDill, Air Force Base, FL, U.S. Army Europe, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. **A**



*Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton*

**Medic Sgt. Fran Smith conducts an eye exam on Pfc. Lisa Talley, at USARCENT's operational command post at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 3.**



*Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton*

**Members of USARCENT Special Troop Battalion recover a deployable rapid assembly shelter after a sandstorm knocked it down at Camp Buehring, Kuwait Sept. 08.**

# USARCENT COOKS SUPPORT LUCKY WARRIOR

Story and photo by  
Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton  
**Desert Voice Staff Writer**

Feeding approximately 500 people, with limited resources 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 days work.

The unit, out of Fort Gillem, Ga., deployed in August to Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in support of Lucky Warrior.

Upon arrival, the food service Soldiers began to set up tents for the exercise and provided help with other preparations as needed.

As more 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 a midnight meal.

Working out of a Containerized Kitchen, with three-man shifts, the unit has been responsible for planning, delivering, setting up and serving food

to servicemembers.

Doing these tasks involved coordination with the camp's dining facility personnel and G1 to ensure the right types and amounts of food are available to the Lucky Warrior participants.

According to several Soldiers 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.

In addition to adjusting to the climate, the indoor working conditions of the CK grew to become slightly uncomfortable.

"Our air conditioning broke in the CK, so we had to get fans and open up doors," said Spc. Andrew Garnett, food service specialist, a native of Roxboro, N.C.

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

"Some of the benefits of working out here are learning how to move forward to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Garnett. "Being able to get there quick, set up and feed the troops."

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 requires 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, the food service Soldiers have managed to work through these challenges and have food available to Lucky Warrior participants at each meal. **A**

*From left, Spc's Marcus Anderson, Andrew Garnett and Staff Sgt. Gregory C. Young serve breakfast out of a Containerized Kitchen to servicemembers participating in Lucky Warrior 08-01.*



# Burning midnight oil during Lucky Warrior

Story and photos by  
Pfc. Howard Ketter  
Desert Voice Staff Writer

Servicemembers participating in U.S. Army Central's Lucky Warrior 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 [compound], maintaining a secure atmosphere at the site," said Patterson.

Sustaining security procedure throughout the night is just one aspect of maintaining the exercise's operational tempo.

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



**Spc. Brandon Lewis, motorpool, headquarters and headquarters company, a Chicago, native, escorts and assist a Kuwaiti fuel provider during nightly generator and air conditioning units maintainance.**

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.

Capt. Jonathan Y. Ji, field surgeon, USARCENT, whose nightly duty at the site's Aid station places him at the front line of health care for all servicemembers on the night shift.

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

Ji spends his time sharing his clinical experiences with his Soldiers.

"Sometimes it gets really busy, while other times it is slow; so it gives me time to reflect on my personal life, professional life, continue teaching my [Soldiers] and catch up on other important things," said Ji.

Whether it is monitoring movements, providing health care or helping secure the site, for servicemembers in USARCENT, working the night shift can be just as challenging as the day shift. In the end, both shifts play an important role in Lucky Warrior. **A**



**Capt. Jonathan Y. Ji, field surgeon, U.S. Army Central passes through the entry control point for the Luck Warrior training exercise held at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.**

# Soldier's career stands the test of time

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

**T**hose who join the military do it at different times of their lives, for many different reasons. To some, the adventure of serving their country draws their attention; for others, it's being trained in a specific career field; perhaps it's the lure of traveling the world; or maybe it's for the opportunity to continue their college education through numerous military programs.

For one Soldier stationed at Multinational Forces & Observers-South Camp, Egypt, his decision to serve came before many current service-members were even walking.

Feeling a great sense of pride, having seen his brother join, mixed with his own desire to see new places, Sgt. Dean E. Doty, enlisted into the Army in October 1969, as a top secret clerk typist.

Doty's first deployment came soon after his enlistment; a deployment that sent him to Vietnam.

"People think it is crazy that I served in Vietnam," said the Wilkins-

burg, Pa., native. "It's hard for some of the younger Soldiers to think that someone who served back then is still in the Army."

After his time in Vietnam, Doty was assigned to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., where he stayed until 1974. He then decided to get out of the Army and venture into the civilian world and see what it had to offer.

Doty began working as a truck driver for Swift Transportation and also as a Commercial Drivers License trainer, for Luzerne County Community College, which he still does when

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***"I think I have about two more years left and then I plan to retire at the age of 60."***

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Sgt. Dean E. Doty  
1st Squadron  
104th Cavalry Regiment

not on active duty.

It was eight years later, in 1982, when his wife and the call to serve again pushed Doty back into uniform.

"I came home one day from work and my wife told me she'd spoken to

an old friend and had signed me up for the National Guard," said Doty jokingly.

Doty explained he had friends still in the National Guard and acknowledged he missed the feeling he got from serving. Besides his own feelings, he said his wife's joke was her way of saying she thought it'd be good for him to get back into the service.

Currently assigned to 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry Regiment, Doty's job has shifted throughout the years, to his current job as a M88 recovery vehicle driver.

"I've done a bunch [of jobs]," said Doty. "With the artillery, going from tow vehicles to track vehicles, [the Army] kept sending me to school to be able to work on everything."

The 58-year-old Soldier looks back on his career, one that has seen him serve in Vietnam, the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom, with great honor and pride.

"The military is a good life," said Doty, with a big smile on his face. "I enjoy the camaraderie with all the Soldiers."

Being able to share my experiences and provide some advice to the younger Soldiers as they work hard in their careers is a very important part of my day, added Doty.

Doty also notes that he isn't done with his service to the country after this deployment ends.

"I think I have about two more years left and then I plan to retire at age 60," said Doty. "I'm thinking about [another deployment], my wife is kind of frowning against it, but we're thinking about it."

For someone who described himself as a "farmboy," who initially joined the Army because of his desire to travel, along with his family ties to the military, Doty has experienced a unique career that shows a Soldier's love for his country, can stand up against anything, including the test of time. **A**



**Sgt. Dean E. Doty stands next to the Multinational Forces & Observers-South Camp headquarters sign. Currently serving with MFO, Doty has also deployed to Vietnam, the Gulf War and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

# A CELEBRATION OF Hispanic Heritage

## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

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**WHERE:  
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### Why I Serve:

Staff Sgt. Sonja Russell  
USARCENT R-5 Replacement Operations



The Hamlet, N.C., native explains why she chose to join the military.

“As Americans it is our duty to serve in the Armed Forces because freedom isn’t free.”

### Just One Question ...

“What does ‘Full-Spectrum Operations’ mean to you?”



“The capability to simultaneously apply measured offense, defense and stability operations across the full-spectrum of conflict.”

Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman  
U.S. Army Central  
Columbus, Ga.



“It means everything from humanitarian support to full-out war. You have to be trained to do your craft anywhere.”

Lt. Col. Arnold Pleasant  
USARCENT Operation Sustainment G4  
Deputy Mobility Chief  
Norfolk, Va.



“For us to be a command that handles a full range of operations, from humanitarian missions to a non-permissible environment.”

Staff Sgt. Jesse Lott  
USARCENT G3  
AACC NCO  
Kapolei, Hawaii



“It can mean anything from stability and support operations, to low intensity conflict or full-out war.”

Maj. Ted West  
USARCENT G4 Mobility  
Integration Operation officer  
San Jose, Calif.

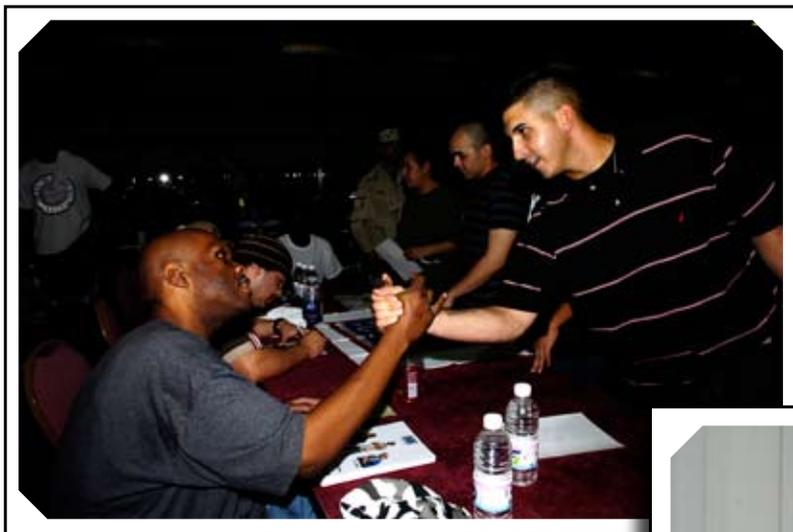


“It means conducting military operations that range from offense and defense to stability operations.”

Lt. Col. Anthony Berry  
USARCENT Headquarters  
Sustainment Operations Air mobility  
Detroit, Mich.

# What's happening around USARCENT ...

## *Baby Bash, Big Boy Visit*



From left, Big Boy, a radio disc jockey in Los Angeles, and Baby Bash, R&B artist, sign autographs for servicemembers after a concert at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Sept. 5. This was the first stop on their eight-day trip through the Middle East to visit with servicemembers. Also with them on the trip were DJ E-Man, Paul Ramirez, Rich Ricapon and drummer Curtis Byrd.

Photos by Sgt. Tracy Ellingsen

## *Acquisition Corps*

Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, Acquisition and Systems Management under the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, addresses acquisition officers at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Sept. 7. Izzo made a trip from Washington, D.C., to meet with officers of the Acquisition Corps to address their concerns, comments and suggestions during an informal dinner.



Photos by Pfc. Kimberly Johnson

## *Did you know ...*

*In October 1994, U.S. Army Central was called upon to command, control and deploy Army forces to Kuwait in support of freedom during Operation Vigilant Warrior, which was initiated in response to the posturing of Iraqi military forces along the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border.*

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