

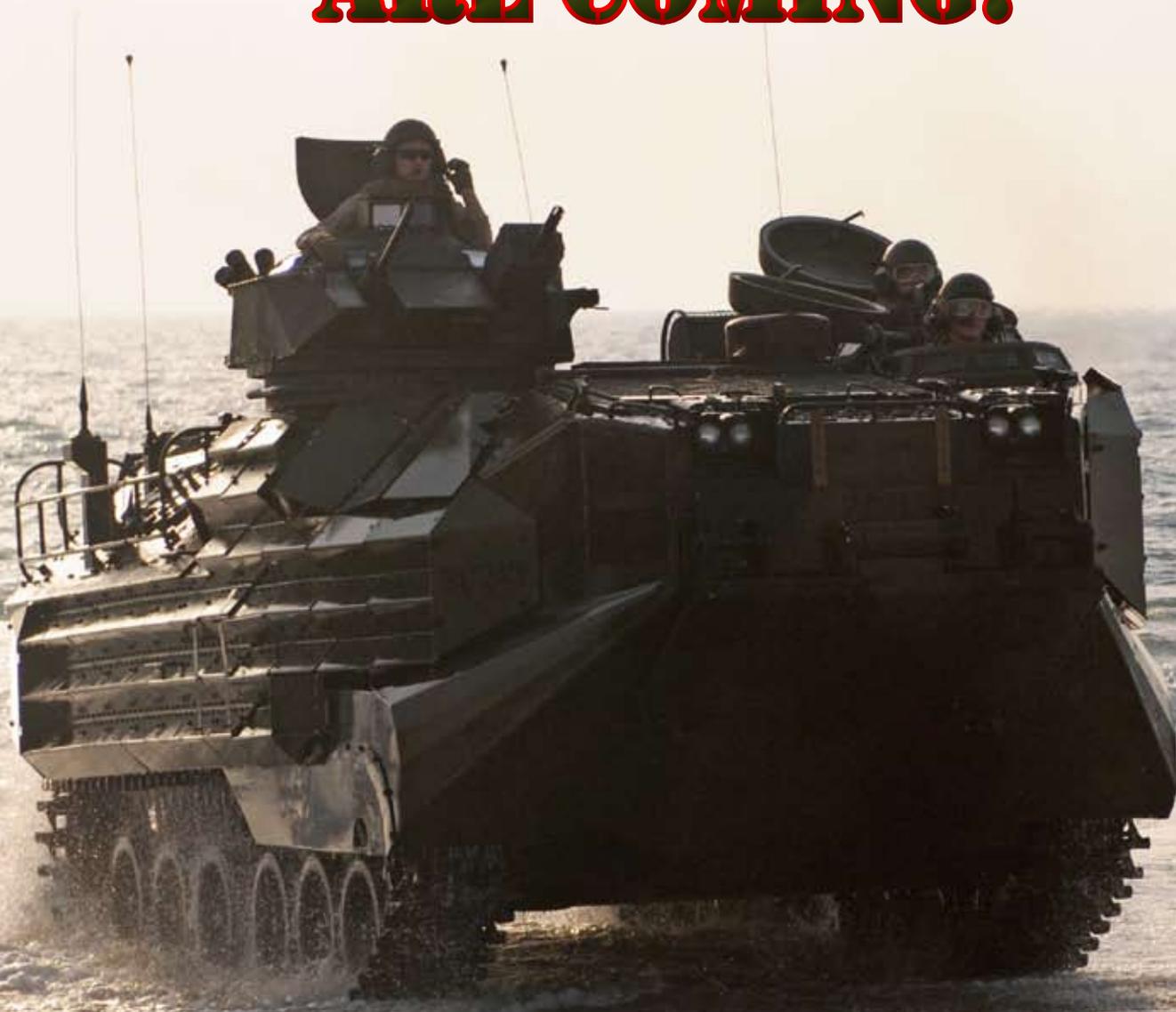
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In preparation for a mechanized, sustainment training exercise, Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit make an amphibious landing at Camp Patriot, Kuwait, Oct. 12. For the full story, see page 6. (Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush).

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Retaining Quality Soldiers

I am encouraged to see that we met our retention goals for fiscal year 2008. We closed out our mission during the last week of August with all subordinate commands accomplishing their respective missions... great job to all of you who worked so hard to make this happen.

We should be very proud of this accomplishment; however, the business of reenlisting quality Soldiers is never complete. I ask all to continue to encourage our Soldiers and Families to stay with the team and in the Army. Routinely discuss reenlistment options and how the Army can best support their personal and professional goals, as well as the needs of their Families.

Retaining quality Soldiers is the job of all leaders and begins very early on with the chain of command. Reenlistment starts before Soldiers and their Families arrive in the organization by creating positive expectations. Leaders must then work to fulfill these expectations by providing a climate of dignity and respect where Soldiers are challenged, developed as leaders, and empowered to contribute to the overall success of the team.

Meeting retention goals is a start, but an even better measure of our success is our ability to meet the expectations of our Soldiers over the long-term. When our Soldiers and Families move on to their next assignments... we want them to measure all others against U.S. Army Central. We want to create an environment in which the team thrives and a climate in which they will hope to find in their next units.

This is our command and retaining our quality Soldiers will help to strengthen our winning team. When the command has a reenlistment goal... all leaders must look at that goal and determine how they can support. Leaders, whether a team leader or



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

a staff directorate, must take the time to talk to Soldiers about how important they are to accomplishing our complex missions.

We have a great team of retention personnel that are here to support our command. They can assist Soldiers with making important career decisions and

processing reenlistment options and incentives, but it's

the leaders who can impact a Soldiers decision to reenlist on a daily basis.

To reenlist during a time of war is a powerful commitment. It says a great deal about our Soldiers, their Families and the Army as a whole. Leaders must involve the Family in discussions about a Soldier's decision to reenlist. We must ensure that our appreciation for all the sacrifices of our Families are echoed in all that we do. As many of you have heard me say before... Soldiering is an affair of the heart.

Our Army's doing a lot of great things... make sure you know what they are and share them with your people. Our Soldiers are the vital ingredient to accomplishing the mission and protecting the force. I ask us all to make a point, each and every day, to ask a Soldier to reenlist and stay with the team. Talk to them, but more importantly create an environment in which they want to work and live... and feel personally and professionally rewarded.

We need everyone to get involved to make sure we keep quality Soldiers in the ranks. Retention is a continuous process and we have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am confident you are all up to the challenge.

I am honored to serve with you. It is you all who make this a winning team... and I see evidence of that each and every day... it's what makes me look forward to coming to work. Thank you for all that you do.

Patton's Own!

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U.S. Army Central Surgeon's Office Message

I am Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab, the new U.S. Army Central Surgeon's Registered Dietitian. I serve all of Kuwait and will coordinate my services throughout the area of responsibility as needed. I come to the USARCENT Surgeon's office from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, out of Aberdeen, Md., where I am the nutrition staff officer and the Program Manager for health education. USACHPPM is the Army's premier resource for preventive medicine and health promotion education and services. I plan to implement many of the same USACHPPM programs at Camp Arifjan and throughout Kuwait, as well as engage our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen with new initiatives. Being deployed is a great time for making positive, lifestyle changes. Let me assist you and your units with all your nutritional and health promotion needs. Regular morning runs with the dietitian are being conducted. Please contact me directly at danny.b.jaghab@kuwait.sva.army.mil 430-6429.



Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab
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U.S. Army Central Safety Corner

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It's one of the easiest
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to prevent!



Servicemembers run throughout Camp Arifjan, Kuwait during the Navy's 233rd Birthday 5K Run held Oct. 14. More than 600 personnel participated in the run. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michelle Smith)

U.S. Navy celebrates 233rd Birthday

Article by
Lt. j.g. Michael Schmid
**Navy Expeditionary Logistics
Support Group Forward PAO**

The Navy's current role in fighting the Global War on Terror has put it in a greater partnership with the Marine Corps, Air Force and Army—and that presence on land gives Sailors the chance to share many of the Navy's rich traditions and customs with members of its sister services.

With more than 15,000 Sailors currently serving boots-on-ground in Central Command, more than twice the number serving at sea in the Arabian Gulf on ships, it wasn't difficult to find Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines jointly celebrating the Navy's 233rd Birthday at bases across Kuwait on Oct. 13.

Since its founding in 1775, by declaration of the Continental Congress, the Navy has grown from four small wooden ships and a few hundred Sailors, to an unmatched world-class sea-power employing more than 457,000 active and reserve Sailors, operating 280 ships and 3,700 aircraft.

Organized by Cmdr. Jennifer Flather and representatives from Navy commands, troops based at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait participated in several events for this year's Navy birthday.

The Navy's sole flag officer in Kuwait, Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich, commander, CENTCOM Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, presided over the events.

The 5k Navy run, organized by Lt. j.g. Andrew Weiss from the Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait, held in celebration of the Navy's birthday, produced a large

turnout of participants.

"It's great to see Navy, Army, Air Force and Marines out here," said Heirich. "[It's] truly a joint team!"

The majority of the Navy 5k runners were Soldiers stationed at camp Arifjan.

"I came out to the Navy run because I wanted to show respect," said Spc. Maurice Rashawn McLellan, a 101st Airborne combat veteran.

"I actually considered the Air Force and Navy prior to enlisting in the Army. Each service brings something big to the table, and I know a lot of Navy guys around here," added McLellan, a Dillon, S.C. native.

U.S. Army Central Commanding General, Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, also participated in the Navy birthday cake cutting ceremony.

"I appreciate your contributions and love you Navy folks everyday except for one day a year; and I believe that happens to be December 6 this year," said Lovelace, referring to the annual Army-Navy college football game, played since 1890.

In accordance with Navy tradition, the eldest and youngest Sailors were recruited to help cut the birthday cake with the dignitaries. Lovelace and Heinrich joined seaman recruit Robert Carrano and Petty Officer First Class Robert Lustgarten, as they all took hold of a sword and sliced through the cake.

As a token of appreciation to the Navy's youngest and most venerated members at Camp Arifjan, Lovelace presented both Sailors with his USARCENT command coin.

As the Navy moves toward its 234th year, its members thank the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps for their support and camaraderie in CENTCOM. **A**

Camp Arifjan

1-25 SBCT complete mission essential training

Article by
Maj. Richard Hyde
1-25 SBCT PAO

Soldiers with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division are completing the final stages of their preparation to move into the country of Iraq.

Headquartered at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, the “Arctic Wolves” have been in Kuwait during the last several weeks preparing for the final training of their recent deployment.

“The brigade deployed to Kuwait in order to complete what is known as RSOI, or Reception, Staging, and Onward Movement Integration,” said Maj. Bill Ryan, executive officer, 1-25 SBCT Fairbanks, Alaska native. “This process is necessary before we can move to our new home in Iraq.”

RSOI is a comprehensive process that prepares all deploying combat brigades, as well as other deploying units, for many aspects of their upcoming duties while in Iraq or Afghanistan, added Ryan.

Several of the key areas that Soldiers and units must focus on during RSOI, often a two to three-week period, are transportation, logistics and training.

According to Capt. Matt Hall, operations officer with the brigade’s headquarters element, all of the brigade’s units have had to complete several blocks of mandatory training, such as counter improvised explosive device awareness and small arms weapons ranges.

Additionally, Kuwait-based U.S. installations also offer a wide range of other pre-deployment-oriented training for units headed to Iraq, Afghanistan or other countries in the region.

“Nearly all of the brigade’s units have taken advantage of the training assets available here,” said Hall, an Eagle, Wis., native. “Training has gone really well during our limited time [in Kuwait].”

“Considering everything else necessary [to complete], all units have made extremely efficient use of their time,” added Hall.

Also critical to the pre-deployment timeline in Kuwait is the logistics and transportation effort.

The movement of people, vehicles and equipment from Alaska to Kuwait, and then to Iraq has been an enormous endeavor, one vital to the unit’s upcoming mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The brigade’s vehicles, including their state-of-the-art “backbone” vehicle, the Stryker, as well as thousands of pounds of their equipment,

arrived recently on a U.S. Naval vessel that transported much of the unit’s equipment from their recent training exercise in California.

With all of the moving pieces involved, most agree that perhaps the most integral ingredient for deployment success has been teamwork.

“Transportation of [our vehicles] into the country has been hectic, but smoothed out with everyone working together,” said Spc. Audrey Arrindell, a logistics specialist in the brigade’s headquarters and an Enterprise, Ala. native.

The brigade is scheduled to

“Nearly all of the brigade’s units have taken advantage of the training assets available here.”

Capt. Matt Hall
Operations
Headquarters, 1-25 SBCT

spend the remaining several weeks continuing their preparations before their move into northern Iraq.

The Arctic Wolves are set to transfer authority and replace units with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment later this month.



Photo by Master Sgt. Troy Bouffard
First Sgt. Edward Martin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Troops Battalion, of Jersey City, N.J., assists a Soldier from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, with his weapon at a small arms weapons range in Kuwait, early this month.

MECHANIZED, SUSTAINMENT TRAIN

In preparation for a mechanized, sustainment training exercise, Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit make an amphibious landing at Camp Patriot, Kuwait, Oct. 12. (Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush)



First Lt. Chris Upton, platoon commander, center, and Lance Cpl. David Hanson, tanker chain an M-1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank to the deck of a Landing Craft Air Cushioned amphibious vehicle.

Photo by Marine Sgt. Edward G. Guevara

Camp Patriot

ING BRINGS MARINES TO KUWAIT

Article by
Pfc. Alicia Torbush
Desert Voice Staff Writer

In preparation for a mechanized, sustainment training exercise, Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune, N.C., offloaded track and assault vehicles at Camp Patriot, Kuwait, Oct. 12.

The training exercise, which is scheduled to take place at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, in November, is a refresher training they received and is intended to sharpen their skills, said Staff Sgt. Keith Garber, motor transportation chief, 26th MEU.

The movement included offloading the equipment from ships, using Landing Craft, Air-Cushioned hovercrafts and relocating both personnel and equipment.

According to Chief Petty Officer Michael McDonald, LCAC pilot, Assault Craft Unit 4, an LCAC is a hov-

ercraft used to transport heavy loads from ship-to-shore and shore-to-ship.

Timing was also a factor in the movement and the heavy loads slowed the LCAC down.

“We were under a time constraint,” said Garber. “The ships had to be [underway] by a certain time, so we were moving at a very fast pace.”

“One of the obstacles for the LCAC is that the tanks are very heavy,” said Garber, a Philadelphia native.

“The LCAC can carry a combat ready M1A1 Abrams Battle Tank,” added McDonald, a Detroit native. “But the tank puts the load capacity of the craft at its maximum.”

In order to help alleviate the stress, the time limit put on the MEU and LCAC crews, the servicemembers had to offload the equipment at two different beaches where the equipment was staged for movement farther inland.

“Running two beaches simultaneously is very hard to do,” said Garber.

As with any military logistics

operation, protocol and procedures are important.

Knowing what equipment needs to be moved, knowing its location on the ship and moving it around so that the equipment could be easily transported from the ship to the shore is important, said Garber.

Once all of the equipment was located on the ship, loaded on to the transport vessels and offloaded on shore, the other needs of the MEU had to be taken care of.

“Some of the logistics include finding billeting, sustainment, and transportation of equipment, gear and personnel,” said Garber.

Despite weight issues and time constraints, the MEU successfully moved several pieces of equipment and personnel from ships-to-shore and then to different locations around Kuwait.

“The MEU, as a whole, is pleased with the support that they have been given here at Camp Arifjan as well as Camp Patriot,” added Garber. **A**

Marines from the 26th MEU unload a Light Armored Vehicle from the back of an Land Craft, Air Cushined hovercraft. The LAV is used by the Marine Corps as part of a combat arms system to provide anything from troop transportation to combat support. (Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush)



Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush

Soldiers bring spiritual sound to se

Story and photos by
Sgt. Tracy Ellingsen
311th Sustainment Command

Like the set of an old western movie, the streets of this dusty Army outpost in southern Kuwait are deserted on Sunday mornings. Most of those given the luxury of a day off take it Sunday. The only traffic on the roads is the occasional lizard sunning himself before the desert sun gets too high in the sky. But at the corner of Ardennes Avenue and Bayreuth Boulevard, an aluminum sided building reverberates with the sounds of praise and worship music.

Lt. Col. Mike Melendez and the praise team of Chapel Next get the congregation on its feet every Sunday at 10 a.m. In fact, if the congregation isn't standing, the drummer, Spc. Daniel Cross, says he won't play.

But for Cross and Melendez, bringing soulful sounds to servicemembers isn't a new concept. The two were deployed together in 2005, but their friendship began a decade earlier when Cross was just nine years old.

"The first time we met I was stationed in Dallas in 1995," said Melendez. It was during his time in Dallas that Melendez first met the Cross family while attending the North Church in Carrollton, Texas.

"Our families used to go out to eat after church," said Cross. But after completing his assignment in Dallas,

Melendez was stationed in Korea, and the Cross family eventually lost contact with him.

Ten years later, Cross and Melendez were both deployed with the 4th Sustainment Brigade to Taji, Iraq, but the two didn't remember each other: at least not right away.

"It took three weeks on the ground before we realized who each other were," said Cross.

The duo was soon leading worship music, but this time it was for their fellow troops.

"When we deployed before we didn't have any drums, so he sang for the year," Melendez said about Cross. "He has an amazing voice. He's the best male voice up there; except for me of course," he added with a smile.

While their relationship in Taji was based on music, Cross also found comfort in having a familiar face that reminded him so much of home.

"Taji was my first deployment and it got kind of hard," said Cross. "I missed my family and he was like my connection back home. We kind of reminded each other where we were from."

Four months into their second deployment, this one scheduled to last 15 months, the two have again set up shop on a chapel stage bringing praise music to parishioners deployed from all corners of the world.

As much as the praise team may be one of the main attractions of Chapel

Next, Melendez says for him playing music has nothing to do with bringing people into the chapel, but everything to do with his own religious experience.



Spc. Daniel Cross, drums, and Lt. Col. Mike Melendez play music during a contemporary praise and worship service. They were deployed to Taji, Iraq, in 2005.

And while he somewhat acknowledges his rock star-status amongst the Camp Arifjan Christian community, he is almost embarrassed by the attention.

"I don't expect people to show up. I don't expect my team to show up. I just do what I do and I love it," he said. "I don't want to be famous."

When Melendez is at the keyboard, the stresses of his 15-month deployment don't appear to affect him. His intense blue eyes look to the ceiling or to his fellow musicians and are sometimes closed as if in a moment of personal prayer. His exaggerated movements seem impossible for a man confined to a small stool situated in a jungle of cords, music stands and amplifiers. While the majority of the

Spc. Daniel Cross, 22, has been playing the drums since he sat down at a set at the age of eight. He currently serves as a senior intelligence analyst with the 4th Sustainment Brigade deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



Melendez get the congregation on its feet every Sunday during Christian Service at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. This is a worship music to servicemembers and civilians.

congregation may be even a little cold from the powerful air-conditioner, Melendez fans himself with a scrap piece of paper; a necessity after dancing in his seat, pumping his fist in the air and pounding the keyboard with intensity usually saved for music videos.

For Melendez, this deployment with the 4th Sustainment Brigade meant leaving his position as praise team leader at a church back in Texas, a position that was filled shortly after he deployed. He didn't expect to lead a praise team ever again, especially while deployed, but when the call came, he was more than willing to take on the job.

"This is church service and these people are healing to me," he said.

The self-taught musician quickly brought his style of worship to the Chapel Next service, one of Camp Arifjan's two weekly Contemporary

Christian Church services. But the service was lacking a drummer and Melendez knew just which Soldier to call upon to fill that role. Even though he had never

heard Cross play the drums, Melendez knew the entire Cross family was musically gifted.

"There was a need for a drummer and he said he was a drummer," said Melendez. "When I asked him to play, I didn't even ask him nicely. I knew he'd be good. You can't brag that much and not be good."

"I've been playing the drums since I was eight," said Cross. "I kind of walked in one day and sat down at a drum set and taught myself. I never took a lesson. Well, I took one lesson once, but the guy didn't like me."

Cross' job as the senior intelligence analyst with the 4th Sustainment Brigade often means long and stressful hours. And, while he certainly doesn't let playing on the praise team interfere with his work, the brief respite he gets at both rehearsals and during services is all the stress relief he needs, said Cross.

"Saturday night till Sunday morning is my escape," he said. "Music is my life. Give me an excuse for anything musical and I'm there."

The drum set sits idly in the back corner of the chapel stage throughout the week, almost waiting for Cross to come practice.

On a base where public space is at a premium, rehearsals are conducted



Lt. Col. Mike Melendez during practice. The self-taught musician leads the praise band for the base's contemporary Christian service.

Saturday evenings. The base chapel is used by many different services and for other base events including ceremonies, training sessions, and meetings. The musicians and singers set up and break down their equipment before and after each practice and Sunday morning service.

After completing a 12-hour work day, Melendez still conducts a three hour practice. As praise team leader he

"I don't expect people to show up. I don't expect my team to show up. I just do what I do and I love it"

Lt. Col. Mike Melendez
4th Sustainment Brigade

selects the songs and leads the run through and has even written three of the songs the group has performed. But Melendez offers leadership to his team in more

aspects than just music.

"I got saved when I was 19," he said. "I didn't want to speak or preach; I wanted to play."

But Cross sees the man with whom he has led worship for three years as even more of a spiritual leader. Melendez's ability to put the weight of the world behind him, as he focuses on the blessings in his own life, reminds Cross of a famous figure from the Bible who managed to do the same.

"He definitely has a heart of David. Whatever David did, he found time to worship," Cross said. "That man cares more about God and his family than anything else in life." 

Army, Navy brothers reunite during deployment

Article by
Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton
Desert Voice Staff Writer

Sometimes it takes unusual circumstances to bring families together. A recent deployment to Kuwait was the circumstance that helped Army Master Sgt. Raul Torres and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ivan Torres develop a fraternal bond that was missing while growing up in Puerto Rico and through much of their lives as adults.

“The gap was so big,” said Army Master Sgt. Raul Torres, who is six years older than Ivan. “That separation created a distance between [us].”

Age difference, coupled with Ivan being raised in a separate household on another part of the island, made it difficult for the brothers to develop a close-knit relationship.

“Ivan use to be asthmatic when we were kids,” said Raul. “We lived on this small island called Vieques and he could not be there because the weather conditions affected him so

much, he was living with my grandmother and auntie in Caguas.”

After graduating from college, Raul’s desire to serve in the military, kindled upon his high school graduation, remained with him.

When Operation Desert Shield occurred in 1990, Raul decided to answer the call to serve his country by joining the Army, where he earned a position as a Military Policeman.

No longer a young intermediate school boy, Ivan had begun to carve a path of his own.

Following in the family tradition of public service, Ivan successfully finished his studies and joined the police department in Puerto Rico. In time, he too felt the urge to serve his country. But, Ivan did not follow in the footsteps of his brother and father by joining the Army. Ivan’s love for the water caused him to instead join the Navy Reserves.

Due to Ivan’s experience in the civilian sector with the police force, he was able to acquire a job upholding law and order in the Navy, as a

Master-at-Arms.

“It’s a tradition in my family,” said Ivan. “My father was in the Army National Guard and he was a police officer, my grandpa was a police officer. It’s in the blood.”

The brothers, admit it has been hard to keep up communication with each other, especially now that Raul no longer lives on the island.

In the past five years, the brothers had not seen each other except

for two brief encounters.

But as fate would have it, a recent deployment to Kuwait would give the Torres brothers an opportunity to nurture a bond that had been missing for so long.

Ivan arrived to Kuwait to begin his mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2007. Shortly after Ivan’s deployment, Raul received orders from the Army stating that he too would deploy to Kuwait.

In February 2008, Raul arrived to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and was overwhelmed by the welcome he received from his brother.

“He set me up very well,” recalls Raul. “When I arrived here he was ready for me. I had my cell phone, I had my internet card, I had a pillow and I had blankets. It’s the little things, but it means a lot. I did not expect that from him.”

This deployment has given the brothers a chance to rebuild a line of communication and lean on each other personally, but it has also provided them with an opportunity to learn from each other professionally.

“It’s good in one aspect because we have each other to support,” said Raul. “When you are separated from your family it’s a tough thing, but when you have somebody in the family close to you in the same place, that makes your deployment a little bit easier.”

“It’s good because he has more experience in the military system and I have more experience in the civilian system,” added Ivan. “When I have any questions about [the military] I ask him.”

Although the two men never experienced sibling rivalry growing up, a slight rivalry has developed now that they serve under different military branches. Many of the men’s topics of discussion involve the way their branch of service does business; but, in the end, they remain loyal to their branch of service; and most importantly, each other. **A**



Courtesy Photo

Army Master Sgt. Raul Torres and his younger brother, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ivan Torres, take a moment to eat lunch together during a training exercise in Kuwait.

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Just One Question ...

What improvement would you like to see in your military community?



"I would like to see better financial services for my younger troops."

Capt. Jennifer Friedman
70th Medium Truck Detachment
Company Commander
San Antonio, Texas



"I would like to see a more involved Family support program during deployments."

Master Sgt. Timothy Wille
MARGENT
Operations Chief
Okinawa, Japan



"I would like to see more nutritional programs that are beneficial to servicemembers."

Seaman Emmanuel Igene
Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait
Patient Administrator
Bethesda, Md.



"I think there needs to be improvement in post-deployment activities for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, and Families."

Master Sgt. Steven Shroyer
76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
NTV Manager
Columbus, Ind.



"I would like to see a reinforcement of common customs and courtesies among all services."

Sgt. Jacob Freeman
III Marine Expeditionary Force
Maritime Prepositioning Force NCO
Bellingham, Wash.

Why I Serve:

Staff Sgt. Richard Dixon
CDDOC Single Ticket Manager



The Uxbridge, Mass., native explains why he chose to join the military.

"I joined for the educational benefits and to be able to travel. I am still learning and still traveling."

What's happening around USARCENT



Photo by Navy Cmdr. Jennifer Flather

Gen. McNabb Visits CDDOC

Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich, commander, Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center welcomes U.S. Transportation Command Commander, General Duncan J. McNabb during his arrival to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. McNabb's visit included a tour and recognizing CENTCOM DDOC personnel for superior performance.

Ohio Shadow Run

Servicemembers from all branches of the military, including Japan, Korea and Australia take off at the start of the Ohio National Guard-sponsored Shadow Run held at the Life Support Area. The half marathon shadows the full Marathon held in Columbus, October 19.



Photo by Spc. Kimberly Johnson

Did you know ...

When Iraqi aircrafts began challenging the established "no-fly" zones and Iraqi Air Defense systems fired on allied aircraft in December 1998, U.S. and United Kingdom forces responded with a massive display of firepower. During the campaign, U.S. Army Central again deployed forces, in Operation Desert Fox, to defend Kuwait and reassure our allies in the Gulf region.

Celebrating 90 Years of Service to "Patton's Own!"