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## *Paladins push into Iraq*

*Soldiers of the 4-27th Field Artillery prepare to go north*

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*Photo by Pfc. Christopher T. Grammer*

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# On Leadership: the NCO Creed

*Editor's note: This is the sixth in a series of articles by the Commanding General and the Command Sergeant Major.*



**Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman**  
USARCENT command sergeant major

While I normally write for all the servicemembers in U.S. Army Central, I would like to take an opportunity to direct my comments to the noncommissioned officers and future NCOs on the importance of the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer.

Every NCO should live the Creed. But I want you to know it is more than just words put down on paper 35 years ago. It is as relevant today as the day it was written. The Creed is both a guide for NCOs and a contract with our Soldiers and officers. The Creed plays a part in how I measure myself as a leader and NCO.

I would like to emphasize some parts of the creed to help us better understand what it means.

*"No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers."*

The Creed begins by defining what a non-commissioned officer is. As leaders we are all professionals in our fields. We should always look and act professionally. We are knowledgeable and skilled in our areas. We are flexible and able to lead Soldiers in overcoming challenges and obstacles.

*"My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind – accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers."*

The Creed reminds us of the responsibilities every NCO has – to accomplish the mission, and to take care of Soldiers. Even as we go about accomplishing the mission, make sure you take care of your Soldiers. As the creed states, a NCO should keep his responsibilities foremost in his mind and in the right priority.

*"I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient."*

Leading Soldiers means knowing not only your job, but also your Soldiers' jobs. NCOs should be the experts in their field. NCOs should always lead from the front. They should be knowledgeable in all aspects of the mission. This is even more important as USARCENT transforms into a Full-Spectrum Operations capable headquarters.

*"All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leader-*

*ship; I will provide that leadership."*

This is a promise. It is a promise to yourself, your subordinates and your leaders. We can see outstanding leadership every day in the NCO who takes the time to make a correction and square away a Soldier or just gives the quiet pat on the back for a job well done. Each and every NCO makes this promise, and our Soldiers expect it. It is important we strive to live up to it.

*"I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed."*

Communication is an essential key to any operation. As NCOs we communicate our commander's intentions to our Soldiers and we communicate the concerns of the Soldiers to our commander. In a successful unit the communication channels are always open.

*"I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders."*

Initiative is a hallmark of a good NCO. Knowing the appropriate action without orders, or before a problem arises is a part of our mission. If something is wrong, make it right. If something is broken, fix it. We are leaders and we cannot let our Soldiers or our leaders down by failing to take appropriate action.

*"I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!"*

Hold yourself to the standard. Hold your fellow NCOs to the standard. Don't forget – we are leaders of Soldiers, we are professionals and we are noncommissioned officers.

I encourage each of you to read the NCO Creed, to study it and understand it. Hang it in your office and look at it regularly to remind you of the standard. Live each and every day by the NCO Creed and include it in your daily business. Each paragraph of the Creed holds key elements that remind NCOs of what we should be doing as leaders. The words of the Creed continue to inspire NCOs and serve as a compass to guide us down the right paths as we encounter different challenges and take on new missions.

I am proud of all our noncommissioned officers. Continue to be outstanding leaders and set the example for your junior and senior Soldiers.

-Patton's Own

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## What you might not know about heat injury can kill you – or someone else

Story by  
Col. Jonathan Freundt  
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**HYPONATREMIA.** Overemphasis on drinking water to prevent heat injuries also can result in a very bad outcome called hyponatremia. Hyponatremia develops when excess water intake dilutes the body's normal serum sodium level and causes water to move into the body's cells, leading to cellular swelling and cell damage. When this swelling happens in the lungs, it causes fluid in the lungs, also known as pulmonary edema. When the swelling occurs in the brain, it decreases blood flow to the brain, leading to confusion, seizures, coma and even death.

In the summer of 1997, many Soldiers at Army training centers were hospitalized for hyponatremia during hot, humid weather. This led the Army to develop new water consumption guidelines in 1998 to prevent overconsumption of water. The current guidelines are to drink no more than one and-a-half quarts (approximately 1.5 liters) of water per hour, and no more than 12 quarts (or 13 liters) of water per day, regardless of the heat category.

In spite of these new guidelines, the number of cases and incidence rates

continued to increase each year and nearly doubled from 2002 to 2006. Finally, in 2007, the rate slightly declined. Leaders and individuals must take hyponatremia, a life threatening condition, into consideration when monitoring water intake. Bottom line: drinking large amounts of water does not eliminate risks when working and training in the heat, and can actually make things much worse when taken to excess.

**EXERTIONAL RHABDOMYOLYSIS** ("Rhabdo"). Rhabdomyolysis, known by its slang term in the extreme fitness community as 'rhabdo,' literally means the breakdown of skeletal muscle cells. This cellular breakdown can occur after extreme exertion, most often when performed in high heat and humidity.

Dehydration, which often happens to individuals in a desert environment, significantly increases the risk for rhabdomyolysis.

When the muscle cells break down they release their toxic contents into the bloodstream, which can cause serious problems. These include kidney failure and even death if appropriate medical treatment is not promptly administered.

Commanders must be aware that individuals who suddenly increase their overall level of physical activity and/

or increase stress on weight bearing muscles, particularly during periods of high heat and humidity, are at increased risk for exertional rhabdomyolysis. Symptoms of rhabdomyolysis include muscle weakness, cramping, pain, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, fever and dark, cola colored urine.

Amongst the reported heat stroke cases reviewed in the 2007 study, a secondary diagnosis of 'rhabdomyolysis' or 'kidney failure' occurred in over six percent of the cases. Treatment for this condition depends upon prompt diagnosis, rehydration with intravenous fluids and careful monitoring of blood chemistry and renal function.

Because prevention is by far the best approach to handling any heat injury and its related complications, leaders must be aware of other conditions that may lead to an increased risk for heat-related problems.

Increased vigilance and education on related conditions can facilitate prompt identification of heat related injuries and prevent progression to the most serious, life threatening complications.

For more information, visit [http://afhsc.army.mil/msmr\\_current.asp](http://afhsc.army.mil/msmr_current.asp) and [www.arcent.army.mil](http://www.arcent.army.mil).

*Editor's note: This is the last in a two-part series on the prevention of heat injuries. ▲*

# Becoming like Audie

Story and photos by  
Spc. Wes Landrum  
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He was the highest decorated Soldier and the greatest combat Soldier in the 200-year plus history of the United States. Fighting in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany, Sgt. Audie Leon Murphy distinguished himself, received a battlefield commission for courage and leadership ability, and earned every medal for valor that America bestows. After the military, Murphy went on to become an actor even starring in the movie "To Hell and Back," which was based on a book of the same name based on Murphy's experiences in World War II.

In 1986, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club was started at Fort Hood, Texas, to honor the Soldiers who best exemplify what it means to be a noncommissioned officer. Master Sgt. Ruby Murray, president of the SAMC chapter in Kuwait, has been a member of the club for almost eight years. She said being in the club helps NCOs be more complete.

"It allows you to be yourself as a noncommissioned officer," Murray said.

"We're not perfect but at the same time we go deeper into the guidelines, deeper into the regulations to keep abreast of what the Army is looking for when it comes to the total package of NCOs."

Murray said a NCO is recommended for admission into the SAMC by their sergeant major or first sergeant.

To qualify, the potential candidate must have two noncommissioned officer evaluation reports under their belt in a leadership position. After recommendation, there are three phases to becoming a member of the prestigious club. First is the studying.

"This gives you an opportunity to meet everyone who's going through the course at these sessions.

Besides the studying, the candidates are getting ready for the physical fitness portion of the course. After 30 days, a PT test is given.

"Our standards are 270, meaning you have to get 90 points in each event," Murray said.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Bailey, a newly inducted member of the SAMC from the 92nd Chemical Company,

said he spent a lot of hours studying.

"It was tough but very rewarding. There was a lot of studying about different things and aspects of the Army," Bailey said. "I burned a lot of midnight oil studying to

get the specific study areas down. I also learned a lot about myself that I did not even know."

For those who make it past the first phase, it's on to stage two - the battalion level board. Murray said each candidate must pass the board to move to the next phase. At the board, the candidate goes over the biography of Audie Murphy.

They also go over the NCO Creed, Soldiers' creed and the Dog-Face Soldier Song - the division song of the Third Infantry Division that Murphy was a member of during World War II.

After passing the battalion board, it's on to the U.S. Army Central level board. From there, either they are going to make it or they're not. Everyone on the board has to vote unanimously yes in order for the candidate to be inducted into the club. Bailey said it's easy to spot a member of the SAMC by the way they carry themselves in public.

"Over the last few years I've looked at the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club and the members. When I look at a member, I see them as what right looks like," he said. "I've watched them and their leadership styles and they are professional noncommissioned officers, the epitome of the noncommissioned officer corps and to stand here with them is truly an honor."

Bailey said if one is looking for a challenge, then the SAMC is the club for you.

"If you're ready to put your heart into it, if you're ready to do the work and burn some late-night oil, if you're ready to learn something about yourself and your Soldiers and how to talk care of your Soldiers, I say do it," Bailey said. **A**



**Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Bailey, a quick reaction force patrol leader with the 92nd Chemical Company, speaks after being inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, during the induction ceremony held April 24 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.**



**The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inductees wait patiently during an induction ceremony held April 24 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.**

*"Over the last few years I've looked at the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club and the members. When I look at a member, I see them as what right looks like"*

**Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Bailey**  
92nd Chemical Company  
quick reaction force patrol leader

# Army Reserve turns 100

Story and photo by  
Spc. Wes Landrum  
Desert Voice staff writer

The U.S. Army Reserve celebrated its 100th anniversary April 23 with cake-cutting ceremonies at various bases in Kuwait. On Camp Arifjan, cake cuttings were held at each of the dining facilities on post.

“It’s in keeping with the tradition of the U.S. Army, the Army Reserve and the United States of America. We want people to understand that we support and defend the Constitution and that we represent America wherever we are,” said Maj. Eric Givens, Army Reserve Headquarters Command. “I’ve been in the Army for over 22 years, both as an officer and in the enlisted ranks, and I’ve enjoyed every bit of it.”

On April 23, 1908, the Army Reserve was created by the U.S. Congress. It was started as Medical Reserve Corps – formed to give the Army medical functions. Since that April day, the Army Reserve has expanded beyond its original mission to become a successful organization that balances civilian skills, patriotism, and supports the United States in military actions and its missions.

“Since 1908, the Army Reserve has served with excellence and honor in every major military and humanitarian engagement our nation has taken part in including World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Iraq War and the Global War on Terrorism,” said Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve, Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Command. “As the missions have become more challenging and the skills needed to support each campaign have become more specialized, the Army Reserve has and will continue to transform in order to better support the Army and our nation.”

Stultz said, in a speech commemo-



**Brig. Gen. Michael Schweiger, 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) deputy commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Rutherford Sr., 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) Special Troops Battalion command sergeant major, cut a cake at a dining facility at Camp Arifjan honoring the 100th birthday of the Army Reserve April 23.**

rating the birthday, that the Reserve has become a vital part of the Army providing jobs rich in specialized skill services to the Army.

While the Army Reserve may have started 100 years ago as a medical force, it has branched into many different jobs and skills to include transportation personnel, engineers, law enforcement, city planners, teachers and lawyers.

“Currently, we provide 100 percent of the Army’s chemical brigades, internment brigades, judge advocate general units, medical groups, railway units, training and exercise divisions and water supply battalions,” Stultz said. “In addition, the Army Reserve makes up nearly two-thirds of the Army’s civil affairs units, psychological operations units, transportation groups, motor battalions, theater signal commands and hospitals.”

Since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 193,000 Army Reserve Soldiers have mobilized and deployed to support GWOT and homeland security. Almost 28,000 Reservists are mobilized today.

Givens said this is his first time

celebrating the Army Reserve birthday while deployed. The Detroit native said celebrating occasions like organizational birthdays brings servicemembers together in camaraderie on many levels.

“One of the things I’ve seen is that we come together, we work hard, play hard and we celebrate when we have the chance to celebrate those things which are integral to the service we represent,” he said.

Stultz said the Army Reserve, throughout history, has transformed to better meet the needs of the United States. Now, the Reserves is changing once again as it begins its second century in existence.

“One hundred years ago, the Army Reserve began as a small reserve force of medical specialists. Today’s Army Reserve is a successful 21<sup>st</sup> century organization performing a wide variety of support functions for the Army,” he said. “On behalf of the entire Army Reserve, thank you to the employers, families, communities and the American public for your support. We look forward to serving you in the next 100 years.” <sup>A</sup>

# shoot and scoot

Story and photos by  
Pfc. Christopher T. Grammer  
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**A**t about 62,000 pounds the M109 A6 Paladin may seem like a huge target.

However the Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, are trained to drive this huge war machine into combat to provide fire support for their comrades in arms.

“As a unit we provide accurate and responsive fire support for units out there on the ground and make sure they get all the fire support they need to accomplish the mission,” said 2nd Lt. Daniel Duffy, a fire direction officer for the 4-27th FA.

The 4th Bn., 27th FA Regt., used the U.S. Army Central ranges near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, to calibrate the 155mm guns of its Paladins before

moving north into Iraq.

“We have several different types of charges and propellants that we use,” Duffy said. “Each propellant is manufactured in different lots so they respond differently, therefore we have to determine how much variance there is between lots so that we can account for that during fire missions and provide more accurate fire.”

The Paladin is the most advanced artillery piece currently in use by the U.S. military today. The development of the M109 series was in answer to the need to have a faster, more reliable, highly mobile and extremely lethal replacement for the Howitzer.

The Soldiers of 4th Bn., 27th FA Regt., have the ability to perform many different fire missions due to the versatility and mobility of the Paladin, and its ability to fire different types of rounds.

Besides conventional munitions the Paladin can fire high explosive, illumi-

nation and white phosphorous rounds from a distance of about 30 kilometers away, said Sgt. Christopher L. Brown, a Howitzer crewmember with the unit.

Using “shoot and scoot” methods the artillerymen can lay down heavy fire on an enemy position and move out to another position in a manner of 30 seconds thus protecting the crew.

There are four different crew positions in the Paladin. The section chief who is in charge of the vehicle; the gunner, who verifies everything the chief does; the cannoneer, who loads the rounds and cleans the powder chamber; and the driver who operates the vehicle and records all the data, Brown said.

“I just hope that we accomplish whatever mission is given to us so that we can all go home safe,” Brown said. **A**



The Paladin is the most advanced artillery system currently in use by the Army today. Only the United States Army uses the Paladin.



**An M109 A6 Paladin fires a round downrange April 17 near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, as the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armor Division, calibrates its gun systems. The Paladin is a mobile artillery weapons system capable of firing rounds at a range of up to 30 kilometers.**



**A Soldier with the 4th Bn. 27th FA Regt., gets powder charges ready to use while calibrating the 155 millimeter gun of a M109 A6 Paladin. The artillerymen have been training in preparation for combat operations in Iraq.**

# Evening events in Qatar offer cu

Story by *Dustin Senger*  
ASG-Qatar Public Affairs

United States troops at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, discovered a deeper understanding of Arab-Islamic life in the Middle East during a two-day cultural event April 10 and 11.

Hosted from late-afternoon until midnight on both days, “Arabian Nights” was funded by the installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation program and United Service Organization.

Many of the event’s attendants were participating in the U.S. Central Command rest and recuperation pass program at Camp As Sayliyah.

Since 2004, more than 155,000 participants have received respite at the U.S. installation in Qatar.

“In Qatar, servicemembers can experience a peaceful Arab-Islamic society,”

said Lt. Karly Mangen, from Chisago Lakes, Minn. She is the officer in charge of the USCENTCOM pass program in Qatar. “It helps give them hope for other parts of the region, where the cultural experience is not peaceful.”

Qatar International Adventures supplied most of the Arabic atmosphere and educational experience, to include camels, falcons, tents, clothing, beverages and food. Local nationals provided explanations and guidance into their time-honored traditions. Qatari women painted intricate designs on the skin of interested individuals. Made from henna, the body art is traditionally applied during celebrations.

“This is great – a completely new experience.” said Spc. Jonah Alva, from Carmel, Calif. He attended the event while on pass from duties in Iraq. “It definitely makes us more aware of Middle Eastern culture. In Iraq, we hardly ever

leave the confinements of our compound. We can safely meet and talk to the people here.”

“We can read about these customs but you understand it more by interacting with the people,” said Air Force Senior Airman Reuben James, from Frederick, Md. “You always have a preconceived notion about cultures like this. It’s another world to us – it’s like reading a novel versus experiencing it. When you meet the Arab people, it can change or validate your perceptions. These are very friendly people.”

“We provide a positive cultural experience in a safe location,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Myers, from Coon Rapids, Minn., the noncommissioned officer in charge of the USCENTCOM pass program. “Away from any dangers, the servicemembers have a chance to take photos and experience a peaceful Arab society.” **A**



**U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Tony Whitehead, from Jacksonville, Fla., holds a hooded falcon while trying on traditional Qatari clothing at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, April 10.**



# Cultural familiarity



*U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Jennifer Condor, from Williamsburg, Va., climbs onto a camel April 10. U.S. troops were able to discover a deeper understanding of Arab-Islamic life in the Middle East during the two-day "Arabian Nights" cultural event.*



*Sgt. Tina Rios, from Maxton, N.C., has traditional Arab artwork painted on her hand at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, April 10.*



# Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen mourn one of their own

Story by Spc. John D. Ortiz  
4th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Several hundred service-members filled the chapel here April 15 to pay their last respects to Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Ault, who died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle April 9.

Tears fell from the eyes of Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who knew Ault, as they gathered to listen to several speakers at the memorial.

“His death reminded me of the great sacrifice we are prepared to make for one another, our families and our country,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Benoit, the Joint Logistics Task Force 28 Battalion commander.

Ault, a native of Dublin, Va., was a husband, father and son. He previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom twice.

After being notified that his comrades from a previous deployment were mobilizing again, Ault pledged his services once more to the Virginia National Guard to take his wife’s place for deployment.

“Ault was a very squared-away noncommissioned officer by the way he presented himself and the appearance he portrayed as a professional Soldier,” said 1st Lt. Steven Thompson, Ault’s platoon leader.

“One day, Staff Sgt. Ault approached me and asked to be considered for the lead vehicle commander,” said Thompson. “It was apparent with his prior experience in Iraq, determination, ability to navigate, and his desire to be in front; he was [the right person for the job.]

“He was truly a Family man,” he said. “He was always there to help members of his platoon and did whatever had to be done to standard and without any hesitation.”

Ault, born Feb. 18, 1980, was a motor transport operator. He graduated from high school in 1998 and enlisted into the Army Delayed Entry

Program. He finished his active duty tour in 2002 and volunteered to serve with the Virginia National Guard. Ault’s tour was nearly complete, when he volunteered to lead his fellow Soldiers again into Iraq.

“[Ault] had a dry sense of hu-

mor, but always knew when to throw in a joke to lighten up the mood,” said Staff Sgt. Jarrett Souza, Ault’s platoon sergeant. “It was an honor to have served with him and a privilege to call him a friend,” said Souza.

Two members of his company, Spc. David Teakell and Spc. Jeffrey McDaniel stood up and sang “Amazing Grace.” The chapel remained silent after.

Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Grambling, JLTF 28 chaplain, stood and said the memorial mediation.

“One theme stood out from all the [stories] you’ve shared,” he said, “Staff Sgt. Ault raised the bar for many of us, he had served his time, done a deployment, but rejoined the Army to be with his buddies.

“Though his unit’s time was short, he was doing his duty that night. Because he was there, one of you did not have to be. Jesse truly laid down his life for another.”

Sgt. 1st Class Frank Mitchell, the first sergeant for Echo Company, 429th Forward Support Battalion, the unit that Ault served with, then performed roll call. After saying several names and hearing responses, he said the last name – “Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Ault.” There was no reply.

Seven Soldiers, each shooting three times, honored Ault with the 21-gun salute while another Soldier played “Taps,” the sound to lay the deceased to rest. 



**Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Ault**

*“Though his unit’s time was short, he was doing his duty that night. Because he was there, one of you did not have to be. Jesse truly laid down his life for another.”*

**Capt. Erik Grambling**  
Joint Logistics Task Force 28  
Chaplain

Background photo by Staff Sgt. Anishka Calder

**(background) Soldiers fire a 21 gun salute during the memorial ceremony held in honor of Staff Sgt. Jesse A. Ault April 15, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.**

## Sexual Assault Reporting Options

### April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Department of Defense is committed to providing comprehensive response and care to victims of sexual assault. DoD policy provides two reporting options to military victims: Restricted reporting and unrestricted reporting. Victims can receive support, medical care, counseling and a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination regardless of which option is chosen.

“Restricted reporting” provides a victim the opportunity to confidentially disclose a sexual assault to specified individuals, receive medical treatment, and use support services without triggering an investigation. When a restricted report is made through proper channels, a victim’s identity is not released to command officials. The installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocates, healthcare providers and chaplains may receive the report. This option gives victims additional time to weigh their options and seek guidance about participating in a criminal investigation.

An unrestricted report initiates an official investigation using standard reporting channels. Victims can receive the same medical care and resources available in the restricted option, but this option immediately alerts law enforcement and initiates the investigative process. Under this option, a victim’s commander is notified.

SARCs and VAs advise victims on the different reporting options available, explain the benefits and limitations of each and document the reporting option selected.

A victim must acknowledge his or her reporting preference on a form provided by a SARC or VA. Please note that while a restricted report can be changed to an unrestricted report, one cannot change preference selection from an unrestricted report to restricted.

Both reporting options help DoD mobilize resources to assist the victim and allow commanders to develop a better understanding of and response to sexual assault occurring in their command.

Additional information on sexual assault and reporting options is available from your installation SARC.

Prevent Sexual Assault! Ask! Act! Intervene!

## Just One Question ...

### “Why is it important to remember the Holocaust?”



**“Because of all the atrocious things that happened during that time. As servicemembers its our duty to prevent such things from happening.”**

Capt. Paul Gravelly  
HHT 2183rd Cavalry  
Headquarters troop commander  
Petersburg, Va.,



**“It’s important because of the loss of innocent people. I’m a mother of four so the first thing I think of are all those children.”**

Sgt. Angela A. Dennis  
Task Force AVCRAD  
Unit Supply Specialist  
Chicago



**“History allows us to learn from our mistakes so that we do not repeat them.”**

Maj. Edwin Reyes  
USARCENT Operational Protection  
Operations officer  
Bayamon, P.R.



**“It’s important to remember the past so you don’t repeat it.”**

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Benoit  
335th (Theater) Signal Command  
Operation manager, Signal University  
Rex, Ga.



**“You’re remembering all the people who passed away and the members who are still alive. You show them they are not forgotten.”**

Sgt. Mary Mitchell  
USARCENT G-1  
Flight tracker manager  
Clermont, Fla.

## Why I serve: Petty Officer 1st Class Patricia Borland Provost Marshal’s Office Administration lead petty officer



The Dublin, Ohio native explains why she chose to join the military.

**“Somebody said that I couldn’t do it. I proved him wrong.”**

# What's happening around USARCENT ...



*Photo by Pfc. Christopher T. Grammer*

**Maj. Gen. Charles A. Anderson (left), the U.S. Army Central deputy commanding general, left, cuts the Army Reserve 100th anniversary cake April 23 at a port in Kuwait with the help of Sgt. Crystal Banton and Staff Sgt. Robert Porter as the youngest and oldest Reserve Soldiers at the event.**



*Photo by Pfc. Christopher T. Grammer*

**Comedian Scott Kennedy performs his stand up comedy routine April 22 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Kennedy performed with fellow comedian Seth Herzog for his 16th show for troops deployed to Iraq and Kuwait.**

A large promotional poster for "Critical Days of Summer". The background features a beach scene with a palm tree on the left and a beach ball in the bottom left corner. The text "Never Give Safety a Day Off" is at the top in blue. The word "NO" is written in large, white-outlined letters, with various summer activities like sunbathing, playing soccer, and walking a dog inside the letters. Below "NO" is the text "CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER" in large, yellow, outlined letters. At the bottom, it says "26 May - 1 Sept 2008". The United States Army Central logo is in the bottom right corner.

## Never Give Safety a Day Off

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## CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

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