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# Ready Tonight

In Third Army, one of our primary missions is to be Ready Tonight. When the commanding general says that, he means that we are ready to send Soldiers and equipment anywhere

in our area of operations with little notice. In the region of the world where this command and its subordinate units operate, these no-notice missions can range from combat to disaster relief to humanitarian assistance. When the call comes, we no longer have time to plan and prepare. We must immediately execute the mission given to us.

Take a look at Haiti – after that devastating earthquake, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines almost immediately deployed to assist the victims there. Their efforts have saved countless Haitian lives, brought comfort, food and water to thousands of victims, and reinforced the positive image of the U.S. military. They did not have the time to conduct a mission rehearsal exercise or a combat training center rotation to practice disaster relief. They were needed immediately and immediately performed.

We could find ourselves in the same situation with no advance warning – Ready Tonight is exactly what it means. Countries in our AOR cross many fault lines and earthquakes are not uncommon. Like those military personnel who went to Haiti, we will not have time to get ourselves into shape, get to a weapons range, or manage personal affairs if the call comes. Those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines were ready at a moment's notice to

move out and fulfill their mission. Not only were they ready as individuals, their equipment was serviceable, ready and waiting for any contingency. We must meet the same standard.

For those of us in Kuwait, we occupy a unique position. We are deployed, but due to Third Army's mission, we are still preparing to possibly deploy elsewhere in the AOR. We all met the deployment criteria to come here, but now are challenged by long work hours and uncertain schedules to maintain our physical fitness and tactical proficiency. Among our many responsibilities in sustaining two combat theaters, we need to maintain the vehicles and equipment required for our deployable command posts.

What can get left by the wayside in all this is our personal readiness. It is the responsibility of every leader and service member to ensure that their deployment requirements and personal affairs are up to date. Set the example for readiness, don't be the example for the unprepared. Physically and mentally fit personnel are required for successful missions.

Let's make the focus of Ready Tonight as much about the people as we do about the vehicles and equipment required to accomplish the mission. Prepare yourselves physically and mentally for the challenges that may arise at a moment's notice. Make sure that each of you has the endurance to go the distance when the call comes to Go Tonight, and not just be Ready.

Patton's Own!



**CSM John Fourhman**  
Third Army Command Sgt. Major

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Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, U.S. Third Army commander, pins the Silver Star on Private Ernest A. Jenkins of New York City for his conspicuous gallantry in the liberation of Chateaudun, France. October 13, 1944.

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# MLK Camp Arifjan ceremony remembers Dr. Martin Luther King

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Songs, poems, prayers and a guest speaker highlighted a remembrance ceremony for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Camp Arifjan's Zone 1 Chapel Jan. 18.

The event began with a rendition of the National Anthem by Captain Jason Clayton, battle captain, 1174th Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion.

Guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Melvin Johnson, garrison sergeant major, Area Support Group – Kuwait, spoke to 100s of servicemembers and asked them to remember the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for

Participants in Camp Arifjan's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony carry signs in tribute to the civil rights movement that Martin Luther King Jr. helped lead. Third Army's support of the event celebrates African Americans serving in its ranks, and reinforces its stance on equal rights. "Without the sacrifices made by people like Martin Luther King Jr., I wouldn't be able to be where I am today," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Twitty, Chief of Staff, Third Army.



his accomplishments in bringing America together.

"Third Army embodies what Martin Luther King preached as far as race relations and equality for all," said Johnson. "The changes I have seen through the years have been remarkable, and a lot of that is owed to Dr. King."

"We all have a responsibility to keep his legacy alive," Johnson added.

Distinguished visitors filled the pews at the Zone 1 Chapel, including Brig. Gen. Stephen Twitty, chief of staff, and Third Army's most senior ranking African American.

The event concluded with the poem, "Standing Tall," by Sgt. 1st Class LaBarbara Midgett, senior supply non-commissioned officer, 335th Signal Co. and

a benediction from Maj. David Deppmeir, chaplain, ASG - Kuwait

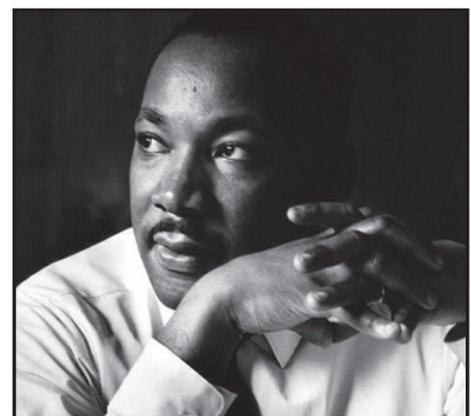
Following the celebration, participants and guests gathered in the entryway of the chapel for refreshments and a cake cutting by Sgt. Maj. Johnson.

After the ceremony, Twitty commented on what the day meant to him.

"Without the sacrifices of people like Martin Luther King Jr., I wouldn't be able to be where I am today," said Twitty. "This is a great time for all Americans as we have all come together." <sup>A</sup>



Guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Melvin Johnson, Garrison Sgt. Major, Area Support Group - Kuwait, cuts a Martin Luther King Jr. Day cake at the Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Zone 1 chapel, following a ceremony for the civil rights leader, Jan. 18. Johnson, a Newport News, Va. native, spoke of Third Army's embodiment of race relations and equality preached by Dr. King.



**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

# Black History

## in the U.S. military

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The United States has seen military conflict from the Revolutionary War to the current war on terror throughout the course of its 234 year history. The battles have taken American servicemembers to nearly every remote location on earth, from the jungles of South America and deserts of Iraq, to the frozen mountain peaks of Europe.

Since first arriving in the U.S. over 250 years ago, African-Americans have volunteered to defend their country in every conflict dating back to the American Revolution. While facing enemies on the battlefield and racial prejudices on the home front, they have broken barriers that have led to changes in the military, and the U.S.

“The wide and distinguished history of blacks in the military has led to an unparalleled legacy,” said Sgt. 1st Class Reginald L. Douglass, senior liaison officer, First Army. “The military as a whole can and should be proud of it, especially the minorities.”

Following the Militia Act of 1862, which gave the federal government authority to recruit African-American troops for the war effort in the North, black Soldiers lined up to support the fight to end slavery.

Then, 18 federal training camps were established. The largest, Camp William Penn, near Philadelphia, trained 10,940 soldiers and 400 officers to support the civil war.

After the Civil War, African-American Soldiers took new opportunities to join the U.S. Army’s all black 10th Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Leavenworth, Ks., on Sept. 21, 1866. The 10th and the five commands that followed were

established as the first peacetime all-black regiments in the regular Army and became known as “The Buffalo Soldiers.”

The regiments served throughout the Southwest and Great Plains regions, and participated in most military operations earning a distinguished record.

Buffalo Soldiers held roles in many important military operations, including the 1892 Johnson County War in Wyoming between small farmers, wealthy ranchers and a gang of hired killers. The 9th Cavalry Regiment was ordered by President Benjamin Harrison to stop the violence and capture the gang involved in the conflict.

Serving as some of the first unofficial park rangers from 1898-1915, Buffalo Soldiers protected newly established national parks from illegal grazing, poaching, timber thieves and forest fires.

World War I brought new challenges to African-American troops still battling racial prejudices on the home front, despite 50 years of military service.

For the first time, African American Soldiers were called upon to fight in a foreign war. Many, eager to fight for the freedoms of their home country, stepped into leadership roles of the largest military occupation since the civil war.

The early success resulted in an officers training camp for African-American Soldiers that was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in June of 1917. Several hundred men attended, including veteran noncommissioned officers from the regular army and National Guard.

Most African American troops in the expeditionary forces were consolidated into two Divisions, the 92nd and the 93rd Infantry Divisions. The Soldiers of the 92nd were used primarily as support troops, while the 93rd were placed under the direct command and control of the French army.

The Soldiers of the 93rd distinguished themselves in battle, though nearly half were killed or wounded in battle. For their service and bravery in battle, the French military awarded 68 Croix de Guerre’s, an award given to individuals who distinguish themselves through acts of heroism against enemy forces, as well as 24 Distinguished Service Crosses.

World War II resulted in more African-American troops being sent to North Africa, the Pacific and once again to the front lines of combat.

The 92nd was the only black division to be deployed to a





Lt. Harriet Ida Pickens and Ens. Frances Wills, the first African-American women to be commissioned. December 21, 1944.

combat zone in WWII, though signal, quartermaster and tank destroyer units were also involved in combat.

In 1941, the Roosevelt administration and the Pentagon brought more African-American men into the war as airman and officers. The 992 aviators trained at an isolated airfield at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

The first class of Tuskegee Airmen graduated on March 7, 1942, and fought in aerial warfare over North Africa, Sicily and Europe.

German adversaries called the pilots “die schwarze Vogelmenschen” or the black birdmen. These aviators were both respected and feared by them.

White-American bomber crews referred to the Tuskegee Airmen as “the black red-tailed angels,” because of the trademark red paint on the tails of their planes and their unparalleled record of not losing a single bomber to enemy fighters while providing escort.

The excellent record established by Buffalo Soldiers and the Tuskegee Airmen influenced and changed American minds about employing black servicemembers in the military. Slowly, segregated units became less common as African-American enlistees began to fall in to regular units.

The 24th Infantry regiment was the last segregated regiment to engage enemies in combat during the Korean War.

On Dec. 12, 1951, the last Buffalo Soldier units, the 27th Cavalry and the 28th Horse Cavalry, were disbanded.

“The minorities in the military have an obligation to those before them to uphold the proud traditions of individual heritage as well as the values which are so ingrained in our collective history,” said Douglass. <sup>A</sup>

## Know your History

-The nickname “Buffalo Soldiers” was given to African American Soldiers after the civil war by Native Americans who said their curly hair resembled a buffalo’s coat, and because of their habit for wearing buffalo-skin jackets.

-The Tuskegee Airmen completed 1,578 arial combat missions with the 12th Tactical and 15th U.S. Army Air Force.

-Buffalo Soldiers are credited with building the first museum in a national park, as well as being the first unofficial park rangers.

-In 1907, the United States Military Academy, Detachment of Cavalry, was changed to a “colored” unit when it was determined that future officers at West Point should learn their riding skills from black noncommissioned officers who were considered the best.

-13 African American noncommissioned officers and 6 officers received the Medal of Honor during the Indian Wars.



A gun crew of six African-Americans who were given the Navy Cross for standing by their gun when their ship was damaged during an enemy attack off the Philippines.

# Profiles of Third Army's Afr

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Taking care of Soldiers, doing the right thing, a strong belief in God, hard work and dedication to country are just some of the things Sgt. Major Kenneth Eady, logistics Sgt. Major, Third Army, has lived by for over 30 years.

Growing up in Valdosta, Ga., Eady witnessed how working hard was beneficial to building character as he often worked 16-hour days in the tobacco fields. There, at the age of five, Eady earned three dollars per-day as a laborer; the oldest of four children.

God was always at the forefront of everything that went on in the Eady household, and his parents and grandparents used the church to instill in him the difference between right and wrong.

By the age of 18, Eady was working two full-time jobs. While back in Valdosta doing home-town recruiting for the Army, one of Eady's friends urged him to enlist. At first, Eady was hesitant, but after 10 of his high school classmates joined, he too decided to give Uncle Sam a chance where he would soon find his calling as a Soldier.

"At basic training, I realized how easy this Army stuff was," said Eady. "After working hard in Georgia growing up, my days were always mentally and physically demanding, so going into the Army was an easy transition for me."

"I told my first Drill Sergeant early on that I'd love to enlist for 20 years right now if I could," he added with a chuckle.

Eady quickly began to move up the ranks in the logistics field as his Army journey took him to such places as Korea, Germany, Egypt, Turkey, Kuwait and Iraq.

"I have been in and out of the Middle East since Desert Storm in 1990," explained Eady. "This region is like a second home to me."

Eady will end his tour in Kuwait in February, and will soon retire with more than 30 years of service. His departure will be felt by the junior enlisted Soldiers serving under him.

"He has kept me squared away and focused on finishing college," said Spc. Jeremy Gross, logistics specialist, Third Army. "He has been very patient with my

## Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Eady



Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Eady, logistics sergeant major, Third Army, will soon retire after over 30 years of service in the Army. Eady's leadership has been an important piece to Third Army's success for over three years.

growth as a Soldier, and that means a lot to me."

"I'm not going to get a better boss," he added.

Eady and his wife, Alice, urge their six children to pursue careers in the military as a way to achieve their goals in life.

"I tell my kids that if you put a lot into it, the rewards at the end of your career are truly amazing," explained Eady. "The military gives you a chance to excel and accomplish anything you want to."

Eady, who describes himself as a simple man, has hobbies that include rebuilding automobiles, repairing computers, watching football, fishing, the church and spending time with friends and family.

Eady's post-Army goals back home in Georgia are to farm the 250 acres of land he owns, and pursue the dream of becoming the first black mayor of Valdosta.

"Maybe I will become mayor and maybe I won't," said Eady. "But I will be paving the way for other people of color to have that opportunity, which is what you do when you are a true leader." 

# African American leadership

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## Brig. Gen. Stephen Twitty

He grew up in Chesnee, S.C. His family, two hard-working parents, a brother, and twin sister, made their home near the rural cotton fields. The highlight of his youth was playing soldier in the woods with siblings and friends.

Brig. Gen. Stephen Twitty, chief of staff, Third Army, was born in 1963 during the peak of the civil rights movement. His grandparents taught him about the key figures of that movement such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

Twitty remembers the first civil rights event of his childhood that drew an awareness of the dangers that existed in what African-Americans were fighting for.

“The Orangeburg Massacre of 1968 is what really caught my attention on what was going on in this country,” said Twitty.

Local policemen and National Guardsmen fired into a crowd of young people who were protesting local segregation at a bowling alley killing three and injuring 28.

Little did Twitty know then that Orangeburg would become an important destination for his growth. He graduated from South Carolina State University, completed Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, thus earning his commission in the Army; all from the very town where the civil rights tragedy of his youth took place.

In 1985, as an infantry officer, Twitty realized what a great employer the Army was.



Brig. Gen. Stephen Twitty, chief of staff, Third Army, and other Third Army senior leadership attended a rehearsal for Gen. (R) Gordon Sullivan’s upcoming visit at Camp Buerhing, Kuwait, Jan. 31.

“I saw early on that race really didn’t matter in the military,” said Twitty. “The Army has always been a leader in my mind for how a work environment should be as far as equality for everyone regardless of the color of their skin.”

Twitty, who has travelled around the globe during his 24-year career, says he feels he carries the weight of a generation of black military men who aspire to do great things, and it’s a weight that he sees as a good thing.

“I don’t take one day for granted while being a man of color in my position,” said Twitty. “Other black military mentors such as Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, Maj. Gen. Vince Brooks and Gen. Kip Ward speak with me often and make sure I’m doing the right thing as I carry the torch that has been passed on by my predecessors.”

This month makes Twitty think of historic black military units like the Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Air-

men, 92nd Infantry Division and the 761st Tank Division.

Twitty, a man of faith, put Black History Month into a unique perspective.

“I don’t consider just February to be Black History Month,” said Twitty. “I consider every month to be a time to reflect and grow together.” 

# RUN!

## U.S. Military and Kuwait National Guard build friendship through competition

Story and photos by  
Sgt. Daniel Lucas  
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Third Army servicemembers representing the Army and the Air Force competed in the first Coalition 5k and 10k fun runs against the Kuwait National Guard at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 16.

The fun run marked the second of its kind designed to build positive relations and a closer sense of brotherhood between Third Army servicemembers and the Kuwait National Guard.

“We are building what I foresee to be a better cooperation between Third Army and the Kuwait National Guard,” said Sgt. Maj. Melvin Johnson, garrison sergeant major, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area Support Group – Kuwait. “This was an unofficial

event, but it was good to see two militaries coming together for some friendly competition.”

The 5k run tested teams of four in a race where batons were passed between teammates, the fastest being declared the winner. The 10k run was done in the same style with five member teams, each member completing a two kilometer leg of the race.

The fun run, along with Morale, Welfare and Recreation soccer games between Third Army servicemembers and the KNG, are the first steps in a growing program to improve relations “off the clock.”

“The long term goal is to make contacts and tie some bonds [with the KNG],” said David Docimo, protocol officer, ASG – KU. “I think these programs have some great benefits. The turnout is growing and every one of these events

brings more participation from different units.”

Future plans for MWR events include more soccer games and runs between Third Army and the Kuwait National Guard. There will also be more opportunities for other camps in Kuwait to get involved in the activities.

“We are going to increase participation by inviting other camps such as the Kuwait Navy Base and Camp Virginia,” said Johnson. “In the future, we would like to get the Navy and Marines involved in the events.”

When the races were finished, the Kuwait National Guardsmen were the winners. But all the teams came out winners in building a better friendship and a sense of camaraderie forged in the friendly competition. **A**



Soldiers and Airmen serving Third Army take off from the starting line during a team based 5k fun run with the Kuwait National Guard, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 16. The Third Army sponsored event marked the second of its kind designed to foster positive relations and team building between U.S. servicemembers and Kuwait National Guardsmen.

# Third Army, Saudi forces plan for joint training

Story and photo by  
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Third Army welcomed senior leaders from the Royal Saudi Land Forces and the U.S. Military Training Mission during the Mission Land Forces Division for a concept development conference at Fort McPherson, Ga. Jan 18-22, 2010.

During the week-long event, participants planned for two military exercises scheduled to occur in Saudi Arabia in April 2010 and early 2011.

“There are two major exercises in Saudi Arabia,” said Col. David Sanders, Chief of USMTM Land Forces Division. “Ernest Leader is the largest, Friendship is the next.”

Both exercises are in line with Third Army’s mission to enhance military to military relationships with Saudi Arabia while promoting stability in the region.

“The Friendship exercise is conducted bilaterally between the U.S. Army and the Royal Saudi Land Forces,” said Maj. Craig Matsuda, Third Army Arabian Peninsula Executive Branch Chief. “It’s a field training exercise with an important strategic ally in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. The theme for the 2011 exercise will be unconventional warfare, what the U.S. Army refers to as asymmetric warfare.”



Maj. Gen. Mohammed Mastour Alshamrani, Division commander of the Royal Saudi Land Forces Northwest Area Command, presents Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army Commanding General, with a gift at the conclusion of the Ernest Leader concept development conference in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.

Ernest Leader is a simulated command post exercise that uses the military decision making process to improve logistical capabilities, refine command and control and staff planning in a tactical operations center.

Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army Commanding General explained the changes that have been made to Ernest Leader this year.

“Ernest Leader has grown from a brigade level simulation exercise, to a division level joint/combined arms command post exercise,” said Webster.

Both exercises are designed to shape the future of the region by increasing military working relation-

ships and creating an environment where participants can learn from one another.

“They will see and observe how our military system works compared to theirs,” Sanders said “As you can see from these conferences, it takes a long time to build all the elements that make these exercises successful.”

Webster concluded the conference by highlighting the important impact these exercises will have on the region.

“I want to thank you for traveling to the U.S.,” Webster said. “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of our vital strategic partners and exercises like these enhance our interoperability and security cooperation.” <sup>A</sup>



Third Army Soldiers and servicemembers serving with Army units participate in the first day of a combatives tournament at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 15. The competitors battle for first place in each of the seven different weight brackets ranging from fly weight to heavy weight. Third Army hosts regular combatives classes to prepare Soldiers for hand-to-hand combat, maintain physical fitness, and build self confidence in themselves and their training.

# Train as you Fight!

## Servicemembers take it to the mat

Story and photos by

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A Modern Army Combative Program tournament hosted by the 593rd Sustainment Brigade was held at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, on Jan. 14-17.

Serving with Third Army since May, the 593rd, from Fort Lewis, Wash., managed and refereed the competition, with head referee, Sgt. Daniel Totten, overseeing the final bouts.

Totten and a team of instructors have been leading combative classes for months, and many of the participants were a product of that training.

The tournament matched servicemembers in weight classes from flyweight to heavyweight in a single

elimination tournament. Winners were determined by a points rating or by forcing a “tap out” from the opponent.

“I was happy with the competition and the different array of techniques,” said Lance Cpl. Livingston Lukow, 4th Marine Logistics Group and winner of the heavyweight division. “You experience a brotherhood when you fight people and you get to know them really well. It was a lot of fun.”

Referees on the sidelines and on the mat ensured proper technique and sportsmanship were executed. This ensured no competitor ended up with permanent injuries during the competition.



Soldiers fight for dominant body position during a combatives tournament held at the Zone 1 gym at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 15-17.



(Above, Below) Servicemembers practice skills learned through military combatives during a three-day tournament Jan. 15-17, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Modern combatives educate servicemembers how to protect themselves without firearms, provide non-lethal response to confrontations and instill the “warrior instinct” needed to engage an enemy in close-quarter combat.



Safety is always a priority during any military function. A first aid station was established to check the competitors that might have been injured.

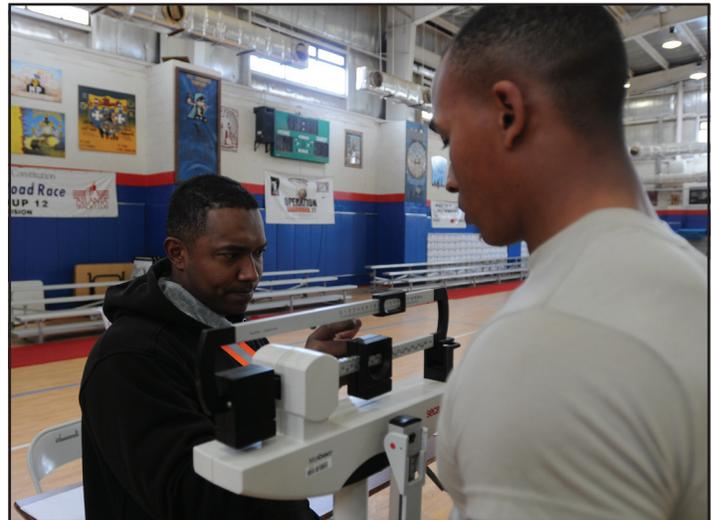
Competition was fierce as old rivalries heated up between the Army, Navy and Marines, and played out through the tournaments preliminary, semifinal and final bouts. By the third and final day of competition, the Zone 1 gym bleachers were packed with spectators ready to see which units and branches would take first place.

First place winners in each of the seven categories were given Army Achievement Medals by Col. Cynthia Fox and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Verbeke.

Aside from its entertainment value, modern combatives educate Soldiers on how to protect themselves against threats without using their firearms, to provide a non-lethal response to situations on the battlefield and to instill the ‘warrior instinct’ necessary to meet the enemy unflinchingly in close-quarter combat.

Modern Army Combative were introduced in 2001 with the foundation of the United States Army Combative School at Fort Benning, Ga. MAC became a requirement in every Army unit in August of 2007.

“[Combative] keep servicemembers on our feet and lets us see where we are at,” said Lukow. “It keeps us from becoming complacent.” <sup>A</sup>



A Soldier gets weighed in prior to competing in a combatives tournament at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 15. Servicemembers from the Army, Navy and Marines took part in the three-day event where competitors in weight classes from flyweight to heavyweight battled for the title of Tournament Champion.

# Third Army Bids Farewell to Senior Leader in Qatar



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Howard, from Jacksonville, Fla., shares farewell remarks after a change of responsibility ceremony at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, Jan. 25, 2010. Howard completed three years enforcing Army standards and regulations, as well as installation policies and procedures, at Camp As Sayliyah. His leadership helped the installation achieve several Army-level awards.

Story and photos by  
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The Third Army Area Support Group Qatar command sergeant major relinquished his responsibilities during a change of command ceremony at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, Jan. 25.

Col. Maxine C. Girard, ASG-QA commander, relieved Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Howard, Jacksonville, Fla., thereby completing a three-year dedication to enforcing Army standards and regulations, as well as installation policies and procedures, at Camp As Sayliyah.

Girard passed his leadership duties to Command Sgt. Maj. Charles "Doc" Holliday, from Leland, N.C. Holliday previously served as the Third Army Special Troops Battalion command sergeant major at Fort McPherson, Ga., as well as Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"We have always challenged ourselves to find ways to improve our foxholes over the years," said Howard in his farewell speech.

"You honored me with the opportunity to be your voice of reason – as someone to trust for sound advice." Howard's leadership helped the installation achieve several Army-level awards.

In 2007, ASG-QA earned the Phillip A. Connelly Award for administering the best large garrison dining facility in the Army. The unit received the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army Exceptional Organization Safety Award in 2007 and 2008, in addition to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Outstanding Motorcycle Safety Support Award in 2009.

During his time as command

sergeant major, the installation community completed over 400 days without significant injury to military personnel or loss of government property. Howard contributed to the well-being of over 70,000 troops participating in the U.S. Central Command rest and recuperation pass program at the Qatar base.

"Deuces wild!" said Howard, who graduated with Holliday from the Sergeants Major Academy, class 52. "My classmate is on the ground and I feel good about who the Army selected."

"Taking care of our nation's business is my priority – it's what all our priorities should be," said Holliday, in a speech as the ASG-QA command sergeant major. "I don't take this responsibility lightly. I will work hard to support this installation and continue to teach and train our war fighters."

"You may be the sharpest tack in the box," said Holliday. "Just remember, your audio must match your video. Soldiers don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. I believe in leader presence – don't expect what you don't inspect." **A**



Col. Maxine C. Girard (center), Third Army Area Support Group Qatar commander, walks between outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Howard, from Jacksonville, Fla., and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Charles "Doc" Holliday, from Leland, N.C., during a change of responsibility ceremony at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar, Jan. 25, 2010.

# Third Army sends aid to a shaken Haiti

Story and photo by  
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During a time when turning on the television brings images of a country so torn apart by a recent earthquake that the true devastation is still unknown, Soldiers of Third Army are doing their part in hopes of bringing aid to Haiti.

These Soldiers have stepped forward, placing people first, organizing a drive to collect goods as well as looking through their excess inventory for contributions.

Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Carr, Third Army Supply noncommissioned officer in charge, gathered Soldiers from throughout the command after hearing that the Defense Reutilization Marketing Offices at Ft. Gillem, Ga., could send any excess equipment to Haiti.

“We had some excess cots in our connexes,” Carr said. “We also had some light sets. Both of these are being packed up and turned into

DRMO for disaster relief.”

In response to Carr’s call for help, Spc. Nicholas Stoecklein, Third Army operations maintenance specialist, has spent the past week unloading cots and preparing them for shipment.

“I have been out here driving a forklift and working with the other NCOs to unload this equipment and get it ready,” Stoecklein said. “We are all really upbeat about this. Morale is really high and we feel good to be helping.”

Sgt. Anesa Martinez, Third Army knowledge management, also volunteered to load supplies.

“It feels really good that we get to do something,” Martinez said. “We are building a bond with another nation. It shows we don’t just care about ourselves, but we will take care of others no matter where you live.”

At Third Army Headquarters, Ft. McPherson, Ga., Staff Sgt. Jerry Pierre, Secretary of the General

Staff operations and native of Haiti, has organized a drive to collect supplies to send to his home country.

“This is something I’ve always wanted to do from the time my people were loading small boats to enter the United States just to better their livelihood,” Pierre said. “Through the relief efforts, we have the opportunity to better a country and the people in it with something as small as clean sheets and clean water.”

As a Soldier, Pierre explains the relief efforts will have a tremendous impact on people’s daily lives.

“From a Soldier’s stand point it shows the greatness of generosity and how we can better a country that had nothing,” Pierre said. “Thanks to our efforts a family can enjoy a meal together in the comfort of their own home.”

Pierre still has family in Haiti to include his 84 year-old Grandmother, older brothers, aunts, and cousins that he has not heard from yet. Though the earthquake has had a devastating impact on the country, he is confident they will rise above this tragedy.

“The people of Haiti have been through some extreme obstacles, yet in my opinion we are like a diamond in the rubble,” Pierre said. “Just as victims arise 11 days after this tragedy from deep debris singing and praying, we as a country are going to rise and shine just as bright as the rest of the world.”<sup>A</sup>



Sgt. Anesa Martinez, Third Army Knowledge Management noncommissioned officer, helps Sgt. 1st Class Lachelle Johnson, Third Army Water Purification noncommissioned officer in charge, load cots destined for Haiti Jan. 25. Third Army is sending the cots to DRMO who will ensure they reach people in need.

# Camp LSA upgrades busy flight line baggage facility

New process is quicker, more efficient

Story and photos by  
Spc. Jason Adolphson  
1st TSC Public Affairs Office

Navy Central customs officials at Camp LSA, Kuwait, are currently in the process of increasing the flightline facility to accommodate the increased number of U.S. troops returning from the drawdown in Iraq.

The largest flight line for returning troops transports hundreds of Soldiers per day and was in need of a quicker, more efficient method of processing servicemembers.

“Before, if the repacking tables were full, people would start repacking their items at the inspection tables holding up the line,” said Lt. Cmdr. Dan Gross. “We’ve expanded from 46 to 80 tables and those numbers are still increasing.”

Some troops processing noticed the difference.

“It’s a whole lot better now, and quicker,” Sgt. 1st

Class Gregory Stephens, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, who was on his way home to visit his wife and kids for the holidays.

One of the changes implemented includes a separate tent for the X-ray scan before customs personnel conduct manual searches for contraband.

“So far it’s been great,” said customs first-timer Spc. Kimberley Bennett, 212th Combat Stress Control.

One way servicemembers can help to further speed up the process is to be prepared for inspections.

“People need to know what they can and can’t bring,” said Customs inspector Petty Officer 1st Class Jeff Kruger. “All bags get dumped for 100 percent inspection. We confiscate anything that’s not allowed to travel with you. The big thing is Gerbers,” he said.

Other contraband items include more than one counterfeit watch, purse or DVD sold by local vendors or souvenirs made out of bullet shell cases. All

servicemembers attempting to bring home war-memorabilia must have the correct paper work approved by their chains of command.

“Mail stuff home,” said Gross. “The fewer bags you have, the quicker you’ll get through.” **A**

U.S. servicemembers passing through customs assist other servicemembers with their baggage at Camp LSA, Kuwait. The largest flight terminal in the area for troops returning from the drawdown in Iraq processes hundreds of U.S. military a day requiring a faster, more efficient method of processing people and baggage.



# Guard against **THE COLD**

Compiled by  
Master Sgt. Angela Clemente  
Third Army Safety Office

**Hypothermia** - When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. A body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and will not be able to do anything about it.

Symptoms of hypothermia can vary depending on how long you have been exposed to the cold temperatures.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Early Symptoms                | Late Symptoms               |
| •Shivering                    | •No shivering               |
| •Fatigue                      | •Blue skin                  |
| •Loss of coordination         | •Dilated pupils             |
| •Confusion and disorientation | •Slowed pulse and breathing |
|                               | •Loss of consciousness      |

**Frostbite** is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in the affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage body tissues, and severe cases can lead to amputation. In extremely cold temperatures, the risk of frostbite is increased in Soldiers with reduced blood circulation and among Soldiers who are not dressed properly.

- Symptoms of frostbite include:
- Reduced blood flow to hands and feet (fingers or toes can freeze)
  - Numbness
  - Tingling or stinging
  - Aching
  - Bluish or pail, waxy skin

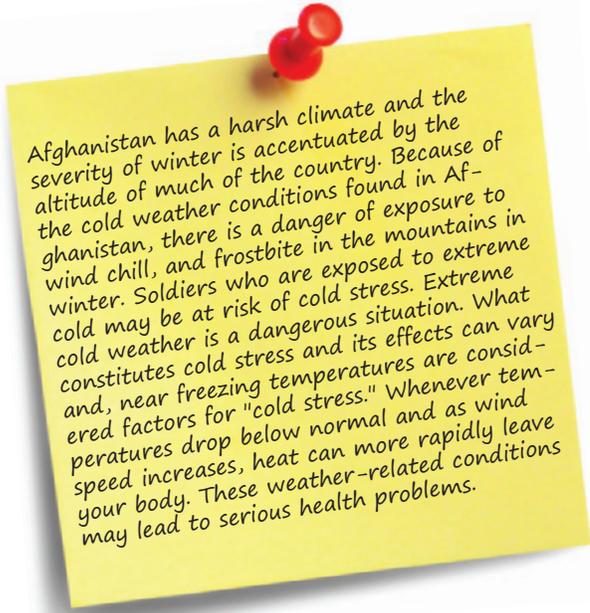
**Trench foot**, also known as immersion foot, is an injury of the feet resulting from prolonged exposure to wet and cold conditions. Trench foot can occur at temperatures as high as 60 degrees F if the feet are constantly wet. Injury occurs because wet feet lose

heat 25-times faster than dry feet. Therefore, to prevent heat loss, the body constricts blood vessels to shut down circulation in the feet. Skin tissue begins to die because of lack of oxygen and nutrients and due to the buildup of toxic products.

- Symptoms of trench foot include:
- Reddening of the skin
  - Numbness
  - Leg cramps
  - Swelling
  - Tingling pain
  - Blisters or ulcers
  - Bleeding under the skin
  - Gangrene (the foot may turn dark purple, blue, or gray)

**Chilblains** are caused by the repeated exposure of skin to temperatures just above freezing to as high as 60 degrees F. The cold exposure causes damage to the capillary beds (groups of small blood vessels) in the skin. This damage is permanent and the redness and itching will return with additional exposure. The redness and itching typically occurs on cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes.

- Symptoms of chilblains include:
- Redness
  - Itching
  - Possible blistering
  - Inflammation
  - Possible ulceration in severe cases



## Camp Arifjan Tax Center



The Camp Arifjan tax center opened for federal income tax return filing on Jan. 26 and will remain open during business hours through April 16, 2010. All servicemembers, DA civilians are welcome to walk-in, and retirees by appointment. The tax center will be traveling on Mondays to Camp Buehring, Camp Virginia and LSA.

**What to bring:**

- W-2s
- 1099 (If applicable)
- Last years tax return (If possible)
- POA from spouse (If married or filing jointly)

**Hours of Operation:**  
Mon-Sat. 0900-1630

# Chaplain's Corner



## The smallest acts make the biggest difference

You never read about it in the Stars & Stripes, but it was a death-defying act of heroism nonetheless.

Last fall on Camp Arifjan, two NCOs met to lift weights, when one noticed that the other was despondent. He discovered that his friend's wife had just told him that she wanted a divorce. Nothing could change her mind; it was over. He said that without his wife, there was nothing else to live for.

"Are you thinking of committing suicide?"

Yes, his friend answered, he was thinking about shooting himself in his room.

A few minutes later, the two went to see a chaplain, and from there, the NCO was referred to a behavioral health counselor and received help.

That story illustrates the great principle in suicide prevention: "It takes a life to save a life." But before we can save a life, we have to take the time to notice. As someone once said, "Be kinder than necessary, for everyone we meet is fighting some sort of battle." These battles can often go unnoticed, and when it comes to suicide, this inattention can be deadly.

In Condensed Chicken Soup for the Soul, John Schlatter tells a story about a junior high boy named Mark who happened to see a classmate drop an arm-



**Maj. David Deppmeier**  
ASG-KU Command Chaplain

load of books and school supplies on the way home one day. Mark helped him carry his load since they were going the same way. As they walked, Mark found out that the boy's name was Bill, that he was failing in school, and that he had just broken up with his girlfriend.

After junior high they wound up in the same high school, where they had brief contact over the years. Just before their high school graduation, Bill reminded Mark of the day they met, and said, "Do you ever wonder why I was carrying so

many things home that day? I had just cleaned out my locker because I didn't want to leave a mess for anyone else. I had stored away some of my mother's sleeping pills and I was going home to commit suicide. But after we spent some time together talking and laughing, I realized that, if I had killed myself, I would have missed that time and so many others that might follow. You know, Mark, when you picked up my books that day, you did a lot more. You saved my life."

The greatest moments of our life often pass us by unnoticed and unheralded, disguised as small, everyday acts of kindness. But little things done in love make heroes of us all – especially when it comes to suicide prevention. **A**





# Health



Sustain the fight

Whether it's a discussion of weight or nutrition, the word "fat" is usually seen as a bad thing.

Fat is an essential substance in our body – both as a part of our body composition and as a dietary nutrient. Stored body fat is a dense source of energy that is used for fuel throughout the day and is critical during long periods of fasting or starvation. It protects our internal organs and helps maintain our body temperature.

However, excess body fat - especially around your mid-section - increases your risk of heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, some cancers, arthritis and sleep apnea.



**Capt. Kate Schrumm R.D.**  
U.S. Army Central Surgeon's Office

Fat that we eat provides the two essential fatty acids, Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acids, that maintain our cell membranes. It keeps hair and skin healthy and is needed for the digestion and absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. Fat adds flavor to foods and promotes satiety after meals.



Like most recommendations for good nutrition and health, fat intake is all about the choice of fats and the amount consumed. For optimal health, fat should be less than 30 percent of your total calories. To see how you are doing, multiply the grams of fat you consume in a day by nine. This number should be less than 30 percent of your total daily calorie intake.

Try to choose more "good" fats than "bad" fats. The "bad" fats are saturated and trans fats because they increase total and bad (LDL) cholesterol which contributes to cardiovascular disease.

Saturated fats are usually solid at room temperature and found in animal products like butter, dairy, meat, poultry, eggs, seafood and tropical oils like palm and coconut. Saturated fat should be less than 7 percent of your total calorie intake.

Trans fat is found in margarine, baked goods like cakes and crackers, fried foods, shortening and hydrogenated oils. Even if the product says it has zero grams of trans fat, look at the ingredients to see if it contains hydrogenated oils. If the quantity is below 0.5 g per serving, the label can still say zero grams of trans fat even though it contains this substance. Trans fat should provide less than one percent of your total daily calories.

Healthier food choices would be those containing unsatu-

rated fats since these lower your total cholesterol and LDL levels. Monounsaturated fats are found in avocados, olive, canola and peanut oil. Safflower, corn, sunflower, soy and cottonseed oils contain polyunsaturated fat. Nuts and seeds contain both monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. Omega-3 fatty acids are a type of polyun-



saturated fat in cold-water fish like salmon and herring, flaxseeds and walnuts. A diet high in Omega-3 fatty acids may lower your risk of heart disease by decreasing LDL, total cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

In addition to choosing the right types of fats, you need to be aware of your portion size. Because fat is calorie dense, it is easy to take in too many calories and gain weight even if you are choosing the healthier fats. For example, one California avocado has 277 calories, two tablespoons of olive oil have 240 calories, and one half cup of sunflower seeds has 410 calories. These are all perfectly healthy foods when eaten in smaller amounts. Check out [www.myfatstranlator.com](http://www.myfatstranlator.com) from the American Heart Association to determine a healthy fat breakdown based on your calorie needs.

Try these easy switches to include healthier fats in your diet and decrease your risk of disease:

- **Drizzle olive oil and vinegar on your salad instead of full-fat dressing.**
- **Choose fish, especially salmon, in place of red meat or poultry.**
- **Use sliced avocado on a sandwich instead of mayo.**
- **Replace a sandwich of meat and cheese for one with peanut butter. Try sliced apple or banana and peanut butter on bread in place of regular jam. Almond or soy nut butters are also good choices**
- **Snack on one serving of nuts, seeds or trail mix instead of cookies or candy.**
- **Choose less fried and processed foods. Choose more whole, plant-based foods.**
- **Choose fat-free dairy or soymilk over whole fat products.**



Command Information

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lawmaker proposes big boost in combat pays

*Army Times*  
By Rick Maze

A California lawmaker's December trip to Afghanistan to visit combat troops led him to introduce legislation that would provide big increases in combat and hazardous duty pays.

Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Calif., proposes increases in eight different military pays:

- Hostile fire pay, now \$225 a month, would increase to \$600.
- Imminent danger pay, also \$225 a month, would increase to \$350 a month.
- Family separation allowance, now \$250 a month, would increase to \$450 a month.
- Continuation pay for special warfare officers, now \$5,000 for each year of additional service, would increase to up to \$20,000 for each year of additional service.
- Hazardous duty pay, which ranges from \$150 to \$450 a month, would increase to \$200 to \$500 a month. Service members could continue to receive up to three separate hazard pays at the same time.
- Hospitalization pay for members medically evacuated from a combat zone, now \$430 a month, would increase to \$600.
- Special pay for members of weapons of mass destruction civil support teams, now \$150 a month, would increase to \$300 a month.
- Special pay for psychologists and social workers, now \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year, would increase to \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year.
- Special pay for extending an overseas tour, now \$80 a month or \$2,000 a year if paid in lump sum, would increase to \$200 a month or \$3,000 in a lump sum.

McNerney calls the package of pay increases the Combat Operations and Medical Benefit Authorization for our Troops Act, or COMBAT Act. Introduced Jan. 13, the bill, HR 4440, was referred to the House Armed Services Committee for consideration as part of the 2011 defense budget.

## US to Back Taliban Reintegration

*AP*  
By Robin Reed

The United States said Wednesday that it will support a plan to reintegrate Taliban fighters set to be announced by Afghan President Hamid Karzai at an international conference in London. U.S. special representative Richard Holbrooke said Karzai will outline the plan Thursday to convince low-level and midlevel Taliban fighters who don't back al-Qaida to give up their fight against U.S. and NATO forces.

The plan will be a centerpiece of the one-day London conference designed to boost the flagging war effort in Afghanistan, where U.S. and NATO forces have been taking increasing casualties from a resurgent Taliban. The Taliban rejected the plan, saying in a statement posted to their Web site Wednesday that their fighters wouldn't be swayed by financial incentives because they were fighting not for "money, property and position" but for Islam and an end to the foreign military presence in their country.

Holbrooke said U.S. officials believed otherwise.

"The overwhelming majority of these people are not ideological supporters of Mullah Omar (the fugitive Taliban leader) and al-Qaida," Holbrooke said. "Based on interviews with prisoners, returnees, experts, there must be at least 70 percent of these people who are not fighting for anything to do with those causes."

## Iraq's "Chemical Ali" Buried Near Saddam

*Reuters*  
By Waleed Ibrahim

Ali Hassan al-Majeed, known as "Chemical Ali" for his use of poison gas against minority Kurds, was buried late on Tuesday near his cousin, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, a tribal leader said.

Majeed's burial in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit came a day after the feared Saddam aide and military commander was hanged in Baghdad for crimes against humanity.

"His body was received late last night by police in Tikrit," Munaf Ali al-Neda, a prominent tribal figure in the largely Sunni Arab province, said on Wednesday.

"[Majeed] was buried close to [Saddam's son] Uday and Qusay, at the same place where Saddam's grave is located."

Neda said some relatives of Majeed were present at the quiet burial ceremony in the village of Awja. Majeed's grave is outside a building where Saddam is buried, alongside those of Uday and Qusay.

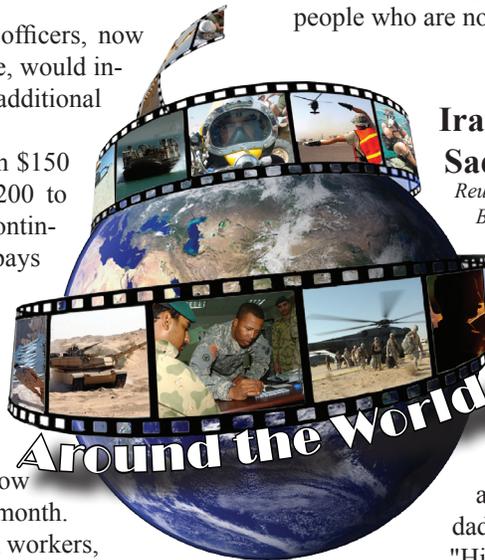
His grave on Wednesday was covered with Iraqi flags dating back to Saddam's era.

Saddam, who ruled Iraq with an iron fist from 1979 until the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, was hanged by the new Shia-led government in late 2006. Both of his sons were killed by U.S. forces in 2003.

The Saddam gravesite is sometimes visited by Iraqis who are nostalgic about the Saddam era.

Iraqi Kurds and some Shi'ite Arabs, who suffered in Majeed's brutal campaigns to stamp out resistance following the first Gulf War in 1991, reacted with joy to Majeed's execution.

Some questioned the timing just six weeks before a March 7 general election.



Around the World

# Emergency Numbers

911 Emergency DSN – 911/112  
 From cell phone 2389-9911  
 Camp Arifjan  
 DSN 430-3160 / PMO 430-1343  
 Arifjan Cell 6682-2120  
 Camp Buerhing  
 DSN 438-3224 / PMO 438- 3325  
 Buerhing Cell 9720-5396  
 Camp Virginia Emergency DSN 832-9111  
 Camp Virginia DSN 832-2559  
 Virginia Cell 6705-9470  
 LSA DSN 442-0189  
 LSA Cell 6682-2467  
 K-Crossing DSN 823-1327  
 K-Crossing Cell 682-0095  
 KCIA/APOD Cell 6706-0165  
 SPOD DSN 825-1314  
 SPOD Cell 9720-5982  
 KNB DSN 839-1334  
 KNB Cell 6691-4967

# Officer Spotlight

## Maj. Ericka Sturdifen

Officer in Charge for Third Army Secretary of the General Staff



*Advice to other soldiers :*  
 “Wear the uniform with pride and understand what it represents.”

Sturdifen, a Richmond Virginia native and oldest of five kids, grew up in a close family. She has been a mobilized reservist since 2003. Her faith is important to her as it has led her to volunteering at Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America. “Black History Month is an opportunity for others to recognize the contributions of African-Americans,” said Sturdifen. Some of her long-term goals are to make full-bird Colonel, and write books on mentoring youth. Her interests include day spas, traveling, and the Dallas Cowboys.

# Just One Question ...

Ask an African-American male : What does Black History Month mean to you?



“It reminds all African-American brothers and sisters of the great leaders such as Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey, and now Barak Obama.”

Field Protection Officer Ivan Smith  
 CSA Civilian Contractor  
 Los Angeles, Calif.



“The month recognizes our African-American ancestors, and the sacrifices they made for this country and the future of others.”

Maj. Robin Crear  
 3rd Medical Department Supply  
 Command  
 Birmingham, Ala.



“It’s a month to appreciate the ceilings that have been raised in the military over the years.”

Sgt. Eric Hurndon  
 CENTCOM Distribution Department  
 Operational Center  
 Chicago, Ill.



“It’s a time to look back on all the key figures that set the groundwork and opened the doors for black people in America.”

CW2 Christopher Hambrick  
 MARCENT  
 Atlanta, Ga.



“It means educating people of all races about the accomplishments of African-Americans and promoting a better workplace.”

Lt. Col. Derryl Pooler  
 Third Army Intelligence  
 Dublin Ga.



## When the Ships Come Sailing in...

U.S. Army Landing Craft approaches the pier at a forward-deployed naval base in Kuwait to off-load Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and equipment during a scheduled equipment transfer mission. Third Army's strategic relocation initiative focuses on maintaining the warfighter within its theater of operation, making sure servicemembers receive the equipment in a timely manner to perform their mission safely. (Photo courtesy of Third Army)

## Tax Center Opening at Camp Arifjan

(Left to right) Sgt. Major Melvin Johnson, garrison sergeant major, ASG-Kuwait, Command Sgt. Major John Fourhman, command sergeant major, Third Army, Lt. Col. Edward Amato, deputy commander, ASG-Kuwait, and Mary Kay Marlowe, chief of client services, Department of Defense employee, cut the ribbon at the opening of this year's tax center at Camp Arifjan Jan. 26. The tax center, located in Zone 6, is free to all service members, government employees, and retirees. Over 15 servicemembers attached to Third Army have been training for over three weeks to prepare taxes for their fellow military brothers and sisters. Last year, nearly 700 hundred servicemembers filed taxes at the tax center, and over 1.3 million dollars in federal taxes were returned to them. (Photo by Army Cpl. Brandon Babbitt, 203rd Public Affairs Det)



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