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Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thompson and Sgt. Dugger Camp, 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, plan how to use the PACK-BOT to disarm a live bomb during a training exercise, Jan 21. For the full story see page 6. (Photo by Sgt. Christopher Selmek)

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What is I.A.M. STRONG?

I.A.M. STRONG is the Army's campaign to combat sexual assaults by engaging all Soldiers in preventing sexual assaults before they occur.

Grounded by our shared belief in the Army Values, we are a band of brothers and sisters, placing mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting and never leaving a fallen comrade.

Our interdependence and shared respect among comrades frames who we are as a Team and an Army - a Team that finds sexual assault reprehensible and beyond toleration.

Those who commit assaults hurt a member of our Team and wound our Army. This criminal act is cowardly and damaging to the very moral fiber that gives our Army its innermost strength.

How does I.A.M. STRONG link to our Army Values and Warrior Ethos?

A Soldier in the United States Army stands strong - a member of a band of brothers and sisters bound together by timeless values and sharing a sense of duty and loyalty to their fellow Soldiers that is unlike any other in the world. Their willingness to sacrifice for each other, to never leave a fallen comrade, is what makes a Soldier strong - on the battlefield, and off.

When a sexual assault occurs, it is a direct violation of not just our Army core values and Warrior Ethos, it is an assault on the Army way of life - a life in which it is our duty to protect and take care of each other no matter the time, place, or circumstance.

As a band of brothers and sisters, it is our personal duty to intervene and prevent sexual assault and harassment.

Sexual assault is a crime. It is blue on blue. It betrays the victims, it betrays the band of brothers and sisters, and it breaks the bond of trust essential to our mission and our team.

The damage resulting from a sexual assault extends far beyond the victim, weakening the very health and morale of our Soldiers, breaking the bond of trust within our team, shattering the confidence Soldiers have in one another, and undermining unit readiness.

Sexual assault can be prevented. As Soldiers, our core values demand that we act. There are no passive bystanders. We must protect our Team Members. When you see or sense the risk of sexual harassment or sexual assault

What can I do to help prevent others from being sexually assaulted?

As an Army soldier, you should report immediately any activity that indicates a sexual assault may take place or has taken place.

The safety of your fellow soldiers, your unit, and your community may depend on your reporting of these incidents. You should report any suspicious behavior immediately to your commander, Military Police, or another authority:

Sexual assault can be prevented. As Soldiers, our core values demand that we act. There are no passive bystanders. We must protect our Team Members. When you see or sense the risk of sexual harassment or sexual assault, it is your duty to intervene and protect your fellow Soldiers.

As Soldiers and proud members of our team, we are duty bound to **Intervene, Act and Motivate** others to stop sexual assaults. **A**

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Peanut Butter Recall



Since November 2008, an outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium has caused nine deaths and has made over 600 others sick. A combination of epidemiological analysis and laboratory testing by state officials in Minnesota and Connecticut, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have enabled the FDA to confirm that the outbreak sources of Salmonellosis are peanut butter and peanut paste produced by the Peanut Corporation of America at its Blakely, Georgia processing plant.

Salmonellosis is an infection with bacteria called Salmonella. Most persons infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most persons recover without treatment. However, in some persons, the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. In these patients, the Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream, and then to other body sites, which can cause death unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.

Defense Supply Center Philadelphia has issued recalls associated with this product, and the U.S. Army Veterinary Service ensures that all affected products are taken out of

the Department of Defense system. These recalls are called ALFOODACT messages and they are the bridge between civilian recalls and the DoD. While this system is effective when we need to pull product out of the military systems, we do not check barracks, off post stores, or mail.

Because there are many care packages sent to this theater, it is important that everyone be familiar with which products are safe and which products are not safe. PCA supplied thousands of firms that each produce many products. A list of the products affected can be found on the USFDA website <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>. This list is updated frequently.

If you receive food from home, or shop on the economy, the food you receive may be implicated in these recalls. Some packages were sent before product was recalled or whoever sent the package may not have known the products they mailed were affected. An example would be Austin or Keebler Peanut Butter Crackers. The U.S. Army Veterinary Service does not check mail, so it is up to you, the consumer, to be vigilant in these cases and check the FDA website yourself. If you do not have access to the FDA website then you should throw away anything you receive in the mail containing peanut products. 

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FDA's recall list. The page header includes the FDA logo and the text 'U.S. Food and Drug Administration'. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'FDA Home Page', 'Search FDA Site', and 'FDA A-Z Index'. The main heading is 'Peanut Butter and other Peanut Containing Products Recall List', with a sub-heading 'Information current as of 12 PM February 18, 2009' and '2396 entries in list'. There are several links for more information, including 'Peanut Containing Product Recall (Salmonella Typhimurium Outbreak): Main Page' and 'Do's and Don'ts During the Peanut Salmonella Outbreak: FDA's Dr. Stephen Sundlof'. A search bar is present with the text 'Get Widget to Search Recalled Peanut Products'. A note at the bottom explains that the list includes human and pet food subject to recall in the United States since January 2009. Below the note, there are two options: 'Browse by Peanut Containing Products' and 'Or By Search'. A search box with a 'GO' button is provided. Under 'Browse by Peanut Containing Products', there is a list of 'Topics on this Page' including 'Browse Product Recalls', 'Candy Product Recalls', 'Cereal Product Recalls', 'Cookie Product Recalls', 'Cracker Product Recalls', 'Dessert Product Recalls', 'Dressing and Seasoning Product Recalls', 'Fruit and Vegetable Product Recalls', 'Ice Cream Product Recalls', 'Peanut Product Recalls', 'Peanut Butter Product Recalls', and 'Peanut Paste Product Recalls'. Under 'By Search', there is a list of search criteria: 'Brand Name (Example: Austin Quality Foods, Keebler)', 'UPC Code (Example: 54567-59114)', 'Product Description (Example: Crackers with Peanut Butter)', and 'Any combination of: brand name, description, UPC code'.

Resources used in this article can be found in "Recall of Peanut-Containing Products: Salmonella Typhimurium," FDA, February 8, 2009 and "Salmonellosis, Center for Disease Control and Prevention," CDC, May 21, 2008.

STEADY HANDS, EVER-WATCHFUL EYES



Photos by Marine Cpl. Aaron J. Rock

Lance Cpl. Marco S. Buehler, a scout sniper from Battalion Landing Team 2/6, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fires his MK-11 sniper rifle from a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter, while flying over the Gulf of Aden, Sept. 27.

Article by
MC1 Monique Hilley
Combined Task Force 151

As boarding teams depart the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio in rigid-hull inflatable boats to deter piracy in the Gulf of Aden, they can feel a sense of protection knowing that the Scout Sniper Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, currently attached to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, watches over them from the skies.

“The scout snipers’ role while attached to Combined Task Force 151 is to supply either aerial support from a scout sniper position inside the helicopter or, if need be, we can provide support from the ship to provide over-watch for the visit, board, search and seizure team as they go ahead and take out a vessel,” said Gunnery Sgt. Jeffery Benkie, scout sniper platoon sergeant.

The sniper team brings multiple capabilities to CTF 151, including its ability to operate from an aerial

platform with a variety of different weapons systems. The scout snipers use an Mk-11, which is the 762 sniper rifle, a 50-caliber M107 special application scoped rifle, and several different sets of optics to aid them in carrying out their mission.

“We have the ability to stand off of a target, visually see what is on the target and report that information to the [Visit, Board, Search and Seizure] teams,” explained Benkie.

Several of the Marines attended Scout Sniper School, which is an intensive 10-week school in Stone Bay, N.C., that is broken down into three phases: marksmanship, deployment and basic

skills. Several of the scout snipers also completed the three-week Special Operations Training Group Urban Sniper Course.

“We were really happy to be chosen to be part of the task force,” said Benkie. “We work very hard to

prove ourselves as scout snipers. To be operational during this deployment and chosen to be part of this is quite an honor. I am very proud of my men because they all work very hard.”

CTF 151 is a multinational force conducting counter-piracy operations to deter piracy in and around the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

It was established to create lawful maritime order and develop security in the maritime environment.

CTF 151 has brought the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard teams together aboard the San Antonio.

Those currently embarked include helicopter pilots and support personnel from USS Theodore Roosevelt, a Coast Guard boarding team that teamed up with San Antonio’s own VBSS team and Marines from ‘Golf’ Company, as well as the Scout Sniper Platoon, from the 26 MEU embarked aboard USS Iwo Jima.

“[We are] able to bring all those entities together as one to achieve a common mission goal and train up and establish standard operating procedures.” said Benkie. “The [unit] Navy do a very good job of working together and supporting each other.” **A**



During the training, snipers practice firing from different places inside the helicopter at floating targets. The 26th MEU and Iwo Jima Strike Group are currently deployed in the Central Command area of responsibility.

NMCB 11 TAKES HISTORIC FIRST STEPS, AGAIN

Article and photos by
MC1 Nicholas Lingo
NMCB 11 Public Affairs Office

This is not the first deployment for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11.

Formerly known as MCB 11, the battalion was re-commissioned Sept. 14, 2007, and its heritage can be traced back to World War II.

NMCB 11 was originally commissioned on July 27, 1942, and served on Tutaila, American Samoa; New Caledonia, Auckland; Banika, Los Negros; and Luzon, Philippines. It was disestablished Dec. 1, 1945.

NMCB 11 was again commissioned on Sept. 14, 1953. NMCB 11 was also the battalion of Construction Mechanic Third Class Marvin Shields, who was killed at the Battle of Dong Xoai and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor; the only Seabee ever to achieve this great merit.

Today, the re-established NMCB 11 is in the movement stage of its deployment, pushing its detachments out to various locations around the world in support of several conflicts and humanitarian missions.

The wait has been a lengthy one for this growing battalion; its homeport was extended

several times over due to training commitments and the Naval Construction Forces shifted to a 12-month homeport.

Of the “Four-Horseman”, the original four sailors attached to the command, two remain and will deploy with the battalion. NMCB 11 is deploying for the first time in nearly 40 years since its last decommission, on Dec. 15, 1969.

In war, time can be a major adversary; but in NMCB 11’s case, the extra time to train has better prepared this young unit for the tasks that lie ahead of them.

Lt. Cmdr. Brian Lindoerfer, executive officer, NMCB 11, expects great things from his battalion,

“There is much anticipation; it has been 16 months since the commission date. Our Seabees have worked extremely hard preparing for this first deployment. They met and often exceeded expectations during every training evolution; I expect they will do the same on deployment... ready, willing and able!”

Due to the infancy of the battalion as a whole, another question for their success is their relative youth throughout the unit.

“Over 60 percent of the personnel have never completed a deployment,” said

Lindoerfer. “We will be working in over 33 locations, in 24 countries, spanning 11 time zones and supporting requirements for 4 different Component Commanders. Command and Control will be difficult at best, but our leadership and our Seabees are prepared. It is a great opportunity for our detachment and project team leaders to shine.”

Though the youngest Seabees of the battalion may not have the relative experience of older Sailors, they are more than willing and, in some instances, are eager for the experience of deployment.

“This deployment is going to be outstanding,” said Equipment Operator Third Class Asia A. Rogina, who is serving in NMCB 11’s Air Detachment and slated for six months of work in Afghanistan.

The Bellingham, Wash. native’s enthusiasm is comparable to the “Can Do!” spirit Seabees have embodied since 1942.

“I can contribute more to the war effort there [than in homeport],” said Rogina.

The Seabees of NMCB 11 move forward for the first time as a battalion, but the journey they have been involved in over the last two years has them well-prepared to endure and overcome any obstacle they may face in the near future. 

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 form a working party to offload baggage in Kuwait, Feb. 16. The location is the prepositioning point for Seabees being deployed to various locations throughout South-west Asia.



Explosive Ordnance Team stays



Article and photos by
Sgt. Christopher Selmek
Task Force Sinai Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment may have one of the most nerve-wracking jobs in the Army. It takes a special kind of Soldier to deal with explosives on a daily basis; it takes attention to detail and a fine-tuned memory. Mostly though, it takes confidence.

“You have to know your job and be able to memorize hundreds of detonation procedures,” said Sgt. Stephen Fitzpatrick, EOD team member. “But it isn’t so hard dealing with ordnance when you know exactly what’s in it and what going to set it off.”

“It’s like if you were an attack dog trainer,” said Sgt. Albert Christian, EOD team member. “Another person might come to your house and be nerv-

The 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Staff Sgt. Michael Cox lays charges for a controlled explosion in an isolated part of the Sinai desert, Jan. 21.

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Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thompson and Sgt. Dugger Camp, 1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, pilot the PACK-BOT to disarm a live bomb from a safe distance.

ous to be around them, but you know what's going to make them go off, and what's going to calm them down, and if they're dangerous in a certain situation they're still not dangerous to you. I'm comfortable with my level of knowledge, and I feel I know what I'm doing."

For the seven EOD detachment Soldiers here in the Sinai, which consists of one commander and three, two-man teams, their primary mission involves monitoring 163 known unexploded ordnance locations throughout Zone C. The detachment non-commissioned officer-in-charge also estimates there have been three or four incidents per month that require their direct involvement.

"You have to remember that the whole Sinai was basically a battlefield, and there are still a lot of unexploded mines out there," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thompson, EOD NCOIC. "Any area off the roads should be suspect, and our drivers need to stay alert."

EOD tracks the location of every

incident in Zone C, which is 200 meters outside any base or observation post, and 10 meters off any road. Until recently, these incidents were scrawled on aging maps in the EOD headquarters building, but thanks to the Civilian Observer Unit's coordination with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency early this year, there is now a single, up to date map that tracks all incidents since the founding of the Multinational Force and Observers.

According to Thompson, the map is their single greatest tool in dealing with the threat of Unexploded Ordnance. Other tools they sometimes use on the job include a remote controlled PACK-BOT with a robotic arm for diffusing bombs at a distance, a PSS12 Mine Detector, and a heavily insulated bomb-suit used any time a person needs to be close to a live bomb.

In the meantime, when the team isn't out doing sight reports, they're usually training.

"We try to train once or twice a week," said Thompson. "It's a perishable skill, you loose

it if you don't use it often, so we try to practice as often as possible, and there are literally hundreds of techniques you need to remember."

"It's loads of fun learning about explosions and how to deal with them," said Sgt. Stephen Fitzpatrick, EOD team member.

EOD is also available to teach classes to individual units, meeting each contingents individual requirements for IED or UXO education.

"We're generally available for any contingent to teach any class at any time, and we'll tailor the lesson to their needs," said Thompson. "The more we increase awareness throughout the MFO, the more we increase everybody's safety."

Working for EOD in the Sinai is a unique assignment that allows many EOD members to use skills they might not otherwise have an opportunity to exercise and it is an experience many on the job will never forget.

"It's unique because our coverage area is so large and yet so small at the same time," said Christian. "Our main focus is on all the camps, but we've got 300 square miles to cover, and there's a lot of sand out there." ^A



From Hawaii to Kuwait: 29th IBCT

Article and photos by
Sgt. Crystal Carpenito
29th IBCT Public Affairs Office

Carrying on the Great Aloha Run tradition, Soldiers of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, out of Hawaii, participated in their own version of the annual 8.15 mile run, the Aloha Run, at LSA, Kuwait, Feb. 14.

Though it has been organized several times before in Iraq, by other units based out of Hawaii, this was the first Aloha Run held in Kuwait.

The event was sponsored by MWR, the USO and the Harley Davidson Sales Shop, who also donated for food and T-shirts, and volunteers from the Army, Navy and Australian Coalition Forces made sure the event went smoothly.

More than 165 servicemembers, from camps across Kuwait, including Soldiers from the Australian Coalition Forces, participated in the race.

The run began at 8 a.m., with a quick loop around the LSA and then continued across seven miles of perimeter surrounding the base.

Traditional Hawaiian leis and souvenir T-shirts were passed out to participants as they crossed the finish line. In addition, Soldiers painted a colorful mural of Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head Crater, two popular places on the island of Oahu, for participants to use in photographs.

After the run was complete, participants gathered at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation stage for an award ceremony where the top two male and female runners of four separate age groups received medals, local island candies and mochi crunch from the 29th Brigade Support Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Keith Yoshida.

In addition, the overall top male and female runners received gold trophies

and more local treats.

The top runners were Cpl. Richard Johnston, Australian Coalition Forces, in the male category with a time of 53:34, and Airman 1st Class Gina Marciano in the female category with a time of 57:32.

"I always challenge myself and determination is what it's all about," said Marciano. "It just goes to show, don't get discouraged, just go out and do it! You'd be surprised what your body can do if you set your mind to it."

29th IBCT Soldiers, Sgts. 1st Class Mark Britos, Nelson Uehara and Eugenia Gansit received awards for second place in their age groups with times of 1:02:48, 1:25:04 and 1:24:10, respectively.

After the awards presentation, participants enjoyed a Hawaiian-style BBQ which offered teriyaki burgers, beef and chicken skewers, and other entrees provided by the United Service Organizations.

Responsible for organizing the run were the 29th Brigade Support Battalion Soldiers and command cell Soldiers: 1st Lt. Christine Leimbach, Command Sgt. Maj. Virgine Kanoa, Sgt. 1st Class Mario Tabaquin, Staff Sgt. Ludyann Capitle and Sgts. Marie-syl Erese and Ray Rosete.

The Soldiers received additional support from MWR Fitness Manager Gregg Smith, MWR Recreation Manager Susan Kraft and USO representatives Yukiko Smith and Pamela Russell.

Two days later, more than 20,000 runners and walkers, including 2,250 Servicemembers celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the GAR on the island of Oahu. The GAR, a charity event founded by Carole Kai and Jack Scaff in 1985, has since been conducted every year on President's day with proceeds benefiting Hawaii non-profit organizations. **A**

The Aloha Run held at LSA, Kuwait, Feb. 14, was conducted in honor of the Great Aloha Run held on the Feb. 16 in downtown Honolulu. The race in Kuwait mirrored the distance of the Great Aloha Run of 8.15 miles.

Host Aloha Run



Top runners Airman 1st Class Gina Marciano and Australian Coalition Forces' Cpl. Richard Johnson pose with their trophies after the Aloha Run at LSA, Kuwait, Feb. 14. Marciano ran in 57:32 and Johnson came in at 53:34.



Corporal: Stepping into the world of the NCO



Article compiled by
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20th Public Affairs Detachment

The noncommissioned officers' corps is known as the "backbone of the Army." To be an NCO is a time-honored position that indicates that a Soldier is ready to take on the responsibility of training and caring for Soldiers. This leadership role can begin with the rank of corporal.

"Leadership has shown so much trust in your abilities to lead that they have recognized you with this rank," said Sgt. Tim Chatlos, broadcast NCO, 20th Public Affairs Detachment. "They have moved you into the NCO Corps before you are eligible for the rank of sergeant."

Chatlos was promoted to corporal when his unit needed an NCO to lead the other Soldiers.

"The unit needed someone to stand up and be a leader and I was able to fill that role," said Chatlos, a native of Orlando, Fla.

The rank of corporal was established in 1775 with the birth of the U.S. Army and is the one of two ranks which has never disappeared from the NCO corps.

During the American Revolution, sergeants and corporals were expected to instruct the troops everything from maintaining good order and discipline to cleanliness and personal hygiene. They maintained lists of accountability and briefed the first sergeant on the daily reports. They were also expected to fill in the gaps created by casualties

on the battlefield and encourage their men to continue to fire straight and true.

Today, a corporal shares the same pay grade as a specialist, but is a junior NCO and takes on the responsibilities of a leadership position. A corporal's roles and responsibilities include the completion of missions and the care of Soldiers.

"Every great NCO should want to lead Soldiers," Cpl. Zack R. Gribben, training and administrative NCO, 581st Signal Company. "Leading Soldiers is one of the hardest responsibilities an NCO can have."

A corporal in the U.S. Army is above specialist and below and is most commonly found in combat arms units and often leads a fire team.

"As a Corporal, you get all the responsibility and accountability of a sergeant, but you really aren't taken too seriously," said Chatlos. "This is something I take into account whenever dealing with a corporal now. I recognize that they were singled out by their command to enter the NCO Corps early."

"As a Corporal you are an [NCO], in my unit you are held to that

"Leadership has shown so much trust in your abilities to lead that they have recognized you with this rank. They have moved you into the NCO Corps before you are eligible for the rank of sergeant."

Sgt. Tim Chatlos
Broadcast NCO
20th Public Affairs Detachment

standard," said Gribben, a resident of El Cajon, Calif. "You are given all responsibilities that come with the rank; NCO duty positions, additional duties, Soldiers, and missions that need to be conducted in a timely and professional manner."

Over the centuries, the job description of the corporal has changed, but the leadership exhibited by the junior NCO remains.

"You want to guide and mold [Soldiers] into great leaders," said Gribben. "Leading Soldiers is a privilege, not a must have."

"There is a reason why you don't see a lot of corporals," said Chatlos. "It feels good to be recognized like that." 



Photo by Spc. Kimberly A. Johnson

Maj. Jason Shropshire, commander, 20th Public Affairs Detachment, removes the rank of corporal from the uniform of the newly promoted Sgt. Tim Chatlos, broadcast NCO, 20th PAD, during his promotion ceremony Nov. 1, 2008.

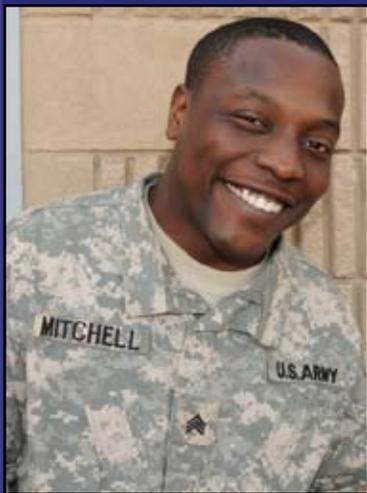
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When:
Feb. 25 @ 1400

Where:
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Camp Arifjan
Zone 1
MWR Theater

NCO Spotlight:

Sgt. Marcus Mitchell
Senior IMO, USARCENT C6, HQ support



"Take initiative on learning the duties and responsibilities of your section and don't be afraid to try new things."

Having family in the Army before him and seeing them travel, Sgt. Mitchell wanted to attend school five years ago, when instead he joined the Army. He holds several job titles such as security manager, Microsoft exchange administrator and Network technician NCO. He said he lives by his senior NCO's motto "Know what right looks like."

Just One Question ...

"What do you hope to accomplish by the end of your deployment?"



"Ensuring that at least 90% of the II MEB Afghanistan equipment and personnel are in place prior to my departure."

Capt. Shannon G. Wills
MARCENT-Kuwait
Indianola, Miss.



"Professionally I hope to become a coxswain of a patrol boat. On a personal level, improve my skills on being a better mentor."

Petty Officer 1st Class
Tony Hatzenbuehler
932nd Boat Division
Hamilton, Mon.



"By the end of this deployment I hope that everyone who goes outside the wire makes it home safe to their families"

Senior Airman Tommie Dunnam
70th Medium Truck Detachment
Mobile, Ala.



"I have one month left and I've saved money, improved on PT and I got a lot of school-work done. I also learned a lot about my comrades."

Spc. Katherine Christian
2-43rd Air Defense Artillery
Charlotte, N.C.



"Get some correspondence courses done, work on my E-5 and make it home alive."

Spc. John Goulet
539th Transportation Company
Boston, Mass.

What's happening around USARCENT

Seabee Retrograde



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Nicholas Lingo

Vice Adm. visits Kuwait

(Below) Vice Adm. Alan S. Thompson, director, Defense Logistics Agency, has breakfast with troops at the Oasis dining facility at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Feb. 16.



Photo by Pfc. Alicia Torbush

(Left) Equipment Operator 3rd Class Jeremy Myers pressure washes a Humvee in preparation for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11's Civil Engineer Support Equipment retrograde. The battalion is in the process of removing all CESE from Camp Arifjan in order to move their deployment location to Rota, Spain.

Friendship One Arrives

Members of the Kansas National Guard download vehicles after arriving to Saudi Arabia for the Friendship One 2009 bilateral training exercise. FS One 09 is a force-on-force field training exercise to enhance logistical support and interoperability between U.S. and Royal Saudi Land Forces. This is the first large scale exercise between the two countries since the 1991 Gulf War. (Photo by Spc. Elayseah Woodard-Hinton)

