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# Third Army OPSOP: Preface

**T**hird Army Operations Standing Operating Procedures captures the Command's keystone internal tactics, techniques, and procedures for planning and operations throughout the full spectrum of military operations.

There are four intended audiences for this OPSOP:

1. Third Army will use this OPSOP as their central reference for all operations and planning.
2. U.S. Central Command's Staff involved in defining the mission and role of the emerging JTF and synchronizing efforts with the Third Army Staff will be encouraged to use this OPSOP as a reference document.
3. The Joint Task Force Commander and staff will use this OPSOP as a central reference during all phases of the operation.
4. Other service component commands providing forces and logistics support to the JTF will be encouraged to use this OPSOP as a central reference for their contributions to operations.

The OPSOP is organized into chapters as shown in the Table of Contents. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 focus on the overall functions of the headquarters in both steady state Title 10 and JTF operations.

Chapter 4 and Appendix A contain descriptions and reference material relating directly to each section of the G-Staff, Personal Staff, and the Special Staff. Chapter 5 specifies standard naming conventions, and Appendix B is a glossary. OPSOP chapters relating to specific staff elements will be published at a later time.

The guidance in the OPSOP is authoritative; as such, prescribed procedures will be followed except when, in the judgment of the commander, exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

If conflicts arise between the contents of the publication and the contents of Army doctrinal publications, the publication will not take precedence unless the Commander, Third Army, normally in coordination with Department of the Army, has provided more current and specific guidance.



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# Facts: Fast Foods

**Do** you frequently eat outside the Dining Facility?

If you eat more than one or two meals a week at one of the restaurants at your location, you might want to check out your choices. Even if you have no health problems and are at a healthy weight, you might be eating too much saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium.

You may appear outwardly healthy, but you might be doing damage on the inside. Diets high in fat and processed foods are frequently lacking in fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy and fiber.

Most chain restaurants have nutrition facts on their website. The nutrition facts allow you to compare the calories, fat, cholesterol, sodium and sometimes several other nutrients in each food. What you see may shock you.

For example, a large chocolate milkshake at Baskin Robbins has 1,080 calories and 100 percent of your



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

saturated fat allowance for the day if you consume a 2,000 calorie diet.

A Burger King Triple Whopper with cheese has 1250 calories, 84 grams of fat and 1600 milligram sodium. A Nathan's Famous Chili Cheese Dog, medium fries and medium Coke has 1,020 calories, 52 grams of fat and 1,065 mg sodium. When using the websites, make sure you include any toppings or additions since these are not always included in the total.

While fast food on average is higher in fat, cholesterol, calories and sodium than foods you would prepare at home, you can make healthier choices by doing a little research online.

Check out your favorite restaurant's website and see if there is a better choice you can make and enjoy your favorite foods in moderation. **A**

# Motorcycle Mentorship

**As** the 2009 riding season rolls into full swing, Army Leaders are once again encouraging both new and experienced motorcycle riders to renew their commitment to staying safe on the roads by participating in the Army's Motorcycle Mentorship Program.

The purpose of the unit or installation level MMP is to create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment through mentorship by seasoned riders. The MMP was adopted by the Army in December 2005 through a memorandum signed by the then Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Peter Schoomaker. In that memorandum, Schoomaker asked motorcyclists to team up and ride together; look out for riders who aren't ready for more advanced challenges; and mentor the new riders as they develop their skills.

There are several ways Soldiers can participate in MMPs around the country. One option involves becoming a Rider Coach.

A Rider Coach teaches the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic and Experienced Rider Courses and, if the Rider Coach is qualified, also teaches the Military Sportbike Riders Course.

Rider Coaches all attend a MSF Rider Coach Preparation Course. During the course, Rider Coach candidates learn the nuts and bolts of teaching the Basic Rider Course. The course is approximately 65 hours long. Keep in mind that in order to maintain your Rider Coach certification you must conduct at least two BRCs in a two year period. This may be a difficult task if you are deployed overseas or your installation has an abundance of Rider Coaches. **A**

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# New headquarters breaks ground in S.C.

Article and photo by

Sgt. Beth Lake

Third Army Public Affairs Office

**T**hird Army began a historic step in its move from Fort McPherson, Ga., to Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., as leaders from the 20th Fighter Wing, 9th Air Force, City of Sumter, S.C., and Third Army broke ground for the unit's new command and control complex, Aug. 17.

Third Army's headquarters complex is scheduled to open in September 2011 and will include a command and control headquarters, a headquarters and headquarters company facility, and a motor pool.

Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army commanding general, highlighted the importance of the move in the command's history.

"We are excited to begin a new chapter in our distinguished history with you here in South Carolina today," said Webster. "Third Army, when established on Shaw Air Force Base, will significantly add to the military missions and overall military presence in the Sumter community and in the state."

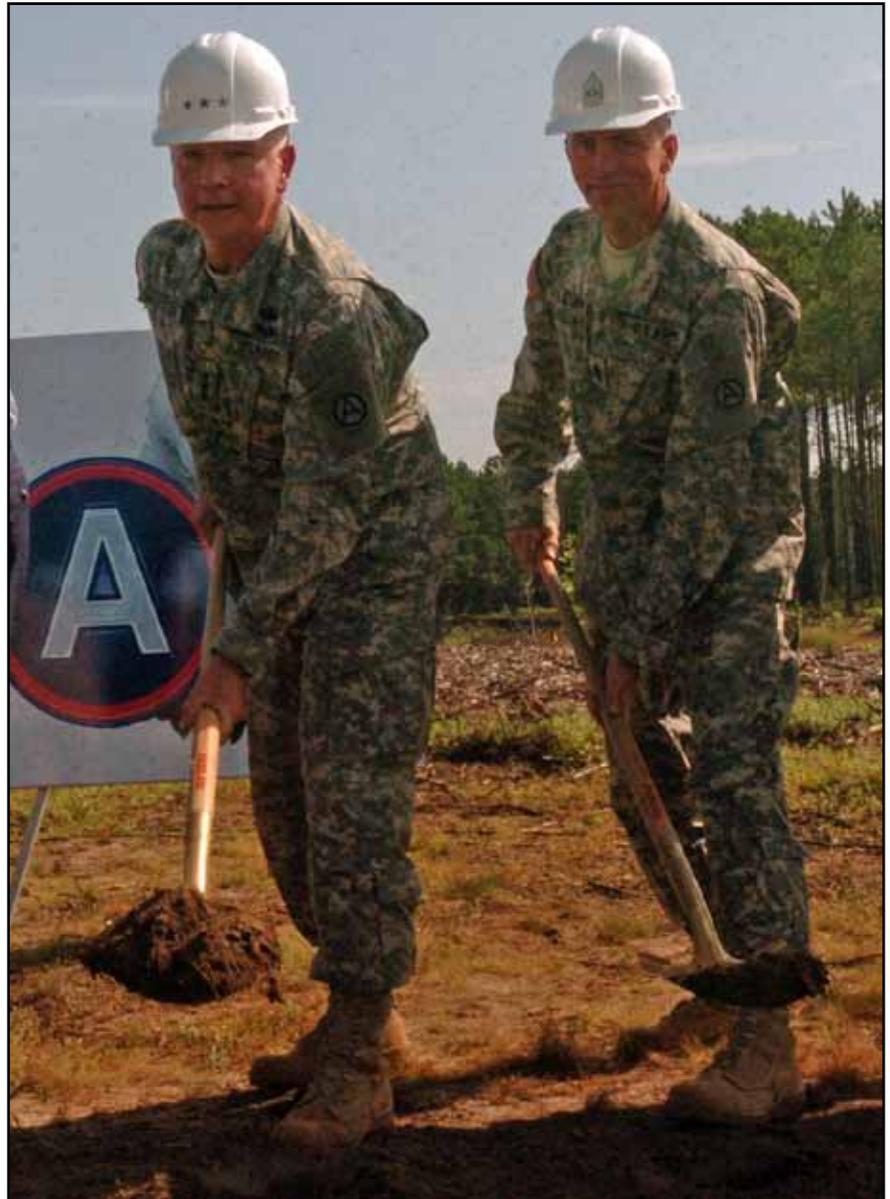
Commander of the 9th Air Force, Maj. Gen. William Holland, also emphasized the impact the move will have on current operations.

"Third Army has a long and proud heritage," said Holland. "We look forward to our times ahead building a shared history here at Shaw. Combat experience from the Central Command area of responsibility has shown the absolute necessity of our services continuing to cooperate at all levels as a joint team. Co-locating our two headquarters at Shaw will further strengthen our partnership and interoperability. We are truly excited as we anticipate our future as one team, one mission and one community."

The move will bring more than 1,000 Soldiers, hundreds of Families and a new economic impact, to Shaw and Sumter, said Webster.

Sumter's mayor, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. stressed the support and hospitality these Soldiers, civilians and Families will receive from the local community.

"You are going to find in Sumter that we have spent 60 years or more trying to figure out ways to support Shaw Air Force Base," said McElveen. "You are going to find that the same folks that have been doing that for many years are



**Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, commanding general, and Command Sgt. Major John D. Fourhman, Third Army, break ground where the headquarter's new command and control complex will be located at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., Aug. 17.**

going to do that for our Army brothers and sisters as well. Each time you need us, you can call on us. This community not only says it, we do it."

Before picking up a golden shovel to break ground and move Third Army into a new era, Webster took a moment to offer thanks.

"Today is not just about a shovelful of dirt, or a headquarters building, or a new neighbor; it is a significant and positive change in all our lives. We look forward to continuing our work with everyone here as we build our capacities together. We are thankful for the support of the Shaw and Sumter communities. Together our people and their Families will build an even better team, working toward an even brighter future together." **A**

# Third Army conducts Lucky Strike exercise in Kuwait



**Third Army Soldiers carry equipment to the entry control point of the Lucky Strike exercise site at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 22. Lucky Strike is a training exercise that helps prepare Third Army for the annual Bright Star exercise in Egypt.**

Article and photo by  
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Third Army Soldiers have begun to lay the ground-work for an exercise to begin on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 24.

Lucky Strike is an exercise used by Third Army to prepare the battle staff to be successful in the upcoming training mission, Bright Star, in Egypt.

“Lucky Strike is a collective training exercise for our command post, where we exercise distributed battle command in a geographically separated location,” said Lt. Col. Ardrelle Evans, deputy chief of operations, Third Army. “This particular exercise gives us an opportunity to perform our [Command Joint Task Force] missions and work

those core competencies as a battle staff.”

Lucky Strike is an opportunity for the Soldiers involved in the exercise to get to know each other and their roles.

All the systems, personnel and equipment that will be used in Egypt is being set at Camp Arifjan.

“The area was chalked out before we arrived on site,” said Staff Sgt. Charles D. Glaze, Fires and Effects, Third Army.

Glaze, who has been at Camp Arifjan for four months now, helped set up Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter tents and run cables through them for network hook ups.

“There are about 100 people out here working together to set up the site,” said Glaze. “If we have all of our equipment in order, the rehearsal

should go real well.”

The exercise allows Third Army the opportunity to setup and operate a deployable scalable command post. The large tents provide climate controlled areas for core competencies to be exercised and to be completed from within.

Third Army Soldiers are working hard, using their motto as the foundation for their perseverance; Ready Tonight, Sustain the Fight, Shape the Future.

“Lucky Strike is in the ‘Ready Tonight’ line of effort in our campaign plan,” said Evans. “And this gives us an opportunity as a team to ensure the core competencies for the functions that are maintained here at the command post are understood and that everyone knows their role, so that we will be Ready Tonight.” **A**



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in desert during sustainment

# ring exercise

Article and photo by  
Marine Cpl. Justin M. Martinez  
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**N**ext to an unfortunate camel's skeletal heap, fresh footprints from military boots fade into an open stretch of Kuwaiti desert taking with them the chance of their wearers becoming the harsh environment's next victims.

Marines with Lima Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted mounted and dismounted patrols at a training facility near Camp Buehring, Kuwait, August 10 through 12, as part of the MEU's sustainment training.

More than 30 Marines at a time left the forward operating base in a staggered column scanning emptiness through their rifle combat optics, searching for any improvised explosive devices as they walked through the stifling desert heat to the first makeshift town, Al Wahada.

"Kuwait is like an alien world," said Lance Cpl. Brian "Red" Forristar, a rifleman with Lima and a native of Greenbelt, Md. "You can see for miles and acclimating to this type of heat is good training while we're doing these dismounted patrols."

Marines took caution as they approached the realistic town containing small, single-story houses, a traffic circle and a market.

"The facility here available to us is just outstanding," said 1st Lt. Gregory Meyer, third platoon commander for Lima Company and a Ellicottville, N.Y., native. "The base has been very accommodating to us since we've arrived for training."

Meyer added that actual Iraqi role players came out to help Marines train

for potential true-life experiences and situations.

Swiveling turret gunners searched for man-made scars on the terrain as eager Marines patrolled in their tan Humvees like a pride of hungry lions silently stalking wildebeest in the crisp, crunchy grass of an African plain.

"We are working on mobile-mounted and dismounted operations, where you have to get out of the vehicles to do security missions, humanitarian missions, anything to go along with that," said Gunnery Sgt. Timothy A. Lehrke, gunnery sergeant and a Norwood Young America, Minn., native. "It hones our skills inside the company to be able to operate in a motorized unit."

The Marines trained for three days during the hottest month of the year in Kuwait, successfully scouring several training towns and putting miles on their armored vehicles to complete this training evolution.

"I think they did really well," said Meyer. "They really enjoyed an opportunity to be off the ship and conduct operations out where they can move around."

According to Lehrke, Lima Co.'s vehicle training gives the MEU another tool in its bag by having a second company able to move independently as a motorized infantry company.

The 22nd MEU is a scalable, multi-purpose force of more than 2,200 Marines and Sailors. The unit is composed of its Ground Combat Element, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Aviation Combat Element, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 rd; Logistics Combat Element, Combat Logistics Battalion 22; and its Command Element. **A**

*A Marine with Lima Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, posts security on a staircase in a training area near Camp Buehring, Kuwait Aug. 10. The 22nd MEU is ashore conducting sustainment training in Kuwait and is currently serving as the theater reserve force for U.S. Central Command.*

# STB welcomes new battalion commander

***“It doesn’t matter what position you have on this [Third Army] team, we need each other. We must take care of each other, we must take care of our Families, and we must treat each other how we would want to be treated.”***

Lt. Col. Tamatha Patterson  
Commander  
Special Troops Battalion

Article and photos by  
Sgt. Beth Lake  
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**D**onning a “Patton’s Own” physical training shirt, Third Army’s new Special Troops Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Tamatha Patterson, led her first organized battalion run at Ft. McPherson, Ga., Aug. 7.

Patterson took command of the battalion in July, coming from Fort Lee, Va., where she most recently served as the deputy inspector general, Sustainment Center of Excellence, which was formerly the Combined Arms Support Command.

Patterson’s path to Third Army began when she joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Tennessee during her senior year in college. She entered active duty in 1991 as a quartermaster officer. Over her 18 1/2 year career in the Army, she has served in assignments from Fort Hood, Texas to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Her favorite assignment was Fort Campbell, Ky.

“The camaraderie and esprit de corps at Ft. Campbell was unlike any experience I have ever had in my military career,” she said. “I enjoyed the hard work, but most of all the friendships I made. To this day, I remain in contact with my 101st Screaming Eagles Family.”

Coming to Third Army is an exciting moment for her.

“I am so happy and so humble that I have been given this tremendous



**Lt. Col. Tamatha Patterson, commander, Special Troop Battalion, Third Army, congratulates Soldiers as they run past her Aug. 7. Patterson led Soldiers on her first camaraderie run since taking command of the Special Troops Battalion July 1.**

opportunity to serve,” she said. “I do not take my position lightly. I believe ‘to whom much is given, much is required.’ My goal for this command is to leave it better than how I found it.”

In the time she has been at Third Army, Patterson has already been

out speaking to her Soldiers both in Atlanta and Kuwait. She wants them to know she is approachable and willing to accept new ideas that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the command.

Patterson describes herself as driven and focused, tough but fair. Her philosophy is defined in one word: teamwork.

“Teamwork is the only way we will succeed,” she added as she

also stressed the importance of taking care of Families. “It doesn’t matter what position you have on this [Third Army] team, we need each other. We must take care of each other, we must take care of our Families, and we must treat each other how we would want to be treated.”



**Patterson leads Soldiers around Fort McPherson, Ga., during her first esprit de corps run, Aug. 7.**



***“It’s not about me, it’s about the [Wounded Warrior Project]. They just do great things.”***

Shawn Few  
Senior Cost Analyst  
CALIBRE



# VETERAN RUNS FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Article by  
Spc. Alicia Torbush  
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When a veteran serving as a contractor in Kuwait decided to participate in the Ironman Florida triathlon to be held in Daytona Beach, Fla., Nov. 7, he wanted to do it for more than just himself.

“I want to do this for Soldiers who can’t run; I’m going to run because they can’t,” said Shawn Few, senior cost analyst, CALIBRE.

Few, a Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, registered to be a sponsor participant with the Wounded Warrior Project and in three weeks raised over \$800 from friends and family with a goal of \$3,000 to be donated to WWP.

WWP is a nonprofit organization that provides a myriad of services to help severely wounded and recovering servicemembers and their caregivers adjust after returning home from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The organization was started by a group of veterans who were moved by the sacrifices made by servicemembers and the struggles of those returning from war. The group began packing backpacks with a few comfort items to be distributed to the servicemembers.

Some WWP services include the TRACK program, which gives wounded warriors a grant that pays for all fees, books, materials, a laptop and individual living expenses including housing and sustenance to attend classes at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. The classes

can be applied toward an Associate or Bachelor degree.

Another service offered is the Transition Training Academy, which trains wounded servicemembers in the field of information technology and empowers them to return to the workforce with an in-demand occupational skill and the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, which provides opportunities to severely wounded servicemembers and their families to achieve successful rehabilitation through participation in over a dozen different summer and winter sports.

“On behalf of the thousands of severely injured service members, we want to thank Shawn Few for his dedication to our nation’s heroes,” said Steve Nardizzi, chief executive officer, WWP. “Shawn’s commitment is helping ensure the tremendous personal sacrifices made by our service men and women are not forgotten.”

WWP also considers the needs of the caregivers of a wounded warrior. The organization provides yearly all expense paid retreats that allow caregivers to take a physical and mental rest and provide them with the opportunity to connect with others with similar experiences.

Many of the recovery programs are offered free of charge to the servicemember.

“It’s not about me, it’s about the [Wounded Warrior Project],” said Few. “They just do great things.”

Few intends to compete in the triathlon, which includes a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike race and a 26.2 marathon, to raise awareness of WWP’s mission. 

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## G.I. BILL TRANSFER

**F**or the first time in history, servicemembers enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program will be able to transfer unused educational benefits to their spouses or children starting Aug. 1, 2009.

Those eligible are any member of the Armed Forces on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and:

- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute, or
- Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A servicemember is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.

Dependants who are eligible are an individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse.
- One or more of the individual's children.

A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.

Servicemembers who apply for the G.I. Bill transfer program must contact the Third Army career counselors to let them know of your application. Contact the following personnel with an encrypted email which contains your social security number so they can ensure you are eligible and prepared to access the full benefits of the program.

SGM Roberto Lopez - Roberto.lopez2@arcent.army.mil  
MSG James Fast - eddie.fast@arcent.army.mil

## U.S. WARNS OF POSSIBLE ATTACKS IN KUWAIT

**A**mericans in the Gulf state of Kuwait were warned of possible attacks after the authorities busted an Al-Qaeda-linked cell allegedly plotting to attack U.S. targets, last week.

"There are indications that terrorist groups seek to continue attacks against US interests in the Middle East, including Kuwait," said a message issued by the State Department and circulated by the U.S. embassy in Kuwait.

"American citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness."

It also advised American citizens living or travelling in Kuwait to register with the embassy.

Kuwait said it foiled an attack by suspected Al-Qaeda militants on the main U.S. military base in the Gulf emirate, the first such incident in four years.

Security forces have arrested six Kuwaitis who were planning to attack Camp Arifjan, state security offices and other government buildings, according to an interior ministry statement.

A U.S. Defence Department spokesman in Washington confirmed that U.S. forces in Kuwait were targeted for attack but said it was unclear if the suspects were linked to Al-Qaeda or that they planned to strike at Camp Arifjan.

## THREE-PART SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRAQ

**T**he top U.S. commander in Iraq has proposed a tripartite arrangement between American, Iraqi and Kurdish forces to shore up security in disputed areas of northern Iraq.

The proposal by Gen. Raymond Odierno is only in the discussion phase, but leaders involved in the talks have been receptive, according to a defense official speaking on background.

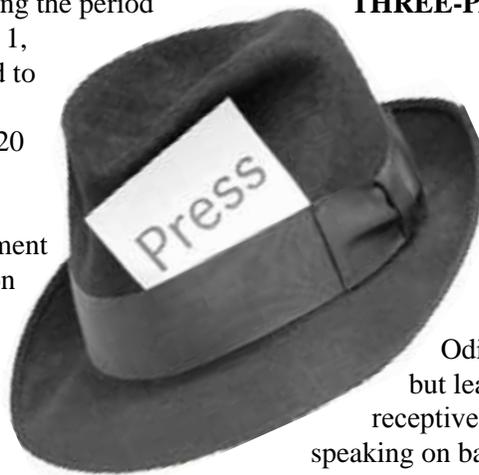
The initiative has been characterized as "a confidence-building measure" aimed at protecting Iraqis and preventing disputed areas "from being used as a seam" by insurgents.

If approved, the altered security arrangement would be a temporary measure to improve confidence in the security situation and pressure terrorist networks, officials said.

Following his meeting yesterday with senior officials from Baghdad and Kurdistan, Odierno hailed the talks as an important step forward in defining a joint security framework for the disputed areas in the provinces of Ninewa, Diyala and Kirkuk.

Odierno met yesterday with the Iraqi government's defense and interior ministers, and the interior minister and military commander of the Kurdistan Regional Government, the news release said.

"Today's meeting represents an important first step in working through the security issues in the disputed areas," Odierno said yesterday in a Multinational Force Iraq news release. In addition to the proposed troop arrangement, the group also discussed unity of command, coordination measures, force-level arrangements, intelligence sharing and rule-of-law oversight, according to the release. **A**



# RAMADAN

August 20 through 19 September  
Sunrise to Sunset

**“The most venerated, blessed and spiritual-ly-beneficial month of the Islamic year”**

**Be considerate when off-post, from sunrise to sunset, in public areas and when you are in a vehicle:**

**Do Not Eat  
Do Not Drink  
Do Not Chew  
Do Not Smoke**

**Violations are punishable under  
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## Just One Question ...

“What do you think about social media sites?”



**“I think it’s a good source to meet people and keep in touch with friends I haven’t seen in 10 and 20 years. I think it’s great.”**

Maj. Frank Stocker  
Planner  
G4 Plans, Third Army  
Tucson, Ariz.



**“I think they can be a useful tool to keep in contact with people. It’s also a double edged sword because of OPSEC.”**

MA2 Jason Warren  
Vetting Team Member  
U.S. Navy  
Pandora, Ohio



**“I think they’re a good source of information, but you should be careful when posting information that could be a threat to operational security.”**

Master Sgt. Eric Ingram  
Senior Enlisted Advisor  
MARCENT-KU  
Greensboro, N.C.

## NCO Spotlight

Master Sgt. Angela Clemente  
Safety NCOIC, Third Army



The Fairburn, Ga. native joined the Army a little later than most new recruits, but feels it was one of the best decisions she has made. She enjoys the structure and organized life and had an appreciation for the Army values before joining. Her father, who was a boxer in the Army, raised her and her siblings to live by many of these values, instilling the lesson that your name is who you are, and others should associate positive things with your name.

**“Walk in integrity and honesty to set a good example to subordinates and superiors.”**



**“I am not a big computer user, but I log on once a week to keep in touch with friends and family.”**

BM1 Robert Brown  
Vetting Team Member  
U.S. Navy  
Soldotna, Alaska



**“I think they’re awesome and a great way to keep in touch, especially being in the military with traveling so much.”**

Capt. Carrien Henley  
Battle Captain  
Third Army  
Copperas Cove, Texas

# What's happening around Third Army

## **Induction Ceremony**

The newest noncommissioned officers recite *The Charge of the NCO* during first 39th Transportation Battalion NCO Induction ceremony at the Zone 1 Theater on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 19.



Photo by Spc. Alicia Torbush



Photo by Pfc. Jeremy Norvell

## **31st ADA TOA**

Col. Daniel L. Karbler and Sgt. Major Johnny C. Woodley uncase the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade colors symbolizing the acceptance of the U.S. Central Command's PATRIOT mission.

## **WLC Graduation**

Warrior Leader Course graduates recite the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer during the graduation ceremony held at the Zone 1 Chapel on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 20.



Photo by Spc. Alicia Torbush