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Sexual Assault Prevention

“Our people deserve a quality of life that is commensurate with the great service they provide this country. They deserve positive command climates that represent and uphold our Army Values and Warrior Ethos,” said Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Chief of Staff.



Command Sgt. Major John Fourhman
U.S. Army Central Command Sergeant Major

Gen. Casey made this statement during the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training Summit in September 2008, and those words still resonate as we continue to fight a growing problem within our Army.

It is the mission of the Third Army command to create a positive working environment free from despicable acts like sexual assault and harassment.

Leaders must get involved and ensure that they are informing their Soldiers about how to prevent these acts before they occur, what some of the warning signs are, and the punishment for those who commit these crimes; because that's exactly what these acts are... crimes.

Not only are these acts criminal, but they're also crimes against your fellow Soldiers; your brothers and sisters with whom you fight beside and should protect with your own life.

Within the Army Values and Warrior Ethos we have a code of conduct that holds us to a higher standard, one that separates us from other career professions in society.

Everyone in the command needs to take the time and understand the meaning behind the I.A.M. Strong campaign and what each part of that commitment stands for.

Intervene: When I recognize a threat to my fellow Soldiers, I will have the personal courage to intervene and prevent

sexual assault. I will condemn acts of sexual harassment. I will not abide obscene gestures, language or behavior. I am a warrior and member of a team. I will intervene.

Act: You are my brother, my sister, my fellow Soldier. It is my duty to stand up for you, no matter the time or the place. I will take action. I will do what's right. I will

prevent sexual harassment and assault. I will not tolerate sexually

offensive behavior. I will act.

Motivate: We are American Soldiers, motivated to keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent sexual harassment and assault. We will denounce sexual misconduct. As Soldiers, we are all motivated to take action. We are strongest... together.

Beyond just reading and understanding the parts of the I.A.M. Strong campaign, we need to adhere to it, at all times, while at our home stations, while deployed and while off work. There is zero tolerance for sexual assault and harassment!

I encourage Soldiers to talk with their leadership to help fix the problems we are having with Sexual Assault and Harassment, don't be afraid to have your voice be heard about positive ways to fight these crimes against our fellow brothers and sisters.

It all starts with you doing the right thing, regardless of the situation or who is watching. Take care of your brothers and sisters, and continue to help keep our Army Strong.

For more information about preventing sexual assault and harassment, Soldiers are encouraged to go to the following web-sites:

- www.preventsexualassault.army.mil
- www.armygl.army.mil/eo/default.asp

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Driving NTVs

Article by Sgt. Robert Walden
115th Fires Brigade

“Everyone on the road seems to have a go go, be first attitude. I have seen lots of smashed cars on the sides of roads, people passing on the shoulder, and tailgating,” said Sgt. Martin M. Morales, commander’s driver, 115th Fires Brigade. “Cars speed by in one lane, and in the other, a car could be going really slow like it’s about to break down,” said the Denver native.

Many things in Kuwait are different than other parts of the world. Driving habits here are one of the differences that many servicemembers are not used to. People driving at night without headlights on, backing up to a missed exit ramp on the freeway, poorly marked construction zones, unmarked speed bumps and hit and run accidents are some of the things servicemembers experience on the roads in Kuwait. Road signs and metric measurements for speed and distance can also cause confusion to inexperienced drivers in Kuwait.

“I’ve never seen so many speed bumps,” said Morales. “Most haven’t been painted in a long time and don’t have a sign to mark them. They are really hard to see at night or during sand storms.”

Soldiers are required to complete the Army Accident Avoidance course before being allowed to drive. “It covers common causes of accidents and how to avoid them,” said Maj. Kirk Schaumann, safety officer, 115th FiB. “The brigade also held classroom instruction specifically on driving in Kuwait, which taught Soldiers the road signs, possible road conditions and local driving habits.”

115th FiB Soldiers use the Right Seat, Left Seat program, said Schaumann. “This helps our Soldiers to gain experience before being expected to take the wheel.”

Incoming Soldiers are first shown how to drive by Soldiers from the outgoing unit while riding in the right, or passenger seat. Once they have gained knowledge

about the roads, they take the wheel with the outgoing unit member in the right seat so the incoming Soldier can still draw from their experience.

Morales didn’t drive this deployment until after riding with Command Sgt. Maj. Edgardo A. Coronado, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from Kapolei, Hawaii. “He drove from Arifjan up to Beuhring,” said Morales. “On the way there he told me how to drive and instructed me what to do in different situations.” Morales then drove back with Coronado’s guidance.

Complacency is a leading cause of accidents, said Master Sgt. Carolyn Williams, safety noncommissioned officer in charge, 1st Theater Sustainment Command. Complacency is a feeling of security, often while unaware of some potential danger.

Everyone has had authority figures such as parents, teachers, or supervisors telling us that safety is important, but for many of us, it’s blown off because of an overconfident or smug attitude of ‘it isn’t going to happen to me,’ or ‘it’s always the other guy,’ said Williams. “Well every one of us is that other guy.”

“Most accidents happen at the beginning or the end of a deployment,” said Jamie Browne, safety director, 1st TSC. “Soldiers are inexperienced at the beginning, and get tunnel vision toward the end. They get excited to go home and forget the little things.”

The 1st TSC Safety team investigates vehicle accidents to determine how to make the training and policies better. “There is always a cause to accidents,” said Browne. “Investigations help us to identify the cause and find ways to minimize it, and make our Soldiers safer.”

“The number one thing that will prevent injury and even save your life in an accident is the seat belt,” said Browne. “It’s a simple device but we still have people that don’t put it on.”

If Soldiers follow the rules and pay attention while driving, we will have fewer vehicle accidents and more servicemember will make it home physically, mentally and spiritually intact. **A**



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Servicemembers become part of the country they serve

*Article and photo by
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Forty servicemembers pledged their allegiance to their new home country at the Zone 1 Chapel, on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 6.

1st Theater Sustainment Command and the U.S. Citizenship and immigration services, held a naturalization ceremony making servicemembers who joined the U.S. military from other countries, official citizens of United States of America.

Their home countries included Togo, Mexico, Venezuela, Cameroon, Palau, Philippines, Colombia, India, Trinidad, Liberia, Micronesia, Peoples Republic of China, Korea, Peru, Vietnam, Croatia, Australia, Peoples Democratic Republic of Laos, El Salvador and American Samoa.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.)

David P. Gilleran, 1st TSC Deputy Chaplain.

Following, was the National Anthem sung by Staff Sgts Antwain Williams and Antonio Merell along with Pfc. Tyler Grant. Then there was a video presentation of Faces of America, a short video about immigration to America.

Maj. Gen. James E. Rogers, commanding general, 1st TSC, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Rogers spoke on how proud he was to see servicemembers joining the nation that they serve.

"It's truly remarkable that today, far away from the United States of America, in a country that has stood side-by-side with us, the state of Kuwait, that 39 young Soldiers and a Sailor would be welcomed with open arms into a country they've already sworn to protect," said Rogers.

Then, the candidates stood and were introduced to the audience. Mr. Jonah Hadary, adjudications officer,

U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services – Rome, Italy, presented the candidates. They were ordered to raise their right hand and Mr. Robert Daum, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services Field Office Director, administered the oath of allegiance.

After officially becoming U.S. citizens, the 40 candidates marched onto the stage one at a time and introduced themselves and told what country they came from.

The servicemembers received certificates and shook hands with the official party while many people in the audience took photos and cheered for their fellow servicemembers.

The ceremony closed the pledge of allegiance led by Pfc. Lisandro Lantigua, who was originally from the Dominican Republic.

Once the colors were retired, proud servicemembers gave hugs and laughed, celebrating their comrades joining what many Americans call the greatest nation on earth. **A**



Maj. Gen Rogers, commander 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) and officers from the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Rome, Italy stood with the 40 new U.S. citizens for photos after their Naturalization Ceremony that took place in the Zone 1 Chapel, Aug. 6.

Third MDSC OCP welcomes new commander



Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, commanding general, Third Army, who served as the guest speaker, passes the unit colors to Col. Mark P. McGuire, incoming commander, 3rd Medical Command Deployment Support-Forward, during the traditional passing of the colors at a change of command ceremony in the Zone 1 Gym, Aug. 5. (Photo by Cpl. Alejandro Godinez)

*Article by
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The 3rd Medical Command Deployment Support-Forward welcomed a new commander at a change of command ceremony that was held at Zone 1 gym on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 5.

Col. Mark P. McGuire assumed command of 3rd MDSC OCP from Col. Eric Radford who took over command in July 2008. Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, commander, Third Army was the guest speaker at the event.

"We're proud to have you on the team and we look forward to working with you this next couple of years," said Webster to McGuire. "Nothing is impossible when you have a team like this in support. Maintaining our focus on the mission, training and preparing our Soldiers and their Families for what they have to do and continuing to work as a team is how we will continue to accomplish the mission before us."

Radford spoke after Webster giving thanks to those who were a part of his command.

"The bottom line is; a reputation is made in a moment,

but character is built in a lifetime, thank you all," said Radford.

Radford was recognized by Webster, who has served with him in the past, for his hard work and quick turnaround on the detection and prevention of H1N1 influenza in theater. It will now be up to McGuire to continue that fight as the new commander for the 3rd MDSC OCP.

McGuire is assuming command of MDSC OCP after serving in Baghdad 2006-2007.

He was in a private optometric practice in North Carolina for over 16 years. Currently, he is the chief of Optometry for Central Alabama Health Care System with clinics in Montgomery, Fort Rucker and Tuskegee, Ala.

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Star medals, two Combat Action Badges, a Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Superior Unit award, among others.

MDSC was constituted December 21, 1928, in the Regular Army as the 3rd Auxiliary Surgical Group Activated May 5, 1942.

The ceremony ended with the symbolic passing of the colors and guests were invited to say their goodbyes to the outgoing commander and bid welcome to the new commander. 

Third Army conducts counterinsurgency seminar with Pakistani military

A close-up, profile view of a soldier wearing a camouflage uniform and a night vision device. The soldier is looking through the device, which shows a dark, grainy image of a landscape. The soldier's face is partially visible, and the device is mounted on a piece of equipment.

Spc. Rufino Persaud, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., watches over the Afghan country side while fellow members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, speak with members of the Afghan border police, at an Afghan border patrol outpost, June 30. The 10th Mountain Division Soldiers work closely with their ABP counterparts in order to help stop illegal activity along the border with Pakistan. (Photo by Sgt. Matthew Moeller)



Maj. Tony Thacker, Third Army, Fire and Effects, discusses lessons learned with Maj. Naeem Ahmed, left, Pakistan army infantry company commander, and Brigadier Farhat Abbas Sani, Pakistan Military Air Defense brigade commander, during Third Army's Counterinsurgency Information Exchange in Atlanta, July 22.

*Article and photo by
Sgt. Beth Lake
Third Army Public Affairs Office*

Senior leaders from the Pakistan and U.S. Army met in Atlanta, July 20-24 for Third Army's counterinsurgency seminar.

As Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army, commanding general, delivered the opening comments, he stressed the importance of the week-long event.

"We consider it a rare privilege to be able to meet face-to-face with our Pakistani counterparts to have an exchange of ideas and tactics, techniques and procedures for success in counterinsurgency operations," said Webster.

The seminar not only provided a venue for discussion and learning, it fostered relationships amongst the two countries while they studied past events in order to shape future operations.

"This week we presented some lessons learned in counterinsurgency," said Col. Daniel Roper Director, U.S. Army and Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Center. "We used those lessons to stimulate conversation and took our previous experiences in Iraq and applied them to our current status. We exchanged our viewpoints on the challenges in Afghanistan, Pakistan and South Asia at large."

The Pakistan military played a key role in the seminar, explained Maj. Tony Thacker, Third Army Fires.

"Pakistan is a pivotal country in our current operations," Thacker said. "The Pakistan military actually just came out of fighting the insurgency over there to bring their knowledge to us and for us to talk about certain practices we have used both historically and more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan."

"Problems change as you engage them," said Roper. "Even if you fix it, another problem arises. You have to think in the second and third orders and not just fix the first order. We all have common challenges. We may see them from slightly different perspectives, but at the end of the day, we are Soldiers trying to solve complex problems."

Thacker agreed explaining the importance of the seminar in building relationships to work together on overseas contingency operations.

"When you talk about building trust and relationships, the more often you have schooling and conferences together, the more this will be fostered," Thacker said. "The more interaction we have will bring trust on both sides."

Brigadier Farhat Abbas Sani, Pakistan Military Air Defense brigade, also noted the impact the seminar had on his team.

"Myself and my team have learned a lot," said Farhat. "There is a lot we can carry home and apply in our home environment. We are complementing each other and being coalition partners, our aims and objectives are the same; to bring peace and stability to the region." 

Navy Customs Sailors make big impact at USO

Article and photo by

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Media Transition Team-Kuwait

A whole new attitude and feeling is coming to the United Services Organization at Life Support Area, Kuwait, because of several volunteers from the U.S. Navy Customs.

Customs Inspectors with Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Forward Juliet have only been at the LSA for a few weeks, but 11 sailors have made a huge impact to the quality of life for the servicemembers transitioning through this gateway command every day. Their help is much appreciated at the USO because this particular center is open 22 hours a day, 7 days a week. LSA's USO provides a resting place for 700 to 900 servicemembers daily.

The members of the Customs want to support the LSA in a big way and go beyond simply conducting Customs Inspections. After working six days each week and twelve hours per day, inspecting on average 7,000 personnel per week they volunteer during their free time at the USO to make all servicemembers feel at home away from home. The members of Customs fill their time at the USO, working to make it better for everyone.

Engineman 3rd Class Petty Officer Albert Lopez, is a member of the Customs group who volunteers at the USO.

"We're in this together, no one's alone here," said Lopez.

The Customs volunteers recycle confiscated items and donate them to the USO.

"Nothing gets wasted, if someone can use it and it saves them time and money, then this is a good thing," said Lopez. Lopez is a member of the Morale Welfare and Recreation and a fulltime student majoring in International Relations.

Valarie Burnham, Director of the USO at LSA is singing the praises of the Customs volunteers.

"They have been an amazing help, the volunteers do all the things that keep the USO working smoothly," said Burnham, a retired Navy Chief. "They clean up, sort care packages and stock the kitchen. They keep the water coolers supplied. They have made running this site much easier."

Ship Serviceman 2nd Class Petty Officer Angelita Noche fills her deployment by being as active in as many activities as she can.

"I felt it was important to volunteer my time to the USO because they have a limited staff and we can help them accomplish their mission as well," said Noche. "It will make my time here go easier and fly by."

Sonar Technician 1st Class Petty Officer Jason Gulledge, is also dedicated to improving the conditions of the USO.

"My goal is to impact the lives of the Soldiers serving; we are striving to make their lives better, because of what they are doing," said Gulledge. "They are in Iraq and Afghanistan sacrificing."

Gulledge is a junior in college working towards completing his

Human Resources Administration degree. He also is a representative for the MWR.

"Sometimes we are the only place they have to rest during their travels. So I want to bring that little slice of home to the Soldiers, making them feel welcomed and at home while they are here," said Burnham. "The volunteers provide the Soldiers with much needed items that would normally be discarded, this makes it easier on the Soldiers and everything comes full circle."

The Customs volunteers are motivated to make the USO center a little homier for the Soldiers by contributing to the well being of servicemembers and improving the quality of services provided. The USO is a home away from home, where the servicemembers can rest their minds, bodies and spirits. With the help of U.S. Navy Customs volunteers, the USO at LSA brings that little slice of home to make life better for the servicemember and gives 11 Sailors a chance to give back to their military family. **A**



USO volunteer, Sonar Technician 1st Class Petty Officer, Jason Gulledge of U.S. Navy Customs, provides assistance to Capt. Paul Flanigen at Life Support Area, Kuwait.

Third Army retreat builds strong Families

Article and photo by

Sgt. Beth Lake

Third Army Public Affairs

In an environment where Soldiers deploy at a moment's notice, taking care of Families is vital to the success of the mission. Third Army held its annual Family retreat at Callaway Gardens, Ga., July 17-19; giving Families the tools that will help them sustain the hardships of deployment.

Families of both Soldiers and civilians took time out from their busy lives to spend the weekend working on their relationships while also enjoying butterfly gardens, acrobatics shows and swimming.

Third Army contractor Dan Hanley has deployed with the unit to Kuwait and several exercises such as Bright Star. He attended the retreat with his wife Aikena and their 3 children.

"A retreat like this helps with the separation and constant deployments," said Hanley. "It gives people different ways to communicate when they are away."

Horatio Keller, Hanley's son, agreed saying "This is fun because it helps us get out of the house and bond and show love towards each other."

Sgt. Erika Anderson, G-6, Third Army, attended the retreat with her husband Jerry and their two children. After attending the Strong Bonds marriage retreat at Fort Bragg, N.C., the Andersons knew they had to attend the Family retreat.

"We found the marriage retreat so helpful," Jerry Anderson said. "They gave us a keychain that had good tips for listening on it. It worked so well for us, that I shared it with my neighbors."

"When we are home, our daughter Ashley goes in her room and plays her game system," he said. "Our son Aydan is just a baby, I might be on the computer and my wife might be reading. Being out of the house gets you in the mindset that it's supposed to be about Family."

Erika Anderson agreed.

"It takes you out of your home and the stress of having to worry about work and bills and everything," said Anderson. "Being here you can primarily focus on time with your family."

In addition to enjoying the fun activities at Callaway gardens, the Andersons also approached the practical exercises as an opportunity to work together.

During the first exercise, each Family member developed a list of their own values, and then the second exercise brought them together as a Family to create a mission statement.

"The exercise helped us learn what our values



Sgt. Erika Anderson, G-6, Third Army, and her husband Jerry, work on a Family mission statement, while their children Aydan and Ashley play during Third Army's Family retreat at Callaway Gardens, Ga., July 18. The Andersons attended the retreat after being with the Strong Bonds Marriage retreat.

are as a couple and translate those to our Family," said Sgt. Anderson.

"Now that we know we are on the same page, we will translate these to our kids," said Jerry Anderson.

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Cox, Special Troops Battalion, Third Army, assisted with the retreat while also attending it with his wife and two sons.

"It breeds a lot of hope in me that people are concerned about their marriage and their Families," said Cox. "You have to appreciate the attempt people are making to come out here and work on their relationships."

Cox explained that the retreat helps Families build the tools needed to effectively communicate with one another while forming strong bonds that will help when one of them is away.

People are more effective at what they are doing and able to accomplish the mission while overseas if they trust that their Families are ok and able to excel, said Cox. 

NEWS IN BRIEF

GOOGLE VOICE CONNECTS MILITARY FAMILIES

Google is offering its free Voice call management service to members of the U.S. military beginning Tuesday, the company said in a blog post.

Google Voice is in beta and only available to people who get an invite from Google, but with the military offer, anyone with a .mil e-mail address can get service, wrote U.S. Army Sgt. Dale Sweetnam, an Army Soldier working with Google's communications team this year.

With Google Voice, users can have all calls and text messages on their mobile devices route to one voicemail box. The service allows users to listen to voicemail messages as they're being recorded, allowing for call screening, and it allows them to place U.S.-based phone calls free. In addition, Google Voice allows users to record calls, to create conference calls, and to receive voicemail transcripts.

"It's not easy to stay in touch with friends and family when you're fighting in a country thousands of miles from home," wrote Sweetnam, who was deployed in Iraq as an Army journalist for 13 months. "The whole experience was physically and emotionally draining, but it was especially difficult when I called home at the end of the day and nobody was there to answer."

A single number and an easy way to retrieve messages can be "invaluable" to military members constantly moving, Sweetnam added.

"When you deploy, your life is put on hold," he added. "While you live and work in a different world, everyone else moves on with life back home. Your family and friends keep moving, and this sometimes means it's just not possible for them to stay awake until 2 a.m. to receive a phone call. Calling Iraq or Afghanistan is seldom an option."

With Google Voice, a military member's family and friends can leave messages throughout the day, he added. "When that service member visits an Internet trailer, all the messages are right there," Sweetnam said. "It's like a care package in audio form."

ARMY FUNDED LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government

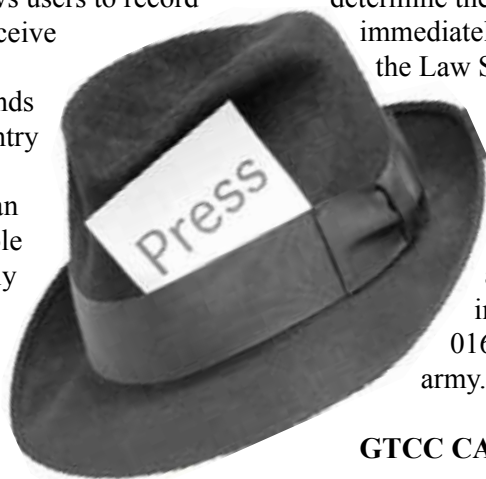
expense, subject to available funding. Selected officers will begin law school in the Fall of 2010 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of 2LT through CPT who have at least 2, but not more than 6, years of total active federal service at the time that they begin law school. Eligibility is governed by law (10 U.S.C. §2004) and may not be waived.

Applications must be routed through command channels to the officer's branch manager at Army HRC with a copy furnished to The Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron – 10th Floor), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194. The application deadline is 1 November 2009. Early submission is advised.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 to determine their eligibility. Additionally, they should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admissions Test.

If further information is needed after reviewing the regulation, please contact COL Stephanie L. Stephens in the CFLCC OSJA at DSN 318-430-6303 or stephanie.stephens@arcent.army.mil or MAJ Margaret Thomas in the 1st TSC OSJA at DSN 318-430-0165 or margaret.f.thomas@kuwait.swa.army.mil.



GTCC CAN BE USED FOR RELOCATION EXPENSES

Effective June 10, 2009, the individually billed travel charge card can be used for relocation expenses. Cardholders will benefit because it eliminates the need to apply for an advance of travel entitlements and reduces the travelers' dependency on personal funds. The program contains safeguards to give cardholders the opportunity to use the GTCC for relocation expenses. Participation is voluntary and highly encouraged by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army Financial Management and Comptroller.

Before you use the card for PCS expenses you are required to register through your Agency Program Coordinator (APC). Individuals not properly registered in the program will be considered non-participants and subject to current GTCC policies, including suspension of accounts for delinquency.

Authorized for this program include transportation, lodging, meals, temporary quarters subsistence expense, and approved house hunting expense.

The following types of PCS moves are excluded from the program: accession and separation. 

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NCO Spotlight:

Staff Sgt. Takela Simeton
Human Resource NCO, 1st TSC



“Don’t stop reaching for success; strive for excellence.”

Simeton joined the Army in Sept. 1994 to seek a challenge for herself. She says that most of her experiences in the Army have been good. Simeton says she is happy to have the opportunity as a Soldier, as an NCO and as a mother. The Army has made her appreciate life and the time that she is able to spend with her daughter. Simeton is currently on her third deployment.

Just One Question ...

“What is your favorite Disney movie and why?”



“Beauty and the Beast because it is the only animated movie to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.”

MA2 Jason Warren
Vetting Team Member
Maritime Expeditionary
Security Detachment
Pandora, Ohio



“The Lion King because it means a lot more watching it as an adult than when I was a kid.”

Sgt. Promise Bradford
Watercraft Engineer
163rd Transportation Detachment
Norfolk, Va.



“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs because they were looking out for each other the whole time and that’s how I grew up.”

PS2 Sergio Maldonado
Port Security Specialist
USCG PSU 301 CTG 56.5
Lowell, Mass.



“The Little Mermaid, I liked that she was becoming independent. I cried at the end because she had to leave her dad.”

Sgt. Tara Schneider
Back Haul Manager
57th Joint Logistical Task Force
Tacoma, Wash.



“Lion King 1 ½ because it’s the kids’ favorite and whatever keeps them happy makes me happy.”

Staff Sgt. Richard Nieves
Security Forces
386th Security Force
Newark, N.J.

What's happening around USARCENT



Photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Taylor

Transporting MRAPs

Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles are transported on U.S. Army Vessel Churubusco at the Sea Port of Debarkation, Kuwait, Aug. 2.

Motorcycle Awareness

Devin Hoover, Army Safety Drivers Training Instructor shows Sgt. Kimberly Kaneshiro, Information Assurance Noncommissioned Officer, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, how to operate a motorcycle simulator as some of the other attendees look on, at the 1st TSC Motorcycle Safety Awareness Training held at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Aug. 1.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Johnathan Bell

COURT MARTIAL



On 24 and 25 July 2009, Sgt. Dale Boldware, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, headquarters and headquarters company, was tried by a military judge at a general court-martial at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Contrary to his pleas, Sgt Boldware was found guilty of forcible sodomy in violation of Article 125, Uniform Code of Military Justice, abusive sexual contact in violation of Article 120, UCMJ, and false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ. The incidents occurred while Boldware was assigned to the Multinational Force & Observers in Egypt in January and March 2009, and involved two junior enlisted Soldiers in his unit. The military judge sentenced Boldware to be reduced to the grade of PVT (E-1), to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for ten years, and to be dishonorably discharged from the United States Army.