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Welcome to the first installment of FROM GAMBERI March 2013. This monthly newsletter will provide news stories about soldiers and units currently based out Forward Operating Base Gamberi.

It will also have news happening in Regional Command-East and will have news stories and photographs of members of the military in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This newsletter will have stories and pictures of Afghanistan National Security Forces as well as Coalition Forces in support of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

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Afghan National Army medics practice moving a casualty using a Sked transport litter and a dummy at Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Health care specialists assigned to Company C, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, advised ANA medics on life saving techniques with hands-on demonstrations and culminated with a test at the end of the week-long training. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kristal Wise (second from left), speaks to Afghan National Army medics with the help of a translator at Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Wise serves as a health care specialist assigned to Company C, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. The Miami, Fla., native taught mentored the ANA soldiers on different life saving techniques with hands-on demonstrations and culminated with a test at the end of the week-long training. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

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U.S. Army health care specialists mentored Afghan National Army soldiers on combat life-saving skills at Forward Operating Base Gamberi.

Soldiers assigned to Company C, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, have a motto, "Cheat death, Save lives."

The combat medics also known as "Comanches," communicated with the use of Afghan translators to provide the combat life saver class. The medics shared their knowledge and experience with ANA medics, who travelled to FOB Gamberi from various battalions in Afghanistan, for the training.

One of the ANA medics who participated in the four-day class, Sgt. Maj. Kheraz Gul, ANA 201st Corps, surgeon cell, senior enlisted advisor said it is hard for the ANA soldiers to travel from their units to FOB Gamberi but the trip was definitely worth it.

On the first day of class, U.S. Staff Sgt. Kristal Wise, a health care specialist assigned to Company C, 27th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., gave lectures on the 3 phases of combat casualty care. The initial training was in a classroom environment but later they completed realistic exercises outdoors.

Wise and her soldiers kept the training from being monotonous using realistic scenarios and fake blood on practice dummy mannequins. She reminded the ANA soldiers that in the event of an attack, they must be soldiers first and suppress enemy fire and take cover.

"When the situation allows, that is when they will go and treat a casualty," said the Miami, Fla., native. "Once they stop the bleeding, they can move their casualty someplace with more security like an abandoned building or a bunker."

On the second day, the ANA soldiers were taught how to control bleeding with the use of tourniquets and medical gauze. The following day, they practiced tactical casualty movement.

"There is no perfect situation in combat," said Wise. "You have to figure out what works best for your situation."

The medics practiced casualty movement with the use of Skedco or Talon collapsible litters and practice dummy mannequins.

The ANA units might not have the same equipment U.S. forces might have in their inventory, so Wise showed them how to improvise with whatever equipment they might have.

"We made litters with the use of blankets, uniform blouses, and I even showed them how to use 550 cord and D-rings and attach that to a casualty's uniform," said Wise.

The U.S. Army issues Combat Application Tourniquets to soldiers in deployed environments. Some Soldiers are told to have one in either the shoulder pocket or on the side pant pocket. Wise showed the ANA soldiers how to put together a tourniquet using a handkerchief and some sticks taped together.

Besides the culture and language barriers, Wise said she had no trouble mentoring the ANA soldiers because they have a medical background. One ANA soldier has 20 years being a medic.

"I told them we are different but we are the same. We are both medics fighting for our country. We have families that we are away from and we miss them," said Wise.

Gul said he really liked having Wise as an instructor.

"She would joke and laugh with us, but when we had to move she raised her voice to show us how to do things correctly, like a good [on-commissioned officer] should," he said.

Wise said that was the first time mentoring ANA soldiers and is working on having another class in a few weeks, hopefully with a larger group of soldiers.

Gul said the good thing about the combat life saver training was that the ANA medics will return to their units and conduct the life-saving training with their non-medical soldiers. That way, they wouldn't have to travel all the way to FOB Gamberi.

ANA, ISAF SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISORS VISIT FOB GAMBERI



Command Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi, (center), speaks with ANA Brig. Gen. Abdul Malik, (right), 201st Corps, Chief of Staff, March 5, 2013. Safi and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, (left), International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, visited Forward Operating Base Gamberi met with ANA 201st Corps leadership, spoke with soldiers, toured logistics and medical facilities on the base. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

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Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, International Security Force Assistance and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, and Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi, visited FOB Gamberi March 5, 2013.

The two senior noncommissioned officers visited the 201st Corps leadership, toured a logistics and medical facilities and spoke to both coalition and ANA soldiers.

Whenever Safi spoke to an ANA soldier he looked him in the eye, shook his hand and sometimes the soldier reciprocated with a hug and a smile. Safi knows how important his role as senior enlisted leader is. He is responsible for training and equipping the ANA forces but does not mind receiving a hug from one of his troops.

He is quick to remind his soldiers that noncommissioned officer corps is the backbone of the Army. He does not hesitate to give his soldiers advice telling one soldier that he and the noncommissioned officers are the strength of the ANA.

“There are three things that matter most to me,” Safi said. “My family, my soldiers and my soldiers’ families.”

The two leaders toured FOB Gamberi including paying a visit to ANA Brig. Gen. Abdul Malek, 201st Corps, chief of staff.

“We are working for the same thing,” Capel said. “We are working to make the future of Afghanistan better.”

During the meeting with the chief of staff, tea was served. Pistachios, almonds and an assortment of other snacks were served on trays for everyone to snack on during the meeting. The leaders communicated with the use of translators.



Command Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi receives a hug from one of his soldiers during a visit to Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Safi and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, travelled around FOB Gamberi sitting down with ANA 201st Corps leadership and visited logistics and medical facilities. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

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U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, (second from right), International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, speaks with Soldiers during a visit to Forward Operating Base Gamberi. He and Command Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi, met with ANA 201st Corps leadership, spoke with soldiers and toured medical and logistics facilities during their tour. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, shakes the hand of an Afghan National Army soldier during a visit to Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Capel and Command Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi met with ANA 201st Corps leadership, spoke with soldiers and toured logistics and medical facilities during their visit. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

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“I want to thank you for allowing us into your beautiful country,” Capel told the 201st commander. “We could not have success without your support.”

Capel said when he was in Afghanistan ten years ago a lot of things were going on and people were not happy. Afghanistan did not have a military.

“Afghanistan has a lot more freedom,” Capel said. “Because hard work from soldiers like you and all the hard work of your soldiers from the 201st Corps.”

After the meeting the leaders got together for a group picture. As he left, Capel gave the 201st commander a challenge coin.

The two senior leaders had lunch together with ANA soldiers and Safi shared some war stories.

At the conclusion of their trip to FOB Gamberi, Capel thanked both U.S. and ANA soldiers alike, giving some a challenge coin.

“Where are you from,” he asked each one of them.

Each soldier named a different hometown.

Capel said he enjoyed the diversity of the U.S. military, and jokingly said he wished they were from North Carolina, his hometown. He shook their hand and gave them a challenge coin for excellence. Not to be left out, some ANA soldiers received a coin too.



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, shakes the hand of an Afghan National Army Brig. Gen. Abdul Malik, 201st Corps, chief of staff, following a meeting with ANA leadership at Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Capel and Command Sgt. Maj. of the ANA, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi met with ANA 201st Corps leadership, spoke with soldiers and toured logistics and medical facilities during their visit. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)



‘HOLLYWOOD AMBASSADORS’ VISIT GAMBERI

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Two celebrities with Armed Forces Entertainment brought smiles to soldiers at Combat Outpost Xio Haq and Forward Operating Base Gamberi.

Actor Romany Malco, from the movie, “The 40-Year Old Virgin,” and the television show, *Weeds*, together with Jill Wagner from the hit series, “*Wipeout*,” walked out of the helicopter at COP Xio Haq to the popping sound of gunshots. They were quickly told not to worry; the noise they heard was of Soldiers qualifying at a range located on the base.

The personalities were greeted by U.S. Army Lt. Col. Hope Rampy, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice Greening, senior enlisted adviser, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division based out of Fort Hood, Texas.

After a quick tour of COP Xio Haq with the command group, the pair stopped at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation room to sign autographs and take pictures.

During the meet and greet, Pfc. Nicasio Martinez, native of Chicago, was dared to ask Jill Wagner to the brigade ball. He serves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4BSTB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

After waiting in line to meet the actress, Martinez asked her to the ball.

Wagner told Martinez to ask her correctly and get on one knee. So on bended knee, Martinez held her left hand and asked Wagner if she would like to go to the brigade ball.

“Because I was the only single soldier out here,” said Martinez. “I got the nerve to do it, I asked her and she said ‘yes.’”

After saying yes to Martinez, Wagner jumped up and down in celebration.

She said she never attended a military ball before. They took a picture together and Martinez gave Wagner’s assistant his contact information. Martinez said the brigade ball will be held at Fort Hood after his unit redeploys to Fort Hood. The 20 year-old said he has been in the Army for a year and is on his first deployment to Afghanistan.

“I am looking forward to the ball and I hope she attends,” said Martinez.

The whirlwind tour continued from COP Xio Haq to FOB Gamberi.

Following a half-hour UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flight, the duo were given a tour of the FOB.

They met with senior leaders, traveled to the bazaar, they even sat inside a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle.

The two celebrities ended their tour of the base at the Gamberi dining facility.

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Actors Romany Malco, from the television series "Weeds," and Jill Wagner from the hit series "Wipeout," pose for a picture with Soldier assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, during a visit to Forward Operating Base Gamberi. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)



Actress Jill Wagner from the hit series "Wipeout," hugs a Soldier assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, during a visit to Combat Outpost Xio Haq and Forward Operating Base Gamberi. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

The line of individuals waiting for the 'Hollywood Ambassadors' was long, snaking out of the entrance and around the corner of the dining facility. Tables were set up so that Wagner and Malco could take pictures and sign autographs.

After more than an hour meeting with soldiers, they did not take a break from signing autographs, even after they were asked by the MWR staff, they wanted to see as many people as they could before they left the FOB.

"This experience is one that I will never forget," said Wagner. "It's so heartwarming to meet all of you guys and hear your experiences."

This is Wagner's first visit to Afghanistan to visit the troops and said she hopes to come back. She said she really appreciates what the military stands for and what they do out here.

"This is something I will take with me for the rest of my life," said Wagner.

When the two 'Hollywood Ambassadors' finished signing autographs at the dining facility, they visited FOB Gamberi senior leadership.

They were thanked for taking time out of their busy schedules and were presented with challenge coins and a framed certificate of appreciation. Shortly after, two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters arrived to pick them up at the Gamberi helicopter landing zone to fly them to Bagram Air Field.



Actress Jill Wagner from the hit series "Wipeout," holds up a 1st Cav patch she autographed for a Soldier assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, during a visit to Combat Outpost Xio Haq. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

ENGINEERS CERTIFY ANA SOLDIERS AS COUNTER-IED MASTER TRAINERS



U.S. Army Sgt. Reginald Johnson advises Afghan National Army engineers on probing techniques during a counter-improvised explosive device training course, January 26, 2013. Johnson serves as a combat engineer assigned to Company C, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. First Class Benjamin Hernandez, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div.)

By U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade
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One of the more dangerous threats to coalition forces is improvised explosive devices. When U.S. forces depart from Afghanistan, the Afghan National Security Forces will have to respond to that threat because now they are becoming the target.

To help reduce or eliminate IED threats, U.S. combat engineers are training Afghan National Army soldiers on counter-improvised explosive device techniques and certifying those who stand out as counter-IED master trainers at Combat Outpost Xio Haq.

“We are setting up [the ANA] for success, when we leave, that is the focus,” said, Lt. Col. Hope Rampy, a native of Lawton, Okla., commander, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas.

One of the counter-IED instructors, Sgt. Edgar Williams, a combat engineer, said the counter-IED training involved ANA walking a lane set up with simulated IEDs. He and other combat engineers assigned to Company C, 4th BSTB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., advise their ANA counterparts on how they can improve their TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures).

“We showed them how to use metal detectors, how to walk in tactical formations, movement techniques they could use to counter ambushes and how to communicate with Explosive Ordnance Disposal to dispose of IEDs safely,” said Williams.

Williams said they also visit other bases besides COP Xio Haq and train ANA soldiers to the point where the ANA are confident enough to train their own soldiers.

Muhammad Arif was one ANA soldier that stood out from the rest. He is the first ANA soldier certified

as a CIED master trainer at COP Xio Haq. Williams said Arif did a great job as a student, and having him as an instructor is great for the ANA.

“Watching Arif train his [combat engineers] really meant a lot,” Williams said. “We just stepped back and watched.”

“The counter-IED training we gave the ANA is something that will benefit them even after we leave their country,” said Sgt. First Class Benjamin Hernandez, a combat engineer, assigned to Company C, 4th BSTB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

“The more knowledge they gain from what we teach them, said Hernandez. “The better they are going to be, as an army and as a country.”

During the counter-IED course, soldiers advise the ANA engineers on the basic components of an IED, the proper use and maintenance of

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U.S. Army Sgt. Reginald Johnson, a native of Star, N.C., advises Afghan National Army engineers the components of an improvised explosive device during a counter-IED training course. Johnson serves as a combat engineer assigned to Company C, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. First Class Benjamin Hernandez)

MAHTAR LAM COOKS IMPROVISE, CREATE NEW MENU ITEMS



Staff Sgt. Renie Arana, (left), a native of Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico, provides a Soldier with a hot lunch plate inside the dining facility at Forward Operating Base Mahtar Lam, April 2, 2013. Arana serves as a food service specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade)

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Soldiers and civilians, alike, had the same shocked expression on their face as each one walked into the dining facility for lunch at Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, April 2.

The lunch menu has always been the same, a sandwich bar. On this particular day, food service specialists assigned to the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas, decided to try something different.

“We prepare two hot meals a day, usually. Today we made something special for them,” said Staff Sgt. Rene Arana, a food service specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 27th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

The former infantryman said he has more freedom as a cook at FOB Mehtar Lam because he gets to create fresh new menu items.

“We create one specialty item, so when [soldiers and civilians] come through our line during lunch and dinner, we provide something different for them,” said Arana. “Be it a special grilled sandwich, a lobster salad, chicken wraps, we even make fresh crab cakes.”

A civilian contractor who enjoyed the hot lunch menu was Mohammed Niazi, a linguist and native of Irvine, Calif. He said the cooks at the dining facility are always respectful and said they do an excellent job.

“We usually have sandwiches for lunch. Today I was surprised, we had tacos, which was much better,” said Niazi.

Arana, a native of Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico, said he regularly walks through the dining facility, sitting with and asking patrons for their feedback. He asks if there is something they would like to see added to the menu.

To break the monotony of serving the same meals, Arana collaborates with his soldiers in the kitchen to come up with better menu items working with what they have. One example he gave was a turkey cutlet which he described as looking like a hockey puck, served on its own. He asked his soldiers what they could do with it to make it more appealing. One of his soldiers came up with a different way to serve it.



Pvt. Douglas Hughes, a native of New Orleans, La., prepares a to-go plate for a Soldier inside the dining facility at Forward Operating Base Mahtar Lam, April 2, 2013. Hughes serves as a food service specialist assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based out of Fort Hood, Texas. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade) Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs

“We sliced it down the middle, put a slice of cheese in it, put it in the oven, make fresh marinara sauce, and there you have it, ‘Turkey Parmesan,’” Arana said.

“As a cook, you want to see people in the dining facility enjoy what they are eating,” he said.

Arana and the rest of the food service specialists may come from different units, but they take pride in what they do, together.

“We really appreciate the cooks because they take care of their customers,” said Niazi. “My friends and I are very satisfied with what they do out here.”

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their equipment, different formations they can use as they conduct patrols to the proper clearance of a lane.

“We try to make the training as real-world for them as possible,” said Hernandez. “We try to emulate IED scenarios that we encountered before in Afghanistan.”

Hernandez said they make the class interactive. During the training, soldiers ask the ANA engineers for input, asking them about their experiences and the type of IEDs they have encountered in the past.

The native of Dededo, Guam, said he and his soldiers designed the counter-IED lane from the ground up. Hernandez said ANA soldiers did not initially want to participate in training scenarios; they just wanted to just go out and do their jobs. He said the lane made the ANA soldiers open up their eyes to training.

“The ANA soldiers get a better understanding that you can die 1000 times in training and be okay, but you only have one life out there, in the real world,” said Hernandez.

He said the goal was to have ANA engineers become master trainers so they can go out and start teaching others what we taught them. Hernandez said he feels good about the training he has given his counterparts.

“The more we train them, the more they learn to become self-sufficient.” said Hernandez. “The sooner we can depart this country and they can live their life without us.”

There are other counter-IED lanes in various forward operating bases where his instructors visit, upon request, and certify ANA soldiers to become master trainers.

Hernandez said when they broke ground to create the counter-IED lane on COP Xio Haq, everything was hand-made or was created from trash.

“It is a real-world situation, the majority of IEDs we have encountered are made from unconcealed objects and items from the trash.” said Hernandez.

When they began creating the counter-IED lane, the only limitations were his Soldiers’ imaginations. Hernandez said the lane is now ten times better than when they began its design.

“We actually have a classroom environment now and our visual aids we use to teach are better,” said Hernandez.

Not only did Company C, teach but throughout the course they learned a few things from the ANA, as well. Hernandez said the ANA are very intelligent soldiers and is confident in the ANA’s competence.

“They know everything we know. They can sustain themselves, without much of our help,” Hernandez said. “They just had to get practice, and get their training structure down ... they will be good to go.”

Williams, a native of Star, N.C., said he is on his third tour to Afghanistan. He said he enjoyed advising his ANA counterparts, working hand-in-hand with them; he got to know them on a personal level.

“It’s a good feeling to see how far the ANA Army has come since my first deployment. Now they are a lot more organized, disciplined and have a larger presence in their community,” said Williams.

ANA, ISAF senior enlisted advisors visit FOB Gamberi



Command Sgt. Maj. of the Afghan National Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi shakes the hand of an ANA soldier. During their stay, Safi and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, toured Forward Operating Base Gamberi, met with ANA 201st Corps leadership and visited logistics and medical facilities. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)

“There are 3 things I care about, my family, my soldiers, and my soldiers’ family.” -- ANA Command Sgt. Maj. Safi.



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Capel, (right), International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, senior enlisted advisor, presents a Soldier with a challenge coin during a visit to Forward Operating Base Gamberi. Capel and Command Sgt. Maj. of the ANA, Command Sgt. Maj. Roshan Safi met with ANA 201st Corps leadership, spoke with soldiers and toured medical and logistics facilities during their visit. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Andrade, Task Force Long Knife Public Affairs)



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