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47th Trans. Co. Joins Task Force Ghost Riders

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CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — The 1462nd Transportation Company ended their year-long deployment, Nov. 17, passing on their responsibility to the 47th Transportation Company in a relief in place transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

The 1462nd TC, based out of Howell, Mich., was assigned under the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion providing transportation assets for one of the largest military equipment and supply redistribution operations in recent military history in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 47th TC, based out of Fort Bliss, Texas, will be providing multi-functional transportation support using medium and heavy trucks and must be prepared to provide internal convoy escort teams at any given time.

According to Capt. Sophia A. Reclosado, the commander of the 47th TC, the Dark Knights are more than ready to take on this mission.

"The company is trained and prepared to provide transportation support, perform convoy opera-

tions, and continue the long lasting partnership with the Kuwaitis," said Reclosado.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. James J. Groark, commander of the 191st CSSB, recognized the accomplishments of the 1462nd TC highlighting on the company's ability to adapt to a multitude of new missions which were thrown at them.

"You put together a composite transportation company, completed over 850 transportation missions, moved over 450 containers of ammunition, started a Driver's Training Academy, and partnered with the Kuwait National Guard in the first ever joint transportation exercise," said Groark. "I think we can agree you walked the walk."

Groark also expressed his enthusiasm with working with the 47th TC taking during the remainder of the 191st CSBB's deployment.

"I am confident in the continued success of the mission in the capable hands of the Dark Knights," said Groark, after the ceremony. "They are cranked up and ready to rock. I look forward to working with them."



Soldiers of the 47th Transportation Company, based out of Fort Bliss, Texas, arrived at Camp Arifjan Nov. 4 to relieve the 1462nd Transportation Company of Howell, Mich., (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Cynthia Gatling, UPAR, 47th Trans. Co.)

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Farewell Ghost Riders,

Much has changed for the HHC, 191st CSSB since I assumed command in March, 2010.

When I was asked to stay on as commander when our mobilization date was shifted to the left by over a year, I went forward with mixed feelings. Although my primary goal then, still is, to take care of the Soldiers, I knew that I was beyond my time in this position.

Soon, I will hand over the guidon to 1st Lt. Erik Howard and will do so with mixed emotions. I will miss the Soldiers and all the working relationships that I have developed with so many of them. However, I look forward to learning new things and the opportunities the future will bring.

I have no doubt that Howard will make a good HHC commander. The position is one of the more challenging company commands, however, with great challenges comes great responsibilities to take care of Soldiers and learn and grow as a leader.

I want to thank all the Soldiers and their families for the support they have provided during my tenure as HHC Commander.



Capt. Berni J. Davis



As a newly promoted E-7 on my first AGR tour, I walked through the doors of BLDG 102 at Fort Douglas, Utah, wide-eyed and bushy-tailed, not knowing what to expect. After being greeted by the full-time staff, I was welcomed and told that I was the first sergeant and we are deploying in six months. I did not fret. I took the ball and ran with it.

In this year, we have accomplished a lot. We have completed a few weeks of home station annual training, two months of mobilization training, and over four months of this deployment. We have had some good days but the best is yet to come.

Sgt. 1st Class Lance Marr is now the 191st HHC first sergeant. He is a seasoned E-7 and will serve you well. Thanks Ghost Riders. Going out with a blast!

Sgt. 1st Class Alicia Stakely





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Holiday Sanity

December is often a time for people to get together and spend time with friends and loved ones. In the U.S., we often make it a time to celebrate, let down our hair and do nice things for others.

In recent decades, however, the trend has been to focus on spending money on our family members. Many of us burden ourselves with the way we celebrate this time of year, but we don't seem willing to talk about what we are doing to ourselves. How we spend money at this time of year is, for many of us, a burdensome elephant in the room riding on our backs that no one wants to talk about. I care enough to talk about it.

Right now as we speak, there is some overloaded mother of several children wishing her husband was home from his deployment. She is spending her time juggling the laundry, the kids, the bills, everyone's schedule, the dishes, the dinners, sometimes a job, and now on top of all that the holiday shopping. If you're that worn out mother—and there are a few of you—will you stop and reevaluate how much you need to spend this year? Your children can still have a wonderful childhood even if you don't go into debt to get things for them. Can you see how going into unnecessary debt will add to your load and in turn create more stress for both you and your children? If you are this mother I plead with you to give yourself permission to be selfish and think about your own sanity this year. Do it for your kids as well.

Fellow Ghost Riders, if your spouse is the over-loaded parent, I plead with you to likewise give them the permission to be selfish this year and think about your family's financial sanity. A wise man from my faith tradition once said,

"Once in debt, interest is your companion every minute of the day and night; you cannot shun it or slip away from it; you cannot dismiss it; it yields neither to entreaties, demands, or orders; and whenever you get in its way or cross its course or fail to meet its demands, it crushes you." In other words, it doesn't care about what comes down the chimney, only what's in the bank.

As you digest what I've just said, I have one related thought to leave with you. It's a story that comes to us from Texas. A man living there away from his home in the early 1990s told me the about a memorable December. He and a small group of friends went Christmas caroling at a nursing home.

There was no fancy food or loud music. They spend a mere half hour to an hour singing songs to others who might have otherwise had little or no visitors. The activity cost nothing more than the gas to drive to the nursing home. The event required no wrapping paper, bows, or string. It only required a heart pointed in the "for others" position. The man told me "It was the best holiday season I ever had in my entire life". Rendering service rather than spending money may be counterintuitive or "against the grain" of how our culture has programmed us. But I promise that as we get outside of ourselves in serving others we will be able to more fully enjoy and partake of the spirit of this holiday season. That will be true regardless if our holiday greeting at this time of the year is Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Merry Meet, or just plain "Dude wasup?" To that end the unit ministry team wishes you and yours the best for this holiday season.





A Long-Distance Proposal

By Spc. Adrianne Vinson

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421st Quartermasters Co. DET 4

SOUTHWEST ASIA, Qatar — Cupid's arrow found its mark, Nov. 2, at the 421st Quartermaster Company Detachment 4 Riggers in Qatar, where Spc. Rafael Campos, a parachute rigger, proposed to his long-time girlfriend in a unique way.

Spending tireless hours planning and coordinating on how he was going to propose to the love of his life back home thousands of miles away, Campos enlisted the aid of his fellow riggers.

"I wanted to propose in a very special way that was going to be memorable," said Campos. "Since I can't be there right now, I used the help of others in the detachment. My mom has also been a major source of help and support."

Campos and his fellow riggers gathered together to set up for the momentous occasion. It was simple. With Campos kneeling, the riggers held wooden signs which spelled out the question, 'Paola, will you marry me?' for a photo.

It took some work to coordinate the Campos' proposal in

Qatar with the ring for his girl back home, as a surprise. His mother came into play, hand delivering a custom made engagement ring and the photo to Paulo Guzman at exactly the right time.

Guzaman of Santa Barbara, Calif., who is expecting the couple's first child in June, joyously accepted the proposal.

"Rafael blew me away with his creativity for the proposal," said Paulo Guzman. "I liked how he included everyone from his unit to share this special day for us."

"It really was so romantic; I can't even imagine her excitement," said Spc. Rebecca Sirkel, a parachute rigger with the 421st QM Co. DET 4. "The unique way it was done, being on a deployment, while still creative is something that no girl in her right mind could resist."

Spc. Campos and his new fiancé have decided to approach marriage in a different manner, initially while he is still deployed, by saying their vows

more than 8000 miles apart by proxy. The couple agreed that this avenue of approach would be best for their expected child by setting up marriage and family benefits prior to their baby's arrival.

"I really think it was a great idea to propose how he did, being that we are presently deployed," said Sgt. Jack Arnold, a lane chief rigger. "I wish them both the best and think it is admirable that they are planning ahead and keeping family as the focus."

"It is common knowledge that it is difficult beyond belief to say goodbye to a loved one for so many months of a tour," said Spc. Elizabeth McPherson, a combat medic for the 421st. "So it is very inspiring to see when couples last and can even advance their relationship during those strenuous times."

Campos and Guzman met in high school and began dating when they both went to work for the Department of Homeland Security. Campos plans to continue his career with the Army Reserves and Department of Homeland Security, where he just recently received a promotion.

Congratulations Campos and the future Mrs. Campos.



Spc. Rafael Campos, a parachute rigger for the 421st Quartermaster detachment 4, and some of his fellow riggers gathered together, Nov. 2, to set up for the momentous occasion of proposing to his girlfriend in Calif. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Adrianne Vinson, Public Affairs, 421st Quartermaster)



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Two Nations Compete in Sports

Soldiers of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion got to enjoy a little time away from the grind, Nov. 27, when they visited the Kuwait National Guard's Officer's Club in Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Kuwait, and participated in a sports competition day that matched several teams from U.S. and KNG forces in soccer, basketball, and beach volleyball.

The invitation and opportunity to participate in the event were the result of the combined exercise between the Ghost Riders and the KNG earlier in the fall. During September and October, the 191st CSSB and the 1462nd Transportation Company Soldiers worked with the KNG transportation battalion to execute the first combined company level exercise between the two countries. The exercise focused on sharing tactical knowledge and troop leading procedures, and connections that were built between the two countries. The sport day was a showcase for those relationships.

"We are very fortunate to be able to share such a great time with the new friends we have," said 191st CSSB Command Sgt. Major Christopher Beyer. "The battalion staff and the 1462nd did a great job of planning and executing the exercise, and fortunately for us, the Kuwaitis want to expand upon that success and share their friendship and facilities with us. With the 1462nd leaving it opened up the opportunity for some more of the battalion's Soldiers to participate."

Those Soldiers included members of both the Ghost Rider support operations and operations sections, led by Staff Sgt. Thomas Payeur and Staff Sgt. Lucas Chapman. The original plan was for the 191st CSSB to just participate in soccer, but upon arrival to the officer's



Soldiers, of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, enjoy a little time away from the grind, when visiting the Kuwait National Guard's Officer's Club in Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Kuwait, Nov. 27. Soldiers participated in a sports competition day that matched several teams from US and KNG forces in soccer, basketball, and beach volleyball. (U.S. Army Photo by Michael R. Gault, Public Affairs, 191st CSSB)

club, the team found out they were in a round-robin tournament in all sports.

"We came together, as a team and together we learned to respect the Kuwaitis," said Payeur. "They played hard and despite the cultural barriers, we communicated through sports. We had a great time with them."

Four other Soldiers rounded out the Ghost Rider team, including Sgt. Nathaniel Huber, Spc. Connor O'Farrell, Spc. Benjamin Dupaix, and Pfc. Jonathan Norman.

In a matter of just a few hours, the Ghost Riders transitioned from soccer to basketball, playing different teams from the KNG. The competition was fierce and the 191 gave it all they had, but the home team proved to be too much for the 191 and swept both soccer and basketball matches.

Upon completion of the first two events, the Ghost Rider team made its way down to the shores of the Persian Gulf to test their resolve at beach volleyball. Once again, the 191 gave it all they had, but came up on the short end, losing 3-0 to the KNG.

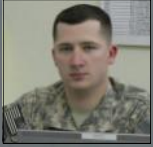
Along with the sports competition, Soldiers were allowed access to all KNG facilities. Air rifle shooting and billiards play were the main attractions, as Beyer and Maj. Patrick O'Leary took advantage of the games competing against one another.

Upon completion of the sports day, everyone was treated to a feast in the KNG's VIP room. Traditional Kuwaiti dishes were the highlight of the meal, and the Soldiers were not disappointed. There were almost as many desserts to choose from as main courses, and everyone took their time enjoying the meal.

"The sports was great," said Norman. "The food was better!"

As the day ended, the conversation shifted to getting back to business, as information was shared as to the planning of the next exercise.

With the final outcome on the score board, maybe the Ghost Riders can plan a few more plays before the next time the two units meet.



When Good Ammo goes Bad

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Ammunition Sergeant
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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait -- Most of us have had it happen at least once. You are on the qualifying range and everything is going just fine. You scan your lane, aim your weapon, squeeze the trigger and instead of a “bang” you hear a “click!”

This is a minor case of good ammo gone bad, but multiply this by thousands per year across the entire spectrum of ammunition types and what you have on hand is a giant mess. So what causes ammunition to go bad and what do we do with it?

There are several things that can cause ammunition to be deemed unserviceable. The most obvious one is a dud. There are also jams that damage the round, weathering that causes rust and some ammo even has expiration dates. These dates have been determined by manufacturers that, through experience and study, have found that some types of propellant or explosive can lose its effectiveness over time.

When ammunition goes bad there are generally two solutions. Fix it and put it back in circulation, or if it is economically unreasonable to fix or too dangerous then it gets blown up.

At Camp Buehring a lot of ammunition gets blown up. Explosive ordnance disposal are the Soldiers that specialize in this sort of thing. They are also responsible for clearing improvised explosive device and other missions involving dangerous explosives.

The 221st Ordnance Company, which runs the ammunition supply point and holding area, is tasked with assisting EOD in getting rid of unusable.

Spc. Jeffery Herchenroeder heads up that task for the 221st Ordnance Company.

“The EOD mission is important to all U.S. troops to ensure their safety by ensuring the ammunition doesn’t fall into enemy hands for use as an IED,” said Herchenroeder.

He also stated another for destroying the ammo is “to make sure that bad ammo doesn’t injure or kill the person trying to use it.”

Herchenroeder starts a mission a few days before the actual disposal by planning with EOD on the type of ammunition they are destroying. That information is used by Herchenroeder to decide what type of material handling equipment his Soldiers will need to accomplish their mission. This equipment can range from forklifts to a palletized loading system which is a large truck that can load 20 foot shipping containers on its back and another one on a trailer if it is needed.

The average size for each detonation ranges between 2000 and 2500 net explosive weight, the measurement of how much explosive there is total. That creates a pretty big boom!

“We enjoy the EOD mission very much,” said Herchenroeder. “It is a challenge everyday for us to get the job done. Some days can be pretty long, but we are keeping our brothers and sisters in arms safe, so overall it is one of the best missions here.”



A photo sequence of the initial detonation of explosives used to dispose of unusable ammunition. (Courtesy photo provided by 221st Ordnance Company)



Having a Blast with 221st OD

*Editorial by Maj. Nicole Chilson
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191st CSSB*

The best part about being the support operations officer-in-charge for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion is seeing how everything comes together. There was nothing like the closing blast at the Udari Demolition Range to signify the end to another successful mission.

For the individual pieces and people that are involved, they don't always get to see how their efforts contribute to the larger effort. I am fortunate to get that glimpse of the numerous activities that take place in the battalion. It is an incredibly gratifying feeling to look across the hard working Soldiers and see successful outcomes.

This little trip started at the ammunition supply point/theater storage area on Camp Arifjan. This was an incredible mission, and they come together and make it happen. This location supplies ammunition for units here in Kuwait, and the warfighter on the ground in Afghanistan.

This is an incredible operation that also received the ammunition that came out of Iraq when Operation New Dawn came to an end. The result of taking in this additional ammunition is too much net explosive weight at the ASP/TSA on Camp Arifjan.

I know there are many that would say, "You can never have too much ammunition," but site licenses and other important documents say otherwise.

So what does too much ammunition in Arifjan have to do with demolitions at Udari Range? You have to get rid of it somehow.

The 1462nd Transportation Company is called to transport the ammunition to Camp Buehring, where it is turned over to the 221st Ordnance Detachment.

The 221st OD operates an ASP at Camp Buehring where the ammunition is stored and prepared for its final stage. The 221st OD Soldiers support the operation from the minute it hits the ASP until it is gone, and are a key to the success of the entire mission. The Soldiers from the 221st OD provide a safe place to store and prep the ammunition, their experience in working with ammunition, and necessary equipment to the effort.

221st Explosive Ordnance Detachment then goes through the stocks on hand, and builds "shots" that will be demilitarized in the coming days.

This trip to the demolition range took place Oct. 11 when Staff Sgt. Holdorf, ammo non-commissioned officer-in-charge and I met up with the 221st Explosive Ordnance Detachment at Camp Buehring. They are a timely crew, gathering at 4:45 a.m. and out the gate by 4:55 a.m.. The drive to the range was a lot longer than I thought it would be, driving through the Udari training ranges and the desert that appears to go on forever. We finally reached the explosives range and 221st OD went to work on placing the containers full of ammunition designated for destruction.

Once the 221st Explosive Ordnance Detachment completed the technical piece of the job, we all went to our designated safe distance to watch the final stage of the process- a big BLAST!



A photo sequence after the initial detonation of explosives used to dispose of unusable ammunition. (Courtesy photo provided by 221st Ordnance Company)



Army Supply Pipeline – Southwest Asia

*Editorial by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Scott Stoor
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The theater multiclass warehouse supply support activity in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, completed many very robust supply activities during the month of November.

In the first two weeks, the shipping and issue department was busy shipping out over 10,000 material release orders which were marked for regional customers in Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf area and depots across the U.S. These shipments are part of the Army Materiel Command excess runs, which are conducted each month.

The warehouse military audit staff conducted surveillance missions which focused on the bulk yard and packaged petroleum storage site facilities. Sgt. Miguel Sandoval and Pfc. Jonathan Norman documented important procedural observations to be reported to the contract monitoring agencies and the lead contracting officer representative, Capt. Matthew Young.

This month included the shipment of 1,856 empty gas cylinders to be tested, refilled and returned. The most significant event for the month was the completion of a stockage transfer of over 2,050 line items, operational supplies, furniture and ancillary equipment which enabled the Defense Logistics Agency to deactivate a facility several months ahead of schedule.



Supply technician, Satyanarayana, and forklift operator Kumare Shan, work in a warehouse at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, are busy pulling supplies from racks for filling parts orders from operations worldwide.

Brigadier General Susan Davidson, commander of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution located at New Cumberland, Pa., commended the warehouse staff for their “can-do attitude and willingness to provide the best customer service possible”.

The 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and contracting staff provided several distinguished visitor tours provided senior theater logistics leaders with an opportunity to gain valuable comprehensive plans and information about the supply retrograde process. Many Soldiers from the 191st CSSB volunteered to assist, host and drive these officers during the event, including Staff Sgt. Thomas Payeur. SSG Payeur was assigned as driver for Colonel Carl Walker of the 311th Sustainment Command as the two of them served together previously at Camp Bucca in southern Iraq a few years ago.

Additionally, the Army inventory management system was programmed to track aviation parts and turbine engines for Blackhawk helicopters.

With contractor supply technicians, military auditors and the accountable officer, 191st CSSB continues the critical role as the “heartbeat” of the Army supply pipeline in Southwest Asia.



Staff Sgt. Thomas Payeur, a warehouse non commissioned officer, ground guides a truck hauling a forty foot shipping container into the gate of the theater redistribution center at Camp Arifjan, Nov. 2. Local trucks deliver Army supplies to and from the supply warehouses and yards every day.



RESILIENCY RIP IT:

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*"Pessimism never won any battle."
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Hello everyone, and welcome to a new week, a new day, and a thankful spirit of gratitude as we foresee the coming holidays that offer so much joy and opportunity to connect with those we love and cherish. It does not matter if you come from a bad family background, or that you might feel like you do not have any friends, or the fact that we are thousands of miles away from home; if you have Resiliency in your heart, you can find the positive and productive aspects of life during days of celebration such as Thanksgiving.

This Holiday embodies what Resiliency stands for. It is a time to refocus on the connections we are building with others. To rejuvenate and recharge our personal batteries and to focus on what we are thankful for, this is a truly magnificent tool of optimism that needs to be exploited not only during this week, but throughout our lives as well.

Verbal statements of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions and cultures during harvest time. Historically in America, this is a time of coming together to set apart differences and to share time and food with others. Whether Pilgrim, or Indian, (metaphorically speaking) there is much to be thankful for despite the challenges of our past present and future. The balance of nearing the distance between us and our families or friends can be achieved through the expression of thanks to those who have been a productive influence in our lives, as well as showing thanks to those we serve.

Despite the calamity all around us in the world as different wars emerge, political or religious strife abounds, corruption and poverty seem to avail, there are an infinite number of reasons to be thankful for what we do have, and what we do enjoy. It is far too easy to get lost in the endless woes of despair and counter-productivity. It is a great time to take a break from the traditional doctrine of Resiliency to add in a challenge of gratitude to fight the pessimism that may surround us at times, and bring to light the powers of optimism and gratitude.

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly traced to a celebration at Plymouth in 1621 in present-day Massachusetts. While origins of most holidays can be disputed, the Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest that year, and since then multitudes of stories abound of families, neighbors, co-workers, getting together to share the good stuff in life. As in the early days of our nation, "hunting the good stuff" literally meant taking a musket out to

harvest a turkey. This year, we may sit around a table in the chow hall with our comrades in arms. Let us share that same spirit of appreciation towards the contributions that we all have made by swearing an oath and allegiance to the great country and way of life we protect.

Below is a rendition of the first thanksgiving, which includes many values that can be explored through this artistic expression. In addition to a proverbial throw back to the good old days, I want to throw out a challenge to the battalion. As with any challenge, this will not be convenient nor will it be easy for some. Either way a challenge it will be. Take the challenge of gratitude as listed below. Send it to your loved ones, and when they send you their responses, you can send them yours. You will learn a little something more that you might not have known. I would even further challenge you to include your responses in with a letter of appreciation to your loved ones expressing what you are most thankful about them being a part of your life.

THE GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

- 1. Write down 10 physical abilities you are grateful for.**
- 2. Write down 10 material possessions you are grateful for.**
- 3. Write down 10 living people you are grateful for.**
- 4. Write down 10 deceased people you are grateful for.**
- 5. Write down 10 things about nature you are grateful for.**
- 6. Write down 10 things about today you are grateful for.**
- 7. Write down 10 places on earth you are grateful for.**
- 8. Write down 10 modern inventions you are grateful for.**
- 9. Write down 10 foods you are grateful for.**
- 10. Write down 10 things about your beliefs that you are grateful for.**



Above is a rendition of the first thanksgiving, which includes many values that can be explored through this artistic expression



BOOTS ON GROUND: Around Kuwait



Kuwait National Guard 1st Lts. Hashem Al-Refae and Hamad Al-Shetail move a 150-pound combat lifesaver medical dummy to the medical evacuation site, Nov. 11, during a simulated combat practical exercise. The practical exercise is designed to simulate a combat situation where soldiers gain fire superiority, stop their patient's bleeding and then get them to cover where they can call for help. The Kuwait National Guard officers attended the combat lifesaver course to participate and share experiences on how the Kuwait National Guard and the U.S. Army conducts medical training to non-medical personnel. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Adam Stone, 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary))



Maj. Gen. Steven N. Wickstrom (right), commander of the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division, and Lt. Col. Frederick Pasley, commander of the 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, South Carolina Army National Guard, take part in a briefing during Wickstrom's visit here on Nov. 23. About 100 troops of the New York Army National Guard's 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team are serving with the 4th Battalion, which assumed security force and camp-operations missions in Northern Kuwait in April. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Drumsta, Camp Buehring Public Affairs)



Marines assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit take a break from training to enjoy a Thanksgiving holiday meal at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, during Exercise Eager Mace 13, Nov. 22. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are participating in the bilateral training exercise with the Kuwait Armed Forces to expand levels of cooperation, enhance mutual maritime capabilities and promote long-term regional stability and interoperability between U.S. forces and regional partners. The 15th MEU is deployed as part of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group as a U.S. Central Command theater reserve force, providing support for maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Timothy R. Childers/Released)



Soldiers and service members from Third Army/ARCENT, Marine Corps Forces Central Command and Air Forces Central Command attended the first-ever "Access Thanksgiving" at the Embassy of the United States Kuwait City, Kuwait Nov. 18, 2012. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc Alexander Neely, 12th Public Affairs Detachment)



MR. MOVIE JUNKIE

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Skyfall— Rated “PG-13”

The newest of the James Bond movies with Daniel Craig as the suave hero. This movie included more of a focus on dry humor and witty one liners than the previous movies. Additionally the “Bond Girl” seemed to be added in as an after thought, focusing more on the character “M”, played by Judi Dench. The combination of action and humor made this an entertaining movie, and if it were not for the long filler scenes this film may have earned 5 stars, but alas, it only earned 4 stars.



The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn— Part 2— Rated “PG-13”



As the final film of The Twilight Saga, Breaking Dawn offered things for both the true Twilight fan and the casual viewer. The film focused on the family ties and growing bonds of the character Bella Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, and her large group of loved ones, and although the film offered an intense action scene that drew in the audiences attention, the overall film felt rushed and included unfinished plot lines. All and all, this movie earned 3 of 5 stars.



The Amazing Spider-Man— Rated “PG-13”



Even though this film was recently released on DVD, I felt that it still deserved a place in the Movie Junkie spotlight. This film worked to give Marvel Comic fans a Spider-Man movie truer to the classic comics, focusing more on the smart mouthed, quick thinking personality of the beloved web slinger. Despite a handful of story points not from the comics, this film was an enjoyable and entertaining experience, and would be a great addition to a family movie collection. Over all this film earned 4 out of 5 stars.



Sculpting in the Desert



Staff Sgt. Seth Tenbrink has a talent for art. He has been perfecting his skill for the past five years creating sculptures out of clay. Tenbrink sold paintings professionally in the past and started creating sculptures out of clay for a

new challenge and medium in art.

His most recent piece he created is a cowboy. The details and features are magnificent. He devoted two months of his down time to complete the cowboy.

When asked what inspired the creation of the cowboy, Tenbrink responded, “Initially it was going to be a Native American but as I worked on the art piece the personality was that of a cowboy instead.”

The cowboy sculpture is just one of five sculptures. Upon his return to Salt Lake City, he plans to bronze them all and sell them in an art gallery in Park City, Utah or Jackson Hole, Wyo.

(U.S. Army Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Alicia Stakely, HHC, 191stCSSB)



“Rock’n” Camp Arifjan Football

With the fall season, football came to Camp Arifjan. The 24th Ordnance football team, Da Rock, is currently at eight wins and zero losses, qualifying them to compete in the playoffs. Consisting of 20 members from the 24th OD, the team wears the color pink to signify Breast Cancer Awareness. (U.S. Army Photo by Robert Luurtsema, UPAR, 24th OD)

The United States Army Physical Fitness Badge is awarded to Soldiers who obtain a score of 270 or higher, with a score of 90 or above in each event, on the 300 point scale of the Army Physical Fitness Test. The Physical Fitness Badge is intended to recognize those who have excelled in physical fitness.

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