



# Ghost Rider Post

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## A Friendly Fight



Story and photos by Spc. Michael R. Gault  
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**CAMP TAHEER, Kuwait** – Transportation Soldiers from the 47th Transportation Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Kuwait National Guard transportation soldiers participated in a joint partnership exercise in combatives at Camp Tahreer, Kuwait, Jan. 29.

Soldiers from both countries learned different ways to defend against and subdue combative individuals.

Sgt. Frank Rodriguez, a squad leader for the 47th TC and instructor for the event, said he developed the exercise plan with a Soldier's self defense in mind.

"I kept it focused on close quarter combat," said Rodriguez, from Binghamton, N.Y. "As it is

something that all Soldiers should be aware of so they are able to defend themselves."

After receiving the instruction, the soldiers from both countries used the techniques on each other.

"Instructing the Kuwaitis was an honor and they are quick learners," said Rodriguez. "It was great watching them go up against U.S. Soldiers with professionalism. I look forward to working with our brothers from Kuwait again."

Working together, fostering partnership between the Kuwaiti and the U.S. forces, soldiers of both nations are making tremendous strides, gaining understanding of how the other operates.

"It was a good experience to work with a different country's military," said Spc. Lejean McFarlane, a motor transport operator for the 47th TC, Plantation, Fla. "They were very interactive in learning what we were showing them."



Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

Sgt. Frank Rodriguez, a squad leader for the 47th Transportation Company, grapples with Kuwait National Guard transportation soldier, Pvt. Mido Judo, during combatives training at Camp Tahreer, Kuwait, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013. Rodriguez, Binghamton, N.Y, instructed both Kuwait and U.S. soldiers to defend and subdue against hostile combatants.



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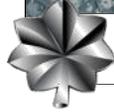
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## WHY DEADEYES?

**A**s you know, we wear the patch of the 96th Infantry Division. The nick name "Deadeyes" began at the onset of World War II as a personal tribute to the 96th Infantry Division's Assistant Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley. Easley trained, lived, and fought with the 96th from its activation, August 1942, until his death by Japanese machine gun fire on Okinawa, April 1945. Easley's famous method of teaching marksmanship has marked the men of the 96th ever since they began dry firing on the ranges of Camp Adair, Ore. The tradition of excellence in "firing to kill" remained as a tribute to BG Easley for members of the 96th Infantry Division throughout World War II and continues today with the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

We are proud to be part of this heritage.

To learn more, visit [www.rememberthedeadeyes.com](http://www.rememberthedeadeyes.com)



Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley instructing a Soldier at Camp Adair, Ore., 1942 (Courtesy photo from the 96th Infantry Division War Museum, Fort Douglas, Utah)

## Love & Pails



John Marriott  
Battalion Chaplain

“I ran short of pots and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail.”

In February, we celebrate notions of romance and love with candy, flowers, cards, chocolate, and so on. Real love, however, is something completely different than what we talk about on Valentine's Day.

A wise man once explained that real love motivates people to be patient, kind, avoid envy and “vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.” That means a person with real love isn't full of themselves. Love makes us unselfish, not easily angered, focused on the truth rather than doing what is unfair or not right. It motivates people to endure things that are difficult with hope and faith.

What is the difference between this real love and what we talk about on Valentine's Day? I'm so glad you asked. Mary Bartels Bray, a 86 year old lady from West Virginia, gave the following answer in “The Old Fisherman,” a short story submitted to the Roger Knapp website at <http://www.rogerknapp.com/inspire/oldfisherman.htm>.

She talks about an old fisherman who knocked on the door of her family's boarding house next to a cancer treatment facility and asked if he could stay. She hesitated at first because he was small, shriveled, and his face was “lopsided” from swelling due to skin cancer. No one else would take him in.

“I guess it's my face,” the man admitted, “I know it looks terrible . . . I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning.”

Seeing his need she accepted. She learned that he was independent and unwilling to do anything that would inconvenience his host. She gradually learned that he was working as a fisherman to provide for a daughter, her five children, and her husband who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury. His only request was to continue to stay at their boarding house during his cancer treatments. The answer was yes. Over the years, he came to stay as his treatments continued. During his visits he brought his hosts fish, vegetables, and whatever else his small means could provide as a way of saying thank you.

After the fisherman's first visit she recalled a neighbor complaining “Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!” She lamented that those who were so quick to judge missed coming to know a great man. A man whose attitude could have helped inspired other cancer patients if they were willing to listen.

Eventually the fisherman lost his battle to cancer and passed away.

Later, Mary visited a friend who had a greenhouse. The best flower there was a golden chrysanthemum bursting with blooms. Mary was taken-back by the fact this beautiful flower was in a beat up looking bucket saturated with rust. Mary couldn't understand why her friend didn't put it in the best flower pot she had.



Mary's friend explained, “I ran short of pots and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while until I can put it out in the garden.”

Mary then confused her friend by laughing. Mary could picture God saying something similar about the fisherman's soul, “Here's an especially beautiful one . . . He won't mind starting in this small body.”

Mary's heart strings were attached to the fisherman by the kind of love that has nothing to do with kisses, dates, or chocolate. She saw him with the lenses of love more like how God sees all of us.

Thank you Mary, for reminding us what love is really about.

# Playing a Game Towards Understanding



*Story and photos by Spc. Michael R. Gault  
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Soldiers of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion squared off with Kuwait National Guard soldiers in a game of soccer at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 13. The game was played as part of a growing partnership and camaraderie between the two nations.

Soldiers from the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and 47th Transportation Company joined the 191st Soldiers in preparation for this match and were confident in their abilities.

"I feel very appreciative to have this opportunity to participate in an event like this with such great people," said Spc. Jonathan Norman, a warehouse clerk for the 191st, resident of Sandy, Utah. "It is the experience of a lifetime to be able to not only interact with the Kuwait National Guard but also to enjoy some good friendly competition and to have fun together."

Although the players were anxious to show their soccer skills to the opposing team, many of them had already developed a mutual respect for one another from previous partnership events.

"This is my second time playing soccer against them," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Payeur, a warehouse noncommissioned officer for the 191st, and resident of Kearns, Utah. "I saw several of the same players that we played against last month at the Kuwait National Guard Officer's Club. Several of their players recognized all of us from that event. When they saw us, they



*Photo by Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion  
Sgt. Nathaniel Huber, St. Anthony, Idaho, a support operations noncommissioned officer for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, uses fast footwork to keep the soccer ball away from a member of the Kuwait National Guard team during a soccer game at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 13, 2013.*



*Photo by Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion  
Spc. Jonathan Norman, Sandy, Utah, a warehouse clerk for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, chases after the ball during a soccer match with soldiers of the Kuwait National Guard at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Jan. 13, 2013.*

had a smile on their face and made sure they shook our hands to say, 'Hi' again."

The U.S. players took the field for warm-up and noticed the Kuwait National Guard soldiers were sporting brand new yellow soccer uniforms looking like professionals doing grass drills and performing stretching exercises. The difference between the American and Kuwaiti players was immediately obvious.

Payeur, having seen many players from the Kuwaiti team in action already, warned his teammates that the Kuwaitis were excellent players, but he still felt they had an advantage over them.

"We have diversity," said Payeur. "We have players from different areas of the world with all kinds of play styles to keep them guessing."

"Both teams played very hard and earned respect for each other's skills," said Spc. Justin Kelleher, a 191st administrative specialist. "It doesn't matter who won, just that we're working together."

Both teams complimented each other's skills after the game with handshakes and pats on the back. The final outcome favored the Kuwaiti soldiers with a score of 2-1.

Observing a longtime soccer tradition, many team members exchanged team jerseys at the end of the soccer match.

"Out of respect, many took the shirt off their backs and gave them as gifts to an opponent player," said Norman.



# Tying up the Loose Ends



Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Zachary Corya  
Unit Public Affairs Representative  
221st Ordnance Company

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** - Every Soldier of the 221st Ordnance Company is preparing for the end their deployment at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, by counting down the days until they are back home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Though it is certainly an exciting time for all the Soldiers, there is still much work that has to be done before their mission comes to an end.

At Camp Buehring Ammunition Supply Point, the 221st is working to prepare for a smooth transition of handing over control of the ASP to their replacements.

“We feel very confident in what we leave for our replacements,” said Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Waldron, the accountable officer for the ASP. “We have worked very hard since we took over and I feel they will be able to hit the ground running.”

Everyone is working on something that has to do with going home from packing footlockers to the administrative paperwork for demobilization process.

Sgt. David Monsivais, ammunition specialist who acts as the unit’s S-1, has been in communication with the demobilization site on a daily basis to ensure the unit’s plan is executed properly at the site.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Corya, 221st Ordnance Company  
*221st Ordnance Company, Soldiers, Sgt. David Monsivais and Staff Sgt. Brad Chesmore, look over demobilization information at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Monday, Jan. 25, 2013. The unit is preparing to return home to Indiana after their nine-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.*

“I have gone from helping put together promotion packets to putting together demob packets. It is a definitely a great feeling to know we are almost home,” said Monsivais.

There are still several weeks left in the Soldier’s countdown before the 221st returns home. Until then, they will continue processing ammunition, conducting their physical fitness training, and operating and maintaining their equipment.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Corya, 221st Ordnance Company

*As 221st Ordnance Company prepares to return home after a nine-month deployment to Kuwait, Sgt. Timothy Zuber fills out a form required for demobilization while Sgt. David Monsivais is on the phone with the demobilization site at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Monday, Jan. 25, 2013. The unit will be returning to Fort Wayne, Ind., when their mission is done in Kuwait.*



# Soldiers set sail on the Persian Gulf



*Story and photos by Sgt. Christopher Johnston  
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs  
Public Affairs Noncommissioned Officer*

**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** - On the cold windy morning of Jan. 8, at the Kuwaiti Naval Base, soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division began a mission most had never performed before.

At 6 a.m. Sledgehammer soldiers, along with soldiers of the 47th Transportation Company and 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, began offloading 12 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, four Paladins and three support vehicles from flatbed trailers onto a loading ramp at the KNB.

The 47th Transportation Company transported the vehicles from Camp Buehring, Kuwait to the naval base a day prior to the mission.

The vehicles were then driven onto the decks of four United States Army vessels of the 436th Movement Control Battalion in preparation of Operation Spartan Mariner.

"The purpose of this training mission is to enhance interoperability between adjacent units," said 1st Lt. Anthony Rea, executive officer of Alpha Company 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd ABCT. "It gives us the opportunity to conduct training both logistically and tactically that probably only occurs once in a lifetime for Army forces."

The morning of Jan. 9, USAVs Churubusco, Five Forks, Maj. Gen. Robert Smalls and Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross set sail on the Persian Gulf.

"I was surprised at first that the Army actually had boats," said Spc. Daniel Desisto, an infantryman assigned to Alpha Company, 1-15 IN, 3rd ABCT. "It was an honor to be part of this mission. I was told this is the first time Bradleys had seen the water in a very long time."



*Photo by Sgt. Christopher Johnston, 3rd Infantry Division*

*Waves crash over the side of United States Army Vessel Churubusco on the Persian Gulf, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, during a training mission named Operation Spartan Mariner. The mission, conducted by 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, 47th Transportation Company, 436th Movement Control Battalion and 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, consisted of 19 vehicles being loaded on four USAVs to take part in multiple drills and exercises at sea.*



*Photo by Sgt. Christopher Johnston, 3rd Infantry Division*

*Spc. Daniel Desisto, an infantryman assigned to 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division backs a Bradley Fighting Vehicle on to the deck of United States Army Vessel Churubusco at the Kuwaiti Naval Base, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. Four Army vessels, loaded with 19 vehicles, conducted Operation Spartan Mariner, a training mission designed to enhance interoperability among multiple units deployed to Kuwait.*

The units' training did not end once they were underway. Soldiers conducted radio communications, as well as man overboard and fire drills.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Vernon Slaughter, vessel master of USAV Churubusco, explained that these vessels generally cruise at 12 knots even with six Bradleys, weighing over 150 tons, on board.

With three to six foot seas crashing over the side of the vessels, the flat bottomed Churubusco began to vigorously rock from side to side.

"It started out as a blast, for about the first hour while we were docked, without getting hit by the waves," laughed Desisto. "Once we got out to sea and the waves started hitting us, it was rough. A lot of us got seasick, but I was glad to be part of this mission. It is something I will never forget."

The vessels sailed two hours out and returned, giving the soldiers from the different units time to interact, cross train and bond.

"Because of coordination with supporting units, particularly the 47th Transportation Company, the execution portion of loading and unloading the vehicles went smoothly," said Rea.

The exercise demonstrated the ability to rapidly transport vehicles for any possible contingency in the region explained Rea.

"I think the Soldiers really got a feel for how big of a deal this training event was with so many people out and about to witness the execution portion," said Rea. "It gave them something to be proud about."

# 191 Soldiers Tending to Old Glory



Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

*A Soldier detaches an American flag as part of a detail, at the Third Army Headquarters at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013. Soldiers of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion participated in flag duties from Jan. 17 to 22.*



Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

*Spc. Benjamin Dupaix, a warehouse clerk for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, West Valley, Utah secures the line of the flagpole at the Third Army Headquarters on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013. Soldiers of the 191st CSSB participated in flag duties, Jan. 17 to 22.*



Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

*Spc. Deidra Blackhorse, a supply specialist for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Bluff, Utah, folds the American flag at the Third Army Headquarters on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013. Soldiers of the 191st CSSB performed this duty, Jan. 17 to 22.*



Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

*During sunset at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Soldiers of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and the 436th Transportation Battalion prepare to lower the U.S. flag, at the Third Army Headquarters, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013.*

## BOOTS ON GROUND: Around Kuwait



*Photo by Sgt. William E. Henry, 38th Sustainment Brigade*

Kuwait National Guard transportation soldiers, Pvt. Falad Falah-Falad, left, and Pvt. Mohammed Aied-Rajan, practice an improvised neck brace on Spc. Jay Thomas, a motor transport operator with the 47th Transportation Company, during first aid training at Camp Tahreer, Kuwait, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013. Thomas, an El Paso, Texas, resident, partnered with soldiers to work on first aid tactics related to transportation accidents. ([Read more . . .](#))



*Photo by Sgt. William E. Henry, 38th Sustainment Brigade*

Army Pfc. De'Marcus Salter, a 47th Transportation Company motor transport operator, explains features of a resistant ambush protected vehicle to international Boy Scout Yousef Abdel-Rahman, 12, Direct Service Troop 965, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013. Salter, from Monroeville, Ala., helped give the Scouts a tour of the vehicles and explained their features. ([Read more . . .](#))



*Photo by Sgt. Christopher Johnston, 3rd Infantry Division*

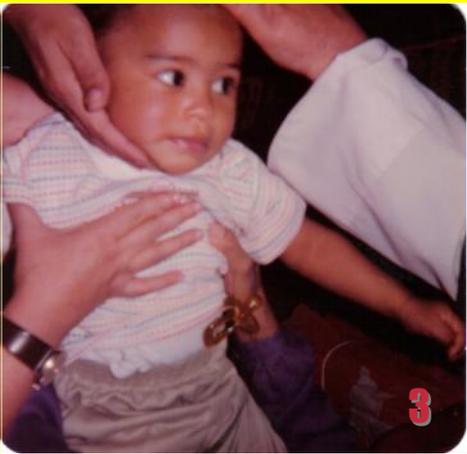
Spc. Brandon Handsor, a human resources specialist assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, don and clears his gas mask during a "back to the basics" promotion board conducted at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Jan. 4. The promotion board combined basic soldiering tasks with a standard promotion board to get a better overall idea of each soldier's overall readiness to become a leader. ([Read more . . .](#))

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**SOLDIER TRIVIA:** *Who are these photos of?*



***Check back next month for the answers!***



**The Latest Addition to the "Ghost Rider" Family**

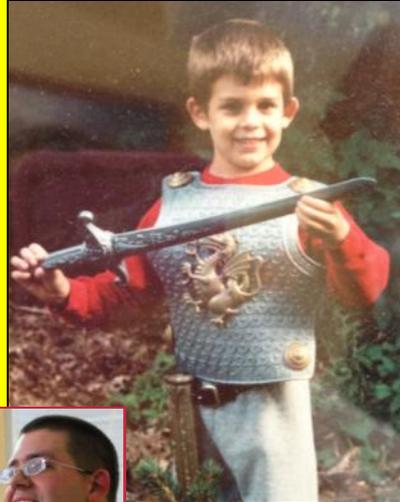


**Brodyn Anthony Mutter**  
**Born January 17, 2013**  
**at 10:42 a.m.**

# ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S SOLDIER TRIVIA:



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Annamarie LaPorte**



**Sergeant  
John Baker**



**Chief Warrant Officer 4  
Michael Nunley**



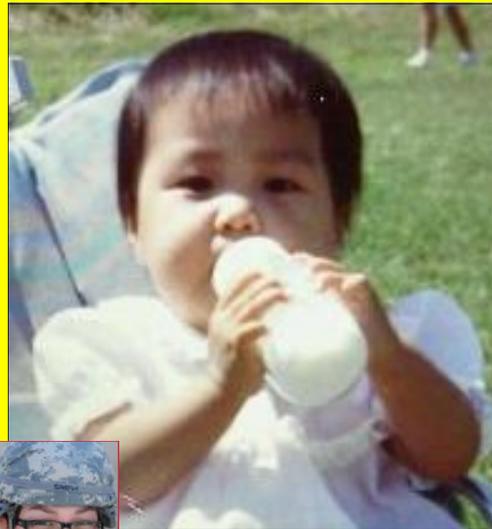
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Kristyn Dixey**



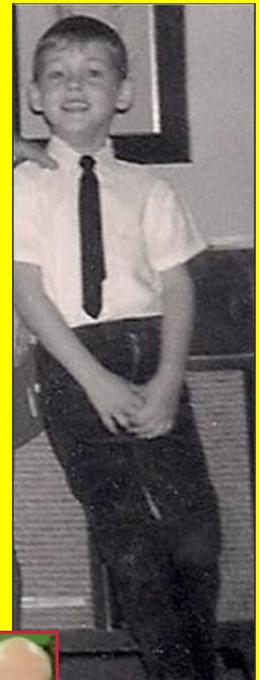
**Sergeant  
Joshua Bird**



**Specialist  
Matthew Johnson**



**First Lieutenant  
Sarah Snow**



**Lieutenant Colonel  
James Groark**



## MR. MOVIE JUNKIE

BY SPC. MATTHEW JOHNSON  
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### 10 Years— Rated “PG-13”



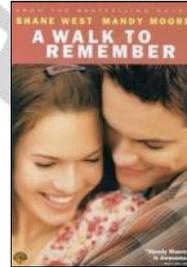
This film follows a group of friends from high school as they come together for their ten year reunion. The combination of dry humor and depth of personal growth stories, provide all of the ingredients to make this movie an entertaining experience. The only complaint I have would be the occasional “cheesy” friend bonding scenes that, at times, seemed forced. All said, this film earned 3 out of 5 stars.



### A Walk to Remember— Rated “PG”



This film based on the Nicholas Sparks novel is a classic couple’s movie that is more than fitting for the month of Valentine’s Day. It is the story of two teens of different backgrounds that come together to change each other’s lives forever. Following true Nicholas Sparks’ traditions, this movie will both warm your heart then try to cool it down with potential tears. As far as romantic movies go, I would give this film 4 out of 5 stars.



### The Princess Bride— Rated “PG”



What kind of Valentines edition of the Movie Junkie would this be if I did not include my favorite love story of all time? This classic 1987 film, based off of the William Goldman book, is an epic compilation of action, comedy, and romance. If you are looking for a good fun movie, then this film will be the dose of laughter you’ve been looking for. I can give no other rating for it other than 5 out of 5 stars.



Photo by Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

## Another Six Years

Spc. James Moses recites the oath of reenlistment at a ceremony on the shore of the Persian Gulf, Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait. Lt. Col James Groark, commander of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, administered the oath for Moses to remain a member of the Army Reserves for another six years. Moses, a human resource specialist for the 191st CSSB, from Preston, Idaho, has been in the Army for six years and is currently on his second deployment.

# January Promotion



*Photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion*



Pfc. Jonathan Norman, an automated logistical specialist for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, is advanced to the rank of specialist by Staff Sgt. Thomas Payeur, Jan. 10. Norman, a resident of Sandy, Utah, is deployed at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and received advance individual training at Fort Lee, Va. He has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserves for two years.

## BIRTHDAYS

Sgt.	Joshua Bird	Feb. 10
Sgt. 1st Class	Adam Wade	Feb. 16
Spc.	Benjamin Dupaix	Feb. 17
Sgt.	Joshua Maher	Feb. 17
1st Lt.	Erik Howard	Feb. 18
Capt.	John Marriott	Feb. 19
Staff Sgt.	Seth Tenbrink	Feb. 22
Sgt.	Wilfred Smith	Feb. 24
1st Lt.	Aaron Hall	Feb. 26



**“Ghost Riders, Out Front!”**