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Thank you to everyone who has supported our Soldiers during this deployment! We truly do appreciate all the time and effort everyone puts in to making our Soldiers lives here better.

Thank you to the Soldiers in the Battalion for all your hard work and dedication to getting the mission done.



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WORKHORSE



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HELLO FEBRUARY and GOODBYE JANUARY! We are less than 100 days from returning home! Hello once again to the Family and Friends of the 935th ASB! January has been a busy month, but busy is GOOD, the 935th continues to support partnerships throughout Joint Security Area Georgia with Soldiers and equipment from each Company. These partnerships are very critical to the overall 35th CAB mission and we are happy to be part of it. Each Soldier comes away with an understanding of how other Countries train their Soldiers and a friendship that could last a lifetime.

No Warrior Leader Course graduates this month. The WLC is on hold until March as they rotate instructors so we will have graduates in April just prior to our handoff to 449th. The ability for Soldier's to complete the WLC while deployed has been a GREAT benefit. The challenges Soldiers have to deal with in a M-Day status at home and difficulties even getting a class date makes this course in Kuwait SO MUCH MORE IMPORTANT!



We conducted day, night and NBC individual and crew weapons qualifications with Pistols, Rifles and Machine Guns. It is ALWAYS fun to put on our Chemical Mask and shoot our weapons.....can you say CHALLENGING! When you are located in a potential Combat area it is always good to verify you can still hit the target!

All the missions and training we conduct are critical to what we do as Soldiers and also to our success while we are deployed. The classroom instructions the Soldiers have received on deployment helps the Army, Army National Guard and Civilian Employee's. Civilians pay a lot of money to attend many of the classes we are getting for free and staying busy also makes the days fly by!

Some things are worth repeating. I want to take one more opportunity to thank all the families, friends and organizations that have sent letters, cards and care packages to the Soldiers of the 935th ASB. All these people and organizations put in much of their free time and a lot of effort putting many care packages together to send to Kuwait and put smiles on the faces of each and every Soldier. So, THANK YOU once again for thinking of us!!

We have now completed January, so in less than 100 days we will all be back to our homes in Missouri, Illinois and South Dakota. We deeply miss all our Family and Friends, but duty calls and we wear the uniform! 449th is about 20 days from reporting to Fort Hood.....AWESOME, we will be ready to greet them when the plane lands. Put a highlight on Mother's Day, you should have a Soldier at home able to celebrate with you! I wish you all the best in 2013, talk to you next month!

Don't forget we are on facebook at 935th Aviation Support Battalion and our LIKES section includes our Company Pages. On our page you can see pictures and comments of all the great work the Soldiers in the WORKHORSE Battalion are doing! WORKHORSE!

LTC Roger Bodenschatz



CSM Javier R. Acosta

Soldiers and Families of the 935th, the month of January has not slowed, we continue to move on with a multitude of requirements. The Soldiers are seizing opportunities left and right to better themselves. Many are taking additional college classes and more notably are the proactive Soldiers completing their Non Commissioned Officer schools such as the SSD series for career progression. It is imperative that Soldiers continue striving to improve their education.

During the upcoming months the Battalion's intent is to provide competitive opportunities for the Soldiers to participate in. There will be a Best Warrior Competition that will test the resolve and metal of a select group of Soldiers. I have taken the liberty to have some trophies made for our winners of the NCO and Soldier events. If one of your family members is participating please wish them well. We have one Soldier competing for the highly prestigious Audie Murphy Board soon and that is no easy task. We hope our Soldier comes out on top. Numerous Soldiers will be participating in 5K Runs, 13 mile marathons and a host of other activities. What does that have to do with being in a combat zone? Soldier fitness is paramount to survival and keeping up with the pack. A Soldier's competitive spirit has to be fed, without it they will fail. It helps to keep the fighting spirit alive and maintains the long history of traditions in our profession.

As you read about your Soldiers accomplishments and accolades remember they are creating a new measuring stick for our organization and themselves. Every day and at every turn they are challenged and make no mistake they are succeeding. It's not easy being a complete Soldier; mind, heart and body. With your blessings and support your Soldiers will excel and improve themselves continually. Please continue to encourage the education, the friendly competitiveness and their success.



CSM Acosta
Workhorse 07



MAJ Craig Schnaufer

Hello to all Friends and Family of the 935th,
I hope that your new year is off to a good start. One thing that should help that cause, is knowing that your Soldier will be home very soon now. The dynamics of deployment is usually very trying on people in many ways, no matter what their situation or socio/economic status is. I hope that everyone will come through this better off in some way, perhaps stronger in their relationships or less burdened by debt.

So far, you all have a lot of reasons to be proud of your Soldiers. I realize that it depends upon who you talk with or who you listen to, as to what you base your opinions on and how you perceive the overall performance of the unit in which your Soldier serves. Granted, not all is perfect and there will always be bumps in the road, that is to be expected with any unit. Although you may hear some grumbling or complaining which is the nature of some folks to do, this unit has done an outstanding job on this deployment.

To the Soldiers of the 935th, I want you to know that your excellent performance has not gone without notice. It is personally gratifying to be part of a unit that has carried itself in such a manner, because I can tell you that not all units do so. Just a word of caution though, because we are NOT home yet and we need to be vigilant against complacency continuously. We cannot drop our guard on safety issues, or lower our standards on personal conduct because we are close to finishing our mission here. It is leadership's goal, desire, and responsibility to ensure that we enforce standards at all times so that we can complete our mission without mishap or negative incident, so let's not have a lapse near the goal.

Within the past few days I returned from visiting 935th Soldiers supporting a partnership mission in Jordan, and I was very impressed with the overall performance that I witnessed and that was reported to me by the task force leadership. Without going into too much detail, our Soldiers have brought credit upon the battalion with their conduct and job performance. We should be proud of them as well as all of the 935th and the record of performance that they continue to sustain.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of the Soldiers of the 935th, especially as we turn the corner into the "home stretch". We eagerly look forward to being home with you and celebrating proudly, as we re-integrate into our families and home life. Until then, please stay in touch with your Soldiers and keep all deployed Soldiers in your prayers.

God Bless you,
Sincerely,
MAJ Schnaufer



Chaplain Clifford Brown

Happy February everyone. I am a little excited about Valentine's Day this year. Usually this is one of those holidays that I buy something for my wife that she has always wanted or I take her out to dinner and throw in a flower or two. This year is a bit different for obvious reasons. It got me to thinking about how I have always taken this holiday for granted. I used the easy way out and never really focused on the value of who my wife is and what she means to me and our family. So this year I am going to be creative. I am going to do something highly romantic that will be unforgettable. This I will report in the future but because I don't want her finding out, mum's the word for now.

I want to encourage you to try and be creative as well. Think about the people in your life who you are connected to or want to be more connected to. This could be a spouse, siblings, parents, friends, or co-workers. Ponder the reason these people matter to you. Explore the value they have. Recall the moments in your life when they were available, helpful, and encouraging. Valentine's Day can be an ideal time to remind them of how much they mean to you. Don't take the easy way out like I have for so many years. Be intentional. Be creative. Let them know that you cherish them. It is legal to show affection to other people in your life during this holiday. Take advantage of the season and make it count. There is not a better time than the present.

Stay strong and stay close,
Chaplain Clifford Brown



CPT Casey B. Steiner



1SG Joseph C. Dorsey



Greetings to our Friends, Families, and fellow Mustangs, One more month in the bag. Our Soldiers are starting to count down the days remaining on the deployment, but we still have a long way to go. HSC is driving on with our normal operations.

January was a little slow, but several of our Soldiers achieved success on the individual level. SGT Bedwell, our headquarters admin guru and medic, reenlisted for six more years. SGT DeBlaere and SPC Busiek were awarded COL McLemore's Brigade coin for escorting some important dignitaries from the US Navy around Kuwait. LT Johnson, LT Brown, SPC Acosta, and SPC Baker were recommended by COL McLemore and the IERW flight board to join Missouri's Army National Guard Aviation community, this is a noteworthy achievement and a major step forward for each of these Soldiers! Congratulations also go out to SGT Boutelle, SGT Caringer, SGT Sanchez, and SPC Johnson for completing the 13 mile Half Marathon on Ali al Salem airbase. Out of hundreds of runners, SGT Boutelle finished third in her age group, and SPC Johnson finished first in his age group and fourth overall! Great job Mustangs!

Be sure to wish your deployed Soldier a Happy Valentine's Day. One more month in the bag!

CPT Steiner



1LT Matthew M. Holmes



A-Team!



1SG Gregory L. Lowe



We're fully on the downhill slope of this deployment; with nearly two thirds completed; A CO is fully looking towards the future with mission accomplishment in mind. Even though the end is in sight, our Soldiers are still hard at work, ensuring that the 35th CAB's fleet of helicopters is fully supported in all endeavors. Alpha Company soldiers routinely go through periods of 24 hours of operation, fueling helicopters at any and all hours.

In a mission that was a welcome departure from the routine, A CO worked directly with Kuwaiti Police, setting up a cold fuel point to support 2/135th General Support Aviation Battalion's UH-60 Blackhawks. Because of mission constraints, there were several hours in-between fuelings. During these times Soldiers interacted with several Kuwaiti officers, all of whom were very gracious hosts. Constantly offering our soldiers tea, coffee and food; they were more than happy to talk with us and show us their equipment and capabilities.

For the past month, elements from the Active Duty Echo Company 4/501st Attack Battalion have been working with our Company at the Camp Arifjan refuel point. This is beneficial for everybody involved: E CO soldiers get experience hot fueling aircraft; A CO Soldiers get to integrate with and teach Soldiers how A CO operates a refuel point; and overall it fosters a healthy working relationship between both organizations.

As always, we are overwhelmed with the support A CO families have provided us with. We're on the home stretch with but a few months between us. A Company will continue to work hard until the day all of our families are reunited.



MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger



1SG Brian L. Boyer



Greetings B 935th ASB, family and friends,

January marks the start of a new year, but more importantly it is a new phase in our deployment. With the holiday season behind us, we are looking ahead to new missions and new opportunities to learn and grow. I know that being away for the holidays posed significant challenges both here and at home. Please know that we all missed our families dearly, but made it through ok with the knowledge of your unconditional support. Being deployed this holiday season will make your future seasons that more meaningful and special. We still have 3 months of hard work ahead of us and there is still much left to do. We have major aircraft maintenance projects, both planned and in the works. We also have essential unit movement initiatives on the near horizon as well as other important operations and various Soldier training events.

In February, March, and April our focus will shift to movement preparation and the welcome reception of our replacements while we continue to perform our daily tasks. When we return to Fort Hood, our sole focus will be to successfully complete the Demobilization process and then reunite with the families at home station.

As we mark each day off our calendars, we are anxiously looking forward to spending the remainder of 2013 with our family and friends back at HOME station.

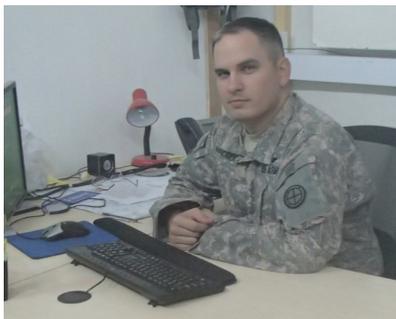
From our hearts to yours, until next month, stay focused and safe. See you soon.

MAJ Keith Noppenberger



Thank you to SPC Moreno and other Bravo photographers for these wonderful pictures!

2LT Edward A. Maidment



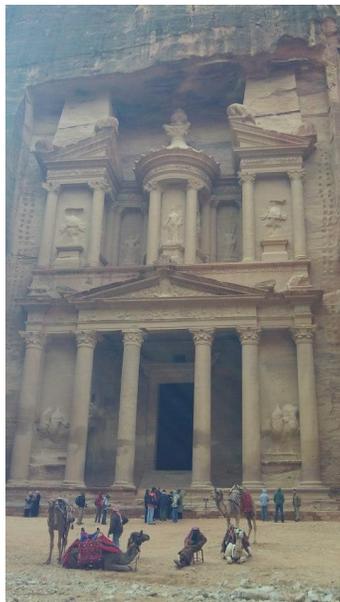
1SG Charles D. Holt



The month of January has been a good one. Much of the month has been spent training on Warrior Tasks. The biggest part of this has been marksmanship training put on by the Battalion at the EST 2000, which is basically a big video game with realistic feeling and firing weapons. Compressed air even provides the feeling of recoil. It is a good way to simulate and build confidence for the real thing. We continue to send Soldiers to Signal University so we can provide them with skills that are good for the Army and will help them with civilian employment when they return home.

I had the opportunity to visit SPC Safford and SPC Newman in Jordan this month. In addition to their regular duties they have had the opportunity to visit some very interesting places and I took the opportunity while I was there. The cities of Petra and Jarash are some of the oldest in the world. Mt Nebo is the site where Moses is supposed to have viewed the Promised Land and died. There is also a site that tradition holds is where Jesus was baptized.

We are preparing for our Soldiers to return from Jordan now and possibly sending some others to new places. The next month will be full of activity as we continue to perform our mission and get ready to return home.



Thank you 2LT Maidment for these pictures of Jarash, Nebo and Petra from Jordan.

SPO: CPT Norma-Gene Cottrell, 1LT Christopher Johnson, CW4 Charles Brower, SGM Robert Maze, SFC David Frazier, SFC Donald Swopes, SFC Terry Billingsley, SSG James Looney, SSG Michael Forson, SGT Jennifer Boutelle

Support Operations (SPO) is tasked with planning, managing, and coordinating logistics operations external or outside the battalion within the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade's theater of operations. SPO does this by having subject matter experts in many different Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). To complete the mission, SPO is made up of 10 individuals who come together to make up the section. They are CPT Norma-Gene Cottrell, Support Operations Officer, SGM Robert H. Maze, Jr., Support Operations Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC), CW4 Charles Brower, Battalion Aviation Material Officer (BAMO), 1LT Christopher Johnson, Officer In Charge (OIC) of SPO Trans, SFC Terry Billingsley, Class 1, 3 and 5 Commodities Manager, SGT Jennifer Boutelle, SPO Transportation NCO, SSG Michael Forson, Ground Maintenance and Mortuary Affairs NCO, SFC David Frazier, Aircraft on Ground (AOG)/High Priority (HI-PRI) parts manager, SSG James Looney, SPO Trans NCOIC and SFC Donald Swopes, Aircraft on Ground (AOG)/High Priority (HI-PRI) parts manager. Each person is vital to making the section go and being mission complete.

CPT Norma-Gene Cottrell is a 90A Support Operations Officer. She has been married to her husband Mitch for 33 years. They have 4 children, Katie a 42A, Mike an engineer, Cari a Preschool teacher, and Janelle who will graduate from Mizzou in May. They also have 2 grandchildren Paige and Mason.

1LT Christopher Johnson is an 88A Transportation Officer. He is newly married to his wife Gaby. He will be promoted to Captain very soon.

CW4 Charles Brower is a 153AL Battalion Aviation Material Officer. He is married to and has 4 children.

SGM Robert H. Maze Jr., has been married to his wife Shelley for 24 years. They have 3 children. Bo, 21 a SGT 15R Apache Helicopter repairman in the 1-135th ARB MOANG, Brittany, 19 an Airman 4NO Med Tech in the Air Force Reserve assigned to Scott Air Force Base, and Brock, a sophomore at Lexington High School.

SFC David Frazier is a 92A Automated Logistical Specialist. He has 2 children, Ian, a Senior at Kickapoo High School and a phenomenal cross-country runner, and Erin, a sixth-grader at Wilson's Creek Middle School who is a dancer, and his sweetheart Melody, who is a student at OTC and works backstage for a number of Springfield Little Theatre productions.

SFC Don Swopes is a 92F Petroleum Supply Specialist. He has been married to his wife Shelly for 25 years. They have 3 children, Christopher, Jason and Courtney.

SFC Terry Billingsley is an 89B Ammunition Specialist. He has been married to his sweetheart, Erin, for 14 years. They have 2 boys, Kyle and Joey.

SSG Michael Forson is a 92M Mortuary Affairs Specialist and also holds the 92A Automated Logistical Specialist. He has a great dachshund, Augie. He likes Corvettes and Jeeps.

SSG James Looney is an 88N Transportation Management Coordinator. He and his wife Emily are attending college online.

SGT Jennifer Boutelle is an 88M Motor Transport Operator. She has 3 sons, Tyson, Jared and Ethan.



MWR/USO Events

Families– your Soldiers do have fun stuff they can participate in at Camp Buehring!

Soldiers– use this guide for your after duty time

MWR (what can you do with your JAN/FEB on Camp Buehring?)

SI MWR Report...Featured Activity: Spartan 300 Challenge Phase II – This competition will test endurance and speed of the competitors in a variety of fitness challenges. The event will be held 10FEB12 in the Camp Buehring Main Gym at 1700.

Other events... what to do...? (Call 438-3130 for more information)

- Visit the USO-Camp Buehring Facebook page or visit the share drive (<file:///\\10.230.0.15\BRNG-Share\MWREvents\CBMIR.htm>) to view The Camp Buehring Mirage newsletter for a complete listing of all January events
- Weekly movies are available from 0700-0100 daily, weekly schedules are posted in the marquee at the front of the BN TOC
- The Oasis, MWR Palms, and Udairi Center are all 24 hour facilities that offer a wide variety of activities to include video games, television, poker, Bingo, trivia, Texas Hold-Em, dancing, and much more. These centers and all they have to offer will be featured in upcoming issues of the newsletter (for more information call 438-3202)
- 03FEB13 – Super Bowl Skills Competition (track next to the Volleyball Court @1500)
- 04FEB13 – Super Bowl Kick Off – Movie Theater @0100
- 24FEB13 – Daytona 500 RC Races – RC Race Track near Softball Field @1800
- 5K fun runs are scheduled every Wednesday at 0600, at the Green Bean (next to the MWR Stage). The runs are timed and offer an excellent opportunity for fitness, building endurance for the APFT run, an occasional t-shirt, and opportunity to build esprit de corps
- T-shirt run – Black History Month 09FEB13 @ 0600
- The aerobics tent (near the main gym now offers spinning classes M-TH 0600-0700). A variety of daily schedules include Yoga, Muay Thai, Zumba, Insanity, Hapkido and more. Weekly schedules are posted in the marquee at the front of the BN TOC (call 438-3130 for more information)
- Camel rides are scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1500, the next scheduled ride date is 17FEB13

The Camp Buehring Geo Ed Center can be reached at GRP.BRNG_EdCnt@kuwait.swa.army.mil or by calling 438-3207. They are located on Eisenhower across from BA 7. They offer a wide variety of classes.

