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## 266th Ordnance Detachment on the Job



By Spc. Michael R. Gault  
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**CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait** -- In a transfer of authority ceremony, the 266th Ordnance Detachment officially assumed responsibility of the ammunition supply mission from the 221st Ordnance Detachment Saturday, Feb. 23, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

The 266th OD, a Army Reserve unit based out of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, will provide ammunition support to the U.S. Central Command's areas of responsibility in a timely and effective manner in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This is one of the few sustainment operations in Kuwait that is actually done by Army Soldiers; not contractors," said Lt. Col James Groark, commander of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. "This mission was an excellent challenge for a reserve component to test their mettle when it comes to conducting a full spectrum ammunition operation."

According to Capt. Luis Gonzalez, commander of the 266th OD, native of Aguada, Puerto Rico, they are more than ready to take on this mission.

"I feel confident with my team," said Gonzalez. "They are skilled and motivated to continue the fine work the 221st has done."

According to 1st Lt. Phillip Hascher, commander of the 221st

OD, an Army Reserve unit based out of Fort Wayne, Ind., his Soldiers handled over 200 million dollars worth of ammunition, collected over 50 million rounds of unserviceable ammunition and drove over 12,000 miles for various missions during their nine months on mission.

"I am proud of my guys and consider it a privilege to have been their commander," said Hascher. "They worked hard, making the job of leaders a lot easier."

The 266th OD will spend approximately nine months on deployment at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, to continue the mission in providing ammunition support for Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

*The 266th Ordnance Detachment, an Army Reserve unit based out of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, stands ready to assume the mission from the 221st Ordnance Detachment during the transfer of authority ceremony, Saturday, Feb. 23, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The 266th OD will spend approximately nine months on deployment providing ammunition support for the U.S. Central Command's areas of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.*

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## Pay It Forward

**C**hristian faith traditions hold that how we treat each other is actually viewed by God as how we treat him according to Matthew 25:35–40.

Regardless of your faith tradition, or even if you don't consider yourself a person of faith, I want to encourage you to find ways, large or small, to help someone else.

Have you seen the movie, "Pay it Forward?" In the movie, a young boy comes up with the idea that if he can help three people and those three people each help three people, eventually; the whole world can change for the better. He called his idea, paying it forward.

What if everyone in the world really did focus on what we could each do to change the world and pay it forward? For one thing, there may be more people like Dr. Jack McConnell.

McConnell grew up in a Methodist family in which his father asked his children every day, "What did you do for someone today?" He didn't ask how their day had gone or what they have been up to. He would just ask what they had done for others.

McConnell and his siblings grew up with their focus on what they could do to serve and make a difference. He went on to develop the tuberculosis tine test, assisted in the early work on the polio vaccine, oversaw the creation of Tylenol, and spearheaded development of the magnetic resonance imaging procedure, known as MRI. He also created an organization that provides the working uninsured free medical help. McConnell felt he got more out of the service he rendered rather than what his patients paid.

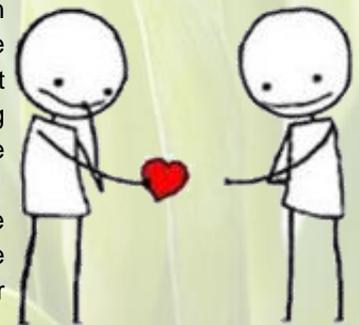
The following are other examples of moments in which people have paid it forward:

While in Texas, a mother told me her family's home was completely destroyed. It was during Spring when people are preparing for a spring vacation. Some people, saw what was left of her home before departing on vacation and decided to give the money they had planned on spending so she could fix their home. People, who were complete strangers, gave what they could without agendas or any desire for compensation.

In Utah, a cancer survivor's treatments required thousands of dollars that she did not have and her insurance company would not pay. She had heard in the past, stories about how bad people can be in Central Ogden, Utah. But she said that people she did not know, would come up to her on the street and say, "I have a feeling you need this money."

There are many ways we can make a difference in the lives of those around us and most do not require money or doing something dramatic. Some of the best ways to pay it forward is lending a listening ear, being understanding when things go wrong, making someone smile, or just being a good battle buddy.

It is my conviction, that as we do these small, simple things to pay it forward, we may not change the whole world, but we can change, for the better, our little corner of it. Isn't that worth it?



Pay it forward

# Air Force Volunteers and Army Riggers work Hand in Hand



*Story and photos by Spc. Adrienne Vinson  
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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – The beginning of 2013 has proved to be a busy time for the 421st Quartermaster Detachment 4 riggers with a high demand of missions but they have come up with a unique solution to accomplish the everyday missions.

The detachment has implemented the Air Force Volunteer Program to their weekly work schedule. Airmen, from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, who work alongside the riggers have been volunteering to help the detachment with various tasks such as prepping supplies and rigging loads for airdrop operations.

The program is overseen by the rigger unit’s air load planner, Staff Sgt. Anthony Catlett, and supply non-commissioned officer in charge, Staff Sgt. Joseph Wright.

“The overwhelming interest and participation of these volunteers has been greatly beneficial to our mission completion and has provided grounds for camaraderie between the Army and Air Force personnel,” said Catlett.

Those who volunteer their time and services are provided memorandums for record stating hours and what classes of materials were rigged during that time. However, there is an incentive for the Air Force volunteers known as the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. The MOVSM recognizes military members of active duty, reserve, and guard components who provide volunteer duties in their community far



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Adrienne Vinson, 421st Quartermaster Detachment 4  
Spc. Rafael Campos, 421st Quartermaster Detachment 4 parachute rigger, goes over the correct knot needed on the bottom of the load to Tech. Sgt. Adam Barnes a civil engineer with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, on Jan. 12, 2013.*

beyond what is expected from a service member. The only requirement for this award is that the volunteer agency reflects favorably upon the United States Military and the Department of Defense. Although there is no specific time requirement, most commanding authorities expect at least three years of consecutive volunteer involvement.

Among those who have volunteered with the detachment, three key individuals stand out among their peers for their overwhelming effort and service time. Technical Sgt. Adam Barnes, a civil engineer, Staff Sgt. Vincent Gethings a C-5 maintainer, and Sr. Airman Aaron Seigler, a civil engineer, are well on their way to earning the meritorious volunteer medal.

“Volunteering personal time is worth knowing that you’re improving the moral and quality of life of the soldiers downrange in less fortunate conditions,” said Barnes.



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# Developing Partnership and Understanding through Trucking



*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 participated in a joint partnership exercise at Camp Taheer, Kuwait, Feb. 5.

Soldiers of both countries learned the other’s methods for vehicle recovery and securing cargo onto flatbed truck trailers. The soldiers also became familiar with hookup procedures for the different types of trucks used by the two countries with tow bars.

Sgt. Randy Swinton, a truck driver for 47th TC, instructor for the event, said he wanted to demonstrate how motor transport operators in the U.S. Army do their jobs and to share ideas with the KNG.

“I wanted to exchange procedural knowledge of how truck drivers from two different countries recover tactical wheeled vehicles in a safe and timely manner,” said Swinton from Florence, S.C.



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion*

*Kuwait National Guard transportation soldiers watch a demonstration by a 47th Transportation Soldier showing them how to tighten a cargo strap using the ratchet tie-down device. Transportation Soldiers from the 47th TC, Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Kuwait National Guard participated in a joint partnership exercise at Camp Taheer, Kuwait, Feb. 5, 2013.*

Kuwait National Guard soldier Pvt. Mayah Alarki said he has never experienced a joint exchange of vehicle recover procedures and found the exercise very insightful.

“I learned about how to hook up an American vehicle,” said Alarki. “The tools used are very heavy but it was a good experience. I enjoyed it.”

“It all went well,” said Swinton. “They learned a lot from us and we learned from them; truckers conducting business. It was some good cross training.”

Staff Sgt. Bolivar Sanchez, a truck driver for the 47th TC who was a participant, enjoyed the event and saw the same in the Kuwaitis.

“It went great,” said Sanchez. “They are starting to talk to us a lot more and they’re starting to do a little more interaction. There was more hands-on than there was before, so I think it’s going even better.”

Through ongoing partnership exercises, working together, the soldiers of the 47th TC and the Kuwait National Guard are making tremendous strides in gaining understanding for how the other operates and developing a mutual respect for one another.



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion*

*Transportation soldiers from the 47th Transportation Company and the Kuwait National Guard during a break at a partnership exercise. Transportation Soldiers from the 47th TC, Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Kuwait National Guard participated in a joint partnership exercise at Camp Taheer, Kuwait, Feb. 5, 2013*

## Riggers making their mark in history



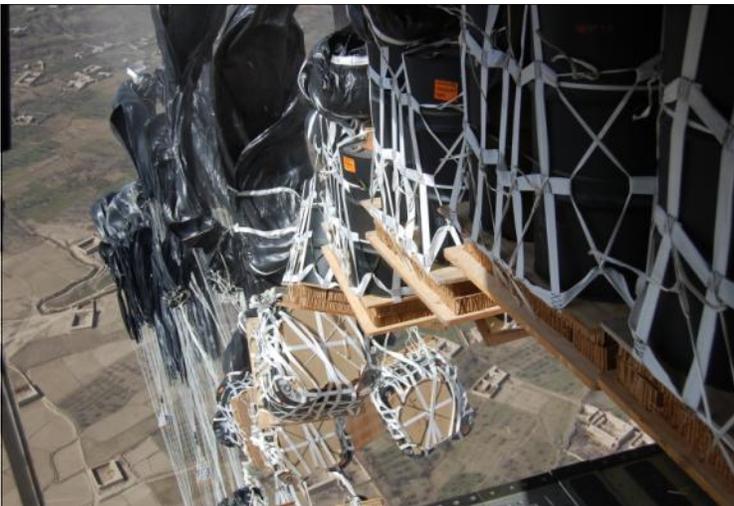
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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – The families and friends back home, Soldiers of the 421st but what keeps us going each Quartermaster Detachment 4 day is knowing that the guys on the ground are depending on us to keep them supplied with food, water and fuel,” said Sgt. Barry MacDonald, a 421st lane chief.

“We are becoming a small part of history just like those original riggers did during World War II, doing our part to keep our fellow Soldiers safe and our families back home safe,” said Spc. Eric Heron, a rigger for the 421st. The detachment continues a tradition of supporting Soldiers who continue their mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The 24 Soldier detachment is in the middle of its second heaviest month in February, already dropping over 880,000 pounds of supplies. The drops include everything from water and food to lumber for temporary housing during the cold months in the Afghanistan mountains. Staff Sgt. Leonard Planer, the 421st noncommissioned officer in charge, said the long hours, days and months are worth it when you have an important job directly affecting the mission.

“The work is hard and days are long and sure we miss our



*Bundles containing fuel drop from an aircraft over Afghanistan, Monday, Feb. 18, 2013. The 421st Quartermaster Detachment 4 packed the bundles for delivery a few days prior to ensure the Soldiers on ground in Afghanistan receive the supplies they need to continue their missions in remote areas.*



*U.S. Army photo courtesy of 421st Quartermaster Detachment 4*  
*A 421st Quartermaster, Detachment 4 Soldier, Warrant Officer Philip Hamill, connects anti-oscillation ties inside the aircraft minutes before takeoff for an air drop mission over Afghanistan, Monday, Feb. 18, 2013.*

### History of Riggers

According to <http://www.qmfound.com/riggers.htm>

Aerial delivery dates back to the war effort in the early 1940's over treacherous mountains of Cassino, Italy. This was one of the first times that the Army dropped supplies to its troops who were cut off from all normal supply routes.

Quartermaster personnel based in Italy packed food and clothing into empty detachable fuel tanks, normally carried by fighter planes, known as belly tanks. The belly tanks were then flown to Naples attached to the bomb racks of A-36 aircraft bombers and ejected over the stranded units.

During the D-day invasion, the 101st and the 82nd Airborne Divisions are probably the most well known insertion of units into a combat zone in military history. In the week following the invasion, over 60 tons of supplies were dropped to the paratroopers at secure locations behind enemy lines.

During the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944, the 101st was surrounded by German troops at Bastogne. The early parachute riggers were called to action to support their fellow Soldiers in need. For five long days the riggers dropped over 976 tons of war fighting supplies. The aerial delivery of the supplies enabled the Soldiers on the ground to hold their position and continue fighting until relieved.

Over the next 70 years, riggers evolved, but continue to be a vital part of the war effort. Airdrops enable units to fight deep behind enemy lines, where survival would be otherwise impossible.

# A Musical Reunion



Story by Spc. Michael R. Gault  
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**CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait** -- While it is not uncommon to bump into somebody you know or have previously served with while on a deployment, a 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Soldier had such an opportunity at Camp Arifjan's Zone 6 stage, Jan. 22, 2013.

Before becoming a logistics officer, 1st Lt. Timothy Washburn, of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, was a sergeant and serving as an Army bandsman playing the piano.

"After countless change of command, retirement ceremonies, and dining outs, I gave the life of an airborne musician up to go back to school," said Washburn. "A few years later, I decided to enter into the Army Reserve as a member of the 313th Army Band in Birmingham, Ala. That's where I met Staff Sgt. Joey Grabill, a French horn player."

While assigned to the 313th, Washburn and Grabill performed all around the southeast United States including several visits to New Orleans during Mardi Gras parades.

Eventually, they both moved on. Washburn became an Army Reserves officer. Grabill went from the reserves to active duty as a member of the 3rd Infantry Division Band. Both kept in touch.

Grabill was concluding his tour of duty in Afghanistan and was on his way back to Georgia. It was only by chance, that his band made a stop at Camp Arifjan to perform.



U.S. Army photo by Maj. Dennis Shaw, ARCENT GI

Staff Sgt. Joey Grabill, a French horn player for the 3rd Infantry Division Army Band, and 1st Lt. Timothy Washburn, operations officer for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, enjoy their chance reunion at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013. Years ago, Grabill and Washburn were part of the 313th Army Band of Birmingham, Ala., and toured the southeast United States performing in the band. The two had a brief reunion when Grabill's current band, the 3rd Infantry Division Army Band, made a stop at Camp Arifjan on their way back stateside.

Washburn did not get a chance to get up on stage with his friend and the 3rd ID band but enjoyed the opportunity to hear their performance.

"It was great to see my old friend and fellow musician," said Washburn. "I don't miss being up on stage or sweating it out on some parade field but I still have karaoke night."



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

## Jamming with the Army Material Command Band

Spc. Connor O'Farrell, a communications specialist for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Pocatello, Idaho, joins members of the Army Material Command Band for a quick performance of "When the Saints go Marching In", Feb. 26, 2013, during their visit to Soldiers of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



## BOOTS ON GROUND: Around Kuwait



*U.S. Army photo by Sgt. William E. Henry, 38th Sustainment Brigade*

U.S. Army Sgt. Ronald Johnson inserts an intravenous needle into the arm of a simulated injured patient during a mass casualty training exercise at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Feb. 6, 2013. Johnson, a flight medic with Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion (General Support), 238th Aviation Regiment, Indiana Army National Guard, provided emergency medical care for the exercise. The 2nd Battalion (General Support), 238th Aviation Regiment provided aerial medical evacuation in Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



*U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tina R. Eichenour, 38th Sustainment Brigade*

A 38th Sustainment Brigade Soldier, Sgt. Dameion Browlee, from Indianapolis, runs in the Kuwait Running Mafia Half Marathon, Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Brownlee carried the guidon with the Kuwait Running Mafia logo for the entire half marathon. ([Read more . . .](#))



*U.S. Army photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Micah VanDyke, 28th Public Affairs Detachment*

Service members and civilians line up to watch 'A Good Day to Die Hard' at the Zone 1 Chapel at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Feb. 11, 2013. The USO 20th and Century Fox teamed up to show the premiere of the fifth movie in the 'Die Hard' series to troops and civilians from Third Army/ARCENT. ([Read more . . .](#))

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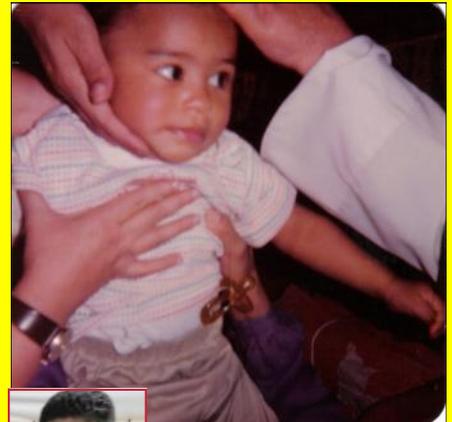
# ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S SOLDIER TRIVIA:



**1st Lt.  
Aaron Hall**



**Maj.  
Nicole Chilson**



**Sgt.  
Wilfred Smith**



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gaull, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion*

## Soldier Reenlists

U.S. Army Reservist Staff Sgt. Ariel F. DeLeon-Ramos recites the oath of reenlistment for another six years Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at Port Shuaiba, Kuwait. DeLeon-Ramos, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been in the Army for six years. DeLeon-Ramos is currently on his second deployment as the ammo transportation management coordinator noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.



## MR. MOVIE JUNKIE

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### Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters— Rated “R”



In this twist on the classic fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel are hunters of witches. The siblings are forced to face a group of evil witches tied in with their past. Although, this movie poses some cheesy humor from time to time, the overall action and classic make-up reminded me of some of the great fantasy films of the past. I give this movie 4 of 5 stars.



### Men in Black 3— Rated “PG”



As a fan of the original Men in Black film, I had to purchase this DVD once it came out. I went into the film hoping to see it measure up to the feel and attitude of the two films before it. I have to say that although the character dynamic between Agent J, Will Smith, and the young Agent K, played by Josh Brolin, was entertaining, the film had far less focus on the secret aliens and interactions that fans came to expect from the Men in Black genre. With this in consideration, I could only give the movie 3 of 5 stars.



### Paranormal Activity 4— Rated “R”



I have to say that this film was a sad representation of the movie legacy. When the prior films were filled with on the edge of your seat excitement, this film, leaves the audience waiting for something to actually happen. Very little special effects were used in the film which has been the traditional bread and butter for this movie series. Though the actors brought a measure of entertainment, the poor story and lack of events earned this film 2 of 5 stars.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Matthew Johnson, 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

## Another Six Years

U.S. Army Reservist, Sgt. John Baker, recites the oath of reenlistment for another six years Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait. Baker, from Spanish Fork, Utah, has been in the Army for nine years. He is currently on his first deployment as a human resource sergeant for the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

# February Promotion



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Michael R. Gault., 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

## Intelligence Officer Promoted

U.S. Army Reserves intelligence officer, 2nd Lt. Aubree Shurtz, is promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, by Lt. Col. James Groark, commander of the 191st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Shurtz, resident of Burlington, Wash., is currently on her first deployment at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. She joined the reserves as an enlisted Soldier seven years ago and went to basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Following basic training, she attended petroleum supply specialist advance individual training at Fort Lee, Va. After graduating from Brigham Young University in 2011, she went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and received her commission as a military intelligence officer in 2012.



## BIRTHDAYS

Spc.	CHAD KERBY	Mar. 5
Spc.	KRISTYN DIXEY	Mar. 5
Staff Sgt.	LUCAS CHAPMAN	Mar. 12
Lt. Col.	JAMES GROARK	Mar. 15
Staff Sgt.	KRISEE CASEY-RYAN	Mar. 24



“Ghost Riders, Out Front!”