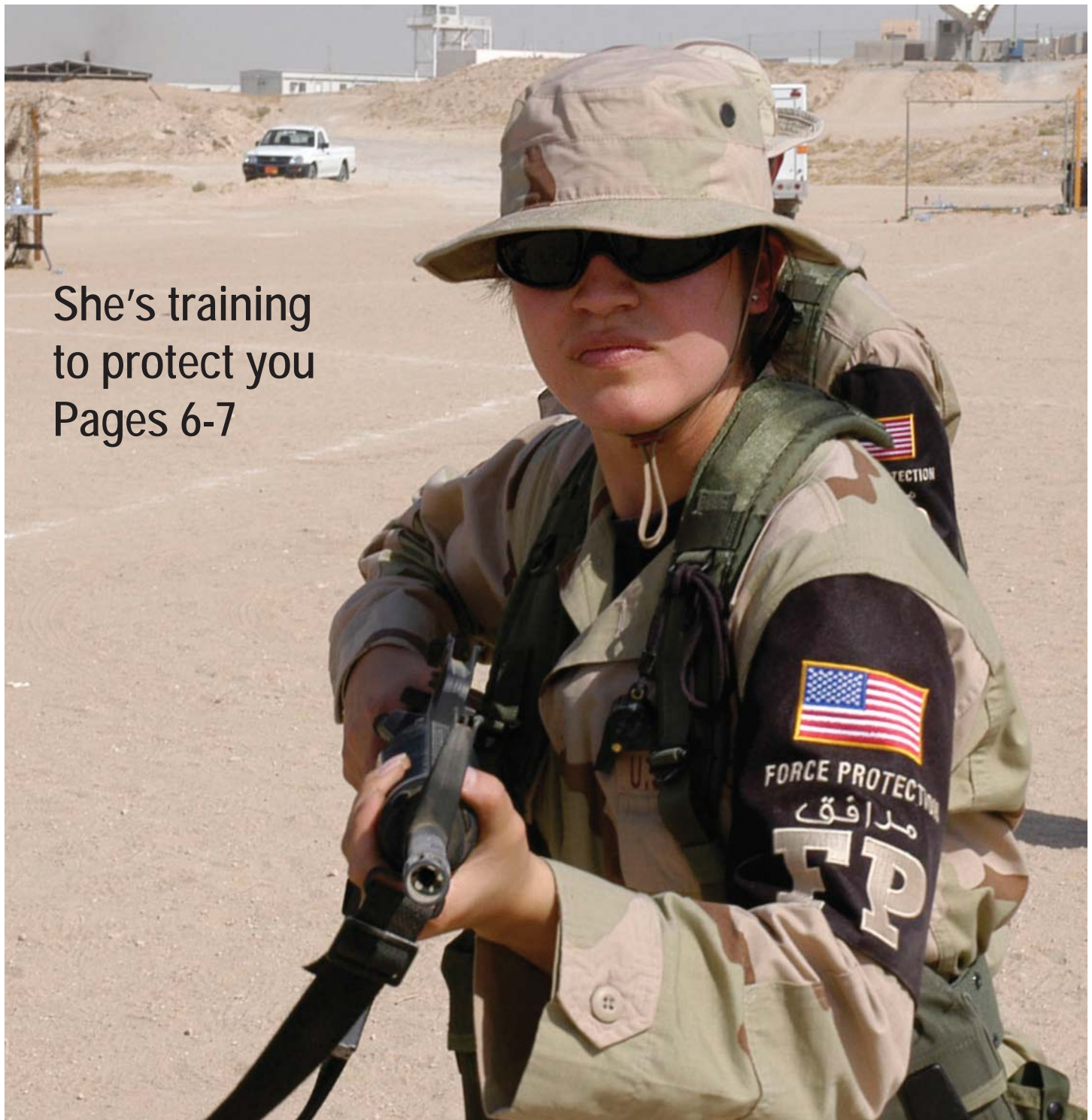


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Making the commitment to improve

Lt. Col. Art E. Rozier

586 MSG Det 1 Commander

As a new group of Air Force professionals arrive in Kuwait and other locations throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR), it is an opportunity to establish new goals and habits that will carry us through our time here. Regardless of the length of time you have been in the AOR, how long you still have, or which deployment this is for you, there are things you can do to improve your duty section, your living conditions and yourself. Making the commitment to improve those areas starts with each of us. Take time to reflect on some of the basic reasons you are doing your mission here. We are all aware of the War on Terrorism and the great contribution we are making to help keep our nation as well as nations in this region safe. From an individual perspective, what kinds of things are you doing that drive you to do your best in any endeavor? Regardless of your rank, all of us have responsibility—we are responsible for our duty sections, for our individual performance and behavior and any number of other “responsibilities”. Regarding our mission here in the AOR, there are significant responsibilities for us to carry out every day. These responsibilities extend beyond the AOR and even beyond our professional lives—we have significant responsibilities to our families and communities back home. Know your responsibilities and ensure they are carried out in the professional manner you are expected to accomplish them.

Take ownership of the areas you have responsibility over. In Tom Clancy’s book “Every Man a Tiger”, General Charles Horner tells us about the concept of ownership in the Air Force. He explains how General W.L. Creech, while Commander of Tactical Air Command, looked for ways to motivate Airmen to do the great work

they wanted to do. His overall concept was individual ownership vs. centralized management; allowing individual Airmen to take ownership of their individual tasks. When allowed to do this, they will use ingenuity and take pride in their work. One quote in that book refers to a conversation with an NCO and General Creech where the NCO, advocating the concept of ownership, asks “When’s the last time you washed a rental car?” In a four to six month deployment, it is easy to treat our living and work areas like a “rental” instead of the place we live, work and “own”, even if it is for relatively short durations. Resist this natural tendency of just treating our home like a “rental” and “take ownership”.

Every day we make choices—hundreds of them. Most are basic and intuitive, either from our training or just common sense, but many beg us to use some reasoning mechanism. In many cases, we should simply do what a Chief Master Sergeant told me several years ago—do the hard right thing instead of the easy wrong. Most of the time, our choices come down to basic right and wrong decisions. We usually know exactly what to do—just do the right thing.

What are the results of choices? Consequences—either good or bad based on those choices. Make good choices and we get good consequences. Bad choices, well, we know what that leads to.

So, there you have it; a slightly different ROCK—Responsibility, Ownership, Choices and Consequences--ROCC. Well, I never was very good at spelling, being a product of the North Carolina public education system...but, put the ROCC to good use during your tour, do the right things and make our AOR a better place. Just like the great professionals who came before us, we have a chance to Do Something Amazing!



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'Universal' federal ID card to replace CAC

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WASHINGTON (AFPN) - New identification cards to be issued to Defense Department employees beginning next month will help standardize workforce identification and security access systems across the government, a senior Defense Department official said here Sept. 15.

The new common access card eventually will be issued to all federal employees and is part of a standardized, secure credentialing system that was mandated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va., said.

Starting Oct. 27, the new "super CAC" ID cards will be issued to employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates, she said.

The new cards interface with a secure, encrypted credentialing database and are interoperable for personal identification as well as access to federal buildings and facilities, she said.

However, each facility will still determine who is authorized access, Ms. Dixon said. Information embedded on the cards is quickly referenced and compared to centrally stored personnel security clearance data, she said.

"It is an effort to try to improve the security in the federal government," Ms. Dixon explained.

The new cards also help employees secure their computer



Air Force/Capt. Jeff Clark

Capt. Nicholas Jameson, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing executive officer, uses his common access card to log in to his computer account. In the next few years the CAC will be replaced.

networks, she said, as well as provide improved security for federal buildings, military installations and campuses.

"So, I can use this card, not just in the Department of Defense, but it can be read in other agencies," Ms. Dixon said. "If they choose to give me access, they can then read my card," she said.

The new card features the user's photograph, like other cards now in circulation, Ms. Dixon said. But its computer chip also will contain two encrypted fingerprints, as well as a unique personal identification number.

The new card can be

read, either by swiping it or by waving it near a special card reader, she said.

Issuance of the new card has the potential of reducing the number of agency security badges, Ms. Dixon said, because federal agencies will refer to a standardized credentialing system. However, agency security administrators still have the authority to approve or deny access.

"The card, on its own, does not entitle you to any access to anything," Ms. Dixon explained. "It is

an authentication token."

"Every time you use the card, it is authenticated, meaning somebody checks to make sure that card is a 'good' card issued in the Department of Defense to you, and that it is still valid," Ms. Dixon said.

As always, employees who believe their government-issued ID card has been lost or stolen are required to notify security administrators, Ms. Dixon said, who then deactivate the card.

This ensures that cards reported stolen or missing can't be used in DOD, she said.

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Air Force 59th birthday celebration is a joint affair

Capt. Jeff Clark
386th AEWPA

Cakes are the traditional way to celebrate birthdays and here it was no exception as the Desert Winds and Army Life Support Area dining facilities had cakes in honor of the United States Air Force turning 59 years old Monday.

In addition to the cake and in true joint-service fashion, members of the Army and Navy helped the Detachment 1, 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group at the LSA put on a big show. The festivities included three bands, another cake, ice cream and Air Force T-Shirts commemorating the start of the 60th Anniversary year. Lt. Col. Tim Eichhorn, Det 1, 386th EMSG commander, reinforced the joint aspect of the celebration before the concert started.

"We're celebrating the Air Force birthday," Colonel Eichhorn said. "But this is also a celebration of the combined joint environment we're all in and the great job you're all doing."

The first band, Screaming Alpha, was made up of five enlisted Navy members from Navy Customs, Battalion Q who volunteered to give their final performance in honor of the Air Force's birthday. After

electricity, so using a bullhorn instead of a microphone, the show continued to the delight of the more than 200 Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers in the audience.

The electricity problems were fixed in time for another Army V Corps band, Article 15 which is primarily a rock group, to play their set. The members from both V Corps bands are currently stationed at Camp Victory, Iraq; but according to Tech. Sgt. Tess Hose, Det 1, 386th EMSG Marketing Liaison officer, putting the celebration together was relatively easy.

"We had people volunteer to help and Master Sgt. Barnes called the Army bands and they wanted to come back to play here again," Sergeant Hose said. "All the pieces just kind of fell into place which is good because the Air Force birthday is something important to celebrate."

For more information about MWR events at the LSA, call 859-1054/1060.



an energetic set that included covers of artists like the Black Crowes and Jimi Hendrix, as well as a few original songs, Screaming Alpha finished up (a little early due to power problems) to enthusiastic applause as the next band took the stage.

The V Corps Boogie Down Brass Band was able to keep the show rolling since their instruments didn't need



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Top center: The birthday cake in the Desert Winds Dining Facility before being cut and devoured. **Bottom right:** Members of the V Corps Boogie Down Brass Band jam on stage during the Air Force 59th Birthday Party at the Army Life Support Area Monday night. Pictured from left to right are Sgt. Lester Simpson, Spc. Kollister Williams, Sgt. Benjamin Foss and Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Madison. **Bottom left:** Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Kozee plays bass for Screaming Alpha. An LSA favorite, Screaming Alpha played their final gig for the Air Force Birthday to honor what Kozee called the greatest Air Force in the world from the greatest Navy in the world.

Defeating illness through handwashing

Staff Sgt. Patrick J. Browning II
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The 386 Expeditionary Medical Group wishes to welcome you to welcome all newcomers to "The Rock" and remind everyone to wash your hands often. Whether you realize it or not, you carry millions of microbes on your hands. Most are harmless, but you can pick up some that cause illnesses, such as colds, flu, and diarrhea. When we forget to wash our hands, or don't wash them properly, we can spread germs to other people or to ourselves by touching our mouths, eyes, noses, or cuts on our bodies.

Let's take a minute and think about all of the things you touch each day and how many people may have touched them before you. Think about how many hands have touched the dumbbells in the gym. Think of how many hands have touched the



pool sticks at the Flex. Think of how many people didn't wash their hands and touched the doorknob as they left the restroom. This list goes on and on. Now think of putting all those germs in your mouth. It doesn't sound too pleasing does it?

Recent studies indicate that lack of or improper handwashing still contributes significantly to about 30% of disease transmission. While we are all potentially at risk of contracting hand-transmitted illnesses, one-third of our population is especially vulner-

able, including pregnant women, children, old people, and those with weakened immune systems. And don't think hospitals are not the only places in which Handwashing is important. Each year, children in daycare centers, elderly in convalescent homes, and contact lens wearers acquire infections transported on hands. Cleanliness in the food-service industry has long been of concern with regard to transmission of foodborne illness. In the food-service industry, studies indicate that inadequate handwashing and cross-contamination is responsible for as much as 40% of foodborne illnesses, including Salmonella.

It is estimated that one out of three people do not wash their hands after using the restroom. These tips are also important when you are out in public. Washing your hands regularly can certainly save you a trip to the doctor.

Courtesy and Considerations for Ramadan

About Ramadan:

- Period of self-denial; time devoted to meditation and spiritual purification.
- One of the five pillars of Islam; one of holiest times of the year for people of Muslim faith.
- A period of complete abstinence, between dawn and dusk, from all things considered pleasurable including food, drink, and all physical pleasures.
- It is against the law in Kuwait for ANYONE to eat, drink or smoke in public during fasting hours. This includes chewing gum and snacking.
- When traveling off-base on official travel, Kuwaiti Police will strictly enforce Kuwaiti laws relating to Ramadan violations and will arrest those who violate the law.

Rock Ramadan Requirements:

- All eating and drinking will be done inside buildings.
- Discretely drinking water on the flight line or in the performance of primary duties is permitted. Don't openly flaunt or consume in the view of Kuwaitis/other practicing Muslims. No eating, chewing gum, or drinking while driving or riding in a vehicle outside ECP's.
- Smoking is permitted only in designated smoking areas and should not be openly flaunted. DO NOT SMOKE IN PROHIBITED AREAS.
- Do not exhibit any public displays of affection.
- Do not ridicule anyone observing Ramadan including US service members of the Islamic faith.
- All personnel must wear long pants & sleeves when outside all Air Force controlled areas during daylight hours (including walkers/runners on perimeter road.)



The Rock's softball field became a battlefield for 100 Airmen from the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron on 13 September. Force protection training was conducted to bring Airmen up to speed on airbase defense, high crawl, low crawl, hand to hand combat, and convoy defense.

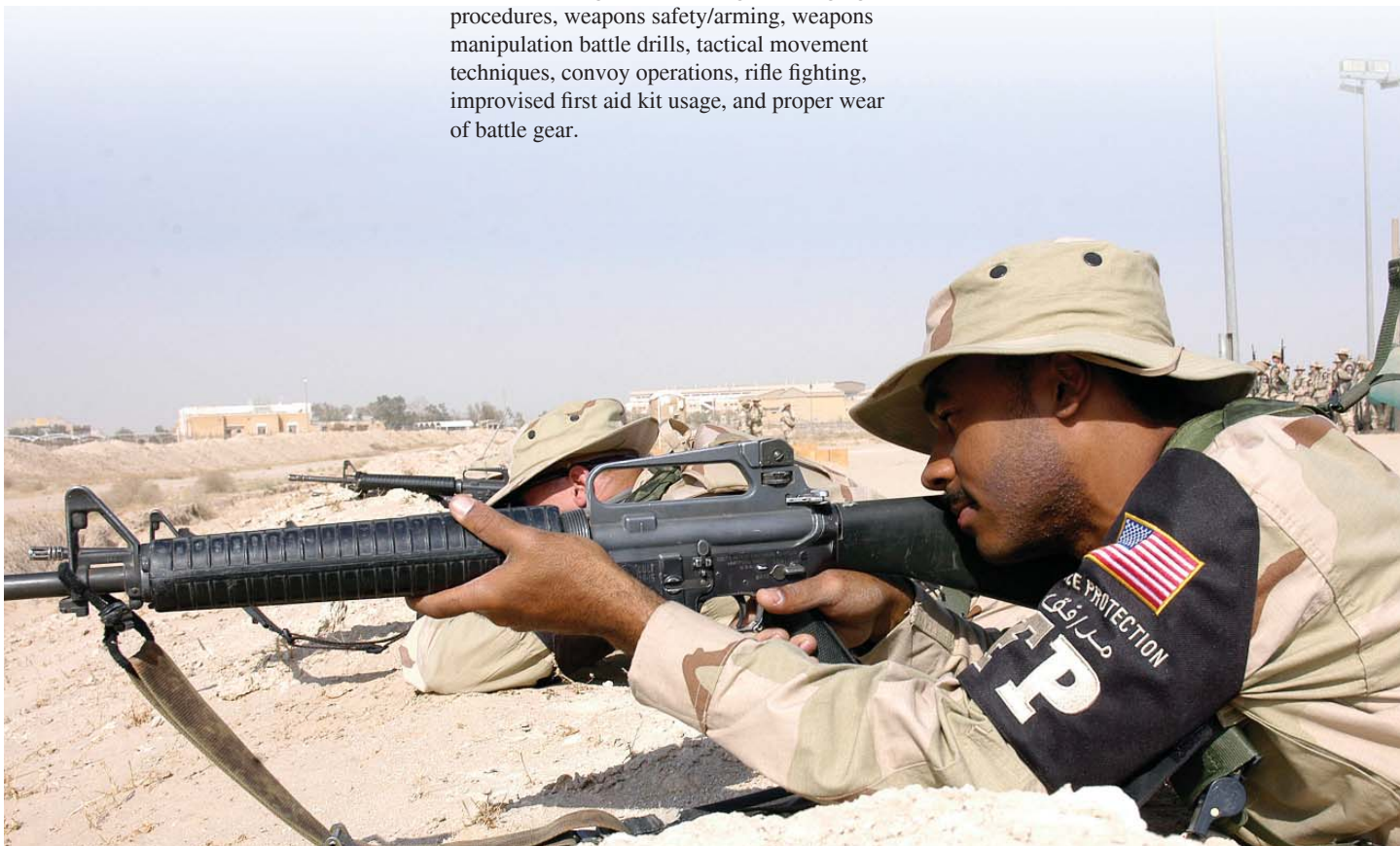
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Force Protection conducts third country national (TCN) escort duties for TCN's who work inside the "Rock" and around USAF assets at KCIA. They are deployed from units across the AF to conduct escort duties. FP escorts process TCN's on and off the base at the entry control point and provide visual security over them while they are on base. We also use the FP as ready augmentees during increased force protection conditions. They become a force multiplier and work with security forces as additional armed personnel for security posting around the Rock.

They are trained as SF augmentees once they arrive in addition to their specific TCN escort duties. SF training consists of use of force/rules of engagement training (UOF/ROE), searching & handcuffing, challenging procedures, weapons safety/arming, weapons manipulation battle drills, tactical movement techniques, convoy operations, rifle fighting, improvised first aid kit usage, and proper wear of battle gear.



386th Air Expeditionary Wing Rock Solid Warriors



**Senior Airman
Kristin Miller**

386 AEW/CP

1C351 Emergency Actions Controller for the Wing Operations Center.

Home unit/base: Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan

How do you support the mission here?

I monitor missions for arrival and departures, coordinating C-130 missions with AMD at Al Udeid A.B. and C-17 missions with TACC at Scott AFB. I am an acting liaison between aircrews and maintenance and airfreight to make sure maintenance is aware and responding to various maintenance problems and air freight is pushing pax and cargo as quickly as possible. In the WOC we also serve as the central hub of communications. We make sure all first responders are notified of emergencies on base and the keep the commanders in the loop as well.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique?

This is my first deployment; that alone has already made this deployment unique. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to learn a new and different aspect of my career field and I'm excited about being apart of something bigger than myself.

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base?

What I do here and how quickly I react really effects what goes on down range. Getting soldiers in and out is the priority. Whereas at home we deal with our day to day Airevac missions, training mission and SRO missions.



**Senior Airman
Brandon Stryker**

586 EMSG Det 1

3C052 Computer Programmer

Home unit/base: Hill AFB, UT

How do you support the mission here?

I support the mission by providing customer support for all computer issues for 5 flights throughout Camp Patriot and Kuwait Naval Base. I also support the mission by providing computer programming support for any customer within the 586 EMSG that needs a database or program created in order to better organize their flight's administration. I also participate in additional duties as necessary to accomplish the Camp Command Cell's mission; we are all one team here.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique?

This is my second deployment and this one is unique because the unit I am in is much smaller and more cohesive. This leads to a better working environment and more individual responsibility. Also, Kuwait Naval base offers a unique opportunity to interact and work with Army, Navy, and Coast Guard personnel on a daily basis and I have learned a great deal from my sister services while deployed.

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base?

At Hill AFB, I am only required to know programming languages for different platforms in order to support the customer. At Camp Patriot, I am responsible for computer maintenance as well as being a computer programmer and a liaison with the US Army on all communications concerns.