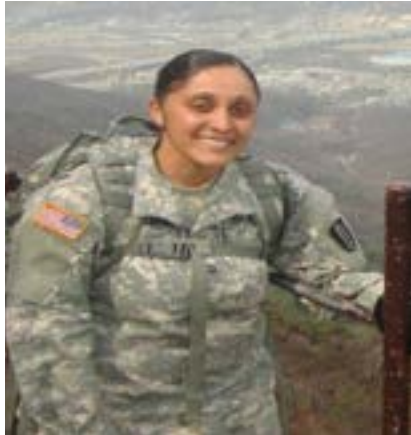


11TH SIGNAL BRIGADE

THE BOTTOM LINE**86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion
Spotlight Soldier****SPC Sophia Castillo**

SPC Castillo has been with the 86th ESB in Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, since December 2012. She has been a valuable asset to the organization ever since her arrival. As a Command Post Node (CPN) Team Chief, SPC Castillo has taken on administrative and leadership responsibilities above and beyond what is required of her rank.

Her desire to learn and to ensure her team's success is reminiscent of her strong Non-Commissioned Officer capabilities. SPC Castillo has also taken on additional duties as she continues to set the example for her peers.

In August 2013, she began serving as the barracks NCO. This duty allowed her to become the liaison between the maintenance personnel and more than 36 Soldiers that live in the barracks.

In September of 2013, SPC Castillo's team was selected to support 3/1 in their rotation at the National Training Center (NTC) the following month. She exceeded the standards for the mission by ensuring flawless establishment of communications as well as safe and secure transport of more than \$1.5 million worth of satellite communications equipment including sensitive items and weapons.

If her track record is any indication, Castillo will prove to be an outstanding NCO when she finally gets promoted.

New Year's Eve Safety Tips

Everyone wants to have an unforgettable night -- in a good way. By simply using some common sense, we can keep it that way. Ring in the New Year safely.

- **Be Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings and how others are acting. Stay away from those who are out of control and might cause harm. Taking preventive measures is key. If someone is really intoxicated, prevent them from trying to drive or leaving with someone they do not know. It's important to keep an eye out for each other.
- **Don't Drive:** If you don't have to go behind the wheel, avoid it. More people will be driving under the influence on this particular night, so avoid a potentially dangerous accident by staying off the road. Otherwise, be alert and drive defensively. Most importantly, wear your seat belt. Also, using public transportation is a wise option. If taking a cab is too expensive, crashing at a friend's place nearby is a convenient solution.
- **Stick Together:** This way we can look out for our friends and family. Going out to parties and nightclubs means a fast-paced, crazy night; so be sure to travel in groups. Having a safety net around you in this environment is imperative.
- **Monitor your Alcohol Intake:** A majority of people will be drinking on New Year's Eve, and there is nothing wrong with that. Just be sure to pay attention to how much you and others are consuming. Drinking too much alcohol can have lethal affects. Be responsible.
- **Be careful with open flames:** If you're burning candles, incense or oil burners, remember to extinguish them before you turn in or before you leave the room they are burning in. Pay extra attention to pets and children around open flames.

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designate a sober driver

Celebrating the end of one year, and the beginning of a new year is an annual event in the United States, and around the world. With so many people out enjoying themselves, the dangers of someone driving under the influence is increased. Driving under the influence puts your life, career, and the lives of others at risk.

If you plan on drinking, have a plan. Make sure you have a designated driver, stay where you are at, or use some type of public transportation.

Below are some transportation options:

Fort Hood:

www.soberrides.org
Harker Heights Taxi Cab- (254) 699-9311
Killeen Cab Company- (254) 699-2227
Yellowcab- (254) 245-7781

Fort Bliss:

Yellow Cab- (915) 533-3433
No D.U.I. El Paso- (877) 366-7604

Fort Huachuca:

Huachuca Shuttle and Taxi- (520) 439-0439
Sierra Vista Transportation- (520) 459-1505

For information on enforcement efforts across the United States, please visit:

<http://www.ghsa.org/html/issues/impaireddriving/holiday13.html> (520) 459-1505

New Year's Eve Events for Soldiers and Family Members

Fort Hood, TX:

New Year's Eve Bowling Party Tuesday, December 31st, 2013 from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Phantom Warrior Lanes, just inside the Clear Creek Gate.

The cost is \$75 per lane, which includes unlimited bowling, shoe rentals, wings and pizza for up to five bowlers per lane. The party is open to all DoD identification card holders and their guests. Reservations are being taken now.

Call (254)287-3424 for more information or to reserve your lane.

Fort Huachuca

Enjoying the holidays with a little cheer? The Fort Huachuca Safe Ride Program can get you to where you need to go with Transportation Express.

In an effort to reduce DUIs throughout the community, the Fort Huachuca Army Air Force Exchange... Service (AAFES), in coordination with the Community Health Promotion Council's Installation Prevention Team, is offering Active Duty Service Members and Family members a Safe Ride Service through Transportation Express.

For a fee of \$6.00, Transportation Express will provide a local round trip transportation service from residence (barracks, government quarters, off-post residence) to a local establishment or private residence, which serves alcohol, and return to residence. Participants must show a military or dependent ID upon pickup and state that they wish to participate in the Safe Ride Program.

Upon arrival at destination, the Transportation Express driver will collect the \$6.00 fee and give the passenger a card with a phone number to call for return trip to residence.

This card is valid for a one time use, not to exceed 24 hours, and cannot be presented at a later date. If a passenger wishes to go to a location other than his or her residence, an additional fee will be charged.

For more information call Jeff Hyatt at (520) 458-7211 Ext. 204 or Email: HyattJ@aafes.com

Fort Bliss, TX:

Fort Bliss Child, Youth and School Services offers New Year's Eve care Tuesday, December 31 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Reservations are required and regular hourly rates will apply. Children must be registered with CYSS in order to participate. Care will be provided at Milam Child Development Center for all youth, newborn to fifth grade. Milam CDC will provide wraparound care for youth attending school-age camps at Milam School-Age Center.

Milam CDC is located at 11896 Haan Road on East Fort Bliss. To make reservations, or for more information, call Milam CDC at (915) 744-7877, Milam SAC at (915) 744-2274, or Parent Central Services at (915) 568-4374.

Desert Strike Lanes, 2949 Carter Road, will also have a special event on New Year's Eve. For \$15, you can bowl all you want from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The first 100 people get party favors, and free light snacks will be served. There will be a champagne toast at midnight. The snack bar and liquor bar will be open for food and beverage purchases. Information: Centennial Club, (915) 744-8427, and Desert Strike Lanes, (915) 568-6272.



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