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Unprecedented Trial In 201st Corps Sets Judicial Standards

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201st Command Judge Advocate Mentor

POL-E CHARKI, Afghanistan – On November 29, 2006, the 201st Basic Military Court convicted Brig. Gen. Akhtar, the Chief of Staff, 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps, of beating a Soldier. He was sentenced to six months in jail and given credit for the 51 days he served in pre-trial confinement. He was also placed on three years probation.

This case, in conjunction with another case convicting a logistics officer of

beating a Soldier who refused to give him fuel without authorization, were monumental steps forward for the Afghan National Army (ANA) military justice system.

"This is a historic moment," Chief Judge Brig. Gen. Hemayatullah said. "Never before has the ANA convicted a brigadier general of any crime at court-martial."

When a Soldier failed to report for formation, Akhtar went to the Soldier's room. In his own words, he administered non-judicial punishment on the Soldier by

having him low-crawl through the gravel. After the low-crawl, the Soldier was ordered to a classroom where the rest of the Soldiers were located. As the Soldier stood up, he allegedly assumed a stance displaying disrespect toward Akhtar. At that point, Akhtar struck the Soldier on the side of the head causing him to fall into a doorway and lose consciousness. He was taken to the base clinic where he was kept for observation for five days.

The day after the assault, Col. Steven Vitali, former 201st Regional Command Assistance

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On Point w/ the CSM

Jungleers,

Recently a working group of senior leaders and experienced gunners studied how to react to perceived threats while moving in a convoy. Our gunners are the most at risk warriors in the task force. They also have the largest responsibility for the safety and security of our convoys.

They are our eyes and ears. In seconds they may have to go from waving and smiling to using deadly force on a suspected threat. It is one of the most challenging jobs in this task force.

We expect a lot of our gunners and we owe them a lot. We must give them every bit of intelligence possible so that they are aware of the current situation. We must do thorough convoy briefs every time in order to reinforce the current situation and SOPs.

Escalation of force resulting in the discharge of a weapons system always has repercussions. Our soldiers must know there will always be a 15-6 investigation to get the facts and to exploit the lessons learned from the incident. This is never a "witch-hunt." In my experience from Iraq and Afghanistan, not once has a gunner been held responsible for negligence. They are always able to articulate what happened and why the escalation occurred.

Leaders must have candid discussions with our gunners to explain why they must do everything possible to avoid discharging their weapons system, and that they must exhaust all other options before firing. We have yet to stop a bomber by shooting them before they detonate, but we have fired on vehicles and civilians that have not posed a threat. Luckily within our task force we have not killed any innocent civilians. I believe our TTP of firing one shot into the engine block has prevented loss of life. That is not the story across the country. Unfortunately, other units have fired and killed innocents.

We must continue to train, train, train, and then train some more. Escalation of force cards will be duplicated and distributed soon. When your unit receives them, make sure you schedule time for your leaders to review it with your warriors.

Brunk Conley
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major



General Guidance

Warriors,

You, the members of CJTF Phoenix V, have developed an exceptional reputation for outstanding teamwork and professionalism best described as a Great Team. There are four characteristics of a great team: Communication, Cooperation, Trust and Fun.

Everyday, you are making a difference in the lives of the people we are here to help. The Humanitarian Assistance projects you completed have already had a dramatic impact improving the lives of young and old alike. Without your assistance some Afghan citizens would not receive the medical care so critical to their survival. Children in orphanages would not have the clothes and blankets they need to endure these harsh winter months.

The trust you are demonstrating in the Afghan National Army and Police helps them believe in themselves. General George Patton said, "The most important trait a Soldier can possess is Self Confidence." Your actions at every level are helping build the confidence that is so critical to our success in building a professional Army and Police Force. It is certainly fun and gratifying to help an entire country enjoy freedom for the first time in many years.

People from the Secretary of the US Army to the Elders in the villages near our Forward Operating Bases have commented on the outstanding work you do and the professional image you display. There is no way I can relay all the positive remarks I receive about the way you conduct yourselves and the value you are adding to the development of a safe and secure Afghanistan.

You and your fellow warriors are setting a new standard for excellence that will enable the Phoenix V team to have a significant impact on the citizens of Afghanistan. To me these are all signs of a great team.

As we begin this New Year, I ask that you continue the exceptional efforts you have put forth and continue to demonstrate the characteristics of a truly Great Team.

Thank you for your service.

Douglas A. Pritt
BG, USA
Commanding

Fellow Patriots,

2007 is upon us! As we look forward to a new year, we shouldn't forget some of the more memorable moments from 2006. 2006 brought with it new places, people, and adventures for all of us.

Many Warriors have thought about and made the dreaded New Year's resolutions. Improving physical condition, quitting bad habits, reconnecting with family, and enjoying life are among the most common resolutions.

A new year brings new hope and an opportunity to change. I encourage you

to do something positive this year in your own life. As warriors of Task Force Phoenix V, we have a unique opportunity to improve the lives of Afghans, some of the poorest, troubled people in the world.

There are many ways to change a life. From collecting donations, loading trucks or delivering goods, there is always something that can be done to make a difference.

The smiles of the children and adults of Afghanistan are rewards that cannot be measured. Every Warrior in the task force has an opportunity to touch a life.

Whether you assist in a humanitarian aid drop or attend a school opening, the simple gift of kindness goes a long way.

While you are already giving so much to our own citizens back home and the people of Afghanistan simply by doing your jobs here, I have a challenge for you. This year, I challenge you to grab this deployment by the horns, get out and see Afghanistan, if only for a day. Reward yourself by seeing some of the fruits of your labor.

May you all be blessed with a safe and happy new year!

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Female Soldiers In The ANA Learn To Shoot

Story and Photos By
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KMTC PIO

KABUL, Afghanistan – It is important and necessary for every Soldier to be qualified on his or her weapon. Each Soldier must be completely familiar with their weapons and have a professional knowledge of its mechanics and techniques.

In order to increase the Afghan National Army's (ANA) capabilities, 25 female officers and noncommissioned officers from the General Staff Support Brigade of the Ministry of Defense, donned their military uniforms and conducted live fire with AK-47s at the



Brig. Gen. Khatool Muhammad Zai, a paratrooper, is the highest ranking woman in the ANA and supervises the range.

ranges of Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC).

Brig. Gen. Khatool Muhammad Zai, a female paratrooper who is also the highest ranking woman in the ANA, led the female officers and noncommissioned officers at the ranges helping them with their technique and their uniforms.

"It is a pleasure for the people of Afghanistan and a proud moment, especially for the women of this country, that our female officers and noncommissioned officers are conducting live fire with AK-47s for the first time in the ANA," Khatool said.

The AK-47 live fire was preformed in three positions: prone, kneeling and standing. Soldiers attempted to shoot 10 out of 30 rounds on target in each position.

"Today I am happy to have a presence among my brave sisters conducting live fire at KMTC," Khatool said. "From my point of view each military individual needs to get maximum usage of his or her weapon and for further practice, these types of live fire exercises need to occur repeatedly."

There are approximately 120 women in the ANA serving in various positions around the country. The women perform office work, female security searches, work in logistics and serve in medical rolls as nurses, doctors and medics.

"As we know, women create half



1st Lt. Nasima, an ANA officer shooting her AK-47 for the first time, shot the best out of her peers with 9 out of 30 bullets on target.

of the society," Khatool said, "and I always wish that our sisters will participate in defending our territorial integrity, our national independence, and ensure peace and stability in the society along with our brothers in the ANA."

The live fire exercise was conducted in two groups. 1st Lt. Nasima, hit the target nine times in one position.

"I am very happy that I performed live fire with the AK-47," Nasima said. "It's my first time shooting a weapon and I am so happy that nine out of 30 bullets hit the target. I hope there will be further opportunities for us to do live fire because this type of practice is useful for all military personnel and every military individual should be able to shoot the target well."

First Conviction Of ANA Commander Sends Message

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Group (RCAG) Commander, met with the 201st Corps Commander to discuss placing the accused in pre-trial confinement. This course of action met with a great deal of resistance as the accused is connected to very powerful men within the Afghan government. It was feared that these men would intervene and protect the accused from any form of punishment. After almost three hours of mentoring, the Corps Commander made the courageous decision to place the accused in pre-trial confinement. This in itself was unprecedented; never before had an officer this senior been placed in pre-trial confinement.

The next morning the Corps Commander, Vitali, and the ANA Staff Judge Advocate met with Akhtar to discuss his confinement. Several Embedded Trainers waited in the foyer in full body armor with M-4s. Akhtar's supporters also waited armed with AK-47s. To say it was a showdown would almost be an understatement.

The tension in the room became palpable. Every Soldier and Marine in the room had either placed their hand on their

weapon or had drawn it from its holster. It was a very tense moment.

An incredible amount of pressure was put on the Corps Commander, the Staff Judge Advocate and the prosecutor to let the accused out of confinement. It was a real challenge but the prosecutor did not cave to the pressure or let him go. As the trial drew closer, the judges began to receive pressure to dismiss the case or at the very least, be lenient in their punishment if they found the accused guilty.

On the first day of the trial, it was standing room only. Most of the men in the court room were in support of the accused. It could have been an intimidating sight but the victim did not change his testimony and testified against the accused. A few other witnesses also testified truthfully despite the pressure of the situation. Other witnesses succumbed to the pressure and testified contrary to what they had reported during the initial investigation.

Despite the obvious change of testimony of many of the witnesses, the judges were able to find the truth amidst the recanting and changing testimony. After three days of testimony, the judges

deliberated for less than thirty minutes finding Akhtar guilty of the assault.

As the court-martial proceeded the Corps Commander held his first official non-judicial punishment hearing under the new non-judicial punishment code for the brigade logistics officer accused of beating a Soldier. The logistics officer attempted to get fuel for his personal vehicle without the permission of the Brigade Commander. When the sergeant at the fuel point refused to give him the fuel, the logistics officer beat him.

The proceedings ran smoothly and looked exactly as a non-judicial punishment hearing would look in the United States. While the punishment ended up being less than was recommended, it was a great accomplishment for the ANA.

Watching these two cases unfold has been very satisfying for all of the mentors involved in the military justice system. The ANA Soldiers now know that their military justice system works despite the political connections of an accused person. They know that they can withstand any influence brought against them and that despite the pressure, the system can succeed. The ANA has truly taken a giant step forward.

Task Force Phoenix Tra

Story and Photo By 1st Lt. Amanda Straub

AFGHANISTAN – Task Force Phoenix is adapting to take on the mission of training the police force in Afghanistan.

“It’s like a team sport,” Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Pritt, task force commander said. “We don’t win until all players cross the finish line, not when the ANA (Afghan National Army) finishes two years before the ANP (Afghan National Police).”

Three years ago, DynCorps International, a company that specializes in training police forces around the world, was contracted by the Department of State (DOS) to train Afghan police forces and take some of the burden off of deploying Soldiers. As with the ANA, the biggest challenge has been teaching the police accountability of personnel and equipment and properly managing logistical assets.

“The military had obtained, and had in country, logistical goods that could be disbursed accountably,” Dan White, DynCorps International trainer said.

The decision was made to incorporate both ANA and police missions into one joint national campaign.

“Afghanistan is a fluid battlefield situation. DOS wanted to fit the police training to a battlefield situation that would compliment the ANA. They need to work side by side,” White said.

Pritt also said the ANA and Afghan police should compliment each other and work together to provide security in Afghanistan.

“We need a balanced Afghan National Security Force,” Pritt said. “We need both the army and police to be at approximately the same level of professionalism.”

Training and mentoring the Afghan police will create new challenges and demands in the task force, but it is vitally important to the security of Afghanistan that the country have both a stable army and police force. Pritt insisted that the added requirements stemming from incorporating the police training mission into task force objectives will not adversely affect the continuing mission of training and mentoring the ANA.

“I believe this will affect the ANA in a positive manner,” Pritt said. “It will strengthen the relationship between the ANA and ANP. There will be more joint training, joint operations, and will enhance trust. One big benefit will be the enhancement of information flow creating much better intelligence sharing.”

Some task force personnel will be reassigned completely to the police side of the task force mission, some embedded trainers currently working with the ANA will begin working with the Afghan police as well to incorporate them into joint training and operations. Pritt said the security task force, logistics task force and staff cells will see the most dramatic affects as they will be required to coordinate, plan and support operations for both security elements.

“The ANA is progress-

ing very well and developing professionally,” Pritt said. “The police need more mentorship and training and there’s been less resources for them.”

Pritt said the mission to train the Afghan police is ideally suited to the strengths of a National Guard unit like the 41st Brigade Combat Team. Many of the task force warriors have previous experience in law enforcement as civilian police, military police, and corrections and detention officers. These warriors are being pulled from around the country to assist

in mentoring and training the Afghan police using the ANA as a model.

“This is a tribute to the professionalism of the Task Force Phoenix team,” Pritt said. “We would not be asked to do this mission if people weren’t pleased with the job we are doing. It is a testament to the capabilities our warriors bring to Afghanistan and an exciting, rewarding opportunity to work with the police.”

A new group of approximately 500 warriors will arrive in country toward the end of January helping to fill

aining Up Afghan Police



the additional requirements of training the Afghan police. The first priority will be to transition mentors to the police mission who have already been working in country and are familiar with the local customs and courtesies, but many members of the incoming group who have law enforcement backgrounds will be utilized as well. The incoming forces will be seriously needed to backfill the slots left vacant by outgoing warriors working with the police.

Lt. Col. Scott W. Johnson, Task Force Police Opera-

tions Officer, says the number of task force personnel involved in training and mentoring the police directly will increase from 75 to more than 250 by the end of the tour. In addition, Task Force 76 has contributed a substantial number of its own military police force to help mentor the Afghan police.

The Afghan police forces consist of several diverse types of law enforcement all serving different functions. All of these entities will need mentoring and support enablers to be suc-

cessful.

The Afghan Uniform Police is the largest group consisting of what we would consider to be police in the United States. The Afghan Auxiliary Police, General Police and Standby police fall under this category. The Border Police patrol all of Afghanistan's borders and customs checkpoints looking for insurgents, smugglers and other security threats. The Afghan National Civil Order Police are responsible for domestic disturbances and riot control.

All of these entities fall

under the broad title Afghan National Police, and the Ministry of Interior. They are all responsible for making Afghanistan safe and secure in their own way.

Over the next few months, Task Force Phoenix personnel will work diligently, as they always do, to assist the Afghan police in becoming a stronger, more stable, more professional organization.

"The important thing is building up the police to do their job, which is to protect and serve the people of Afghanistan," Johnson said.

New Soldiers Patrol The Block

Story By 1st Lt. Amanda Straub
Photos by Lt. Janette Arencibia

KABUL, Afghanistan – You may have noticed some new faces around Camp Phoenix. They man the gates and towers around camp and execute daily patrols to ensure the safety of the Warriors at Camp Phoenix and their neighbors. They are the Soldiers of 1-18th Field Artillery Battalion from Fort Sill, Okla. and they are here to take on the security forces mission at Camp Phoenix.

“We’re lovin’ it so far,” Sgt. 1st Class Trey Chisolm said. “For a lot of the guys this is their first deployment overseas.”



Photo By 1st Lt. Amanda Straub

Two 1-18th Soldiers pull security on a patrol near Camp Phoenix at a recent humanitarian mission.

A rotation plan has been implemented to combat boredom and complacency among the Soldiers. They spend one week manning the towers around camp, one week manning the entry control point, and one week on patrols with other various tasks scattered in between.

“Patrol week is definitely the favorite week,” Chisolm said.

The 1-18th group has been here a little over a month and they are falling into their roll as an infantry company seamlessly.

“In June we got the word to do an infantry mission in Afghanistan,” Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Willis said. “We spent 90 days training up and reorganizing our field artillery battalion into an infantry company.”

Despite the fact that the 1-18th does not normally conduct infantry missions, the Soldiers are in high spirits and enjoying the opportunity to try something different.

“This is a good mission for us,” Willis said. “Field artillery doesn’t

get a lot of interaction normally with people. This type of mission allows the Soldiers to see the civilian population up close and see that they’re not all Taliban.”

The Soldiers of the 1-18th are actively meeting the Afghan people around camp and doing everything they can to improve their situations and ensure their continuing friendship and support of U.S. Soldiers. They have performed two medical assistance missions so far and on January 2nd they completed their first humanitarian aid drop at a nearby village named Owd Kheyl.

“Owd Kheyl is probably the poorest village in the neighborhood,” Willis said. “The guys before us told us they had problems with kids throwing rocks and stuff, so we want to prevent problems and friction.”

“It’s the roughest place to make friends and it’s close to post, so we decided to start there,” Chisolm said.

Willis is a member of the Combat Veterans Association, a motorcycle club in the States. He received an e-mail shortly after arrival in Afghanistan asking if he needed anything. Willis had an idea.

He told the group he needed shoes, socks and clothes for the children in the area.

“It’s cold here,” Willis said. “These kids run around barefoot or in flip-flops.”



A Soldier from 1-18th Field Artillery Battalion learns he’s outnumbered in a snowball fight with local children.

The Combat Veterans Association immediately responded by sending boxes of donated clothes, shoes, hats and gloves to Afghanistan. Within two weeks the 1-18th had enough items to clothe the children of several families in Owd Kheyl.

“There’s a force protection element of course to doing these sorts of projects, but really our Soldiers roll out every day and feel bad for these kids and wanna help out,” Willis said.

The humanitarian aid drop went well, but Willis would like to make some improvements to make future drops more organized. The goal of 1-18th is to conduct a humanitarian aid drop twice a month as long as supplies continue to come in at the same rate.

“If one kid doesn’t get frostbite because of us, then we did a good thing,” Willis said.



1-18th Soldiers are enjoying their deployment to Afghanistan helping Afghans rebuild.

Commanders Complete First Kandak Course

Story By Petty Officer 1st Class
Cheryl Medeiros
Training Assistance Group PAO

KABUL, Afghanistan – On November 29, 2006 an idea became reality with the first Kandak Commanders Course graduation.

“We are heroes,” Lt. Col. Gulrahman, Afghan director of the course said. “People were surprised at how successful the course was.”

The Kandak Commanders Course objective is to provide current and future Kandak Commanders the knowledge, skills and ability to command and control independent operations, in garrison and during combat, at the Kandak level. The course relies heavily on subject matter experts from the Afghan National Army’s (ANA) officer corps to instruct the Kandak Commanders.

“Every subject was interesting and useful for the commanders,” Gulrahman said. “When the subjects

were explained to the students, it was like a chain with the students and teachers connecting.”

Over a period of six weeks, the Kandak Commanders Course provides instruction in leadership, democratic government, operations of war, military decision making and training management to name a few of the classes.

The students from the first graduating class agreed the course was important and should be taught to every Commanding Officer and Executive Officer within the ANA.

“We had a little knowledge before this,” graduate Lt. Col. Shah Alam, 5th Kandak, 2nd Brigade 203rd Corp, said. “Our cup was filled a little at the bottom. But now the cup is almost full and we will need to continue these skills in our organization.”

The Ministry of Defense nominates participants for cieve recognition from Brig. Gen. Amin Wardak.

the Kandak Commanders Course. The primary candidates are officers who have not had formal military training during their careers. They are great warriors officers who have been fighting the enemies of Afghanistan for three decades, but they need more training in managing personnel and resources.

Four Kandak Commanders Courses are scheduled for each year at Kabul Military Training Center. The next class begins in January 2007.



ANA Soldiers Shoot D-30 And Learn Indirect Fire

Story By Cmdr. Chad Snee
205th RCAC PAO

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – A group of 91 motivated 205th Corps Afghan National Army (ANA) Soldiers recently completed training on the D-30 Howitzer artillery gun. A graduation ceremony was held Dec. 24.

Following the recitation of a passage from the Holy Koran, Col. Saed Zainodin took the podium.

“Every day, the ANA is becoming stronger, and we are learning to use different weapons,” Zainodin told the audience.

On Dec. 21, the ANA Soldiers capped their intensive training with a live-fire exercise consisting of two batteries of six guns each. The 12 guns fired approximately 120 rounds at targets 4,000 to 6,000 meters down range.

The overall success of the live fire was due in no small part to a cadre of 21 Mongolian Army Soldiers who came to Afghanistan to train the ANA Soldiers.

Capt. Jason Wilde, the officer in charge of the D-30 training, was extremely impressed with the Mongolians’ artillery expertise and discipline.

“They are absolute, unabated artillery geniuses,” Wilde stated. “They are very good with artillery geometry and conducting effective fire missions. I’ve learned a ton from them.”

The Mongolians’ participation highlighted the fact that Operation Enduring Freedom is most definitely a team effort and the success of the operation depends heavily on the continued cooperation of U.S. and Coalition forces.

Maj. Gen. Rahmatullah Raufi, 205th Corps Com-



Maj. Gen. Rahmatullah Raufi presents graduates with certificates.

mander, presented certificates to the Soldiers who successfully completed the course.

“It is our responsibility to train other soldiers how to use the D-30,” Raufi said. “I am hopeful that we will have newer artillery in the future.”

ANA Soldiers in the D-30 course learned how to effectively employ and maintain their weapons and utilize them for indirect fire missions, a first for the ANA.

“We have a powerful army,” Raufi said. “This training will allow us to fight more effectively with the enemy. I am very happy that our Soldiers passed the D-30 training.”

The completion of this essential training moved the ANA toward becoming a more disciplined and effective fighting force for the people of Afghanistan.

As the ANA stands up and takes charge, U.S. Soldiers can look forward to standing down.



Soldiers from the Mongolian army arrive to train ANA Soldiers.

Featured Patriot - Sgt. 1st Class Steven Alexander Buck

Story By Lt. Janette Arencibia

It should be no surprise that a recent inductee into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara would be recognized as this issue's Featured Patriot. The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara recognizes warriors who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character. These are individuals from the U.S. Army or U.S. Marine Corps who have an outstanding degree of professional competence and have contributed greatly to the promotion of the Field Artillery profession.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Alexander Buck's thirty-two years of service in Field Artillery make him a logical candidate. Buck's talents are varied. Not only is he an expert artilleryman, but he is utilizing his civilian skill set as an auto mechanic here in Afghanistan to improve maintenance procedures in the Afghan National Army (ANA).

Buck's enthusiasm for mentoring the Afghans and dedication to the mission has resulted in measurable progress, especially for the ANA of the 209th Corps where he utilized creative teaching methods to foster an interest in auto mechanics and enthusiasm for NASCAR. Those

who worked alongside Buck profess that he ran the best maintenance shop in the 209th.

"All of the ANA Soldiers that he trained were motivated by his energy, expertise, and dedication to help them become proficient in several levels of vehicle maintenance," Command Sgt. Maj., Alan Callanan, said.

When faced with obstacles, Buck excels in discovering ways in which to overcome them utilizing the same enthusiasm he has in teaching and mentoring. Because he has high standards for American and Afghan Soldiers alike, he strives to communicate in ways that engage Soldiers in learning and mentorship.

"I am so happy to be here to train the ANA," Buck said. "When I have to leave them for good it's going to be very emotional, I will miss them."

Buck's dedication and his continued desire to make a difference in the lives of the people of Afghanistan has him recognized by his Soldiers and peers as a great warrior, outstanding leader and a wonderful example for all to follow.

Buck is currently serving in the Army National Guard as one of our Task Force Phoenix Embedded Trainers. His



Sp. Angela Cole's extraordinary ability to adapt and master diverse skill sets makes her an invaluable part of Task Force Phoenix.

hometown is Portland, Oregon. Buck misses his wife and his toolbox very much, but says he is enjoying his deployment and meeting the diverse people of Afghanistan.

"I think the people are very friendly," Buck said. "I love the kids and enjoy taking their pictures and showing it to them. It really warms my heart to see children that have so little smile at something as simple as having a picture."

Sound Off - What's Your New Year's Resolution?



"I resolve to take a far out road trip to visit family and friends. And then, just keep on truckin'."

SGT Calvin Jansma
141 LTF
Ashland, Ore.



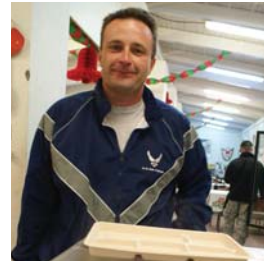
"Quit drinking. I really gotta watch my chai intake."

LTJG Tal "Thunder Rooster" Young
Spartanburg, S.C.
Naval Infantry



"To find a kinder, gentler way to deal with my Soldiers."

SGT Zackery Opheim
B Co. 1-180
Oklahoma City, Okla.



"I am going to try to quit smoking."

CPT Darrell Stutts
48th Fighter Wing
Lakenheath, England



"To be more fit and be buff like the SEC FOR guys. I wanna look like Sgt. Opheim."

Senior Airman Christina Sablan
99 MDOS
Las Vegas, Nev.

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