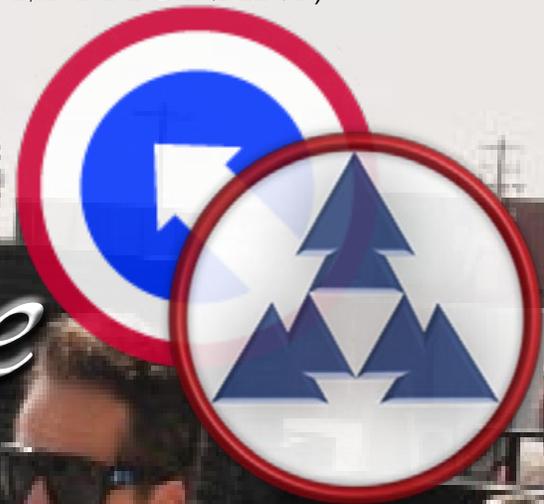


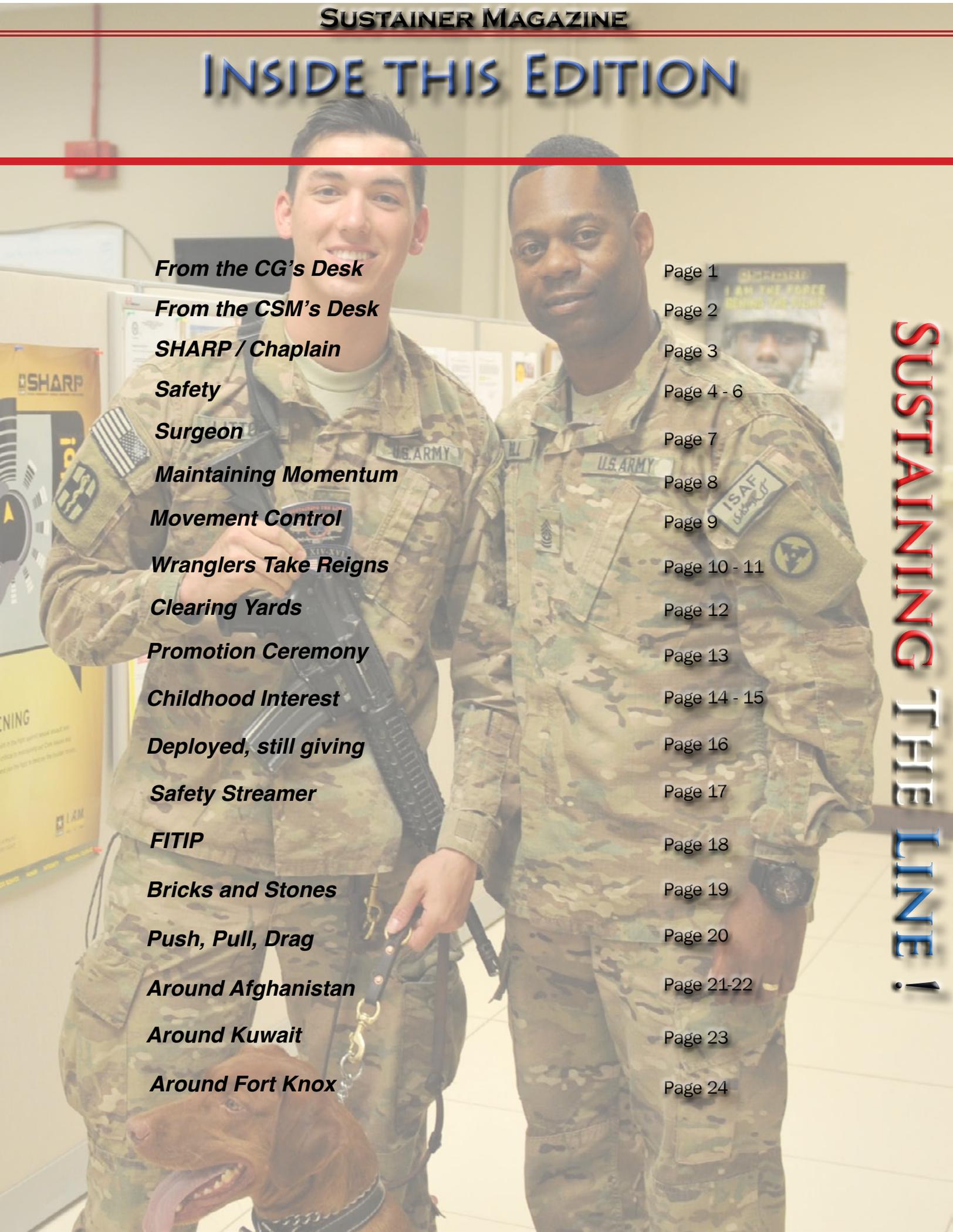
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SUSTAINING THE LINE!



FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

“Let’s Get Expeditionary!”



The theme for this issue of the Sustainer Magazine is “**maintaining momentum.**” With Operation Enduring Freedom winding down and Resolute Support rapidly approaching, it is imperative that we maintain our momentum and finish strong for the remainder of 2014. Your hard work, dedication, and daily mission execution is truly making a difference in allowing us to stay ahead of glide path in reaching our retrograde goals and ensuring the CJOA-A is well postured for Resolute Support.

Additionally, about half of our 3rd ESC team continues to make a significant difference and huge impact across the entire CENTCOM AOR from the 1TSC OCP in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. As part of First Team, our Sustainers in Kuwait are providing critical sustainment support throughout the Middle East; specifically in Iraq, based on recent developments there over the past quarter.

Since our last edition, it is also important to highlight the recent inauguration of the President of Afghanistan and announcement of the signing of the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) and Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). Each of these events marks an historic moment in relations between the United States, NATO partners and Afghanistan. These agreements reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the enduring partnerships between our countries and were essential in supporting our continued presence here post-2014.

We would like to welcome the Wrangler team of the 4th Sustainment Brigade as they prepare to assume the mission as the Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade (RSSB). The Wranglers are transitioning with our 10th SB Muleskinners and 45th CMRE Lighting Support teams who will end their OEF mission this quarter. The Wranglers have a renowned reputation, are combat proven and ready for the challenges of 2015.

As autumn here in Afghanistan proceeds into winter, the weather will be unpredictable to say the least. I remind all Soldiers to be ever vigilant to the unique hazards that will come along with executing the final weeks of our mission in this environment and to continue conducting detailed risk assessments. Remember to “Be quick but don’t hurry.”

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t take a moment to thank our family members who are the silent heroes that are essential to the strength of our Soldiers. Your love and support are critical to our mission success and I thank you for your great sacrifice over the past seven months of the deployment. We couldn’t succeed without you in our corner.

With our deployment cycles in both Afghanistan and Kuwait coming to an end, CSM Bell and I want you to know that we appreciate the leadership, diligence, and dedication that each of you put forth daily. It is an absolute honor to command such a team of true professionals. Continue the great work and “**maintain the momentum**” as we close out yet another important chapter in 3rd ESC’s storied history.

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Sustain the Line!

First Team!

Keep Leading!

Army Strong!



FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

“Let’s Get Expeditionary!”



Greetings Sustainers, Families, friends, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen of the 3d ESC. As the end of Operation Enduring Freedom draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your sacrifices and your contributions to this historic mission as we continue our momentum moving forward into Resolute Support.

With your support, we have been successful accomplishing our retrograde and sustainment mission throughout Afghanistan. It is because of the hard work from skilled professionals like yourselves that we were able to be successful, and each of you should be proud of the contributions you and your teams have made.

I want to also thank our Sustainer Families and friends for their contributions as well. You are the backbone of our Soldiers, and your support makes a huge difference for our service members, DOD civilians, and contractors.

As we bring Operation Enduring Freedom to a close, it is important that we stay focused and not become short sighted. We must always maintain standards and discipline and ensure we are enforcing them. As we prepare to return to our loved ones, we must stay vigilant and not let complacency overshadow all of our great accomplishments.

With operation Resolute Support on the horizon, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the 4th Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade as they train and prepare to take over for our next phase in Afghanistan. I have full confidence in the 4th RSSB; they have knowledgeable Soldiers and under the leadership of the Wrangler command team they will succeed.

I ask that each of you continue the outstanding job you have been doing. We would not be where we are today without the hard work and dedication of skilled men and woman like you. Remember to stay focused and keep up the momentum so we can see this mission through until the end. It has been an honor to serve with you all, let’s finish strong.

SHARP

*Sgt. 1st Class Tonya Karm
SHARP coordinator, 3d ESC*

The 3d ESC/1st TSC (FWD) Command Team continues to support the SHARP Program being actively engaged in the 4th Quarter SHARP training sessions that were conducted during the months of August and September. Leaders sat down and discussed the SARC/VA selection process, the Legal process and scenarios on how to handle situations that need intervening.

The 419th CSSB had a SHARP stand down day. SFC Saucedo, SFC Serrano and SFC Greene collected their team and gave a training day that included a movie and several tables that focused on different ways to assist in preventing SHARP related incidents and how to support a SHARP free culture.

SFC Karm, the SARC and MSG Richardson joined the 10th Mountain Division SHARP Team and participated in the Bagram Health Fair. The SHARPs manned a table that included information, a question and answer session as well as lots of SHARP

products to give to Soldiers.

During the next month, the 3d ESC/ 1st TSC (FWD) SHARP team will focus on re-deployment training and encouragement in continuing to foster an environment free of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.



Photo of the SHARP Teams

Chaplain

*Lt. Col. Thomas Cox
Chaplain, 3d ESC*

In seminary a former missionary named Herbert Jackson told how, as a new missionary, he was assigned a car that would not start without a push. After pondering his problem and determining he would not let this frustrate his ministry, he devised a plan. He went to the school near his home, got permission to take some children out of class, and had them push his car till it started. As he made his rounds, he would either park on a hill or leave the engine running. He used this ingenious procedure for two years.

Ill health forced the Jackson family to leave their mission field, and a new missionary came to that station. When Jackson proudly began to explain his arrangement for getting the car started, the new man began looking under the hood. Before the explanation was complete, the new missionary interrupted, "Why, Dr. Jackson, I believe the only trouble is this loose cable." He gave the cable a twist, stepped into the car, turned the ignition, and to Jackson's astonishment, the engine roared to life.

For two years needless trouble had become routine. The power was there all the time. Only a loose connection

kept Jackson from putting that power to work. Like the loose cable, our spiritual fitness is a ready resource for living our lives which provides us a perspective for how we live life, relate to and treat others and how we see/feel about ourselves in this universe. I commend to you a New Testament paraphrase from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians (1:19-20) "How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God." When we "tighten" our connection with God, his life and power flow through us.

I share this with you because this is a truth I experienced during my recent health issue. I look forward to sharing the reality of faith I experienced upon your return. But for now, I sincerely want to thank each of you for your prayers and kind words shared to me. You all are in my prayers and I know you are making a profound impact for the Army's mission in Afghanistan.

One last truth I'd like to leave you with is "Be encouraged, God is in control".

Safety

*Mr. Percy Black
Safety Officer, 3d ESC*

If you find yourself driving in the snow, stay alert, slow down and stay in control. These are the three key elements to safe driving in the snow.

Here are a few other tips for driving in the snow:

- If you think you may be heading into snow or there is a possibility of driving in the snow, make sure you do a maintenance check on your vehicle before making the trip. Check the vehicle battery, belts and hoses, anti-freeze, oil, lights, brakes, heater and defroster and check the exhaust system for leaks which may allow carbon monoxide to enter the vehicle.
- Plan your route ahead of time and give yourself extra travel time. Make sure someone knows your travel plans.
- Wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict your movement while at the wheel. Keep warm clothing available for when you exit the vehicle.
- Always clear any snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors and the roof before driving. After starting the vehicle wait for the interior windows to clear of fog so you will have appropriate visibility.
- Make sure there is sufficient windshield washer fluid in the vehicle reservoir and that it is rated for freezing temperatures.
- It takes longer to stop on slippery surfaces, so add additional time to the three-second rule.
- Know the proper handling procedures for a skidding vehicle.
- Slow down in snow and icy conditions, make turns slowly, and make all starts slow and smooth.
- Remember that bridges and overpasses may freeze before the regular travel lanes of a roadway. Watch out for black ice, areas of the roadway that appear black and shiny and where your vehicle can suddenly lose traction. Slow down in these areas and keep your foot off the brakes.
- If you get stuck or stranded, don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. Wait for help to arrive. If you have a cell phone and are in an area with cell phone service, try calling for help. Try to always know your exact locations while driving.
- Keep your clothing dry. Wet clothing can lead to dangerous loss of body heat.





Winter Driving Survival Kit

It's a good idea to keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle if you might be traveling into an area where you could encounter snow.

Having essential supplies can provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers. The following items are recommended for your winter driving survival kit:

- **Ice scraper/snowbrush**
- **Shovel**
- **Sand or other type of traction aid**
- **Tow rope or chain**
- **Booster cables**
- **Road flares or warning lights**
- **Gas line antifreeze**
- **Flashlight and batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Small tool kit**
- **Extra clothing and foot wear**
- **Non-perishable energy foods, like chocolate or granola bars, juice, instant coffee, tea, soup, and bottled water**

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SAFETY ALERT



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INCLEMENT WEATHER DRIVING

PURPOSE: To identify the potential hazards of inclement weather and direct prevention measures for driving.

SITUATION: During the winter months, we can expect snow, sleet, rain, black ice, and high winds. Inclement weather affects all driving conditions regardless of vehicle type (Tactical or Non-tactical) on improved roads or on rough terrain. In some areas the increased precipitation will cause muddy slick road conditions. Additionally water levels in lakes and rivers will increase, so extreme caution must be emphasized.

Risk Mitigation Controls:

- PCCs / PCIs
 - Before Ops PMCS IAW -10
 - Operational seatbelts
 - Windshield wiper blades
 - Windshield washer fluid
 - Gunner Restraint System (GRS)
 - Clean head & tail lights & mirrors
 - Check tires tread depth / wear pattern / pressure
 - Check for tire chains
- Brief Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet (DD Form 2977)
- Conduct rollover drill rehearsal
- Reduce speed
- Increase following distances between vehicles
- Soldiers properly trained and licensed
- Ground guide when visibility is restricted or near water (METT-TC)
- Do not combat lock near water
- Lightning – stay in vehicle



STAY FOCUSED, ENFORCE STANDARDS AND BE DISCIPLINED!

ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION; BRIEF TO SOLDIERS & POST ON BULLETIN BOARDS!

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Surgeon

*Master Sgt. Class Mi Pak
Surgeon, 3d ESC*

Temperatures will continue to decrease as fall and winter quickly approaches. The significant impact on the health of our service members (SM), DoD Civilians, Contractors, Coalition Partners and all populations' health across Afghanistan commonly results in upper respiratory infections (URI). Symptoms range from runny nose, sore throat, cough, body aches, to breathing difficulty and/or fatigue (tiredness) which can be caused by viruses or bacteria. Antibiotics are rarely needed to treat upper respiratory infections unless caused by bacteria, but symptoms should be addressed through sick-call to reduce severity and duration.

To minimize URIs:

- o Simple techniques, such as, proper hand washing and covering face while coughing or sneezing, reduces the spread of upper respiratory infections.
- o Maintain good nutrition, sleep hygiene, and exercise.
- o Leaders need to ensure all Soldiers have serviceable cold weather gear and adjust accordingly with the environmental conditions and physical activities.

Additionally, flu season for 2014-2015 is upon us, vaccinations will be available in October at your local Military Treatment Facility (MTF). Locate your local MTF ASAP and get vaccinated as soon as it is available. USFOR-A goal for all US SMs is 100% by the end of October unless medically contraindicated.



Maintaining Momentum



Staff Sgt. Justin Silvers and Maj. Jared Auchey
3d ESC

Brig. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., commanding general of 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), recognized Air Force Capt. Nick Burke, flight commander with 17th Airlift Squadron based out of Charleston, S.C. and his crew during a coin presentation Sept. 25 at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

Burke was recognized for his leadership in coordinating the movement of retrograde equipment out of Afghanistan.

The 3d ESC is the primary logistical unit within Afghanistan and has been sustaining units across Afghanistan while successfully retrograding equipment; returning assets back into the Army's inventory and saving taxpayer money.

With such an important mission, the Army frequently teams up with the Air Force; working hand in hand to ensure equipment is retrograded in a timely and efficient manner.

Burke represented this partnership well; working with Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Chisholm, mobility technician with the 3d ESC, and Air Mobility Division in order to retrograde equipment as efficiently as possible.

"The partnership between the Army and Air Force has been vital to the success of the largest Expeditionary Mobile Redistribution Property Accountability Team mission in the history of Army retrograde," said Chisholm. "This (success) would not have been possible without Aircraft Commanders like Capt. Nick Burke and his aircrew."

Burke and his crew were responsible for taking the first load of retrograde equipment out of Herat, Afghanistan heading for Kuwait. Under his guidance, Burke's plane was filled with retrograde equipment beyond what was initially coordinated.



Burke also called Shindand Air Base, which is in close proximity to Herat, and asked if he could land there after he left Herat to pick up additional cargo. While he received some initial reservations, Burke insisted they fill his plane to maximum capacity.

Through his persistence he saved an entire C-17 mission from having to land in the future, saving time and taxpayer money, which resulted in excellent stewardship of precious air capabilities.

Brig. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., commanding general of 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) and Command Sgt. Maj. Edward A. Bell, command sergeant major of the 3d ESC, recognize Capt. Nick Burke, flight commander with 17th Airlift Squadron, and his crew for their efforts retrograding equipment and maximizing usage of valuable resources Sept. 25 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.



Brig. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., commanding general of the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) recognizes Capt. Nick Burke, flight commander with 17th Airlift Squadron, for his efforts in retrograding equipment and maximizing critical resources Sept. 25 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

MOVEMENT CONTROL is the name TRACKING TRUCKS is the game



Spc. Linda Adams, a Fayetteville, N.C., native, transportation management coordinator assigned to the 495th Movement Control Team, gives a thumbs up to a truck driver after receiving the information needed to properly track the incoming trucks Sept. 8 at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. Since taking over the inbound yard in June, the team has processed more than 10,000 trucks.

*Staff Sgt. Michael Selvage
10th Sustainment Brigade*

Soldiers assigned to the 495th Movement Control Team, 49th Movement Control Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, have the responsibility of tracking every cargo truck that rolls in and out of their assigned entry control point, here.

The team of less than 20 Soldiers ensures the trucks are processed, put into the tracking system and the customers are informed when their cargo has arrived and is ready for pick up.

“The reason our mission is so important is because we provide the in-transit visibility of all cargo and trucks that come through the ECP, which provides commanders asset visibility on their equipment,” said Capt. Justin Hoskins, a Dayton, Ohio native, commander of the 495th MCT. “They have an idea of what trucks are on post and which have already left.”

The team handles more than 150 trucks each day, which consist of National Afghan Trucking vehicles and

civilian contractors.

The process used to account for the trucks and equipment is called in-gating and out-gating.

In-gating and out-gating operations involve taking the transportation movement requests, supply classification, container numbers from the truck drivers and logging them into the system to provide visibility for the customers here, said Hoskins. This process allows cargo to be properly sorted and ensures it successfully arrives at the final destination.

When trucks go through to be processed by the team, it is known as a “push.”

“There are normally two pushes every day,” said Spc. Linda Adams, a Fayetteville, North Carolina native, transportation management coordinator assigned to the 495th MCT. “Each push consists of about 70-85 trucks.”

Adams said, it only takes a few minutes to process each truck during a push.

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First Lt. John Rushton, a Fairfax, Va., native, operations officer in charge assigned to the 495th Movement Control Team, assists the team by logging the transportation movement requests, supply classification and container numbers from the truck drivers as they enter the inbound yard Sept. 8 at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

Since taking over the inbound yard in June, the team has processed more than 10,000 trucks.

The 495th MCT and 515th MCT together run the NAT yard, which is where the local nationals are staged until the customers come and receive their cargo.

The team also provides retrograde support by receiving the equipment from outlying forward operating bases which is then redirected to their final destinations.

Efficient retrograde of equipment allows remaining forces to be agile on the battlefield.

Although some may say that a team of less than 20 Soldiers seems a bit too small for the mission at hand that has not been the case.

“My Soldiers are doing an outstanding job,” said Hoskins. “They have been able to do their mission fluidly and are able to accomplish the mission without any shortfalls.”



Wrangler Soldiers from the 4th Sustainment Brigade conducted mass casualty training by locating the first aid equipment across Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan and rehearsed indirect fire drills Sept. 17, 2014. Wranglers arrived mid-September to execute the mission of retrograding Forward Operating Bases and equipment around Afghanistan.

*Sgt. Adam A. Erlewein
4th RSSB*

Wrangler Soldiers from the 4th Sustainment Brigade arrived in Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan early September to provide Sustainment and retrograde support throughout Afghanistan.

The Wrangler Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas are taking over sustainment operations from the 10th Sustainment Brigade and will be responsible for ensuring Army forces are able to

sustain mission success through constant and deliberate logistical coordination and the overall support of United States military equipment and personnel.

Capt. Rachel M. Hardesty, an engineer with the 4SBDE, will be completing two missions: following troop movements in the brigade's footprint as a battle captain and de-scoping or tearing down structures around BAF.

“Any tent or wooden struc-

ture on BAF has to be torn down, and then everything has to be moved to hardened structures. Basically we are trying to clean up BAF and get rid of buildings that are not up to par as part of the retrograde,” said Hardesty, a native of Neoga, Illinois.

De-scoping structures around BAF is only one of the retrograde missions the Wrangler Soldiers will be conducting. Sgt. Alon J. Humphrey, a Columbia, South Carolina native, is

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one of the Soldiers responsible for all of the fuel and water circulating around Afghanistan.

“I didn’t know what to expect when I first arrived,” said Humphrey, a petroleum supply specialist with the 4SBDE. “I am dealing with all of the fuel in Afghanistan (and) it was a bit overwhelming at first, but this is what I was trained to do and I am quickly getting the hang of it.”

Humphrey’s mission is to analyze the fuel and water consumption at Forward Operating Bases on a daily basis. He then coordinates for FOBs to receive additional fuel and water for resupply or decreases the amount to reduce excess fuel and water they have in stock.

While deployed, Wranglers will continue to train on basic Soldiering tasks to maintain their vigilance and focus while in country and Military Policeman, Sgt. 1st Class Jerald Stephens, a Harrison Georgia native, is responsible for their training.

Stephens, who has two prior deployments to Afghanistan, is the battle noncommissioned officer responsible for tracking all Soldiers and their movements within the brigade’s foot print. As a combat veteran, Stephens said that he is going to ensure the training they receive will help combat complacency and help maintain the Soldiers vigilance and motivation.

“As long as we remain motivated and keep the one team one fight mentality and support each other these next nine months will not be a problem,” said Stephens.

The Wrangler Soldiers will continue to remain professional and focused on their mission and continue to live by their motto, “Just Get it Done.”



Maj. Ricardo Jones and Master Sgt. Steven T. Byrd, from the 4th Sustainment Brigade, review the systems they will be using in Afghanistan as part of their retrograde mission Sept. 16, 2014. Wranglers will be conducting sustainment operations, logistical coordination, and support of U.S. military equipment throughout Afghanistan from their base at Bagram Airfield.

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401ST AFSB CLEARING YARDS

Summer Barkley
401st AFSB

3-401st Army Field Support Battalion is cleaning up its act and getting ready for Resolute Support by clearing yards of debris and non-mission essential equipment and disposing of it in accordance with U.S. Army directives.

The battalion S4 has the lead in this effort, but other areas that fall under the battalion are doing their part as well. The first step was to confirm parcels of land scattered around Bagram Airfield that are the battalion's responsibility and then to tag them with large placards. Other steps included removal of debris from battalion spaces, requesting landscaping for the areas, consolidating equipment and supplies in containers, identifying excess containers and turning them into the empty container collection point, Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services or the abandoned container yard.

"We started with about 300 (containers) and the goal is to get down to about 150," said Capt. Mark A. Douglass, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and a Benton Harbor, Michigan native, battalion S4 and container management officer. "We take empty serviceable containers to the ECCP (empty container collection point) and unserviceable ones to DLA-DS."



Capt. Mark A. Douglass, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and a Benton Harbor, Michigan native, 3-401st Army Field Support Battalion S4 and container management officer, prepares to place a sign on the fence of a parcel of land that is the responsibility of the battalion. Work orders will be submitted to have the green fabric removed from the fences, the grass and weeds cut and debris removed from the area. The goal is to return land no longer required for battalion mission to the garrison.



Capt. Mark A. Douglass, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and a Benton Harbor, Michigan native, 3-401st Army Field Support Battalion S4 and container management officer, watches as a 40 foot container is loaded onto a truck to be moved to the empty container collection point. The container has been identified as non-mission essential for the battalion and will be surrendered to the garrison for reuse in other missions.

Douglass described the process for identifying non-mission essential containers. He and his staff identify containers that do not have placards on them and put notices giving the person responsible for the container a suspense date to contact the S4 office. If the suspense is not met, Douglass and his staff start the process to remove the container from the battalion footprint.

In instances where the containers have a lock on them, they are taken to the abandoned container yard where military personnel will open them to try to determine ownership, but failing that, the containers will be cleared of contents and then forwarded to the ECCP or DLA-DS.

Other actions being undertaken include placing placards on yards assigned to the battalion, clearing them of equipment and debris, arranging for contractor personnel to remove weeds and finally begin the process for non-mission essential parcels to be returned to Bagram Garrison.

Battalion Executive Officer Maj.

Dorothy M. Singleton, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and Georgetown, South Carolina native, said the effort is to prepare the battalion for the next phase of operations. She said 'getting on it is the key' and there are weekly status updates to the battalion commander as well as frequent eyes-on the locations to make sure there are no 'squatters' of that equipment and debris has not been dumped in areas already cleaned.

"We want to leave it better than we found it," she said. "We're getting rid of debris and waste and making weekly checks to make sure it stays that way."

Singleton said her guidance from Lt. Col. Marvin L. Walker, 3-401st AFSBn commander, is to 'reduce the number of containers, get property up to standard and turn parcels back to the garrison as soon as possible.



PROMOTION CEREMONY



The 3d ESC G4 Environmental NCOIC Chase Neal was promoted from Specialist to Sergeant Oct. 1, in a ceremony on Camp Arifjan.

Childhood Inerest Turns to Army Profession



Sergeant 1st Class Daniel Adam (left), an information systems supervisor with the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), prepares to sing the 3d ESC song next to Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Bell (right), command sergeant major of 3d ESC, July 4 at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

*Staff Sgt. Justin Silvers
3d ESC*

In this day and age almost almost any successful organization, at least in some part, relies upon the technical advancement known as the personal computer. In this aspect the Army is no different; so it is essential that these systems are operating, and are doing so efficiently and effectively.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Adam's responsibility is just that. Adam, a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, is an information systems supervisor with the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and works with computers on a daily basis.

"My job consists of fixing computers mostly, but I also pro-

vide signal support (communication) to the rest of the unit and supervise other Soldiers in our section who do information technology work," said Adam.

Adam's interest in computers began at an early age, tinkering with a computer powered by an Intel 286 processor. The 286 computer, which was originally released in 1982, gave Adam his first taste of computer technology.

"The first computer I had was a 286 back in the early 90's," said Adam. "It was a computer my stepdad brought home from work and I would always get on and play. As years progressed and technology increased, I started seeing the invention of graphical displays which (sparked) my interest."

As time passed, Adam continued to self-teach; with his interest in computers ever increasing as he entered his high school.

"Most of my time (in high school) revolved around typing classes and basic programming with a visual aid," said Adam. "I also saw the networking capabilities between computers."

As an adult, Adam said the Army gave him the opportunity to work with what he enjoyed since the young age of 12.

"My parents couldn't afford college, so college just wasn't an option," said Adam. "So when I started looking at joining the Army and they showed me

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a computer job - that's what I wanted to do."

While Adam's first enlistment allowed him to work with computers as a telecommunications professional, he re-enlisted at a later time in his career to become an information systems Soldier and said he learned a lot through his training at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

"I learned a lot more about balancing the different types of parts that go into a computer; learned how to troubleshoot why something doesn't work and how to fix it," said Adam. "I also learned about routing and networking devices together and programming routers and switches."

As luck would have it, Adam also met his wife, Wendy, while he was traveling to Fort Gordon and has enjoyed her support throughout his career.

"Every re-enlistment has been with her approval," said Adam. Adam went on to say it was a blessing to have her support during his career in the Army.

Adam is no novice to deployments, and is on his 5th deployment, currently serving with the 3d ESC. His technical skills as an information systems supervisor keeps all the computer systems running smoothly, ensuring the

3d ESC is able to complete its sustainment mission in

Afghanistan. Adam's supervisor Maj. Robert Loyd, the deputy G6 with the 3d ESC, said Adam is a great asset to the G6 team.

"He is an invaluable asset to our team, he's a technical subject matter expert and is able to keep all the users up and operational," said Loyd. "He has earned the respect of and can interact with all levels of the command."

Loyd said Adam's greatest strength lies in his professionalism as a Soldier and leader.

"He has a diverse background, a lot of technical experience and he always takes care of Soldiers," said Loyd. "He balances all his responsibilities and tasks well and ensures the section runs smoothly."

For those Soldiers considering the information technology career field, Adam said continuing education is important, and Soldiers should have a passion for computers.

"The biggest bit of advice I can give is make sure it's something you want to do; if you're not good with computers or they make you mad on a frequent basis, than the job isn't for you," said Adam. "You need to have a passion for computers, you have to enjoy working on them all the time - you have to understand them."



Pictured from left to right: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Kirk, Sgt. Robert Butler, Maj. Robert Loyd, Spc. Cory Malone, and Sergeant 1st Class Daniel Adam, all members of the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) G6 team, pose for a picture May 5 at the New Kabul Compound, Afghanistan

Deployed, still giving back

*Staff Sgt. Michael Selvage
10th Sustainment Brigade*

While deployed to a combat environment, not all Soldiers think about what else they can do for American veterans or the less fortunate in a foreign country, but for a Dover, Delaware native, that is exactly what was on her mind.

Sgt. Jenna Moffitt, a truck commander, assigned to the 110th Transportation Company, 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade helps those who need support helping themselves, often.

Volunteer work is nothing new to her. She is currently involved with more than five charity and humanitarian aid programs.

Although her work load can be hectic at times preparing convoy escort teams for missions, she makes time to volunteer.

Moffitt has been a sponsor for a child in Bangladesh for the last five months.

"I help with her education by donating to her and sending her care packages," said Moffitt. "I get cards and letters from her all the time."

She hopes that one day she will be able to meet the child she sponsors.

"Sgt. Moffitt is a hard working Soldier who's focus is not so much about herself but on the people around her," said Capt. Joshua Meador, commander of the 110th TC. "She is dedicated to helping others and it shows with all the volunteer work she does."

For the past three months she has been involved with a team, which is recognized as a leading veteran nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by



Sgt. Jenna Moffitt, a Dover, Del. native, truck commander assigned to the 110th Transportation Company, 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, volunteers at the American Red Cross at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Sept. 1. She is currently involved with more than five charity and humanitarian aid programs.



Sgt. Jenna Moffitt, truck commander assigned to the 110th Transportation Company, 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, left, receives instructions from Senior Airman Jon Paul Fitzgerald, a medic assigned to the 455th Emergency Medical Group, on how to properly stock the Craig Joint Theater Hospital supply room with medical supplies at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Sept. 2. Moffitt volunteers some of her spare time in the intensive care unit at the hospital helping the staff and talking to the patients.

connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

Moffitt recently helped raised \$1,000 through the team for a run in memory of Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Rodriguez, a Baltimore, Maryland native, and Sgt. Jose J. Reyes, a San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico native. Both NCOs died July 18, 2012 in Ghazni City, Afghanistan, when their vehicle struck a road side bomb.

The run is scheduled for Sept. 11 starting in North Carolina and ending at Walter Reed National Military

Medical Center.

Another way she makes a difference is by using a cell-phone application that allows her to select from a list of charity programs to donate to. The way she donates is by simply walking. She donates 25 cents to her selected organization for every mile walked.

Being deployed hasn't slowed down with her volunteer work.

Moffitt volunteers her spare time in the intensive care unit at Craig Joint Theater Hospital helping the staff and talking to the patients. She recently started helping out at the American Red Cross as well.

Her most recent interest led her to an organization that helps the Afghan children.

"Last deployment was my first experience being deployed and seeing the children and how they lived," said Moffitt. "It hit me a certain way. How they lived and the struggles they go through. It stuck with me ever since then."

She said she has wanted to do something for the children of Afghanistan and is glad she found a way to make a difference.

When people hear about Afghanistan, they may only think about the terrible things war has brought to the country and not so much about the people who go through it.

"I think a lot of people are ignorant to what the children deal with over here," said Moffitt. "What they go through, the limited recourse that they have and how they live. My goal is to make more people aware of exactly what they do and what we can do to help."

Making a career out of the Army was never her plans, but continues to make a last impression on countless lives in the future is.

Safety Streamer

Summer Barkley
401st AFSB

Brig. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., commanding general of 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, attached the Safety Excellence Streamer to the brigade guidon at the 401st AFSB brigade headquarters Sept. 13. The Safety Excellence Streamer is awarded to brigades who have completed 12 consecutive months without a "Soldier/unit at fault Class A or B accident."

Walker noted this is only the second Safety Excellence Streamer he has awarded during his current tour and the first at a brigade formation.

"This is not an easy award to attain," he said.

He went on to note that the 401st AFSB has many people working on and moving large equipment. Walker said the achievement was due to the brigade having the right focus, standards and discipline.

"I'm extremely proud to present this streamer," he added.

The 401st AFSB commander, Col. Matthew J. Ferguson, a Tampa, Florida native, said the brigade has a "culture of safety" that is necessary given the unit's industrial focus, rotational workforce and the many moving pieces across the brigade. He applauded the professional focus of the workforce.

When Ferguson announced that the brigade would be awarded the Safety Excellence Streamer during a recent command and staff meeting, he noted that the brigade encompasses locations across Afghanistan and currently has more than 19,000 personnel.



1st Theater Sustainment Command Forward/3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command Commanding General Brig. Gen. Donnie B. Walker, Jr. attached the Safety Excellence Streamer to the 401st Army Field Support Brigade guidon during a ceremony at brigade headquarters Sept. 13. He was assisted by 401st AFSB Command Sgt. Maj. Wendy A. Robinson.



1st Theater Sustainment Command Forward/3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command Commanding General Brig. Gen. Donnie B. Walker, Jr. presents a citation recognizing the award of a Safety Excellence Streamer to 401st Army Field Support Brigade Commander Col. Matthew J. Ferguson Sept. 13. Standing with them are Brett A. Blount, 401st AFSB safety director, Command Sgt. Maj. Wendy A. Robinson, 401st AFSB command sergeant major and Sgt. Maj. Douglas L. Emmons 1TSC(F)/3ESC support operations sergeant major.

The Safety Excellence Streamer is green ribbon with two white stripes and a white embroidered inscription "SAFETY EXCELLENCE" is authorized to indicate accident prevention measures and success. The streamer is authorized for brigades or equivalent units that have completed 12 consecutive months without a Soldier/unit at fault Class A or B accident.

A Class A accident is one in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$2,000,000 or more; an Army aircraft or missile is destroyed, missing, or abandoned; or an injury and/or occupational illness results in a fatality or permanent total disability.

A Class B accident is one in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$500,000 or more, but less than \$2,000,000; an injury and/or occupational illness results in permanent partial disability, or when 3 or more personnel are hospitalized as inpatients as the result of a single occurrence.

The streamer may be displayed by the organization for one year, at the expiration of which the unit must re-qualify.

Wrangler FITIP Begins Retrograde



With the Forward Issue Turn-In Point now operating on KAF, most of the work has transitioned over to civilian contractors who load the containers on aircraft and cargo trucks ready for shipment back to Bagram Airfield. Retrograding equipment back in to the Army's supply inventory not only saves American tax payer dollars, but it allows supplies to be moved out of Afghanistan leaving Soldiers more flexible to accomplish other missions.

*Sgt. Adam A. Erlewein
4th RSSB*

Wrangler Soldiers from the 4th Sustainment Brigade currently deployed to Afghanistan have begun the retrograding process for Kandahar Airfield by closing down the Supply Support Activity and have transitioned it into a Forward Issue Turn-In Point.

A FITIP supplies customers only with the needed equipment they have ordered, while an SSA allows customers to not only order equipment, but carry a surplus of supplies in stock. The shutting down of the SSA and opening of the FITIP prevents excess supplies from being stockpiled, allowing more control of supplies being shipped into KAF.

Sgt. 1st Class Ghayle Kaleopa-Lynn, a native of American Samoa, from the 533rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, of the 4th SBDE is the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of overseeing operations at the FITIP, the closing of the SSA, and is the only Wrangler Soldier working at the site with civilian contractors.

"When the customers supplies come in we package them and then we call the customer to pick it up," said Kaleopa-Lynn. "If the FITIP was not in place then many parts would end up missing and BAF would then have to directly ship supplies to all the other Forward Operations Bases near KAF, which will take twice as long to receive supplies."

Kaleopa-Lynn said with the standing-up of

the FITIP, supplies will no longer be ordered from KAF and customers will have to redirect their orders to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. Once BAF receives the orders for customers located at KAF, those supplies will then be taken to the FITIP where it will be distributed to the proper customers.

1st Lt. Ashley Talkington, a native of Grand Island, Nebraska, from the 533rd CSSB, said that the FITIP will also play a vital role in receiving excess supplies from customers which will be sent to BAF. These supplies will then be retrograded back into the Army's supply system potentially saving the U.S. taxpayers money.

"If customers have additional items that they no longer need, or they are broken, they can turn in those items to help get rid of additional supplies that no longer need to be in KAF," said Talkington.

KAF will be able to receive customer's turn-ins and repackage those supplies to be distributed to units who may need those supplies right away. This also reduces the cost by preventing a unit from having to order additional supplies that will already be on hand.

The Wranglers mission in controlling the FITIP at KAF is vital for the retrograding process. By supplying customers with the vital supplies they need; it allows them to continue their missions and still reduces the amount of excess supplies in Afghanistan.

Bricks and Stones do not hold memories, the legacy of the brave do

Sgt. Tracy Myers
ARCENT

Standing in the dust and heat, the skeleton of a structure built and occupied by U.S. Army engineers, and dedicated to a fallen engineer, awaits demolition by the 687th Horizontal Engineer Company, 315th Engineer Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade - CENTCOM Materiel Recovery Element.

Before this mission, many Soldiers in this formation did not know this American hero. Now every one of them will have his story engraved in their memory to keep alive and carry to the next generation of engineers.

As the Army proceeds with retrograde operations to fulfill the president's security transition plan in Afghanistan, buildings are being demolished to downsize the cost of sustaining unnecessary property.

"The Afghan National Army does not need excess buildings to operate and maintain," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dana Mason, Jr., command sergeant major of the 45th Sust. Bde. CMRE, from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The CMRE's mission to deconstruct and minimize U.S. bases that engineers helped build in Afghanistan leaves Soldiers of the 687th Eng. Co., feeling torn, said 1st Lt. Benjamin Waring, 2nd Platoon leader.

They have been tasked to demolish a building dedicated to Sgt. Joshua J. Rimer, an engineer Soldier who was assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo. Rimer, a native of Rochester, Penn., died July 22, 2009, in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

"I understand this is an emotional and somber event these engineers have been tasked with," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, U.S. Army Central. "Sgt. Rimer is a hero who died serving others - although this build-



Photo by Sgt. Tracy Myers

ing will soon be deconstructed, the memories of his actions and service to his fellow Soldiers and country will be reinforced in the next generation of engineers here today."

Kelley visited Soldiers of the 687th Eng. Co., July 26 to express his appreciation for their individual and consolidated efforts that aid the overall mission supporting the responsible and gradual transition of the U.S. Forces' bases.

The platoon will take measures to ensure Rimer's legacy stays alive in the memory of their Soldiers by conducting a ceremony hosted by the battalion chaplain prior to the deconstruction, said Waring.

"We are still discussing the best course of action to honor the fallen," he said. "Once the ceremony is complete, retrograde operations will begin."

Bricks and stones do not hold the memory of honor, integrity, selfless service and sacrifice lived by Sgt. Rimer - those will live on in the hearts of those who knew him and the engineers who learned of his service as they take part in the somber requirement of deconstructing this building.

"This building was constructed by the engineers, occupied by the engineers, and dedicated to an engineer.

It's only right for this building to be brought down by the engineers," said Waring. "The Soldiers, [noncommissioned officers] and officers of 2nd Platoon, 687th Eng. Co., are greatly honored to be the ones tasked with conducting the retrograde operations."

The Soldiers of 2nd Platoon plan to handle this sensitive mission with honor.

"Most Soldiers do not feel that their actions are being tracked at such a high level; to see the USARCENT command sergeant major taking the time to visit our project site was a huge morale booster," said Waring. "It showed them that what they are doing doesn't go unnoticed."

As the great Gen. George S. Patton once said, "An Army is a team; it lives, sleeps, eats, and fights as a team."

"None of this would be possible without the joint effort of the entire platoon," said Spc. Luis Zapata, interior electrician. "We work together as a team to accomplish the mission."

For now, the company works around the shell of a structure once known as the Sgt. Joshua J. Rimer memorial building, demolishing the surrounding buildings until the ceremony is held to honor a fallen hero.

Push.....Pull.....Drag



Kuwait Sustainers competed in a “Push, pull, drag” event put on by the Camp Arifjan MWR, Sep 7th. Spc. Smiley won the men’s event, while Sgt. Abramson took second in the women’s competition.

Around Afghanistan



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Around Kuwait



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Sustaining the Line !



First Team !