

# 335<sup>TH</sup> SIGNAL COMMAND THEATER - PROVISIONAL

READY LIGHTNING



335th Signal Command, Detachment 4  
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait  
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## 335<sup>TH</sup> SIGNAL COMMAND THEATER – PROVISIONAL NEWSLETTER



**The 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command Theater – Provisional would like to wish our Soldiers, families and friends a prosperous and happy New Year. Time sure is flying and it has been already six weeks since our arrival in theater. With the departure of Detachment 10 last month, Detachment 4 has officially taken over. We begin this journey confident that Detachment 4 is filled with outstanding Soldiers that are ready and prepared to accomplish the mission. As we prepare to overcome challenges ahead of us let's continue to work together as a team and keep pressing forward. Ready Lightning!**

### ON THIS MONTH'S EDITION:

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## From the Commander's Desk

“Message to Our Soldiers' Family”



During the past few months leading up to the deployment, you as well as your family members prepared for the mission here in Camp Arifjan Kuwait. The fall season passed quickly with all the training events required for the unit to get here. A Change of Command ceremony was conducted, we settled into our new duties and before we knew it

we were in the middle of the major holidays. This is often a difficult transition for some being so far away from home, but due to the uniqueness of the Army, like minds, goals, and objectives a professional family can be established anywhere to aid with transition complications. As an opportunity to bond with each other, everyone participated in a holiday party that featured a wonderful catered dinner and a secret gift exchange that was supported by three of Santa's recently promoted helpers. The evening concluded with trivia, karaoke, board games and a room filled with laughter and festivities and cheer.

The months ahead are going to be busy engaging in our primary Signal mission of engineering and developing the network that will involve long hours, problem solving and out of the box thinking in order to meet the need of the customers. Fortunately, we have an amazing team that is ready for the challenges that remain ahead in 2017.

It is encouraging to see so many Soldiers getting involved in various activities especially the gym to help build and maintain moral. As we progress into 2017 the operational tempo will remain constant but thanks to your support, care, concern and consideration all of us here in the 335<sup>th</sup> family we will leave here healthy and successful. I truly appreciate all that you have done and will continue to do for this detachment. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

CPT Donald G.  
HHC DET 4 Commander

## From the First Sergeant's Desk:



Greetings from the First Sergeant! This past quarter Detachment 4 has demonstrated a level of proficiency and productivity that has far surpassed many expectations. Since arriving to Kuwait and assuming responsibility with our extenders and Active Duty personnel, we are continuing to function as a cohesive group accomplishing all missions tasked to us. Being together over the

major holiday season has brought that sense of family which keeps the bond growing even stronger.

Training will be a top priority for us over the next few months as we near completion of our yearly training calendar with all of our mandatory requirements and a few added incentives to keep you on the edge. Here is a list of a few of the upcoming ongoing events:

Active Shooter Training

MRT

EO

NCODP/ODP

Bimonthly Unit Physical Training

Suicide Prevention

For those that need additional assistance with fitness goals you want to achieve as your New Year resolution, my door is always open and welcome the opportunity to assist in any way possible. I'm grateful to be the First Sergeant of such an exceptional group of professionals.

Ready Lightning!

## MEET THE TEAMS



### Command Group

From left to right: Spc. Larry, Brig. Gen Hager, Maj. Prudhomme; back row, Sgt. Epps, Col. Easley, Command Sgt. Maj. Dewitt and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Park; front row.

### G1

From left to right: Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Walls, Lt. Col. Bridger, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Boseman and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Osborne, kneeling.



### G2

Maj. Hodson, left, and Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rodriguez, right.

MEET THE TEAMS (Continuation)



**G33**

From left to right: Capt. Dinlocker, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stiles, Sgt. Wyatt, Staff Sgt. Goyette, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Crawford, Staff Sgt. Spears, Capt. Baker, Sgt. Weiss, Pfc. Rodriguez and Master Sgt. Henry, kneeling.

**G35**

From left to right: Master Sgt. Henry, Maj. Jackson, Col. Leach, back row, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lat, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hiltner and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gopalapillai, front row.



**G37**

From left to right: back row, Staff Sgt. Ordonez, Maj. Vicuna, Maj. Esola, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Beatty, Staff Sgt. Vasold, Maj. Gomez, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Carrasquillo. Front row: Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cruz, Capt. Harbin, Capt. Paramore, Lt. Col. Erickson, Capt. Galvin, Staff Sgt. Veriato.



MEET THE TEAMS (Continuation)



**G8**

Maj. Jack, left and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Balmorez, right.

**Chaplain**  
Lt. Col Freitag



**Acquisitions**

Capt Morgan, left and Lt. Col. Lawrence, right.



MEET THE TEAMS (Continuation)



**JAG**

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Vo, left, Capt. Tramel, center and Lt. Col. Ruhle, right.



**Safety**

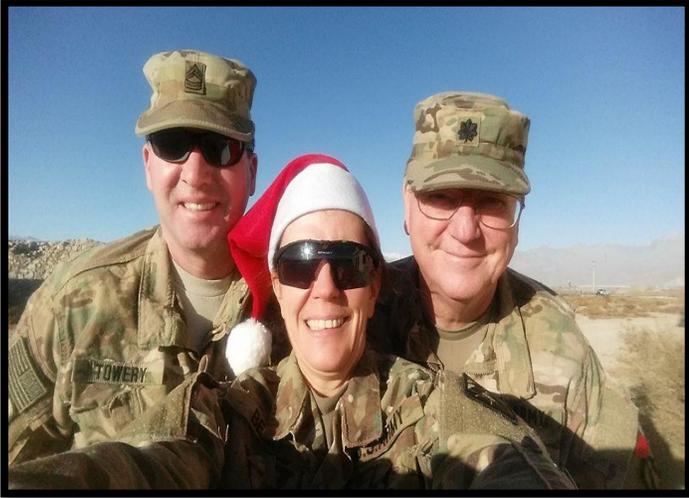
Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Gervais



**SHARP**

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Everett

MEET THE TEAMS (Continuation)



**Afghanistan Team**

Master Sgt. Towery, left, Col. Berry, center, and Lt. Col. Bailey, right.

**Jordan Team**

Capt. Mackie, left, Capt Bacon (29<sup>th</sup> ID) center, and 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Parson, right.



**ARCENT Signal University**

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Samms, left and Master Sgt. Twells, right

335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T)(P) conducted a Change of Responsibility and a Change of Command Ceremony last month.



335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T)(P), conducted a Change of Responsibility on 3 December 2016 between outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney A. Wionowsky and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Theodore H. Dewitt. Simultaneously, Headquarters and Headquarters Company also had their Change of Command and Change of Responsibility between (outgoing) Capt. Michael Porter / 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. John A. Burt and (incoming) Capt. Donald G. Snaveley / 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Benjamin Owens. From left to right: Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Hager, Command Sgt. Maj. Theodore H. Dewitt, Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney A. Wionowsky, Capt. Michael Porter and Capt. Donald G. Snaveley.



Left: Brig. Gen. Hager receiving the sword from Command Sgt. Major Wionowsky (outgoing.) Right: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Burt (outgoing) passing the colors to Capt. Porter (outgoing.)

Also last month, Detachment 10 departed the Area of Operations.



On 8 December 2016, 335<sup>th</sup> Detachment 10 departed Camp Arifjan, Kuwait after a year deployment. Above: Soldiers awaiting to load the buses to transport them to the airport. Below: Brig. Gen. Hager and Command Sgt. Maj. Dewitt talking to Soldiers before their departure.



Brig. Gen. Hager, Col. Easley and Command Sgt. Maj. Dewitt, conducted the first Town Hall for Detachment 4, on 22 December 2016 at ASG-KU Conference Room.



During the Town Hall, Brig. Gen. Hager addressed topics such as: Transparency – “Ask questions, professionally, and let leaders do their job.” Character – “This is a professional organization, if you hear someone talking inappropriately, stop it.” Open Door Policy – “I will ask you if you talked to your chain of command first.” Expectations – “Work until the task get done.” Resilience Team – “Take care of your resiliency.” “Working to task, not to time.” Work Environment – “Is what we make of it, but living within the limitations of what we have.” Family Support – “Have your own agenda on family support.” And last, but not least “Always treat people with dignity and respect.”

We also celebrated our Holiday Party on 24 December 2016 at the MWR facilities.



BG Hager from the 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command along with other leaders served food to the Soldiers, left. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gopalapillai, Capt. Tramel and Capt. Honeywell, all of them recently promoted, were Santa's helpers for this event, right. These helpers provided the delicious food for the holiday party and they also assisted Santa's closest friend, Lt. Col. Bridger, during the gifts exchange.



After dinner, Soldiers enjoyed different activities during this event. Some Soldiers sang to karaoke, left, while others enjoyed UNO, dominoes and cards, right. Overall, this event was filled with good food, laughter, fun activities and most importantly comradery. Ready Lightning!

## MESSAGE FROM SAFETY

Driving in Kuwait could be very challenging and also dangerous. So expect any of the following while driving, and ALWAYS keep SAFETY FIRST:



- Abrupt Lane Changes.
- Extreme tailgating.
- Passing anytime....anywhere.
- Driving wrong way.
- Excessive speed.
- "Me First"
- Drifftin' And A Weavin'
- Distracted driver (cell phone, children, eating.)

- Insha'Allah (God willing.)

### REPORT ANY TRIPPING HAZARDS

- Be mindful of where you plug in.  
extension cords and/or power supplies.
- Uneven sand and the pathway around the complex.



### Correct Any Fire Hazards

- Poor housekeeping (lots of items close to electrical socket.
- Faulty or frayed electrical cords.
- Laptop left on bed and gets too hot or sparks.

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- Cooking items (grill, hot plate, toaster, etc...)
- Lite candles (not allowed.)
- Heaters (not allowed.)

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact MAJ Jack at 318-430-4265 or SFC Gervasi at 318-430-2206.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### Running . . .

As I have aged, hopefully gracefully, I have come to understand the importance of running. I am thinking here not only about physical aerobic exercise, but life issues as well.

I ask myself an question that may apply to you as well. "Am I running to lose something or am I running to gain something?" Let me mean. Do I physically run and that which I don't gain something I desire a healthier life?

If I concentrate on losing—those unnecessary pounds, I seem destined to have feelings of failure because I don't always lose consistently or completely according to what I am gaining—better muscle tone, a sense of contentment—more alert mind, a better engage in the activity of exercise. I am willing to make the commitment, to take the time and expend the energy because everything that I do to exercise—regardless of the amount or intensity—brings me to a better health. I actually look forward to exercise.



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only on what I want to look forward to exercise. I seem destined because I don't always completely according to what I am gaining—better sleep patterns, a sense of contentment—engage in the activity of make the commitment, expend the energy do to exercise— or intensity—brings me to look forward to exercise.

This simple truth of perspective applies to other areas of life as well. Do I interpret the distance I have from my family and loved ones in a fatalistic way thinking that this deployment can or will destroy my marriage or other important relationships? Or do I see the opportunity to grow closer to my spouse and loved ones through being creative in how I communicate my love to them? (If you need ideas on how to do this, please come see me).

Do I see my deployment responsibilities as drudgery to be endured that will cause me frustration with myself and others, or will this unique experience give me a new understanding of what I can do as a Soldier, as well as working with others in the Signal Community?

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN (Continuation)

As I am out of my normal routine, do I push God aside because I don't have the time for him in the midst of this mission, or can it be that I have the opportunity to renew my faith, worship life and relationship to him, even where I currently find myself and what I am doing?

Some of you may say, "Chaplain, you are talking about pessimism versus optimism—the glass half-empty versus half-full."

No doubt each of us find those days where we are feeling "run down" and are dragging physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Likewise, we experience those euphoric days when we believe everything in the world is right—the stars are aligned and we feel "blessed." For those of us with a faith background, it may be the difference between waking up in the morning and saying "Good morning, Lord." or "Good Lord, morning."

As Soldiers who know the importance of resiliency resources. We need to tap into those things that rejuvenate our batteries on a continuous basis. I can't prescribe specifically in a short article like this what that may be for you—indeed it may be different for each one of us. I am guessing that most of you have an awareness of what that specifically may be for you (if not, please come see me and we will brain storm together).

There have been many instances throughout history where hostages and prisoners have had to endure captivity unjustly. Not everyone who found themselves in this type of situation were "broken" by the experience. Many found inner strength in the midst of injustice and went on to do some great things later on in life in the arena of business, art and even politics. Instead of being destroyed, they were "refined in the refiner's fire." With developed character, they came out of their captivity in better shape than when they entered—even in the midst of the pain and injustice.

Throughout this coming year, each one of us has the opportunity to grow and mature—to leave this place in better shape than when we arrive (ourselves as well as our mission). I encourage each one of you to take that opportunity to run toward things in order to gain, instead of running away from that which you are trying to lose.

Where to start? In the words of Paul in his letter to the people of Philippi: *"Finally . . . whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* Philippians 4:8

Serving you in our mission together . . .

Chaps Freitag

## MESSAGE FROM SHARP

Greetings and Happy New Year 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T)(P).

On 21 December 2016, the 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T)(P) hosted a SHARP Stand Down at Camp Arifjan Kuwait. The following SHARP 1<sup>st</sup> Responders were presenters:



CID Special Agent Christina Brandt  
 SAMFE/Medical – MAJ Joleen Pangelinan  
 SARC– MSG Iris Everett  
 SARC- SFC Walter Wilson  
 Chaplain – Chaplain James Freitag  
 CID Special Agent Christina Brandt

Chaplain LTC James Freitag



One of the SARC presentations given was the “Bystander Intervention” techniques. As a refresher, review the 5 bystander intervention techniques. These techniques can help you and your Soldiers assist potential victims of sexual assault while also keeping yourself safe.

### BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES

- **Indirect:** Say someone observing the situation is concerned about the person's conduct.

## MESSAGE FROM SHARP (Cont.)

- **Distraction:** Utilize creative options to distract the people involved to de-escalate the situation. This may involve humor or appealing to other interests of the people involved. Try telling the person you need to talk him, call/text if you know one of them, interrupt and ask a question.

- **Split:** Step in and separate the two people. Voice your concerns. Let them know you're acting in their best interest.

- **Consensus Gathering:** Get other people involved strength in numbers. "That looks jacked up, maybe we should help her get out of here."

- **Friends:** Find the person's friends and get them to intervene.

- **Authority:** Get the bartender, bouncer, whoever's room/house the party is at, or someone in chain of command involved. "This dude is bothering one of my friends"

### **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator**

**MSG Iris Everett**

**Available 24/7**

**DSN: 430-3561**

**BB: 9906-6853**

### **Victim Advocates**

**CPT Geovanni Mackie**

**CPT Jasmyn Morgan**

**CPT Dong Vu**

**1LT Alicia Parsons**

**1LT Janene Stiles**

**SFC Stephanie Boseman**

Thank you for all that you do in support of the Warfighters.

MSG Iris Everett

## MISCELLANEOUS

### G-1 Personnel Section

Need all personnel to print the following items for the G1 and bring them when you come for Records Review. They are copy of ORB/ERB, copy of all 1059s and all OER/NCOERs for your current rank only. We need personnel with upcoming Boards or Promotions to identify yourselves immediately and bring the documents stated. So far as your OER/NCOERs, look down through the years for all and make sure that there are no gaps for even one day. Gaps at some point will have to be fixed or explained via a Memorandum for Record in your iPERMS.

### January's Birthday Celebrations:

COL Matthew Easley, Jan 11.

SSG Rene Ordonez, Jan 12

1LT Alicia Parson, Jan 13

SFC Alejandro Fuentes, Jan 16

CPT Jeremy Tramel, Jan 29

CPT Johnathon Harbin, Jan 30

SGT Dwandra Epps, Jan 30

### ARCENT SIGNAL UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

Authorized PearsonVue Testing Center		ARCENT SIGNAL UNIVERSITY NCOIC: MSG Twells 318.430.5985 OPS NCO: SFC Samms 318.430.5985 DAY CLASSES: 8:00 – 17:00 NIGHT CLASSES: 18:00 – 22:00						SIGN UP TODAY with your Training Manager	
WEEK	Dates	Classroom 1	Classroom 2A	Classroom 2B	Classroom 3A	Classroom 3B	Classroom 6A	MTT Locations	Other Training
51	19DEC-23DEC 2016	A+ wk1	Network+ wk2	Security+ wk1		Fiber wk1	CCNA Security wk1		
52	26DEC-30DEC 2016	A+ wk2	CEH wk1	Security+ wk2		Fiber wk2	CCNA Security wk2		
1	2JAN-6JAN 2017	A+ wk1	CEH wk2			Fiber	Basic Routing		
2	9JAN-13JAN 2017	A+ wk2	CEH wk3		MS Win10 Wk1 (600 exam)	Fiber wk1	422 ESB	MTT Sec+ Qatar AJAB	
3	16JAN-20JAN 2017		CEH wk4		MS Win10 Wk2 (600 exam)	Fiber wk2	422 ESB	MTT Sec+ Qatar CAS	
4	23JAN-27JAN 2017			CISSP wk1	MS Win10 (600 exam)	Class Not Available	ICND 1 wk1 CCENT	MTT Sec+ Bahrain/BAF	
5	30JAN-3FEB 2017		Security+	CISSP wk2	MS Win10 Wk1 (600 exam)	Class Not Available	ICND 1 wk2 CCENT	MTT SEC + BAF	
6	6FEB-10FEB 2017	Class Not Available	Class Not Available	CISSP wk3	MS Win10 Wk2 (600 exam)	Class Not Available	**ICND2 CCNA	MTT Buehring NET+SEC+	
7	13FEB-17FEB 2017	NET+	Security+	CISSP wk 4		FIBER			
8	20FEB - 24FEB 2017		Security+			NET+		MTT UAE SEC+	
9	27FEB-3MAR 2017		Basic Router	CASP wk1		FIBER			
10	6MAR-10MAR 2017			CASP wk2			ICND1 wk1	MTT Buehring Fiber/SEC+	
11	13MAR-17MAR 2017								

Green = day class. Shaded = night class. \*\* Prerequisite for this class.  
 To register for class contact your training manager and go to: [NIPR] <https://335th.sva.army.mil/ARCENT%20U/SitePages/Home.aspx>  
 Email us at: [usarmy.sig@jan.335.sig.cmd.mbx.arcent.sig.univ@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.sig@jan.335.sig.cmd.mbx.arcent.sig.univ@mail.mil)  
 Check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USARCENTSIGU/>  
 Registration period for each class opens 28 days prior to the start date of the class