

Wagonmasters



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COL Christopher H. Colavita



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Chaplain's Corner

Prayer Breakfast



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Douglas T. Downs, chaplain, 1st Cavalry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade (1CD RSSB), hosted a prayer breakfast at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 26.

This is the last prayer breakfast before the 1CD RSSB ends its deployment. Fittingly, the theme for the event was “Change of Mission, Stay on Mission.”

Downs spoke about how changes, good and bad, are inevitable in life, and as the Soldiers of 1CD RSSB return home, to stay grounded as life may throw some curveballs their way.

“In a world that is constantly changing, there is one rock-solid thing that does not,” said Downs. “Faith, doing the right things for the right reasons, does not change.”

Downs said that as our mission changes, to stay anchored in an unchanging God.



Memorial Dedication



The 1st Cavalry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade (1CD RSSB) held a memorial dedication ceremony at Bagram Airfield (BAF), Afghanistan, May 7. Col. Christopher H. Colavita, commander, 1CD RSSB, spoke of the bravery and sacrifice of three fallen Wagonmaster Soldiers and two civilian contractors who worked under the 1CD RSSB umbrella.

Staff Sgt. John W. Perry, Pfc. Tyler R. Iubelt, Col. (Ret.) Jarrold M. Reeves and Dr. Peter L. Provost were killed by a suicide bomber



Col. Christopher H. Colavita and Command Sgt. Maj. Jill L. Crosby stand at the position of attention at the 1CD RSSB Memorial Dedication at Bagram Airfield, May 7.

here today to remember and to acknowledge their sacrifice and to express our sincere gratitude for their truly selfless service.”

Colavita and Command Sgt. Maj. Jill L. Crosby, command sergeant major, 1CD RSSB, unveiled the memorial and joined Warrant

Officer 2 Samuel Gabara, ammunition technician, 1CD RSSB, in laying a wreath at its base.

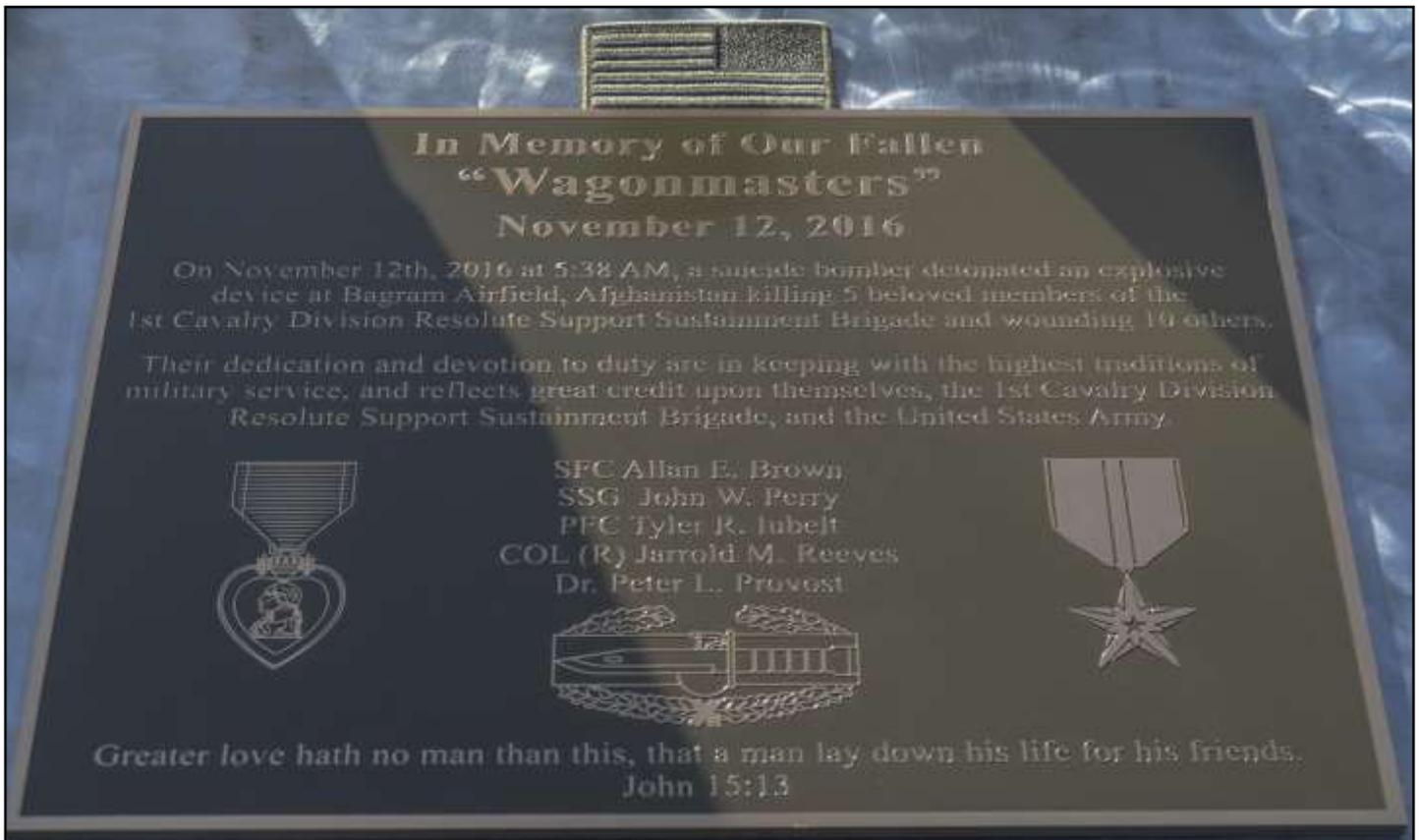
Gabara was wounded by the blast and evacuated for emergency medical treatment. After doctors in the U.S. deemed him fit for a return to active duty, Gabara rejoined his brothers and sisters-in-arms at BAF to complete the deployment and return home with the brigade.

The names of the five fallen heroes are inscribed on a plaque that sits beneath a bronze replica of the Norman shield and horse-head silhouette of the 1st Cavalry Division shoulder sleeve insignia that stands only a few feet from the site of the attack

“We must never forget the sacrifices made, and we must always remind ourselves that these brave souls served a higher purpose. These men believed in what they were doing here in Afghanistan, and they had the courage to put their lives on the line,” said Colavita. “Because of them and countless others who passed before them, we remain vigilant, ready and prepared to protect our American way of life, and to ensure that Afghanistan is a better place for the Afghan people.”



From left: Command Sgt. Maj. Jill L. Crosby, Warrant Officer 2 Samuel Gabara and Col. Christopher H. Colavita salute the 1CD RSSB Memorial which was dedicated May 7 at Bagram Airfield.



CSM Clark speaks at NCO professional development



Attendees of the noncommissioned officer professional development working breakfast and discussion forum pose for a picture at Bagram Airfield, April 25.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jill L. Crosby, 1st Cavalry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade (1CD RSSB) hosted noncommissioned Officer Professional Development (NCOPD) at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 25.

NCOPD is conducted to provide guidance for the professional development of NCO's to meet the requirements set in the NCO vision, as well as, provide the framework to advise and counsel on professional development.

Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Clark, Senior Enlisted Leader for NATO's Resolute Support (RS), U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A), was the guest speaker for the NCOPD.

Clark spoke to more than 50 of the 1CD RSSB's senior-ranking NCO's about building and maintaining relationships with Soldiers, past and current conflicts in the world and the role of the Army in the future.

"Leadership is leading Soldiers from the heart," Clark said. "You must put your Soldiers and your service first."

Clark told the room of sustainers that the proper logistic framework is what makes the military run, and our Afghan partners can benefit from our expertise in the train, advise, assist mission.

Also, Clark warned that as you climb the ranks and become responsible for more Soldiers, not to forget to be personally invested in them .

Crosby said she was happy to see everyone in the room taking notes because it's not every day you get the opportunity to soak up knowledge from an NCO with Clark's experience.

"We have all worked our way up from the ground floor in the Army, so even though the NCO's in this room have a wealth of experience, there is always more to learn," said Crosby. "We all benefit from a venue like this."

"Don't ever feel like you have done enough," Clark said to the Wagonmaster NCO's. "I have done enough' is not good enough."



Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Clark, senior enlisted leader, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan speaks at the noncommissioned officer professional development working breakfast and discussion forum at Bagram Airfield, April 25.



Sergeants Major recite "The Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer" to begin the noncommissioned officer professional development working breakfast and discussion forum at Bagram Airfield, April 25.

Promotions



M4, M9 Range



1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade History



The history of the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade can be traced back to the Korean Occupation with the constitution of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division Trains on Aug. 22, 1957. Units incorporated into the Division Trains included the 1st Cavalry Division Band, 15th Administration Company, 15th Aviation Company, 15th Medical Battalion, 15th Quartermaster Company, 23rd Transportation Company, and the 27th Ordnance Battalion. Following their constitution, the 1st Cavalry Division Trains was activated on 1 November 1957 in South Korea.

On Sept. 1, 1963, Headquarters, Division Trains was redesignated as Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 1st Cavalry Division Support Command. The Support Command accompanied the Division to South Vietnam in 1965 in order to provide logistics support during the Vietnam War. Arriving on Sept. 12, the Support Command organization would participate in all of the Division's major campaigns and would also distinguish itself by not only earning both the Presidential Unit Citation and Valorous Unit Award, but also three Meritorious Unit Commendations, three awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and one Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal.

On May 5, 1971, the Support Command Headquarters was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division Support Command when the Division Band was withdrawn from its command. In October 1984, the 1st and 2nd Forward Support Battalions were activated utilizing elements of the three functional battalions while on 20 June 1985 the Army of Excellence reorganization transformed the elements of the remaining functional battalions, Maintenance, Medical, and Supply/Transport, into the 4th Main Support Battalion.

The same reorganization added the 493rd Transportation Aircraft Maintenance Company to the Division Support Command. On May 20, 1987, the 1st Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Forward Support Bat-



talion, 4th Main Support Battalion, 493rd Transportation Aircraft Maintenance Company were redesignated the 115th Forward Support Battalion, 15th Forward Support Battalion, 27th Main Support Battalion, and the 227th Transportation Aircraft Maintenance Company.

The 1st Cavalry Division Support Command, on Sept. 28, 1990, deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield. In January and February 1991, the Support Command provided logistics support to the Division for the remainder of Operation Desert Storm which resulted in the liberation of Kuwait. For its actions, the Division Support Command would earn a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

On July 6, 2005, the 1st Cavalry Division Support Command was inactivated as part of the Army's transformation towards a modular

force. The function of centralized support was assumed by activation of the 15th Sustainment Brigade along with its organic elements that were concurrently constituted and activated. The 15th Sustainment Brigade, now falling under the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), returned to Iraq ahead of the 1st Cavalry Division, replaced the 4th Sustainment Brigade, and assumed control of logistics in the area of operations in July 2006. The brigade was involved in developing the concept of support for every major combat operation during the 15-month tour of duty, conducting more than 6,500 combat logistics patrols.

In September 2006, the 4th Sustainment Brigade reorganized and established operations as part of the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) at Fort Hood, where they were joined by the 15th Sustainment Brigade in 2008. In December 2010, the 15th Sustainment Brigade uncased their colors at Fort Bliss to support the 1st Armored Division. On June 25, 2015, the 4th Sustainment Brigade was inactivated at Fort Hood, Texas and the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade was activated returning once again to the First Team.