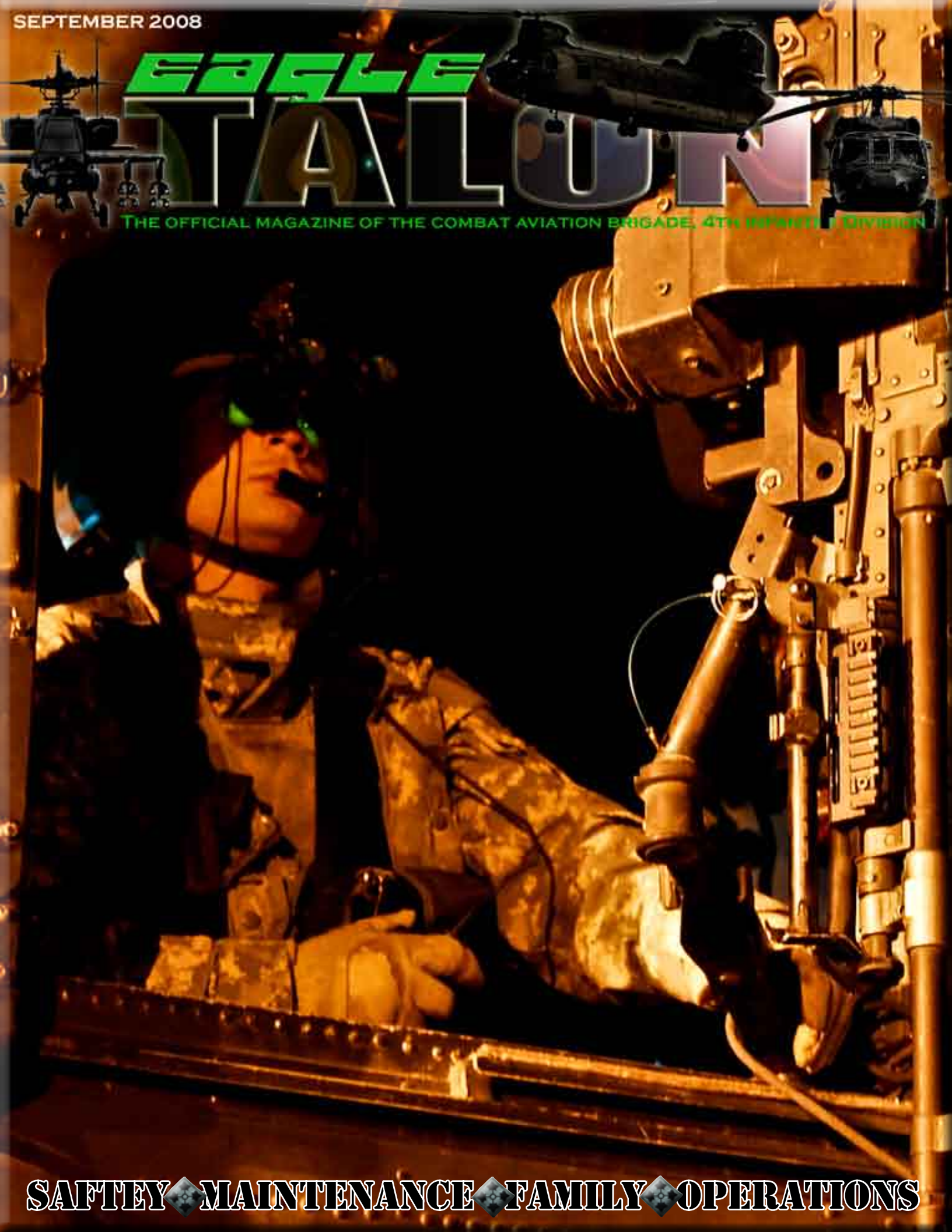


SEPTEMBER 2008

EAGLE TALON

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION



SAFETY ♦ MAINTENANCE ♦ FAMILY ♦ OPERATIONS

CAB SOLDIERS IN ACTION: MAINTENANCE



U.S. Army Photo By Sgt. Jason Dangel
CAMP TAJI, Iraq—Spc. Benjamin Reagan, crew chief, Company C, 1st Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, pressure washes an AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopter at the brigade's airfield on Camp Taji July 28.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

DARING Rescue

MEDEVAC crew rescues Soldiers from burning building
page 4

Maintenance

Helicopter maintainers keep birds in the sky - page 6

Face of DEFENSE

Blackhawk crew chief focus on preparation, MND-B mission
page 8

TALON Spotlight

SAFETY - MAINTENANCE - FAMILY - OPERATIONS
page 10

Retention

CAB completes FY2008 retention milestones
page 12

Awards

CAB award winners roll-up
page 14

Promotions

Congratulations to the newly promoted
page 15

A WORD from JAG

Legal information provided by the CAB's legal authority
page 16

CHAPLAIN's Corner

A word from the brigade ministry team
page 18

ARMY News

News from around the Army
page 19

ON THE COVER

PREPARING FOR A MISSION: FRONT COVER PHOTO OF SGT. DAVID BROCATO, 3RD BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT BY SGT JASON DANGEL, COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



Safety, Maintenance, Family, Operations

By Col. Patrick Tierney, commander, CAB, 4th Inf. Div.



COL Patrick Tierney

It's better to be lucky than good! -Author Unknown. Vince Lombardi said "Luck is where opportunity and preparation meet." I'll take both those sayings as spot on descriptions of 4th CAB's performance so far here in Iraq. The past year of hard work and preparation that included 3 x NTC rotations, 4 x Attack Battalion Gunneries, thousands of gallons of fuel pumped and untold hours of aircraft maintenance are paying off. Our "luck," or better said, good fortune, are the opportunities to serve and contribute to something larger than ourselves that present themselves every day.

We have an incredible team, magnificent aircraft and a combat mission supporting the finest Soldiers in the world. The stars may never line up so perfectly during the remainder of your military careers. General Hammond said it best - "History is being made right now. You are part of it. We are at the crossroads of mission accomplishment and success. It is up to us to finish this fight right now."

This first issue is divided along 4th CAB's priorities of effort: Safety, Maintenance, Family, Operations. They are not intended to be a spinoff

of the Division's Motto of Mission, Soldier, Family, Team. These priorities ensure we get the mission done.

The fact is that if we are safe, we maintain our aircraft, crews and standards, and take care of our Families, then we can focus our complete effort on operations when and where the situation dictates. These priorities ensure we are engaged at the right place and time.

We are a few weeks away from what I consider steady state combat operations. More importantly, we are nearing the end of the initial 90 days of deployment, the statistically high risk period. We have had relatively few accidents; an undeniable testament to the engaged leadership within the battalions. That said, no one can let their guard down. The accident wolf is always stalking your flock. Safety remains my number one priority.

The outgoing Aviation Branch Chief had a term (another one I will shamelessly steal) called Helicopter Diplomacy. To paraphrase his definition: the impact of the US Army helicopter over Bagdad is tremendous. Our presence instills hope and confidence in the most intense combat operation.

For our enemies our visible or undetectable presence brings him dread and fear.

In plain speech, if you are one of the good guys, the presence of 4th CAB aircraft means something good is going to happen. A ride to R&R, delivery of supplies, MEDEVAC care enroute to the Combat Support Hospital. If you are a bad guy, it means a Shadow UAS is watching you, Assault aircraft are landing steely eyed killers in your back yard, or Longbows have already launched Hellfire Missiles at your hiding place. Every Soldier in every MOS in this CAB has a part in this effort. Everything we do is linked to the launch, recover and launch of aircraft. Motor maintenance teams fix the HEMTTs that refuel the aircraft. The Commo section retrans sites make effective Air Weapon Teams (AWT) Command and Control possible. You all count, you are all an irreplaceable part of the team.

Don't forget the Family element of our priorities. Call them today. Let them know their sacrifices are known and allow you to be part of history.



Stay focused on discipline

By Command Sgt. Maj. Archie Davis, CAB, 4th Inf. Div.



GSM Archie Davis

The Army Noncommissioned Officer's Guide states, if leadership is the lifeblood of the Army then discipline is its heart. Discipline isn't just responding to orders or imposing punishment, it is a lot more than that. It is what makes people great leaders and organizations successful.

I truly believe that discipline is something leaders and Soldiers build together. It is the desire to do what is right even if it is difficult or dangerous. It doesn't matter who is watching; the task will get completed to standard. It is the desire to accomplish the task well, not because of fear of punishment, but because of selfless service and dedication to one's unit. Discipline means putting the task of the unit – the team – ahead of personal desires.

Discipline is what keeps you vigilant as you man your guard positions, fly your missions, maintain a piece of equipment or supervise your Soldiers. It is making the right choices even when no one is watching. Discipline is what pushes you to complete the mission no matter what it takes, no matter how much it hurts. It is what makes the NCO Corps the "Backbone of the Army," and without it we wouldn't be successful.

It is imperative we remember discipline, every day during every task, as we continue this fight in Iraq. Our Soldiers and this mission depend on it.

LTG Leslie J. McNair in 1941 said, "Our troops are capable of the best discipline. If they lack it, leadership is faulty."





COPIES IN CIRCULATION:
2000

The *Eagle Talon* is published in the interest of the Soldiers and Family members of the Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

BDE Commander:
Col. Patrick Tierney

Command Sergeant Major:
CSM Archie Davis

PAO NCOIC:
Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Editor:
Sgt. Jason Dangel

In accordance with AR 360-1, the *Eagle Talon* is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Contents of the *Eagle Talon* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, or the Department of the Defense, Department of the Army, III Corps or the 4th Infantry Division.

The *Eagle Talon* is published monthly by the Combat Aviation Public Affairs Office, 4th Infantry Division, and is posted on Department of Defense Websites.

**Does your unit have
a story to tell?
Let us know today!**

Contact the CAB Public Affairs Office at:
VOIP: 242.6426
DSN: 318.843.5320
EMAIL: brent.hunt@iraq.centcom.mil or
jason.dangel@iraq.centcom.mil



CAB PAO
HHC, CAB, 4ID
APO AE 09738

MEDEVAC crew rescues 1A Soldiers

By Sgt. 1st Class
Brent Hunt

Medical evacuation Soldiers from the Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, rescued four Iraqi National Police Officers from the rooftop of a burning building at Joint Security Station Oubaidy in eastern Baghdad.

The air ambulance crew from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Avn. Regiment, medically evacuated the policemen trapped on top of the building and transported them to a combat support hospital for further treatment.

"We got a call for a MEDEVAC near Sadr City for a hoist rescue," said Chief Warrant Officer 3

James Frederick, aeromedical evacuation instructor pilot from Groves, Texas.

"When we launched our aircraft we hooked up with the Apache's for protection. When we got there, we saw a possible place for a landing spot, but

the roof wasn't good for landing so we decided to hover and hoist them up.

"The helicopter was seven feet above the roof. We used the hoist as a step ladder as (Spc. Lakwan) Bonsu (crew chief from Bronx, N.Y.) pulled them up into the aircraft."

As Bonsu was pulling the police-

"When you are saving people, you just don't think about it... You just do it."

Staff Sgt. Christina Martinez
Company C, 2nd Bn., 4th Avn., Regt.

men into the aircraft, the flight medic on board was treating the officers.

"The first ones coming in were tapping their chest because they had smoke inhalation," said Staff Sgt. Christina Martinez, flight medic from Alamogordo, N.M. "I pretty much just gave them oxygen until we got to the hospital. You could see the terror on their faces when they were being rescued. After we rescued them, they were hugging each other, giving us high-fives and shaking our hands."

The National Police officers were treated for fire-related injuries, but none were seriously injured.

"This mission was quite a testament to working as a team," said



U.S. Army photo courtesy of CAB, 4th Inf. Div. Military Intelligence Office
Video from an AH-64D Apache Attack helicopter from the 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, shows the aeromedical evacuation from high above the rooftop.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Nall, aeromedical evacuation pilot from Lubbock, Texas. "It took our whole crew to get this done. The Apaches, who provided us protection, were a great deterrent against ground fire."

The "Lonestar" dustoff company of the CAB is in the midst of its fourth deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Saving lives on the battlefield is the sole mission of the company. They facilitate the safest and most rapid evacuation of all casualties to include Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians and even prisoners of war.

Some of their evacuations take them to the most dangerous parts of the battlefield including rescu-

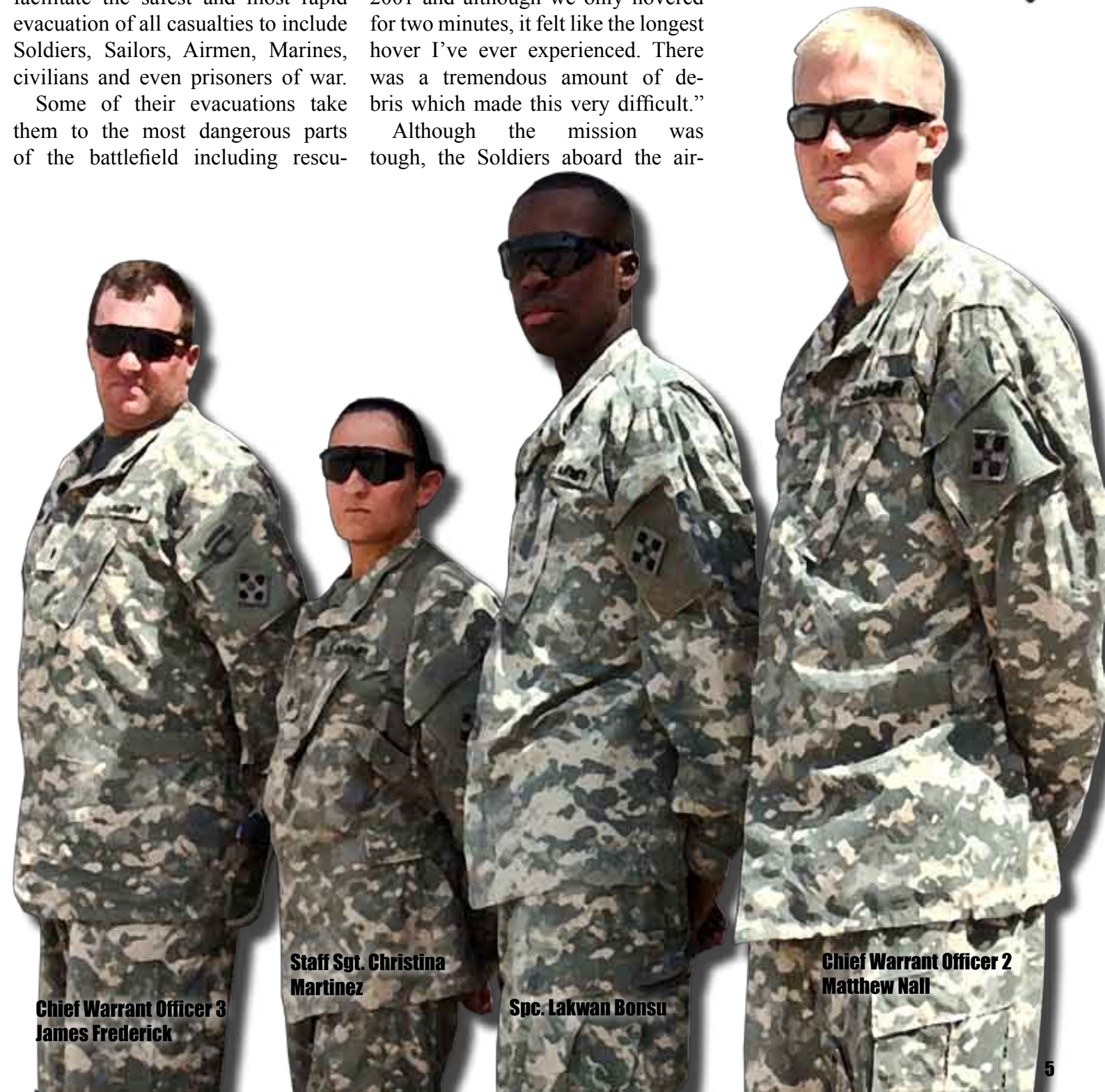
ing casualties from roadside bomb attacks, force against force casualties and suicide bomb attacks. In addition, the pilots have get to the casualties in some of the trickiest landing zones.

"This wasn't a normal mission. Until recently ground and air assets didn't go into Sadr City together," said Frederick. "We were able to do that because the security situation has improved. I've been flying since 2001 and although we only hovered for two minutes, it felt like the longest hover I've ever experienced. There was a tremendous amount of debris which made this very difficult."

Although the mission was tough, the Soldiers aboard the air-

craft knew what they had to do and they kicked it into another gear.

"When you are saving people, you just don't think about it," said Martinez. "You just do it."



**Chief Warrant Officer 3
James Frederick**

**Staff Sgt. Christina
Martinez**

Spc. Lakwan Bonsu

**Chief Warrant Officer 2
Matthew Nall**

‘Next Greatest Generation’

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

keeping MND-B Apaches in the sky

While some young citizens around the world are worried about their car, their clique or even their tan, many young Soldiers throughout the Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division–Baghdad are concerned about a little more.

Tasked with keeping multi-million dollar aircraft serviced, operational and in the air, Apache helicopter mechanics, armament repairmen and fuelers are charged with keeping the pilots flying to protect the Soldiers on the ground.

Deemed by many as the next ‘greatest generation,’ the only tan these young Soldiers get is on the back of their necks from working long hours on

the Camp Taji flight line where temperatures can reach over 130 degrees.

“I maintain this aircraft from top to bottom,” said Spc. Edwin Sierra, 23, crew chief, Company A, 4th Battalion, 4th Avn. Regiment from Belize, who grins with pride as he talks about the aircraft he is working on. “This is a lot of work and a lot of responsibility since the aircraft flies a lot. I can fix anything on this aircraft, besides the armament.”

The Apache is the principal attack helicopter of the U.S. Army. With a price tag of more than \$18 million, the combat helicopters seat

only a pilot and a gunner who are equipped with a 30mm fixed machine gun, hellfire missiles and rockets.

In addition to the arsenal, the helicopter is capable of flying day or night and has a target acquisition system, pilot night vision system, global positioning system and an integrated helmet and display sight system.

Originally designed to destroy Soviet tanks during the Cold War, the Apache was introduced to combat during the invasion of Panama and has seen action during the Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Pfc. Kyle Sprouse, 24, Co. D, 4th Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, from Oshkosh, Wis., arms an Apache helicopter on Camp Taji. Many Soldiers throughout the brigade, who are under the age of 25, are responsible for maintaining, fueling and arming the combat helicopters.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

The CAB uses the aircraft throughout the MND-B area of operations to protect troops on the ground, engage the enemy and escort air ambulance flights. With a complex fleet of aircraft and a never ending mission, keeping the aircraft in the air, fueled and armed is vital.

Although the task may seem daunting to the normal person, many of the CAB’s youthful Soldiers barely blink an eye.

“I load the hellfire missiles, rockets and the 30mm cannon,” said Pfc Kyle Sprouse, 24, armament, electrical and avionics systems repair, Co. D, 4th Bn., 4th Avn. Regt. “We maintain all the armament, communication and avionics. This is a complicated aircraft and it always keeps me busy. Doing this job is very fast-paced, because we are constantly loading and downloading ammunition.”

Not only is arming the aircraft a non-stop mission, keeping the aircraft full of fuel is also a never-ending task.

“My job is to refuel the Apache aircrafts on the flight line,” said Spc. Thomas Elfar, 25, petroleum supply specialist, Co. E, 1st Bn., 4th Avn. Regt. from Punta, Fla., who is on his second tour to Iraq in support of OIF. Elfar and his wife, Jes-



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Cpl. Christopher Spencer, Apache helicopter mechanic, Co. D, 4th Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B from Greenville, S.C., works on an Apache helicopter on the flight line of Camp Taji.

sica, recently had their second child before he was deployed again.

“I’ve had as many as twelve aircraft at once needing to be refueled during my tours here in Iraq. Each one requires about 350 gallons and they can’t fly without fuel. Flying is how they (pilots) support the ground troops. Keeping them in the air is how we support the mission.”

Supporting the mission is what the

young Soldiers feel they are all about. Taking care of the Apaches is a 24/7 job where Soldiers work shifts of eight hours or more. During their off time, they bond with their peers and figure out how they can do the job better.

“Overall, the camaraderie with my peers is what I enjoy most about this job since I’ve been with this unit,” said Elfar. “It is difficult, but you just keep trying to do your best.”



A U.S. Army AH-64 Apache Attack helicopter from the CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, prepares to land after the conclusion of a mission at the CAB’s airfield on Camp Taji. Originally designed to destroy Soviet tanks during the Cold War, the Apache was introduced to combat during the invasion of Panama and has seen action during the Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE AH-64 APACHE ATTACK HELICOPTER WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE SOVIET TANKS DURING THE COLD WAR.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel

Blackhawk crew chief focuses on preparation, supports

By Sgt. Jason Dangel

MND-B Mission



Sgt. David Brocato (left), crew chief, Co. C, 3rd Battalion, 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, and counterpart Spc. Daniel Simonson (right), mount a M240B Machine Gun to the gunner's position of their Blackhawk helicopter before the start of a night mission on Camp Taji.

As the sun begins to set behind the Baghdad horizon, the sound of laughter and conversation emanate from the corrugated steel sleeping trailers of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Combat Avn. Brigade.

Behind the chatter, an alarm clock sounds; alerting Sgt. David Brocato it is time to get ready for the night's mission. It's 6:30 p.m.

Like any 4th Infantry Division. Soldier, the young 28 year-old crew chief knows that proper preparation is a must before any operation as he begins mentally preparing himself for the long night ahead of him.

"The reason I came into the military and into this job goes back to when I initially joined the Army," the Kentwood, La., native explained embarking on his routine quarter-mile journey to his company's flight line.

"If I was going to do something in the military, I was going to do something that I really enjoyed. For me, helicopters were the only choice."

As a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crew chief,

Brocato's responsibilities seem almost endless, especially working for 3rd Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., whose mission for MND-B is three fold.

The battalion is responsible for air assault missions, formal aviation mission requests as well as routine personnel air transport called the Iron Horse Express, throughout the MND-B area of operations.

With more than 1,000 flight hours under his belt, the crewman's responsibilities range from in-flight instructor to performing critical fixes on the aircraft during missions.

Also considered the "eyes of the aircraft," he is required to help the pilots maneuver the helicopter in and out of tight areas as well as watch for threats from the sky. Most of their missions last about six hours.

The time now is about 8 p.m., three hours before mission.

With the expectation of an air assault operation tentatively scheduled for 11 p.m., Brocato's tone becomes more serious as he looks over the night's flight schedule.

He checks and rechecks mission number and helicopter

number before quickly moving to another office containing maintenance logs. He uses the logs to ensure his aircraft is mechanically sound. The process lasts more than an hour.

"Any kind of maintenance, or mechanical issues are all logged into a computer system and it's my responsibility to ensure all the scheduled maintenance has been completed before we

even go out to look at its condition," he said.

"Aircraft maintenance is very meticulous because of the risk factor involved with flying. If a mechanical problem occurs in the air, it puts the whole crew at risk for injury and even death. Essentially it is the crew chief's responsibility to ensure this doesn't happen," he continued.

It s 9:30 p.m. before Brocato and trainee Spc. Daniel Simonson begin their pre-flight inspections of the aircraft. As they scan the exterior components of the Blackhawk, Brocato is met by another member of his team informing him the air assault mission has been cancelled. The cancellation hardly equates to anything for Brocato and the Freeland, Pa. native Simonson, who briefly acknowledge the announcement, as they continue the inspection process.

"When there isn't a scheduled air assault that doesn't mean that we get the night off," Brocato said laughing.

"The majority of the guys in this company are new to all of this," he continued, reaching for his flight helmet. "When we don't have a mission we conduct in-flight training for the new guys so when called upon they can go out and successfully perform the required missions in combat."

As an experienced aviator now on his second tour to Iraq, Brocato prides himself in the training of his Soldiers and any chance to show them how to proficiently perform their duties in the air, whether on mission or in training, it is an honor.

Long-time aviators of his unit consider it an honor to watch the young crew chief grow and meld into an inspiring leader and predict his career in the Army to be a long one.

"I see Sgt. Brocato in ten years as a command sergeant major or a Chief Warrant Officer 3 or Chief Warrant Officer 4," said the company's top enlisted leader, 1st Sgt. Michael Davis.

"He is one of the best and most dedicated young noncommissioned officers that I have seen in

"He's been here before, knows the ropes and he's passing it on to the new guys."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Shott
platoon sergeant, Co. C, 3rd Bn., 4th Avn. Regt.

my 23 years of service," Davis continued. Just like his grandfather before him who was one of Louisiana's first helicopter pilots in the military, he knew exactly what he wanted to do when he signed on the dotted line. For the young crew chief, aviation was the only way to go.

With only about 45 minutes until the crew's scheduled take-off time, Brocato goes over a few more things with Simonson, and ensures the trainee is prepared for the

mission; a duty the senior crew chief doesn't take lightly. "He's been here before, knows the ropes and he's passing it on to the new guys," said platoon sergeant and Effingham, Ill., native Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Shott.

"He is a professional. I feel very fortunate to have him as a squad leader. We couldn't do all this without him."

As the engine starts, and the Blackhawk's rotors turn, Brocato assumes his place of duty. Unlike the common infantryman, whose place of duty requires them to patrol the streets of Iraq, a crew chief's place of duty is the air.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel

Sgt. David Brocato, crew chief, Co. C, 3rd Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., focuses his night vision goggles before the start of a late-night mission at Camp Taji. With more than 1,000 flight hours under his belt, Brocato's responsibilities range from in-flight instructor to performing critical fixes on the aircraft during missions. Brocato is a native of Kentwood, La.

TALON

Spotlight

(RIGHT) Starford, N.J., native Spc. Joseph Yatzor, crew chief, Co. A, 3rd Bn., 4th Avn. Regt., CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, prepares a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter for a mission at the CAB's airfield on Camp Taji.

(BELOW) A CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter soars over the skies outside of the the Iraqi Capital carrying Soldiers to the "Ivy" Division Headquarters at Camp Liberty.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel



(LEFT) A U.S. Army AH-64D Apache Attack helicopter from the CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, prepares to land after the conclusion of a mission on Camp Taji. The Apache has been the Army's primary attack helicopter since 1984 and has seen action in Panama, the Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(BELOW) Sgt. Jamiell Dominguez, flight medic, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 4th Avn., Regt., conducts a medical training scenario with her Soldiers at the CAB's Airfield.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel

New CH-47F Chinook Cargo helicopters from the CAB, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, are seen from high above Camp Taji's Airfield. Weighing in at roughly 30,000 lbs. with the capability to haul 20,000 more, the CAB has begun using their fleet of new CH-47F Chinook cargo helicopters in the Global War on Terrorism around the MNF-I area of operations. The helicopters are an upgraded cargo helicopter which replaces the 20-year old CH-47D model.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

It is a great day when I'm asked to reenlist Soldiers in the Army, and it is an honor for me to be here with you today."

Brig. Gen. Robin Swan

deputy commanding general, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B

has more than likely already made up their mind whether or not they want to reenlist. It's our job to help push them in the right direction," West said.

"Money is always important to a Soldier, and should be, but most of them look at it as a small incentive to what they really want and that is to move into positions that provide promising futures and continued career enhancement."

One CAB Soldier, who did just that, was Pfc. Tyler Schuler, helicopter mechanic, 404th Avn. Support Battalion from Sioux Falls, S.D., who opted to reenlist purely for a college education incentive which will allow him to temporarily separate from the Army for six months in order to complete two semesters of college.

Schuler's reenlistment package, which included a five-year reenlistment agreement and a bonus of \$1,500, will only add eight months to his previous contract length while providing him the opportunity for col-

lege classes and a foundation for future career success.

"For the most part, I have enjoyed my Army experience and I'm trying to take advantage of all the benefits the Army has to offer," Schuler said.

"Everyone has their own reason for staying in the Army. For me it was the opportunity to go back to school."

The final four Soldiers from the 404th Avn. Spt. Bn. who put the CAB at 100 percent were Spc. David Carolus, petroleum specialist from Surprise, Ariz., Spc. Kenneth Kiehne, aircraft structural repairer, from Tucson, Ariz., Spc. Michael Pittsenbarger, helicopter mechanic, from Dayton, Texas, and Schuler.



IRON EAGLES COMPLETE FY2008 retention mission, celebrate in Baghdad

By Sgt. Jason Dangel

The Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, met the fiscal year 2008 retention goals as the last four Soldiers needed to put them at 100 percent renewed their commitment to the U.S. Army during a ceremony on Camp Liberty, Iraq, Aug. 4.

Brig. Gen. Robin Swan, a native of Pittsburgh, who serves as the deputy commanding general of MND-B and the 4th Inf. Div., presided over the ceremony and administered the oaths of reenlistment.

"It is a great day when I'm asked to reenlist Soldiers in the Army, and it is an honor for me to be here with you today," he said. "It is an honor for me to be able to administer your oath again, and understand the commitment you are all taking on, personally and professionally, for your country, for our Army and for yourselves."

To date, approximately 460 "Iron Eagle" Soldiers have reenlisted to stay Army Strong. The

brigade is scheduled to close out this year's reenlistment mission at more than 110 percent which roughly translates into 485 new reenlistments.

"Now that we have reached our goal we are beginning to shift our focus over to the new fiscal year," said Staff Sgt. John West, brigade career counselor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CAB, from Pittsburgh.

"I expect that we will have a few more Soldiers who will want to reenlist right now. Most will wait until October with the new bonuses and career options that will become available."

Soldiers have numerous options available to them when they are considering continuing their careers in the Army. When it becomes evident that a Soldier's unit is going to be deployed to combat, tax-free reenlistment bonuses play a significant part in retention negotiations.

"When a Soldier comes into our office, he or she



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jason Dangel

Four Soldiers from the 404th Avn. Spt. Bn. renew their commitment to the U.S. Army during a ceremony with the 4th Infantry Division and MND-B Deputy Commanding General Brig. Gen. Robin Swan.



FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Army Achievement Medal Awardees through Aug. 1, 2008

2ND BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT

SPC. DARRELL BARBER	SGT. SHAWN RONDA
SPC. AARON SMITH	SPC. BRANDON GERANEN
SPC. RICARDO SIERRA	SPC. ELIJAH GONZALEZ
PFC. DUSTIN SHORT	SPC. KARIM GULAMALI
STAFF SGT. DANIEL THOMAS	SGT. OMAR RODRIGUEZ
SPC. BRANDON LARSON	

3RD BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT

SGT. AARON HERNANDEZ

4TH BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT

PVT. MICHAEL ADAMS	PVT. JOSHUA CLOANNINGER
PVT. JAIME AGUILON	PFC. TIMOTHY CORNEJO
SPC. MATTHEW ALBERS	PFC. IVAN HOLLINS
SGT. JEFFERY ANDERSON	PFC. TODD LAWYER
PVT. CLAYTON AYERS	PFC. AIRRION MELEOD
SPC. CORY BOUNDS	SPC. JUAN PENA
SGT. KEVIN BRODINE	SPC. JARRELL PEOPLES
SGT. KYRA CARTER	PFC. FRANCIS PODOBNIK
PVT. ERNEST REYES	



Air Medal Awardees through Sept. 1, 2008



2ND BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 MATTHEW NALL	AIR MEDAL WITH VALOR
STAFF SGT. CHRISTINA MARTINEZ	AIR MEDAL WITH VALOR
SPC. LAKWAN BONSU	AIR MEDAL WITH VALOR

4TH BATTALION, 4TH AVIATION REGIMENT

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CHRISTOPHER BARNES	AIR MEDAL
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 DAVID KUSCHELL	AIR MEDAL
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 JACK HAYEK	AIR MEDAL
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 KEVIN SMITH	AIR MEDAL

PROMOTIONS

through Aug. 1, 2008

PV2 JUAN CAUDILLO	PFC BRITTANY KROUSE	SPC KEVIN BINDSHEDLER	SPC PATRICK HAWKEY	SPC RICARDO SERRANO
PV2 JARROD BORING	PFC BENJAMIN LEONARD	SPC ALEXANDER BLAKE	SPC PATRICK HUDSON	SPC MAURICE SHEPPARD
PV2 COLBY LITTLE JOHN	PFC BRANDON LESTER	SPC PAUL BRANDT	SPC SHANE HUSK	SPC VICTORIA SMITH
PV2 STEVEN ATKINSON	PFC WILLIAM LOCKE	SPC JACOBE BRAXTON	SPC KYLE KENT	SPC MATTHEW SODIA
PFC CLAYTON AYERS	PFC REX LUQUE	SPC DEREK BURGE	SPC JARRED KOBUS	SPC DANNIELLE SOLIAI
PFC MICHAEL BRANNIGAN	PFC JASON MCQUEEN	SPC SHANE CAPPS	SPC DENNISHA LEWIS	SPC LARRY STALLINGS
PFC RYAN BRUIN	PFC GLENDA MURRAY	SPC EDDIE CASTRO	SPC TYANYI LI	SPC JUSTIN STERLING
PFC OKEIA BURKETT	PFC KIRA LEE OESAU	SPC IRENE CHAVEZ	SPC JOSHUA LOFLIN	SPC DANIEL STOEHR
PFC BRYAN BROOKHART	PFC CHRISTOPHER PAYNE	SPC KALVIN CLARK	SPC BENJAMIN LONG	SPC NANCY VARGAS
PFC RICHARD COZAD	PFC ERNEST REYES	SPC SEAN CURRIE	SPC MICHAEL LYTLE	SPC GERARDO VILLARREAL
PFC LYNSEY DALEY	PFC JUSTIN RUZICKA	SPC SOSTENES DEHOYOS	SPC ANDREA MCALISTER	SPC DIRK VISKER
PFC QUENTIN DUBLIN	PFC ASHTON SANDERS	SPC JUSTIN DELOYE	SPC BRYANT MCCLAIN	SPC ANDREW WALTERS
PFC RACHEL ECKMAN	PFC KRISTIN STREET	SPC ERIC DOUGHTY	SPC KASSITY MERRELL	SPC JONATHAN WEBB
PFC KEITH FISHER	PFC MATTHEW VICK	SPC CODY DYE	SPC WILLIAM MIERZWAK	SPC SARAH WELLS
PFC ADAM FLETT	PFC ANTHONY WALTON	SPC JEFFREY EATON	SPC JOHN MILLER	SPC KERSHUNE WESCOTT
PFC NATHANIEL FRANK	PFC LARRY WILLIAMS	SPC DAVID EDWARDS	SPC MICHAEL NOBLES	SPC JOSHUA WHITE
PFC JONATHAN GRAHAM	SPC QUINTIN ANDERSON	SPC JELISIA EDWARDS	SPC JOSIAH RAFTER	SPC SHANNON WILLINGHAM
PFC MELISSA GREENE	SPC RAPHAEL BACH	SPC PETER ELLIS	SPC ZACHARY RAHRIG	SPC JASON WING
PFC MATTHEW HUNT	SPC KEVIN BARNES	SPC TERRELL GEANS	SPC SHANE ROCKE	SPC JEFFREY WOLFE
PFC SPENCER JOHNSON	SPC JARRETT BECKETT	SPC MARCE GONZALES	SPC BRYAN SABLAN	SPC JOSEPH YATZOR
PFC TOLA KEOMEAS	SPC LEONARD BEEBE	SPC BRADLEY HAMILTON	SPC STUART SEAL	SPC ANDREW ZABINSKI

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS

CPL LAURA FIERRO	CPL DERRICK LAMPKIN	CPL BRIAN WOOD	SGT CHRISTOPHER RAINS	SFC ROBERT FORD
CPL RAUL MATUTE	CPL JOSEPH FITZGERALD	CPL TIFFANY SCHROEDER	SGT MATTHEW TATE	SFC TIMOTHY PICCOLOTTI
CPL JESSE CAMPOS	CPL JAMIE SPANSKI	SGT MICHAEL ANDERSON	SGT TIMOTHY TEETS	
CPL MIGUEL MELENDEZ	CPL STEVEN DONEY	SGT JESSE DAVIS	SGT KARLA TOLEDO	
CPL RICHARD MUNSON	CPL ANTWUAN GOODSON	SGT JOSE DELACRUZ	SGT CORY WEBER	
		SGT JOHN GODINEZ	SSG MICHAEL GENDRON	
		SGT JAMES EDWARD GINN	SSG RICHARD SANCHEZ	

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS

CW2 BOBBY MILLER	CW3 CHRISTOPHER PARKIN
CW2 JUSTIN SMITH	CW4 PETER DANCY
CW3 MICHAEL CORLEE	CW5 LEONEL TORIBIO
CW3 FRANK MORALES	CW5 MICHAEL KNIGGE

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

1LT JOSEPH BLACK	CPT MIJU KURTZWEIL	CPT LINDSAY RYAN
CPT JOSHUA CAMBRA	CPT BRIAN LUTZ	CPT RALPH SALAZAR
CPT LOGAN COLLINS	CPT LIONEL MACKLIN	CPT RYAN SMITH
CPT ROBERT DOMITROVICH	CPT ANDREW NADIG	CPT ERIC SHANLEY
CPT OZ HENRY	CPT DAVID POWELL	CPT ROSS RIDGE
CPT ERIN BRASWELL	CPT GARY PRESTON	
CPT ABIGAIL HORVATH	CPT NOLAN ROGGENKAMP	

LEGAL assistance



The U.S. Army Sexual Assault and Response Program

The Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and accountability. Army policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes. The goals of the 4th CAB Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are to:

- **Create a climate that minimizes sexual assault incidents, and, if an incident should occur, ensure that victims and subjects are treated according to Army policy.**
- **Create a deployed climate that encourages victims to report incidents of sexual assault without fear.**
- **Establish sexual assault prevention training and awareness programs to educate Soldiers.**
- **Ensure sensitive and comprehensive treatment to restore victims' health and well-being.**
- **Ensure leaders understand their roles and responsibilities regarding response to sexual assault victims, thoroughly investigate allegations of sexual assault and take appropriate administrative and disciplinary action.**

If you have been sexually assaulted or think you have been, then you should:

- **Go to a safe location away from the attacker.**
- **Contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA) or healthcare provider. You may also contact your chain of command or the military police, however if you do, an investigation will occur and you will not have the option of making a RESTRICTED Report (see below).**
- **Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.**
- **Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, wash your hands or brush your teeth. Do not**

clean or straighten up the crime scene.

- **Write down, tape or record by any means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.**

When filing a report of a sexual assault or alleged sexual

“The bottom line is that all 4th CAB Soldiers should know that sexual assault is a serious issue, punishable under the UCMJ.”

Capt. Ashden Fein

Brigade Judge Advocate, CAB, 4th Inf. Div.

assault, you have two options – RESTRICTED reporting or UNRESTRICTED reporting. RESTRICTED reporting is the option for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the official investigative process. Service members who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy must report the assault to a SARC, VA, a healthcare provider, or chaplain. This policy on restricted reporting is in addition to the current protections afforded privileged communications with a chaplain, and does not alter or affect those protections.

UNRESTRICTED reporting is the option for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unrestricted reporting, you should use current reporting channels, e.g. chain of command, military police, and report the incident to the SARC, or request healthcare providers to notify law enforcement. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign a VA. Details regarding the incident will be lim-

You've got mail

By CH (Maj.) Allen Staley, CAB Chaplain, 4th Inf. Div.

There are no more welcome words to a Soldier...or a Family member, especially during a deployment. Nothing revives the spirit more than getting



good news from your loved one. In fact, the Bible says “good news brings health to the bones.” In other words, it brings an inner satisfaction. These good words are appreciated in any form, but the more lasting and appreciated messages are usually those in written form...that's right, I'm talking about good old fashioned “snail mail.”

A letter of any length in your own handwriting, sloppy (like mine) or neat takes time, and shows the receiver you took the time to send a part of yourself to them. A letter gives you a chance to carefully choose your words before you send it, and once it is received, can stand for years, if kept, as a record, or legacy of your love. How many of us kept or maybe still have tucked away in a little memory box, special letters or cards, maybe preserved for years. It was a “rare” letter from my dad

years ago, that changed the course of our relationship for the rest of his life.

With this in mind, let me highlight an upcoming ministry program we are about to launch for Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers and Families. It is called “Letters from Dad.” Dad's, this exciting program can help YOU leave a legacy of faith, hope and love with your kids and others you care about. “Letters from Dad” will help you learn to say the things you want and need to say in very special letters written to your wife, your parents and your children. It will not only greatly improve your communication skills, but will also revolutionize your relationships and even help you make peace with your past. All materials and the “coaching” are provided. A partner program for military moms, called “Blessings from the Heart” will be made available soon, as well. Your unit chaplains and I will be kicking off this program soon, so please talk to yours ASAP to sign up.

Now, for those of you whom I haven't met, please let me introduce myself. I have been with the brigade since February and it has been an honor and

privilege to serve with the 4th ID's finest Soldiers and Families as we have travelled along the road to deployment together. My wife, Penny, and four sons join me in prayer for you during this experience. I invite you to get to know them through your involvement in the FRG activities. I also remind you that Chaplain (Maj.) Maloney, 4th Infantry Division Rear Detachment Chaplain, at (254) 287-2917, is backing me up in providing pastoral care for those of you back home who may need it. I encourage you to be active in your faith through your local chapel or church as they pray for and support you during these months.

Over the next few months I will be introducing the five great chaplains serving the battalions of the CAB and highlighting some of the many ministry programs they are making available to CAB Soldiers. For those of you deployed with us, listed below are the chapel services and programs currently offered by your CAB Unit Ministry Team to all CAB soldiers at our main worship locations. See your chaplain for more details of additional and upcoming programs.

Camp Taji Worship Schedule

ARGONNE (BLDG 97)

POC: 834.1124/1161

SUN	0930	Contemporary Protestant
	1100	Traditional Protestant
	1300	Church of Christ
WED	1300	Catholic Mass
THURS	1900	Hispanic Bible Study
FRI	1900	Wiccan/ Open Circle

WARRIOR CHAPEL (BLDG 510)

POC: 242.6501

SUN	1000	Protestant Service
	1400	LDS Service
	1830	Contemporary Protestant
MON	1900	Bible Study
WED	1900	Bible Study
THURS	1200	Bible Study (DFAC 1)
FRI	1900	Warrior Challenge
SAT	1200	Catholic Mass
	2000	International Service

CHARIOT CHAPEL (BLDG 639)

POC: 834.1049

SUN	1000	Gospel Service
WED	1830	Bible Study

TIGRIS RIVER CHAPEL (BLDG 119)

POC: 242.6314

SUN	0930	Traditional Protestant
	1130	Contemporary Protestant
	1800	Episcopal/Anglican/Liturgical
MON	2000	AA Meeting
FRI	1700	RCIA
	1900	Jewish Service
	2000	AA Meeting
SAT	1030	SDA Devotion
	1800	Catholic Mass

MINISTRY

CENTER (BLDG 130)

POC: 242.6314

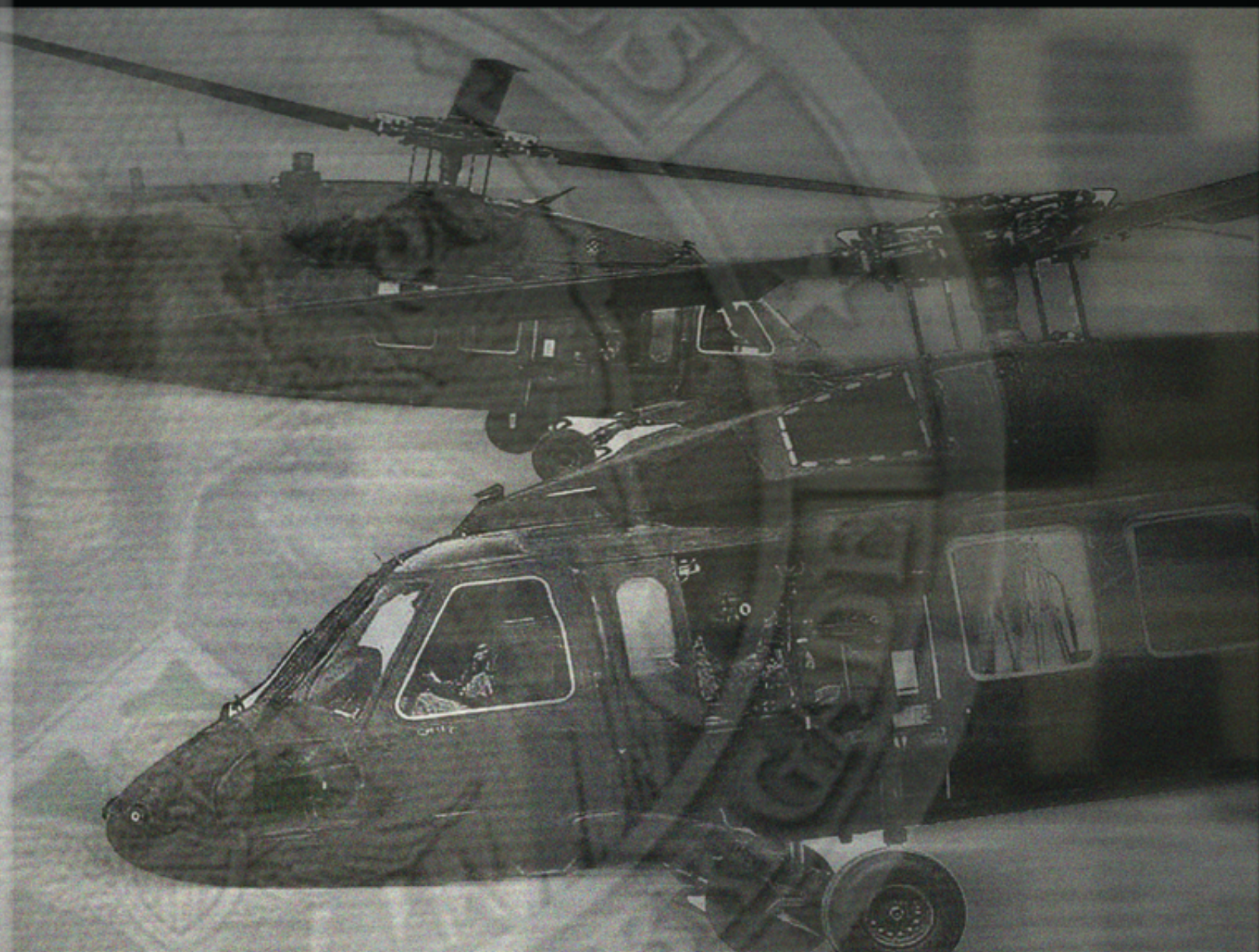
SUN	0830	Sunday School
	1000	Gospel Service
FRI	1200	Islamic Prayer

STRIKER VILLAGE CHAPEL (BLDG 281)

POC: 834.3807

SAT	1930	Catholic Mass
SUN	1100	Protestant Service

COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE SAFETY MAINTENANCE



FAMILY 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION OPERATIONS

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

news from around the army effecting you

Chiarelli takes oath as vice chief

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 5, 2008) - In a Pentagon ceremony, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates promoted Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli to four-star general and Army Secretary Pete Geren administered Chiarelli's oath of office as the Army's 32nd vice chief of staff.

Gates, who was Chiarelli's boss in his most recent position as senior military assistant to the secretary of defense since March 2007, called the ceremony

“bittersweet,” saying, “I’ll miss him. But I can think of no one better to take the job [as vice].”

From moving into a position as the Army's director of operations a month before the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 to commanding the 1st Cavalry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas, in August 2003 and deploying to Iraq as the commander of Task Force Baghdad - from February 2004 to March 2005 - Chiarelli hasn't soldiered from the sidelines.

Army Prepares for Next Rotations in Iraq

WASHINGTON- The Department of the Army confirmed the Department of Defense's announcement for the next rotation of four brigade combat teams consisting of approximately 18,000 personnel in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The deployment window for these units will begin in the early months of 2009.

The four BCTs confirmed as part of the regular rotation to Iraq are the 1st (Ironhorse) Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd (Black Jack) Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 3rd (Spartans) Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., and the 56th Brigade (Stryker) Combat Team, (The As-sociators), Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

FOR 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION NEWS AND MORE

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

STEADFAST & LOYAL

Carson 0612 6:12 am D.C. 0812 8:12 am

Hood 0712 7:12 am

1212 Zulz 0:12 pm

Liberty 1512 3:12 pm

MILES TO WALK TO IRAQ AND BACK: 4,1700 LAP # 5

PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORTS

POM ACCIDENT CRITICALLY INJURES ONE SOLDIER

A 263rd ADA, South Carolina Army National Guard, Soldier was critically injured in a motorcycle crash on 13 July 2008 at

Home About 4ID Division Leadership Division Staff Units Frequent Questions Calendar Family Readiness Newcomers Safety

WHAT'S HOT

CLICK HERE

REAR DETACHMENT

BLUE STAR

4ID IMPORTANT LINKS

ISSN FEED

FORT HOOD

4th Infantry Division News

MND NEWS

ARCHIVE

IVY NEWS

ARCHIVE

IRON HORSE VIDEOS

ARCHIVE

IVY NEWSLETTERS

ARCHIVE

IRONHORSE TRACKER

ARCHIVE

VISIT WWW.PAO.HOOD.ARMY.MIL/4ID



Learning from the **past** is the first step to predicting the **future**.

Every loss impacts readiness and takes another Soldier out of the fight. But imagine having the actionable knowledge of the threats or hazards before you cross the line of departure.

Now you can through Composite Risk Management, or CRM. CRM enables you to get a clearer, more complete picture of the threats or hazards around you.

With CRM, you can be more aggressive and Own the Edge by making more predictive and better-informed risk decisions.

Lessons from the past can help to shape the future.

Imagine the power now that you can shape yours.

BEYOND ARMED BEYOND READY

Knowledge changes everything



TO LEARN MORE VISIT [HTTPS://CRC.ARMY.MIL](https://crc.army.mil)