

## Oregon Soldiers train to fight-- fight to win



### Oregon Soldiers take top honors in Iraq-wide combatives tournament

Soldiers from Alpha Company 1/86 Infantry brought a blend of teamwork, skill, toughness and heart to a unique competition that the company dominated in Iraq last month. The all Iraq combatives tournament at Camp Bucca consisted of 23 teams from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines with 104 competitors in six weight classes.

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### Soldier's Info

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/user/theJungleerTube](http://www.youtube.com/user/theJungleerTube)

**Blog:** [www.jungleer.blogspot.com](http://www.jungleer.blogspot.com)

**Freedom Salute.com:** Salute someone who has supported you

**Southern Oregon University:** [sou.edu/DeployedSoldier](http://sou.edu/DeployedSoldier)

**Army Family Readiness Group:** [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org)

**41st Facebook Group:** [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=89211769848](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=89211769848)

**Facebook:** <http://tinyurl.com/mq8rh9>

**Weather:** [www.weatherforyou.com](http://www.weatherforyou.com)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/41stIBCT](http://www.twitter.com/41stIBCT)

**DVIDS:** [www.dvidshub.net/units/41IBCT](http://www.dvidshub.net/units/41IBCT)

**Edelweiss Lodge:** [www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/operationr&r](http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/operationr&r)



## Combatives, con't.

Capt. Brian Moyer, A Co 1/186 Commander, said his company brought two teams to the tournament with their first team winning the championship, nearly doubling the second place team's score.

Alpha company had winners in four of the six weight classes at the tournament with many others finishing strong.

"They have a lot of heart and they really pulled together as a team, and at the end of the day they just don't give up," said Moyer.

Moyer said his Soldiers went to the tournament



wanting to present themselves as class acts and professionals who do their talking on the mat.

Alpha company found out about the tournament only a week in advance, but they were able to dominate against teams that had trained for two months, thanks to the teamwork and talent of a company full of skilled wrestlers, cage fighters and martial arts experts.

"It was a great environment," Spc. Devon Zeller said. "It felt like we were back home at a wrestling tournament. Everyone who convoyed down with us was cheering and that helped out a lot."

## Small post has great MWR activities and support

Story and photo by 1Lt. Robert Gruber, TF Volunteer

Though Scania is a small post, it has a lot to offer for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). It offers normal gym activities and an assortment of team and individual activities. The sports offered on a regular basis are volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, 8 and 9 ball pool, and table tennis.

Alpha Company participates in most of the MWR team sports that are offered. We can add soccer to the list of sports we play as a company. On December 13th Capt. Charles Ellis, 1Lt. Robert Gruber, and Staff Sgt. Dale Hawkins with Scania physician's assistant, Capt. Small, and a civilian contractor, won the MWR dodgeball tournament.

The maintenance section and a group of Soldiers made two more teams. Alpha Co had three of the four teams participating in the tourney.

A Co. has also put together a volleyball team, which is currently playing in a league with several other



teams from Scania. This league play will finish with a tournament on December 26th, and A Co will come out victorious, as usual.

Sports are not the only MWR activities at Scania. There are also bands who come in and play for the residents here.

The latest band was

The Red Devils, from the 34ID. The Red Devils have seven members. They play trumpets, saxophones, keyboards, guitars, and drums. With such a wide array of instruments, they were able to play an eclectic selection of music, from Jazz to Electronica. Scania residents heard music as diverse as Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion" to Gnarl's Barkley's "Crazy".

Scania may be a small post but it has a lot to offer. The sports and concerts allow the residents a break from the normal routine of work, gym, and sleep. A Co has a presence at all MWR events, whether it is just to show up or to compete in the activity. We are always looking for a new challenge.





## A day in the life of convoy security

Story by and photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Hilkemann, TF Guardian

Typically, my day starts in the early morning and late afternoon. I shower, shave, grab a bite to eat, and arrive at our Company Operations. There, I get final details on the night's mission, and set out to make preparations. I verify my route, current intelligence threat assessment, the number of trucks I am

escorting, and the manifest of all my personnel. I prepare my mission briefing and conduct a risk assessment within the next hour. When the rest of the Soldiers assigned to my convoy arrive. I deliver a quick

briefing to the

Soldiers and they prepare the MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protective) vehicles for the mission. Preparation includes: preventative maintenance checks, mounting the machine gun and checking ammunition, voice and digital communications checks, checking jamming equipment, and stocking the coolers with enough Monster Energy Drinks to keep the entire U.S. Army awake for a week.

Once pre-mission preparations are complete, I brief the Squadron Commander on the mission. Later, the whole convoy heads to the dining facility for a good meal (Wednesdays are steak and seafood!). By evening we are headed to the briefing tent. This is a detailed mission brief that I conduct not only for my men (Convoy Escorts) but also for those

being escorted. Once the briefing is done, the Chaplain gives a quick prayer. We load up, and head to the

convoy staging area. My assistant convoy commander and I account for all the trucks and get them in our predetermined order of march.

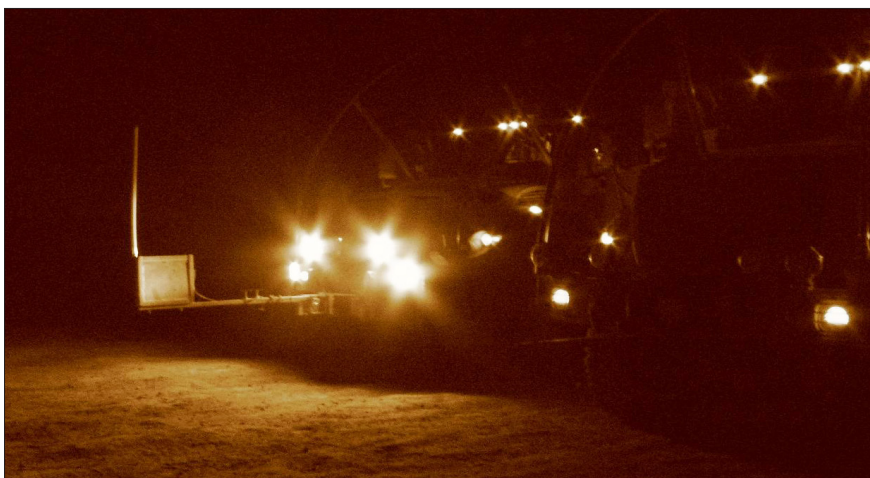
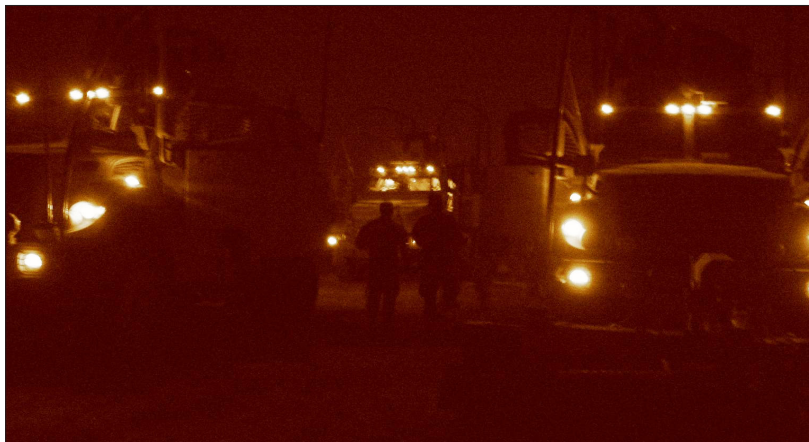
Once the vehicles are staged we conduct one last inspection of personnel to ensure they have their personal protective equipment or "full battle rattle." I give

one last briefing, ensuring everyone understands the mission and also to pass along any new significant information. I give the command "MOUNT UP!" Heading to the gate, I run every possible scenario through my head and what my reaction and subsequent action must be for each. I say another quick prayer, and we are off.

We make our "drop and swaps" and head back to Victory Base Complex, arriving early in the morning. I conduct an after-action review (things we can improve on, and things that worked well) over the radio. When business is done, we have a little fun with the "comedy channel," usually led by Sgt. Miettinen of Grand Island. This proves to be a good opportunity for the Soldiers to let off steam and usually has everyone

laughing hysterically by the time we reach the fuel point. We refuel the trucks and return to the motor pool, turn in weapons, and head to our beds. Each Convoy Commander conducts his business a little

bit differently, but the end result is still the same: mission complete.





# Baker Co reviews the last months of 2009

Story by 1Lt. Robin Ranit, TF Volunteer

The holiday season is upon us as we continue operations at COB Adder. The weather has cooled down considerably. It is not uncommon to see Soldiers sporting their green fleece jackets. At first, none of us thought we would need our cold weather gear here.

Now, we are thankful that our black-boxes arrived with our gear. Between the two weather extremes, the cold and intermittent rain is more preferable to the scorching heat of summer. Our vehicles and equipment also seem to operate much better. Defective air conditioning units are now no longer such an inconvenience on missions.

However, sticky mud makes for a new obstacle. More than once, an outbound convoy has contended with a miry, muddy mess before leaving the COB.

Thanksgiving came and went. Extravagant decorations and actors were seen at the three dining facilities on base. Streamers, large cakes, paper-mache' statues of Indians and pilgrims, and table settings created a welcoming, relaxing and festive atmosphere for Soldiers to enjoy.

The quality of food was pleasantly surprising, as were the food servers. Many of the senior enlisted and officers warmly greeted Soldiers as they served the meal. There seemed to be an endless amount of turkey, ham and steak, mashed potatoes and stuffing.

The meal rounded out with the various traditional Thanksgiving fare which made for a great dining experience. Actors dressed in Native American and Pilgrim clothing moved around the tables and diners adding to the festive atmosphere.

The Volunteer Battalion gathered together for a "town hall" meeting with both the battalion commander and the command sergeant major.

Lt. Col. William Edwards recapped the cumulative accomplishments of all missions prior to Thanksgiving. It was an opportunity to review the combined results of all the effort, dedication, long hours and attentiveness to detail put forth by Soldiers of the Volunteer Battalion. The statistical data of distances

traveled, gallons of fuel, total vehicles and civilians escorted was staggering.

The crowd was silent as the realization of the fruit of their combined labor was read aloud by the battalion commander.

At the conclusion of the gathering, higher command recognized several soldiers from each company for excellent performance above and beyond the standard.

It's always good for an organization to take a quick pause and review the collective progress compared with its earlier established goals.

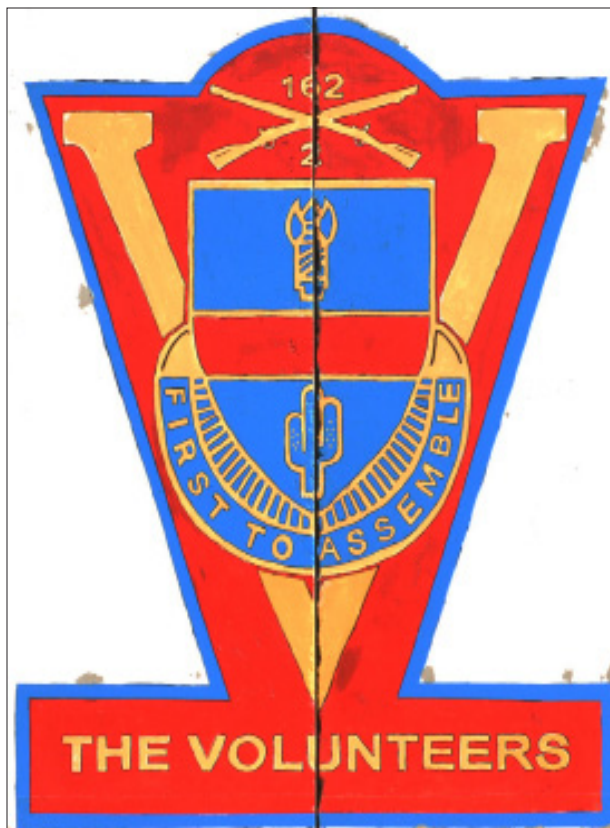
At the company level, Baker has created a list of activities to sustain and areas to improve.

Thus far, the company has successfully pared down its

vehicle fleet. Many hours were put into removing equipment from these vehicles and we cleaned various weapons systems that had previously been neglected, while maintaining equipment used for mission. Soldiers of Baker Company put in additional hours to successfully complete the task.

In an effort to improve operations and adapt to changing enemy tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs), modifications to existing equipment are continually being completed as operational tempo allows.

In contrast to the equipment and vehicles inherited from the previous unit, Baker Company Soldiers are equipped in a manner that maximizes operational effectiveness and safety, while minimizing exposure to enemy action.







# ADOC Shifts: different as night and day

Story and photos by 1Lt. Mathew Lawson, TF Stetson

The Liberty Area Defense Operation Center (ADOC) operates 24 hours a day. All shifts act as a central dispatch.

There are two shifts of Soldiers and their duties are almost as different as the shifts they work. Shift change occurs in the early morning. Night crew prepares slides of the events encountered and issues that Day Shift will have to contend with in the morning.

The shift change is quick. The night shift goes swiftly out the door to sleep.

Sgt. Edgar Carleton starts with radio checks as Spc. Daryl Lambert checks for new maintenance issues. He starts dialing contractors to fix broken drop arms for ECPs or air conditioning units in towers for the contracted security guards. It gets busy if something serious happens such as indirect fire (IDF) landing on VBC or a suspicious event is reported at an ECP and the QRF (Quick Reaction Force) is requested. Issues are resolved by the time the night shift appears.

Soldiers at entry control points (ECPs), in towers, and on convoys report events that happen around Victory Base Complex (VBC) or on routes to the ADOC.

"Message, right side," exclaims 1Lt. Andrew Reed, when a message appears on one of the many screens viewing convoy status.

The time goes by and events rarely change each night. Spc. Michael Fine and Spc. Steven Cheney monitor reports of package trucks being dropped and added with an occasional mechanical breakdown prior to convoys leaving ECPs.

Start and return times are shot back and forth through secure chat rooms between the ADOC and BFTs (Blue Force Trackers) in convoy commander vehicles. Messages of short halts on routes for traffic congestion, break problems on trailers, and re-securing loads on HETTs (Heavy Equipment Truck and Transport) after bumpy sections of roads occupy the rest of the night.

Reports on VBC are filled with mysterious explosions and audible small arms fire sent in by perimeter towers. Information icons are logged into CPOF (Command Post Of the Future) by Sgt. Shawn Wilson or Spc. Ernesto Sanchez. The reports are completed and logged throughout the night.

As the sun is about to rise, night shift has shift change ready and day shift prepares to take over again.



*Liberty ADOC Day Shift (Right to Left) SFC Eugene Lamm, BTL NCO; CPT Amy McIlvenna, BTL CPT; SPC Daryl Lambert, RTO/CPOF Operator; SSG Dale Beshara, Floor NCO and not in frame CPT Phillip DeMontigny, Liberty ADOC OIC; 1LT Dylan Waite, BTL CPT; SFC Douglas Vanaken, BTL NCO; SSG Chatch Revenge, Floor NCO; SGT Edgar Carleton, RTO/CPOF Operator; and SPC Joshua Weems, RTO/CPOF Operator.*



*Liberty ADOC Night Shift (Right to Left) 1LT Andrew Reed, BTL CPT; SGT Shawn Wilson, Floor NCO; SPC Michael Fine, RTO/CPOF Operator; SPC Ernesto Sanchez, RTO/CPOF Operator; 1LT Mathew Lawson, BTL CPT; SSG Nathan Lundquist, BTL NCO; SPC Stephen Cheney, RTO/CPOF Operator; PFC Craig Miller, RTO/CPOF Operator and not in frame SFC Curtis Mayo, BTL NCO; and SPC Brian Jamison, RTO/CPOF Operator.*



## MRAP: the Soldier's desert limo

Story by Spc. Louie Buckles, photo by Spc. Anita VanderMolen, TF Jungleer

Unfortunately, the term IED (improvised explosive device) has become a common acronym to most people who follow the news. It is the primary weapon used against U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq. An IED's effectiveness is a result of using leftover, readily available ammunition or homemade explosives coupled with cheap, household electronics such as cooking timers and cell phones.

Thankfully, the destruction and casualties experienced in years past has lessened. While still a real threat, measures have been taken to reduce damage to equipment and injury to Soldiers.

Most notable in the fight against the IED has been the introduction of the MRAP or Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. Credited with saving Soldiers lives, the MRAP is now the primary vehicle used to move Soldiers in and around the Iraqi theater of operations.

With the huge success of these vehicles came a demand to equip units and their Soldiers with the lifesaving troop carriers. That demand resulted in multiple



contracts being given by the Department of Defense, which in turn, resulted in different versions of the MRAP. While all are effective, the lack of a single standard has created small challenges for shipping configurations. The large challenges include dealing with the incredible

weight that comes with a steel plated vehicle designed to take direct explosions and deflect them with a V-shaped hull. Weight also creates challenges as we have to plan accommodating routes

All disadvantages mean nothing to the Soldier who walks away from an IED attack on his convoy because he was protected by an MRAP. While not a guarantee, we must credit the Department of Defense and their latest effort to keep our Soldiers safe as we draw down our numbers in Iraq.

## 2/162 honored with memorial in Springfield

Story by Spc. Cory Grogan, TF Jungleer, photo by Gia Vang

Prior to Veteran's Day this year, 2 Battalion 162 Infantry Regiment was honored with a memorial for the veterans, past and present, who have helped create a rich tradition.

A ceremony was held to dedicate a monument on November 10, 2009 at the 162nd Infantry Regiment Readiness Center in Springfield. The monument was donated by Musgrove Mortuaries and Cemeteries in honor of the Oregon ROTC members of the 162nd Regiment.

The monument displays the 2/162 IN unit insignia and motto, "First to Assemble." The motto represents the Oregon Soldiers who were a part of the first National Guard unit to be mobilized for service during World War I. They were also the first to recruit to full wartime strength.

The 2/162, called Task Force Volunteer, represents

the willingness of Oregonians to volunteer for service in defense of their state prior to having a paid militia.

The dedication memorial in Springfield honors a rich history of selfless service and sacrifice carried on by the Soldiers of the 2/162 IN who are serving their country both, at home and abroad today.



*Members of the Oregon Army National Guard and Musgrove Cemeteries dedicated a monument at the 162nd Infantry Regiment Readiness Center. The monument honors veterans -- both past and present -- and those serving overseas.*  
<http://www.musgroves.com/community.cfm>





## Rear security is first to respond

Story by Spc. Frank Ritchey, TFAAtlas, MRAP photo from basesystems.com

Some have raised the question of the good we are doing in Iraq: Are the hearts and minds for or against us? On December 7, down a quiet stretch of road, a few Iraqi civilians were grateful for us being here.

The Rear Security Element of 1st Platoon, A CO 141 CSC, witnessed two vehicles crash head-on in the east bound lane. It is not uncommon on the routes to encounter Iraqi vehicles driving against traffic. The convoy commander and the noncommissioned officer-in-charge decided to halt the trucks. They were currently between two towns and it could have been hours before any help would come.

With the main body also halted due to a breakdown, the first responders had time to perform the necessary assessment, treatment and evacuation procedures.

The area was cordoned off. Crews dismounted to assist the injured.

Two adult males had been ejected from their vehicle. Sgt. Luccien Darrensburg, the platoon senior medic, provided relief aid for those individuals first. The other Soldiers rushed to aid the other injured.

One man had lacerations and a possible broken ankle. The second man, identified as the driver, was complaining of pain in his hip, lower back and chest. He was bleeding from a back wound and was suffering from shock.

Three of the four occupants in the second vehicle, including two children, suffered from slight abrasions. The driver took the brunt of the impact. He sustained severe injuries and was trapped inside the vehicle. Sgt. Darrensburg, Pfc. Troy Mullen, and Spc. Michael Bayliss worked to extricate the injured man. Spc. Kristy Fitzpatrick and Sgt. Linus

Nutt tended to the injuries of the children.

Without the aid of specialized equipment, the team utilized a couple wrecking bars, a bit of brute force, and sheer determination to remove the man from the crumpled truck. The man was slid onto a spine board and placed on the ground to receive care.

Sgt. 1st Class Hildebrandt began a call for MEDEVAC. Staff Sgt. Brandy Mortenson, Sgt. Nutt and Hildebrandt then established a landing zone site.

Returning to the accident, Hildebrandt found his medic working on the injured man. The man had a broken femur, a head injury, and was in shock. Darrensburg and Spc. Bayliss applied the splint. As they put the splint pole in place it snapped. Hildebrandt, using a deep socket, put the broken ends of the splint pole in either end of the socket and secured it with tape. The splint could now be utilized.

Soon Iraqi Police arrived on scene and decided they would transport the injured man to the nearest hospital in the back of their pickup. After checking the man's pulse, an IV and a quick class for the IPs on proper care for the man and his injuries, the Soldiers packed up and continued with their mission.

The people with minor injuries were transported by means of some local traffic to the nearest hospital.

In all, Hildebrandt, Darrensburg, Staff Sgt. Mortenson and the rest of their crew acted with the utmost diligence and professionalism. Through their dedication, technical proficiency, quick reaction and innovation, lives were saved and America's standing in Iraq was strengthened.

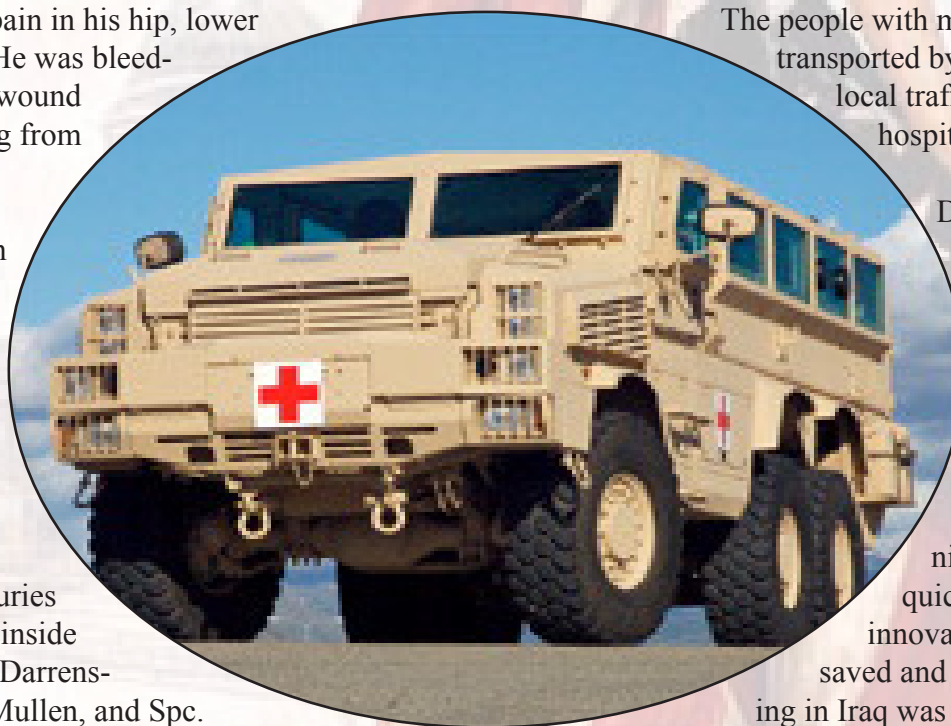


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photo courtesy of basesystems.com



## MWR opening soon in Al Asad

Story and photo by Pfc. Tiana Nguyen, TF Atlas

Imagine this... you're sitting in your room, rockin' away on your "Rockband" guitar. Johnny is over there and is good at singing but sucks at the drums and your "Rockband" keeps losing because of him. You think, "If only Jane, who is amazing on the drums, could come and play with us!" Oh, but wait, females aren't allowed in your room! So you're now at an impasse.

What to do now?

Opening very soon is the Anzio MWR building, located in walking distance from your room. It will be available for all Soldiers staying at Al Asad.

The newly built structure, which was for a short time a laundry facility, will house a large variety

of activities. It will blessedly be less formal than the majority of MWRs one would find throughout Al Asad and other areas in Iraq.

"All personnel and uniforms are authorized," said Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Reeves, who helped with the set up and organization of the facility. Any appropriate activity will be allowed in the new building.

While that is all a very formal statement, it certainly makes hope bloom in many of our hearts.

The new Anzio MWR building will hold many activities such as MWR games, video games (yes, including Modern Warfare 2), game competitions such as "Rockband," a variety of HD movies projected onto

a 24-foot screen, a lounging area, food and drinks, a microwave, a small book library, and a giant inflatable robot (ok I made that one up). Your imagination is really the limit in this case! Personnel will also be able to sign up and request other events.

MWR computers will be located at the TF Atlas Battalion Headquarters, where you could download

some movies from our share drive or maybe race RC cars at the new RC Race-car Track.

Of course, there is a small price: Safety regulations will have to be followed. Soldiers will need to keep all MWR areas clean.

A volunteer CQ desk will also need to be up and running at all times the MWR is open. All personnel will need to behave like the adults that we know are hidden in you all somewhere. At the same time, know that this Anzio MWR building is all for you. This gives you a chance to control your "MWR destiny."

So, while staying in Al Asad, we say "Yes!" go ahead and let Jane rock away on the "Rockband" drums, or read a book, or watch Post Graduation in the movie area. You can even kill the giant inflatable robot that's not really going to be there. Simply relax, and enjoy one of the luxuries of Iraq, the new MWR of Al Asad.







# Chaplains ready to serve God and Country

Story and photo by 1Lt. Benjamin Curle, TF Guardian



The Army provides a great tool in the Chaplains Corps. for Soldiers facing life's various challenges, seeking spiritual guidance, or just in need of someone to talk to.

The Chaplains Corps consists of religious leaders from different religions and denominations who provide counseling and support to Soldiers when deployed and at the home station.

The Army today has Chaplains from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist faiths. Their most visible function is to conduct religious services varying from traditional to contemporary. They also serve in a critical role as counselors and a voice of reason to Soldiers seeking their guidance.

Chaplains play a large part in the Army's programs to sustain marriages. They help Soldiers realize options they have instead of violence, depression, and even suicide during difficult times. If a tragedy hits a

unit, Chaplains are quick to provide comfort to injured personnel. While their specific roles may vary, Chaplains are always there to help and support Soldiers.

The Chaplain Corps slogan is Pro Deo et Patria, Latin for "For God and Country." It is the creed they live by everyday.

*(Back) Lt. Col. Stephen Vaughn, 36th SB, Texas, Lt. Col. Ronald McKay, 1/186 IN, Pfc. Joshua Anderson, 2/162 IN, Sgt. 1st Class Jean Turner, 1/186 IN, and (kneeling) Staff Sgt. Daniel Daggett, 41st HHC, 41 IBCT.*



## December festivities in Iraq

Story and photo by Sgt. Jamie Parkinson, TF Guardian

Stockings are being hung and trees are on display in the homes of many Soldiers' families in Oregon. At COB Adder we continue to wake up and do our mission.

The weather in Iraq is becoming colder but the sun still blazes away throughout the day. As Oregon's temperature dips below freezing, many of us would be gearing up to hit the mountain.

How are Soldiers coping with the holiday season



away from home? What are we up to over here?

Many Soldiers received reminders of the holiday season in recent

care packages. Stockings are hung with care over their beds. Branches from a Douglas Fir fill their offices with the scent of a real pine tree. Many small Christmas trees were sent. They are scattered between the CHU's and offices.

Parties are being organized around missions bringing Soldiers together for a few hours of merriment. They celebrate with hot dogs and steak from the BBQ and "Rockband" in the classroom.

Football continues to be a staple. The recent Civil War game between OSU and U of O was aired on the Armed Forces Network bringing the majority of the Oregon Soldiers out of their beds at 4 a.m. to root for their team. It was a win for Oregon, no matter who you were pulling for!

To our families, though we cannot be with you this year, you are always in our thoughts!

We will see you soon. Remember us as we reminisce about our holiday traditions that you will continue to uphold. Merry Christmas!



## Leave your CHU and hit the Zugspitz for R&R

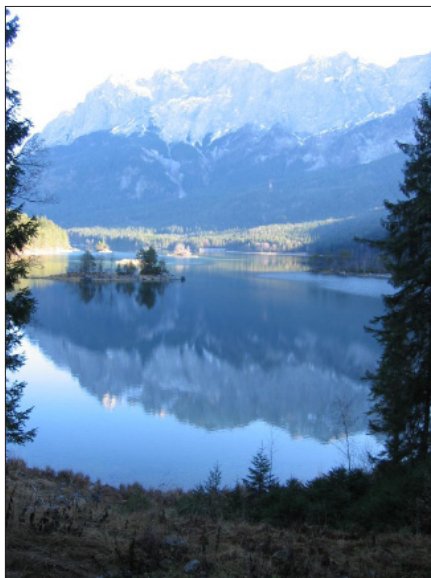
Story and photo by 1Lt. Christopher Shull, TF Stetson

1Lt. Christopher Shull and his wife, M'Chelene, were married only months before the 41st Brigade Combat Team mobilized for Iraq. On such a tight schedule there was little time for a honeymoon. 1Lt. Shull soon discovered, however, that the Department of Defense offers several resort opportunities at discount prices throughout the world, including Hawaii, Seoul, Korea, all over the U.S., and the beautiful (and frequently advertised on AFN) Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Located about two hours south of Munich, by train, the Edelweiss Lodge sits at the base of the Zugspitz, the highest peak in the German Alps. The site was used as a ski school and mountain warfare school after World War II, before being converted to its current state.

Guests at Edelweiss can enjoy a lazy shopping experience at the small woodworking shops or clothing boutiques in the area.

Fans of great architecture and history can visit the famed Neuschwanstein Castle, the Alpine city of Innsbruck, Austria, or tour the Dachau Concentration



*The Zugspitz taken from Lake Eibsee, just west of the Edelweiss Resort.*

Camp. More adventurous spirits can ski on the Zugspitz or surrounding smaller peaks. You can rent a mountain bike and spend the day riding around the many small lakes in the area, or hike through the stunning Partnach Gorge carved into the mountainside by glacier runoff. Or, like, 1Lt. Shull and his wife, you could spend an entire two weeks at the lodge and do all of the above!

Room rates are based on rank, but a 40% discount is given to Soldiers and their families on R&R leave from Iraq or Afghanistan. Even as an officer, Lieutenant Shull and his wife obtained a room for only \$75 per night!

The R&R leave package also includes an excellent buffet for both breakfast and dinner at no extra cost, making the trip decisively more affordable than any other European vacation. Soldiers going on leave can even fly into Munich at no cost if they opt to vacation OCONUS rather than return to Oregon for leave.

For more information on the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort and their R&R leave package visit [www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/operationr&r.html](http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/operationr&r.html)

## Lean to the left, lean to the right this season

Story by 1Lt. Jonah Liddell, TF Stetson, photo by Spc. Anita VanderMolen, TF Jungler

No matter how far from home one might be, or what the environment might be like, the holidays are always a special time of year.

Throughout the last few weeks we have approached the holidays by preparing, decorating Christmas trees, buying presents for family and friends, shipping packages home, or just spending more time together. It is a joyous time of year. We celebrate the holidays no matter where we are.

For many this time can also be a very difficult one. It is hard to be away from the family, especially if it



has never been done before.

This joyous time has the potential of becoming a painful, lonely time for some. However, the most important thing anyone can do is to remember that we are never alone.

There is always somebody around to help when needed. The holidays are about giving, not just gifts, but time, or effort to those who need it.

Furthermore, the holidays are about family, not just the family and friends back home, but also the family here, our battle buddies to the left and right.





## Gunrunner Gauntlet starts holiday tradition

Story by 1Lt. Richard Helzer, TF Atlas

Golf Battery 141 conducted its first Thanksgiving Day road march November 26, 2009 at Al Asad, Iraq.

The Gunrunners of G/141 were looking for an event to make the cold, cloudy days of Iraq's winter memorable. Together, we decided on a 12 kilometer road march. The march would help break up the monotony of vehicle maintenance, battle drills, and rehearsals. The route, a favorite of the runners in the unit, is referred to as the Gunrunner Gauntlet. It boasts some of the most beautiful views of the night time lights of Al Asad.

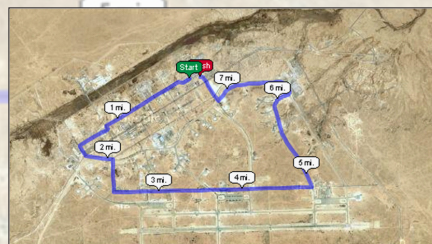
Many Soldiers spend more than 60% of their tour escorting convoys along the routes of Iraq. This was their first chance to see the magnitude of the operations on Al Asad.

Foot marches have been a long standing tradition of the unit since its integration at Camp Roberts.

The event kicked off at 2200 on Thanksgiving night, and finished just in time for the Soldiers to watch football games and relax.

The hard chargers of the march were 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, coming in at just over 1 hour and 15 minutes. Squad leader Staff Sgt. Joel Presler and his lead vehicle team leader, Cpl. Jacob Stubbs, tied for first place in the inner squad competition. Again Staff Sgt. Presler's squad leads the way.

This event is just one of many to come for the Gunrunners. The culminating event, dubbed the Gunrunner Guide-on Gauntlet, will be held in January to select the First Sergeant's Honor Squad. Many teams have already started training to take down 3rd squad, 1st platoon, the current honor squad led by Staff Sgt. Benjamin T. Hussey III.



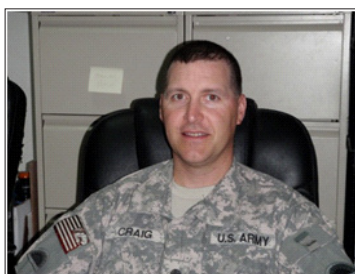
## Educational opportunities during deployment

Story by 1Lt. David Gauthier, TF Guardian

While deployed, our Soldiers are given the chance to better themselves through educational growth. Soldiers are allotted both secondary and military education. Both of which add to their promotion points and resume' value in the civilian sector.

Soldiers are afforded the opportunity to enroll for military courses. Most junior leaders are required to complete those courses in order to be eligible for promotion. The convenience of attending such military courses, while deployed, is outstanding for Soldiers looking to join the junior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) ranks shortly after returning home.

For those junior NCO hopefuls, the benefits of enrolling in available military courses will pay great dividends. While deployed, Soldiers are on title 10 orders which means they are federally funded. The chance of getting these courses back home are harder to get because of available state funding. Also, for most Soldiers, the chance to get time off of work to



Spc. Bryan Craig, will be teaching a FAST course starting on Jan. 15 at the education center. The class will focus on helping Soldiers receive better ASVAB scores.

complete such courses is hard compared to course completion overseas.

Online college courses are also available overseas through the education center located on forward operating bases. Some approved online colleges allow the military to pay for the tuition upon enrollment. Otherwise, Soldiers who find colleges with certain courses may have to pay up front out of their own pocket, then, upon course completion with a passing grade, Soldier's be reimbursed the tuition cost.

All and all, besides the obvious personal growth through deployment experience, Soldiers are given extra opportunities to better themselves as Soldiers and civilians; thus leading to a better and stronger United States Army.



## Holidays away from home can still be enjoyed

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Evans, TF Atlas

It's that time of year again, where everyone depletes their bank accounts in hopes of providing the perfect holiday for their loved ones.

The Soldiers of Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 218th Field Artillery, Task Force Atlas, are not letting the separation from their families ruin their holiday spirits. First Sergeant Daniel Spraker has made sure the command post is decorated in holiday cheer. He provided a four foot Christmas tree, decorated by Sgt. Hailee Parks and Spc. Marlina Martinez, and lined his office and desk with lights. First Sgt. Spraker and Sgt. Parks also came up with the idea to have a "White Elephant" gift exchange so the tree could be complete with presents and all.

Capt. Eric Brenner took the holiday tradition to the next level. He incorporated a flag football game into the holiday activities.

Football is a big part of the holiday tradition for most of the Soldiers in the unit. This was very clear when more than 30 Soldiers watched the Oregon's

Civil war game hosted by the Command staff.

Family, friends and even strangers have also been great during this time by sending care packages full of all kinds of presents. Various baked goods and greeting cards always seem to bring a smile. Mail has always been, and will always be a big morale booster to a Soldier.

During this time of year, mail has brought even bigger smiles and laughter throughout the unit. Every Soldier I spoke with expressed a deep appreciation for the support they are receiving from everyone back home.

One of the toughest things Soldiers deal with while being deployed is not being able to spend times like these with their families.

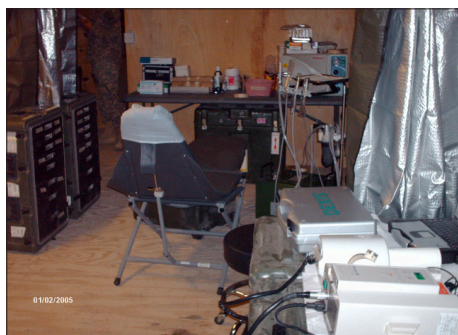
Capt. Brenner and 1st Sgt. Spraker have done everything they can to make this time joyous. The unit's personnel are very thankful for the efforts being put in by the command to help make the holiday away from home an enjoyable one.

## Don't let 'yuck mouth' get you down

Story by Spc. Louie Buckles, TF Jungleer, photos provided by Capt. Nathan Wood

While not downplaying real fears, seeing a dentist is extremely important. Hygiene of the mouth has been shown to significantly affect health. Not only can a "yuck mouth" cause bad breath and plaque build-up, it can also lead to heart disease, according to an article published at WebMD.com.

The conditions and treatments that can be addressed on your deployment range from fillings to molar extractions, if necessary.



On COB Adder, Capt. Nathan Woods, takes care of local troops. The office on Adder is well-equipped, bright, and sterile.

Not every forward operating base, or FOB, has the resources to provide such a facility.

Applying the old adage, "adapt and overcome," Capt.

Wood uses the field-expedient, lawn-chair method at one of the more remote FOBs.

After all it's not what you do it with, but that you do it.

That goes for all of you contemplating a dental visit. It's not important what needs to be done, it's important that you take care of it.

Scheduling is done at dental sick call. Expect a brief delay, from when you're examined to when you can be treated. Knowing that, don't wait until the end of the deployment to decide you'd like to have some work done on your teeth.







# New Mexico Holiday Cuisine rooted in traditions

Story by 2Lt. Ben Soveranez, TF Volunteer

The Holiday Season in northern New Mexico brings with it many unusual traditions, rituals celebrations and cuisine. Equally unique to many New Mexicans is the cuisine that epitomizes the cultural melting pot of New Mexico. A staple in many holiday meals and non-traditional food on tables are chile, tamales, posole and biscochitos. Although non-traditional in nature to the casual observer, New Mexican holiday meals are deeply rooted in traditions passed down from generation to generation.

The holiday season for northern New Mexicans, with its combination of Hispanic, Native American and Western cultures, blend into a celebration of traditions and rituals not duplicated anywhere else. Visitors to Northern New Mexico are sure to find themselves immersed in the cultural landscape that defines Nortenos (Northern New Mexicans) in towns like Santa Fe, Espanola, Las Vegas and Taos during the holiday season.

Blending the traditions many of us are familiar with, while maintaining historical native cultural traditions, has become a staple of New Mexican cuisine. New Mexican cuisine is brought together from three cultures; Native American, Mexican, and European.

The Rio Grande Pueblo Indians, and their ancestors, the "Anasazi," relied on corn, beans, potatoes, squash, and chiles for sustenance. These early crops became firmly entrenched in the culture, forming the foundation of New Mexican cuisine.

The traditional Christmas Eve dinner is posolé, tamales, tortillas and green chile stew. Posolé is dried corn, similar to hominy, fixed in a thick soup or stew with chiles and pork.

Tamales are the traditional celebratory food of Nortenos. Tamales are regularly prepared for feast days and celebrations. Traditionally tamales are prepared with pulled pork marinated in red chile and surrounded with wheat corn meal and wrapped in a corn husk. The tamales are then steamed and baked prior to being served to diners.

Green chile stew is often considered the stew of New Mexico and is a New Mexican favorite throughout the year. Biscochitos, originally introduced to Mexico by Spanish explorers in the 16th Century, are

the state cookie of New Mexico. Small in size but big in taste, the delicately blended cookies made of sugar, anise and cinnamon spices, and flour are shaped into small diamonds and baked until they are a delicious and delicate brown. These basic foods set the stage for the meals that are enjoyed by New Mexicans during the holiday season.

Pueblos and towns dot the prairies, mesas, Chama and Rio Grande River valleys and along the Sangre de Cristo Mountain chain. Throughout the villages, you are sure to find many communities participating in Posadas (feasts).

Posadas are elaborate feasts where visitors are invited to dine with a host family and share in the celebration of Christ. Posadas are similar to community socials where visitors can move freely from feast to feast, but are encouraged not to linger to allow others a place at the table.

Often celebrated on the weekends preceding the New Year, posadas are similar in nature to a Thanksgiving meal. The host families, usually 2-4 families, mark their homes as posada gathering sites through word of mouth advertising and the use of farolitos (small brown bags with sand and a single lit candle) to guide visitors to their front door. Posadas have served to strengthen the belief that a community is only as strong as the bond shared by its citizens. It gives the community an identity common to everyone.

Among posadas are recurring themes of religious celebration of Christ and celebration of family. During a posada, visitors usually take small portions of food in consideration of other visitors that follow thus allowing the rest of the community to participate.

Bringing old traditions and combining them with the new gives New Mexicans a cultural identity that is truly unique in many facets. Using family and community gatherings as a resource for maintaining traditions has resulted in them being passed down and not lost from one generation to the next. As a result, it is nearly impossible to find cuisine or community traditions that are similar in taste and scope, which are commonplace to Nortenos, outside the borders of New Mexico. This helps to entrench New Mexico as truly being the Land of Enchantment.



## A neighborly visit from across the globe

Story and photo by 1Lt. Vaa Zallee, TF Guardian

It's that time of year when we spend a little more time thinking about home, family and friends. There are people in the States who we wish could be here. We could share a moment and talk, but also, they would know what the world looks like through our eyes. We take pictures and video and send them home but nothing matches the experience of being here with the sights, sounds and smells.

Those of us in uniform have a different perspective than our civilian friends. It would be nice to have someone come to see how we live here, to have them experience the things we experience from a civilian's point of view.

I got that chance two days before Thanksgiving. My neighbor from Portland, Ore., flew more than 6,000 miles to Iraq to see where I was living and serving. The truth is, my "neighbor" is Senator Jeff Merkley. Even though he moved away from the home, right down the block from me, I still consider him my neighbor. I am sure he didn't come here to Iraq just to

see me, but it was a very nice gift before Thanksgiving to see a friendly face from home. He was looking to see how things were, not just with me, but with the Oregon Guard as a whole.

We are all neighbors. He took some of his stories, memories, sights and sounds back home to Portland and the rest of Oregon. Thank you to Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden for the visit to our post.



## The Iraq experience is something to remember

Story and photo by Sgt. Joshua Rice, TF Volunteer

I have learned a few things while I've been in Iraq the last few months.

I've seen pictures of Iraq but I never comprehended it would look the way it does. It is a huge desert for as far as the eye can see. It's hard to grasp that idea until you see it for yourself.

I also have been able to go the Ziggurat of Ur. Its massive size and the tombs around it were fascinating. Hearing the history and the ties with the Bible about the people that lived in this area thousands of years ago was intriguing.

The roads are horrible and it takes hours to drive anywhere because you have to drive so slowly. Overall I would never come to this country unless I had to, which is obviously the case right now.

I will never complain about it being hot in Oregon again either. I never imagined that a place on this earth could feel so hot. The 130+ degree weather during the summer months was not easy to get used to. Now that it's getting into winter time and cooler temperatures, this country's climate isn't so bad.

The rain does make a muddy mess because of the dirt and sand everywhere.

The sandstorms are also something to see. You can see them coming when the wind picks up. A massive haze surrounds the area you're in and your visibility drops dramatically.

This is definitely an experience I will never forget.







## Enjoying the downhill slope

Story by 1Lt. Alex Leonard, photo by Sgt. Richard Newton, TF Stetson

A highly touted topic of discussion among Soldiers has been mid-tour leave. Brainstorming likely began as far back as Camp Roberts and intensified as time progressed. Given the once in a lifetime opportunity for a “free” plane ticket to anywhere in the world, many Soldiers seek destinations to Hawaii, Europe, and as far as Australia. While some Soldiers travel abroad, many choose to return home to spend time with family.

Sergeant Richard Newton cited the Oregon vs. Oregon State “Civil War” game as the highlight of his leave. He even ran into several other Guardsmen on leave who were also attending the game.

Specialist Anthony Wilson was rather animated in expressing his interest in going snowboarding several times. He suggested that it would also count for physical training; I was only able to make it snowboarding once during my stay, but I took a different approach as to how I would spend my 15 days.

My goal as a “repatriated” American was to cram as much as possible into 15 days. I focused mainly on the activities that are unavailable and impossible in Iraq: bright lights, long nights, and very little sleep consumed my schedule.

I also managed to find time to run a lot of errands,



sort through pounds of mail, and go Christmas shopping. This was a great plan for me, but was very much in contrast to others.

Sergeant 1st Class Jeffrey Shinn stated that he “stayed at home in Medford and didn’t even bother going up to Portland.” His intention was to stay at home, relax, and spend time with his family. Although his plans were quite different from mine he was very quick to state, “It was awesome.”

Regardless of how mid-tour leave is spent, Soldiers of HHC 41st STB enjoyed every moment of it.

## Communication needed for safety on the road

Story by 1Lt. Benjamin Curle. TF Guardian

On the modern battlefield, the reliability and operation of communications and electronic equipment is just as important as the maintenance of weapons.

Good communication enables leaders to quickly receive and transmit information that allows for successful mission completion and safety for Soldiers. The smooth operation of different electronic aids throughout a mission makes tasks safer and easier on the road. Soldiers are able to concentrate more on the mission at hand. Without any one of these systems the job of any Army unit becomes difficult indeed. The 1055th TC has a dedicated team of communication and electronic system specialists for this purpose.



The Communications and Electronic Warfare Section is led by Staff Sgt. Matthew Scruggs. His primary task is ensuring the electronic warfare systems in our convoy escort teams (CETs) are operational and up to date.

Leading the charge for effective communications equipment is Spc Geoffrey Wideman. He is always found on the CET lanes ensuring radios and tracking systems are up and ready. Spc. Richard Moran works in the computer technician and communications area.

With this team’s support, the 1055th will always be ready to successfully complete the mission and come home safely.



# Rock tumbling hobby gathers interest not moss

Story by CW3 Edwin Puderbaugh, TF Atlas

People usually choose a hobby and stick with it because it brings a sense of enjoyment and in some cases a sense of accomplishment. A hobby we have at the ANZIO LSA Mayor's Office provides that and a little more.

When I was a kid, we used to pick up rocks that caught our eye and carry them home to share with the rest of the family and visitors. The beauty of the rock was, of course, in the eye of the beholder and each beholder would see something a little different than the others.

We would collect agate, flint, jasper, quartz, odd shaped rocks, and sometimes rocks that would work for a stepping stone.

"Look at what I just found" would start a discussion and a sharing of likes and dislikes about rocks that just made you feel a little closer to others.

Rocks that had been in the river would, of course, have to be re-wetted so that the 'pretty' could be re-established for others to enjoy. When the novelty wore off or the 'beholder' forgot what the interesting aspect was, the rock would end up as an important addition to our walkway. When it would rain, as it occasionally does on the coast of Oregon, the 'pretty' would come back. It would provide a moment to just look and think of something besides the possible disenchantment that comes with discovering what life is really about while in the process of growing up.

When the battalion was at Camp Roberts, I picked up rocks and looked at them, catching the attention of Sgt. 1st Class Roland Howard. He mentioned when he was in Afghanistan he had a rock tumbler and had polished rocks.

When I got to Iraq in mid-July, one of the first things I noticed was the variety of rock types and colors here. I'm not too sure what the different types are called but that doesn't minimize the enjoyment of picking them up and looking at them.

In July, Master Sgt. Kelly Ramer, a rock enthusiast, arrived and started working in the same office. Both of us were so enthusiastic that we quickly collected a small mound of rocks. We talked about polishing them and were working toward convincing ourselves that it might be fun.

Then Master Sgt. Ramer ordered a tumbler and we started polishing the first batch around the end of August. The sound of the tumbler attracted some attention, generated a few conversations and a bit of interest.

When that batch was finished, we had the rocks sitting on a table in our office and started another batch in the first stage of the cycle. That generated more interest and conversation during which we got to show off our first effort. People from other organizations started coming in to the office with, "Look at the rocks I found. Do you think I could get you to put them in a future batch?"

Word spread and folks stopped by to see what we had and we talked about what we are doing. They were curious about getting their own rock tumbler and doing their own. We tell them about the tumblers we had and where to look.

We have gotten to share our hobby with Soldiers and civilian contractors who have stayed in our temporary billets and some of them have shared memories with us.

One of the Soldiers said, "I knew that sound as soon as I heard it. My granddad had a polisher. He and I had so much fun with it." She came in a little later and said, "Chief, I have one ordered and it is already on it's way." Happy memories were on her face.

There have been others who have ordered tumblers and started their own batches of future polished rocks.

We now have three tumblers going and are polishing a wide variety of types, sizes and shapes. We are surprised by the outcome of some of the rocks but have not been disappointed by any. It is a hobby that provides a little discovery, a little comradeship, and a little warmth of sharing.

People usually choose a hobby and stick with it because it brings a sense of enjoyment and in some cases a sense of accomplishment.

We are lucky enough to have found one that does both and that we can also share.

All the rocks will stay here in Iraq but we'll have plenty of pictures to remind us of Iraq's beauty.





# Charlie Co makes all the difference for IRR Soldier

Story by Cpl. Timothy J. Gresham,, TF Volunteer

When I used to think of the National Guard, the image I had was of the weekend warriors searching for Rambo in the forest as he escaped and evaded capture to continue the war they did not know they would get.

The view was reinforced by drill sergeants in basic training that referred to them as “Weekend Warriors,” or “Nasty Girls.”

Three years later, after a combat tour in Afghanistan, I returned to civilian life to go to seminary. I had the same impression of the “Weekend Warriors.”

With almost four years since my departure from active duty and with only months left until graduation, the Army decided to send a sweet letter in the mail, a letter of hello’s and goodbyes: hello Army and goodbye wifey.

On April 19, 2009 I said goodbye to my tearful wife as well as my civilian life and hello to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

Around 150 of us Inactive Ready Reserve Soldiers arrived here to be medically screened and processed back into service. We received uniforms, equipment, went to ranges, first aid training, and classes of all types.

After two weeks they sent us to Ft. Benning, Georgia. We did more rifle and machine gun ranges. We were getting used to the Army again.

By week number two at this post we knew which unit we would be assigned to. The 41st IBCT is what the list said next to my name, FT. Stewart, GA.

In a few days I was going to get my introduction to the real National Guard.

The unit had been deployed already to combat and the leadership was nothing like those leading the National Guardsmen who were after Rambo.

These were not the “Nasty Girls” our drill sergeants told us about in basic training. These were not overweight, fat bodies who wouldn’t be able to roll out of bed without breaking a sweat.

These National Guardsmen were the Men of Charlie Company 2/162, some of the finest men in the U.S. Army.

They have made their country proud and families proud. For me, the IRR Soldier who had a dismal view of their kind, was proud too.

They always say the first impression is a lasting impression. The noncommissioned officers of C Co took the training seriously and pushed that sense of seriousness into the training regimen of their Soldiers.

The training was no cake walk. It involved long days in the hot sun, building our SOP’s and then seeing if they worked on training missions.

Things were always being refined. C Co pushed their Soldiers hard because they knew that life in a combat zone can go from long moments of boredom to sheer terror in seconds.

In those seconds, if one’s training does not move them to action, they may find themselves in a losing battle for their life. We were pushed hard but there was never a doubt in my mind that they weren’t doing it for our own good.

This training was going to help us accomplish the mission and by God’s grace come home. We would come home to proud families who knew their loved ones did their best for their country.

From our company commander down to the lowest ranking Soldier in Charlie Company, the message is, “put forth your best effort, regardless of who is looking, in order to accomplish the mission at hand.”

This unsaid message goes forth with us when we leave the wire. Every man is expected to do this because his life depends upon it.

These men accomplish the task set forth by our commanders. It gives me reason after reason to say this is a very good unit.

This experience, that could have reflected negatively on the National Guard, the people of Oregon, and on my wife back home, has been very positive.

This unit, in the National Guard, continues to allow the Army to accomplish the missions assigned to it. I have had a great experience. This is a great way to end a wonderful period in my life.

I never could have imagined my eight-year contract with the Army would end with such a great unit.

It is truly a storybook finish because of the professional Soldiers of Charlie Company 2/162. Everybody back home should know that their Soldiers are doing their job and doing it well.



## R & R activities around Oregon

Oregon offers a wide variety of activities throughout the year. Below are a few activities happening in the month of January.

### **Bend area:**

*High Desert Frontier Life:* Cook, cut wood, and make soap, candles, cheese and butter with the pioneers at the 1880 Homestead Ranch (weather permitting).

High Desert Museum 59800 S Hwy. 97  
Bend, OR 97702 541-382-4754

*Mountain Bike Tours:* Bend is famous for having some of the best mountain biking in the nation. Cog Wild is your local guide company for cycling in Central Oregon. Our guides have intimate knowledge of the hundreds of miles of trails that take you along rivers, to high mountain lakes, and out to the many views and vistas of the Cascade Mountains and the surrounding high desert. From families to fanatics, road touring to big mountain cross country, Corporate trips and team building to private singlet rack adventures, we are your source for cycling in Bend. Cog Wild Bend, OR 866-610-4822

### **The Dalles area:**

*Friday Night Youth Night at Soul Café-* Hood River: This is a great opportunity for youth to come and enjoy Soul Café. Each Friday will feature a theme night centered on issues which our young people face today. Topics will include "Life Nights," "Issue Nights" and "Social Nights." This is a great evening filled with games and activities which every kid will enjoy. Soul Cafe 1102 12th Street Hood River, OR 541-386-6164

### **Eastern Oregon:**

*Pasta Night at the Geiser Grand - Baker City* Come enjoy the scene as our team of chefs saute and toss up a storm for you and your guests. Choose from dozens of the best ingredients; shrimp, fine beef, roasted garlic and more. Just \$12.95 per person all-you-care-to-enjoy includes salad. This event happens every Wednesday 4:30pm to 9pm. Geiser Grand Hotel 1996 Main Street 541-523-1889 Baker City, OR 97814

### **Portland:**

*Orchids and Bamboo Chinese Ensemble:* <http://www.oregonbeat.com>

[oregon.com/redirect/ctravel/chinese\\_garden.cfm](http://oregon.com/redirect/ctravel/chinese_garden.cfm) Free, with order of tea service and Garden admission Sunday, Thursday

*Rose City Collectors Market:* Some sellers specialize, while others offer a variety of collectibles. 2 Admission - Early Admission: 7 am \$6 Holiday Inn Airport - Columbia Conference Center 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220 503-238-0222

### **Salem Area:**

*Magic with Phil Corsson:* First Wednesday Coffee House Cafe 135 Liberty St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301 503-371-6768

*Winery Sunday Brunches:* Each week features different "Specials" Adult price includes two glasses of Eola Hills wine. (Pricing subject to change..please check the site or call) | Adults--\$24.95 | Teens 11 to 20--\$15.95 | Children 3 to 10--\$9.95 | Children Under 3--\$0 | (Prices differ on Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day as specified on the date-page). Reservations are highly recommended by calling 1-800-291-6730 (503-623-2405). Eola Hills Wine Cellars 501 S Pacific Hwy 99W, Rickreall, OR 97371 800-291-6730

### **Eugene area:**

*The Twelfth Night* presented by the Roving Park Players: Bring friends, family, a picnic, a blanket or your favorite campchair for Shakespeare's most studied and best loved plays: the twin-based comedy of cross-dressing and mistaken identity. Petersen Barn 870 Berntzen Rd 541-686-2738 Eugene, OR Free

*Live music:* Enjoy Folk/Celtic/Bluegrass/vocals from New Approach The Supreme Bean Coffee Co 2864 Willamette St  
Eugene, OR 541-485-2700

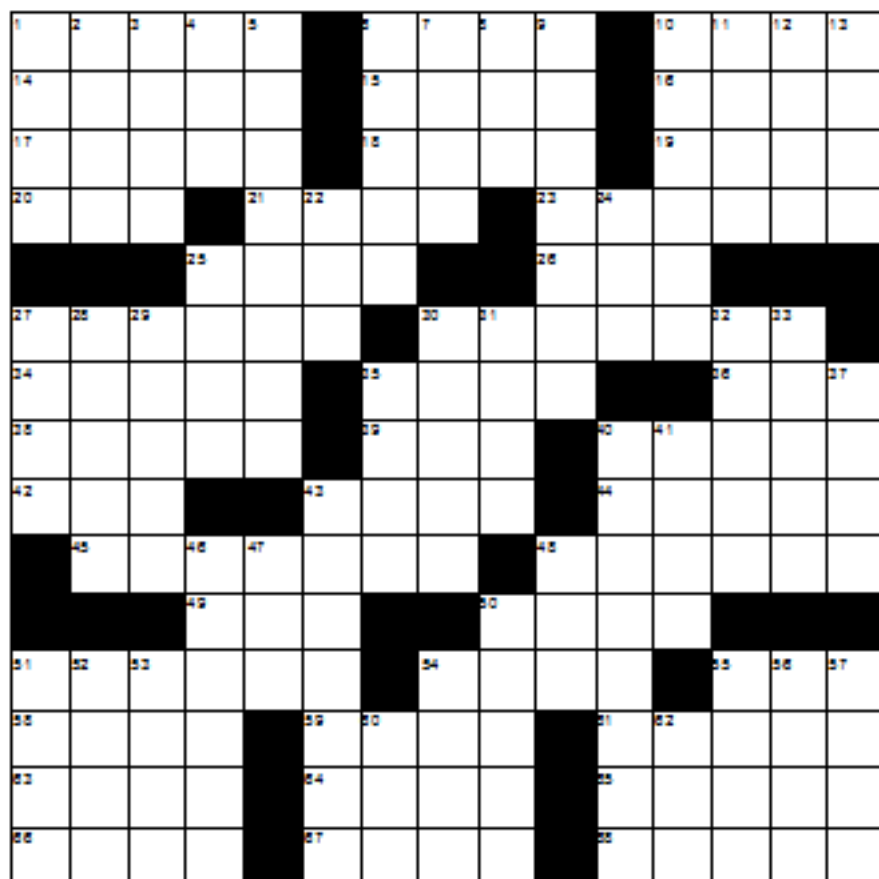
*For more activities go to [OregonBeat.com](http://www.oregonbeat.com)*





# 41st Brigade

Created by Capt. Tony Garcia, TF Jungleur



## ACROSS

- 1 Answer for TF Atlas
- 6 Raised
- 10 \_\_\_ one's pain
- 14 Do this with your front sight post and scope
- 15 Along with 16 ACR Answer for TF Jungleur
- 16 See 15 ACR
- 17 I second that!
- 18 Not under
- 19 Watch over
- 20 Direction from Cedar II to COB Adder (abbr)
- 21 One of four in baseball
- 23 Soft wet ground
- 25 41st, for example (abbr)
- 26 Govt. pollution watchdog (abbr)
- 27 One half of audio tapes
- 30 It's used with a broom
- 34 \_\_\_ House Rules (Michael Caine movie)

- 35 Type of bike
- 36 JAG gives you this briefing (abbr)
- 38 Hood to Coast type of race
- 39 Shout after winning
- 40 Along with 48 ACR Answer for TF Stetson
- 42 December 24, figuratively
- 43 VHS precursor
- 44 Capital of Vietnam
- 45 Answer for TF Volunteer
- 48 See 40 ACR
- 49 Letters for an alias
- 50 Counterpart for a dame
- 51 Opposite of clean
- 54 Soldiers should have two at all times
- 55 Answer for TF Guardian
- 58 Bush Sr. had one, G. W. had two
- 59 Hawaiian Island
- 61 Type of file you upload to facebook
- 63 Like B Co. 1-82 or C Co 1-186
- 64 Twice yearly Army exam (abbr)
- 65 Pre \_\_\_ care

- 66 Answer for TF Columbia
- 67 New Jersey Hoopsters
- 68 a knot in a tree

## DOWN

- 1 Marionberry or Strawberry byproduct
- 2 Heffeweizen or Miller Lite
- 3 Tick relative
- 4 Snob trait
- 5 Feeling that others are inherently inferior
- 6 Casper's a friendly one
- 7 Fox columnist Carl
- 8 Delete
- 9 Opposite of coldest
- 10 \_\_\_ment Zeta-Jones & Connery Film
- 11 Departed land by ship
- 12 Cain and Abel to Adam
- 13 A loaf of bread has two
- 22 Sponsor for the Relay for Life (abbr)
- 24 Choose
- 25 I have an \_\_\_!
- 27 Farm measurement
- 28 Baking utensil for flour
- 29 Kept the MRAP running
- 30 Carnivorous and Vegetarian
- 31 \_\_\_ Minor star system
- 32 The Rose Garden is one
- 33 Like losing your weapon or a negligent discharge
- 35 Process to make hippie t-shirts
- 37 Proofread
- 40 Act of choosing words
- 41 Prego rival
- 43 Highest Hindu God
- 46 Reason to vacation in Hawaii
- 47 Org. for Westminster judging (abbr)
- 48 Heart test (abbr)
- 50 Lures
- 51 Don't do this to your toe
- 52 List of food and prices
- 53 Part of an eye
- 54 \_\_\_s University located in Boston
- 55 Baby's first word maybe
- 56 DA Form 285 (abbr)
- 57 Shout
- 60 Mimic
- 62 One small step for \_\_\_