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The Afghan National Army proudly serving the people of Afghanistan

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Photo by Sgt. Rahummdin Dilsoz, 201st Corps photographer

(left) Afghan National Army Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak, commanding general of the 201st Corps speaks to 201st Corps officers and Soldiers at the Jalalabad Garrison recently during a promotion ceremony for Brig. Gen. Mohammad Afzal, commanding officer of the 2nd Brigade, 201st Corps. Jalalabad Garrison is home to the 2nd Brigade headquarters.

Martyr Memory

This week we remember fallen Afghanistan National Army Soldier Baryalie. He was the son Mohammad-u-Allah, and was a permanent resident of the Shenwari District of Jalalabad Province.

Baryalie was a sergeant for weapons company, 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, 201st corps.

Sgt. Baryalie was killed Oct. 3, 2009 from indirect enemy fire during a combat operation in the Kamdesh District of Nuristan Province.

The Soldiers from the 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade appraised the dedication and boldness of Sgt. Baryalie and remember him for his bravery.

According to his unit, he was a professional and polite Soldier that took great pride in himself and his service to the people of Afghanistan and the ANA.

Sgt. Baryalie's sacrifice will not soon be forgotten by the Soldiers of the 4th Kandak, 2nd Brigade, or by the people of Afghanistan.



Commander's Comments

Officers and unit commanders should perform their tasks professionally and to the best of their ability. Take care of your personnel. It will increase your mission capabilities in your area of responsibility.

Continue professional training and ensure your Soldiers practice good weapon safety techniques. Respect the chain of command and strive to learn different type of tactics to help you protect your country from our enemies.

It is easy to be an officer or commander, but to be a good officer or commander and execute your job correctly is difficult. Be on time, inspect your personnel and ensure proper discipline is maintained. Give clear guidance to your personnel.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak
Commanding General, 201st Corps

201st Corps deputy commanding general visits troops in Eastern Zone to inspect facilities, check troop welfare and unit's combat readiness

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiquallah
201st Corps Public Affairs

Recently Brig. Gen. Yar Mohammed Saiedi, deputy commanding general, 201st Corps of the Afghanistan National Army paid a visit 201st Corps troops at two garrisons in the Eastern Zone of Afghanistan.

During his visit he met with the 2nd Brigade Soldiers at Jalalabad and the personnel at Gamberri Garrisons. He also met with Soldiers at Camp Joyce in the Sirconi District, Camp Bostic in Nari District, the outpost at Ashmar District and Camp Fortress in the Chowkey District of Kunar Province.

While visiting with Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade he evaluated their combat readiness and listened to their complaints and suggestions for future improvements.

He also addressed the troops and said that the ANA has the responsibility to ensure security throughout Afghanistan, and that the ANA should have good coordination with coalition forces and as well as other Afghan Security Forces.

Saiedi also took time to award certificates and recognize Soldiers who have performed exceptionally well.



Photo by Sgt. Aysahn, 201st Corps Public Affairs

(Left) Brig. Gen. Yar Mohammed Saiedi, deputy commanding general of the 201st Corps, reads an award citation for an officer of the 2nd Brigade at the Jalalabad Garrison during a recent trip to the area to inspect troops and combat readiness.

Giving authority to tribal elders and scholars:

key to conducting future successful operations and minimizing civilian casualties in Afghanistan

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiquallah
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Recently General David Petraeus, commanding general, Central Command, spoke to a group of civilians, Afghan security forces and coalition forces at Kandahar Province about the importance of securing support from the local population.

Over the course of the last two-months more U.S. and coalition troops have deployed to the Kandahar area in anticipation of an operation to route the Taliban from the city.

Conducting an operation in Kandahar will bring many challenges and difficulties, and according to Petraeus the way to defeat

some of those problems lies within the population itself.

Petraeus said coalition forces and Afghan Security Forces should coordinate with key leaders and scholars to help convince the local population in Kandahar Province that not only is a military operation necessary in the traditional Taliban stronghold, but would be successful and free the people from the Taliban's grip.

According to Petraeus, the cooperation and approval of the local population is imperative to a successful operation and to reduce civilian casualties which have historically placed a negative spotlight on coalition operations throughout Afghanistan.

This strategy can decrease the sensitivity of the people and increase their support for the coalition and Afghan Security Forces to pave the way for a successful future.



Remembering former President Aman-u-Allah

Father of modern law and development in Afghanistan led the country for 10-years

One of Afghanistan's most memorable president's was President Aman-u-Allah who established standards and the modern law system in Afghanistan during his presidential term in the early 1900's.

Recently the Information and Culture Ministry held a seminar at the Foreign Ministry in Kabul to remember the former president who died 50-years-ago.

Many people attended the historic seminar including members of the Aman-u-Allah family, local politicians, governmental members, scholars and correspondents.

At the beginning of the meeting Raheen, the culture and information minister read the message of Afghan President Hamid Karzi about Aman-u-Allah Khan which stated he was remembered as an intellectual person who helped Afghanistan win their freedom from the British.

He also brought modern changes in laws and was a champion for the people of Afghanistan and established infrastructure for their lives.

President Karzi stated that he appreciated the minister of information and cul-

ture conducting the educational seminar.

Raheen said Aman-u-Allah Khan is well-known as the father of law and development in Afghanistan, and that Afghans should follow his guidance by obeying the constitution he established.

Raheen also stated that the eastern countries, as well as North Africa up to Indonesia were captured by Britain, France, Holland and Germany.

The young president Aman-u-Allah struggled for Afghan independence and won the war against Britain. He established an important presidency for the other countries under British rule.

Doctor Rengeen Dadfer Aspanta, a high ranking security advisor for President Hamid Karzi, also spoke at the conference.

Aspanta explained that Amanullah Khan helped build the governmental system, education system and helped to ensure security through Afghanistan.

Khan's daughter, Indai was in attendance at the seminar and speech about the legacy of her father in his accomplishments during his presidency.

After the completion of the seminar, the participants visited an exhibition of Aman-u-Allah Khan memorabilia including about 116 photos, letters, announcements, coins and foreign trade agreements.



President Aman-u-Allah Khan was the son of Habib-u-Allah Khan who was one of the highest kings of Afghanistan. He will long be remembered for freeing Afghanistan from the British in 1919.

Khan served as president for 10-years and eventually passed away in Zurich, Switzerland. His body was transferred to Jalalabad Province where he was buried next to his father's grave.

3rd Brigade, 201st Corps gets new French mentor: former mentor praised for his efforts and actions



Photo by Sgt. Rahmuddin Dilsoz, 201st Corps Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. M. Raheem Wardak (3rd from right), commanding general, 201st Corps, and Brig. Gen. Clarence Chinn, deputy commanding general, 82nd Airborne Division meet with the new and former French mentors for the 3rd Brigade.

201st Corps commander welcomes new mentor and discusses future plans

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah
201st Corps Public Affairs

Recently Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps welcomed French Maj. Gen. Shabane as their new coalition mentor.

Shabane replaces French Maj. Gen. Dawar, who has been working with the Afghan National Army for several months now and has completed his tour of duty here.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed

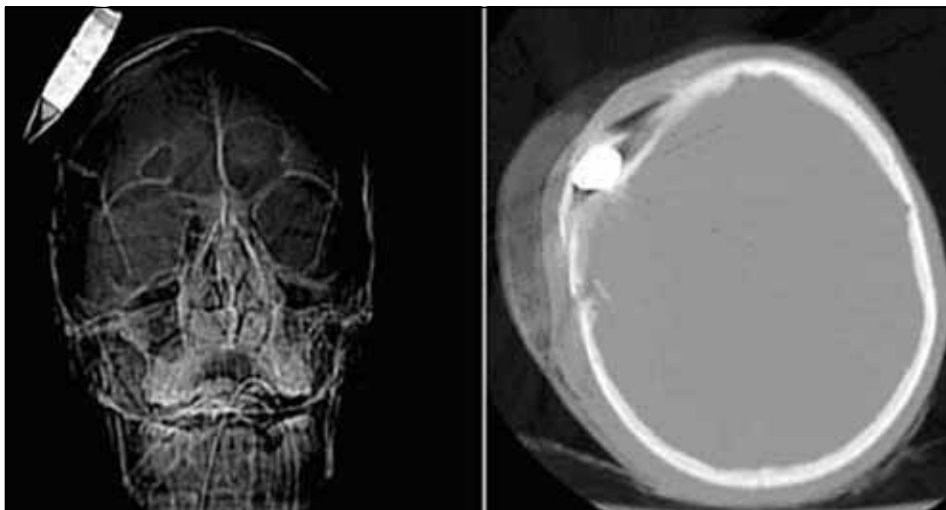
Raheem Wardak, commanding general, 201st Corps met with both men and praised the efforts and hard work of Dawar and talked about the future plans of the 3rd Brigade with Shabane.

Wardak seemed hopeful for the future and said, "with the continued support of our coalition partners, we can bring stabilization to Afghanistan."

Afghan National Army Soldier has surgery to remove explosive round from top of his head



(above) A photo of an explosive 2 1/2 inch round that was recently removed from an Afghan Soldier's skull during a dangerous surgery at Bagram Airfield Mar. 18.



X-rays showing an explosive Dashiki round embedded in the skull of an Afghan National Army Soldier. The 20-year-old Soldier survived the five-hour surgery which required the hospital to be evacuated and the surgeons to wear body armor. It is believed that this is the first time in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom that an unexploded ordnance had to be removed from a victim's body. Less than 50 known cases like this are on record in the last 50 years.

Story by Staff Sgt. Richard Williams
United States Air Force

BAGRAM -- Airmen from the Craig Joint Theater Hospital trauma team here removed an unexploded ordnance from a patient's scalp March 18.

The patient, an Afghan National Army soldier, was involved in an improvised explosive device attack and had a 14.5 mm high explosive incendiary round with approximately five grams of explosives lodged in his scalp.

"When I saw that the object was not solid metal on the inside, I went directly to the operating room and evacuated all unnecessary personnel," said Maj. John Bini, the 455th Expeditionary Medical Group/Task Force Medical East trauma director. "I had the anesthesiologist remain in the room in his Interceptor Body Armor to monitor the patient."

Major Bini then notified his chain of command and the explosives ordnance disposal team and began to secure areas of the hospital to protect patients and staff.

After taking all necessary safety precautions Bini removed the round and gave it to the EOD team.

The entire procedure from the patient's initial arrival to completion of the neurosurgery took more than five hours, but everything from the surgery to the recovery was a success.

"This is what we train to do," Major Bini said. "It is no different than what we do every day. It was something that needed to be done and the team did their job."

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