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Commander's Comments

- Having a high level of combat preparedness will bring success and mission accomplishment to your units.
- Every commander is obliged to promote the combat readiness of his unit and control the living conditions of the soldiers.
- The commander is also responsible for helping to solve the problems of the subordinates. He should take action immediately so the given guidance can be followed and missions can be accomplished.
- The mission is to fight against the enemy of the government and to be victorious and successful in all related tasks.
- The unit commanders of 201st Corps should observe military principles of loyalty to the ANA motto of God, country and mission.
- You should have good behavior inside your unit, and show respect to the people around the unit in order to prove that we are ready with high morals and Islamic pride to defend our holy homeland and our area of operations.

The 201st Corps Commander Visits 1st Brigade Personnel in Meidan Wardak Province.

Afghan National Army Maj. Gen. Mohammad Rahim Wardak, 201st Corps Commander, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Abdul Raziq, 1st Infantry Brigade Commander, Col. Mohammad Hamayoon "Bales," Logistic Officer, 201st Corps, Col. Sher Aqa, tactical operations center commander along with U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Warren Phipps, 101st Division Deputy, visited 3rd Battalion 1st Brigade personnel in the Sultankheil, Said Abad, and Jughato districts. The 1st Bde. are currently engaged in their daily combat missions.

In different meetings, Lt. Col. Mohammad Husain, 3rd Bn. commander gave information to the Corps commander about their high level of combat readiness, and the situation of their area of operations.

Later, Wardak inspected combat readiness and the living conditions of the personnel closely. Wardak told 3rd Battalion personnel in an

address, "It is the vital duty of the 201st corps personnel to maintain security and stability in their entire area of operations."

That area of operations includes eleven provinces, stretching throughout the northeast portion of Afghanistan.

"They should be victorious in their given duties and should upgrade their training according to the plans," said Husain, "so they can be potent and strong tactically, operationally and professionally."

Wardak rallied troops by reminding them of their patriotic ties to their homeland and their spiritual duties as Muslims in a Muslim nation.

"My hope for you, as a commander, is that you uphold your traditional duty to strongly defend your homeland territory, freedom, national and Islamic merits," Wardak said, "and also, serve our patriotic nation."

Coalition and Afghan Forces Meet to Ensure Security At Election Sites



Story by Hagigullah Waleesad

Afghan National Army Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heidar, 201st Corps executive officer, and Afghan National Police Maj. Gen. Abdul Naseer Zeyai, OCCR Commander, RC-East headed up a meeting to discuss and plan security for upcoming elections.

Also present at the meeting, were representatives from United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan and UNDP election commissioners, ANA Col. Mohammad Abraheem, 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps executive officer and other officers from ANA

and ANP.

At the beginning of the meeting Heidar addressed the group by reminding them of the significant challenges they were facing.

Heidar said, "The Afghan enemies will try to disrupt the election process."

Heidar went on to stress the importance of ensuring every voter's rights in the young democracy.

"The people of Afghanistan are willing to participate in the election, and they have the right to vote for their elected candidates in a peaceful environment," said Heidar.

Heidar pointed out that successful elections held in the provinces in previous years now set a standard to be followed.

"Therefore it is required on Afghan security forces to ensure security similar to the years past," said Heidar.

Abraheem, explained the guidelines of the General Chief of Staff department to the participants of the meeting.

Abraheem urged the election representatives to disseminate information about the election sites in the 11 provinces in the 201st Corps A.O.

Stationery and Sport Gear Donated To The Meidan Share Schools

The Afghan National Army 201st Corps, 1st Brigade Religious Department, has conducted a humanitarian assistance mission at Meidan Share center of Meidan Wardak province.

The 1st Bde. personnel donated items of stationery such as school bags, notebooks, and pens.

They also donated sports gear to include soccer and volleyballs to the Naira, Cochei, Waal Baba boys' and Waal Baba girls' primary schools.

During the HA drop, Col. Mohammad Zubier, religious officer, 1st Bde. said in a speech to the students, "Scholars and politicians

have grown up from these schools and are serving their country in various fields."

Meirwise Khan, a representative of both the Cochei people and the Nasiryan School of Cochei People, along with Awal Baba, primary school principle, both expressed their appreciation to the ANA for the many HA missions that they have conducted on behalf of the students.

The ANA, besides working towards the stabilization of peace and security for their people, regularly conduct HA missions for the purpose of helping people and encouraging students.



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The 201st Corps Athletes Participate in a Summer Tournament

By the leadership of Maj. Gen. Ghulam Heidar, 201st Corps executive officer, Maj. Gen. Abdul Nas-eer Zeiyai, OCCR commander, Capt. Mohammad Tahir, sports officer and Command Sgt. Maj. Zai-u-Haq Amanzai gave guidance to athletes before they participated in the 201st Corps athletic tournament.

Heidar addressed the athletes on the importance of physical fitness, saying, "Sports always keeps your body and mind healthy."

"The Afghan National Army has shown their strength in both fields," said Heidar.

Heidar went on to say that organized sports are important because they prepare the Soldier physically and spiritually to defend their country and territory.

"Friendly competition between ANA leads to a victory for all because it has significant and spiritual values for our professional personnel."

Zeiyai said in his speech to the athletes that the 201st Corps personnel try as much as possible for stabilizing security for their society.

"Hopefully our personnel will indicate their ability during the friendly competition in their units, and it



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will have positive results", said Zeiyai.

The summer tournament from the 201st Corps includes soccer, volleyball, cricket, bodybuilding, boxing, marksmanship, swimming and ping-pong.

The 201st Corps headquarters will award 35,000 Afghani to the best athletes. Tahir commented that he appreciates the command of the 201st for persuading and giving guidance to athletes.

27 Seconds to Victory

Recently at Gamberi Garrison, a track-pulling competition has been conducted at the Afghan National Army 201st Corps units.

This friendly competition was conducted between the logistic support kandak, their mentors, and interpreters.

The object of the event was to have a team pull a large utility vehicle across the finish line in the shortest amount of time.

Onlookers were pulling for their favorite teams as the six man crew strained against the rope, turning manpower into horsepower.

The logistic support kandak won the competition in two rounds. Their time was 27 seconds, which was the shortest period of time among the three teams.

The goals of conducting the competition among the 201st Corps personnel were to increase the athlete's capabilities, combat preparedness, and unit cohesiveness.



Photo by ANA Sgt. Rafi-ullah

An Interview With The 201st Corps Logistic Support Kandak Commander

Afghan National Army Col. Gul Rahman Roshangar, logistic support kandak gives details about the activities of his unit to the 201st Corps PAO department reporters.

The logistic support kandak was established in 2009 at Gamberi Garrison.

The logistic support kandak of the 201st corps perform their duties in the eleven province area of operations of the 201st Corps.

The logistics kandak is not only responsible for supplies, but in training as well.

We are conducting professional training properly with our personnel.

The logistics kandak has responsibility for a great amount of varied training.

The logistic support kandak conducts an armored vehicle driving course, different types of weapons courses, weapon maintenance, communication, medic and supply courses

I take pride in my troops and the quality of training they put forth.

“The personnel follow their training and execute their tasks properly.”

Though the logistics kandak is responsible for issuing uniforms as part of its supply operations, their responsibilities don't end there. Once the Soldiers have their uniforms the kandak ensures that they are able to maintain them as well.

They issue uniforms, but the logistic support kandak has also built washing stations for clothes at various locations.

In the logistics kandak, an enormous focus is put on



mission readiness. “Our kandak is always encouraging personnel to exercise, so as to keep them healthy and active during their task.”

We have conducted friendly competitions between Gamberi Garrison, mentors, interpreters and Jalalabad Garrisons. We have had great achievement in the friendly competition at Gamberi Garrison.

The logistic support kandak is in a state of complete readiness to execute tasks even under hard circumstances, based on the order of the high authority.

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