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Transfer of Authority



- 97th Transportation Detachment (LCU 2013 / 2018) transfers authority to the 467th and 949th Transportation Detachments, Kuwaiti Navel Base in the Persian Gulf.
- The 97th Trans Det is from Ft. Eustis, VA and they were deployed from 13 June 2009 to 2 June 2010.
- They successfully completed 51 total missions that equated to 26k nautical miles and over 4,600 STONs of supplies and equipment.
- The 467th Trans Det (USAR) is from Tacoma, WA and will man LCU 2018.
- The 949th Trans Det (USAR) is from Baltimore, MD and will man LCU 2013.
- Their mission is to provide responsive, tailored, adaptive heavy equipment lift via watercraft for staging, onward movement, retrograde and sustainment operations.
- Brigadier General Tooliatos (1 TSC DCG-S) welcomes the 467th and the 949th Transportation Detachments and farewells the 97th Transportation Detachment.

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Victory Call



- 3 June marked the second Victory Call for the 1st Sustainment Brigade. The monthly event hosted by the 164th Transportation Battalion provided an informal atmosphere for the Brigade's leaders to discuss a professional development topic.
- The audience for the event was personnel in the rank of E-7 and above. There was approximately 250 personnel in attendance.
- The topic for the professional development portion of the event was the "Physical" pillar of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness.
- LTC Rich Rollins and CSM Normand G. Dubois, Command Team for the 164th Transportation Battalion, provided the introductory discussion, after which senior and junior leaders discussed the topic while building camaraderie within the Brigade.
- Next month's Victory Call (date TBD) will be hosted by the 469th CSSB.

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494th TC Patch Ceremony



- The 494th Transportation Company, 101st Sustainment Brigade conducted a Shoulder Sleeve Insignia (SSI) ceremony to commemorate the Brigade's designation from a Division Support Command (DISCOM) to a modular sustainment brigade. The 101st Sustainment Brigade is the last modular sustainment brigade to complete the transition.
- The 494th TC from Fort Campbell KY, is the latest unit to be added to the 1st Sustainment Brigade Family. The company is aligned under 164 Transportation Battalion for the duration of its deployment.
- COL Donnie Walker from the 1st Sustainment Brigade was the guest speaker for the event. Durable 6 served in the 101st DISCOM as the DISCOM S4.
- COL Michael Peterman, the 101st Sustainment Brigade Commander, was in attendance and had the honor of awarding the first patch to the commander of the 494th TC.



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BG Corson visit



- COL Donnie Walker and CSM Miguel Rivera, Command Team for the 1st Sustainment Brigade, meet with BG Mark Corson and CSM LeRoy Haugland, Command Team for the 103rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command to provide an overview of the Brigade's mission set.
- The two Commanders discussed current sustainment operations and set the stage for a successful future (FRIENDCON) as both units will be heavily engagement with the Responsible Drawdown.
- BG Corson and COL Walker built upon an already strong working relationship the two units built during their respective deployment preparation which began during the Theater Academic Seminar for the 103rd ESC held in January.
- 103rd ESC and 1st SB jointly participated in the Command Post Exercise—Sustainment this past spring paving the way for a future partnership between the two commands.

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Durable Express



- In May, 1 SB created the Durable Express for the purpose of predictability and flexibility for the "Responsible Drawdown" of US Forces in Iraq.
- This convoy will consistently go to fifteen out of twenty-one Retrograde Property Assistance Team (RPAT) yards to load and transport retrograde cargo.
- Durable Express will ease the burden of overcrowded RPAT/MRPAT yards by ensuring a convoy will be available to carry retrograde equipment down to Kuwait on a weekly basis. Durable Express will be tailored specifically for transporting Class VII cargo.
- Durable Express will provide the same predictability as the Blackjack Express but allow more freedom to manipulate the composition of the convoy. It will backhaul 80% of the retrograde cargo identified throughout the IJOA and often drive over 700 miles to locations such as Marež, Speicher, Warrior, and Qwest.
- There is no question that the Durable Express will prove to be one the most critical pieces to the largest US retrograde operation since WWII.
- Since the 15th of May—we have conducted 24 Durable Express convoys equating to 412 flatbeds and 355 HETs for a total of 767 truckloads.

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Memorial Ceremony



- Over 640 personnel attended a memorial ceremony held in honor of SGT Steve Martin Theobald, a motor transport operator in the 287th Transportation Company.
- He died while conducting non-combat operations north of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- SGT Theobald arrived March 28, 2010 for his second deployment to the Middle East. He was attached to the 1058th Convoy Security Company, 164th Transportation Battalion.
- SGT Theobald was born in Pensacola, Fla. but called Goose Creek, S.C. home. He's survived by his wife and three children.



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N2R3 Bus tour



- Soldiers and leaders from the 1st Sustainment Brigade explained the unit's role in retrograde operations during a Distinguished Visitor Tour held in coordination with the Nickel II Responsible Retrograde and Redistribution (N2R3) ROC Drill on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Brigade areas highlighted on the tour were the Theater Serviceable Excess Warehouse (W7A) and the Theater Unserviceable Excess Lot (W2N). 469th Combat Service Support Battalion has oversight of both of the toured facilities and played an integral role in carrying out the command message revolving around the processes supporting N2R3 operations.
- General / Flag Officers and Senior Executive Service Members from various agencies within the Sustainment Community were provided an opportunity to view the processes that support the ongoing operation. Distinguished Visitors took the opportunity to ask questions of 1SB Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers to gain first-hand knowledge at each of the facilities.

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MCB TCA Ceremony



- In a ceremony on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, 39th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control), commanded by LTC E. Lee English and CSM Charles Nash Jr. cased their colors to symbolize the transfer of authority from the 39th Movement Control Battalion to the 462nd Movement Control Battalion.
- This deployment marks the second deployment for the 39th MCB in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion served a twelve month deployment and will be returning to Kaiserslautern, Germany. During the unit's deployment, they supported the movement of 53 deploying and redeploying brigades. Additionally, the unit developed and implemented systems that resulted in a drastic decrease in contracts required and saved \$770,000 over a 9 month period, as well as a host of other accomplishments.
- The 462nd MCB, commanded by LTC Michael L. Butler and CSM Marvin P. Smith arrived to the 1st Sustainment Brigade from Trenton, New Jersey. This marks the unit's first deployment to the CENTCOM AOR.

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COL McKeithan Visit



- Army National Guard Bureau G4, COL Timothy McKeithan met with leaders and Soldiers from the 164th Transportation Battalion, in conjunction with his visit to the CENTCOM AOR for the N2R3 ROC Drill.
- During his visit, LTC Richard Rollins, Commander, 164th Transportation Battalion (MANG), and members of the Roughrider staff presented the unit's command brief. COL McKeithan gained valuable insight on the vast operations the unit is responsible for.
- Members of the 164th Transportation Battalion provided a walking tour of the Battalion's Area of Operations to provide an overview of the state of the battalion's facilities, equipment, and supplies.
- COL McKeithan took special interest in the Heavy Equipment Transporter System (HETS) and listened to recommendations for system improvement from SGT Newman, a Noncommissioned Officer in the unit.



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MG Frink Visit



- The Commanding General, 79th US Army Reserve Sustainment Support Command, Major General William Frink, Jr. met with leaders and Soldiers from the 469th Combat Service Support Battalion (USAR).
- MG Frink began the visit with a lunch where he spoke with Soldiers at all levels of the unit about their experiences. During the meal, he recognized Specialist Wang for his outstanding representation of the unit, being selected as the Battalion and Brigade Soldier of the Year.
- As the former Commander of the 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, MG Frink mobilized and oversaw the deployment preparations of the Aftershock Battalion.
- During the visit, unit leaders highlighted the operations of various facilities they are currently responsible for. During his 2008 deployment to Arifjan, Kuwait, MG Frink played a role in the improvements and oversight of W2N and W7A which the unit currently has responsibility for.

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K-MOI Visit



- The 1st Sustainment Brigade's Support Operations Officer, LTC Jim Skrabacz and LTC Mike Butler, Commander of the 462nd MCB attended a meeting with MG Mustafa and key members of the K-MOI staff.
- Assistant Undersecretary of Ministry for Public Security requested US Forces in Kuwait meet with MG Mustafa, his Operations Officer to discuss local US military movement concerns in light of the 4 JUN accident.
- Topics of discussion were:
 - sharing of the road as convoys increase
 - clarity of plans for all movements
 - use of the ASPEN bypass
 - safety actions taken since the accident
 - * CAIMAN in the rear for Kuwait
 - * over-marking tactical vehicles
 - * emergency response SOPs
- Other personnel in attendance were LTC Alexander (ASG-K HN) and Cdr Foster (ASG-K PMO)

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1SB Patch Ceremony



- COL Flem B. "Donnie" Walker, Jr. and Command Sergeant Major Miguel A. Rivera recognized Soldiers in the Brigade Staff and Special Troops Battalion with the 1st Sustainment Brigade Combat Patch in a ceremony held on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Major General James E. Rogers, Commander of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command, and Sergeant Major Jennifer M. Turner, representing Command Sergeant Major Espinal, participated in the historic ceremony, patching COL Walker and CSM Rivera.
- Since the units' Transition of Authority on 29 April, the Durable Brigade Headquarters and the Special Troops Battalion have provided command and control for the accomplishment of a multitude of missions. This is the 1SB's third deployment support of OIF.
- The Durable Brigade's operations support the war-fighter from several fronts and will be instrumental in not only Phase IV and V of the Responsible Drawdown of the Iraqi Joint Operations Area, but the redistribution of much of that equipment either back to CONUS for RESET or to support operations throughout the CENTCOM Theater.



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Army's Birthday Reenlistment Ceremony



- In commemoration of the Army's 235th Birthday, 50 Soldiers from across Third Army formations participated in a reenlistment ceremony at the Zone 1 MWR Theater today.
- MG Manner, Deputy Commanding General—Kuwait, Third Army, U.S. Army Central Coalition Forces Land Component Command presided over the ceremony and administered the Oath of Reenlistment.
- CSM Miguel Rivera, the 1st Sustainment Brigade Command Sergeant Major, was the guest speaker. CSM Rivera provided reenlistees with remarks on the significance of the day and emphasized the importance of each of their sacrifices made by reenlisting during a time of war.



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Warrior Leader Course Graduation

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Class 702



- The 1st Sustainment Brigade recognized 12 DURABLE Soldiers graduating from the Warrior Leader Course on 18 June. There were 98 Soldiers total from various units across Third Army formations. Presiding over the ceremony was CSM William Hyder, the Commandant of the NCO Academy at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Guest speaker, CSM David Jarvis, Command Sergeant Major of the 595th Transportation Brigade, provided insight from some of his life lessons as an NCO and junior leader. He also provided the young graduates with examples of outstanding NCO leadership witnessed throughout his career.
- COL Donnie Walker and CSM Miguel Rivera spent a moment with the graduates to express their appreciation for the outstanding representation of the DURABLE Brigade in Class 702.



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Caiman Refurbishment Site Tour



- The Deputy Commander of the 1st Sustainment Brigade, LTC J.P. Silverstein, conducted a site tour of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle refurbishing site with LTC Gaylon Kravig, Army Materiel Command representative.



- This site ran by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) is capable of handling the refurbishment of all variants of the MRAP.

- The DURABLE Family is in the process of upgrading our Convoy Escort Teams from the M1151 HMMWV to the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. The variant that will be issued to our Soldiers is known as the Caiman and it has a far superior force protection posture than the M1151 and will also increase our capability to support the responsible withdrawal of equipment from OIF.



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German Public Radio



- Mr. Carsten Kuehntopp, Middle East correspondent for the German Public Radio Broadcasting Network, stopped by the 1st Sustainment Brigade to conduct interviews and capture sound bites of daily operations in support of the responsible drawdown of forces from Iraq.



- The Deputy Commander of the 1st Sustainment Brigade, LTC J.P. Silverstein, conducted an interview with Mr. Kuehntopp where he discussed the various intricacies of the drawdown and the role the 1st Sustainment Brigade plays in the operation.

- The 164th Transportation Battalion was standing by to give Mr. Kuehntopp an unclassified briefing of the battalion's mission and the multitude of vehicles they use to complete that mission.

- The piece is scheduled to air on German Public Radio in mid-August.



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Airmen Call and Award Presentation



- Two Airmen from the 7th Joint Logistics Task Force, 1st Sustainment Brigade were presented awards today in recognition of their actions while serving on a Combat Logistics Patrol.
- The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Norton A. Schwartz, presented the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Medal to Senior Airman Willard, and the Combat Action Medal to Senior Airman Cichy.
- Also presiding over the ceremony was Chief Master Sergeant James A. Roy, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and Senior Enlisted Advisor to General Schwartz.
- General Schwartz and Chief Master Sergeant Roy spoke to Airmen attending the Airmen's Call, referencing the qualities of duty and dedication that Senior Airman Willard and Senior Airman Cichy exemplify.



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Caiman Shipment Pickup



- CW3 Michael Wagenblast, MMO Chief for the 1st Sustainment Brigade, and Soldiers from the 164th Transportation Battalion, inspected and signed for three Caiman variant Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles from the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).
- Soldiers inventoried basic issue items and performed preventive maintenance checks and services. Any issues were corrected on the spot before the unit signed for the vehicles.
- We are currently scheduled to receive six more over the next two weeks and are ready to receive an additional 104 once our Operational Needs Statement is approved. The additional 104 will allow us to pure fleet our Convoy Escort Teams and provide far superior force protection for Soldiers.



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110TC/2220TC JVA Ceremony



- The 110th Transportation Company held a transfer of authority ceremony with the 2220th Transportation Company here in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait this morning.

- LTC Alfredo Versoza, Commander of the 7th Joint Logistics Task Force, presided over the ceremony. He welcomed the 2220th TC into the 7th JLTF and 1st Sustainment Brigade Family. "The torch has been transferred and continues to burn steadily," he said.



- The 110th TC arrived in country August 2009. Since their arrival, the unit has provided convoy security to Combat Logistics Patrols traveling throughout Iraq. They served over 250 missions and drove over 600,000 miles during their deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. The unit provided safe passage for 80,000 tons of equipment to 27 Forward Operating Bases.



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SMA Preston NCCPD



- Non-Commissioned Officers from the 1st Sustainment Brigade participated in the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development given by the Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston. Over 1500 Soldiers from across Third Army formations participated in the event.
- SMA Preston spoke to the audience of enlisted service members about the overall State of the Army, and the progress that we are making in the Global War on Terror. He also spoke about the importance of resiliency and the role of the military spouse in the Army Family.
- SMA Preston took the time to answer a few questions from the audience. Non-Commissioned Officers from the DURABLE Brigade were recognized by SMA Preston for their outstanding contributions to the Army Mission.



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7 JLTF Combat Patch Ceremony



- Colonel Flem B. "Donnie" Walker, Jr. and Command Sergeant Major Miguel A. Rivera recognized Soldiers in the 7th Joint Logistics Task Force (JLTF) with the 82nd Sustainment Brigade Combat Patch in a ceremony held on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- Colonel Walker spoke at the historic event, congratulating the Orient Express Battalion on all their successes achieved since the unit assumed its mission a month ago. He also recognized the extensive lineage of the 82nd Sustainment Brigade.
- Lieutenant Colonel Alfredo M. Versoza, the 7th Joint Logistics Task Force Commander, expressed his pride in receiving the 82nd Sustainment Brigade combat patch. Since the unit's transfer of authority (12 May), the 7th JLTF has played a significant role as one of the heavy lifters for the responsible drawdown of forces from Iraq. In closing, LTC Versoza left his Soldiers with—"Ten years from now, wherever you are and whatever you are doing, I guarantee that you will show your son or daughter or spouse your old uniform—a little dusty, perhaps, and worse for wear. You'll point at the right shoulder and tell your loved one: I served my country in time of war."





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