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*To the Soldiers, Civilians, and Family
Members of the Wrangler Brigade*

Team Wranglers-

We are rapidly approaching the heels of Phase II of the Iraq drawdown, which will be one of the most dynamic periods of U.S. operations in Iraq, and history. I want all to be mindful that we need to stay flexible and continue to provide the very best support to the Iraq Joint Operations Area as we begin this critical phase.

I am proud to announce that Spc. Antoine Mitchell, from San Antonio, Texas, did an outstanding job representing the Wrangler Brigade by placing second in the quarterly Arrowhead Stakes competition. The Arrowhead Stakes is a competition

that tests the mental and physical endurance of a Soldier; it consists of an oral board, written communication and a physical fitness test.

Our Brigade Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion conducted a successful transition of the COB Adder Mayor responsibilities with the 20th Engineer Battalion, from Fort Bragg, N.C. The STB can now channel their efforts on providing continuous support to the brigade and the Convoy Support Center as we prepare to assume responsibility as the sole Sustainment Brigade in the IJOA in the upcoming months.

As always, I want to thank all of you who continue to make this the best brigade in the Army! I also want to thank our families and friends back home who stand by us each and every day. We should never miss an opportunity to thank them for their loyalty and dedication, and sacrifice.

Thank you for what you do!

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Col. Ron Kirklin

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*To the Soldiers, Civilians, and Family
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As I speak to our Soldiers, I find that many don't truly understand how the chain of command and the noncommissioned officer support channel works. I think some of this is because of the way we task organize our formations under the Army's modularity system. Leaders and Soldiers must understand that the very best way to assist with any issue that they may encounter is by utilizing these two networks.

The NCO support channel flows from your squad leader all the way to the sergeant major of the Army.

As NCOs we should be the closest to our Soldiers challenges and are the first line of defense in assisting any Soldier or their Family members. The NCO support channel runs parallel and supports the chain of command; it is informal and accessible to all within the command.

You would be surprised at how many issues I am able to assist with once I find out about them. Bottom line is my door is always open to assist any Soldier, enlisted or officer, in the Wrangler Brigade.

If the NCO Corps can't help you or sometimes if it's an issue too big for me, then we can use the chain of command. All commanders at every level have a policy letter regarding their open door policies.

Bottom line is, no one can deny you access to your NCO support channel or your chain of command.

There are numerous other agencies in the Army that can assist you. Some Soldiers would rather go to the Inspector General's office to ask for assistance before utilizing there NCO support channel or chain of command. You have the right to do this, however, I ask you to allow either myself or Wrangler 6 to try and fix it first. Combined we have been leading troops for more than 50 years and normally any issue you are faced with, we have dealt with before.

As your brigade command sergeant major I cannot guarantee I can fix or resolve everything. However, I will guarantee I will vigorously and aggressively use all of my resources and experience to assist you or your Family member's challenges.

Be on the team and be safe!

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4th Sustainment Brigade
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Maintenance section keeps vehicles out of motor pool, on roads

Article by Spc. Crystal Williams
941st Trans. Co. UPAR

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq - Soldiers with the 941st Transportation Company, 749th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command make sure vehicles are ready for missions on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq.

Maintenance is up to the challenge to maintain all aspects of the motor pool. Whether it is changing a tire, fixing an engine, or even changing a valve for air; maintenance gets the job done. With a non-stop schedule, vehicles must remain ready for the road in order to fulfill the demands of the mission.

“We work hard to make sure vehicles are ready for missions. Even though we work long hours, our best foot is put forward to ensure the vehicles are safe to drive,” said Spc. Matthew Norton, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 941st Trans. Company, and a Mount Pleasant, S.C., native.

The motor pool is organized with three bays and an administration office that prints dispatches for vehicles to leave the motor pool.

“I print out dispatches for all vehicles leaving the motor pool,” said Spc. Shameka Conyers, an automated logistics specialist with the 941st Trans. Company and a Mount Pleasant, S.C., native. “I aim for accuracy and thoroughness in my job. I take my job seriously because these vehicles have to go outside the wire.”

There are a variety of aspects to go along with maintenance. Soldiers don’t waste any time correcting what they have control over. The hours vary



Spc. Matthew Norton, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 941st Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and a Mount Pleasant, S.C., native, replaces a valve for air pressure on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 1. (Photo by Spc. Crystal Williams)

for the motor pool.

“The latest we have ever stayed was until 1 a.m.,” said Spc. Elgen Collier, a petroleum supply specialist with the 941st Trans. Company and a Griffin, Ga., native.

Even though the Soldiers are well trained in their job-field, there

is some training that can only be learned on deployment. Whether it’s the smallest problem or a mind boggling issue, experience will take you a long way in maintenance, especially because vehicles are so complex.

“I have been in the Army for a long time, [and] I have been to a lot of schools for maintenance, but I have learned vehicles through experience

and gaining knowledge from others,”

said Sgt. Michael Waring, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 941st Trans. Company, and a Charleston, S.C., native. “I show lower enlisted Soldiers what I know so they can take it with them where ever they go in maintenance.”



Spc. Alicia Curtis, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 941st Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and a Winston Salem, N.C., native, tightens a bolt under a vehicle on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 1. (Photo by Spc. Crystal Williams)

Navy ‘Mike’ assumes mission at Al Asad

Article by Lt. Bill Packard
189th CSSB UPAR

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Sailors from the Navy Cargo Handling Unit-4, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Forward-Mike, officially relieved the NAVELSG-Lima from their 12-month rotation in from operating the Bulk Fuel Farm on Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

“Since 2005, the U.S. Navy has worked with the U.S. Army to oversee



Sailors from the Navy Cargo Handling Unit-Four, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Forward-Mike, officially relieved the NAVELSG-Lima from their 12-month rotation operating the Bulk Fuel Farm on Contingency Operation Base Al Asad, Iraq, in June.

the operation of bulk fuel in both [Contingency Operation Base Adder] and Al Asad,” said Chief Petty Officer Michael Summers, contracting officer representative with the NAVELSG-Lima, 189th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a native of Frisco, Texas.

The Bulk Fuel Farm is responsible for taking in wholesale bulk fuel from various supply distribution points. The fuel is tested, certified and then stored in large fuel bladders. From there, the fuel is distributed to retail locations around the base such as fueling stations and the airfield.

The bulk fuel mission in Al Asad is composed entirely of Navy reservists from across the country.

The outgoing group hails primarily from Oklahoma City, Okla., but Lt. Cmdr.

Ronnie Garcia, the officer in charge, NAVELSG-Lima, who served as an individual augmentee, is originally from Jacksonville, Fla.

“We are leaving big shoes to fill,” said Garcia, who is in friendly competition with his replacement Lt. Cmdr. Diane Morris, OIC for the NAVELSG-Mike, and a native of Louisville, Ky.

Lima transitioned three quarterly inspections with extremely high marks.

It is not a competition. However, Morris boasts of her team’s nearly 40 years of collective petroleum experience.

“We expect a relatively seamless transition. The outgoing group did a commendable job and deserves a lot of kudos,” said Morris during the transition of authority ceremony. “Additionally, the local [Kellogg Brown and Root] contractors have been extremely helpful. They all have run a tight ship, and now it’s our duty to ensure it stays that way.”

Morris said she looks forward to her crew seeing the mission through the withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

Music therapy revives ordnance Soldiers

Article by Sgt. Lorraine Sian
8th Ord. Co. UPAR

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – Soldiers with the 8th Ordnance Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, elevate their well-being and happiness through their musical talents on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq.

One of the beauties of music is that it can accomplish more than one goal at a time.

Music can distract Soldiers from unpleasant thoughts and release the hard emotions they experience during stressful working days.

It can also provide uplifting music to divert, entertain and help revive their minds after a day in Iraq.

Soldiers with 2nd

Platoon, 8th Ord. Co., have many hidden musical talents to help them forget the stresses of work.

Spc. Travis Duval, an ammunition specialist and a Glendale, Ariz., native, is a pianist who has his own keyboard in Iraq and practices on a regular basis after work.

Spc. Joshua Harris, an automated logistics specialist and a Baltimore, Md., native, can be found singing gospel music in the

detachment’s motor pool when he is not engaged in any missions.

Harris was also a member of the 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Choir and sings in many unit events.

“The talent within the platoon continues to amaze me,” said Staff Sgt. Cynthia Mason, the platoon sergeant of 2nd Platoon, and a Glendale, Ariz., native. “I enjoy watching the Soldiers come together.”

‘Road Warrior’ mechanic becomes father, NCO

Article by Spc. Virginia C. Bisiaux
68th Trans. Co. UPAR

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – Three weeks before deploying in support of Operation New Dawn, a mechanic from the 68th Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, became a first-time dad.

Sgt. Derrick T. Felch, a native of Bismarck, N.D., is a happy man indeed. His wife Erika, a native of Los Angeles, and a Soldier in the signal corps, delivered their first child, Sophia, April 22.

“She’s my light at the end of the tunnel,” he said.

Felch, who joined the Army as a junior in high school, graduated Basic Combat Training between his junior and senior years and then Advanced Individual Training soon after his graduation.

Due to his ability and willingness to be placed in a leadership role, he was recently promoted to sergeant.

“I lead from the front,” Felch said. “I’m out here with the rest of the guys turning wrenches too.”

Felch has shown his hard work to his Soldiers, ensuring that they see him as another Soldier and an example for them to follow.

“Sgt. Felch is always, with no questions, ready to help any Soldier,” said Spc Roland Alaniz, a mechanic with the 68th Trans. Co. and a native

of San Antonio, Texas. “He is always ready for the next challenge and one of the hardest working NCOs in maintenance, and maybe even the company.”

At just 26 years old, Felch plays a big part in his company’s ability to roll out on missions every day. He inspects the vehicles with their respective operators for any damage, leaks or other problems that could derail the mission; or worse, leave Soldiers stranded on the road.

Until the time comes for Felch and the other Road Warriors to head home to Fort Bliss, Texas, he along with his Soldiers will be working hard under trucks, in oil and greased up, turning wrenches and keeping all the 68th Trans. Co.’s vehicles mission capable.



Sgt. Derrick T. Felch, a mechanic with the 68th Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a native of Bismarck, N.D., crouches under a truck as he removes the oil pan on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Virginia C. Bisiaux)

Wranglers recover, dismantle downed aircraft

By Staff Sgt. Jason Thompson
and Pfc. Amy Lane
4th sust. Bde. PAO

The aircraft was recovered and transported off the airfield July 5 and was taken to another site on COB Adder where it was dismantled July 15.

The training was a rare opportunity for the Soldiers to practice their craft on an actual aircraft that they might be called upon to recover in the case of any future incidents.

"This was a great joint training opportunity for everyone involved," said Air Force Capt. Jeffery Davis, chief safety officer for 407th AEG, and a Colorado Springs, Colo., native.

"It was a great opportunity for the Soldiers and Airmen to practice and gain familiarity with conducting recovery operations with an actual aircraft. It helps so that they'll be prepared should they be called upon to recover an aircraft outside the wire."

Although the Soldiers are deployed in support of Operation New Dawn, the training for future scenarios never stops.

"It's always important to continue to refine, train and get better at our professional skills," said Army Capt. Jerry Cole, transportation officer with 749th CSSB, and a Los Angeles, Calif., native. "The Soldiers need to know what they're doing and be comfortable doing so, in case they need to react in a hostile environment."

He said the chance to train on the aircraft and work alongside the Air Force during this mission was a beneficial opportunity.

"It was great to get some valuable training and allow the aircraft to provide one more training opportunity before we put it in its final resting place," Cole said.

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ADDER, Iraq** – In a joint-service effort, Soldiers with the 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and Airmen with the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, worked together to recover and dismantle an out-of-commission aircraft on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 15.

The aircraft, a C-21 transportation jet for the Air Force, suffered damage beyond repair after making a hard landing in 2009. Nobody was injured in this incident.

After receiving a request from the 407th AEG to assist with removal and demilitarizing the airplane from the airfield, the brigade formed a downed aircraft recovery team and treated the task as a training mission.

"After we received the request from the Air Force, we decided to use it as training," said Army Maj. Michael McBride, deputy operations officer for the 4th Sust. Bde., and Dequincy, La., native. "It's a standard recovery, but we're treating it as an actual mission."



Clockwise from left page: Pfc. William Jackson, a welder with the 1729th Forward Support Maintenance Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a North East, Md., native, cuts apart a C-21 transportation jet during a downed aircraft recovery team training exercise on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 15. Sgt. Ronald Brown, a machinist with the 1729th FSMC, and an Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., native, saws at the jet July 15. Air Force stock photo of a C-21 aircraft. Soldiers secure parts of the downed-aircraft wreckage onto a vehicle on COB Adder July 5. 2nd Lt. William Capps, a logistics officer and platoon leader with the 68th Transportation Company, 749th CSSB, and a Columbus, Ga., native, secures a pieces of the aircraft that was downed in 2009 onto a vehicle during a training exercise July 5.



1-163rd CAB Soldiers step-up, help comrade's family

Story by Sgt. Jack Moorehead
1-163rd CAB Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq - When Soldiers of the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, were getting ready to deploy, they went through the Soldier Readiness Process, which includes updating their emergency contact and insurance information, their wills, and powers of attorney. All this was done in the event that if something unforeseen were to happen while deployed, things would be taken care of in a way they saw fit.

But, what happens when disaster strikes at home? Soldiers are prepared for the worst, but when tragedy strikes at home there is not much he or she can do.

Spc. Timothy Anthony of Company A, 1st CAB, 163rd Inf. Regt., a gunner and Lewistown, Mont., native, learned that his parents basement was filled with five feet of water.

"I've never felt so helpless before in my life," Anthony said. "I'm 7,000 miles away from home and there was nothing I could do to help my family."

Tim Jay Anthony, 57, Timothy's father, was disabled when his son was three years old. Tim Jay lost his leg in an accident and suffers from



Master Sgt. Ronald Kuiken, Rear Detachment NCOIC for 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment, Montana National Guard, and a Belgrade, Mont., native, helps clean up a flooded basement for the family of Spc. Timothy Anthony, a gunner with Company A, 1st CAB, 163rd Inf. Regt., 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a Lewistown, Mont., native, who is currently deployed to Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Carmen Anthony)

severe emphysema. His mother, Carmen Anthony, 53, works at the Central Montana Medical Center at the cafeteria in Lewistown.

Friends and family immediately came to help remove the family's possessions out of the basement to save what they could. Unfortunately, many other families were going through the same problems, and the help dwindled over the course of the week.

Meanwhile, the water remained in the basement, destroying the family's furnace and water heater as Timothy's parents were quickly overwhelmed.

That's when the Montana Army National Guard stepped up to lend a hand. Soldiers from Timothy's unit

raised more than \$2,000 to assist the Anthony family in purchasing a new water heater and furnace.

Master Sgt. Ronald Kuiken of the Rear Detachment, 1st CAB, 163rd Inf. Regt., gave some of his time to work on the basement at the Anthony household.

Over the course of a week, Kuiken removed all the walls and proceeded to pressure wash and bleach the entire basement to ensure the mold and mildew would not return.

"We are all just extremely thankful to both Alpha Company and Master Sgt. Kuiken. It was so relieving to know that I have a whole other family that I can count on when I need help," Timothy said.

Radio tech maintains communication systems

Story by Spc. Crystal Williams
941st Trans. Co., 749th CSSB

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq- Soldiers from the 941st Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, must leave the base weekly for missions delivering equipment and supplies to U.S. Forces throughout the southern Iraq area.

Since these Soldiers are often on the roads throughout the area, it is vital to achieve mission success that the Soldiers on the road continue to communicate with the base camp and

other units within their area.

In order to ensure the Soldiers are able to communicate, they rely on other Soldiers, such as Spc. Nicholas Matthews, a Charleston, S.C., native, and radio technician with the 941st Trans. Co.

"Every day is a challenge but I look forward to it. I get a chance to work with different people from all over Contingency Operating Base Adder," said Matthews, who maintains more than 80 radio systems and 72 global positioning systems.

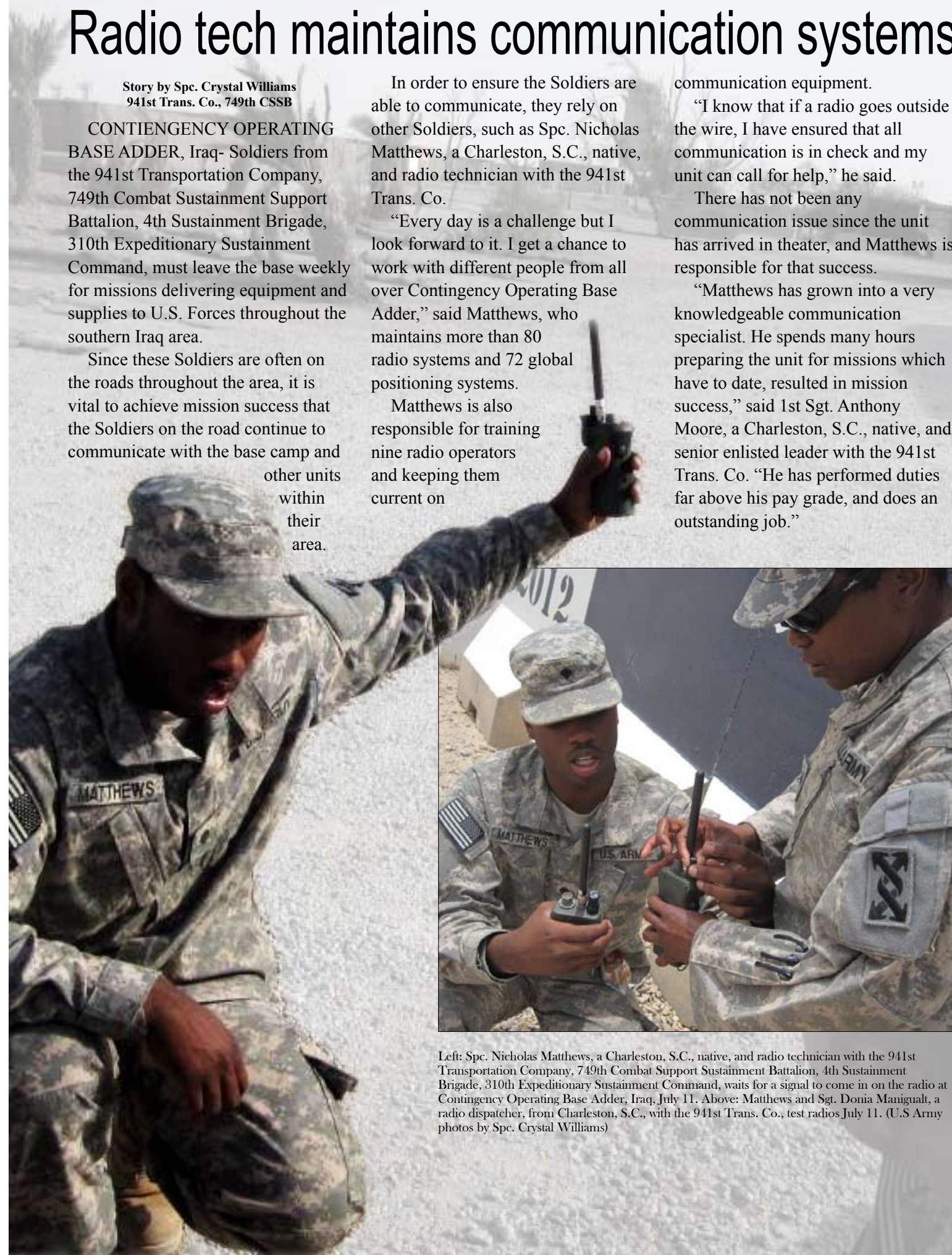
Matthews is also responsible for training nine radio operators and keeping them current on

communication equipment.

"I know that if a radio goes outside the wire, I have ensured that all communication is in check and my unit can call for help," he said.

There has not been any communication issue since the unit has arrived in theater, and Matthews is responsible for that success.

"Matthews has grown into a very knowledgeable communication specialist. He spends many hours preparing the unit for missions which have to date, resulted in mission success," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Moore, a Charleston, S.C., native, and senior enlisted leader with the 941st Trans. Co. "He has performed duties far above his pay grade, and does an outstanding job."



Left: Spc. Nicholas Matthews, a Charleston, S.C., native, and radio technician with the 941st Transportation Company, 749th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, waits for a signal to come in on the radio at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 11. Above: Matthews and Sgt. Donia Manigault, a radio dispatcher, from Charleston, S.C., with the 941st Trans. Co., test radios July 11. (U.S. Army photos by Spc. Crystal Williams)



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Wrangler places best foot forward

4th Sust. Bde. Soldier competes in boards, strives for professionalism

Story by Spc. Sean McGuire
4th Sust. Bde. PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, IRAQ – Weeks after competing in United States Division-South's Arrowhead Stakes, Spc. Antoine Mitchell feels a bit stronger. A six-mile ruck march, bogged down by full tactical gear and scorching heat, a physical fitness test, memory tests, and formal military boards might do that to a man.

He's competed in four Soldier competitions of this kind since joining the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, in late 2009. To him they're just building blocks.

"You're pushed to put your best foot forward, harden your skills, and act on those skills," Mitchell said. "It shows character."

The San Antonio, Texas, native has served his country for over five-years, with previous time spent in Germany.

Since becoming part of the Wrangler brigade, Mitchell has won both the Soldier of the quarter and year competitions. Months prior to deployment in support of Operation New Dawn, he again shined by placing second place in the III Corps Soldier of the Year competition.

"I missed winning by one point," he said.

Mitchell refers more to the test and answers these events provide rather than wins and losses.

"I use these competitions to see how far I've come since joining the Army. To see what I'm capable of and understand what it takes in a real situation," he said.

While gauging his capacity for himself is vital, Mitchell also takes pride in proving to others the same.

"As a [human resource specialist], we aren't always able to show our abilities. We can get down and dirty too," he said.

His hard work and desire to succeed in competitions have caught his leadership's eye.

Working as the brigade's command assistant, his fiery command sergeant major and veteran colonel have known he has a bright future for some time.

"I've always been able to count on

him," said Command Sgt. Maj. Erik Frey, the Wrangler brigade's senior enlisted leader and Killeen, Texas native.

"His professionalism and can-do attitude is what has impressed me the most the last few years."

Mitchell just recently swore in four more years of military service, which will take him to the half-way point towards retirement. He squeezes in early morning and late night gym



Spc. Antoine Mitchell, brigade's command assistant with the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and San Antonio, Texas, native, works to assemble an AK-47 assault rifle June 30 during the Arrowhead Stakes competition at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. Mitchell took second place, much like when he took second place in the III Corps Soldier of the Year competition at Fort Hood, Texas in 2010. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Anthony Zane)

appearances between his 12-hour work days.

He's even inching closer towards a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

"There's no such thing as a master; you're always learning," he said. "Even as a leader I'll be learning, and I'll want to be as physically and mentally strong as I can. That way I can help my Soldiers if there are issues beyond just the military."

Mitchell will have the opportunity to lead soon; he's already gained his promotable status towards becoming a sergeant. From there he wants to get to 10-years of Army service. At that point he figures there's no reason to stop there.

"I can see myself making this a career," he said. "The military is all about mental discipline. Everything I experience now I'm using to strengthen myself."



Spc. Antoine Mitchell, brigade's command assistant with the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and San Antonio, Texas, native, fires a M-9 pistol July 1 during the live-fire range portion of the Arrowhead Stakes Soldier competition hosted at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Anthony Zane)





Lt. Col. John Hickey, the commander of the 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and an Alexandria, Va., native, handed off the ceremonial key and microphone to Col. Richard Kaiser, the commander of the 20th Eng. Bde., and a Milwaukee, Wisc., native, as he prepares to take command of the Mayor Cell operation days before the official Transfer of Authority dinner on Contingency Operation Base Adder. (U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Angiene L. Myers)

Engineers assume mayor cell command

Story by Staff Sgt. Angiene Myers
4th Special Troops Battalion

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq—With the Army continuously transitioning, change is inevitable. That holds true once again for the Soldiers of the 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, who relinquished command of the Contingency Operating Base Adder Mayor Cell mission to the 20th Engineer Brigade in a nontraditional Transfer of Authority dinner at Coalition Dining Facility July 14.

“A change in mission for the STB headquarters is fairly routine,” said Lt. Col. John Hickey, the commander of the 4th STB, and an Alexandria,

Va., native. “We have gone through three major changes of mission since I took command. The staff has really developed the ability to reorient and reorganize to make sure the right focus is in the right place to do our job.”

Hickey expressed the advantage of initially having the 4th STB take command of the Mayor Cell mission and then handing it off to the 20th Eng. Bde., as the base prepares to close out at the end of the year.

“What we ended up with is, the perfect combination of having a sustainment brigade take the Mayor cell and work through all those logistic tasks. Get it organized, get it postured and hand it off to the Engineers,” he said. “They are well suited to deal with facilities planning and

the more mathematical requirements of facilities engineering towards the end.”

After both command teams handed out coins to deserving Soldiers and Airmen that made the Mayor Cell mission and the TOA a success, Col. Richard Kaiser, commander of the 20th Eng. Bde., and a Milwaukee, Wisc., native, addressed the harsh realities of what’s to come on COB Adder.

“The mission is different ladies and gentlemen. If you haven’t figured that out yet, you will in the next few weeks,” he said “We are about to enter into a different phase of being here and for all my friends at the 4th STB, who will run operations out of the south post, you’re going to be pretty busy.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Butler Kendrick, the command sergeant major for the 20th Eng. Bde., and a Brooklyn, N.Y., native, backed his commander by expanding on what lies ahead.

“We have an awesome mission ahead of us,” said Kendrick, “No one has ever done this before and it will be a leadership challenge. All Soldiers have to be engaged and we have to finish strong.”

Kendrick concluded his remarks by thanking the Soldiers of the 4th STB for greeting the 20th Eng. Bde. with open arms and helping them make a smooth transition from Joint Base Balad to COB Adder.

The 4th STB, will assume responsibility of the Convoy Support Center operations.

4th STB assumes responsibility of new mission

Story by Staff Sgt. Angiene L. Myers
4th Special Troops Battalion

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq — While most service members would already be settled into their mission as they neared the mid-point of a deployment, the soldiers of 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, are embarking on a new mission at the halfway mark of their deployment on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq.

“It’s an exciting time as we step away from all the base closure tasks that we had taken on as the Mayor Cell,” said Lt. Col. John Hickey, the commander of 4th STB, and an Alexandria, Va., native. “We’re posturing to become responsible for some of the human resources and finance units across Iraq, as well as the Convoy Support Center, a strategic hub for convoys departing Iraq.”

It’s such a crucial role and it’s something we are well suited to organize and really make that capability come to pass for Iraq, he said.

As the unit pushes forward, the battalion’s leadership said they are certain the right people are in place to take charge and get the mission



Vehicles line the staging area as preparations are made to depart the convoy support center on Contingency Operation Base Adder, Iraq, July 20. The 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, assumed command of the convoy support center as the base prepares to close at the end of the year. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Angiene L. Myers)

done.

“The soldiers are ready for the task,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Coleman, the senior enlisted leader for 4th STB, and a Beaumont, Texas, native. “They are good at anything they’re asked to do. They are good at analyzing the mission, doing the preparation and getting soldiers and equipment prepared.”

With eyes on the road that lies ahead, there are no doubts that the soldiers in this battalion will accomplish their task as the base closure draws near.

“They selected the right unit to see to this mission,” said Coleman. “We weren’t postured to do the

garrison command mission but we took command and did it well. The STB soldiers are very flexible and resilient. They answer the call when they are called on to do something.”

Coleman warns though that there will be some hard times ahead and soldiers will be subjected to some new experiences as they work towards a successful mission conclusion at the end of the year.

“Be prepared for a fast pace and some long hours,” he said. “You will be asked to do some things that you might not have been trained to do throughout your career, but will be asked to do it to accomplish the mission.”



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Wranglers mark Warrant Officer Corps 93rd birthday

Story by Pfc. Amy M. Lane
4th Sust. Bde. PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – For the past 93 years, U.S. Army warrant officers have made a name for themselves as subject-matter experts, with the experience and expertise to mentor junior officers and noncommissioned officers.

To celebrate the 93rd birthday of the Warrant Officer Corps, warrant officers on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, gathered for a birthday dinner July 9 at Memorial Hall.

The party capped off a week of celebrations, which included an informational meeting for Soldiers interested in becoming warrant officers.

Lt. Col. James Smith, a Hampton, Va., native, the commander of the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and the guest speaker at the event, stressed the importance of military education and mentoring new and future warrant officers.

“You were pulled from the best of the best of our esteemed corps of noncommissioned officers, who are commonly referred to as the backbone of our Army,” he said. “Warrant officers have a rich tradition in our Army. You are known as subject-matter experts with a unique, highly specialized skill set.”

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Laura



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michelle Schweitzer, a Hicksville, Ohio, native, and the S6 officer in charge for the 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, receives a prize for correctly answering a trivia question at the Warrant Officer Corps’ 93rd birthday celebration at Memorial Hall on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, July 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Amy M. Lane)

Fairchild, a Miami, Fla., native, and a supply systems technician with the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, said she originally wanted to become a warrant officer because she observed someone doing the wrong thing.

“I decided that if I wanted change, I should be the one to set the example,” she said. “I saw someone setting a bad example and I wanted to do better.”

Fairchild said some of her Soldiers from her first unit still keep in touch and contact her for advice and

mentorship, and she feels like she has made a difference.

“I could retire in two years, but I’m thinking about staying in,” she said. “I feel like I am having an impact.”

Fairchild led a game of warrant officer trivia, where guests won prizes for correctly answering trivia questions related to their history.

“You are all heroes in my book,” Smith said. “We could not have accomplished what we have over the last 93 years without your professionalism.”

Wranglers certify on MRAPs

4th Sust. Bde. prepares for Iraq closeout



Sgt. Sanjay Ferron, a command assistant for Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native, drives a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle July 21 at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. Ferron and other Wrangler Brigade Soldiers are being certified to drive MRAPs in preparation for the potential need as one of the last units exiting Iraq by year’s end to drive out of country. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Sean McGuire)

Story by Spc. Sean McGuire
4th Sust. Bde. PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, IRAQ – The leaders of the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, are anticipating the final months of Operation New Dawn as they are fast approaching. As part of that pending deadline, they must continue preparing for potential requirements to drive out of the country, rather than fly.

The Wrangler Brigade has been responsible for sustainment operations and theater distribution throughout United States Division-South and USD-Central area since February this year.

“Distribution operations for our brigade could potentially expand in our final months, leaving us as the lone sustainment brigade and responsible for the entire country’s sustainment

operations,” said Lt. Col. Jeff Britton, the executive officer and operations officer in charge.

Britton said the unit is preparing to leave country by sending Soldiers with the brigade’s staff and Special Troops Battalion to be certified to drive Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

“Flying out may not be an option,” he said. “Right now we are trying to facilitate our ability to drive south and conduct the final retrograde movement via MRAP vehicles.”

Soldiers have been going through the course

week after week. The four-day course puts Soldiers in the driver’s seat,

forcing them to maneuver through obstacle courses, and drive across the base both during the day and night.

They also learn to perform proper maintenance of the behemoth gun trucks and receive a refresher course on managing a rollover.

“This is really good training that we’re going through. Its point is to prepare us for the chance we have to drive out of Iraq,” said Pfc. Clifton Myers, a radio telephone operator with 4th Sust. Bde. operations office, and a Houston, Texas, native.

Myers is assigned a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon and five months into his deployment, his impression is that he could end up as a gunner on a potential final rendezvous. But with this training, much like all Wranglers getting certified, he’s capable of driving too.

“Whatever we have to do to finally leave,” said Myers.



Pfc. Clifton Myers, a radio telephone operator for the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and Houston, Texas, native, performs maintenance on a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle July 21 at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Sean McGuire)



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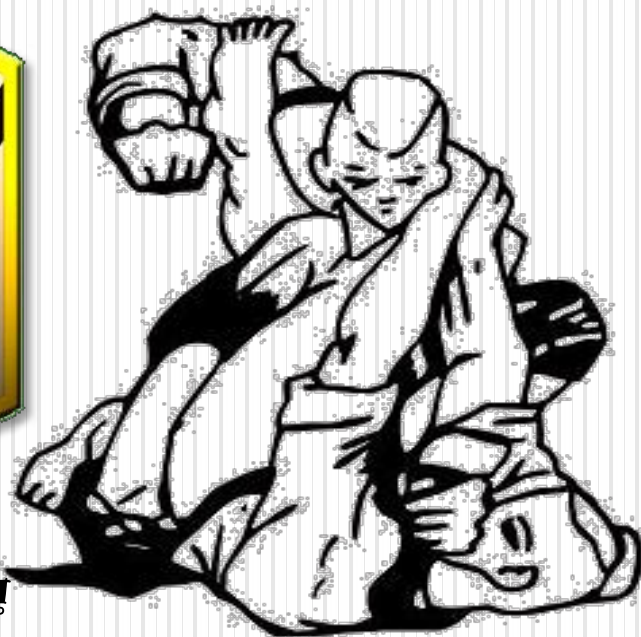
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