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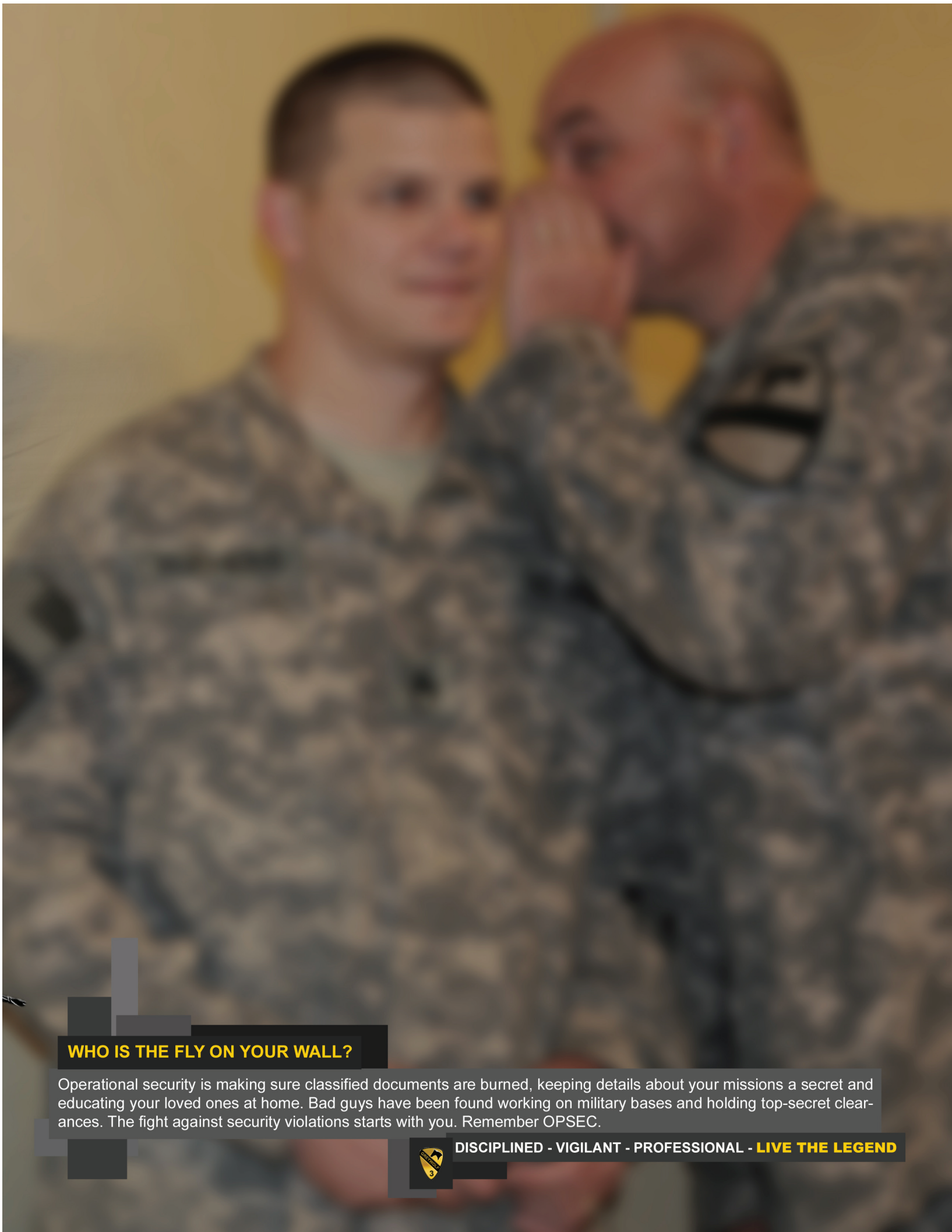
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WHO IS THE FLY ON YOUR WALL?

Operational security is making sure classified documents are burned, keeping details about your missions a secret and educating your loved ones at home. Bad guys have been found working on military bases and holding top-secret clearances. The fight against security violations starts with you. Remember OPSEC.



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GREYWOLF 6 SENDS:



Col. Douglas Crissman

GREYWOLF Soldiers, Families and Friends,

Greetings again from Contingency Operating Base Adder - location of the GREYWOLF Brigade Combat Team Headquarters. We've recently passed another significant milestone in our year-long deployment as we celebrated our 200th day of combat operations in August.

It's been a long, HOT summer here in southern Iraq, but the days are getting shorter and the average temperatures are down from the 120s and back around 100. By the time you read this edition of the GREYWOLF ADVISOR, we should be enjoying double-digit temperatures again!

CSM Kelley and I spend a good deal of time each week "on the road" circulating around Iraq's four southern provinces spending time with GREYWOLF Soldiers. We continue to be impressed and pleased with the tremendous work that's going on everywhere we look. As we continue to strengthen our Iraqi partners, posture ourselves and our equipment to secure a safe movement out of Iraq, transition key activities and processes to the U.S. State Department - all while preventing the enemy from interfering with our operations - there are certainly plenty of challenges and plenty to keep our great Soldiers busy.

Since our last edition, the GREYWOLF Brigade has gone from having Soldiers stationed on 11 different bases to



An Iraqi Army officer at Tadreeb al Shamil reviews a terrain map with Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, the commanding general of United States Division - South, before executing a battalion-level maneuvers exercise at the training site.



Hanscom Smith, the leader of the Muthanna Provincial Reconstruction Team signs over ownership of the newly constructed Friendship Hall to the governor of the province.

only five. These base transition efforts were part of planned operations to collapse U.S. presence at small outlying bases to a smaller number of larger bases during 2011. That process will continue and we expect to transition additional bases in our remaining months in Iraq. The process to transition a base to the Government of Iraq is extensive and involves equipment and facilities from one base to another. GREYWOLF Soldiers at all levels have overcome major obstacles and literally moved mountains to make some of these base transitions happen on very short notice.

As planned, the U.S. State Department officially established a consulate in Basrah in early July and we continue to help them get their feet on the ground. In early September, GREYWOLF Soldiers will assume responsibility for Contingency Operating Base Basra from the departing 36th Infantry Division Headquarters and remain focused on activities to prepare the U.S. State Department to assume control of all base operations by the end of 2011.

As discussions between the Iraqi and U.S. Government continue regarding the future of U.S. Force presence in Iraq, the GREYWOLF Brigade continues to prepare to



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, the commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division discusses the operations in southern Iraq with GREYWOLF Soldiers.

provide safe passage for all U.S. units north of us as they travel through the GREYWOLF sector on their way to Kuwait later this year. Significant preparation and coordination is required in order to ensure a smooth and uneventful movement for thousands of vehicles each week over the 400km stretch of highway that runs north to south through our area of responsibility.

Once again, I'd like to thank our Rear Detachment, Family Readiness Groups and Family Readiness Support Assistants for all they do to support our Soldiers and Families back home. We couldn't do what we do without your tremendous dedication and selfless service.

We now have over 2,000 "friends" on the GREYWOLF Faceook page at [facebook.com/3bct.1cd](https://www.facebook.com/3bct.1cd) so it appears at least a few of you are finding our twice-monthly newslet-



Combat camera photo by Pfc. Ryan Hollgarth

Col. Douglas Crissman chats with Gen. Lloyd Austin, the commanding general of United States Forces - Iraq.

ters, pictures, news articles and other feature items interesting! Come check us out today and keep up with the great work your GREYWOLF Soldiers are doing.

The GREYWOLF Brigade is making a difference every day in Iraq as we serve our Nation in this time of war. Our continued presence here ensures we finish what we started and helps cement the sacrifices so many have made in the past eight years in this country. CSM Kelley and I remain humbled by the privilege of leading the GREYWOLF Team during such an important mission as we serve our Nation and the people of Iraq. Thanks for your hard work and selfless service every day.

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Courtesy photo

A Soldier with 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. helps a local Iraqi National Police officer unload perishable goods used in a humanitarian aid mission near Basrah, Iraq.



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Sgt. Scott McCulloch, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, loads a litter onto a new medical evacuation helicopter at COB Adder recently.

GREYWOLF 9 SENDS:



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Ronnie Kelley**

GREYWOLF Soldiers and our supporters, Before I get started, I'd like to extend a welcome to the 235 Soldiers new to GREYWOLF that have arrived over the last three months including the brigade's new deputy commander, Lt. Col. Charles Krumwiede and his family. Welcome, Sir.

Many of our Soldiers are home with their families on their mid-tour leave right now. Having fun is what R&R is all about, so take the time off to rejuvenate, reconnect and enjoy the temperatures with your loved ones.

Having just returned from Texas for my own R&R, I'd like to say thank you to our families back home, rear detachments and family readiness groups for all the hard work they do every day. You are doing a great job in supporting each other and us.

We have reached the half way mark on our deployment and as I travel, I see changes happening all over southern Iraq where we are.

As we prepare to transition outlying bases to Iraqi control, our units that occupy them have relocated for the switch.

Co. A and Co. D, 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt. have moved. Co. A is now at Contingency Operating Base Adder from Contingency Operating Station Sifer to support 2nd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery Regt. and Co. D moved from COS Al Sheeb to join their comrades at COS Garry Owen. Also,



Sgt. 1st Class Rudolfo Ruiz and Maj. Alex Sterea review patrol securities before a visit to the local Ziggurat of Ur near COB Adder.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Bridson

Staff Sgt. Wesley Jackson, the brigade's schools noncommissioned officer in charge, discusses the GREYWOLF Deployed Digital Training Campus with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley during Chandler's visit to Contingency Operating Base Adder recently.

Co. B, 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. and Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery Regt. have joined their battalion headquarters at COB Basrah and COB Adder.

Hold complacency at arm's length by staying vigilant when you are going through your day-to-day motions. Whether conducting sustainment replenishment operations, counter indirect fire patrols or pulling guard duty, remember your training and apply it to everything you do.

Recently, a number of Soldiers met and exceeded our expectations for outstanding performance and a drive for success.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III visited COB Adder recently and spoke highly of the GREYWOLF Deployed Digital Training Campus and its NCOIC, Staff Sgt. Wesley Jackson. Our DDTC is the only campus of its kind in Iraq to date.

There are several new members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, also. I'd like to welcome Sgt. 1st Class Torres Carr, with Co. C, 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn.; Staff Sgt. Nigil Chichester and Staff Sgt. Jamaal Moragne, with B Field Maintenance Co., 215th Bde. Support Bn.; Sgt. Michael Atwood, with Co. B, 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt. Sgt. Yamil Arocho, with Co. A, 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. and Sgt. James Moffatt, with Headquarters and Headquarters



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early, of USD-S, presents an Army Commendation Medal to Cpl. David Nagle for winning the division's NCO/Soldier of the Quarter Competition.



Photo by Sgt. Omar Estrada

Staff Sgt. Dravies Williams, with Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 215th Bde. Support Bn. paces a group with cadences June 14 during an early morning brigade-level run to celebrate the U.S. Army's 236th birthday.



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Soldiers with 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. rehearse vehicle medical evacuation procedures near their unit headquarters recently.

Btry., 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt. to the prestigious organization. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt. recently held their Best Ranger Competition to select seven Soldiers to attend Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. Congratulations and good luck to: Pfc. Quentin Arnold, Pfc. Jose Rodriguez, Pfc. Brandon Herren, Pfc. Christopher Gore, Pfc. Philip Naglaya, Spc.

Simon Morris and Sgt. Matthew Lee.

Cpl. David Nagle, with Co. A, 215th Bde. Support Bn. and Spc. Cory Penven, with B Troop, 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. earned NCO and Soldier of the Quarter for 36th Infantry Division July 1, out-competing Soldiers from throughout the division. Congratulations.

Remember to keep the lines of communication open amongst yourselves and to your loved ones back home.

The brigade's Facebook page, which is updated regularly with our newsletters, stories, photos and news, is a great tool to stay connected across the oceans or across the room. Use it for networking, information or to stay connected to your loved ones today.

Across the brigade, Soldiers are hard at work, eagerly conducting operations in support of our upcoming movement out of Iraq. Without their dedication, this brigade would never function, our mission here would cease to exist and the sacrifices of those that have gone before us would be in vain. As Col. Crissman said in his letter, our continued presence here is a testament of our dedication to finishing a job started years ago. Thank you for your loyalty and professionalism.

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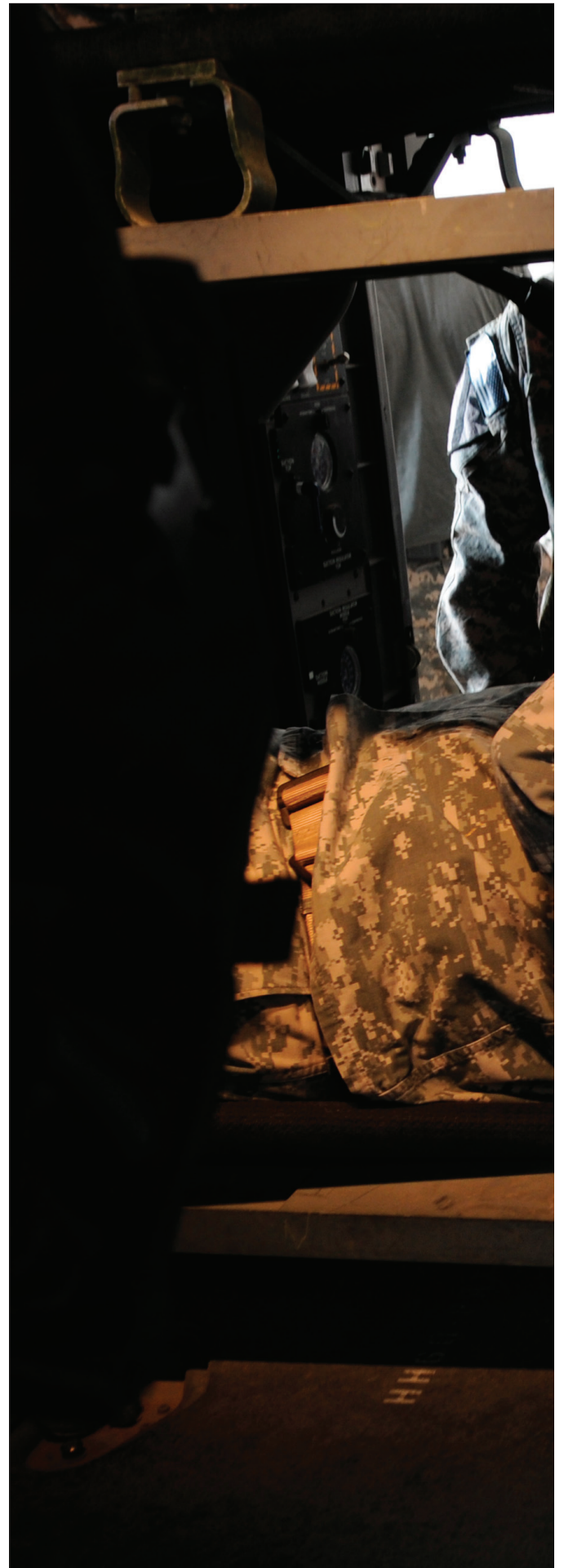
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COVER

MEDIC!

Steel Dragon medic provides expertise,
camaraderie throughout battalion

Story and photos by Spc. Sharla Lewis







Inside a helicopter hangar, medics work to extend the folded braces of a litter. Covered in a layer of dust-fine Iraqi sand, it's giving them some difficulty.

"Stand it up," said Spc. Marcel Stevens. "Yeah, stand it up on end."

Stevens is a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and can often be found conducting training with the line units, giving a helping hand to a friend on Contingency Operating Base Adder or administering first aid when stationed at remote locations.

On this day, Stevens is attending a class on loading litters onto a new medical evacuation helicopter, work-



ing with other medics throughout the brigade to learn the ins and outs of the new equipment.

Smiling, he said, "There it goes, that's easier."

As the training began, sergeants shouted directions and the medical personnel went through the tasks of loading and transporting litters onto the bird. A large fan nearby simulated the wind the rotors create as well as produced a near-deafening roar.

Throughout the exercise, Stevens intensely watched the other teams work, absorbing each and every detail.

Those who have worked closely with Stevens say that he is up-beat

Previous page: Spc. Marcel Stevens and medics from throughout GREYWOLF. Clockwise from top left: Stevens jokes with "victim" works with other medics to tighten straps on litter; moves "victim" to MEDEVAC helicopter during training exercise.

and friendly with a drive for the gratification of a job well done.

"He's a motivated specialist and takes his job seriously," said Sgt. Felix Woods, Stevens' first line supervisor. "He's very professional but still a fun guy."

In his time off, Stevens takes correspondence courses online to increase his promotion points and prepare him for college and hangs out with his friends in their rooms. Medics are assigned directly to platoons and often



**“Soldiers are mothers,
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Spc. Marcel Stevens





serve as sounding boards when Soldiers need someone to talk to.

Stevens said he enjoys being someone that people go to for help, even outside the clinic.

"I feel privileged to have a position in which to affect someone's life," he said.

His recent roommate, Pfc. David Olshove, said they chatted about everything from the weather and news to movies and family. When they were located at the Eastern Barracks, near Samawah, Iraq, they spent a lot of time playing Ping-Pong and pool and working out at the gym during their free time.

Olshove said that Stevens knew when to draw the line between his job and his friends.

"He works hard, but he plays hard too," he said. "He's professional and knows what he's doing."

Being at the Eastern Barracks provided Stevens experience in day-to-day medical procedures that he may not have learned otherwise. Besides patrolling with platoons and conducting training, Stevens worked in the outpost's clinic, providing care for the daily aches and pains of those that lived there.

Clockwise from top left; Stevens checks pulse after tourniquet application; reviews nasal pharyngeal passageway application with fellow medic Spc. Sergio Avalle; writes time on tourniquet.

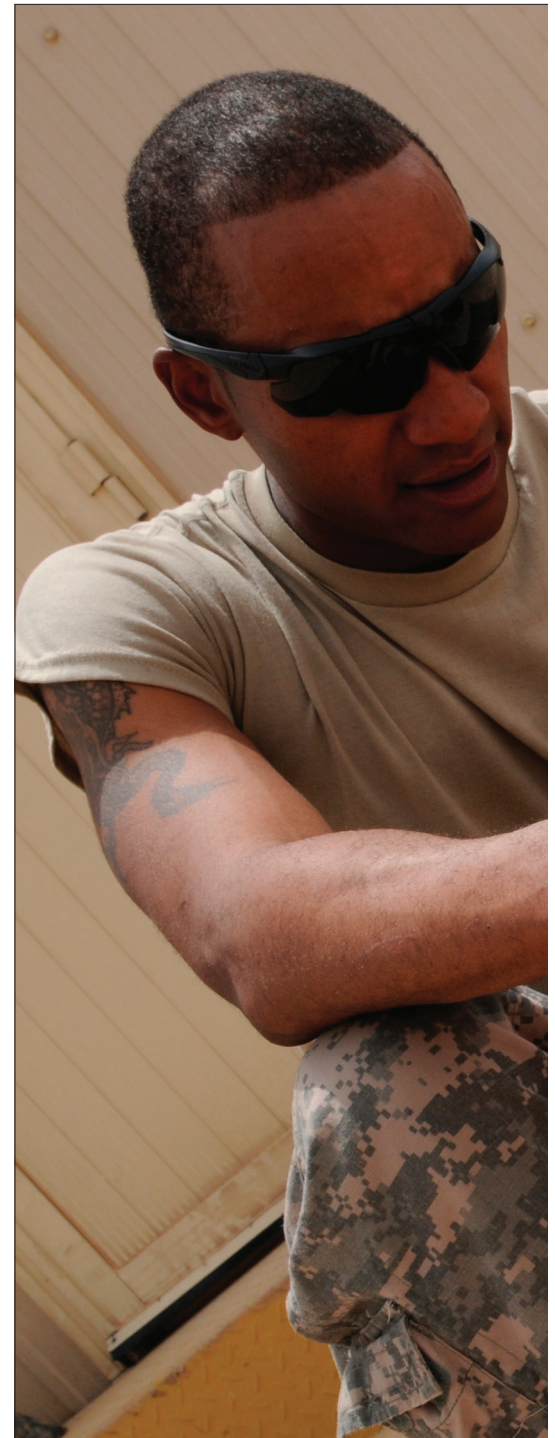
"Even helping someone who cut their hand is a skill set," he said.

Before Stevens enlisted in the military, he said he worked and went to school full time, holding several jobs that he didn't like. Much of his satisfaction came upon joining a brotherhood of medical personnel with a similar mission across all military branches.

Another satisfying aspect of enlisting was becoming a role model for his family. He said he hopes he can raise his children as well as his mother raised him. Stevens is married with a daughter and another on the way and has two younger brothers who look up to him. He said he wants his brothers to be proud of what he's accomplished.

"I hope they are successful and make the right decisions and stick to it," he said. "I'm here to provide support no matter what their decisions are."

After the day's training was complete, Stevens sat in on an after action review of the exercises and provided input if it was needed.



As a medic, Stevens provides training and expertise to those he works with. As a friend, he's a comrade and mentor with a drive to help those in need.

"This is why I joined," he said. "Soldiers are mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters whose families want them to come home safe just like I do,"

"That's part of my job."



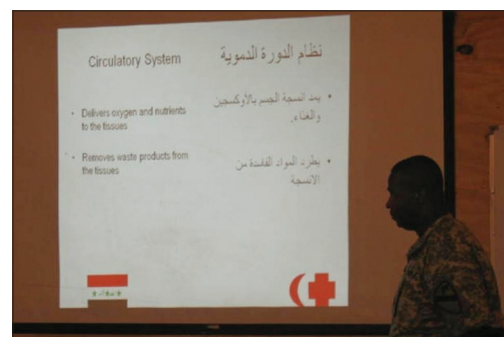
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Capt. Richard Benson



Blacksmith Medics Teach Iraqis CPR

C Medical Co. teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Iraqi Army Soldiers.

215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division recently taught a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course to a group of Iraqi Army Soldiers with the Prime Power Production Course for the Government of Iraq Ali Power Academy.

This comprehensive course of study combines classroom instruction applying physics of electrical power using Ohm's Law, measuring series and parallel circuits to set up the maintenance of generators in single or multiple (power plant) configuration.

Additionally, the course emphasizes the use of safety equipment and trains students on emergency medical first responder skills.

"This course is a key enabler in facilitating the Iraqi military to be self sustaining in electrical power production. This is the third and final course to be conducted here," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Campo, 249th Engi-

neer Battalion, noncommissioned officer in charge of the course.

Staff Sgt. Troy Rudolph, a Philadelphia native and other medics from C Medical Company instructed the class to ensure each student was able to conduct CPR prior to completing



the power production course.

The class consisted of three phases including a lecture in Arabic and English, hands on training using training aids and choking simulators, and scenario based testing.

The training started with Pfc. Robert Wood a native of Troup, Texas, who instructed the first class of the day on electrical burns and injuries. He expressed the nature in which the human body is affected when it encounters electrical shock and just how CPR, performed correctly, can save an injured worker's life.

Spc. Gregory Morgan of San Diego, who provided the lecture portion of the CPR class, followed him. Upon completion of the lecture, the team of medics split the students up evenly to practice techniques on training aids as they worked through different emergency scenarios.

Morgan said, "I feel as though today we have directly contributed to the brigade's advise, train and assist mission by being able to help the airmen and Soldiers of Iraq build a critical capability, while gaining the skills to save an injured worker."

At the end of the day, the medics tested the class on what they learned. Everyone in the class passed their exam.

Staff Sgt. Rudolph said, "I was impressed with the level and depth of knowledge the Iraqi students possessed on the subject of CPR."

The CMC medics look forward to many more training opportunities with the Iraqis.



The smell of bacon filled the air as Pfc. Malachi Morris pulled a pan of sizzling meat out of the oven. Nearby, Spc. Willie Jones rinsed a

bowl of fresh fruit and two Soldiers on kitchen patrol wiped tables and stocked drinks.

In the background, music played

A Taste of Home

Photos and story by Spc. Sharla Lewis

STEEL DRAGON



over a stereo and the cooks tapped their feet or bobbed their heads in time with the beat.

Sgt. Jose Otero directed a Soldier to write the morning's menu on a white board to prop near the door.

"Don't forget the pancake sausages," he said, referring to the ever popular menu item, blueberry pancakes and sausage on a stick. "They love that one."

When the meal was ready, Soldiers filed through the line, filling their plates with eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, the coveted meat and pancake treat and fruit. Freshly brewed coffee flowed through the dining room as people chatted and laughed among themselves.

The dining facility of the Eastern Barracks, in Muthanna province serves the Soldiers of A Battery, Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and its stability transition team as well as the Muthanna Provincial Reconstruction Team. Many that have visited the base consider the kitchen the best in the brigade's area of responsibility.

The cooks said they like to add a variety of ingredients to the food to keep the flavors fresh and new. For example, Morris drizzled honey on the biscuits before putting them in the oven.

"I'd have to say I love the creativity most," said Jones, who is a native of Austin, Texas. "I like to add a taste of home, you know, a taste of something familiar."

Otero said he and his crew, all attached to the battery from G Forward Support Company, cook three hot



(Previous page) Pfc. Malachi Morris preps bacon; KP takes drinks out of the packaging. (This page) Morris drizzles honey on biscuits before putting them in the oven; Spc. Willy Jones prepares fruit; KP writes the morning's menu on a white board for display; Morris makes scrambled eggs.

meals a day, starting at 5:30 a.m. and never serve the same meal twice in a week. By adding music and a relaxed atmosphere, he said, the team enjoys their work, which reflects on the quality of the food.

"This reminds me of the Army that I was in 15 years ago," said Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Lightsey, the commander of the 36th Infantry Division Band, who was visiting for a special event in a nearby town. "It's nice. This is a relaxing atmosphere where you can hang out and enjoy yourself."

Morris, from Athens, Alabama, took his place behind the serving line while Jones kept busy tidying and cleaning. As the dining room continued to fill, Jones took up serving so Morris could sit down and eat before starting on the dishes. Rotating jobs and covering for people is commonplace in the kitchen, where tasks overlap.

"I like this because everyone has a job to do and we're all working together," Morris said.



As the meal started to wind down and the dining room slowly emptied, the cooks began the task of clean-up. Morris broke into a sudden dance move to the beat of the music as he rinsed a bowl.

Otero, who is a native of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, said his team was the best he'd ever seen.

"I know all the cooks in 3rd Brigade and they're all outstanding, but I think what makes my guys shine a



little brighter is that they're having fun," he said.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army **RAYMOND F.** **Chandler III**

SMA Chandler visits troops on COB Adder to
address victories, changes, questions

Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Chris Bridson

On March 1, 2011, the Department of the Army appointed Raymond F. Chandler III, as the 14th sergeant major of the Army and in doing so appointed a new senior enlisted advisor to the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Much of his time is spent traveling throughout the Army as a scout for the Chief of Staff, observing training and talking to Soldiers and their families, seeing how the Army can meet their needs.

On June 25, Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from the 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division had the chance to not only meet the sergeant major of the Army, but also, sit down at Contingency Operating Base Adder and ask him various questions regarding the posture of the Army and currently working Army policies.

The morning began when senior enlisted leaders met Chandler in front of the brigade headquarters building.



There, the sergeant major of the Army was joined by: Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, the United States Forces - Iraq deputy commanding general-operations command sergeant major; Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early, the United States Division - South command sergeant major; Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie R. Kelley, the GREYWOLF command sergeant major and various battalion command sergeants major and first sergeants from the GREYWOLF Brigade.

Chandler has a history with the 1st Cavalry Division as he served with 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cav. Div. during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004.

As part of his visit, Chandler was able to take a tour of the Army's first fully operational deployed digital training campus.

The DDTC tour was given by Staff Sgt. Wesley Jackson, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the campus, which is part of an ongoing project that was started by Gen. George Casey six years ago.

Inside the campus, Jackson explained some of the uses of the DDTC, such as; online and offline classes, Army functional academic skills training classes (a program de-



signed to raise a Soldiers retention control scores) and military specific classes used for unit level training.

"We have been using the campus for offline training with the GT (general technical) improvement or FAST class," explained Jackson. "We have had 65 people come through the class and they have improved on average by 13 points."

After leaving the DDTC, Chandler made his way to Memorial Hall where he was greeted by approximately 200 Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from the various units on COB Adder. Chandler gave a brief speech about possible changes Soldiers can expect to see in the future and how they can have a say in these changes by filling out surveys and answering questions.

"If somebody asks you what you think, answer. If you don't speak out, you can't have your say on changes," he said.

Such subjects as sexual assault, Army retention and control, deployment time lines and the recent proposed changes to the Army uniform, in particular to the standard headgear, were addressed by Chandler.

"Replacing the beret and changing to the patrol cap saves the Army approximately \$6.5 million alone," said Chandler.

Soldiers then had a chance to ask the sergeant major of the Army questions on these topics and more in a session that lasted more than one hour. Chandler then handed out coins to some deserving Soldiers from the various units in attendance.

The main party then moved to the Coalition Dining Facility for lunch,



Awarding a coin to Spc. Jacob Rogers; posing for a photo; awarding coins at the Memorial Hall; awarding a coin to Spc. Adam Miller; Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley explains the uses of GREYWOLF's deployed digital training campus to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler.

where Chandler was joined at the head table by Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

One of the Soldiers sitting at the table was Spc. Alexandria Joiner, a native of Austin, Texas who said it was nice that he wanted to listen to what the Soldiers had to say.

"It was an honor to sit down with him and have him really listen to what I had to say," she said, "and hopefully he will make an improvement (based on the subjects talked about) to the things I had to say."

Shortly after lunch, Chandler and his entourage headed to the flight line to catch a plane to Basrah and continue his mission as the scout for the Army Chief of Staff.



HOW TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS: KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

When you are free, take a moment to call home or write a letter to those at home supporting you. You'd be surprised at how a few minutes on the phone each day can strengthen a relationship.





GREYWOLF takes gold at division stakes competition

Soldiers from all over United States Division - South gathered at Contingency Operating Base Adder for 36th Infantry Division's NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Competition. GREYWOLF's representatives washed away the competition.

Photos and story by Spc. Sharla Lewis





The 36th Infantry Division held their quarterly stakes competition recently to name southern Iraq's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

The competition was held at Contingency Operating Base Adder and hosted by 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade who also had individuals participating in the competition.

Cpl. David Nagle, with Co. A, 215th Bde. Support Bn. and a native of San Diego and Spc. Cory Penven, with B Troop, 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav.

Regt. and native of Summer's Point, N.J. competed against four other troopers from throughout the division's area of responsibility.

The competition began in the early morning with a physical fitness test near the House of Pain gym on COB Adder.

Upon completing the PT test, the Soldiers prepared their backpacks for the six-mile road march to the firing range where they completed a series of basic Soldier task challenges including firing an AK-47 assault rifle



and administering medical trauma first aid to a simulated casualty.

Those in the competition said the physical aspect of the day was exhausting, though it only lasted til 11:00 a.m.

"The second mile of the run was bad," Penven said, "and the road march sucked."

Later, the competitors took turns sitting before a board of their superiors during a test of their Army knowledge in a rapid-fire question and answer session.

At the end of the day, the competitors, their sponsors and leaders from throughout United States Division – South gathered for dinner at the Coalition Dining Facility on COB Adder to award the winners and review the day's successes.

Six Soldiers entered the competition, but only two were chosen when it was all said and done. Nagle and Penven, the two representatives from 3rd AAB, received Army Commem-



(Previous page) Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early, of United States Division - South, pins an Army Commendation Medal on the chest of Spc. Cory Penven, who earned the title of Division Soldier of the Quarter. (Clockwise from far left) Cpl. David Nagle conducts the road march; Penven is tested on weapons familiarization; Nagle recites the NCO Creed; Penven sprints across the finish line during the PT test.

dation Medals, coins, backpacks and bragging rights.

Nagle said the competition was fierce, but that he was proud and confident in his abilities.

"It was a healthy competition," he said. "But I knew after the board that I had it in the bag. We earned this! We'll represent 1st Cav. all the way to (U.S. Forces Command)."

Penven said he wanted to start preparing to get promoted to the rank of sergeant, and Nagle nodded his head in agreement.

"This is just one step closer to getting promoted and one step closer to making a difference in Soldier's lives," he said.

The men will continue on to competitions of higher echelons to work towards Army NCO or Soldier of the Year.





Mortarman to middle management

Infantry mortar man takes on new roles as COIST NCOIC and manager of interpreters and IBIZ shops

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Victor Rios

"I wanted to be military since I was young... It makes me proud to say that I'm a Soldier."

- Sgt. Peter Streb

Armey Strong describes the strength that Soldiers draw from the Army's proud 236 year history: physical, emotional and mental strength. It also means that Soldiers must be flexible and adaptable, traits that don't necessarily jump to mind when one conjures up images of strength.

These characteristics are just as important for a Soldier deployed as part of an advise and assist brigade to the Middle East, in an environment that is both harsh and unforgiving.

For Sgt. Peter Streb, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, these are values he lives by. Trained as an infantry mortar man, Streb grew up dreaming about becoming a Soldier.

"I wanted to be military since I was young," he said. "I thought it was cool to be a Soldier, to be that guy that everybody... it makes me proud to say that I'm a Soldier."

In Iraq, Streb's job has changed from deployment to de-

ployment.

He deployed with the 4th Infantry Division in 2006 and 2008, both times to Baghdad. In 2006, Streb was a driver and participated in raids and ambushes. Then in 2008, he was a gunner on an MRAP (mine-resistant, ambush protected) vehicle and part of a mortar platoon that shot numerous illumination rounds, lighting up the battlefield to deny the enemy their hiding places.

These days, as U.S. Forces – Iraq takes more of a back-seat role and the Iraqi Security Forces are able to maintain security on their own, U.S. Soldiers are finding that the operating environment has changed significantly. Gunfights have been replaced with advise and assist roles and behind the scenes gathering of intelligence that is shared with the ISF. Through it all, Streb has maintained the kinds of flexibility that a disciplined, vigilant and professional Soldier must possess.

Now part of 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt., Streb is maintaining both his strength and his flexibility by taking on his new responsibilities. He is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the company intelligence cell. While the battalion has its own intelligence gathering shop, Streb gathers intelligence and tailors it for his company's mission requirements. In addition to that, he is also the sponsor for local nationals working on Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen and the manager of interpreters for HHC.



Streb briefs officers and noncommissioned officers of his unit at Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen.

Streb said his job was tough but rewarding.

"The interpreter job gives me a first-hand look at their culture," he said. "Before, I only interacted with (local citizens) while on patrol. Now, I don't have to be suspicious about everything."

He added that he does have to maintain a level of situational awareness, because of the operating environment.

"Here, I can have a conversation and talk with them face-to-face."

Streb has to make sure the interpreters have the proper badges and identification, and that their badges are up to date. He coordinates their mission schedules, time sheets, and vacation schedules. It is a 24-hour job since missions are happening around the clock.

"The job pretty much dictates my hours," he said. "Sometimes I'm busy all day and woken up multiple times during the night, other times I have free time during the day."

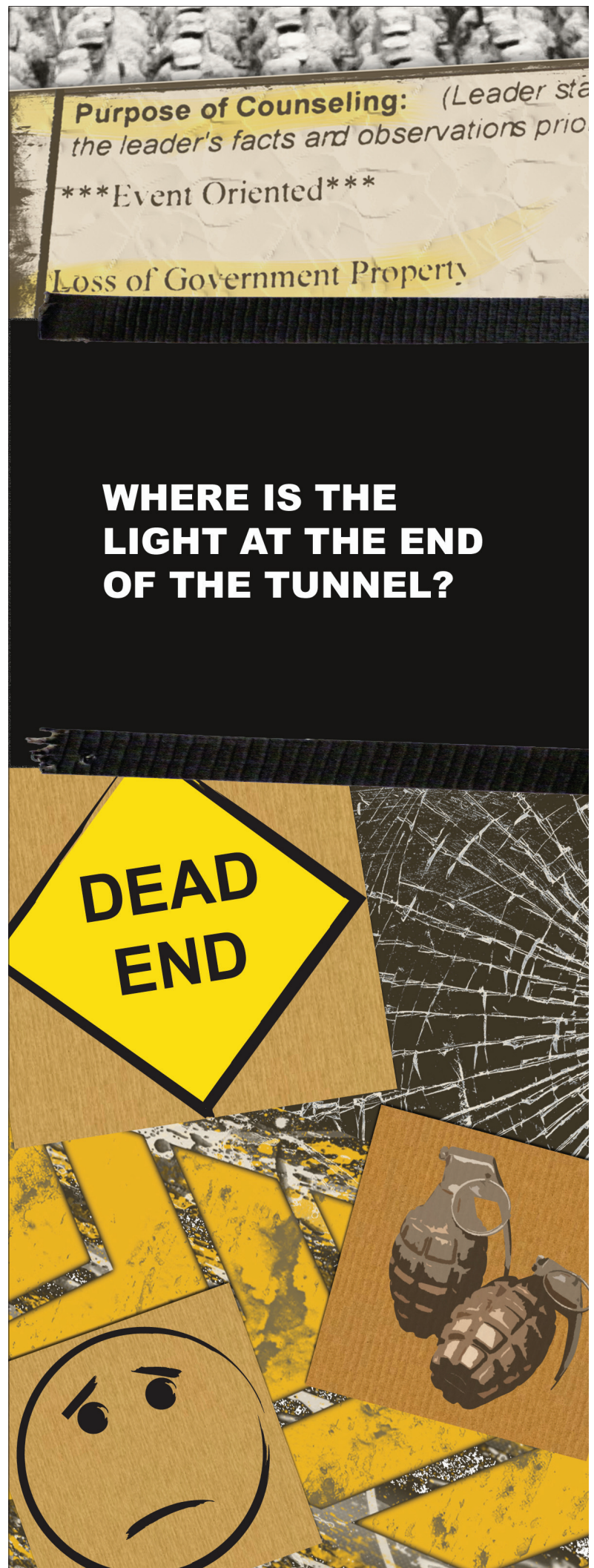
Streb said he enjoys working more than one job while deployed but admits that his heart is on the ground with the troopers.

"It's good to get experience in other fields, but it's not as good as the infantry," Streb said.

The 31 year old was born in Madison, Wis. and has been in the Army six years and plans on making a career of Soldiering. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Iraq Campaign Medal with three service stars, two Army Achievement Medals and six Army Commendation Medals.

Since no one knows what the next 14 years will be like, Streb's flexibility is his strength and will continue to make him an asset to his country and to the Army.

While the battalion has its own intelligence gathering shop, Streb gathers intelligence and tailors it for his company's mission requirements as part of his new responsibilities.





"I feel so hopeless. A negative counseling statement? That's my third one this month. If I keep failing these PT tests, I'm never going to get promoted. I feel like no one understands me and I wish I had someone to talk to. My husband is mad because I can't spend time with him on the phone like he'd like. I can't remember the last time I went to church. What am I going to do?"



LIVE THE LEGEND

Staff Sgt. Chris Bridson



Above and Beyond

USD-S command sergeant major recommends GREYWOLF Soldiers for battlefield promotions.

In September of 1861, a young man by the name of Martin van Buren Bates, joined the Fifth Kentucky Infantry at the start of the U.S. Civil War as a private fighting on the side of the Confederate Army. His courage in many battles against the Union Armies of the North earned him countless battlefield promotions taking him quickly to the rank of first lieutenant.

December 1941, saw the first of many battlefield promotions during World War II. Just 11 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, 1st Lt. Melvin Herbert Rosen, an officer serving in the Philippines with the 88th Field Artillery, earned a battlefield promotion to captain, for his bravery in the face of the enemy.

Since battlefield promotions were re-introduced April 1, 2008, under a new pilot program designed to help Soldiers reach the next rank without having to overcome some major hurdles such as; promotion boards, time in service-time in grade and military education requirements, only 1,500 Soldiers have earned the honor of receiving a battlefield promotion.

Recently, that number rose.

Six Soldiers from the GREY-

WOLF brigade received battlefield promotions. They were recommended by Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early, United States Division-South, for their extraordinary performance of duties while serving in combat or under combat conditions.

The GREYWOLF Soldiers that received a promotion from private first class to specialist are; Pfc. Tomislav Matokovic, a cannon crew member with 2nd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery Regt., and a Camano Island, Wash. native; Pfc. Kenneth Middlebrook, an armor crew member with 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt., and a Pacific Grove, Calif. native; Pfc. Robert Felts, a medic with 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn., and a Burlington, N.C. native; and Pfc. Brian Freed, a cavalry scout with 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., and a Fort Myers, Fla. native.

"It has been rare for me to be truly recognized and appreciated in my past work experiences. I am very thankful to be where I am now, surrounded by the Soldiers and people that are working hard and pushing themselves every day to accomplish the mission regardless of what it takes," said Felts.

Soldiers that receive battlefield

promotions must demonstrate leadership capabilities, and show their leadership that they have the technical skills necessary to hold the next rank.

Two specialists were promoted to sergeant on the same day; Spc. John Christensen, a military police officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn., and an Eastampton, N.J. native, and Spc. Bryan Robins, an infantryman with 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt., and a St. Louis native.

"I appreciate the acknowledgment of my efforts out here and look forward to assisting others to accomplish similar feats. This battlefield promotion is the sum of a lot of hard work, long hours and a whole lot of sweat," said Christensen, after being promoted to sergeant.

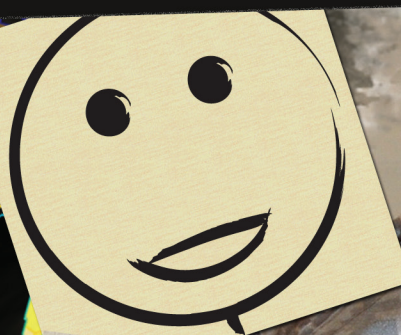
Command Sgt. Maj. David A. Osborne, 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt., said that the battlefield promotion is a prestigious way for a Soldier to be recognized for all that they do for their unit, and that the Steel Dragons have been extremely fortunate to be able to recognize some of their Soldiers with battlefield promotions.

"This is the first time I have been part of a battlefield promotion. I am just impressed with our Soldiers today and all they do," said Osborne, "The opportunity for me as the CSM to recognize our Soldiers has been very exciting. They accomplish so much and ask for so little in return. I believe it is the selfless service and hardship that we as leaders take for granted," he added.



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VIPs visit Adder

Leaders from all over USF-I (and some from Afghanistan) visit GREY-WOLF troops on COB Adder.

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BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM,
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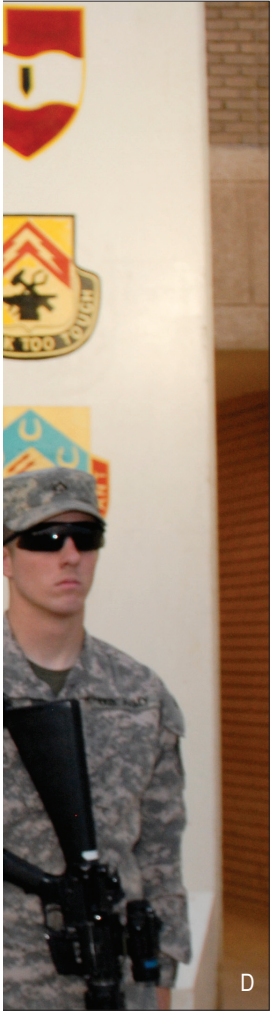
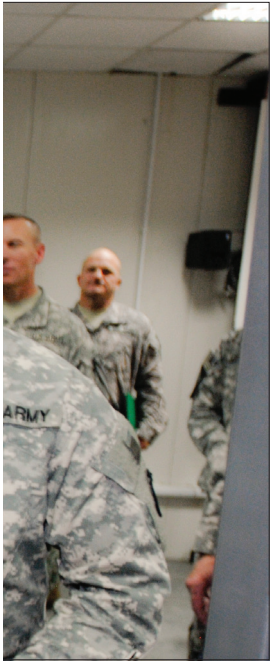
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A BSTB Soldiers receive coins from USD-S Commander Maj. Gen. Ed Spurgin / B Spurgin awards coin to Warrant Officer John Jewell / C USD-S Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson Early / D USF-I Commander Gen. Lloyd Austin awards Combat Action Badge to trooper / E Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn awards coin to Spc. Matthew Joseph / F Allyn awards Combat Action Badge to Soldier



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Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Romero



Sexual Assault: Defined

The Army holds a no tolerance policy on sexual harassment and sexual assault. GREY-WOLF's EO advisor answers our questions.

What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature between the same or opposite genders when submission to or rejection of such conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, work performance or creates a hostile or intimidating work environment.

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is a crime. DoD defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threats or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Consent should not be deemed or construed to mean the

failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Additionally, consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.

What are the forms of sexual harassment/assault?

Sexual harassment and assault can come in a few different forms. The most common are:

a) Verbal (sexual harassment) – verbal sexual harassment includes telling sexual jokes; using sexually explicit profanity, threats, sexually oriented cadences, or sexual comments; whistling in a sexually suggestive manner; and describing certain attributes of one's physical appearance in a sexual manner.

b) Nonverbal (sexual harassment) – nonverbal sexual harassment includes staring at someone ("undressing them with your eyes") blowing kisses; winking; licking one's lips in a suggestive manner; as well as displaying printed material like sexually oriented pictures or cartoons; using sexually oriented screen savers; and sending sexually oriented communications.

c) Physical contact (sexual assault) – physical contact of an intimate or inappropriate nature is no longer sexual harassment, but constitutes sexual assault, and the victim may file criminal charges. Sexual assault includes, but is not limited to, any unwanted or inappropriate sexual contact such as fondling, rape, non consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex) or attempts to commit these acts.

What are some warning signs of potential sexual assault?

Sexually charged comments and gestures; suggestive remarks; pressuring someone to drink; inappropriate touching or intimacy; targeting someone who is vulnerable; and attempts to isolate someone.

Did
You
Know?

1/6

The number of
women that will be
sexually assaulted
in their lifetime

1/33

The number of
men that will be
sexually assaulted
in their lifetime

SABER

Gone, but Never Forgotten Saber Squadron gathers to pay respects to two fallen Soldiers.

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmlad

On June 18, Soldiers from 6th 'Saber' Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cav. Division, gathered to remember the lives of two irreplaceable Soldiers that were lost to a road-side bomb on June 13: Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bellard, 26, an El Paso, Texas native, and Sgt. Glenn Sewell, 23, a Live Oak, Texas native.

On June 13, Bellard, Sewell, and the rest of their platoon from Comanche Troop, conducted a joint patrol in Wasit province with their Iraqi Security Force partners in order to disrupt







insurgents emplacing indirect fire assets to be used against security forces and the local population. While conducting the mission, an improvised explosive device detonated, striking the vehicle that carried Bellard and Sewell. Their fellow Soldiers and medical personnel immediately rushed to their aid, however, the two Soldiers later died from the wounds they sustained during this attack.

For some, Staff Sgt. Bellard and Sgt. Sewell will only be names on a page. But to the Soldiers of Saber Squadron, they will forever be remembered as best friends, trusted leaders, and brothers.

“He was a friend and a mentor to every Soldier in the platoon regardless of rank,” said Sgt. Paul Podhorn, in remembrance of his friend Sgt. Sewell during his speech at the me-

morial service. “We were his family and he spent nearly all his time with us; whether that time was spent training in the field, working in the motor pool, lifting in the gym, or joking around at the bar.”

Staff Sgt. Eric Lee said about his fellow section leader and friend, “Staff Sgt. Bellard was the type of noncommissioned officer that Soldiers strive to be. Knowledgeable in the craft of a cavalry scout, he was rightfully proud of the foundations he laid for himself and the growth he helped develop in others.”

Although the Soldiers of Saber Squadron continue their mission here in Iraq, the memories of Bellard and Sewell will always be with them as they honorably conduct and finish out their mission. The leadership, guidance, and friendship that they



imparted to their fellow Soldiers will continue to be a guide through the tough times that lay ahead on this deployment and beyond.

“Each one of us has unique and special memories that we’ll carry with us for the rest of our lives. We’ve been



touched by these men in our lives. We will never forget those special memories that we've shared together with Staff Sgt. Bellard and Sgt. Sewell," said Capt. Stephen Prater, commander of Comanche Troop.

These two Soldiers will forever be

missed by their family in 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt. and by their families back home. Staff Sgt. Bellard is survived by his wife Veronica and his two-year old daughter Eva. Sgt. Sewell is survived by his mother Charlotte Hedgpeth and father Mike

Sewell.

May you rest in peace Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bellard and Sgt. Glenn Sewell. You have served your country, family, and friends honorably. You will forever be missed and will always be in our memories.



Staff Sgt. Chris Bridson

GLADIATOR

GREYWOLF, Ugandans side-by-side in U.S. base security

By Spc. Sharla Lewis

Soldiers with 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division work side-by-side with the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and the Department of Border Enforcement in support of Operation New Dawn.

This role is vital in the final months of U.S. presence in Iraq as the country prepares to stand on its own, and be responsible for the security of its borders and citizens.

Though working with their Iraqi military partners is much of the GREYWOLF Brigade's workload, there is a group of disciplined Soldiers tasked in another advise

and assist role.

The security team of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade works at the Contingency Operating Base Adder entry control points alongside men and women from Uganda that work for Special Operations Consulting (SOC) a global security management company.

Every day, between 600 and 1,000 Iraqi locals come to COB Adder for work. Some clean latrines or drive trucks while others work as interpreters. The Iraqi Air Force

maintains a compound on the base and commutes from nearby towns daily.

Armed guards search each individual that pass through the gates and onto the secured U.S. military base.

From the outside, the facility looks like a large warehouse but inside, a maze of rooms envelope those that pass the threshold. Areas for identification checks lead to body scanners then on to holding areas and later biometric scans.

Vehicles wait in a separate area and are searched using dogs, mirrors and x-ray; techniques one would envision at the bor-



Staff Sgt. Chris Bridson

(Previous page) Pvt. Corey Eastwood and Gerald Mwesige, a Ugandan man who works for Special Operations Consulting (SOC), pose for a photo; (Above) Mwesige hard at work; (Right) Spc. Dennis Cummings checks identification; Locals stand in line for an iris scan as one of the final steps of the clearance process.

der of the U.S. and its neighboring countries.

Occasionally, someone tries to cheat the system.

A young man followed closely behind one Ugandan guard into a side room for questioning. The visitor put a secure digital memory card inside a balloon and hidden it in his pocket; an automatic red flag for the facility.

“Oh! You’re trying to be sneaky, aren’t you?” said Randy Hibbard, the Ugandan’s night shift supervisor, to the man as he walked by.

“I don’t think we’ve ever seen that before. Memory cards are the most common thing to find on these guys, but I don’t think we’ve ever seen one stuffed into a balloon like that,” he said later.

Everywhere, the tan uniform and AK-47 assault rifle of the Ugandan guards and the M-4 rifle and digitized pattern of the Army’s uniforms walk briskly through the halls carrying paperwork, an iris scanner or badges to their posts.

The men and women work closely together, each with defined roles and specified tasks each day. Often, their duties and responsibilities overlap.

“My crew mans outbound (the vehicle entry and exit point), ECP2, the radios and badge area,” said Sgt. Stephen Fogelberg, one of the noncommissioned officers on night shift. “We interact quite frequently, you know, we’ll joke around and play with them if we are not busy. We only have to help them with the minor stuff because they already know what to do. It is good team cohesion.”

These vigilant U.S. Soldiers are posted in areas where additional security is needed and lend a helping hand if the locals get out of hand or if a supervisor is needed.

Bright smiles and friendly greetings



Spc. Sharla Lewis



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enveloped the busy rooms as Iraqis filed through.

Diana Aliyinka, who is from Kampala, Uganda, is in charge of passing out day badges to the locals that come through. If someone is flagged, she passes the approval process off to the U.S. Soldiers.

“It’s freeing, working with these people,” said Aliyinka. “I like working here with the U.S. Soldiers,” she said. “They are good people; they are here to cover us.”

Rush hour at the center slowed to a trickle by about 8:00 a.m. By then, only a few personnel made their way down the long, cement corridor towards the beginning of their hours-long screening process.

The mood lightened as the U.S. Soldiers

and Ugandan guards could pause and relax after the long morning.

1st Sgt. Princesso Kamukama, also from Kampala, Uganda, visited with some of his workers and Fogelberg in a common area.

“It has been pretty good since I’ve been working here,” Kamukama said.

The men and women of this platoon work together like many advise and assist roles throughout the brigade, projecting their professionalism on their counterparts and conducting operations smoothly as a team.

“The U.S. are social, they like to work hand in hand with the Ugandans. We work as one team,” said Kamukama.

GREYWOLF PUZZLES:

Eye Spy

Spot nine
differences
in these
photos.





Bonus Find Hint:

“A neat and well-groomed appearance by all Soldiers is fundamental to the Army.”

Word Scramble

Unscramble these eight letter combinations to form words from AR 670-1. Then, arrange the circled letters to reveal the 1st Cavalry Division motto.

CATEGORY: UNIFORMS

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Riddler

Discover the solution to the riddle below.

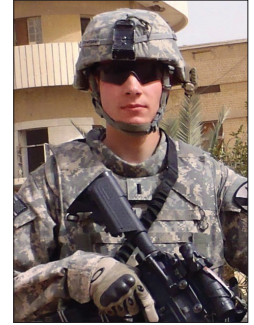
You are on a patrol and you stumble upon three crates of spurs. One crate contains only silver spurs. One crate contains only gold spurs. The third crate contains both silver and gold spurs.

Each crate is labeled. One reads "silver spurs," one reads

"gold spurs," and one reads "silver and gold spurs." You know that NONE of the crates have been labeled correctly - they are all wrong.

If you can only take out and look at just one of the spurs from just one of the crates, how can you label ALL of the crates correctly?

1st Lt. Peter Thompson



Ghostriders Clear the Way

Route clearance company maintains missions readiness

As the sun sets on the desert horizon, the highways of southern Iraq empty of civilian traffic. Although the local population begins to go home for the night, a new type of traffic emerges on Iraq's highways. Long rows of headlights are exiting Forward Operating Bases all across Iraq. Trucks either full of goods going to the Soldiers further north or loaded with equipment heading for Kuwait.

As combat logistic patrols begin their hauls into the dark of night, a small group of vehicles separates from them; vehicles brightly lit but moving slowly and deliberately. These are the improvised explosive device hunters of the United States Forces-Iraq looking for their next find. The combat engineers of Company C, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, are

out in full force to provide critical assured mobility across the GREY-WOLF operational environment.

As the only organic combat engineer company in the brigade, the 'Ghostriders' have conducted over 1,000 route clearance missions to date. They have covered over 50,000 kilometers of highways and secondary roads in southern Iraq, searching for IEDs and explosively formed penetrators. As IED hunters, their task is to put their safety in jeopardy to ensure it for others. Their missions are anything but short.

They are sometimes on the road for ten continuous hours, scanning every disturbance for deadly IEDs, enduring the 120 degree heat and yet courteous to Iraqi traffic patterns. Because of this, they have enabled the brigade to safely conduct hundreds of combat sustainment and resupply

missions, which have supported over 15,000 Soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians in southern Iraq.

"Our company conducts 24-hour operations, seven days a week, so we are constantly gathering intelligence from the battlefield to provide our platoons with the best operating picture for their missions," said Spc. Christopher Fuentes a native of West Chester, N.Y.

As one of Charlie Company's Intelligence Support Teams (COIST) lead analysts, Fuentes is responsible for battle tracking and coordinating assets for seven route clearance teams across 150,000 square kilometers.

Company C recently finished its fifth month of a twelve-month deployment to Iraq. As units and equipment begin to move south to Kuwait, the combat engineers of Company C will spearhead their movement.

"It's a large responsibility to undertake, to actively search for IEDs and clear the roads for the Soldiers behind us, but it's one that I'm proud to fulfill," said Pvt. Sean Lee a native of White Plains, N.Y. "I want to be here with my unit, making a difference in the lives of others. I wouldn't want it any other way."

Puzzle Answers

Eye Spy: 1) Flags changed direction; 2) Silhouette on roof; 3) Pedestrian; 4) Eye protection; 5) Gloves; 6) 6/9 CAV and 3/8 CAV insignias switched; 7) Thunderstorm in American flag; 8) An S was added to Live the Legend; 9) The period after Dis-ciplined... Vigilant... Professional was removed; 10) Soldier needs to shave and wash his uniform. Word Scramble: BELT; INSIGNIA; SLEEVE; DUTY UNIFORM; HEAD GEAR; SKILL BADGE; NAME TAPE; GOLD STRIPE. CSM Kelley's motto is LIVE THE LEGEND. Riddler: Take a spur from the "silver and gold spurs" crate. If it's a silver spur, then you know that is the "silver spurs" crate since ALL THE CRATES ARE LABELED INCORRECTLY. This means the crate marked "silver spurs" must be gold spurs and the crate marked "gold spurs" must be silver and gold spurs.



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