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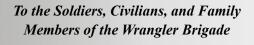
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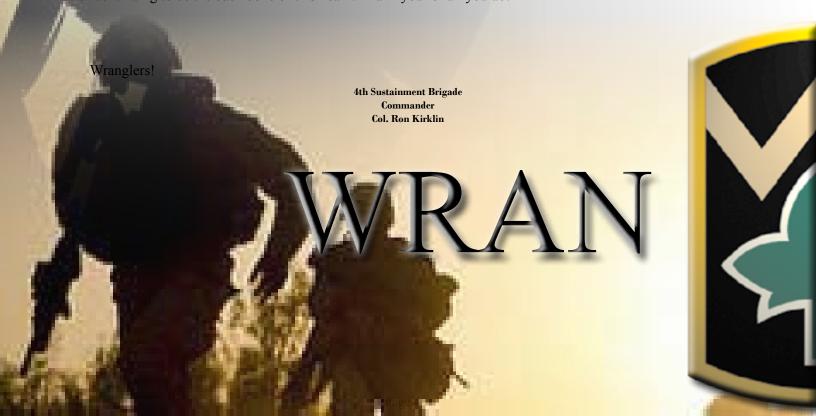
We have come to that time of the deployment, this month we've reached the 6 months in-country milestone. Soldiers have been down in the trenches working diligently supporting the mission. As stated in the last Wrangler edition, our Special Troops Battalion would assume responsibility of the Convoy Support Center. The CSC is consistently providing support for convoys and units passing through Combat Operating Base Adder, in order to facilitate uninterrupted transportation through the Iraqi Joint Operating Area.

In addition to providing support to convoys the CSC, has the capabilities of providing overnight rest areas for housing Soldiers that are in transient from other COBs, fuel support, maintenance, medical support and food service. This center will go down in history as being one of the best multi-functional convoy support centers during Operation New Dawn.

Warrant Officers are mostly well known to be the Army's subject matter experts and the Wrangler team has outstanding Warrant Officers. Therefore, I am proud to announce that we have 4 Chief Warrant Officers that have made the promotion list to chief warrant officer-3, they are: Chief Warrant Officer-2 Michael Poole, Chief Warrant Officer-2 Laura E. Fairchild, Chief Warrant Officer-2 Michael Anthony and Chief Warrant Officer-2 Ryan Hammons, congratulations and job well done! I would also like to say congratulations to Maj. Leon Melton, who was recently promoted to the rank of major July 31.

I would like to farewell the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 163rd Calvary Regiment, and Montana Army National Guard, as they have conducted a successful transition of authority to 2nd Squadron, 183rd Cavalry Regiment, from Virginia. Thank you 1-163 CAB for supporting the mission and being a part of the Wrangler Team. We wish you success in your future missions.

As we prepare to assume responsibility as the sole Sustainment Brigade in the IJOA in the upcoming months we know that none of this is possible without your continuous prayers and support. Again, I can't say thank you enough for continuing to be the back bone of this Team! Thank you for all you do!



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

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a distinct and honorable club of noncommissioned officers whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition.

The SAMC is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and a combat ready Army. Members exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers.

The original club originated at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1986 to promote the recognition of the NCO Corps and to perpetuate those that contribute to esprit de corps and superior performance of duty.



In 1991, the Fort Hood club expanded to include Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Polk, La.; and Fort Carson, Colo.

In 1993 the club became Forces Command wide and later an Army wide club in 1994.

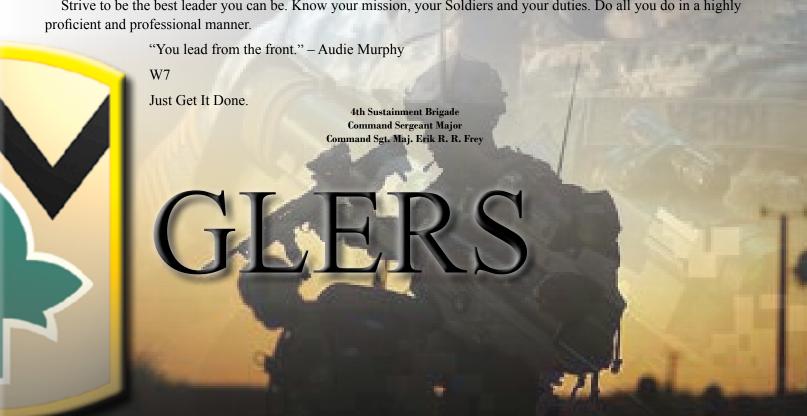
Induction into the SAMC is a privilege earned only by a few exceptional NCOs. All Active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard NCOs in the ranks of corporal through sergeant first class are eligible to compete for SAMC.

Members exemplify leadership qualities such as personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and their families.

The crest of the SAMC depicts the symbols of the majestic American Bald Eagle superimposed over the olive branchwreath, saber, and lightning bolt. In front of the eagle are the U.S. Army staff sergeant stripes. The eagle firmly clutches in both claws a powder-blue banner on which are displayed words Loyalty, Caring, Discipline, and Professionalism; the cornerstones to successful leadership.

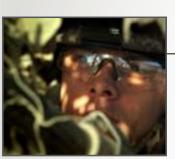
Selection into the SAMC is no easy task. Your chances of being selected into this elite association of the top 2% of our Noncommissioned Officer Corps will not be found in a study guide. Your experiences and your leadership are the driving force that will ensure your success.

Strive to be the best leader you can be. Know your mission, your Soldiers and your duties. Do all you do in a highly





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Supply Soldiers help prepare for upcoming change of command

Article byStaff Sgt. Angiene Myers 4th Special Troops Battalion

CONTINGENCY OPERATING
BASE ADDER, Iraq—With the
many changes that have occurred
in the past month for the Soldiers
of the 4th Special Troops Battalion,
4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th
Expeditionary Sustainment Command,
another change is heading their way
as its Headquarters and Headquarters
Company begins preparation for a
change of command in the next month.

Preparing for a change of command is never an easy task and a majority of the work comes from inventorying equipment that will be transferred from one commander to the next. Taking the lead to prepare for the transfer of property are the Soldiers of the HHC supply room.

"The Soldiers in the supply room spearheaded this whole inventory process, making it easy for me to verify all the equipment I will be signing for shortly," said Capt. Monte Tartt, the incoming commander of HHC and a Flint, Mich., native. "They are hard-working Soldiers, and I trust them. They do what needs to be done to keep the accountability of all HHC's equipment."

The supply Soldiers know firsthand the importance of keeping accountability of each piece of equipment and take pride in the job they do to assist in the inventory process.

"The new commander will be signing for millions of dollars worth of property," said Sgt. Katrina Montoya-Bailey, the supply non commissioned



Sgt. Katarina Montoya-Bailey, the supply noncommissioned officer-in-charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and a Bastrop, Texas, native, verifies and inputs information for the shortage annex into the unit property book in preparation for the unit's upcoming change of command on Contingency Operation Base Adder. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Angiene Myers)

officer-in-charge with HHC and a Bastrop, Texas, native. "He has to ensure every item is present and that he gets eyes on it. It gives me a sense of responsibility to have a part in this process."

More than \$30 million in equipment, scattered throughout both Iraq and Kuwait, will be transferred from one commander to the next.

"We have equipment on Contingency Operating Base Adder, as well as JBB and in Kuwait, and he is entrusting the supply section to assist him in the management of the property that he is signing for," Montoya-Bailey said.

Tartt said the inventory process can be very time consuming, especially given the fact that the equipment is in numerous locations.

"The supply room runs a pretty tight ship and I have no doubt that if there are any discrepancies during the inventory process, they will be



A family reunites far from home

Story by Spc. Amy Lane
4th Sust. Bde. PAO
CONTINGENCY OPERATING
BASE ADDER, Iraq – For many
service members, one of the toughest
aspects of a deployment is being
separated from their family.

In early July, one of the Wrangler brigade's noncommissioned officers was pleasantly surprised by a reunion with her son at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq.

Army Master Sgt. Jennifer
Bullock, a Killeen, Texas, native
and the comptroller NCO in charge
for the 4th Special Troops Battalion,
4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th
Expeditionary Sustainment Command,
said she had hoped her son, an Air
Force pilot who was deployed to Joint
Base Balad, Iraq, would get a chance
to visit her on Adder.

"I came back from R&R [leave] and learned that I was moving to Ali Air Base," said Air Force Capt. Lawrence Bullock, the detachment commander with the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, also from Killeen.

"I found out later that was the same location as Adder, where my mother is. I was excited, and my brother and sister were excited for us."

The Bullocks said they have only seen each other a handful of times since he arrived, but Jennifer is enjoying her role as the proud mother.

"I get a great big smile on my face whenever I introduce him," she said. "In a way he is following in my footsteps with his military service, but he is really making his own path."

Lawrence, the only one of his mother's children to join the military,



Air Force Capt. Lawrence Bullock, detachment commander with the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, and Army Master Sgt. Jennifer Bullock, the comptroller noncommissioned officer-in-charge with the 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, both Killeen, Texas, natives, pose for a photo July 14 at the Resiliency Center on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Amy Lane)

said that as he was growing up, his mother always set a good example of discipline and hard work. When he was named detachment commander, his mother advised him to find a good NCO to take care of him.

"I try to draw off my mother's example to be the best leader I can be," he said.

"Now that I'm getting a closer look

at what she was doing all those years, I have a greater appreciation for what she went through."

Though the mother and son work on different shifts, they enjoy having each other nearby.

"It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to serve together, and I am honored to serve with him," Jennifer said

Iraqi army tours Adder's supply support activity facility

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

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, IRAQ – The Iraqi army will take over newly constructed supply warehouses in a few months at two locations in southern Iraq. But before the personnel turn on the lights and begin working, they need some visual assistance.

Members of the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and the U.S. Air Force's Echelon Above Division – Advising Team provided members of the Iraqi partnering force with a tour of a fully-operational supply support activity facility July 30.

The interservice effort led the Iraqi personnel around the 565th Quartermaster Company's SSA, stopping in various sections to explain their inner workings.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tiffany Rahming, the supply technician for the 565th QM Co, 4th Sust. Bde., led the tour with an Iraqi translator. It was her second time showing the functionality of the supply yard.

"We've been responsible for processing classes of supply throughout COB Adder and United States Division-South since October last year," said Rahming, a Boston, Georgia native. "Our facility was the stage."

That stage has been under the 565th's QM control since October last year. They will relinquish the SSA in a few months, and it will again be relinquished to the Iraqi military when U.S. forces exit the country at year's end.

As for the Iraqi Forces who viewed the SSA, they are already fully trained but are waiting for a completed warehouse to work in.

"They've had the training. We've coordinated their visits and are ensuring they're ready to take over their own bases," said Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pearson, a member of the EAD-AT.

Pearson said the walk-through had a very simple concept behind it.

"A picture is worth a thousand words. Walking around and getting explanations is a blue print as to how it all runs and looks when set up," he said.

After meandering throughout the supply yard, Iraqi and U.S. service members posed together for countless group photos before parting ways. The EAD-AT led the Iraqi military members to other locations to complete the tour.

Wranglers host Expeditionary Sustainment Command level board

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

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, IRAQ – Command Sgt. Maj. Debbie Schroder of the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and an El Paso, Ill., native, flew to Contingency Operating Base, Adder in a battlefield circulation where she presided over a battlefield promotion board.

The 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th ESC, held a battlefield promotion board July 28. Soldiers, ranging from private to sergeant, stood before Schroder and the Wrangler Brigade's Command Sgt. Maj. Erik Frey.

Schroder spoke to every representing supervisor and every soldier, while also presenting a ceremonial coin to each as she went along. The personnel were then dismissed and Schroder, Frey and one other command sergeant major

swore an oath before sitting down to convene over the packets.

"Those recommended are the best of the best," said Schroder. "When I look at a packet, I'm looking at the whole soldier."

The recommendations
Schroder and fellow senior leaders
recommended would eventually be moved to the next command level beyond the 310th
ESC to receive a promotion.



Command Sgt. Maj. Debbie Schroder, with the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and an El Paso, Ill., native, shows her unit's coin to 4th Sustainment Brigade Soldiers during a battlefield promotion ceremony July 28 at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Sean McGuire)

Wranglers rumble at Adder

Story by Spc. Amy Lane 4th Sust. Bde. PAO

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – Just weeks after Fort Hood, Texas, hosted the All-Army Combatives Tournament for the first time, Wrangler Soldiers hosted their own tournament Aug. 13 at Memorial Hall on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq.

Hundreds of Soldiers and civilians came out to cheer for the 16 Soldiers competing in the final rounds of the Wrangler Rumble.

Command Sgt. Maj. Erik Frey, a
Pierce, Neb., native and the command
sergeant major of the 4th Sustainment
Brigade, 310th Expeditionary
Sustainment Command, had planned
the Wrangler Rumble for months.

"The defining characteristic of a

warrior is the willingness to close with the enemy," said Frey. "One of the fundamental aspects of Modern Army Combatives training is the use of competitions as a tool to motivate Soldiers to train.

Combatives is an important aspect of Soldiering, and every Soldier should know how to handle the situation.

However, you should always remember, the winner of the hand-to-hand fight in combat is the one whose buddy shows up first with a gun."

The preliminary matches Aug. 13 determined who would compete in the finals.

Sgt. 1st Class Ernesto Diaz, a Laredo, Texas, native, and a plans non-commissioned officer with the 4th Sust. Bde., said he began training as soon as he arrived in Iraq. This was the second combatives tournament he had participated in.

"I just developed a routine to stay fit and get through the deployment," he said. "How could I tell my Soldiers to participate if I don't lead by example?"

Diaz said the training is a good stress reliever and helps him maintain his physical conditioning and discipline. He expressed his pride in the females who trained and competed in the fights.

"Any soldier should be able to defend himself against the enemy, male or female," he said. "The enemy should be afraid of fighting any soldier."

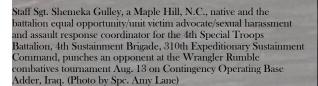


Staff Sgt. Shemeka Gulley, a Maple Hill, N.C., native and the battalion equal opportunity/unit victim advocate/sexual harassment and assault response coordinator for the 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, punches an opponent at the Wrangler Rumble combatives tournament Aug. 13 on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Amy Lane)

Sgt. 1st Class Ernesto Diaz, a Laredo, Texas, native and a plans non-commissioned officer with the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, takes a blow to the face Aug. 13 before winning his match at the Wrangler Rumble combatives tournament on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Amy Lane)











Staff Sgt. Benjamin Zucker, an Olympia, Wash., native and the combatives non-commissioned officer in charge with the 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, wrestles with an opponent Aug. 13 during the Wrangler Rumble combatives tournament on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Amy Lane)

Fuelers support Road Warrior mission

Story by Spc. Virginia C. Bisiaux 68th Trans. Co.

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – At the turn of the 20th century, the Army established motorized logistics, improving the ability to move troops, supplies and munitions around the battlefield in an expedient manner. The impact this had on the Army was two-fold, as it gave the Army a logistical advantage but also presented an additional responsibility for the war fighter in the upkeep of vehicles.

Soldiers are required to maintain preventive maintenance checks and service schedule for Army vehicles before and after operation, as well as conducting weekly, monthly and yearly services in accordance with the vehicle's technical manual. For Soldiers of the 68th Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, it means having petroleum, oil and lubricants

on hand at all times for their vehicles to operate in support of missions.

Pfc. Mario D. Gates, a Decatur, Ga., native, and Pfc. Marisol S. Elenes, a Los Angeles native, both petroleum supply specialists for the Road Warriors of the 68th Trans. Co., are responsible for supervising and managing the reception, storage and shipping of bulk or packaged petroleum-based products, thus making the Soldiers' mission essential in a transportation company. In a motor pool, you will find a variety of petroleum, oils and lubricants, as each type of vehicles requires different types of these POL liquids.

"They are an essential part of the maintenance world," said Spc. Thomas Hutchison, a Heavy Equipment Transporter mechanic from Norfolk, Va. "Vehicles need a variety of fluids and Gates and Elenes ensure we have what we need to support the company mission."

"Since arriving at 68th, I keep learning new things about my job,"

Elenes said. "Being a fueler is not easy; you work with toxic and flammable liquids. I work with the best platoon of mechanics. My job is to have everything in stock for them so they can do their jobs too."

With more than 100 vehicles and

With more than 100 vehicles and trailers in the 68th Trans. Co. motor pool, Gates and Elenes have their hands full keeping accountability of the company POLs, ensuring the mission runs like a well-oiled machine.



Pfc. Marisol S. Elenes, a petroleum supply specialist with the 68th Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and a native of Los Angeles, pours oil into a transfer drum Aug. 1 on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Virginia C. Bisiaux)



Pfc. Mario D. Gates, a petroleum supply specialist with the 68th Transportation Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a native of Kennewick, Wash., supplies a soldier with a bottle of lubricant Aug. 1 on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Virginia C. Bisiaux)

6 shop has your 6 covered

Story by 1st Lt. Sheila Babot 749th CSSB

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq – The logistics world is a diverse and dynamic environment with its own language and culture. At the battalion level, the Sustainment Automation Support Management Office, or Combat Service Support Automated Information Systems Interface, is known as the "6 Shop."

On COB Adder, the S6 is the backbone for all logistics automation systems for more than 1,000 people throughout the 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

"The SASMO section is the busiest section I oversee," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michelle Schweitzer, a native of Hicksville, Ohio, and the S6 officer in charge for 749th CSSB. "It is made up of two personnel that support five units and a total of 44 pieces of automation equipment. The vast knowledge these two Soldiers have helps to make this section and the logistics mission very successful."

Within the SASMO are several information logistics systems, two in particular are known as Combat Service Support Very Small Aperture Terminal and Combat Service Support Automated Information Systems Interface, more commonly known as the VSAT and the CAISI.

The combination of the VSAT and CAISI increases soldier readiness

by providing information-sensitive reports and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it has the ability to conduct tasks virtually. This greatly reduces the risk of being ambushed during a convoy to achieve the same task, and it eliminates the issue of hand-delivering data containing detailed logistics orders to other locations.



Spc. Lorelei Canino (left), a Hayward, Calif., native, and an information technology specialist with the 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and Warrant Officer Michelle Schweitzer, a native of Hicksville, Ohio, and the S6 officer in charge for the 749th CSSB, maintain a Combat Service Support Very Small Aperture Terminal system Aug. 15 at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq. (Photo by 1st Lt. Sheila R. Babot)



Wranglers hold their own in weightlifting competition

Photo featue by Maj. Lakesha Warren 4th Sust. Bde. PAO

Staff Sgt. Terry Chamberlain, a Gulfport, Miss., native, and the mortuary affairs noncommissioned officer in charge, and Staff Sgt. Gregory Duke, a Nashville, Tenn., native, and the brigade aviation element NCOIC, both won second place medals in a weightlifting competition at the House of Pain gym on Contingency Operating Base Adder Aug. 19.

The competition was a first for both NCOs.

Duke, who trains every day and sometimes twice a day, bench pressed 300 pounds in the event.

Chamberlain, who trains five days a week and bench pressed 145 pounds, said she will continue competing "until I Wranglerize that building".







4th STB settles into CSC mission

Article byStaff Sgt. Angiene Myers 4th Special Troops Battalion

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq — With the reposturing of U.S. forces in Iraq rapidly approaching, Soldiers of the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, are preparing for the influx of troops that will flow through the Contingency Operation Base Adder convoy support center in the coming months.

Since assuming responsibility of the CSC in July, the STB and its CSC command and control element has made many changes to the operational design and basic infrastructure to facilitate increased redeployment activity as operations in Iraq come to a close.

"We started by consolidating all CSC C2 nodes into one location, creating a consistent flow of information between each command entity," said Capt. Jacob Addy, the convoy support center officer in charge with STB, and a Perdido Key, Fla., native.

"Additionally, we've added asphalt roads to the staging lanes, ensuring

that we have adequate road conditions for the influx of the drawdown. Most importantly, we built the CSC LSA for transient Soldiers to have a place to get rest prior departing on the last leg of their last movement in Iraq," said Addy.

The CSC on COB Adder will be the last major logistical hub for units deployed in support of Operation New Dawn as they transition from other

locations throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area and head to their next destination.

"The CSC will become a more vital hub for redeployment as we anticipate processing thousands of vehicles, 70,000 pieces of cargo, and more than 25,000 pieces of rolling stock for ground transportation worth billions throughout the final year of Operation New Dawn," said Sgt. 1st Class John Johnson, the convoy support center operations non-commissioned officer



Spc. Joshua Murphy, a mechanic with the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and a Clarksville, Tenn., ground guides a vehicle through the staging lane at the convoy support center on Contingency Operating Base Adder. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Angiene Myers)

with STB, and a Mountain Home, Ark., native.

As the CSC postures to receive all the units and equipment through COB Adder, Soldiers can be assured that the goal is to make their stay on COB Adder as stress-free as possible.

"We provide basic life support for all the redeploying Soldiers looking for rest prior to departing on their final leg out of Iraq," said Addy. "Our team is here to ensure that each selfredeploying unit is able to process through our operations with as few friction points as possible."

The Soldiers of the CSC know the important role they play as the US force repostures in Iraq comes to a close. They are proud to be apart of such a historic event and will continue to work hard to provide uninterrupted life support as the mission comes to a close.

"Our entire team truly understands the significance of our operation and are proud to be a part of it," said Johnson. "We will be one of the last major operations of Operation New Dawn."



A convoy exits the staging lane and departs to its next location after receiving the final brief at the convoy support center on Contingency Operating Base Adder. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Angiene Myers)

