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## Medics maintain skills

### 256th CSH continues training throughout deployment



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Continuing education is more than a concept for Soldiers with the 256th Combat Support Hospital serving at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq. Every week, they hold training exercises that simulate treating Soldiers in an emergency situation.

The Army Reservists from Ohio take time to maintain, refresh and improve their medical skills so that they are prepared for the many possibilities that deployments bring.

"You are provided with a new environment within a heartbeat and you learn to function to your fullest capability," said Sgt. Davette Campbell, laboratory technician with the 256th CSH.

Campbell explained, the resources that the hospital has, even the hospital itself, could go away at anytime. Despite this, the Army has taught the Soldiers to provide services and operate at 100 percent efficiency, even when the times get tough.

The ongoing training the Soldiers receive helps them to deal with the challenges they face in an atmosphere unlike what they work in at home.

"You see a lot of different stuff that you don't see in the civilian environment, like Malaria," said Campbell, who is also a laboratory technician in her civilian career. "But the job is

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U.S. Army photo by Crystal Hudson, USD-N Public Affairs  
Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Martinez, 256th Combat Support Hospital emergency physician from Bakersfield, Calif., performs a mock ultrasound during a training exercise Sept. 21, 2011, at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq. Martinez, along with the other Soldiers in the 256th CSH, conduct weekly training exercises to maintain their skills while deployed.

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# IRONHORSE S'TRONG:

## Soldier of the Week

**SPC.  
ZEBULON  
LAPORTE**

The recent actions of Spc. Zebulon Laporte proved that every Soldier has a vital role during missions. Recently, he brought distinct credit to himself and Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, for his vigilance during counter indirect fire missions in Kirkuk.

His actions and attention to detail were instrumental in keeping his platoon safe

during an anti-tank grenade attack, Aug. 10, 2011.

During this attack, Laporte, a Winfield, Kan., native, was the first to identify the anti-tank grenade thrower by recalling recent threat tactics, techniques and procedures briefed by his platoon leader. Laporte reacted to the threat by halting his Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle; this

action disrupted the throwers ability to target his vehicle.

Laporte communicated to his gunner the location and distance of the attacker, directing him to fire upon the attacker's vehicle, creating identifying marks that aided in a future Iraqi Security Force partnered raid.

Laporte showed extreme poise, sound mind, and attention to detail every chain of command hopes their Soldiers show in critical times.

"(He) shows other Soldiers that vigilance and attention to detail saves lives, protects the force, and ensures that (violent extremist networks) are reminded that U.S. Soldiers remain undeterred to aide in the safety and security of Iraq and their security force partners," said Capt. John Nguyen, commander, Delta Battery, 1st Bn., 5th FA Regt.

Laporte's actions disrupted the violent extremist networks ability to capitalize on the attack, leaving minimal damage to the truck and no injuries to his crew. His actions saved lives.

For his dedication to the mission, Laporte is this week's "Ironhorse Strong" Soldier of the Week.



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still the same. You learn to overcome and adapt to your new environment.”

The mock injuries and mass-casualty situations help the Soldiers to know what to expect when actual emergencies take place.

After a severely wounded patient is transported to the hospital, Lt. Col. Dennis Martinez, an emergency physician specializing in initial stabilization and resuscitation, is tasked with preparing the patient for surgery.

Being aggressive in terms of resuscitation, fluids, blood transfusion, airway management, and x-ray evaluations, can save a patient's life, Martinez said.

Martinez explained that the first hour after a patient's injury determines what happens to the patient. This is referred to as the “golden hour.”

The golden hour includes the time that it takes to transport the patient to the nearest care facility.

Martinez added that, especially in a deployed environment, greater distances between hospitals present an additional challenge in the timely treatment of seriously injured Soldiers.

The regular training provided to the Soldiers of the 256th CSH gives them the tools necessary to quickly evaluate and assess an injured Soldier during an emergency.

Martinez concluded, “It is my duty to make sure that American Soldiers return home.”

The 256th CSH will continue to conduct weekly training until their mission in support of Operation New Dawn is complete.



(Above) Soldiers with the 256th Combat Support Hospital stabilize a mock patient during a training exercise Sept. 21, 2011. The Army Reserve Soldiers from Ohio perform weekly training exercises to maintain their skill level while deployed.

(Left) Soldiers with the 256th CSH assess a mock patient during the exercise. Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Martinez, an emergency physician specializing in initial stabilization and resuscitation, explained that the first hour after a patient's injury dictates what happens to the patient, this is referred to as the “golden hour.”



## Black Jack logistics Soldiers ...

# Keeping supply lines open

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With the continued closure of U.S. bases throughout northern Iraq, the need for the timely movement of supplies and equipment to centralized locations has shown the value of well-trained logistics Soldiers.

Five such Soldiers from 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, "Black Jack," 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division-North, operate a central receiving and shipping point that is responsible for the movement of their brigade's supplies and equipment both coming to and leaving Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

As bases shut down throughout our brigade's area of operation, the equipment on those bases has to be moved out to a centralized location, and this CRSP is responsible for receiving that equipment and either storing it or helping it move on to its next location, explained Capt. Paul Schmidt, a supply operations officer with 15th BSB.

**Private First Class Darren Crowe, an Atlanta native and truck driver with 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, "Black Jack," 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division-North, moves pallets using a forklift at the central receiving and shipping point yard at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Sept. 8.**



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Quentin Johnson, 2nd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

**Spc. Preston Purnell, from Baltimore, directs Spc. Clayton Vroon, a Nashville native, as he moves shipping containers at the central receiving and shipping point yard at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Sept. 8. Both Soldiers are with 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.**

This particular CRSP yard was established a few months ago in response to the particular logistical needs of 2nd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

The current receiving yards on Balad couldn't handle the amount of equipment and containers our brigade was bringing in as it started to shut down small bases within its AO, so we worked out a deal to

start our own CRSP yard that would focus on handling our brigade's needs, said Schmidt from Crown Point, Ind.

The CRSP yard has already helped make possible the timely closure of Contingency Operating Site Cobra, a small base in Salah ad-Din province.

"Without a doubt, it would not have been possible to close down Cobra on the timeline

we had if it weren't for this CRSP yard," said Schmidt.

We received all of the equipment that our transportation convoys brought in from Cobra, and we got all of that equipment on its way to where it needed to be, continued Schmidt. In addition to that, the yard also helped facilitate the movement of the brigade's unmanned aerial surveillance platoon.

When the UAS platoon needed to start operating here, we were able to receive their equipment for them and quickly get it out to the location that they needed to set up at, said Spc. Damien Moore, a Findlay, Ohio, native and support operations Soldier with 15th BSB.

This enabled them to have their aerial surveillance equipment back up in the air as quickly as possible, giving

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U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Robert DeDeaux, 1st AATF Public Affairs

# Mathis Matters

## NCO leads Devil 'Clean Sweep' efforts

**Staff Sergeant Roderick Mathis, Forward Issue Turn-In Point Noncommissioned-Officer-in-Charge, Company B, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, receives a Task Force Ironhorse Coin for Excellence from Maj. Gen. David Perkins, 4th Infantry Division and United States Division – North commander, at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Sept. 15, 2011.**

Sgt. Kandi Huggins  
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As 'Devil Brigade' Soldiers of the 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, continue their phased redeployment from Iraq, Soldiers continue working to ensure property and equipment are appropriately turned in to be reused by the Army or other organizations.

Staff Sergeant Roderick Mathis, Forward Issue Turn-In Point Noncommissioned-Officer-in-Charge, Company B, 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st AATF, said while his primary mission in supporting Operation New Dawn is to supervise the supply distribution for the Devil Brigade, he never forgets his responsibility to his Soldiers.

"Our primary function is to receive, issue and turn in multiple classes of supply," said the Atlanta native.

Mathis said they turn in everything from Class II items, which include standard office supplies, to Class IX items, which include major repair parts.

Through the two main operations the

FITIP oversees, Regular Retrograde and Clean Sweep, equipment turn-in allows money to return back into the budget, enabling the budget to be extended versus discarding the items that could otherwise be reused.

Under Operation Clean Sweep, equipment is returned to either Joint Base Balad or Kuwait to be demilitarized.

"This is a force protection measure," said Mathis. "With us returning unusable equipment through Clean Sweep, we are ensuring the items are not getting into the hands of those who could possibly use (them) against us."

On the other hand, Mathis said Regular Retrograde allows the supplies to recycle back into the Army's inventory so money is not being spent on the same items.

"He is good to work with," said Spc. Ralph Myers, supply specialist, Company B, 101st BSB. "I'd like to be a sergeant like him."

During his tenure at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Spc. Michael Hernandez, a logistics specialist from San Antonio, Texas, said his job entailed filing and organizing the paperwork for unit

turn-ins.

"We helped with turn-ins and Clean Sweep to help the units get money for repairable parts, and turn those parts and supplies in to JBB," he continued.

Hernandez said he admires Mathis as an NCO, however, he said his most significant moments were when Mathis helped him personally.

Hernandez said he felt he had limitations to communicating or remembering what he had to do, and often felt fearful and intimidated about speaking up, but knew he had a lot of support.

"He was encouraging, but at the same time always offered productive criticism with methods for me to improve and correct where I made mistakes," said Hernandez.

"I have a good group of Soldiers," said Mathis. "A number of them are pending transition from between being a Soldier and becoming a civilian, and I just encourage them in whatever . . . they decide."

Like Mathis' Soldiers, U.S. Forces are preparing to return home at the conclusion of Operation New Dawn.



# Young's Calling

## South Korean native follows path to chaplaincy

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"Before I joined the Army, I was a local church minister," said Chaplain (Capt.) Young Jin Jung, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division. "During which time I met with Soldiers, held several counselings, and made up my mind to become a chaplain—but I didn't have a green card."

"As an immigrant there was a limitation to my ministry in the Los Angeles area," continued the South Korea native. "But a door was opened through the (Military Accessions to Vital National Interest) program; I was blessed to find the right place for my ministry."

The MAVNI is a program that enlists foreign nationals, in times of a

war, as linguists or medics.

Initially, Jung joined the Army in April 2009 as a medic. He said three weeks into his basic training he obtained his citizenship.

After basic training, Jung went to Fort Lewis, Wa., for his Advanced Individual Training, and met with a career counselor who presented him with an opportunity to become a chaplain.

Nearly a year and a half after his initial entry into the Army, in Sept. 2010, Jung arrived to his first duty station to serve as the chaplain for 1st Bn., 5th FA.

Prior to joining the U.S. Army, Jung served in the Republic of Korea army from 1994-1996 as an 81-mm mortar soldier.

"In the (South) Korean army, it was mandatory for males between the ages of 19-25 to serve two years and two months," said Jung. "It was a hard

time and a different type of (service), in comparison to the U.S. Army, but I learned a lot of patience and endurance."

After recalling some of the hardship he endured during his time as a R.O.K. soldier, Jung said he initially struggled with the idea of life in the U.S. Army but, through encouragement from his wife, he applied to join.

"I feel everything I went through was God's way of preparing me," said Jung. "Most chaplains don't go through basic training and the same experiences of a Soldier, but I did, and I feel that allows me to know Soldiers and relate to them better."

"Working with him has been a great learning experience," said Pfc. William Norris, chaplain's assistant for Jung, from Forrestone, Ill.

Norris, a chaplain's assistant for two years, said although he has only worked under Jung for eight months, it is easy working with him because they share similar ideologies when it comes to assisting and helping Soldiers.

Jung said being able to personally relate to Soldiers encourages him to do as much as he can for them, and makes the Soldiers feel more comfortable about talking to him.

Jung said that the transition from serving as a combat Soldier to being a chaplain was not always easy.

"During those transition times, I talked to God and told him I wanted to join the Army and have a job that helped with healing and comforting others, but I didn't want to have to use a gun," said Jung.

Now, in support of Operation New Dawn, Jung uses his ministry to help Soldiers as well as local Iraqis.

"I've known Jung for nearly eight



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st AATF Public Affairs

Chaplain (Capt.) Young Jin Jung, chaplain, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, chats with a Soldier at Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Sept. 16. Jung, now a U.S. citizen, previously served in the Republic of Korea army.

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# Troopers maintain squadron gear

'Dark Horse' mechanics from 4th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., keep it working

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It takes all kinds of equipment to keep an Army battalion operational while deployed.

With that much equipment in action, there are bound to be a few breakdowns, and that's when Army mechanics shine.

For 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, "Dark Horse," 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Division-North, the majority of maintenance and repairs of the unit's equipment is handled by a small group of mechanics with the squadron's Troop D.

This one maintenance shop does automotive, electronic, communication, armament and generator repairs, explained the shop's motor sergeant, Staff Sgt. Jason Cohrs, from Evansville, Ind.

Cohrs explained that whenever a unit within Dark Horse has equipment they cannot fix, they rely on his mechanics to do the repairs.

The mechanics also help maintain working equipment by doing routine maintenance and upkeep.

Troop D mechanics are required to work on specific pieces of equipment that align with their various specialties.

Pfc. Zach Stanley, a Woodstock, Ga., native, works as a generator mechanic for Troop D.

"My job is to make sure that generators are running correctly by doing scheduled services, preventative maintenance checks and opening up and repairing broken generators," he explained.

Stanley works on generators used to power small working and living areas.

"If we don't have power, we can't do our mission," explained Stanley.

As civilians, who operate the larger generators on base, begin leaving, our unit will have to be prepared to power its own equipment, added Stanley.

Additionally, Dark Horse acquired generators in need of repair, performed maintenance on them, and used them to maintain power for several checkpoints within its area of operations, he said.

"Our generators ran the radios and equipment at the checkpoints," explained Stanley.

The mechanics also play a big role in



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Justin Naylor, 2nd AAB Public Affairs  
**Private First Class Zach Stanley, a generator mechanic with Troop D, 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, from Woodstock, Ga., works on power generator electronics at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Sept. 13, 2011.**

keeping their squadron's vehicles operational.

"We fix track vehicles, wheeled vehicles and the armor on the vehicles; we do a little bit of everything," said Sgt. Antonio Espino, a wheeled vehicle mechanic for 4th Sqdn. 9th Cav. Regt.

The majority of the operations our squadron conducts are vehicle-based, and those vehicles need to be maintained, explained Espino.

"Vehicle operators can only do so much; whatever the driver and crews can't fix, it up to us to do the rest," said Espino, from Phoenix.

No matter the type of equipment that needs fixing within the squadron, Troop D mechanics are usually the first to be called. The mechanics in this troop enable our squadron to be fairly self-sufficient when it comes to repairing equipment, said Cohrs.

Whether it's trucks, radios, weapons, generators, or just about any other piece of equipment in our squadron, our mechanics help make sure it stays up and running, Cohrs explained.



**Private First Class Michael Pritchard, a Venice, Fla., native and small arms mechanic with Troop D performs repairs on an M2 .50 caliber machine gun at JBB, Iraq, Sept. 13, 2011.**



# RAID team helps get gear home

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Two U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officers are part of a team that assists service members with the proper declaration, classification, labeling and packaging of shipping containers leaving Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq.

Petty Officers First Class Alfred Jurison, from Waipahu, Hawaii, and Eric Sobczak, from Chesapeake, Va., are assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Redeployment Assistance and Inspection Detachment.

Established in 2003, RAID is responsible for assisting the Department of Defense with the safe redeployment of containerized cargo. The detachment supports U.S. Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and is embedded with the 840th Transportation Battalion, under the 595th Transportation Brigade.

"We are advisors," said Sobczak, a marine science technician. "We want to make sure the containers get back home, safely."

Shipping containers without proper documentation slows down the process at its port of entry. The ports charge the De-



Sobczak, from Chesapeake, Va., places an inspection sticker on a container at COB Speicher prior to shipment back to the U.S.



U.S. Army photos by Spc. Crystal Hudson, 29th MPAD, USD-N Public Affairs

**Petty Officers First Class Alfred Jurison and Eric Sobczak, members of the U.S. Coast Guard Redeployment Assistance and Inspection Detachment, inspect a shipping container for damage during a final inspection on Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq, Sept. 13, 2011. The team ensures that containers are properly packed and labeled before shipping.**

partment of Defense for each day they hold a container that was improperly labeled, Sobczak said.

Proper documentation and labeling has, "... prevented containers from being (delayed) at ports, which has saved the Department of Defense (money) and time," said Sobczak.

Not only does this level of attention save the Army money, but it also ensures that hazardous materials are packaged properly to avoid dangerous situations during transportation, Jurison said.

Many units send hazardous materials back home; these include flammable liquids, batteries, and other sensitive items.

When it comes to HAZMAT, the team makes sure that the items are properly loaded, labeled correctly, and the container is safe to carry the cargo.

"In case there is an emergency, the first responders will know how to react," Juri-

son said.

To cut down on possible problems during the journey home, the team evaluates the containers to ensure each one is seaworthy.

A normal inspection starts with a visual assessment of all sides of the container, including the top and bottom. A light check

is also performed during the inspection by going inside the container, shutting the door completely to verify that no light enters the container from the outside.

Once it is determined that the container can safely make the journey to the U.S., the petty officers confirm that all of the numbers on the containers match their records. If everything

checks out, the container gets an inspection sticker that is good for 30 months.

With the help of the U.S. Coast Guard RAID team, Army units at COB Speicher move one step closer to returning home.

Sobczak concluded, "It is rewarding helping Army units get home."

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***"We want to make sure the containers get back home, safely."***

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Petty Officer 1st Class  
Eric Sobczak  
Inspector  
U.S.C.G RAID

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# Task Force 'Devil' shuts down network

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If one visited Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq, in the fall of 2010 and returned now, they would see a mirrored image of Soldiers walking around with 'The Big Red One' and 'Old Ironsides' patches representing the 1st Infantry and 1st Armored Divisions.

Unlike the fall of 2010, when the 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Inf. Div., took over the advise, train and assist mission in Kirkuk, Iraq, from the 'Ready First Task Force', 1st Armored Div., they are now preparing to transfer their authority over to the 'Highlanders,' 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Armored Div.

In the past few weeks, 'Devil Brigade' Soldiers have been packing connexes, turning in equipment, and doing a left seat/right seat with their respective replacements.

One of the last sections within the brigade to close down

shop has been the communication and network section, who officially took down the 1st AATF network, Sept. 20.

"Right now, we're in the middle of transitioning from our servers to those of 4th AAB," said Maj. John Drake, brigade signal officer, 1st AATF, 1st Inf. Div. "As we close down for redeployment, our capabilities have reduced, but we're continuing to work to ensure we have a smooth transition."

The Fort Leavenworth, Kan., native said his section was responsible for automations, phones, radios, communication security, frequency management, information assurance and the protection of computers and networks from viruses and intrusions.

Staff Sergeant Chad Parrish, automations noncommissioned officer in-charge, said the task of taking down the network involved shutting down and disassembling the servers for their flight back to Fort Riley, Kan., on strategic air.

During the shutdown, the



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st AATF Public Affairs

**Staff Sergeant Jonathan Battles, network operations noncommissioned officer in-charge, Company B, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, helps prepare the brigade signal network communications section for their customs inspection on Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq, Sept. 21, 2011.**

section also had to transition the key leaders to the 4th AAB, 1st Armored Div., network, ensuring they maintained the ability to communicate internally and externally.

"With us flying the equipment back STRATAIR, we will get back all the information and data we have, on both our secure and non-secure network, in a timely fashion so it will be available in a decent amount of

time after everyone gets back," said Parrish, from Augusta, Ga.

Before taking down the network, Drake said they archived all the files and folders they had for future reference and use, and also to assist 4th AAB during their time in theater.

"It's critical to have all that information stored," said Drake. "Discovering and learning everything on your own is too dangerous and complex, and in this environment you don't have time to learn tactics, techniques and procedures with all . . . you have to deal with."

"So we took what worked and helped support them by providing information systems, for continuity," he continued, "and it helps us, in the future, for training purposes, or when we go to (the National Training Center) because we have all the formats and operating procedures we created that we can continue to reuse."

While the final reset will not occur for some systems until the transfer of authority, Drake said they have had a good handover to 4th AAB, who are now operating the network with Devil Soldiers simply acting as observers.

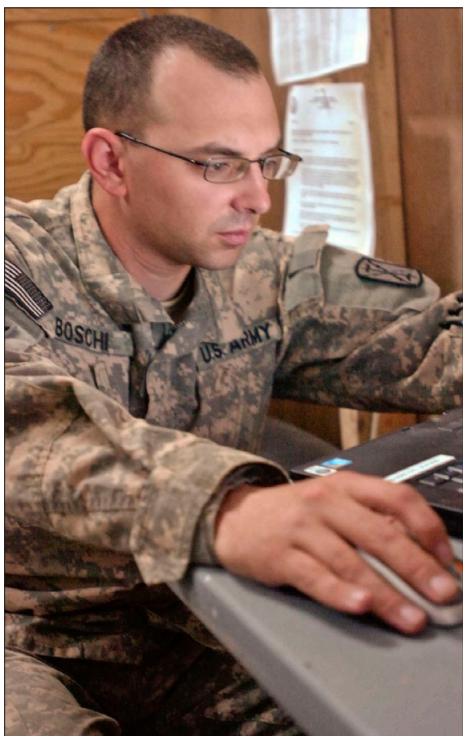


**Specialist Antwane Smalls, combat net radio operator, 1st AATF, dusts off a command post platform in preparation of the TF Devil communications network being taken down on COS Warrior Sept. 21, 2011.**

# A new mission: Support from artillery Soldier does not include indirect fire

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Although Operation New Dawn marked the end of combat operations by U.S. Forces in Iraq, Soldiers with combat military occupation specialties



U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st AATF Public Affairs  
**Sergeant Jason Boschi, operations NCO, Company A, 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, attached to the 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, looks up information for a Soldier in the company operations center on Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq, Sept. 11, 2011.**

still deployed to support the current operation.

While certain jobs, such as infantrymen, have been utilized in the training of Iraqi Security Forces or as personal security details for their respective commanders and key leader engagements, other Soldiers, such as tankers and artillerymen, have been tasked to work outside of what they have been trained to do in the Army.

Beginning his career in April 2001, Sgt. Jason Boschi, operations NCO, Company A, 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, attached to the 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, deployed from 2002-2003 in support of Operation Desert Spring, conducting force protection in Kuwait, eventually heading north at the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Then it was a war," said the WilliamSPORT, Pa., native. "We pushed into the country and did what we had to do."

Working in field artillery operations at that time, Boschi said he also conducted missions with various units in Iraq.

As a fire direction specialist, he supported infantry and armor units by directing artillery and rockets in combat using fire direction systems and radios.

Now, with the U.S. and ISF working together in the advise, train and assist role, Boschi does not need to use his fire direction skills as part of TF Devil's mission.

Instead, his expertise is being utilized as the operations and training room NCO

for his company, where he fights a more personable fight for his fellow Soldiers.

"As the operations NCO, he deals with the paperwork for the unit and works with the battalion human resources section to take care of administrative tasks such as awards and various packets," said Cpt. Jason Lang, executive officer, Company A, 1st Bn., 94th FA Reg.

Lang, a native of Fort Collins, Colo., said Boschi has been flexible in his new job and takes care of what needs to be done for the Soldiers in his unit.

"A lot of people don't see my job as important because I don't go outside the wire," said Boschi. "But I make sure the Soldiers can concentrate on their mission without worrying about if their records are up-to-date or if their legal needs and paperwork is taken care of."

Although his mission has drastically changed over the past 10 years from combat to support, Boschi enjoys the opportunity to contribute to Operation New Dawn.

"It seems ironic and fitting to be here for the last chapter," he said. "It's like reading the first chapter of a book and then skipping everything in the middle to get to the end," added Boschi, referring to his being part of OIF I and then returning to support the conclusion of OND.

Boschi believes the situation in Iraq is a lot better than it was when he was first here, and that "... our Soldiers are doing a great job training the ISF so they will be able to take over once we're gone."

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Soldiers on the ground the eyes in the sky that they need to stay safe, he continued.

Although none of the Soldiers that operate the CRSP yard have ever worked on this type of mission before, being able to adapt quickly is part of their job.

"They've done wonderfully," Staff Sgt. Charles Grant, the non-commissioned officer in-charge of the CRSP yard, said of his Soldiers. "They are competent Soldiers that know how to work in all aspects of their job,"

said the Bronx, N.Y., native.

Whether receiving equipment, moving it for transportation or helping devise an organizational system for containers, my Soldiers are always up to the tasks at hand, he continued.

As the Black Jack Brigade continues to close down bases, the brigade's CRSP yard will ensure every piece of equipment and container that passes through it gets to where it needs to go in a timely and organized manner.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Quentin Johnson, 2nd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.  
**Staff Sergeant Charles Grant, a Bronx, N.Y., native with 15th BSB, looks over shipping paperwork at the central receiving and shipping point yard at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Sept. 8.**



# Serving in an active capacity

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After serving in the Army Reserves for three years as a combat engineer, Sgt. Sean Barnett, imagery and intelligence analyst, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, decided he wanted to serve his country in an active-duty capacity.

While in the reserves, Barnett served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2005 to 2006, as a combat engineer with the 571st Engineer Company out of Fort Lewis, Wash.

Stationed at then Forward Operating Base Warhorse, Barnett said his job was driving a gun truck outside the wire every day, adding that the danger to U.S. forces and threat of improvised explosive device attacks were far worse than they are now.

"IEDs and mortar attacks were greater, and the days were

longer," said the Penn Run, Pa., native. "Since the U.S. was doing a majority of the targeting and missions, with the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police having less of a joint impact on the mission, we had to stay on constant alert because we were in greater danger of being targeted."

With OIF being five years in Barnett's past, he is in Iraq a second time now supporting Operation New Dawn in the intelligence section as a geo-spatial intelligence specialist, known as GEOINT.

A GEOINT combines multiple sources of intelligence into an overall picture to assist in targeting, operations and missions. They analyze and produce real imagery data of the battlefield in order to provide timely, concise and clear information to the commander.

"In order to ensure our intelligence section was well-rounded and able to conduct any mission, we ensured Barnett was fully trained in GEOINT and could lead a sec-

tion, providing a new capability to the 'Devil Brigade' that we did not have," said Capt. John Roder, Kirkuk counter-terrorism officer-in-charge, 1st AATF.

Roder, a Kansas City, Mo., native, said Barnett conducts all GEOINT operations for the units on Contingency Operating Site Warrior by providing intelligence, detailed analysis and products to the 1st AATF and its supporting units, including national level intelligence agencies.

Now that the Iraqi Security Forces are leading major operations, Barnett said the U.S. can now focus on protecting our force while helping train the ISF to protect all Iraqis.

"The advise, train, and assist (mission) is a great concept," said Barnett. "It's just a matter of them keeping, maintaining and improving the standards they have been taught, versus falling back to old habits and getting complacent."

"They have been doing



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kandi Huggins, 1st AATF  
**Sergeant Sean Barnett, imagery and intelligence analyst, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Advise and Assist Task Force, 1st Infantry Division, enters data in his imagery work station on Contingency Operating Site Warrior, Iraq, Sept. 6, 2011.**

what they are doing for over one thousand years and it takes time to change old habits," he added. "But I feel with them having the most advanced and well-trained Army in the world to pass on what works for us, everything we have taught them can be beneficial if it is used correctly, appropriately and repeatedly."

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months and he's been a great assistance in helping (us) accomplish different things we have done, such as support or drives, to help support Iraqi civilians," said Cpt. Michael Findlay, battalion safety officer, 1st Bn., 5th FA.

Findlay, a Hudson, Wis., native, recalled an incident that took place during a mission he went on with Jung he felt showed Jung's sincerity in helping anyone he can.

"While we were out in sector, we were informed about a woman who was diagnosed with a brain tumor," said Findlay. "Jung requested to see her and he went and prayed for her."

"He encouraged her by telling her that despite the bad things happening in her life, God is good and he was still with her," Findlay continued.

Jung said he sees the people of Iraq as friends, a people trying to survive and live their lives.

"A lot of the younger children were born during war time and that built their more aggressive characteristics to survive," said Jung. "But I see the possibility to be friends with them and to help provide them with the things they need and the things that will bring a little joy to their lives."

Findlay also said Jung constantly helps Soldiers by actively seeking out those with potential problems and counseling them.

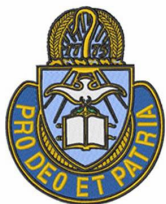
Though Findlay has known Jung for such a short period of time, he said he sees Jung's story and aspiration as a personal encouragement for himself.

"When you meet someone with such

fire to achieve their goals, it makes you reassess yours and want to put effort into achieving those you have for yourself," said Findlay. "It's easy to say you have a goal, but a different thing to say you've accomplished it."

Although 1st Bn., 5th FA, is Jung's first assignment, he said he is confident he is where he is meant to be.

"Through my various Army training and chaplain school, my counseling skills and understanding continues to expand, allowing me to become more professional and efficient in carrying out my mission," said Jung. "I enjoy the time I've spent with Soldiers and the memories I've shared with them. I'm confident in my heart I'm in the right place to help Soldiers better themselves and their families."



# Chaplain's Corner:

## Keep your eye on the ball

Chaplain (Capt.) Scott Ingram  
DSTB, 4th ID Chaplain

In the near future, we will be redeploying back to Fort Carson to reunite with our families and friends. We will spend a week or more while going through reverse Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) and participating in reintegration classes until we are finally released to begin our block leave. No doubt, our Soldiers have earned it and are due to a well-deserved period of rest and recuperation.

We have all heard the familiar Army phrase, "We can't afford to give safety and discipline a day off." The temptation that we all face is when we get back home to abandon a healthy regimen of diet, exercise, sleep, spiritual nourishment, and render ourselves to a weakened condition than is desirable or necessary.

The Apostle Paul gave some sage wisdom to his young son in the faith, Timothy. Paul was telling Timothy, metaphorically, to "keep his eye on the ball" and not to "let down his guard" even when it seems like the natural thing to do.

"No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hard working farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this" (2 Timothy 2:4-7).

We are all expected to enjoy our leave period and should. Though it might seem

to be counter-intuitive to our notion of being on leave to "be on guard" or "follow the rules", these ideas translate into good judgment and a more enjoyable rest period. I just want to lift up a couple of themes from what Paul says to underscore his instruction to Timothy and how this can benefit us.

### Follow the rules

In Paul's day, Roman Soldiers were not permitted to get "entangled in civilian affairs". In other words, we need to remember that we are in the Army and to manage that honor accordingly. This means that even on our time off, we need to pay attention to how we live. We need to maintain a healthy regularity in our sleep hygiene, diet, exercise, spiritual connection, and interpersonal interactions. If you neglect sleep, it won't be long before you will reduce your problem-solving skills, weaken your immune system, and cloud your thinking. Similar symptoms abound as you neglect other important matters of the self.

Furthermore, Paul says that athletes only receive a crown if they compete according to the rules of the game/event. If we want to be successful, we have to do the same. Until we depart from the Army, there is never a time when the rules do not apply and we are expected to govern ourselves accordingly. So, don't get "entangled" in things that are harmful to you, your family, or your career and "follow the rules."

### Enjoy your leave

Though we are not an agrarian society

today, it was common place and expected in ancient times for the farmer to eat what s/he grew from the land. You have worked hard this past year. Many of you have served in various jobs that can be physically, mentally, and spiritually taxing. Part of what you were "growing" this past year through your hard work was leave. Performing your job with the integrity, honor, and faithfulness that you have over these past 12 months has afforded not only others, but yourself an opportunity to enjoy time away from the job. Spend it with your family and friends. Spend it away from the Army. Spend it doing activities that you enjoy. Above all, spend it wisely.

### Reflect on what you accomplished

We write articles, like this one, and speeches that sound as if life was either one momentous occasion or span of time or a dismal existence to be dreaded and forgotten. That is what it feels like. The truth, however, is that this deployment, like life itself, is a series of ups and downs. Reflect on both. How did you grow this past year? What are some "growing edges" that need your attention? What are some things that you want to be different? What do you want to remain the same? Reflecting is the first step in living an intentional life rather than simply living life in reaction mode.

On a final note, consider how you can support your favorite charity or religious organization through the Combined Federal Campaign. Now is the time to be thinking extending your impact through giving to CFC.

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