

THE LION'S ROAR

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25TH SIGNAL BATTALION REMEMBERS 9/11



25th Signal Battalion Soldiers honored the memory of fallen victims and told their experiences from September 11th in a memorial service on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Melisa I. Foster)

9/11: A REMINDER FOR WHY WE FIGHT

Often too many times, Soldiers overseas become discouraged from being away from family and friends. But on days like the tenth anniversary of September 11th, they were reminded of the reason they continue on with the fight against terrorism- to keep those friends and family safe, and to honor the memories of the fallen victims.

On Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, the 25th Signal Battalion held a memorial service for the horrific event that shocked our great nation ten years ago. Though the expected speeches from the command team were greatly appreciated, this event was unique in that Soldiers actively participated.

Spc. Morgan Llewellyn from the 230th Signal Company was in the sixth grade during the attacks. In tears, Llewellyn expressed the distress she felt that day and the uncertainty of what had really happened, especially when she learned that her best friend's father had been killed in the disaster. Llewellyn agreed that at times, she becomes discouraged, but after her speech, she saw the bigger picture. "After I spoke about my experience on 9/11, I realized the importance of this deployment and what I am doing for everyone back home."

-Sgt. Melisa I. Foster
Public Affairs Officer
25th Signal Battalion

9-11, Not Yet

11 September 2001

I had just cleaned my painting brushes, wiped them dry, and placed them in a clean plastic case. I decided to return to it tomorrow; it was time for my next class. It was yet another average day at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska in my oil painting class. A small group of students gathered in the hall, discussing a small plane crashing into the World Trade Center in New York. CNN reported something bigger, but they were uncertain. As the events unraveled, we discovered that our nation was brutally attacked by a terrorist organization leaving thousands dead and injured.

Ten years later, several memorials across the country mark the events, places, and lives of 9-11. From disbelief, sorrow, rage, focus, and justice we experienced it all together as a nation with purpose, resolve, patriotism, and faith. September 11th continues to rally America around a common faith in true liberty. We are reaching through the portals of pain and loss to a future of hope where we work together for democracy which God continues to guide.

12 September 2001

I'm back at painting class, out come the brushes, and now I'm looking at my unfinished work, not touched since yesterday. There, some penciled lines, a promising light blue sky, and the copper green Statue of Liberty up front with the Twin Towers across the bay. The painting continues and I still see a future, a sense of hope in this painting, do you?

-Chaplain (Cpt.) Kevin Daul
25th Signal Battalion Chaplain

Do you have questions for Chaplain Daul you would like to see answered in the newsletter?

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For more pictures from the 9/11 memorial service, visit the 25th Signal Battalion website:
<https://www.25sigbn.army.mil/>

COMMANDER'S CORNER



On 21 July, I assumed command of the 25th Signal Battalion and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and discipline of the Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers who participated in the ceremony. Having leaders and Soldiers who traveled from distant FOBs in attendance made it a first class event. Thank you all!

Over the past few weeks, I have visited numerous Camps to meet the team and the most prevalent theme no matter where I go is the magnitude of our mission and how critical our support is throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area—Afghanistan (CJOA-A). The work that every Soldier, DA Civilian, and contractor performs on behalf of the 25th Signal Battalion directly impacts joint planning staffs, combat operations, and supports important morale functions. As a team, we bring phenomenal capability to the fight!

Recently, we said farewell to the 820th Tactical Installation and Networking (TIN) Company and welcome the 230th TIN. For many members of the 820th, our award ceremony at Warrior was the first time during the deployment the unit was reunited. It was an honor to recognize their accomplishments and to wish them good fortune as they redeploy and reunite with family and friends at home. Thank you 820th.

As always, the mission continues and the newest members of our team, the 230th TIN, bring a unique blend of military and civilian-acquired skills for us to leverage. I look forward to meeting each of you in the months ahead.

LTC EDWARD F. BOROWIEC, JR.
Battalion Commander

GOODBYE LTC MONTANEZ, HELLO LTC BOROWIEC



Col. Maria Barrett passes the Battalion guidon to Lt. Col. Edward Borowiec in the Battalion Change of Command. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Moses)

On 21 July 2011, Lt. Col. Edward F. Borowiec, Jr. assumed command of the 25th Signal Battalion in a Change of Command ceremony on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Preceding Lt. Col. Borowiec was Lt. Col. Ivan Montanez. Lt. Col. Montanez commanded the 25th Signal Battalion from August 2009 to July 2011.

Lt. Col. Edward F. Borowiec, Jr. is a native of Massachusetts and enlisted in the Army in February 1986. He attended OCS and was commissioned a 2LT in the Infantry in 1993 and was later branches as a Signal Officer in 1996.

Lt. Col. Borowiec has served in numerous locations during the course of his career including; Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ft. Drum, NY; Ft. Bragg, NC; Ft. Gordon, GA; Korea, Thailand, Pakistan, Nepal, Panama, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He has also held several leadership and key staff positions including Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Senior Military Advisor, Battalion S3, Executive Officer, and Chief of Operations for a Theater Signal Command. In 2004, Lt. Col. Borowiec deployed to the Middle East as a tactical analyst, and in

2007 assumed duties in Iraq as the S-3 for the 67th Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

Lt. Col. Borowiec's last assignment was with the G-3 at the 7th Signal Command (Theater). He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Signal Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff Course, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Lt. Col. Borowiec holds an M.S.A. degree with a specialization in Computer and Information Resource Management from the Central Michigan University. His notable awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (7th award), and the Kilbourne Leadership Award.

- Sgt. Melisa I. Foster
Public Affairs Officer
25th Signal Battalion

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

I'd like to thank all the Soldiers of the 820th TIN and the 26th NSC Company for all of your hard work and dedication. As your deployment draws to a close, know that without you, we would not have been able to complete many of the difficult tasks we were faced with completing. I know that being without your family, friends and loved ones has been stressful, but you have completed your tour and now it is time to return home. Be careful and be safe. To the 230th TIN, your experience, training, and other talents will make you an integral member of the combat capability of our team and your contribution will enable the continued success of our unit and our Army. Welcome to the 25th Signal Battalion Team and welcome to the fight! Last, but not least, to the 25th Signal Battalion family, thank you for what you do on a daily basis. We need each and every one of you to accomplish our mission here in Afghanistan. You make the difference!

CSM EDWARD J. WILLIAMS, III
Battalion Command Sergeant Major



CAPTAIN GARHART ASSUMES COMMAND OF C-44TH ESB



Cpt. Christopher Sherwood and Cpt. Gregory Garhart pose for a picture before Cpt. Sherwood's departure. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Melisa I. Foster)

Cpt. Christopher Sherwood bid his last farewell to Charlie Company 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion during the Company's Change of Command on 26 September 2011. Cpt. Sherwood was in command from June 2010 to September 2011. Assuming command is Cpt. Gregory Garhart. Cpt. Garhart was born in Frankfurt, GE and brought over to Manchester, NJ where he grew up. His father is a retired Major of the U.S. Army, and Cpt. Garhart found his appreciation for the military through the traveling their family had done while his father was in the Army.

Cpt. Garhart graduated from Manchester Township High School class of 2000. Afterwards, Captain Garhart pursued a Bachelor's degree in Business with a concentration in Management Information Systems at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC and graduated in December 2004. After graduating college, Cpt. Garhart found his calling in the U.S. Army. Cpt. Garhart entered Basic Combat Training on 25 January 2006 at Fort Jackson, SC. Upon graduation, he went straight to Officer Candidate

School in Fort Benning, GA. He commissioned on 13 June 2006, branching Field Artillery. He went through Basic Officer Leadership Course II and III at Fort Sill, OK and graduated February 2007.

His first duty assignment was Ft. Polk, LA where he served as a Fire Support Officer in Charlie Company, 2-4 Infantry Regiment with whom he deployed to Iraq from 2007-2009. While in Iraq, he became the S-6 OIC. Cpt. Garhart attended the Signal Captain Career Course and graduated in December 2010.

In January 2011, Cpt. Garhart joined the S-3 shop of the 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Schweinfurt, GE. He deployed with the Company to Afghanistan in April 2011 and has now assumed command of Charlie Company 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion. **"OUT FRONT SIR"**

-Sgt. Melisa I. Foster
Public Affairs Officer
25th Signal Battalion



Lt. Col. Edward Borowiec passes the company guidon to Cpt. Gregory Garhart during the C-44TH ESB Change of Command. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Melisa I. Foster)

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OPERATION "GET IT IN"

PROMOTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CPT Jarvis Adams

1LT Lamar Norris

1LT Kheela Davis

SFC Victor Castelli

SFC Keith Williams

SGT Nathaniel Denlinger

SGT Rendon Reno

CPL Brent Leverette

NCO OF THE QUARTER



SGT Anastashia Harris

SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER



SPC Travis Granger



Staff Sgt. Charles Hawthorne and Contractor Ken Covey receive awards from Chief Khalif of the United Arab Emirates. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Lutz)



580th Signal Company's 1st Sgt. Don Riggins presents the award from Chief Khalif to Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Williams, III. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Lutz)

This past quarter, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) compound on Bagram Airfield was attacked by mortars and rocket fire. In the midst of the attack the enemy hit an ammo point, raising flames which could be seen all the way from Warrior. Even though all the communications were down, everyone escaped safely. When the morning came, they were reduced to using Roshan phones as their only means of communication with each other.

Within 48 hours, the 580th Signal Company received the ticket for repair, and the Outside Plant (OSP) went to work. The OSP completely re-established the UAE compound's communications; emplacing new infrastructure since the old was too mangled to fix.

Staff Sgt. Charles Hawthorne and Contractor Ken Covey, OSP leads, worked hard re-establishing the fiber infrastructure, all within 48 hours, and with a demeanor that has never faltered.

Chief Khalif of the UAE recognized the many forces that banded together during and after the attack. Among the recognized were Staff Sgt. Hawthorne and Contractor Ken Covey. They were both given individual awards and accolades. Staff Sgt. Hawthorne was also given an award to present to the 25th Signal Battalion. The 580th Signal Company once again lives up to their reputation; home of the cable dogs that "GET IT IN"

-Staff Sgt. Richard Lutz
Public Affairs Officer
580th Signal Company

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To Cpl. Brent Leverette and his wife, Ashley Leverette on the birth of his twins:

Zay'Driona Amiyah Leverette

Na'Avaryah Veronica Leverette

To Staff Sgt. Billy Brewer and his wife, Kristy Brewer for the birth of their daughter:

Khloe Ann Brewer

OPERATION INITIATIVE: THE BIRTH OF A MOTOR POOL

I must admit, I have asked myself on numerous occasions, "What type of set-up is this?" I am at an out site in Afghanistan, away from my Maintenance NCOIC and my Supply NCOIC. With my new additional role as the DSST OIC, I have inherited a small team of 11 to install and operate the Main Communications Facility (MCF) on FOB Shank. All the while my two key NCOICs would remain at Bagram Air Field, out of my site and reach, or so they thought.

After realizing this was the beginning of a long twelve months of sacrifice and selfless service, Sgt. 1st Class Smith and I, 1st Lt. Nash began our assessment of our

designated area to be called home for our Soldiers and equipment. I can remember the first question Sgt. 1st Class Smith asked me, "Where is the motor pool?" Driving to what seemed to be miles away from main post; we arrived at a waste facility and learned that the waste facility was neighbor to

our new motor pool. Without having to mention it, needless to say we were not too excited. Entering into the gates of our new motor pool for the next 12 months, Sgt. 1st Class Smith and I looked at the desolate space in silence and shook our heads. Sgt. 1st Class Smith replied, "This isn't going to work." I stared in silence. We looked at what was supposed to be the maintenance tent. The weather had taken its toll on the wilted tent as it gave way to gravity and fell in shambles. Sgt. 1st Class Smith replied, "I'll fix this."

So before it was born, Sgt. 1st Class Smith and I came into the first trimester of mentally designing the new C Co 44th motor pool. After gathering the snapshot in our heads and imaging the layout, the second trimester began. Sgt. 1st Class Smith coordinated with Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office for any building or containers that

were currently no longer in use. To our surprise, four containers were available. The main body started to arrive in theater after coordinating movement to our new motor pool space. The rest of the team arrived and were eager to employ their carpentry skill commonly utilized by their spouses and families.

We are four months into our deployment and Sgt. 1st Class Smith and the maintenance team did "Fix it." The C Co motor pool houses over 95 pieces of signal assemblage and associated equipment. It consists of four containers that have been constructed, by our very own Soldiers, into two

fully functional office areas and storage space. My maintenance team has also installed a metal platform service over 70 pieces of ground vehicles and also accommodate our largest ground vehicle, an LMTV. Solar shades have been erected to

provide shade for our mechanics. In addition Sgt. Steven Carson, Spc. Daniel Thomasek, and Spc. Gadiel Barreto built from the ground up a POL shed to house our hazardous materials. How awesome is that! Outside of tolerating the unpleasant smell, C Co 44th maintenance team has demonstrated "Outstanding" ability to ensure that we are "**Never Unprepared**." I am truly honored to work with such a fine group of Soldiers who epitomize the Army Value Selfless Service to ensure the success of the C Co 44th ESB and the 25th Signal Battalion's mission.

- 1st Lt. Mendola Nash

*C Co 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion
XO/DSST Shank OIC*

AWARDS

Certificate of Achievement:

SPC Andrew Craig
SPC Jaime Decoteau
PFC Nicholas Lastrup
SGT Matthew McElhaneey
PFC Travis Oyler
PFC Seth Snively

Army Achievement Medal:

SPC Wayne Allard
PFC Julius Anderson
SGT Antwan Brown
SGT Steven Carson
SPC Robert Carter
SPC Cori Crawford
PFC Everett Crawford
PV2 William Frees
SPC Shell Goulding
PV2 Rochelle Greenlee
SPC Richard Halverson
PFC Marcus Jackson
SPC Preston Johnson
SPC Arthur Longshore
SPC Eric Martin
SPC Armando Mora
PV2 Adriana Morales
SPC David Moreno
SPC Justin Pavan
SPC Michael Pettigrew
SPC David Richardson
PFC Quentin Richardson
SPC Nicholas Risner
PV2 Stephen Sickinger
SPC Christopher Smith

Army Commendation Medal:

PV2 Kristoffer Aguirre
CPL Gerardo Benavides
SPC Michael Carroll
SPC James Edwards
SSG Ronald Harden
PFC Crystal Mead
SSG Steven Ramirez
SGT John Wormer

Meritorious Service Medal:

SSG James Coffey
SSG Osiris Gomez
SFC John Manning
SFC Richard Moore
Bronze Star Medal:
CPT Matthew Curl
CPT Johnny Glover
MAJ Nathan Goodall
SSG James MacKay
LTC Ivan Montanez
SFC Thomas West



GENERAL PETRAEUS RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE

On July 4th, 2011 Gen. David Petraeus conducted his last battlefield circulation of U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A). A ceremony was held in honor of Independence Day while Gen. Petraeus and Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill recognized Soldiers deployed to New Kabul Compound (NKC) with coins of excellence and USFOR-A combat patches. Among Soldiers awarded Gen. Petraeus's coin were Spc. Joshua Curry and Spc. Jacqueline Simons of the mighty 278th Spartans. Both Soldiers are on their first assignments, have held positions above their pay grades, are enrolled in college, and are always first to volunteer. Spc. Simons and Spc. Curry were hand-selected above hundreds of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines to receive this great honor.



Gen. David Petraeus awards Spc. Jacqueline Simons a coin of excellence for her constant effort to exceed expectations.

Spc. Jacqueline Simons from Boston, MA has been attached to the NKC DSST since August 2010. She is a 25B and plans to become a Chief Warrant Officer in the near future. She has gone above and beyond by enrolling herself the American Military University (AMU), exceeding her tuition assistance in her first year, and assisting four of her peers to follow. She has held positions in the NKC Help Desk and automated data processing equipment (ADPE) completing over 2,000 Remedy tickets, providing top-notch customer service to users in the Greater Kabul Metropolitan Area (GKMA) to recently NKC Tech Control NCOIC, where she volunteered to be COMSEC custodian and work as a network controller in a period of high ITT turnover. She recently finished first place in the female division for two NKC 5K races. Spc. Simons is currently on orders to the Pentagon where she will no doubt continue to set herself apart.



Gen. David Petraeus awards Spc. Joshua Curry a coin of excellence for his outstanding dedication.

Spc. Joshua Curry from Mathasville, MO has been a Spartan since October 2010. For a period of six months, Spc. Curry was the only Soldier at the NKC Technical Control Facility and also ran the NKC Tactical Satellite (TACSAT) section, a 30-level billet, maintaining Deployable Ku-Band Earth Terminal (DKET 39) around the clock. Spc. Curry competed in the 25th Signal Battalion Soldier of the Quarter board within his first two months. Spc. Curry holds the MOS of 25S. Once he learned all that one can possibly learn working TACSAT, he cross-trained as a 25L volunteering to go outside the wire with a hand-selected team to provide quality assurance/quality control for five projects in the RNCC-Capital area of operations, each project averaging over four million dollars in execution. Most recently, Spc. Curry is always willing to help his fellow Soldiers and prefers to spend his free time learning all there is about not only his MOS, but rather the DSST as a while. When this Soldier is told to take down time, he spends it studying for the board with his peers, competing school work, and PT. Spc. Curry is on assignment to Ft. Detrick, MD where he plans to become a TACSAT NCOIC within his first year, a very achievable goal for such a goal-oriented, motivated individual.

*-Staff Sgt. Thomas Miller
DSST NKC NCOIC
278th Signal Company*

Do you know someone who exceeds expectations and performs to the best of their ability? Nominate them to be featured in the next edition of The Lion's Roar. E-mail melisa.i.foster@afghan.swa.army.mil

WELCOME 230TH SIGNAL COMPANY, FAREWELL 820TH SIGNAL



Cpt. Stephen Haley, Commander of the 230th Signal Company, paints his name on the Company mural in Ft. Bliss, TX. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Melisa I. Foster)

The 230th Signal Company has finally arrived in theater. The 230th hails from Nashville, TN and is one of a kind. Cpt. Stephen Haley clarifies "It is the only Army National Guard unit of its kind in the country. We specialize in network infrastructure and are highly specialized in fiber optics and network capabilities." The unit is split up over various parts of Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the 25th Signal Battalion.

Commander of the 230th Signal Company, Cpt. Stephen Haley enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard in 2003 under the state OCS program.

Cpt. Haley attended OCS at the Regional Training Institute (RTI) in Smyrna, TN. He commissioned in August 2005. His duty positions prior to assuming command of the 230th include Public Affairs Official in Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina, Platoon Leader for Charlie Battery, 1-181st Field Artillery Battalion in Chattanooga, TN, Platoon Leader for 230th Signal Company, TAC (training, advising, and counseling) Officer for RTI. He deployed with the 130th RAOC (Rear Area Operations Center) to Camp Bucca, Iraq as the Mayor Cell S6 in 2007.

Cpt. Haley has a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and a minor in Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University.

Cpt. Haley says he's proud to be the 230th's leader and he's proud of the work ethic put forth by his Soldiers on a regular basis.

"RIDE THE LIGHTNING"

-Spc. Nicole Newton
Public Affairs Officer
230th Signal Company



The 25th Signal Battalion held a farewell ceremony for soldiers of the 820th Signal Company. From left, Staff Sgt. Erica Dorsey and Staff Sgt. Ronald Harden (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Melisa I. Foster)

The 820th Signal Company's tour came to an end this past September. We sat down with 820th's Staff Sgt. Erica Dorsey to learn more about her experience while attached to the 580th Signal Company as the Operations NCOIC.

Q: What is the biggest learning experience you've had while attached to the 580th?

A: The biggest learning experience I've had with the 580th was not actually in my work, but in my Soldiering. Believe it or not, in all my years in the Army, I've never had a Soldier under my guidance. Clearly, that is nothing to brag about, but being Operations NCOIC and tackling work as well as the contentions of my Soldiers all at once has really made me grow mentally in today's Army.

Q: Of everything you've learned with the 580th, what do you feel is the most important tool that you will take away?

A: The most important tool that will help further me in my military career would be the words that I took from 1st Sgt. Riggins as he mentored me; "Stop being so emotional!" Those words are a mental tool for me every day. I am an adamant believer in "Stand for something, or fall for anything," however, they don't have to read your every move or thought in your stance.

Q: How do you feel 580th leadership has set you up for success?

A: My leadership has constantly mentored and guided me for the next level. Their constant talks and coaching has helped me in situations that I thought I could not overcome.

Upon her return, Staff Sgt. Dorsey will continue to serve in Fort Gordon, GA.

- Sgt. Melisa I. Foster
Public Affairs Officer
25th Signal Battalion

FAMILY READINESS GROUP

Hey 25th Signal Battalion Family!

As I write this, my last FRG article for the newsletter, I am finally on the downhill side of my deployment. They say time flies when you're having fun, but it also flies when you're busy. Fortunately for me, I've experienced both. Over the past ten months I have been astonished and amazed by the 25th's ability to come together as a team despite constant challenges and difficulties. Recently, our battalion has undergone some major personnel changes. I look to each of these with eagerness, as each new Soldier brings their own unique experiences and abilities, enhancing our effectiveness as a unit. And every Soldier who departs our ranks takes the **"Never Unprepared, Always Ready"** motto with them throughout their military career.

We've said farewell to the 820th Signal Company that has worked tirelessly alongside us for the past 10 months and we welcome the 230th Signal Company which has jumped right in and began filling vacant positions. "And the Army goes rolling along."

To our families at home, thank you for all you do. It is your love and support that motivates us. I would also like to thank our Soldiers for all they do everyday; completing each mission with accuracy and a great attitude! Attitude determines altitude, and the 25th Signal Battalion is flying high!

For upcoming projects, we are proud to announce the first ever 25th Signal Battalion cookbook. We are currently accepting recipes at connie.m.miller@afghan.swa.army.mil or cmmeoa@yahoo.com. Please include your contact information with your recipe. Each quarter we select a family/family member to spotlight their support of the FRG and/or members of the 25th family. If you would like to nominate someone please send a brief write-up and picture if you have one to my e-mail address above. For our National Guard soldiers, you are eligible for a child care subsidy during a family member's deployment. For more information, visit the Guard's Family Programs.

As always we'd like to share the following:

Disney Discounts for Military: Visit <http://www.wdwinfo.com/discounts/discounts-military.htm>

Here's to the Heroes (programs for free admission to select theme parks): Visit <http://herosalute.com/states/>

Operation Care Program: Donate to Afghani children. Contact Chaplain (Cpt.) Kevin Daul at Kevin.m.daul@afghan.swa.army.mil

For more useful links, visit the 25th Signal Battalion FRG web page. To access go to <https://www.armyfrg.org/skins/frg/home.aspx>. Click on FRG (upper right), OCONUS Links (bottom), Qatar, 25th Signal Battalion, and register.

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-Sgt. 1st Class Connie Miller
Family Readiness Group Leader
25th Signal Battalion

EDITOR'S CORNER



Every time someone asks me that infamous ice-breaker question "So what do you do in the Army?", I can't help but laugh and think *How can I explain to this person how I affect people's lives every day?* I've been called a picture-taker, a poster-maker, a command photo-changer. But really, Public Affairs is so much bigger than that. My mission here is to highlight the 25th Signal Battalion and its Soldiers through means like the Battalion newsletter, web page, DVIDS, and Facebook. Because, ultimately, that is what makes the 25th Signal Battalion so great, the people in it. The American public and higher Army echelons need to know that the 25th Signal Battalion's mission is not only being accomplished, but exceeding the standard. I'm part of a check and balance system to make sure the 25th Signal Battalion never loses sight of the brevity of its mission. I'm here to tell your stories, because if I don't, no one will, and history will be lost.

-Sgt. Melisa I. Foster
Public Affairs Officer
25th Signal Battalion

PHOTO OF THE QUARTER



Before the cables can be connected, signal soldiers must dig the ditch to run the wire. Staff Sgt. Charles Hawthorne from the 580th Signal Company uses a Ditch Witch in tight quarters to lay the ground work for further signal operations on Bagram Airfield. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Lutz)

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