

Combined/Joint Task Force 76 OEF-V



Deployment Historical Book

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Foreward

***Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson
Commanding General
Combined/Joint Task Force 76***



It is my honor to share with you my thoughts about the amazing accomplishments of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians of CJTF-76 during Operation Enduring Freedom-V. Each of you have served in an extraordinary capacity this past year, and set the conditions for successful democratic elections for the first time in the 5,000 year history of Afghanistan. On October 9, 2004, we all watched history and democracy unfold in a country that had endured 25 years of war and was ruled by the Taliban just three years prior. For these successful elections to take place, you had to take the fight to the enemy. You deprived the insurgents of their safe haven and orchestrated a brilliant security plan, while working shoulder to shoulder with the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police. Through your direct security and reconstruction efforts, you enabled the Afghan government to provide for its people, while maintaining a balance between conducting combat operations and supporting reconstruction so that development efforts could take place throughout Afghanistan. Each and every one of you should be filled with pride as you answered the call from your Nation, and performed your mission superbly under very tough conditions. From the most junior troop serving in their first assignment away from home, to the National Guardsmen and Reservists called to active duty, we all came from different backgrounds and experiences, yet accomplished one common goal ... to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Afghanistan. I have enjoyed every minute of being the Commander of Combined Joint Task Force-76 during this year-long OEF-V mission. I know that we will never forget our time together, defending the freedom we treasure, and showing the Afghan people that they too can live free. On the following pages, you will see history unfold in front of you. You will see a testament of your hard work and dedication during the course of OEF-V. Years from now your friends and family members will see, through these pages, how much someone they loved made a tremendous sacrifice to answer the call to duty to free the Afghan people and establish justice in an oppressed nation. Be proud of your accomplishments, because I am proud to have served with you.

TROPIC LIGHTNING! ONE TEAM!





Major General Eric T. Olson, Commander, CJTF-76

Major General Eric T. Olson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1972. His first duty assignment was in the 4th Inf. Div. (Mechanized) where he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, assistant S3, and company commander. In 1979, he graduated from The John Hopkins School of Advanced International Affairs with subsequent assignment to The United States Military Academy as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences. Olson commanded the 2nd Bn., 18th Inf. (Mechanized) of the 197th Separate Inf. Brigade and served as the Task Force Commander during Operation Desert Storm. His brigade command was the 3rd (Grey Wolf) Brigade of the 1st Cav. Div., Ft. Hood, Texas. He served as the Assistant

Division Commander (Support) for the 1st Inf. Div. (Mechanized) in Wurzburg, Germany. Staff assignments include the Executive Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander-Europe in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium. He served as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 5th Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., 8th Inf. Div. (Mechanized) in Mainz, Germany and later served as the S3 of the 1st Bde., 8th Inf. Div. He served as the Infantry School's Chief of Course Development and was later reassigned there as the Chief of Tactics. Olson was assigned to the Department of the Army Staff in the War Plans Division and later served as the Chief of the Strategy, Policy, and Doctrine Division. Most recently, Olson served as the 67th Commandant of Cadets of the United States Corps of Cadets. Olson's military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Senior Service College Fellowship at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. During that fellowship, he was assigned to Headquarters, 10th Mountain Div. and served a tour in Somalia. He earned a master of arts degree in International Relations from John Hopkins University. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters and V Device) and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and has earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Franklin Ashe, CJTF-76

Command Sergeant Major Franklin Ashe entered the Army on November 24, 1975. His previous assignments include 2nd Bde., 25th Inf. Div. (Light), 1st Bn., 27th Inf., 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 1st Bn., 46th Inf., Ft. Knox, Ky., 75th Ranger Regt., Ft. Benning, Ga., 509th Parachute Inf. Regt., Ft. Polk, La., 7th Inf. Div. (Light), Ft. Ord, Calif., 6th Ranger Training Bn., Eglin AFB, Fla., 1st Ranger Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga., Drill Sergeant, Ft. Jackson, S.C., 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), Ft. Stewart, Ga. Ashe's military education includes Airborne, Ranger and Jumpmaster Courses, Infantry Mortar Platoon Leaders Course, Amphibious Assault Course, Jungle Expert School, Pathfinder School, German Airborne Training, Primary Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Infantry Advanced

Noncommissioned Officers Course, Instructor Course, Drill Sergeant School, Battle Staff Course, First Sergeants Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Command Sergeants Major Course, and Tradoc Pre-Command Course. He holds an associate's degree in liberal arts from Saint Leo College. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (6th Oak Leaf Cluster), Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (w/Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Jumpmaster Wings, Pathfinder Badge, German Parachutist Badge, Drill Sergeant's Badge, Ranger Tab, the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion Award), and the Order of Saint Barbara. He is a member of the Association of the United States Army, the Noncommissioned Officers Association, the American Legion, and the National Infantry Association.





***Brigadier General (P) Charles Jacoby,
Deputy Commanding General,
CJTF-76***

Brigadier General (P) Charles H. Jacoby, Jr. was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry in 1978 following his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div. at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where he served as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, S-3 (Air), aide-de-camp to the Commanding General for Joint Special Operations Command, and commander of A Co., 2d Bn. (Airborne), 325th Inf., during Operation

Urgent Fury, Grenada. Jacoby then attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and went on to gain his master of arts from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. He then served as an Instructor, later Assistant Professor, in the Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point. Jacoby's assignments include the 25th Inf. Div. (Light), 1st Bn., 504th Parachute Inf. Regt., 82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N.C., Staff Action Officer, Congressional Activities Division, Management Directorate, Office of the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington, D.C., Joint Task Force-Bravo, United States Southern Command, Deputy Chief of Staff, later Executive Officer to the Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla., Deputy Director for Global/Multilateral Issues/International-American Affairs, J-5 as part of the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab.

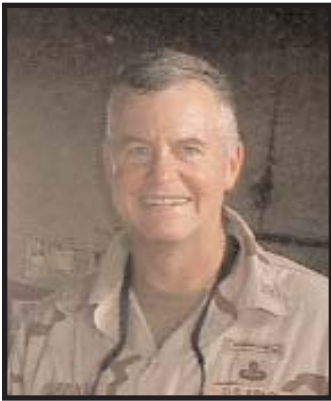


***Brigadier General Bernard Champoux,
Deputy Commanding General, Operations,
CJTF-76***

Brigadier General Bernard S. Champoux graduated from Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire and was commissioned in the Infantry through Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. His initial assignments with the 3rd Bn., 28th Inf., 8th Inf. Div. (Mechanized) included platoon leader, weapons platoon leader, company executive officer, support platoon leader, and adjutant. After attending the Armor Officers Advance Course, he was assigned to the Ranger Department as OIC of Camp Darby, OIC of Morgan

Team and Commander, 3rd Ranger Company, Ft. Benning, Ga. He was then assigned to the newly formed 75th Ranger Regt. Headquarters as the Assistant S1 before his assignment to the 2nd Ranger Bn., Ft. Lewis, Wash., as the Battalion Adjutant and Commander, B Company. He then served as the S3 and Executive Officer, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., 9th Inf. Div. (Motorized) before attending CGSC. He returned to Ft. Benning following, where he served as the Executive Officer, Ranger Training Brigade and Assistant S3 and Senior LNO, 75th Ranger Regt. Champoux next served as the S3, 1st Ranger Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., before returning to the 75th Ranger Regt. as the Regimental S3 and the Regimental Executive Officer. Champoux commanded both the 1st Bn., 27th Inf. (Wolfhounds), 25th Inf. Div. (Light) and the 2nd Brigade (Commando), 10th Inf. Div. (Mountain) and attended the United States Army War College. He also served as the Executive Officer, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command and as the Executive Assistant, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chief's of Staff before his assignment as the Assistant Division Commander, Operations, 25th Inf. Div. (Light) with duty as the Deputy Commanding General (Operations), Combined/Joint Task Force 76.





Colonel Charles Cardinal, Chief of Staff, CJTF-76

Colonel Cardinal was commissioned in the infantry in June 1975 following graduation from the United States Military Academy. He has served in operational assignments from battalion to Unified Command. In August 1976, he participated in Operation Paul Bunyan in the vicinity of Panmunjon, Korea. From April to June 1991, he entered into northern Iraq with the 3rd Bn., 325th Airborne Battalion Combat Team (ABCT), evicting the Iraqi Army from Kurdistan and establishing a security zone as part of Operation Provide Comfort. Command assignments include command of two infantry companies at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., and 2nd Bn., 75th Rangers, battalion command of the 1st Bn., 38th Inf. "Rock of the Marne" at Ft. Benning, Ga., brigade command of the Area One Support Activity, Eighth U.S. Army, in the Republic of Korea. Additionally, Cardinal served as the deputy commander of the 3rd Bn., 325th ABCT, and the 3rd Bde., 24th Inf. Div. Key staff assignments include duty at the United States Military Academy as an associate professor of mechanical engineering, executive officer of the 3rd Bn., 325th ABCT in Vicenza, Italy, Aide de Camp to CINCUSAREUR, in Heidelberg, Germany, G-3, 25th Inf. Div. (L), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and most recently as the Deputy J3 for training and readiness, experimentation and transformation, and counter-terrorism at United States Pacific Command. As the deputy for counter-terrorism, Cardinal stood up CINCPAC's Joint Interagency Coordination Group for counter-terrorism. Cardinal is a licensed professional engineer, and holds master's degrees from Georgia Tech and the National Defense University. Cardinal returned to Schofield Barracks on July 22, 2002 to assume duties as chief of staff of the 25th Inf. Div. (L) and USARHAW.



Colonel Patrick Stackpole, Chief of Staff, CJTF-76

Colonel Patrick T. Stackpole was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in May of 1981 following his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic and Ranger Courses, he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea where he served as a Scout Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment. His assignments include the 1st Bn., 75th Inf. (RANGER) at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., United States 8th Army Headquarters, Republic of Korea, where he served as Company Commander for the United Nations Command Honor Guard, HHC commander, 2nd Bde., 10th Mountain Div., Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 10th Mountain Div., Commander for the 1st Bn., 506th Inf. Regt. (Air Assault) and then the G3 for the 2nd Inf. Div. In September of 2004, he deployed to the Division in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving as the Chief of Staff for CJTF-76. His military and civilian education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Senior Service College Fellowship. He holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy and a master's from the U.S. Army Command and Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.





**Robert W. Maggi,
Political Advisor to the Commanding General,
CJTF-76**

Robert W. “Turk” Maggi is responsible for assisting the Commanding General of CJTF-76 to establish a stable and secure environment that promotes a competent, sovereign Afghan Government. He is also the principal advisor to the Commanding General on interagency coordination and foreign government issues in Afghanistan. Mr. Maggi’s last assignment was Managing Director of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, responsible for the supervision of defense trade issues related to direct commercial sales of items controlled on the U.S. Munitions List worth over \$100 billion each year. Mr. Maggi was previously responsible within the PM bureau for regional security issues, including conducting bilateral security dialogues with more than twenty countries annually as well as government-to-government arms transfers. He was also responsible for contingency planning, consequence management, defense planning, defense trade policy, an annual \$40 million humanitarian demining program, humanitarian relief, international security operations, international critical infrastructure protection coordination, missile defense, peacekeeping operations, annual policy oversight for \$5 billion of security assistance, a \$5 million small arms/light weapons policy and destruction program, and strategic planning. He was the Department representative to the Defense Science Board. His previous positions include Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Stability, as well as defense trade, Director for Plans Policy and Analysis and Deputy Director for Arms Transfers. Prior to joining the Department in September 1988, Mr. Maggi was a Naval Aviator and Surface Warfare Officer. He has fleet experience in the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, and Indian Oceans and Mediterranean and Caribbean Seas, with Aircraft Carrier Battle Groups and Amphibious Landing Forces. Additionally, he was a flight instructor. He was also assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations’ Staff. He received his undergraduate degree in Government from Fairfield University, his master’s degree in International Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School and completed the Senior Managers Program at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.



**Michelle Girard,
USAID Development Advisor,
CJTF-76**

Ms. Michelle Girard serves as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Development Advisor to Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF-76) at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. She acts as the primary USAID advisor on all reconstruction and development issues, and provides input on the military’s own reconstruction and development activities, as well as the primary liaison between the CJTF-76 headquarters and the USAID mission. Ms. Girard represents USAID at high-level meetings and other foray related to civil-military affairs in Afghanistan and maintains detailed knowledge of USAID’s \$1.2 billion portfolio in Afghanistan. Prior to serving as the CJTF-76 USAID Development Advisor, Ms. Girard served as the USAID field program officer for the Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team in Parwan, Afghanistan. While serving in this position, Ms. Girard advised the PRT Commander on reconstruction and development issues in the area of responsibility, provided information regarding Afghan National and Provincial strategies, USAID strategy as well as reach back to USAID technical specialists. She also served for two years as the USAID Program Coordinator in Southern Kyrgyzstan. She coordinated USAID/ Central Asia assistance activities and managed assigned projects in Southern Kyrgyzstan. Additionally, she served as a liaison between USAID and its 16 implementing partners, and also liaised with local officials, citizen groups, other international donors, and non-governmental organizations to obtain and provide information on USAID programs and obtain information about development issues in the region. She also has extensive development experience working with international organizations in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan and has served in short term assignments in Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan. She is proficient in Russian and has knowledge of French and Uzbek languages.





In Memoriam ...
honoring those who served
beside us.





"NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, THE HARDEST THING WE'VE HAD TO DO, WE'VE HAD TO DO COLLECTIVELY, IS SEND A FALLEN COMRADE HOME. WE'VE DONE THAT TOO MANY TIMES FOR ANY OF OUR LIKING. THESE ARE SOLDIERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION. A MISSION THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN FOR CERTAIN, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, A MISSION THAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. WITHOUT A DOUBT THE HARDEST TIMES I'VE HAD HERE WERE THOSE TIMES WHEN WE HAD TO SEND A FALLEN COMRADE HOME."

-Major General Eric T. Olson,
Commanding General,
Combined/Joint
Task Force 76

OEF-V

Deployment Timeline

January through May 2004 -
Service members arrive in Afghanistan to replace troops from OEF-IV.



March through June 2004 -
OEF-V service members continue with Operation Mountain Storm, designed to remove the enemy's ability to disrupt the Afghan elections process.

July through November 2004 -
Coalition troops execute Operation Lightning Resolve, supporting Afghanistan's first-ever democratic elections in their 5,000 year history.



October 9, 2004 -
8.5 million Afghans voted in the Presidential Elections -- 40% of whom were women. Despite threats of violence, Afghan citizens came out in overwhelming numbers to show their commitment to democracy.



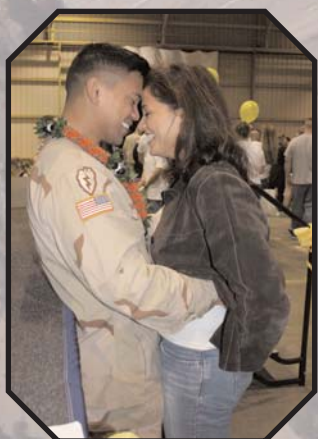
**December 7, 2004 -
Hamid Karzai is inaugurated in
Kabul as the first democratically
elected President of Afghanistan.**

**Winter 2004 - 05 -
Coalition troops deliver
humanitarian assistance to
villagers cut off from
supplies by heavy snows.**



**December 2004 through March 2005 -
Coalition troops set the conditions
for the National Assembly Elections
with Operation Lightning Freedom.**

**January through June 2005 -
Service members redeploy to their
home stations, setting the stage for
Operation Enduring Freedom VI.**



Afghanistan Elections October 9, 2004



"The Afghan people are showing extraordinary courage under difficult conditions... They've adopted a constitution that protects the rights of all, while honoring their nation's most cherished traditions. More than 10 million Afghan citizens - over 4 million of them women - are now registered to vote ... To any who still would question whether Muslim societies can be democratic societies, the Afghan people are giving their answer."

-- President George W. Bush, September 21, 2004

Afghan Elections 'A Huge Success'

By Master Sgt. Terry Anderson - CJTF-76 Public Affairs Office

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – It was an historic day for the people of Afghanistan by any measure, but for Madame Gul of the village of Raban, it was much more than just historic; it was a life-changing event.

“The Taliban burned my house, they kicked us out of (Raban),” Gul said. “Now I have freedom. I’m standing in front of you and voting. Of course my life has been changed.”

Madame Gul and millions like her got their first taste of democracy in Afghanistan’s first-ever direct presidential elections October 9th. The desire to vote was so strong, Afghans in the Panjao district began to line up four hours before the polling center was scheduled to open, with a foot of snow on the ground. Despite the weather and threats of spectacular attacks by insurgents, voter turn out was extremely high.

“A week ago I would have said our primary concern would have been attacks on the election process itself,” said Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 76 and the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Bagram Air Field. “Because of the tremendous courage of United Nations elections officials and the willingness to cooperate with Afghan security forces and the Coalition, we overcame that challenge. The Afghan security forces working with the Coalition pre-empted insurgent attacks on Afghans going to the polls.”

Afghan National Army troops, along with Afghan National Police, provided security at the 4,780 polling centers throughout Afghanistan. Coalition troops from Combined Joint Task Force 76 were on standby, ready to react to any attack by insurgents. But for the most part, the attacks never came.

“We showed (the insurgents) a little bit different set today than we have shown any other day because today’s mission is to specifically secure the elections,” Olson said. “We’ve maintained more capable and plentiful reserves to react to anything today.”

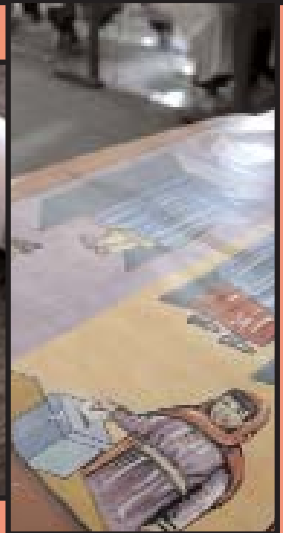
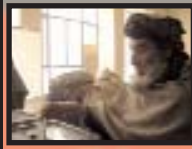
The Joint Electoral Management Body, a U.N.-Afghan organization, was in charge of administering the electoral process. The JEMB ensured many safeguards were in place to prevent voter fraud. First, the JEMB officials would mark the thumb of each voter with indelible ink, and then would punch a hole in their voting registration card. Reports from a few polling stations early in the day said the indelible ink was washing off too easily, creating allegations of voter fraud. Afghan officials then called for the formation of an independent commission to investigate irregularities in the voting process. The 15 presidential candidates opposing interim Afghan President Hamid Karzai said they would boycott the results of the election. Following a meeting with U.N. representative Jean Arnault and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad, top challenger Yunus Qanooni said he would accept the findings of the electoral commission. Despite a few bumps in the road to democracy, Olson says the elections are the first of many steps to a safe and secure Afghanistan.

“If you talk to Soldiers of CJTF-76, they’ll tell you that our top priority are these elections,” Olson said. “They understand that there is a link between free elections in Afghanistan and a secure and stable environment here. A secure and stable environment here means no sanctuary or safe haven for terrorism in Afghanistan. The elections were a huge success.”

As Madame Gul left the polling center in Raban, she had a simple, basic message about democracy.

“We want freedom, we would like to live in peace,” Gul said. “We don’t want anybody to take our life away from us, we want to be free. This is my message to the people of America.”





Headquarters, Headquarters Company



Combined/Joint
Task Force 76



***Captain Joel Newsom,
Commander, HHC, CJTF-76***

Captain Joel D. Newsom is a 1996 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., where he received a bachelor's degree. He received a Regular Army Commission in the Infantry. Newsom has served as rifle platoon leader, company executive officer, and battalion S4, in 2nd Bn., 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cav. Div. While assigned to the 25th Inf. Div. (Light), he has served as the Brigade Logistics Officer, 3rd Bde., Commander, Bravo Co., 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regiment; and

Commander, HHC, 25th Inf. Div. (Light) and Combined/Joint Task Force-76.



***Captain Tommy Cardone
Commander, HHC, CJTF-76***

Captain Tommy L. Cardone is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he received his bachelor's degree in biology. Cardone has served as a rifle platoon leader and a company executive officer in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was then assigned as an HHC executive officer in the Joint Security Area in Pan Mun Jon, Korea. While assigned to the 25th Inf. Div., he has served as brigade assistant S3, Task Force Eagle LNO to the Serbian V Corps and Bosniac I Corps in Bosnia, S3 Air, 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry Regiment, and commander of

Alpha Company, 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry Regiment. He is currently serving as the HHC, CJTF-76 company commander. Cardone's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantrymen Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge. His awards include two Bronze Star Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons and the NATO Medal.



***1st Sergeant Charles Sasser,
HHC, CJTF-76***

Sergeant Major Charles Sasser joined the Army in Aug. of 1984 as an infantryman. He attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Benning, Ga. His assignments included the 24th Inf. Div., Ft. Stewart, Ga., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, Ky., and the 82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N.C. He has served in all the infantry duty positions from team leader through first sergeant and has also served as a

small group leader for the 101st NCO Academy, a Recruiter in the Southern California Recruiting Bn., and as an Observer/Controller at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, Calif. His military education includes all levels of enlisted leadership courses, the First Sergeant Course, the Ranger Course, Air Assault and Rappel Master Course, Airborne and Jump Master Course, Pathfinder Course, and the Joint Firepower Control Course. Sasser has an associate's degree from Central Texas College. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Multi-national Force and Observer, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Gold Recruiter Badge with two Sapphires.



***1st Sergeant Gregory Valcin
HHC, CJTF-76***

1st Sergeant Gregory Valcin enlisted in the Army in 1983 and attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga. Valcin's previous assignments include B Co., 2nd Bn., 87th Inf., 8th Inf. Div., Mainz, Germany; platoon sergeant, A Co., 2nd Bn., 504th PIR, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Infantry branch manager, human resources Command,

Alexandria, Va., 1st sergeant, B Co., 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 1st sergeant, HHC, 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Valcin is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and was awarded the Order of St. Maurice as well. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, 11 Army Achievement Medals, seven Good Conduct Medals, Non-commissioned Officer Education System ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. He also earned the Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges, Combat Parachutist Badge (Master Wings), German and British Parachutist Badges, Drill Sergeant Identification Bagde and the Drivers Badge (Track).





HHC, CJTF-76

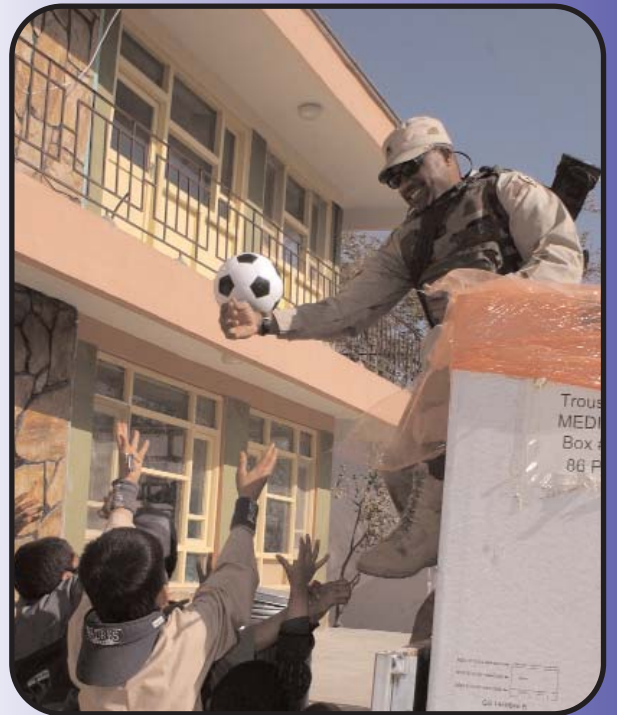
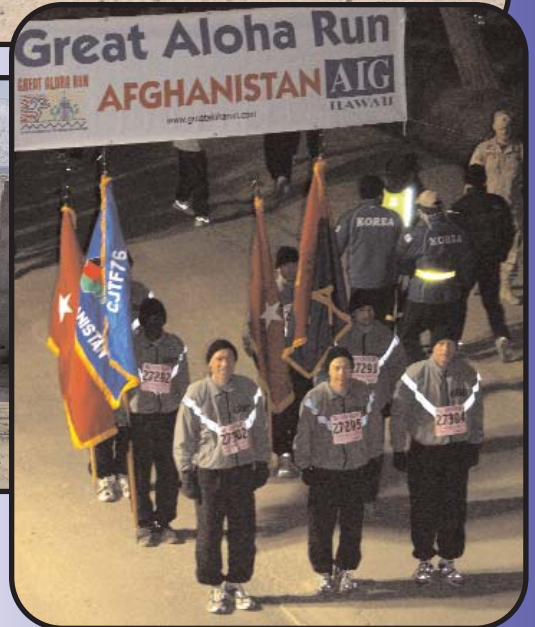
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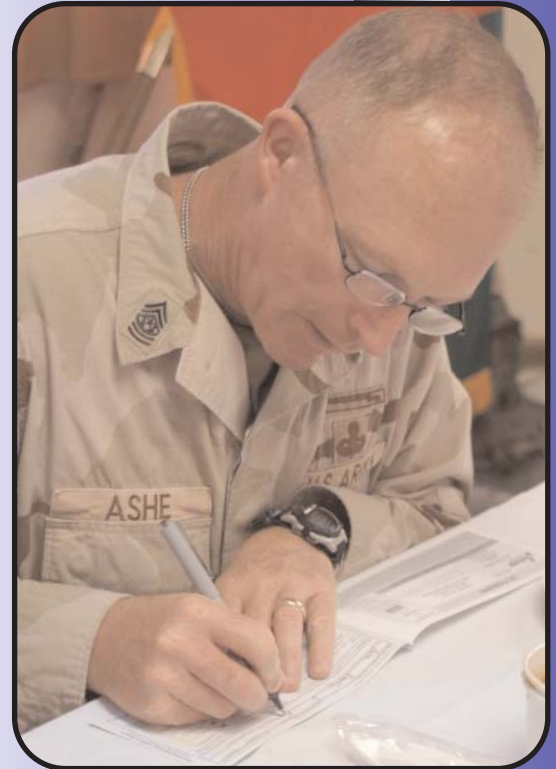


Headquarters and Headquarters Company of CJTF-76 supported over 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and DoD Civilians while deployed in support of OEF-V. The unit was responsible for managing Camp Viper, which contained 144 units

and housed over 800 personnel from various units. The laundry room was open around the clock and supported not only HHC but also 125FI, 125MI, and 556th PSB as well. HHC's mailroom picked up and sorted mail for 8 different companies and civilian personnel, handling over 500 pieces of mail daily. The training room coordinated for ranges on a monthly basis which allowed every unit on Bagram the opportunity to zero and qualify. The supply room forecasted, requested, and issued supplies to over 40 sections. The personnel action center (PAC) was responsible for processing and tracking R & R leaves, passes, and TDYs for the entire company. The unit conducted more than 10 Humanitarian Assistance missions to hospitals and orphanages in the Bagram area of Afghanistan.













Combined Task Force Bronco



*Kandahar Airfield,
Afghanistan*



Colonel Richard Pedersen, Commander, CTF Bronco

Colonel Richard N. Pedersen graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned as an infantry lieutenant and served as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in 2-4th Inf. in the Federal Republic of Germany. His assignments include HHC, 2nd Bn., 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment and HHC, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.; A Co., 3rd Bn., 14th Inf. at Fort Drum, N.Y.; S-3, 1st Bn., 502 Inf. Regt. and S-3, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Chief of Joint Exercise Plans, Resources and Readiness Division in USCINCPAC J3; 3rd Bn., 325th Airborne Inf. Regt. at Fort Bragg, N.C. He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 2002. Pedersen's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, two awards of the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.



Command Sergeant Major James Dickie, CTF Bronco

Command Sergeant Major James A. Dickie Jr. entered active duty in February of 1978 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Dickie's previous assignments include: Scout Plt. 3rd Bn, 187th Inf., 101st Airborne Div., Fort Campbell, Ky.; Scout Plt., 4th Bn., 10th Inf., 193 Inf. Bde., Ft. Davis, Panama; Battalion Command Sgt. Maj., 1st Bn., 21st Inf., 25th Inf. Div. (L); and currently Brigade Command Sgt. Maj., 3rd Brigade, 25th Inf. Div. (L). His awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (4th award), Army Achievement Medal (9th award), Humanitarian Service medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (w/numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/numeral 3), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Order of Saint Maurice (Centurion). His military education and schools consists of: Primary Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeant Course, U.S. Army Sniper School, U. S. Army Ranger School, Air Assault School, Malaysian Tracker School and the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. His civilian education includes an associate's degree from Chaminade University of Hawaii, and a bachelor's of degree from Excelsior College of New York.



Command Sergeant Major Arthur Coleman, CTF Bronco

Command Sergeant Major Arthur L. Coleman, Jr. entered the United States Army in October of 1978. Coleman completed Basic Training and Infantry Advanced Training at Fort Benning, Ga. His assignments include rifleman and team leader, 1-31 Inf., Korea, Platoon Sergeant, B Co., 1st Bn., 27th Inf. "Wolfhounds", Schofield Barracks, Hi., Ranger Instructor, Ranger Department, Fort Benning, Ga., Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. "Cacti", 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, and currently the Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Bde. "Broncos", 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hi. His military education includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder School, Jumpmaster Course, Air Assault School, Repel Master Course, EO Leaders Course, Korean Ranger School and Australian Airborne School. Coleman's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (w/numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/numeral 3); Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Wings, Aviator Badge and Australian Parachutist Wings. Coleman holds an associate's degree from Honolulu Community College.



CTF Bronco

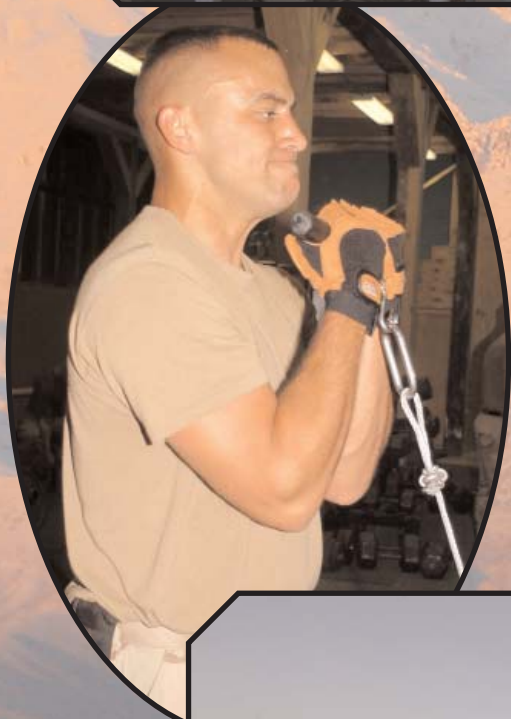
OEF-V Overview



On April 18, 2004, 3rd Brigade, 25th Inf. Div. (L) began deploying from Schofield Barracks, Hi., to Afghanistan to participate in OEF-V. On 6 May 2004, 3rd Brigade conducted a transfer of authority with CTF Warrior, 1st Brigade, 10th Mtn. Div., at Kandahar Airfield (KAF). With the additional forces already at KAF, 3rd Brigade transformed into Combined Task Force Bronco (CTF Bronco). CTF Bronco was headquartered at KAF with an area of responsibility known as Regional Command South (RC South). At first, RC South was comprised of Nimroz, Helmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Oruzgan, Paktika, Khowst, and Paktia Provinces. In July 2004, Paktika, Khowst, and Paktia were moved to RC East and placed under command of the newly comprised CTF Thunder. This change was made

in order to allow both CTF Bronco and CTF Thunder to better concentrate efforts in smaller area of responsibilities. The CTF Bronco mission was to conduct military operations and facilitate other efforts to secure and stabilize RC South in order to deny enemy influence over the local population and to facilitate reconstruction and reform. In pursuit of mission accomplishment, CTF Bronco units focused their efforts on counter-insurgency operations and conducted virtually every type of mission across the full spectrum of conflict. These missions ranged from combat, offensive, and defensive to stability, security, support, humanitarian, civil-military, information, force protection, nation-building, reconstruction, development, and many more. CTF Bronco units clearly made a lasting difference in Southern Afghanistan during OEF-V. Southern Afghanistan was where militant Islamic extremists spawned the Taliban, the core of the Anti-Coalition Militia (ACM). The United Nations, the Government of Afghanistan, Commanders of Coalition Forces, and even the Afghan people all had great doubts that voter registration and free and fair elections could be conducted in Southern Afghanistan. One of the most significant enduring effects CTF Bronco units made during OEF V, was their contribution to the great success of the first ever, Afghan National Elections held on 9 Oct 2004. Key to this historical accomplishment was the great partnership CTF Bronco units and leaders forged with Afghan Provincial Governors, District Leaders, Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan National Army (ANA) units, the United Nations Assistance Mission Afghanistan - South (UNAMA-S), and the UN Joint Elections Management Board (JEMB). CTF Bronco and RC South units made several other enduring contributions during OEF-V. TF 2-35 Inf. and TF 2-5 Inf. created stability and security in Taliban sanctuaries in Zabol and Oruzgun Provinces, respectively. TF 1-501 created stability and security in the Taliban stronghold in the Khowst Province. By forging a close partnership with ANP and ANA units, TF 3-7 FA vastly improved the security and stability throughout the Kandahar Province. 3-4 CAV improved security and stability in northern Kandahar and later in Helmund. 280th/281st/300th IN (Rom) maintained effective security in and around KAF and supported TF 3-7 FA security patrols. TG Ares improved the security and stability in the problem districts of Spin Boldak and Maruf. 1-3 SF, 3-3 SF, and 1-7 SF integrated their special operations with CTF Bronco units throughout RC South to great effect. 528 EN, secured by TF 3-7 FA elements, completed construction of two thirds of a new road connecting Kandahar City to the previous Taliban sanctuary in Tarin Kowt, Oruzgun. The 22nd MEU developed the situation in Oruzgun Province that was later exploited by TF 2-5 IN. 291 and 209 MPs maintained security of as many as 300 ACM detainees at KAF. 3/25 MP augmented TF 3-7 FA security operations in Kandahar Province. USAF 451 AEG continually improved KAF airfield operations in support of OEF V. British RAF Harriers and USN P3s provided both air and reconnaissance support to RC South units. 3-33rd ASG significantly improved the capabilities and facilities at KAF and several new Battalion and Company Fire Bases throughout RC South. All PRTs made significant progress in helping their Afghan Provincial Governments to develop their own Afghan reconstruction and development capacities. TF DIAMONHEAD's helicopters were the wings that enabled RC South units to accomplish all they did in the vast RC South AOR. On 22 April 2005, CTF Bronco became 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division again, when Col. Dick Pedersen transferred authority for operations in RC-South AOR to Col. Kevin Owens and his Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Separate Infantry Brigade from Vicenza, Italy. All Broncos departed Afghanistan knowing they made a difference, both for the Afghan people and in the Global War On Terrorism. All Broncos felt good about their contributions and accomplishments and knew they fulfilled their human potential to serve something greater than self. OEF V was another Bronco mission accomplished to a high standard; another story written in the annals of Tropic Lightning history.





Task Force 2-5 Infantry



“Bobcats”





Lieutenant Colonel Terry L. Sellers, Commander, 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Regt.

Lieutenant Colonel Terry L. Sellers was commissioned in the Infantry in 1985. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, and a Masters of Education from the University of Georgia. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, M1IP Commanders Course, Bradley Commanders Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College. Sellers' assignments include the Berlin Brigade where he served as platoon leader, scout platoon leader, aide de camp to the Berlin Brigade commander, and company executive officer in the 502nd Infantry Regiment, the United States

Military Academy staff and faculty as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education, and as a politico-military planner on the Joint Staff, Homeland Security Division, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5). In June 2002, Sellers took command of 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment on Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and deployed his battalion to Afghanistan. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Southwest Asia with 2 bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge (w/ Star), Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Frank M. Leota, 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Regt.

Command Sergeant Major Frank M. Leota entered the U.S. Army in June 1981. He attended One Station Unit Training and Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Ga. His assignments throughout his military career include, 3rd Bn., 5th Inf. (Abn.), Republic of Panama; 1st Bn., 504th Parachute Inf. Regt., Fort Bragg, N.C.; 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, El Paso, Texas ; 1st Bn., 23rd Inf. (Stryker) Fort Lewis, Wash.; and currently serves as command sergeant major of 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Regt., deployed to Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan. He is a graduate of the Primary Noncommissioned Officers Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advance Airborne Course, U.S. Army Basic Recruiters Course, U.S Army

Recruiters Station Commanders Course, Advance Noncommissioned Officers Course, U.S. Army Drill Sergeants Course, First Sergeant Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Command Sergeants Major Course. Leota's awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal with one silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Southwest Asia Medal with Bronze Star, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi), Gold Recruiter Badge with three Sapphire Stars, Drill Sergeant Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge with one Star, Expert Infantryman's Badge. He has earned an associate degree and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Thomas Edison State.

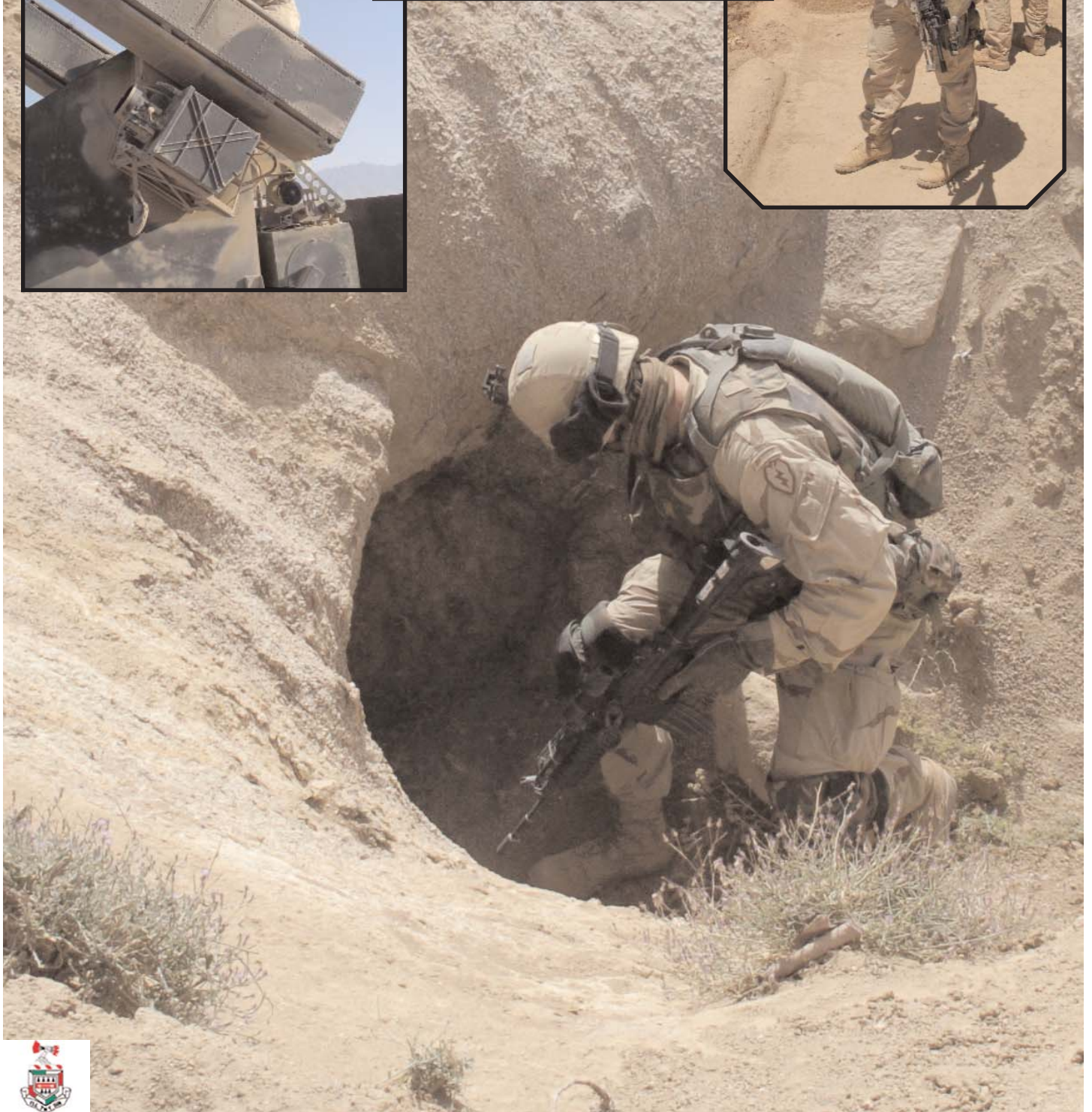




Task Force 2-5 Infantry OEF-V Overview

The 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment "Bobcats" deployed from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to Afghanistan in late April 2004 in support of OEF-V. Assuming control of Coalition operations in Ghazni Province, TF 2-5 IN fell under the control of the 6th Marine "Stonewall" Regiment. The task force occupied four separate forward operating bases (FOBs) and conducted security operations throughout the province. Task force elements seized over four metric tons of contraband ordnance, including more than 10 surface-to-air missiles, and seized several medium value targets in a series of cordon and search operations. Simultaneously, task force elements enhanced the reconstruction of the country by conducting several medical assistance missions, enforcing the use and development of internal Afghan security and governance organizations, and supervising the construction of numerous wells and building improvement projects. After 45 days, the Bobcats were on the verge of significantly expanding previous Coalition presence in the province. On June 14, TF 2-5 IN received official notice of the full deployment of all task force assets to Uruzgan Province, the traditional birthplace of the Taliban movement. The next day, advance elements of the task force arrived at FOB Ripley in Tarin Kowt, where the Task Force fell under control of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Within seven days, task force elements were conducting three simultaneous combat operations which were extremely successful. Task force elements killed more than 20 enemy fighters, expanded Coalition presence beyond any further extent and gained valuable awareness of the region's needs and unique circumstances. All the while, the Task Force's headquarters continued the monstrous task of moving all personnel, equipment and vehicles by air and ground in order to permanently establish operating capability. On July 12, TF 2-5 IN assumed control of Coalition operations in Uruzgan Province from the 22nd MEU as it redeployed. Immediately, the task force continued to expand its presence and stabilizing influence. TF 2-5 IN's ability to facilitate widespread voter registration and election participation was amazing: in an area where Anti-Coalition Militia (ACM) elements continually strive for local intimidation, Bobcat forces moved in and worked with local leaders to defeat ACM elements and ensure local Afghans had the chance to participate in democratic reforms. In Operation LANDGRAB, Charlie Company willingly established another remote operating base, FOB Cobra, in an area saturated by ACM leaders. The company endured several attacks, but quickly and aggressively moved to separate the insurgent force from a population coerced into or tacitly providing support to them. Consequently, more than 170,000 people in AO Bobcat voted in the first Afghan national presidential elections on Oct. 10, 2004. When ACM elements attempted to disrupt security after the election, the Bobcats launched a hard-hitting campaign against these insurgents while accelerating activities designed to improve long-term law and order. Throughout the thousands of daily patrols and periodic surge operations, Bobcats throughout Uruzgan Province endured some of the toughest conditions experienced by Coalition forces. No other Coalition element had to develop three separate FOBs from scratch, while continuing and even expanding the Coalition's influence. As the Task Force's responsibility exceeded 1,000 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians, Bobcats routinely lived in one-man tents, ate less-than-pleasant food, and endured rough climatic conditions with little heat or electricity. Soldiers had to learn to operate an unimproved C-130-capable airfield (one of only two in country), conduct extensive aerial resupply operations and build basic life support systems. Despite the immense challenges, the Bobcats not only persevered, but conquered infrastructure challenges in order to leave their permanent mark and pave the way for future OEF rotations. Several Bobcats gave the ultimate contribution to ensure an extremely successful outcome. Their performance, attitudes and willingness to face certain danger to ensure a greater good epitomize the very best of the Bobcat spirit.









"We must take the battle to the enemy, disrupt his plans and confront the worst threats before they emerge."
--President George W. Bush



Task Force 2-35 Infantry



“Cacti”





Lieutenant Colonel M. Scott McBride, Commander, TF 2-35 IN

Lieutenant Colonel M. Scott McBride was commissioned into the infantry following his graduation from the University of Illinois in 1984. McBride's initial assignment was with 1st Bn., 9th Inf., Republic of Korea, as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer. His other assignments include company executive officer, battalion assistant S-3, and battalion S-3, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf., 10th Mountain Div., Fort Drum, N.Y., 2nd Bn., 187th Inf. Regt., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., commander of HHC, 2nd Bn., 187th Inf. and aide de camp to the commanding general, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault). Following attendance to the Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., and served as operations officer, Airborne and Special Operations Test

Directorate, battalion S3 and battalion executive officer, 3rd Bn., 504th Parachute Inf. Regt., deputy G-3, 82nd Airborne Div., and Executive Officer, 325th Airborne Inf. Regt. He served as the G-3, 25th Inf. Div. (Light) for nine months prior to his present command of 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., in June of 2001. McBride's military decorations include the Bronze Star with V device, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Arthur Coleman, TF 2-35 IN

Command Sergeant Major Arthur L. Coleman, Jr. entered the United States Army on October 4, 1978. His assignments include rifleman and team leader, 1-31 Inf., Korea, platoon sergeant, B Co., 1st Bn., 27th Inf. "Wolfhounds", Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Ranger Instructor, Ranger Department, Fort Benning, Ga., Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. "Cacti", 25th Inf. Div.(Light), Schofield Barracks, and currently the Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Bde. "Broncos", 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. His military education includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder School, Jumpmaster Course, Air Assault School, Repel Master Course, EO Leaders Course, Korean Ranger School and Australian Airborne School. Coleman's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf

Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 3; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Wings, Aviator Badge and Australian Parachutist Wings. Coleman holds an associate's degree from Honolulu Community College.



Command Sergeant Major Louis Angelucci, TF 2-35 IN

Command Sergeant Major Louis Angelucci's previous assignments include, 1st Bn., 505th Parachute Inf. Regt., 82nd Airborne Div.; 3rd Bn., 21st Inf., 25th Inf. Div.; C Co., 3rd U.S. Inf. (The Old Guard); HHC, 3rd Bde., 25th Inf. Div.; and HHC, 25th Inf. Div. Angelucci's military education includes Airborne, Air Assault, Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant School, and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. His awards include: Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with

five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation Award, Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), Army Superior Unit Award, Army Foreign Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Award (2nd Award), Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, and Drill Sergeant Badge.



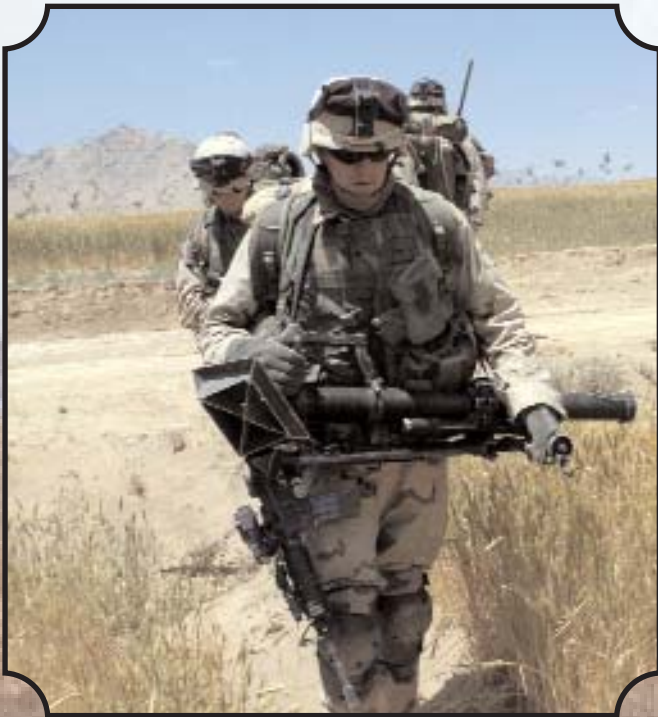
TF 2-35 IN OEF-V Overview

The 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt. "Cacti" deployed to Kandahar Airfield in mid-April, 2004 and immediately began transitioning with the 2-22 Battalion, 10th Mountain Division. The Battalion was responsible for providing security and stability for the Zabol Province and maintaining a Division level Quick Reaction Force (QRF). Alpha Company assumed responsibilities of the Division QRF for southern Afghanistan. Our Battalion maintained the QRF for the entire deployment, reacting to troops in contact, downed aircraft, U.S. and local national wounded extractions, and security missions. The Battalion rotated platoons from Alpha and Charlie Company to serve on the QRF for more than 20 missions. Alpha and Charlie Company spent eight months conducting operations out of Kandahar Airfield. Bravo Co. was pushed out to Firebase Lagman during their first week of the deployment. Their mission was to secure the firebase, conduct security and stability operations around the Qalat district, and provide a presence on Route 1, the main highway throughout southern Afghanistan. During the first eight months of the deployment, the battalion conducted 11 combat operations throughout the Zabol Province. Each battalion mission was named after a type of cactus plant. Operation Agave was conducted in May by Charlie Co. and the battalion TAC. The mission lasted less than a week and focused on the exploitation of an improvised explosive device (IED) site and the cordon and search of the town of Cera Ludin. Our next mission was Operation Blue Candle in the Mizan District, this mission encompassed platoons from each company and all combat multipliers, lasting 10 days. During this mission, the battalion conducted five air assault operations; we encountered our first firefights, found numerous caches, and learned a lot about enemy tactics and structure in temperatures over 105F. Throughout the summer, we conducted battalion operations in the Shajoy District (Operation Boxing Glove), the Khak Afghan and Arghandab District (Operation Dragon Tree and Operation Desert Spoon), the Nawbahar, Shamulzai, and Atghar District (Operation Devil's Backbone), and the Daychopan District (Operation Silver Torch). Bravo Company conducted ground operations in the Qalat, Mizan, Tarnak Wa Jaldak, and Shajoy Districts. Our aggressive operations during the summer of 2004 disrupted the anti-coalition militia (ACM) throughout the Zabol Province, and allowed the battalion to start planning for the October Afghanistan National Elections. The battalion had conducted operations in every district in the province and we had successfully installed a police force and district chief in nine out of the 11 districts. From Sept. 28, 2004 to Oct. 11, 2004, the battalion conducted Operation Fire Barrel throughout the Zabol Province. The "Cacti" battalion, along with the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police Force provided security and support for 15 polling sites in the 11 districts of the Province. The ACM forces were not able to disrupt the election and Operation Fire Barrel was a success resulting in the election of the first ever democratically elected President of Afghanistan. In November 2004, the battalion expanded its operational reach within the Zabol Province. The entire southern region of Afghanistan adopted our battalion method of registering and installing police. By January 2005, the battalion had successfully emplaced police and government officials in each of the 11 districts in the province and the police were protecting their districts from ACM forces. During the months of February and March, the battalion conducted Operation Bear's Paw which surged platoons into every district to destroy pockets of ACM, provide humanitarian assistance to local nationals, and support the local government and police forces. Upon the completion of Operation Bear's Paw, the battalion conducted a relief in place with the 2-503 Airborne Bn., 173rd Bde. from Vicenza, Italy. The "Cacti" battalion was successful in defeating the ACM forces throughout the Zabol province, and they had assisted the central government of Qalat in setting up eleven district seats and eleven effective police forces that could begin to protect and govern themselves in order to achieve a peaceful and more free Afghanistan.





“No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation”
-- General Douglas MacArthur







***"Lead me,
follow me,
or get out of my way."***

-- Gen. George Patton





Task Force Steel 3-7 Field Artillery



“King of Battle”





Lieutenant Colonel Clarence Neason, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence Neason, Jr. holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy, a master's from the University of Virginia and a master's from the School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Following his commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Field Artillery, his first assignment was in 7th Corps Artillery in the Federal Republic of Germany. Assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 35th Field Artillery from 1984-1988, he served as battery fire direction officer, battery executive officer and Battalion S-1. After graduation from the Field Artillery Advance Course, he was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division (Light) Artillery at Fort Ord, Calif. There he served as assistant battalion S-3, commander of C Battery, 7th Battalion, 15th Field Artillery (105mm) and assistant DIVARTY S-3. Following command in 1991, Neason attended The University of Virginia and received a master's in Instructional Technology. He was subsequently assigned to the Department of Military Instruction, United States Military Academy. Neason graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1997, and the School of Advanced

Military Studies Program in 1998. From 1998-2001 he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as Assistant Division Fire Support Coordinator, Battalion Executive Officer and DIVARTY S-3. Neason further served in the Pentagon as a special assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army. Neason's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Airborne and Air Assault Badges and the Ranger Tab.



Command Sergeant Major Jesus Pereira 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment

Command Sergeant Major Jesus A. Pereira entered the U.S. Army in 1982 and underwent basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. In 2004, he became the command sergeant major for the 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Pereira has served in every level of enlisted leadership. His duties and assignments include: Cannon crewman with 1st Battalion 83rd Field Artillery, Baumholder, Germany; gunner and Howitzer section chief for the 3rd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, N.C., Howitzer section chief for 3rd Battalion 7th FA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, chief firing battery,

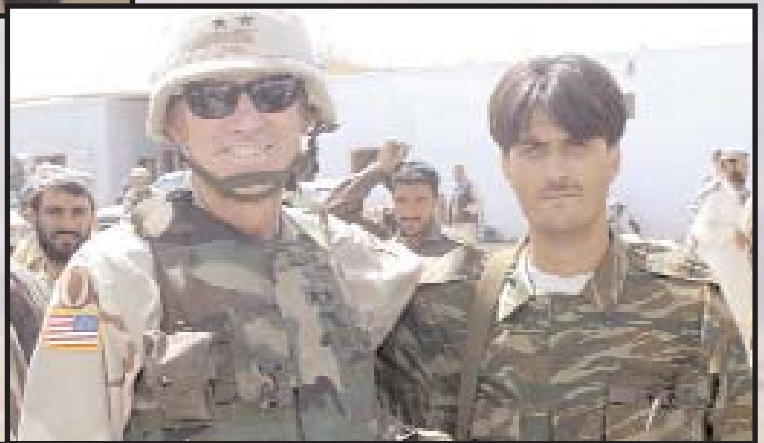
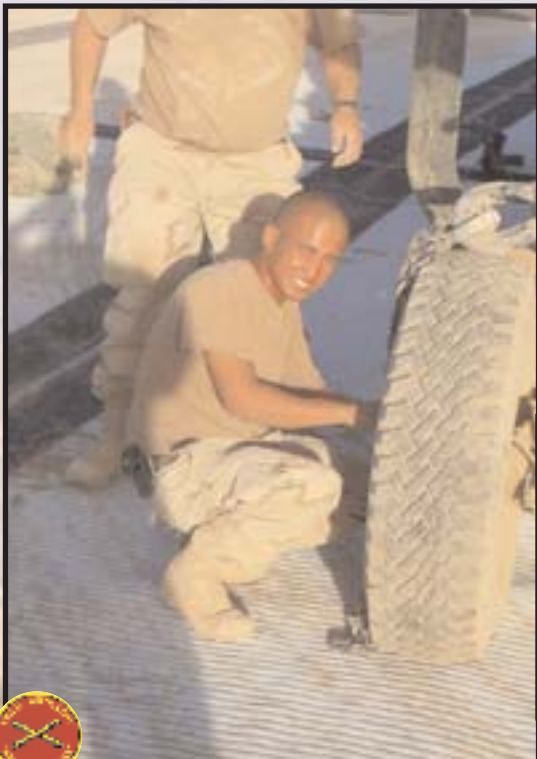
gunnery sergeant, assistant operation sergeant, S-3 Air NCO, and Howitzer section chief for 3rd Battalion 319th AFAR, Fort Bragg, N.C., senior drill sergeant for 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry, Fort Jackson, S.C., chief of firing battery and battalion master gunner for 3rd Battalion 320th FA, Fort Campbell, Ky., first sergeant for HHS and A Battery for 2nd Battalion 11th FA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He also served as an operation sergeant for 2nd Battalion 11th FA, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Pereira has graduated from numerous military schools and courses including Airborne School, Air Assault School, Master Fitness Course, Drill Sergeant School and Honor Graduated from the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course, Jungle Operation Training Course, and the Sergeants Major Academy Class 53. Pereira's awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon (fourth numeral), the Army Good Conduct Medal (seventh award), the Overseas Service Ribbon (fourth award), the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Airborne, Air Assault and the Drill Sergeant Badges. His combat tours include Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom.

Task Force Steel

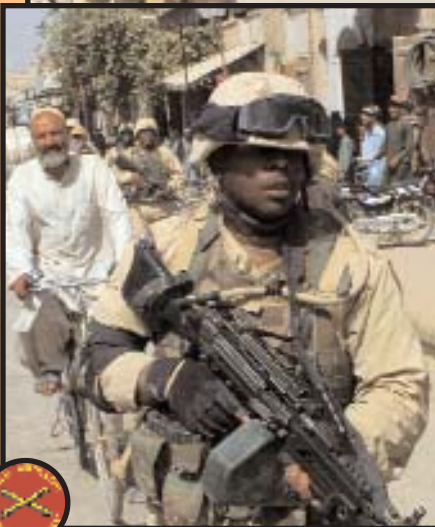
OEF-V Overview

3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, Task Force Steel, augmented with F Battery, 7th FA, the division's general support (GS) 155mm battery, deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism - from March 2004 to May 2005 as part of the 25th Inf. Div. (Light), and CJTF-76. 3rd Bn., 7th FA Regt. was the first direct support field artillery battalion to deploy all 18 of its howitzers to Afghanistan since combat operations began there in 2001. The Soldiers of TF Steel learned early on that 21st century warfare requires adaptability and versatility. First, F Btry., 7th FA, was converted into a mortar battery and trained to man 8 x 120mm mortar systems which were deployed across the CJOA in support of maneuver operations in Regional Commands South and East as well as teams of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. This initial and somewhat unprecedented direct support of Special Forces by artillerymen would continue in the months ahead as artillerymen would engage in recurrent counter-fire and direct support missions against enemy forces and rocketeers who frequently attacked the camps. TF Steel's artillerymen will never forget the austere conditions of Shkin, Lwara, Asadabad, Orgun-E, Camp Blessing, Cham Kani, Tarin Kowt and Forward Operating Base Tiger. Their many successes, dedication, and professionalism contributed immensely to the Global War on Terrorism. In Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan, TF Steel would get its next test in versatility where it was assigned a provisional maneuver mission in addition to its doctrinal direct support mission. HHS and C Batteries operated as maneuver elements, along with attached elements of the 3rd Platoon, 25th M.P. Co., a Romanian Inf. Co. (of 280th, 281st, and 300th Battalions), an ANA Inf. Bn., and attachments from Civil Affairs and a tactical psychological operations team formed the formidable TF Steel. This team conducted area security patrols throughout Area of Operation Steel, an area comprised of 8 districts covering 20,000 square kilometers including the second most populous city in Afghanistan and former Taliban birthplace and stronghold of Kandahar City. The task force conducted multiple operations during its 12-month deployment; most notably during October 2004 in Kandahar City where TF Steel conducted forward operations to facilitate and ensure the safety and security for the first ever democratic national election for president in Afghanistan in an operation dubbed "IRON BALLOT". TF Steel conducted hundreds of combat patrols in Kandahar Province. During these patrols, the soldiers of TF Steel faced improvised explosive devices (IED) and small arms attacks, interdicted IEDs, recovered numerous weapons and ammunition caches, disarmed multiple groups of militiamen impeding the stability of the country, established relations with the local government and community, and provided infrastructure improvement to dozens of villages in an effort to eliminate enemy influence and assist the Government of Afghanistan as it recovers from decades of war and oppression.









280th/281st/300th Romanian Infantry Battalion



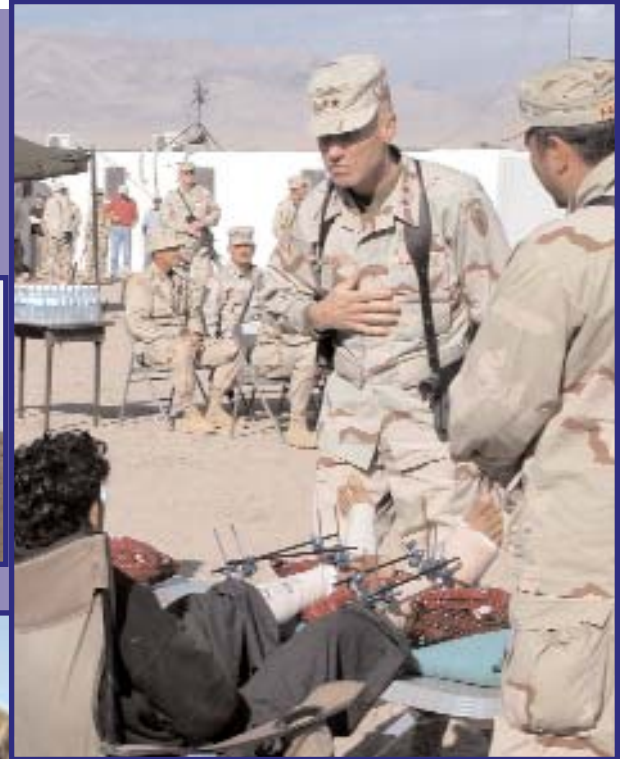
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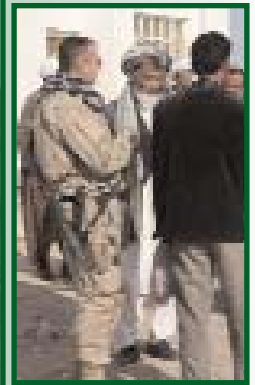
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Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team



Combined Task Force Thunder



**Salerno,
Afghanistan**

Colonel Gary Cheek, Commander, CTF Thunder



Colonel Gary H. Cheek graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1980. His first duty assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 13th Field Artillery (203mm, SP), 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. He served as a Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, and Battalion Fire Direction Officer. After the Officers Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery (155mm, SP), VII Corps Artillery, Ansbach, Germany. He served as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer, Assistant S-3, and Commander of Battery A. He next served as an Instructor in Gunnery at the Canadian Field Artillery School at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. After attending the Command and General Staff College, Colonel Cheek served as a Plans Officer in G-3, 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, Ga., and as the Executive Officer of 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery

(155mm, Paladin). He then served as the Field Artillery Branch Representative at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He then returned to Ft. Stewart to Command 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, (155mm, Paladin), 3rd Infantry Division. After command, he served as the Senior Fire Support Trainer at the National Training Center. Prior to arriving in Hawaii, he attended the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Canadian Instructor in Gunnery Course, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Army War College to include the Advanced Strategic Arts Program. He is currently the commander of the 25th Inf. Div. (L) Artillery and Combined Task Force Thunder, CJTF-76 in Afghanistan. Cheek's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with campaign star, the Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Command Sergeant Major Edmond O. Murrell, CTF Thunder



Command Sergeant Major Edmond O. Murrell entered the Army in June 1977. He completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla. Command Sergeant Major Murrell has held numerous leadership positions in Field Artillery. Fire Direction Control Section Chief, Charlie Btry, 1st Bn., 22nd FA, 1st Armored Division, Zirndorf, Germany; FDC Section Chief, A Btry, 3rd Bn., 29th FA, Fort Carson Colo.; Range Control Inspector, Bravo Company, USASCH, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, with duty at (PTA) Big Island; Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course 13E/C Instructor, 7th Army Training Center, Hohenfels, Germany; Readiness Group AC/RC Instructor, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Senior Fire Control NCO, 8th Bn., 8th FA, Camp Stanley, Korea; Senior Fire Control NCO, 210th FA Bde, and HHC 1st Corps Fire Support Element Operations Sergeant, Fort Lewis, Wash.; First Sergeant, B Battery, 1st Bn,

15th FA, Camp Casey, Korea; First Sergeant, SVC Btry, 1st Bn, 377th FA (AASLT), Fort Bragg, N.C.; First Sergeant, 3rd Bn, 27th FA (MLRS), Fort Bragg, N.C.; Brigade Sergeant Major, 3rd Brigade, 4th Region (ROTC), Fort Lewis, Wash., with duty at Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; Command Sgt. Maj., 3-7 FA Regt., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Command Sgt. Maj., 25th ID(L) Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and currently as Command Sgt. Maj., Combined Task Force Thunder, CJTF-76, OEF-V, Salerno, Afghanistan. Murrell's CONUS and overseas assignments include: Two tours at Fort Lewis Wash.; two tours at Fort Bragg, N.C.; one tour at Fort Carson, Colo.; one tour at Monterey CA; two tours in Korea; three tours in Germany, and is currently serving his second tour in Hawaii. He is a graduate of the Primary, Basic, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses; Master Fitness Course; Military Instructor Course; Battle Staff Course; First Sergeant Course and the Sergeants Major Academy Non-Residence Course (Class 28). He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Physical Education from Prairie View A&M University, Texas. His awards and decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, six Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, ten Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Expedition Medal (Kuwait).



Combined Task Force Thunder

OEF-V Overview

Deploying to Afghanistan in June 2004, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery (Light) "Tropic Thunder" was officially designated Combined Task Force Thunder on June 29, 2004 by Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, Commander Combined Joint Task Force 76, during the Transition of Authority ceremony for Regional Command East. Commanded by Col. Gary H. Cheek, the 25th ID (L) Divarty was tasked with this unique mission in February 2004. With minimal preparation time the unit arrived in country on June 9, 2004 and successfully completed its Relief in Place with 6th Marine Regiment Headquarters from Camp Lejeune, N.C., on June 28, 2004. This initial phase of the Thunder Brigade's deployment began with OPERATION TROPIC THUNDER. This established the initial set of the Brigade for the upcoming presidential elections, the main focus of the Brigade's operations. Already with the largest area of operations in Afghanistan with 15 provinces, CTF Thunder consisted of three Infantry Battalion Task Forces: 3rd Bn., 6th Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C.; 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., from Schofield Barracks, and 1st Bn., 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment from Alaska. Also part of the task organization were seven Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT): Bamian, Parwan, Ghazni, Asadabad, Jalalabad, Gardez, and Khowst. This task organization would change in late July with the deployment of 3rd Bn., 116th Inf., of the Virginia National Guard, relieving 3/6 Marines in the Ghazni and Wardak provinces, and 3/6 Marines relieving 1-501st in Khowst, Gardez and Nangahar provinces. RC East would grow to 16 provinces with the addition of Day Kundi in August 2004 and an additional PRT was added with the activation of Sharon PRT in the Paktika province in September 2004. With CTF Thunder units now arranged, the Brigade began OPERATION THUNDER RESOLVE focusing on voter registration site security, training and equipping the Afghan National police and security forces and continuing Afghan reconstruction projects. During this busy time, CTF Thunder was involved in the expansion of Forward Operations Base Salerno located in Khowst province. On September 7, 2004, CTF Thunder moved into its new 10,000 sq foot headquarters making FOB Salerno its new permanent home. In preparation for the increased security requirements for the upcoming elections, CJTF-76 allocated the 1st Bn., 505th PIR, from Fort Bragg, N.C., to the Thunder Brigade for the duration of the elections. Providing security and stabilization in the Gardez and Lowgar Provinces, the Spartans greatly enhanced CTF Thunder's ability to maintain security in more densely populated areas. The Spartans redeployed on October 21, 2004. On October 9, 2004, despite repeated threats of violence from Taliban, al-Qaeda and HIG forces, more than seven million Afghans went to the polls to vote and elected interim president Hamid Karzai as their first democratically elected President. CTF Thunder stayed on the offensive beginning an intensive Information Operation and Reconstruction campaign designated OPERATION THUNDER FREEDOM. This operation focused on exploiting previous successes by influencing the local populace and continuing to help strengthen the Afghan government. During this period, another change to the Brigade Task Organization would take place with the relief of 3rd Bn., 6th Marines by the 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines from Kaneohe, Hawaii on November 29, 2004. The 1st Bn., 508th PIR, from Vicenza, Italy, relieving 2-27 Inf. Regt. at Orgun-E, Paktika Province on March 14, 2005. The New Zealand PRT in Bamian also conducted a Relief in Place with its sister Battalion on 4 February 2005. In March 2005, CJTF-76 transferred

authority to the Southern European Task Force. CTF Thunder would once again demonstrate its flexibility by providing some continuity for the new CJOA headquarters and continuing to set the conditions for successful Parliamentary elections in the Summer of 2005. On June 1, 2005, CTF Thunder transferred authority for Regional Command East to the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Div. from Fort Bragg, NC. Returning to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii the 25th Inf. Div. Artillery had successfully completed its mission. However, with the Army restructuring its fighting forces into Units of Action and STRYKER Brigades the Division Artillery Headquarters will no longer have a mission. The unit will inactivate sometime before December 2005.





Task Force 2-27 Infantry



"Wolfhounds"



Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Piatt Commander, 2-27 Infantry Battalion



Lieutenant Colonel Walt Piatt enlisted in the Army in 1979 and served with the 1st Bn, 505th Infantry at Fort Bragg, N.C., 4th Bn, 9th Infantry at Fort Wainwright, Alaska and 2nd Bn, 503rd Infantry at Fort Campbell, Ky. Piatt then attended Lock Haven University graduating in 1987 with a degree in biology and chemistry and a commission through ROTC. He served two years in Korea with 5th Bn, 20th Infantry at Camp Casey. Following Korea, Piatt was assigned to Fort Dix, N.J. where he served with 4th Battalion, 26th Infantry, and as Commander for Company C, Air Base Ground Defense Battalion. After attending the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Piatt served in Panama for more than four years as the Brigade Adjutant for the 193rd Infantry Brigade from Fort Clayton; Battalion S-4 for 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry at Fort Davis; Commander Company C, 5th Battalion, 87th

Infantry at Fort Davis and Fort Kobbe and as the Aide de Camp for Commander United States Army South at Fort Clayton. After Panama, Piatt attended the Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies. While at Leavenworth, he earned a master's degree in military history and one in military theater operations. Piatt was then assigned to the 10th Mountain Division in 1999 where he served for four years. His assignments while at Fort Drum include; operations officer for 4th Battalion 31st Infantry (Polar Bears) and Task Force 4-31 during SFOR Six rotation in Bosnia; operations officer for 2d Brigade (Commandos); Secretary of the General Staff; Chief of Staff (Rear) and Executive Officer for 1st Brigade (Warriors). Piatt also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Coalition Joint Task Force Mountain in Afghanistan. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal (w/ bronze star), the Good Conduct Medal and the NATO Medal.



Command Sergeant Major David L. Yates II 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Command Sergeant Major David L. Yates II entered the Army in 1983. He attended one station unit training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Throughout his 21-year career, Yates has served in every enlisted leadership position from team leader and first sergeant to his current position as command sergeant major of the 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry Rgt., 25th Infantry Division (Light). Other assignments include first sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.; platoon sergeant, 504th PIR, Fort Bragg, N.C.; platoon sergeant, 2nd Bn., 503rd Infantry Rgt., (ROK); drill sergeant, 4th Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, S.C., squad and team leader, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. His most recent assignment was as Team Sergeant, Tarantula Team, (Airborne) Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA. As command sergeant major

for the "Wolfhounds," Yates serves as the battalion commander's adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devotes a majority of his time supervising training. His military education includes: Ranger, Airborne, Air Assault, Summer and Winter Classes Mountain Warfare School, Jumpmaster School, and Drill Sergeant School. The First Sergeants Course and all NCO courses and is a graduate of Class 53, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. His awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medal, eight Army Achievement Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Outstanding Military Volunteer Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, German, Canadian and Venezuelan Parachutist Badges.





Operation Enduring Freedom V

Task Force 2-27 Overview

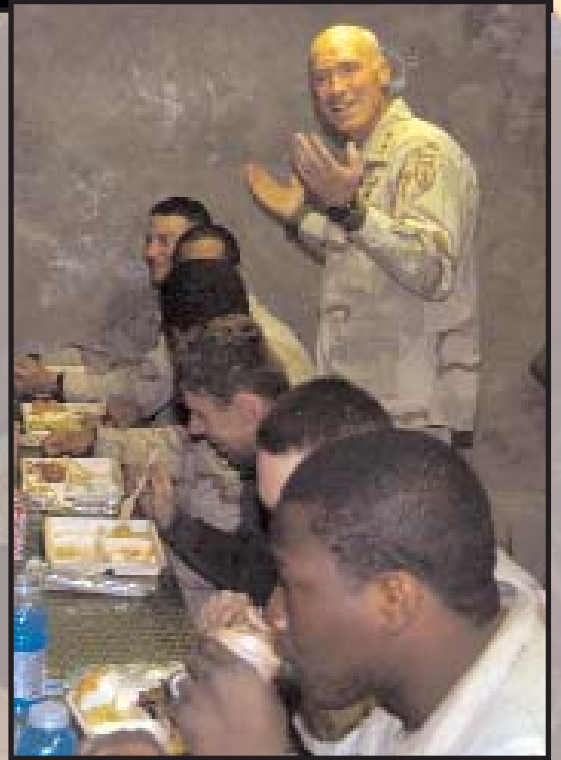
In March 2004, U.S. forces from the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, "Wolfhounds" arrived in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. Assuming the title of Task Force (TF) 2-27, their year-long mission was to conduct security and stability operations in the Paktika Province in order to extend the reach of the central government and ensure a safe and free election process. Alpha Company immediately took over Shkin firebase and worked closely with other units conducting border interdiction missions and manning border check points. The expansion of TF 2-27's area of responsibility required the addition of two bases. The first was in Sharona, manned by Bravo Company. As the provincial capital, the base allowed for easy interaction with the provincial leadership. However, it also made an easy target for Anti-Coalition Militia (ACM), and Bravo Company frequently dealt with indirect and small arms fire attacks. The second was in Waza Khwa, a cross-roads for insurgent movement into the southeastern provinces of Afghanistan. Waza Khwa base was manned by Charlie Company, and their presence made an immediate impact on cross border movement into the country. TF 2-27's mission in Paktika required them to cover an area approximately the size of the state of Vermont with a light infantry battalion. The eleven supporting operations varied from cordon and search missions to extensive mounted patrols escorting the governor to every district in Paktika Province to support of the national elections. In order to extend the central government's reach, TF 2-27 organized and trained the Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Afghan National Army (ANA), distributed a multitude of aid through the Commander's Emergency Relief Program (CERP), and provided for Afghan villagers' basic needs through the distribution of humanitarian assistance. Throughout these missions, TF 2-27 worked closely with provincial, district and village leaders in order to establish lasting security and stability within Paktika Province. During OEF-V, TF 2-27 carried out 11 operations to earn the trust and confidence of the people of Paktika, while providing the province with lasting security and stability. Those operations were; Wolfhound Reach, Ostrich, Meriwether, Dohl, Avalanche, Dohl II, Verendrye, Kim, Leopard, Flashman, and Anthony. During Operation Wolfhound Reach, TF 2-27's reconnaissance elements initiated contact on a group of enemy fighters, resulting in several enemy KIAs and detainees. Critical strategic intelligence was gained, and Operation Wolfhound Reach immediately set the precedent for future cooperation with other Coalition forces. Following the conclusion of national elections and the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan, TF 2-27 saw an increase in the violence across the province. Attacks included the murder of Dr. Satar, a pro-Coalition leader in Yayakhel, the murder of six civilians in Gayan as a result of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), a direct ambush on a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Sarobi that claimed a soldier's life and an IED in Naka that left two soldiers wounded and one dead. However, these attacks enabled the Wolfhounds to make significant headway in dismantling the Yayakhel IED network and forcing many suspected ACM from Naka to meet with Coalition forces. The operations that the Wolfhounds conducted influenced all parts of the province, trained Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, cemented relationships with local leaders, and delivered an enormous amount of CERP materials and projects to all districts. The positive change in Paktika since the arrival of TF 2-27 is evident; uniformed police are manning checkpoints, children are attending schools constructed by Coalition Forces and farmers are harvesting crops on CERP-purchased Massey Ferguson tractors. In all, TF 2-27 has supplied 109 tractors, 119 water wells, 30 Hilux trucks, 133 generators, numerous Thuraya phones, 115 motorcycles, various hospital equipment, seven schools, and increased local medical and veterinary capabilities. The highlight of the deployment was the huge success of national elections; the number of Afghan people who registered and voted in Paktika exceeded even the most generous expectations, violence was minimal. Most importantly TF 2-27's efforts allowed the people of Paktika to democratically choose their national leader for the first time in Afghanistan's history.



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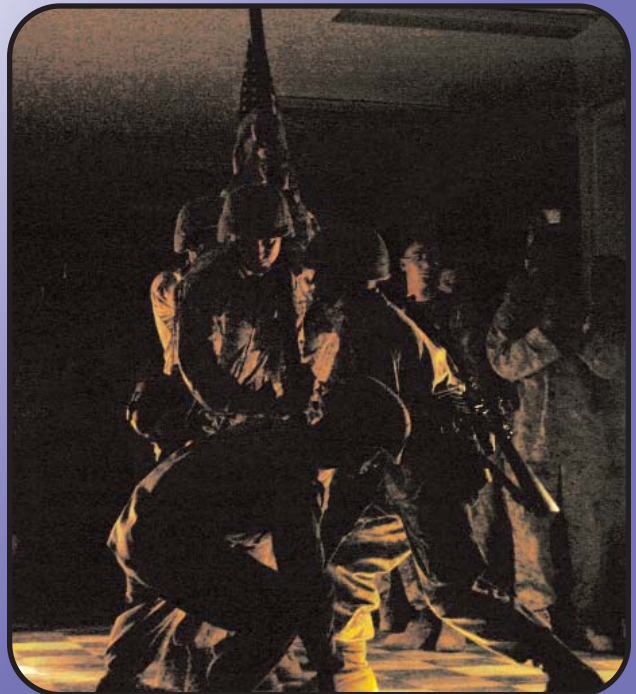


“Semper Fidelis”



Lieutenant Colonel Julian D. Alford, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel Julian Dale Alford attended West Georgia College and as a sophomore enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1985. Following graduation in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Geography, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. of Marines in December of 1987. Following The Basic School and Infantry Officers Course, he served with 3rd Bn., 6th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div. from February 1989 to June 1991. During this time he served as a rifle platoon commander during Operation Just Cause in the Republic of Panama and as an 81's platoon commander during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From June 1991 to July 1992, Alford served as the Light Armored Infantry Detachment commander for 2nd Bn., 4th Marine Regt., 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), where he deployed to the Mediterranean. From August 1992 to July 1995, he served with the 3rd Recruit Training Bn., Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., as a series commander, company commander, and battalion operations officer. Alford completed Amphibious Warfare School in May 1996. From May 1996 to May 1998 he served with 3rd Bn. 8th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div. During this tour he performed duties as company commander during Operation Assured Response in the U.S. Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia; Operation Quick Response in the U.S. Embassy, Central African Republic, and Operation Marathon, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. During this tour, he conducted a Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan, as a company commander and battalion operations officer. From June 1998 until June 2001, he commanded Recruiting Station, Nashville, Tenn. Upon completion of recruiting duty, he attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College and graduated in June 2002 as a distinguished graduate. From July 2002 to July 2003, Alford served as the executive officer of 2nd Bn., 8th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div., where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From August 2003 to March 2004, he served as operations officer, 6th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div. In March 2004, he took command of 3rd Bn., 6th Marine Regt., 2nd Marine Div., and deployed to Afghanistan in May 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Alford's personal decorations include the Bronze Star with Combat V (with gold star), Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star), Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon (with two gold stars). In 1997, Alford was the recipient of the Leftwich Award.

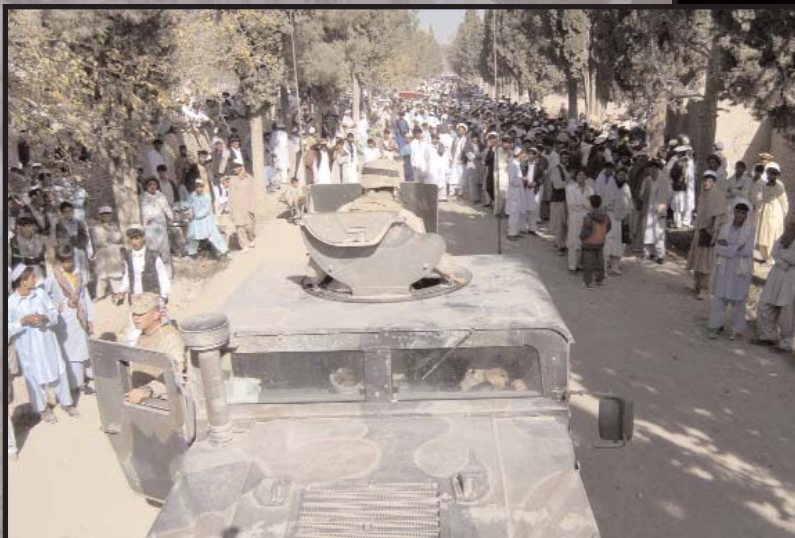


3rd Bn., 6th Marines OEF-V Overview



The Marines of 3rd Bn., 6th Marines, arrived in Afghanistan between May 5th and 9th, 2004. As the Battalion arrived in Bagram, Afghanistan, all sections began working their areas to support the rapid pace of the Battalion's mission requirements. Intense turn over, and equipment inspection with 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, occurred. Several convoys allowed the line companies to deploy to their Forward Operating Bases (FOB) in Nagalam, Bari-Kowt, Jalalabad and Surobi. On May 25, the battalion's tactical command post arrived in FOB Surobi. The Marines conducted more than 2,000 combat patrols, covering seven provinces. The major operations conducted included Operations Bama, Boilermakers, Irish, Midshipmen, Volunteers, Huskies, Trojans, Cowboys, Gamecocks, Rebel Yell, Bastogne, Korengal and

Mountaineers. The Marines took part in more than 50 extended operations. While on patrol, 3rd Bn., 6th Marines recovered more than 30 weapons caches. The Marines conducted operations with two Afghan National Army Battalions, and helped support the extremely successful Afghan Presidential Elections. 3rd Bn., 6th Marines helped implement Commanders Emergency Response Program projects in excess of \$600,000 dollars. Eight hundred and eighty of the Battalions' Marines have also been submitted for the Combat Action Ribbon. The Battalion was awarded several unit awards during the reporting period including the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. The Battalion has two unit awards pending approval as well: the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. The battalion redeployed from Afghanistan on Dec. 3, 2004.





3rd Battalion 3rd Marines



“America’s
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Lieutenant Colonel Norm Cooling, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines

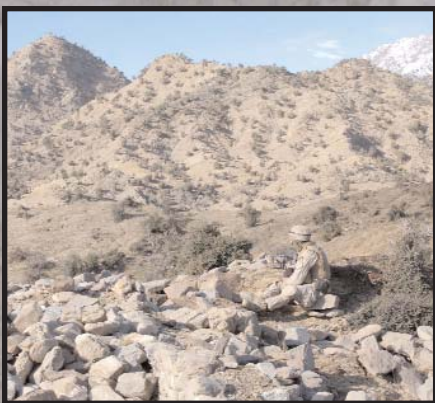
Lieutenant Colonel Norm Cooling graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1986 as a Burke and Cox Scholar. He completed Russian language instruction at Norwich University immediately after graduation and served briefly as a language instructor at the Naval Academy before reporting to The Basic School (TBS). He graduated from TBS with academic honors in 1987. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Course later that year, Cooling reported for duty with 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Following assignments as a rifle platoon commander, company executive officer and anti-armor platoon commander, he moved to 2d Light Armored Infantry (LAI) Battalion in 1989. In April 1991, Cooling reported for duty as the Commanding Officer, Light Armored Vehicle School, School of Infantry (West), Camp Pendleton, Calif. He later assumed duties as the operations officer of the School. In March 1994, he was reassigned to the Armor Officer Advanced Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Later that year, he returned to the operating forces at Camp Lejeune to command Company A, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn. In May 1996, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., for duty as the Deputy Marine Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives. From 1998-1999, he served on the 31st commandant of the Marine Corps' Staff Group, and ended this tour as the group's director. Following this assignment, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, where he graduated with distinction and earned a Masters of Military Studies degree. Immediately thereafter, he completed the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., and, in June 2000, reported as the Director, Joint Operations Center, Special Operations Command Europe, in Stuttgart, Germany. In June 2001, he was reassigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium for duty as a Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander (SACEUR). He concluded this tour as the Executive Assistant to the SACEUR. Cooling reported for duty with the 1st Marine Div. at Camp Pendleton in November 2002. Deploying for Operation Iraqi Freedom I, he served as the Deputy G-3 Operations Officer during Phase III Offensive Combat Operations and then as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Operations during Phase IV Security and Stabilization Operations. Upon return from Iraq in September 2003, he reported to the 5th Marine Regiment for duty as the executive officer. Cooling's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of a second award.

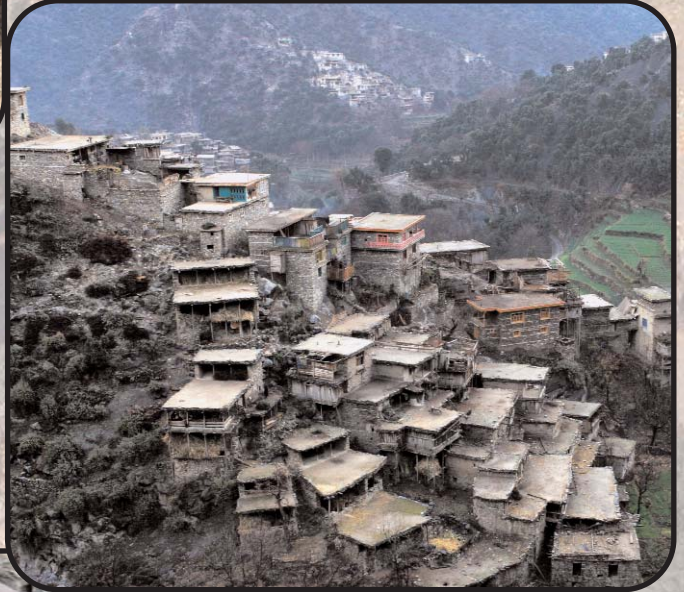


Sergeant Major William Stables, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines

Sergeant Major Stables entered recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island S.C., July 26, 1982. Upon graduation, Stables was transferred to Infantry Training School, Camp Lejeune, N.C. After completing Infantry Training School Stables received orders to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as an Infantryman. In January 1987 Stables was transferred to Marine Security Guard Battalion, Quantico, Va. During his tour with the battalion he served as a watchstander and as an assistant detachment commander in Bonn, West Germany, Leningrad, USSR and Frankfurt, West Germany. In September 1989, Stables was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant and he received orders to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a rifle platoon sergeant. In May 1990, Stables graduated Infantry Platoon Sergeant School. Upon his graduation he was reassigned and deployed with Marine Detachment Unit as a rifle platoon sergeant. In December of 1992, Stables received orders to Headquarters Company, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as a Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missile (TOW) section leader and as company gunnery sergeant. In January 1993, Stables received orders to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., for Drill Instructor duty. In Jan. of 1995, Stables was meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and was reassigned duties as the Recruit Training Regiment's Drill Master. In April 1996, Stables was transferred to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 29 Palms, Calif., where he served as company gunnery sergeant, company operations chief and company first sergeant. During June 1999, he was transferred to 1st Bn., 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as a battery first sergeant. In May 2001, Stables was selected to serve as the 2nd Marine Division's Inspector Sergeant Major where he served for one year. From 2002 to 2003, he served as the company first sergeant for Headquarters Company, 2nd Marine Division and Communications Company, 2nd Marine Division. In May 2003, Stables was received orders to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Kanehoe Bay, Hawaii, where he served as the squadron sergeant major. In August 2004, he became "America's Battalion" Sgt. Maj. Stables' personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (2nd Award), the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (7th Award).









Task Force Normandy 3-116 IN



Ghazni, Afghanistan



Lieutenant Colonel Blake C. Ortner

Commander, 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment



Lieutenant Colonel Blake C. Ortner graduated in 1983 from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree. He received his commission in the Regular Army through ROTC. He began his career as a platoon leader and scout platoon leader with 2-60 Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. He then spent two years in 2-75 Inf. as a platoon leader and following that, served with 3-1 Inf., 9th Inf. Div., Fort Lewis and 2nd Brigade, 29th Inf. Div. Ortner took command of Charlie Co., 1-170 Inf. from April of 1990 to Sept. of 1992. He then moved up to the operations staff, 29th Inf. Div. (Light), as a division plans officer. In 1999, he became S-3 for 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt., but returned to the Division staff in 2000 to deploy with the 29th Inf. Div. (Light) as division chief of current operations (CHOPs) to Bosnia. Upon his return from Bosnia, Ortner became executive officer of 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. until he took command of 3rd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. in Sept. of 2002. He has attended Airborne School, Ranger School, High Altitude/Low Opening School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Combined Armed Services Staff School, and the Command General Staff College. In his civilian life, Ortner is the associate legislative director for Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Command Sergeant Major Michael D. McGhee

3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment



Command Sergeant Major Michael D. McGhee entered basic training at Harmony Church, Fort Benning, Ga., in Sept. of 1986. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division (Light) where he served until Nov. of 1989. He then became a squad leader and platoon sergeant in the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division until Sept. of 1993. In May of 1996, McGhee joined the Virginia Army National Guard and was assigned to 1st Bn., 116th Inf. Reg. where he served until Dec. of 1999. He then worked as an instructor at Officer Candidate School, USAITC until Nov. of 2002. He was a first sergeant in the 53rd Enhanced Separate Brigade and 32nd AAMDC. McGhee then returned to Fort Bragg, where he served as operations and training NCO for 18th Airborne Corps from Nov. of 2002 until Jan. of 2004. He then became command sergeant major of 3-116 Inf. Regt. McGhee has attended Jungle Warfare School, Airborne and Air Assault School, Scout/Sniper School, and Mountain Warfare. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree. In his civilian life, McGhee owns a design-build-remodeling firm.



Task Force Normandy

OEF-V Overview



The 3rd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. was mobilized at Winchester, Va. on March 1, 2004, and deployed to Ft. Bragg, N.C. The unit underwent four months of intensive refresher infantry training and successfully completed a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation at Ft. Polk, La. In July of 2004, the unit deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where it assumed the designation Task Force Normandy and was supported by 143rd Fire Support Element, 229th Engineers, a platoon from the 25th Military Police Co., and a detachment from HHC, 29th Inf. Div. (L). TF Normandy assumed three critical missions: stability and security in Ghazni province (later expanded to Wardak Province as well), security operations at Bagram Airfield, and the CJTF-76 theater quick reaction force (QRF). Task Force Normandy conducted more than 1000 combat missions in an area consisting of 24 districts and 32,000 square kilometers. TF Normandy utilized the small rewards program to successfully capture persons of interest and weapons and ammunition caches throughout the area of operation. TF Normandy captured and destroyed more than 5-million rounds of ammunition and hundreds of weapons, denying the enemy these much needed stores. To date, TF Normandy has recovered the highest number of caches in theatre since mid-July of 2004. TF Normandy played an important part in the overall safety and security of Afghanistan's first free and democratic elections. The election operation, code-named Operation Pory, provided security at dozens of polling places and ensured that ballots were safely transported to regional counting facilities. B Co conducted surge security patrols in the vicinity of Bagram to prevent rocket attacks on Bagram Airfield. Since hitting the ground in mid-July, 3rd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. has helped create and secure the new face of freedom throughout Afghanistan. TF Normandy conducted sustained operations in remote areas such as the Nawa and Ajristan districts. The Soldiers conducted intensive training of the Afghan National Police. The task force has already spent more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid, helping build wells, purchase school supplies, gloves, hats, jackets and blankets for Provincial police and medical supplies for the districts within our area. We have forged what will be long lasting ties with the community leaders within our areas of operation.

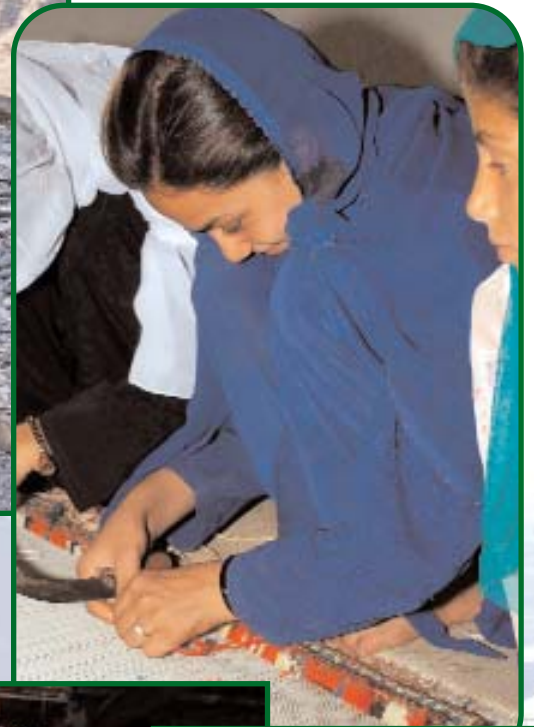








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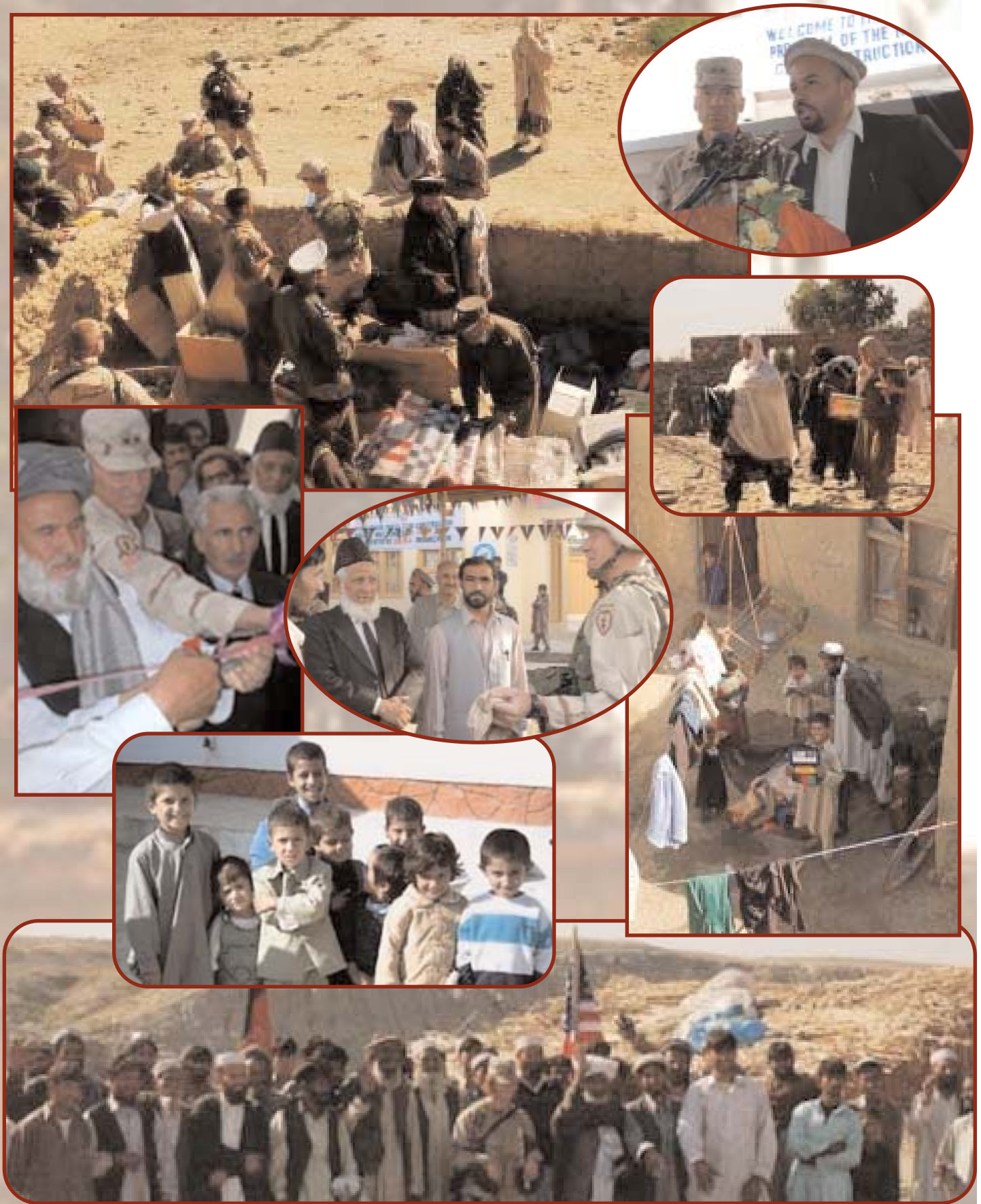
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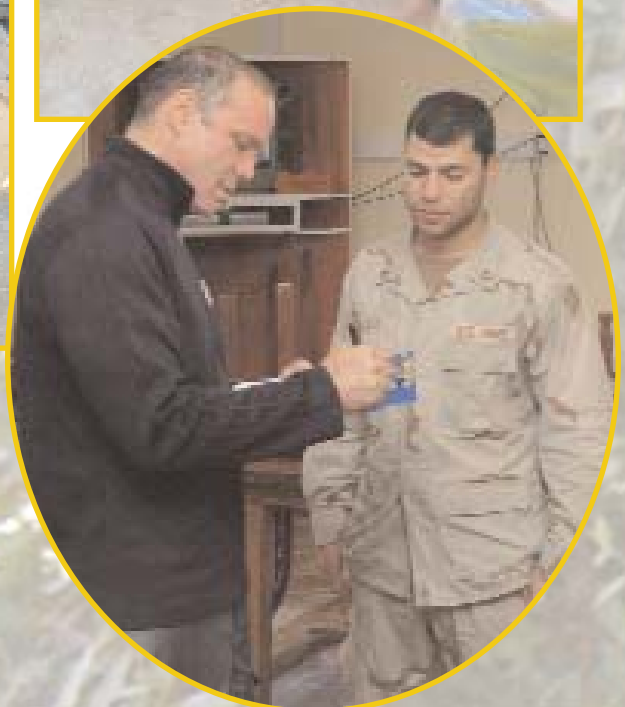
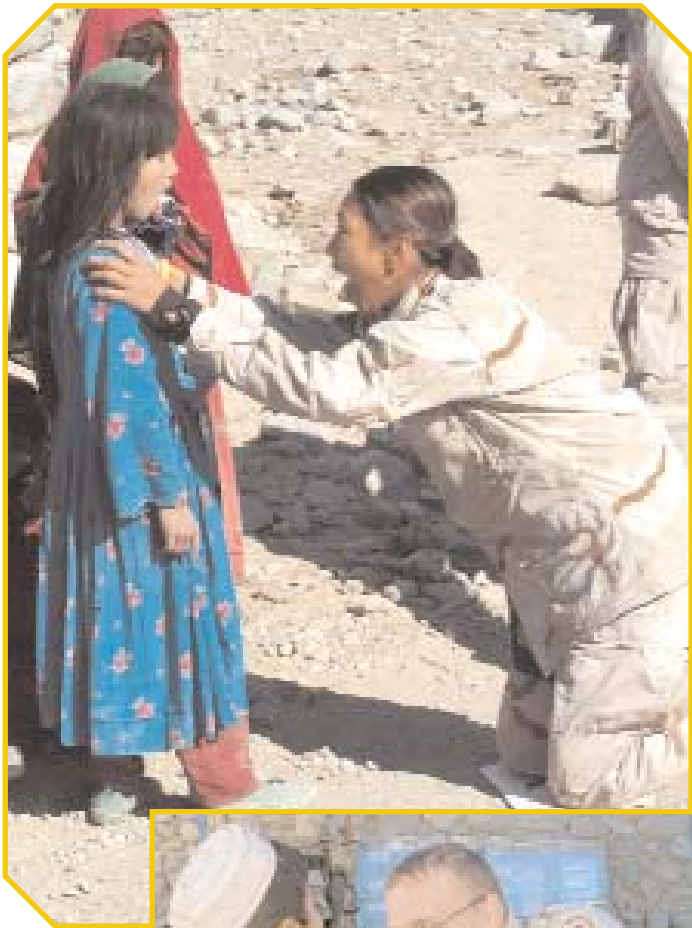
Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team



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Combined Task Force Longhorn



Herat, Afghanistan



***Commander, Combined Task Force Longhorn,
Colonel Phillip Bookert***

Colonel Phillip Bookert graduated from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Economics and a master's degree from Boston University, Boston, Mass. in 1990. He was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Reserve Officers Training Program in 1977 as a 2nd Lt. in the field artillery branch. His assignments include 1st Bn., 36th FA, Augsburg, Germany, V Corps Artillery, Frankfurt, Germany, and fire support officer, 314th Support Center, Mannheim, Germany. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officers Advance Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Force Development Officers Course. Bookert's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Components Overseas Training Ribbon.



***Command Sergeant Major, CTF Longhorn,
Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gertin***

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gertin holds an associate's degree from Saint Leo College. Gertin entered the United States Army in August of 1977. His assignments include: 3-60 Inf., Ft. Lewis, Wash; 1-21 Inf., Schofield Barracks Hawaii; Detachment A, 1st MI Bn., Shaw AFB, S.C.; Det. 1, 17th MI Company, MacDill AFB, Fla., in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the ceasefire campaign; 102nd MI Bn., Camp Hovey, Korea; U.S. Army ITAC, Washington Naval Yard, Washington D.C.; 1st Bn. 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) (A), Ft. Campbell, Ky; Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, Texas; 1st Bn., 160th SOAR (A) Ft. Campbell, Ky., in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Command Sgt. Maj, 125th MI Bn., 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; he is currently serving as the Command Sgt. Maj., Combined Task Force Longhorn.

CTF Longhorn

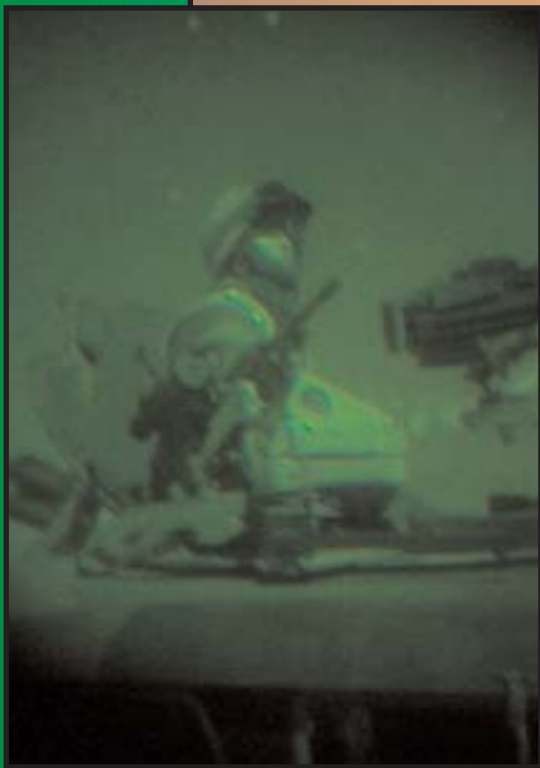
OEF-V Overview

Task Force Longhorn was activated Oct. 5, 2004, as Regional Command West Headquarters. Once Longhorn's skeleton staff arrived in Western Afghanistan, they began to conduct stability operations in order to prevent disruptions to the electoral processes, shaping the environment for safe and secure presidential elections. Longhorn executed a plan that included area stability across Herat, Farah, Ghor and Badghis provinces. Longhorn was responsible for tracking all ballot movement during Afghanistan's presidential election and responding to incidents across the West. Although there were a few attempts to stall the election and the ballot counting, none were effective. Longhorn's presence fostered the fourth highest voter registrations in Afghanistan in 2004 with more than 1,348,000 citizens registered, of which 1,106,078 voted in the first-ever democratic elections in the history of Afghanistan. After the elections were complete the staff focused on establishing the headquarters in preparation for the remainder of the staff which had been supporting from Bagram Airfield. Longhorn engineers developed a compound plan to increase living office and living quarters to maximize limited space. The operations staff pushed forward with the production of "Freedom Stampede" which defined Longhorn's missions to stabilize the area, effect reconstruction and development, provide humanitarian assistance, while setting the conditions for a secure environment for the elections. As Longhorn Headquarters shifted its effort to the new operations, Saber was in the final phase of removing weapons caches from Herat, Qala E Naw, Chagcharan and Shindand. All of these caches were moved to one location for evaluation of serviceability and destruction. They were moved to the eastern outskirts of Herat city, an open area known as Sheydai Ye would become the world's largest open-air cache. Sheydai Ye spans a few-hundred square meters and holds a myriad of munitions and explosives from small-arms ammunition to 1,000-pound bombs. Longhorn hosted a multitude of foreign visitors interested possibility of assuming Regional Command West to increase their role in the Global War on Terrorism. Longhorn was actively involved the facilitation of the International Security Assistance Forces expansion phase into the west. In December, the long awaited Presidential inauguration of Hamid Karzai brought a new potential for civil unrest. Longhorn postured itself to prevent riots from both Ismail Khan and Amanullah Khan supporters. The inauguration was held with no such unrest. Reconstruction and development is a major part of Task Force Longhorn's mission. Reconstruction and development was provided to local communities through various projects by constructing schools, wells, medical and other infrastructures, which drastically increased quality of life for the people in Western Afghanistan. Longhorn provided humanitarian assistance by donating blankets and coats that helped Afghan citizens survive the winter. The Farah provincial Reconstruction Team opened Sept. 15. The Farah PRT has provided two police check points, three airfield security posts, a TV and radio station, completed 20 wells, with 28 more approved, the construction of two clinics in progress, three schools approved for construction, nine being upgraded and a refurbished airfield that can now support C-130 Hercules. The Farah Civil Affairs Team-A goes out about five days a week; they have assessed more than 90 villages in four months. The Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team was established in January 2003 shortly after the arrival of the third Civil Affairs team. From the time the current Civil Affairs Team arrived in September 2004, the PRT has proposed 44 projects. Thus far, the PRT has proposed \$2.8 million of development projects and funded approximately \$770,000 of those projects. On average, the Herat PRT Civil Affairs team leaves the PRT five days out of every week. The PRT has conducted more than 40 convoy operations to outlying districts in the province to assess security, population, reconstruction needs, and construction progress. These trips usually cover a distance of 100 km and last three days. PRT efforts are not confined solely to reconstruction efforts. In the last year, the soldiers of the PRT have responded to security events in the city of Herat. Whether it conducting reconnaissance patrols or executing a non-combatant evacuation, the force protection element has responded quickly and effectively. Every soldier who served in Longhorn has proven they are warriors.





Task Force Peacekeeper



Regional Command West



Task Force Peacekeeper OEF-V Overview



In December 2004, the lead elements of Task Force Peacekeeper arrived in the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA), setting the stage for what would eventually become a lethal and agile 400 Soldier strong Task Force. The Peacekeepers are based out of Ft Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where they deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Just nine months removed from OIF, the Main Body of the Task Force arrived in Afghanistan in early January 2005, and began preparations to assume the role of providing combat support in and around Bagram and Kandahar as part of Task Force Guardian, which served as the military police task force supporting Combined/Joint Task Force 76 (CJTF-76) during Operation Enduring Freedom V. Task Force Peacekeeper's mission was to conduct area security and convoy security missions in Bagram and Kandahar, while providing Police Technical Assistance Teams (PTATs), which provides assessments on the status of the Afghanistan National Police (ANP) in thirteen of the fourteen Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRT) locations. However, in late January 2005, all of that changed, and in less than a week from receiving a change of mission order, Task Force Peacekeeper was headed to Regional Command West (RC West), replacing Task Force Saber as the maneuver element for Task Force Longhorn. Task Force Peacekeeper conducted a transition of authority with 3-4 Cav. on February 9, 2005. Currently, the task force is leading a combined joint team comprised of two military police combat support companies, a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, an intelligence team, civil military affairs team, a battalion aid station, and various other logistical and support elements enabling Peacekeeper to conduct stability and security operations throughout RC West, while continuing to provide area and convoy security operations in Bagram. The 716th Military Police Bn. continues to serve when called upon, be it Iraq or Afghanistan, in a traditional military police role or as a history making maneuver element for a regional component command, the Peacekeepers remain ready to support those in need, and take the fight to the enemy.



Peace Keepers!



Lieutenant Colonel Ashton L. Hayes,
Commander, Task Force Peacekeeper

Lieutenant Colonel Ashton L. Hayes was commissioned as a second lieutenant into the Military Police Regiment in 1987 after graduating from Georgia State University.

Hayes' assignments include platoon leader, 552nd Military Police Company, Pusan, Korea, executive officer, D/787th Military Police Battalion, battalion adjutant and Headquarters and Headquarters detachment commander, 787th Military Police Battalion and commander, A/787th Military Police Battalion, Ft. McClellan, Ala., Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander, provost marshal, and adjutant, 254th Base Support Battalion, Schinnen, Netherlands, long range plans officer, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), S3 and executive officer, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne), brigade executive officer, 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), and deputy division provost marshal, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N.C., Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He assumed command of the 716th Military Police Battalion in Iraq in 2003. He redeployed with the battalion to Ft. Campbell, Ky., in 2004. Upon redeployment the battalion trained and reset and deployed to Afghanistan in January 2005.

His military and civilian education includes Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Fort McClellan, Ala., Combined Arms Services Staff School and Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Airborne, Air Assault and Jumpmaster Schools, bachelor's and master's degree.

Hayes' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Medal, NATO Medal, Korea Medal and Senior Parachutist Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Matthew Demmitt,
Task Force Peacekeeper

Command Sergeant Major Matthew Demmitt enlisted in the Army in 1980.

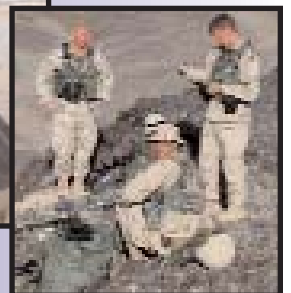
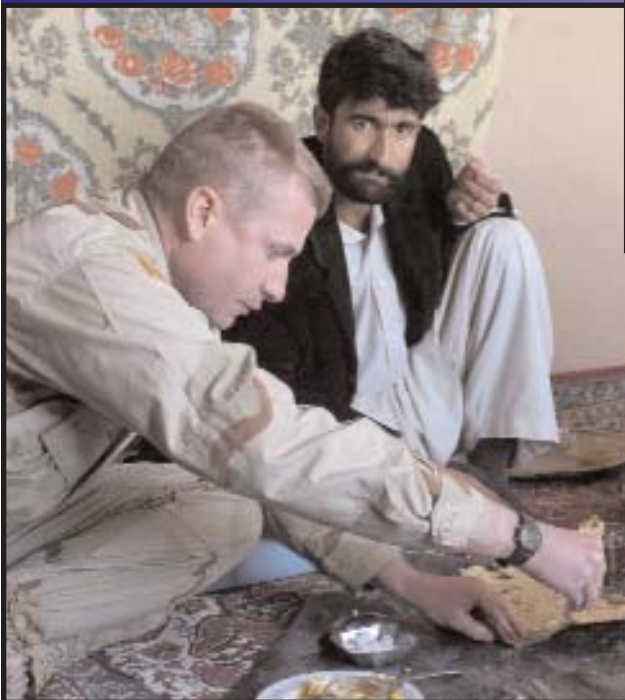
His assignments include 19 years at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Johnston Atoll and Korea. During the previous 25 years he has served in every NCO leadership capacity from team leader thru command sergeant major. His recent overseas deployments include multiple tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally he has spent time in Grenada, Panama and Haiti. He has attended every level of NCOES and a variety of other military schooling to include Airborne, Jumpmaster, and Air Assault. His military

awards include Master Parachutist Badge, Bronze Star w/Oak leaf cluster, numerous Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation medals and Army Achievement medals.

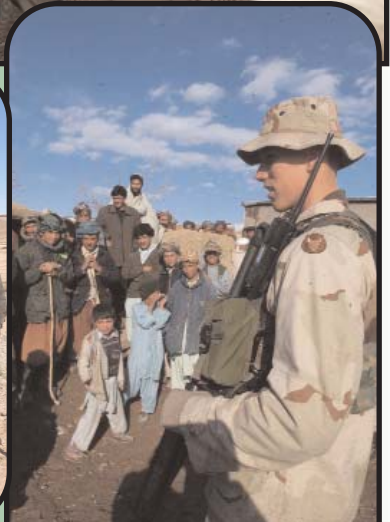




Farah Provincial Reconstruction Team



Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team



Joint Task Force Wings





Colonel Brooks Shannon Davis Commander, Joint Task Force Wings

Colonel Brooks Shannon Davis was commissioned as a field artillery officer after graduating from Eastern New Mexico University in 1976. After attending the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and Field Artillery Cannon Battery Officer Course, he served in the US Army Reserve until entering active duty in 1981. Upon entering active duty he attended the Field Artillery Advanced Course and the Initial entry Rotary-wing Aviator Course with OH-58 Aero scout and AH-1F Cobra transitions. His assignments include the 1st Armored Div., Illshiem, Federal Republic of Germany; Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; 2nd Armored Cavalry Regt.; U.S. Army

Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.; 160th Special Operations Aviation Regt., Fort Campbell, Ky.; S3, 1-227th Attack Helicopter Battalion and Brigade Executive Officer, 4th Aviation Brigade, 1st Cav. Div, Fort Hood, Texas; Chief, Special Technical Operations Branch, J3, USCINCPAC, Camp Smith, Hawaii; He completed a successful 24-month Command of 4/3 Regimental Aviation Squadron, 3 Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo. After command, he attended the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., class of 2001. He then served as the Senior Aviation Trainer, Aviation Division, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, Louisiana, and as the Deputy Commander of Operations Group, JRTC. Col. Davis took command of the 25th Aviation Brigade on June 26, 2003, and deployed the Brigade to Afghanistan in March of 2004. He is currently serving as commander Joint Task Force Wings, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Eastern New Mexico University, a Masters in Aeronautical Science and Operations from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Air War College. His awards and badges include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Master Army Aviator Badge, and the Army Parachutist Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Alfred W. Alexander Joint Task Force Wings

Command Sergeant Major Alfred W. Alexander entered the Army in June of 1977. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Rucker, Alabama, graduating as a helicopter repairer in December of 1977. Alexander's assignments include: 128th Aviation Company, Republic of Korea; 129th Aviation Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, B Company, 2/82nd Aviation Battalion, 82nd Aviation Brigade, A Company 2/159th, 18th Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 48th Aviation Company, C Company, 7/158th Aviation Regiment, Beirut Air Brigade; 12th Aviation Brigade, Germany; C Company, 25th

Aviation Regiment (AVIM), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Grenada, Desert Shield/Storm, Headquarters, 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Alexander served as the Fort Campbell Garrison Sgt. Maj. until September 2003 and as the 25th Aviation Brigade Command Sergeant Major. He is currently serving as the Joint Task Force Wings command sergeant major at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. His military and civilian education includes the Jump-Master Course, Aviation Safety Course, Technical Inspector Course, Aviation Life Support Course, Airborne Course, Master Fitness Course, Air Assault Course, Equal Opportunity Course, Light Fighter Course, and Battle Staff Course. He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 49. He has an associate's Hawaii Pacific University, a bachelor's from Austin Peay State University and a master's from Murray State University. Alexander is currently pursuing a Ph. D from Capella University in General Business. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal 4th Award, Army Commendation Medal 4th Award, Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award, Good Conduct Medal 8th Award, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, NCO Professional Development Ribbon 4th Award, Army Service Ribbon, overseas Ribbon 3rd Award, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), Master Aircraft Crewman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and German Jump Wings.

JTF Wings

OEF-V Overview

Joint Task Force (JTF) Wings served as the aviation task force supporting Combined/Joint Task Force 76 (CJTF-76) during Operation Enduring Freedom V in Afghanistan from May 15, 2004 to April 28, 2005. JTF Wings was comprised of two multi-functional aviation battalion task forces, two marine helicopter squadrons, and four separate companies. The JTF Wings headquarters consisted of the staff from the 25th Aviation Brigade. This robust aviation task force, the largest to ever be assembled in Afghanistan, included 125 fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft and contained more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, and national guard Soldiers and Marines from Hawaii, Utah, Florida, California, Georgia, Kentucky, North Dakota, Arizona, Alabama, Alaska, Louisiana, and Germany. JTF Wings supported nearly every unit and mission conducted by CJTF-76, as Afghanistan's expansive, rugged terrain, and underdeveloped infrastructure made ground transportation extremely difficult. The many missions that JTF Wings accomplished in the harsh environment and high altitudes of Afghanistan are a tribute to the leadership of the Task Forces and the skills of the individual Soldiers and Marines. These capable aircraft and dedicated aircrews were in constant demand by ground force commanders who required aviation support to accomplish their missions. JTF Wings' greatest contribution was their support of the first democratic presidential election in Afghanistan's history on Oct. 9, 2004. JTF Wings provided aerial security to ballot-moving convoys and conducted air movement of ballots to regions unreachable by ground vehicles. The task force also provided aerial and ground reaction forces for various contingency operations. They successfully executed air assault operations in support of conventional and special operations forces. They provided seamless support for ground force commanders and gave them the flexibility to move anywhere on the battlefield to accomplish their missions. JTF Wings provided heavy cargo, special mission and extended range support throughout the country. These contributions to the combat support and combat service support requirements of CJTF-76 were indispensable. The task force also provided attack helicopter support to conventional, unconventional and other US and other Coalition forces. The spirit, audacity, aggressiveness, flexibility and lightning fast reaction time resulted in significant victories against the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and other anti-Coalition terrorists throughout Afghanistan. The effort, creativity, and professionalism of the service members of JTF Wings resulted in contributions that had a positive impact on this nation and helped pave the way to a safe and secure future for its people. The unsung heroes are the JTF Wings support Soldiers, Marines and civilian contractors, who maintained an overall task force operational readiness rate that far exceeded Department of the Army standards while flying over 80,000 combat hours. These maintainers, supply clerks, medics, cooks, flight operations specialists, communication specialists, refuel specialists, and armament personnel worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep aircraft flying and ensure that the aircrews and battle staffs were well supported. None of the great accomplishments of JTF Wings would have been possible without these dedicated professions. The noble contributions of the Family Readiness Groups and the Rear Detachments were inspirational. In closing, all the Soldiers and Marines of Joint Task Force Wings would like to thank their families and friends back home for their love and untiring support. WINGS OF LIGHTNING!!!





3rd Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment



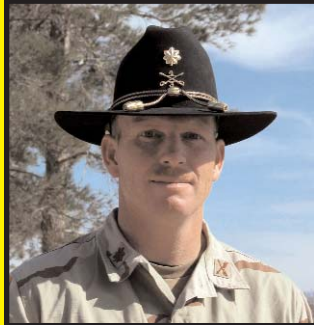
Task Force Saber



Lieutenant Colonel Michael McMahon, Commander, Task Force Saber

Lieutenant Colonel Mike McMahon was raised in West Hartford, Conn., graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1985, and commissioned in the Aviation Branch. McMahon's assignments include, platoon leader, executive officer, and S4, 2-17th Cav. Squadron, 101st Airborne Div. (AASLT), troop commander, 3-7th Cav. Squadron, 8th Inf. Div. and company commander, 158th Avn. Bn., Europe, operations officer, 21st Cav. Bde., III Corps, operations officer, 4th Bde., 1st Cav. Div., executive officer, Avn. Bde., 25th Inf. Div. (L). He has earned the Air Assault, Airborne, and Senior Aviation Badges. He has attended the Aviation Officer Basic Course, Aviation Officer

Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College. He holds a master's degree from Kansas State University and Dive master certification. McMahon's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (oak leaf), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (oak leaf) and the Air Force Commendation Medal.



Major (P) Monty Willoughby, Commander, Task Force Saber

Major (P) Monty Willoughby served as the Commander of the 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Prior to this he served as the squadron's executive officer. Willoughby was commissioned as an Armor 2nd Lt. and received his BS Degree from Southwest Missouri State University in 1988. He also holds a master's degree from Kansas State University. His military education includes the completion of the Armor Officers Basic and Advanced Courses; Airborne and Ranger Schools; Scout Platoon Leaders Course; Infantry Mortar Leaders Course; Joint Firepower Control Course; and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff

College. Willoughby served as a tank and mortar platoon leader and tank company executive officer in the 2nd Bn., 77th Armor Regiment, 4th Inf. Div., Fort Carson, Colo.; Assistant Professor of Military Science, Southwest Missouri State University; operations officer, 2nd Bn., 72nd Armor Regt., 1st Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Casey, Korea; and as the executive officer for 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 25th Inf. Div., Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Parachutist Badge.



Lieutenant Colonel Scott Brown, Commander, Task Force Saber

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Brown was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of infantry from the University of South Carolina in 1986 as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

LTC Brown's assignments include 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), commander, D Troop, 5th Squadron, 17th U.S. Cav., Republic of Korea, Aviation Bde., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault), and the United States Army Special Operations Command. Brown's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Mortar Platoon Officer Course, the Aviation Officers Advance Course, and the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star w/V

Device, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 Bronze Stars), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Aviator's Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Christopher Taylor, Task Force Saber

Command Sergeant Major Christopher Taylor enlisted in the Army on September 24, 1975. His overseas assignments include 1st Battalion, 13th Armor Illersheim, Germany, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Schwabach, Germany, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Buedigen, Germany, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Baumholder, Germany. His tour in Korea was with the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Republic of Korea. His stateside assignments include 4th Battalion, 40th Armor and 2nd Battalion, 35th Armor- both units located at Fort Carson, Colo. At Fort Knox, Ky., Taylor was assigned as a NCO Academy Instructor,

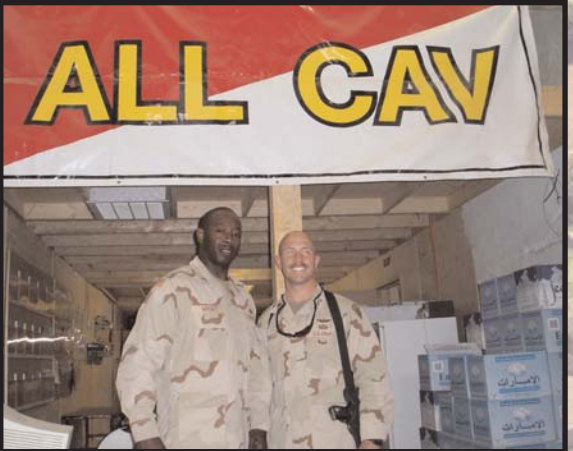
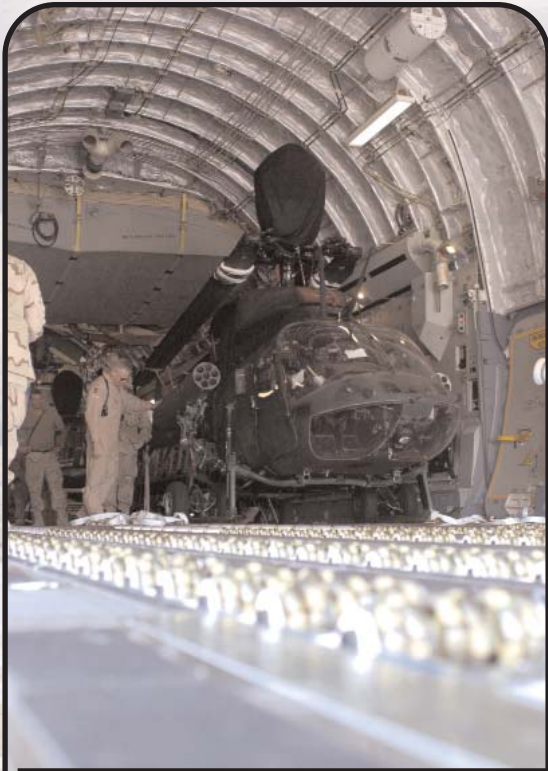
Drill Sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 46th Infantry, and first sergeant for 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry. Prior to his previous assignment, Taylor was a graduate of class 47 at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. Taylor's military education includes the Instructor Training Course, Drill Sergeant School, Master Fitness Training Course, First Sergeant Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy class 47. Taylor's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal, and NATO Service Medal.

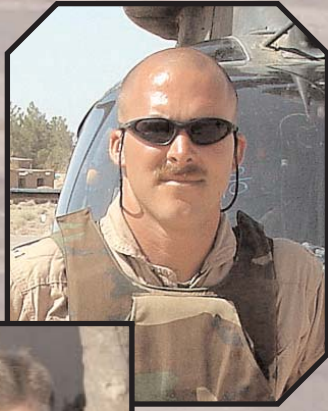


Task Force Saber OEF-V Overview

On 9 April 2004, the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment deployed to Afghanistan in support of OEF-V. The historic deployment marked the first OH-58D Kiowa Warriors operations in Afghanistan. The pilots flew more than 6,454 hours securing several regions of Afghanistan. Ground Scouts conducted over 245 combat patrols. Led by Lt. Col. Michael McMahon and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Taylor, 340 ground and aero-scouts and support personnel deployed to Kandahar and initiated operations throughout Kandahar Province. 3-4 CAV conducted combat operations, screen missions and route security while task organized to the Bronco Brigade, 3rd BCT. TF Saber made strides to reconstruct the province and spent \$424,000 building 17 wells and schools. In preparation for future elections, the scouts secured a total of 207 voter registration sites, allowing voters to register without incident. In efforts to improve the lives of the Afghan populace, the squadron's medics conducted over 15 medical assistance visits to communities, relieving aches and pains, treating wounds, and advising locals in proper nutrition and hygiene for over 1,000 patients. In August 2004, heavy provincial fighting between forces loyal to the Pashtun warlord, Amanullah Khan, and forces loyal to the Governor of Herat and former mujahadeen commander, Ismail Khan spurred CJTF-76 to maneuver units to the west in Herat, Afghanistan, to quell the fighting. At the end of the fighting, TF Saber continued operating in the west to disarm the hundreds of disenfranchised Afghan Militia Forces. Elements of TF Saber coordinated with the Afghan New Beginnings program to ensure that 77 tanks, armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces were secured and rendered inoperable. As the Afghan central government attempted to restore stability to the west, then-interim President Karzai replaced the famed Ismail Khan with Mohammed KhairKhwa as the Governor of Herat. Riots ensued and TF Saber air and ground forces aided in the evacuation of 80 United Nations personnel, whose buildings were overrun and burned by rioting Ismail Khan supporters. October 2004 marked the most historic event of the deployment with the first Afghan Presidential election in the history of the country, installing Hamid Karzai as the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. TF Saber coordinated an international effort to secure 731 polling sites in Regional Command West. In November, the squadron suffered the tragic loss of its commander, Lt. Col. Michael McMahon, pilot Chief Warrant Officer Travis Grogan and aircraft mechanic Spc. Harley Miller, in an accidental plane-crash in the mountains of the Bamyan central highlands. In the wake of their loss, the squadron continued operations to deny Taliban sanctuary throughout the winter months in Farah and Shindand. In February, the squadron returned to conduct security operations in Kandahar Province, the Helmund district.







***Fallen Comrades
"Never Forgotten"***





***“The brave men,
living and dead,
who struggled here,
have consecrated
it, above our poor
power to add or
detract. The world
will little note, nor
long remember what
we say here, but it
can never forget what
they did here.”
--Abraham Lincoln***



Task Force Pirate

***Bagram Airfield,
Afghanistan***



Lieutenant Colonel Rodney "Scott" Robinson, Commander, Task Force Pirate

Lieutenant Colonel Rodney "Scott" Robinson joined the United States Air Force Reserves in June 1982 where he served as a crew chief on F-105 and F-16 aircraft for three years. At this time, Robinson was also attending Weber State College in Ogden, Utah. In 1985, Robinson joined the Attack Helicopter Troop, 163rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Utah National Guard, and the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps at Weber State College. Robinson was commissioned as an Aviation Branch second lieutenant in June 1987. He graduated from Weber State in June 1988. That year he attended the Aviation Officer's Basic Course and flight school graduating in July 1989. Robinson returned from flight school to HHC, 1st Bn., 211th Aviation Regt., Utah National Guard. He was hired as an Active Guard and Reserve Officer that October. He has served as the battalion S-1, assistant S-3, B Co. commander, S-3, executive officer, and now as the commander. Robinson has attended the Aviation Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Command and General Staff Course. Robinson has several awards to include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Utah National Guard Ribbons and several Overseas Ribbons.



Command Sergeant Major Gary C. Stearman, Task Force Pirate

Command Sergeant Major Gary C. Stearman joined the United States Marine Corps in 1976. He worked in Marine aviation as a helicopter mechanic for seven years. He worked on the AH-1J, AH-1W, UH-1N, CH-46, and the CH-53 helicopters. He also worked on OV-10 airplanes as well. In 1985, he joined the Utah Army National Guard as a helicopter mechanic. He worked on the AH-1S, UH-1N, OH-6, OH-58, and the AH-64 aircraft. He started out in the Maintenance Company then moved on to an Attack Helicopter Company where he held the positions of section sergeant, platoon sergeant, and first sergeant in Bravo Company in the 1st Bn., 211th Aviation Regt. He moved to Headquarters and Headquarters Company as the first sergeant for two years and was then selected for and appointed as the command sergeant major for the 1st Bn., 211th Aviation Regt. He works full time for the Utah Army National Guard as a civil service technician. Stearman's military education includes many helicopter maintenance courses, the Non-Resident Marine NCO and Staff NCO courses, First Sergeant's Academy and the Sergeants Major Academy. He has several awards to include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Utah National Guard Ribbons and several Overseas Ribbons.

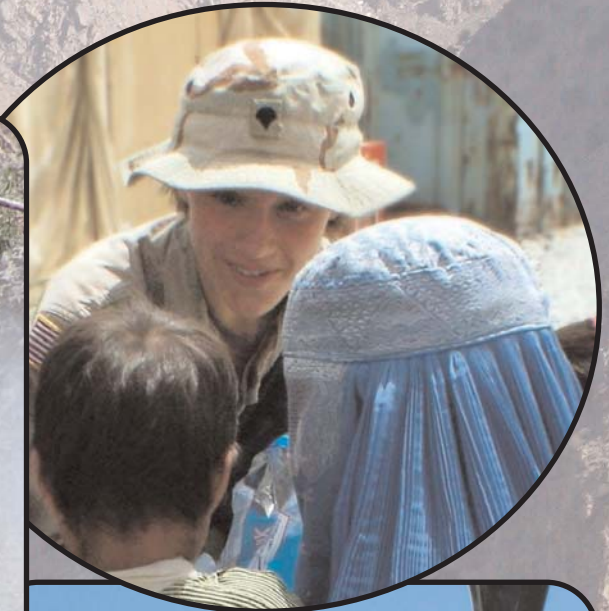


Task Force Pirate

OEF-V Overview

Task Force Pirate was composed of Active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers to establish the second largest aviation Task Force operating in Afghanistan in support of OEF-V. The 1st Bn., 211th Avn. Regt. of the Utah Army National Guard comprised the command element and the largest segment of Task Force Pirate. The battalion is comprised of HHC, A Co. (Attack Helicopter), B Co. (Attack Helicopter), and D Co. (AVUM). Elements of the Florida Army National Guard (1 Bn., 111th Avn. Regt.) joined the battalion as C Co. to form a third attack helicopter company upon deployment and was detached to Task Force Diamondhead in Kandahar upon arrival in country along with support personnel from D Co., 1-211th Avn. to support Joint Task Force Wings operations in the southern part of Afghanistan. Five Active Army aviation companies joined the 1st Bn., 211th Avn. Regt. to form Task Force Pirate. They were B Co., 214th Avn. Regt., a CH-47 heavy lift helicopter company; C Co., 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Brigade, a UH-60 lift helicopter company; E Co., 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Brigade, a UH-60 VIP transport helicopter company; F Co., 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Brigade (AVUM); and C Co., 25th Avn. Brigade (AVIM). Additionally, Task Force Pirate was joined by two fixed wing elements. First was Det. 11, Operational Support Airlift (OSA) from the Kentucky Army National Guard (C-12 aircraft) which served with the Task Force from April-October 2004, and was then relieved by Det. 42 (OSA) from the North Dakota Army National Guard for the remainder of the deployment. Det. 2 (OSA) from the U.S. Army Reserve (UC-35 aircraft) comprised the second fixed-wing element. Task Force Pirate was comprised of more than 600 Soldiers and civilians to support ground operations, aviation supply, movement, air-assault and attack missions, and aviation support to the northern half of Afghanistan. This included manning and maintaining five forward operating bases with forward armament refueling points to provide helicopter and aviation support anytime and any place within the area of operations. At one point during the deployment, a company of Marines serving as a quick reaction (QRF) ground force made Task Force Pirate a Joint Task Force and boosted the Task Force strength to more than 750 Soldiers, Marines, and civilians. Since Task Force Pirate assumed aviation operations from 10th Mountain Division's Task Force Panther on April 30, 2004, Task Force Pirate has had the highest operational tempo of any aviation unit in theatre, past and present, while maintaining better than 55 percent bank time during the majority of the deployment. The Task Force maintained this impressive record despite fewer aircraft than other units. Task Force Pirate was comprised of nine AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, 14 UH-60 Blackhawk lift helicopters, and nine CH-47 Chinook heavy lift helicopters. Task Force Pirate flew in excess of 30,000 hours, moving 50,000 passengers, and more than 10 million pounds of cargo. Task Force Pirate flew more than 2,000 combat missions to include attack, close air support, and air assault insertions, often to elevations in excess of 14,000 feet, challenging Soldiers and aircraft alike. Task Force Pirate maintained an average 85 percent fully mission capable rate of all airframes throughout the deployment. Task Force Pirate successfully completed every mission assigned by higher headquarters as well as the numerous on-the-spot missions necessitated by the changing fortunes of war. In all cases, Soldiers from all three components of the Army joined together to form a cohesive and effective fighting organization that not only took the fight to the enemy, but helped to ensure a successful security mission for presidential candidates culminating in the first democratic presidential election process held in the country of Afghanistan. Throughout its tenure, Task Force Pirate set the standard for others to follow. The standard that Task Force Pirate established will continue to be a pattern for others to emulate and follow and truly represents the highest achievements in United States Army aviation.



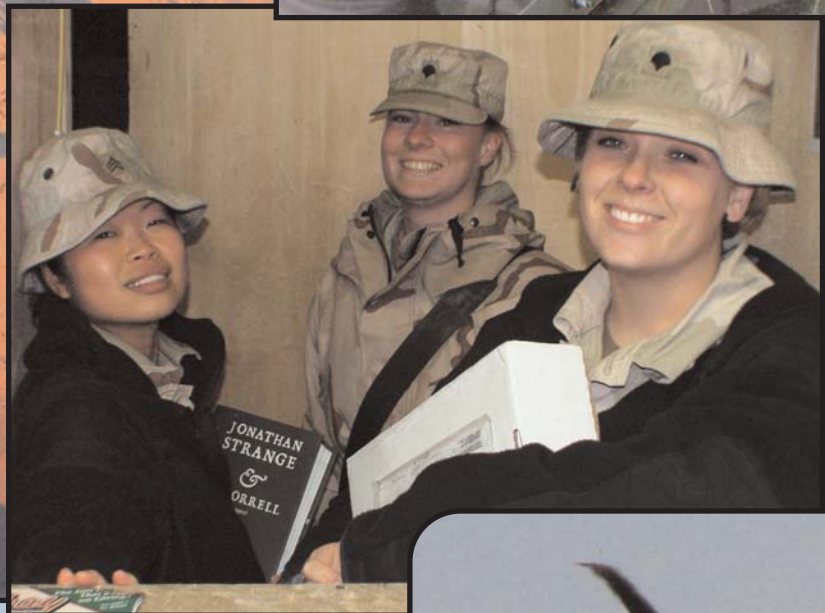




“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.”

-- Andrew Jackson





Task Force Roadhog

A Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter is shown in flight, viewed from a high angle. The helicopter is white with dark markings, including the number '42' on its side. It is flying over a vast, rugged mountain range with a winding river or road visible in the valley below. The sky is clear and blue.

*Bagram Airfield,
Afghanistan*



Lieutenant Colonel Richard Mullen, Commander, Task Force Roadhog

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Mullen graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree and entered the Marine Corps by attending Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va., in January 1984. He was an honor graduate and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April and went immediately to the Basic School where he again graduated as an honor graduate. Mullen then reported to NAS Pensacola for Naval Flight Training in the fall of 1984, receiving his wings in July of 1986. After flight school, he reported to Tustin, Calif., to undergo CH-53E training and was then assigned to the Condors of HMH-464 in New River, N.C. After returning from his Mediterranean

cruise, Mullen attended the Aviation Safety Officer course at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Mullen joined HMH-461 and deployed with the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade Amphibious Task Force as part of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm aboard the USS Raleigh and the USS Iwo Jima in the North Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf. After the Gulf War, Mullen left active duty and returned to California where he worked as a photojournalist and joined HMH-769 at NAS Alameda as a reservist in March 1992. During his 13 years in HMH-769, he has held the billets of assistant admin officer, aviation safety officer, assistant operations officer, operations officer, executive officer, and commanding officer. HMH-769 was activated for Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002, while Mullen was the executive officer and then again in 2004 when the squadron deployed to Afghanistan as part of Combined Joint Task Force 180/76 while Mullen was in command. Mullen's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V", Navy Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.



Sergeant Major Rudolph Frazzini, Task Force Roadhog

Sergeant Major Rudolph J. Frazzini, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, joined the Marine Corps in Mar. of 1979. Upon completion of recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, he attended Photographers School at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. In Sept. of 1979, Frazzini began his duties as combat photographer with Headquarters and Service Company, H&S Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, New Castle, Pa. In 1982, Frazzini moved to Oregon by riding his 10-speed bicycle across the country. He joined Company A, 6th Engineer Support Bn., 4th FSSG in Eugene, Ore. While serving in Eugene, he was retrained as a combat engineer. His duties included squad

leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon commander for one of the combat engineer sections. In the fall of 1990, he was called to active duty. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, and was then assigned as platoon commander. While in the Persian Gulf, his unit was assigned as part of Task Force Ripper, and included duty at bases including Al Jubail and Al Kibrit. In February of 2000, he was promoted to his current rank, and was assigned as Sergeant Major for 4th LSB. A successful tour of duty included the preparation of the Battalion for activation in 2003. Frazzini received orders assigning him to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769 (HMH-769) located at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in Feb. of 2003. In January of 2004, the Squadron was activated and deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, where they saw service with Combined Joint Task Force 180 in support of the Global war on Terrorism. The Squadron returned from deployment in October, and the Marines were subsequently demobilized in Jan. of 2005. Frazzini attended Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore., graduating with a bachelor's degree. His awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Select Marine Corps Reserve Medal with silver star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Deployment Medal.

Task Force Roadhog

OEF-V Overview

Task Force "ROADHOG" was Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769, the "Roadhogs", a Reserve CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter squadron from Edwards AFB in the high Mojave Desert of California. As one of only two Marine Corps helicopter squadrons permanently stationed in the desert and the squadron that was the primary support squadron for the Marine Corps' Mountain Warfare Training Center at Bridgeport, California, the Roadhogs were ideally suited for their deployment to Afghanistan. The powerful long-range Sikorsky CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter coupled with the very experienced Roadhog pilots (average flight time of 2400 hours) and aircrew were well-suited to the demanding high altitude conditions of Afghanistan. The squadron prepared for its deployment with a concentrated training program focusing on high altitude, desert and night operations in the months leading up to mobilization. The squadron was activated on January 5, 2004 and deployed six helicopters and 130 Marines to Afghanistan on 18 USAF C-17 transports in late March. This deployment was prior to the departure of CJTF-180 and was timed so that the squadron could perform the lion's share of the movement of troops during the main RIP as CJTF-76 took over in April and May. The squadron was based in Bagram where it remained for the duration of its seven month deployment first as a part of Task Force Falcon and then as a part of Task Force Wings and CJTF-76. The Roadhogs' primary mission was heavy lift of cargo and personnel as a regular "Ring Route" re-supply provider. In addition to the rings, The Roadhogs also performed Direct Action missions in support of CJSOTF, Presidential Support for Interim President Hamid Karzai and several missions in support of the U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalizad. The Super Stallion had a greater range than any other helicopter in the Combined Joint Task Force with its normal fuel configuration with the added ability to aerial refuel. It capitalized on this capability to perform a challenging short-reaction non-combatant evacuation of United Nations personnel from Chagcharan during fighting between local Afghan commanders. This was a 400-mile zero illumination flight over very high altitude mountains with an extremely dusty landing zone where the rescue aircraft rendezvoused with the evacuees by means of light signals. On another occasion, the Roadhogs launched two aircraft on a 752-mile flight that involved two in-flight refuelings from a USAF C-130 to reinforce Shindand airfield in western Afghanistan with Afghan National Army soldiers and U.S. Special Operations Soldiers. The squadron was on standby during the historic elections in October. This was the quietest time for the Roadhogs and an indication of the success of the elections. During their seven months in Afghanistan, the Roadhogs carried 10,496 passengers, 2,560,535 pounds of cargo during 1003 combat sorties and 1744.1 combat flight hours. The squadron turned its aircraft over to an active duty Marine Corps squadron, HMH-462, in October and returned to California with no injuries or damage to aircraft. The squadron de-activated on January 4, 2005. This was the second Operation Enduring Freedom activation for the squadron but its first deployment to Afghanistan.



Task Force Diamondhead



Kandahar, Afghanistan

Lieutenant Colonel Steven K. Brown, Commander, TF Diamondhead

Lieutenant Colonel Steven K. Brown was commissioned in 1983 upon graduation from Austin Peay State University. Past assignments include Aero Scout platoon commander and operations officer, 200th Avn. Co., 14th Separate Avn. Bn., III Corps, Fort Sill, Okla., commander, D Troop, 5th Squadron, 17th U.S. Cavalry, Republic of Korea; platoon leader, A Co., 1st Bn. 160th Special Operations Avn. Regt. (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky.; Special Mission Unit Liaison Officer, Fort Bragg, N.C., plans officer, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Div.; Bn. operations officer, 1st Bn., 227th Avn. Regt., Hanau, Germany, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, Corps Plans Officer, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany; Special Mission Unit plans officer, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., and Deputy Director Flight Concepts Division. Brown took command of 2nd Bn. (assault), 25th Avn. Regt. in 2003. He assumed the duties as commander of Task Force Diamondhead in Afghanistan in support of OEF-V in May 2004. He holds a bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University. He is a graduate of the Armor Cavalry Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, two Army Superior Unit Awards, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and the United Nations Medal. He is a Master Army Aviator and has earned the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.



Command Sergeant Major Robert Felder, TF Diamondhead

Command Sergeant Major Robert J. Felder entered the Army in 1983. Felder attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga., as an Avionic Mechanic. Throughout his 21 years of service, he has served in every enlisted leadership position from Avionic mechanic to platoon sergeant to his current position as the Task Force Diamondhead and 2-25 Aviation Bn. command sergeant major. Other key leadership assignments he has held are as follows: senior drill sergeant, senior instructor writer; first sergeant, HHC, 2-52 Avn. Bn., A Co. 2-82D Avn., and HHC, 2-82D Avn. Bn.; Scout Helicopter Division sergeant major; Task Force Angel command sergeant major, 3-229th command sergeant major. His military education includes Avionic Special equipment course (W6); Primary Leadership Development Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course, Instructors Training Course, Master Fitness Course, Drill Sergeants Course, Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, Aviation Accident Prevention Course, Army Safety Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and the Command Sergeants Major Course. His awards and decorations include the three Southwest Asia Service Medals with Bronze Star Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, 12 Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War Expeditionary Medal, four Overseas Service Medals, two National Defense, seven Good Conduct Medals, Senior Parachutist Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Presidential Unit Award, Bronze Order of Saint Michael from AAAA and a distinguished member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. He is presently pursuing a master's degree with Troy State University, and holds a bachelor's degree from Excelsior College.





Task Force Diamondhead OEF-V Overview

Second Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, as "Task Force Diamondhead," maintained a tremendous pace of operations taking the fight to the enemy in Afghanistan. The task force integrated with every Coalition ground force command across two regional commands to gain synchronization and synergy against the enemy. On the ground in Kandahar, the battalion headquarters and staff formed the nucleus for a new organization, "Task Force Diamondhead." In addition to 2-25's organic HHC, A, B, and D companies, the battalion would add five additional companies. The new headquarters came from numerous locations: Co. F, 131 Aviation Regiment, a CH-47 Army National Guard company came from Alabama and Georgia, Co. C, 1-211, an AH-64 company from the Florida National Guard that included a slice of Co.D, 1-211 AVUM from the Utah, Co. B, 193rd Aviation Regiment, an AVIM company from the Hawaii Army National Guard, a forward medical evacuation team from 68th Medical Co. (Air Ambulance), and an RC-12 Military Intelligence company, Co. B, 224th MI Battalion, from Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. All of these forces made up the largest Aviation Task Force deployed to OEF-V, where more than 800 Soldiers, civilians, NCOs, warrant officers and officers participated. Since the transfer of authority from 10th Mountain Division's Task Force Knighthawk in May 2004, 2-25 Aviation Regiment explosively increased combat operations against the enemy. At every opportunity Task Force Diamondhead took the fight to the enemy and never failed to execute every combat operation to previously unachieved standards. Every air-ground combat operation the taskforce conducted further degraded the enemy's capability to fight back. Every operation aggressively snatched greater and greater amounts of initiative from the enemy. During the deployment, the task force maintained a higher operational tempo than any of the previous four aviation task forces in Regional Command South. Task Force Diamondhead flew in excess of 26,300 hours, moving more than 34,650 passengers and 9.2 million tons of cargo while rescuing more than 300 medically evacuated patients all while maintaining averages over 84 percent mission capable rate across all aircraft types with bank times in excess of 55 percent. The amazing pace and tempo maintained by the unit is a testament to the current leadership and the future of Army aviation leadership. The unit displayed pride and honor in accomplishing every mission. This was evident in the unit's lineage to their veterans group, the 25th Aviation Organization, which first used the call sign "Diamondhead" in 1966. Pride is showcased in the Soldiers that have been decorated and recognized with numerous awards for gallantry, heroism and meritorious service as well as their many achievements. The battalion represents the best of what Army Aviation has to offer and its accomplishments this year in Afghanistan set a bold new standard that dares others to follow.







"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."
-Amelia Earhart





Task Force Red Dog



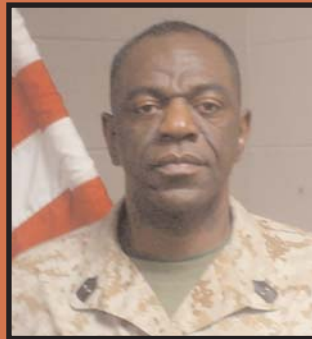
***HMLA-773
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**Lieutenant Colonel
Lance Maffett,
Commander,
Task Force Red Dog**

Lieutenant Colonel Maffett enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1983. In March 1986, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia and was commis-

sioned a second lieutenant in the USMC. In March 2002, he was promoted to his present rank of Lt. Col. In March 2004, he deployed with HMLA-773(-) to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, for combat operations in support of CJTF-76. On March 24, 2004, Maffett took command of HMLA-773 and served in OEF-V until October 2004. His personal decorations include the Air Medal (with Combat V) with gold star in lieu of second award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.



**Sergeant Major
Jerome Alford,
Task Force Red Dog**

Sergeant Major Jerome Alford attended Bethune Cookman College and received his Bachelor of Science degree. Alford enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in June

1979. In August of 1979, he entered recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. After completing recruit training, Alford attended aviation training in Middleton, Tenn. In June of 2001, he was promoted as Sergeant Major and on July 1st, 2001 he was assigned to HMLA-773 for three years. On October 3, 2003, Alford was deployed to Afghanistan with HMLA-773 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On July 2, 2004 Sgt. Maj. Alford returned from Afghanistan and was assigned as the Sergeant Major of MALS 42, Marietta, Ga.



**Lieutenant Colonel
J.G. Allen,
Commander,
Task Force Red Dog**

Lieutenant Colonel J.G. Allen received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas A&M University in May 1985 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the USMC. Upon completion of The Basic School in

November 1985, he reported to NAS Pensacola for flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1990. While assigned to the Navy, Allen was assigned additional duties to include physical fitness instructor, schedule writer and student control officer. In October 2002, Allen was promoted to his present rank. Allen was assigned officer-in-charge of HMLA-773 Detachment A in November 2003. Having been activated in October, Allen deployed with HMLA-773 FWD (2nd Det) in March to Afghanistan. There he served as the executive officer and the UH-1N division leader. In July 2004, Allen redeployed to NAS Atlanta to join the rear detachment for their workups prior to returning to Afghanistan. He will serve as the commander for the 3rd Det. Allen's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Air Medal (Strike/Flight), Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War On Terrorism (Expeditionary), and the NATO Medal (Yugoslavia).



**Sergeant Major
William Thomas,
Task Force Red Dog**

Sergeant Major William Thomas enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1982 and reported for Basic Training at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., where he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Pfc. He attended his MOS school in 29 Palms, Calif., where he completed his training as a ground radio repairman in October 1983. Upon completion of his active duty, Thomas joined the Reserves and was ordered to report to Charlie Co., 8th Tank Bn., Tallahassee, Fla. He stayed with Charlie Co. up until Nov. 1990, at which time the unit was activated and deployed for service in the Persian Gulf. He served as the platoon sergeant for the communications platoon for the 8th Tank Bn. Upon return from the Persian Gulf, he returned to college and in May 1992 completed his Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida State University. In May 2004, he was made aware that there was a need for a sergeant major to take over for HMLA-773 and immediately deploy to Afghanistan. He volunteered to take the position filled that position until Oct. 2004 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, as well as 25 other personal and campaign awards.





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HMLA 773
COMMANDING OFFICER
LT COL J.G. ALLEN
SERGEANT MAJOR
SGT MAJ W.M. THOMAS



"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

-- Ronald Reagan,
President of the
United States, 1985



Task Force Dustoff



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Major David Spero, Commander, Task Force Dustoff

Major David Spero enlisted in the U.S. Army in June of 1983. While serving as a Parachute Rigger, he spent two years in the 4th Quartermaster Detachment in Korea and was then assigned to the 407th S&T Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. In August 1988, he was awarded an Army ROTC scholarship as part of the "Green to Gold" commissioning program and attended Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. Spero graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Methodist College in 1990 and received a Regular Army commission through ROTC as a second lieutenant. He attended the Medical Service Corps Officer Basic Course that same year and was then re-assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div. at Fort Bragg, N.C. After completing Flight School, he served as an FSMT leader, flight platoon leader, and the flight operations officer with the 57th Medical Co. (Air Ambulance). He is currently serving as commander of the 68th Med. Co. (Air Ambulance), 25th Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), and is forward deployed to Afghanistan as part of OEF-V. Spero's civilian and military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Airborne School, U.S. Army Ranger School, Officer Basic Course, UH-60 Aircraft Qualification Course, Aeromedical Evacuation Course, CLOAC, CAS3, and the Support Operations Course. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with six oak leaf clusters. He additionally holds the Expert Field Medical Badge, Senior Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge and the U.S. Army Ranger Tab.



First Sergeant Louis Gholston, Task Force Dustoff

First Sergeant Louis Gholston entered the Army on Nov. 13, 1985, and completed Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1986 and awarded the MOS of 91A, Combat Medical Specialist. Gholston's assignments include: Keller Army Hospital, West Point, N.Y.; 36th Med. Det. (AA), Fort Polk, La.; Charlie Med. Co., 3rd Forward Support Bn. (FSB), 3rd Inf. Div., Germany; 3rd FSB, 3rd Inf. Div., Germany; William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas; National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.;

NCOIC, Army Medical Department, Lessons Learned and Project Warrior Office, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Medical Operations NCO, 62nd Medical Brigade, attached to 101st Abn. Div. (Air Assault), Iraq; 68th Med. Co. (AA) 25th Avn. Bde., 25th Inf. Div. (L). His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Air Medical Evacuations Doctrine Course (2CF7), Force Structure Course, Observer Controller Course, Air Load Planners Course, Master Fitness Leaders Course, Instructor Trainers Course, Flight Aidman Course, NBC Course. His civilian education includes: Associate Degree in Allied Health (President's List), PHTLS Instructor Course and is a graduate of the Emergency Medical Technician Course (EMT). 1SG Gholston's awards and Decorations include: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On

Terrorism Medal, Korean Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Medal with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, NCO Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal (2), Unit Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, Aviation Badge. He is also a member of the Medical Order of Merit, for significant contributions to the Army Medical Department.



Task Force Dustoff OEF-V Overview

The 68th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) was alerted for deployment in November 2003. The unit deployed from Alaska and Hawaii on March 25, 2004, to Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in support of OEF-V. The unit joined with elements of the 45th Med. Co. (AA) out of Germany already in theater, and two months later, with the 159th Med. Co. (AA) also out of Germany, who replaced the 45th. This gave Task Force Dustoff the unique chance to provide continuous medevac coverage for the country of Afghanistan between units in Hawaii, Alaska and Germany. At the same time, some units had stay behind elements covering the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic in Hawaii and Alaska.

Since March 2004, TF Dustoff has conducted more than 785 lifesaving medevac missions of U.S. and Coalition service members, civilians and local nationals in the Combined Joint Operational Area. With aircraft and Soldiers based in Salerno, Bagram and Kandahar, the unit has transported more than 1,200 patients from point of injury to medical treatment facilities (MTF), from MTF to MTF, and oftentimes from ongoing Troops in Contact (TIC) situations. The 68th Med. Co. (AA) fell in on airfield hangars in both Bagram and Kandahar, and has since greatly developed and enhanced the command, control, communications and living conditions of the Bagram headquarters, and moved into new headquarters specifically designed for us in Kandahar. The 68th Med. Co. (AA) has flown more than 3,445 hours in the harsh Afghanistan environment, consisting of zero illumination mis-

sions, high altitude hoist missions, dusty conditions, snowy conditions, and high altitude flight conditions; some of the most difficult conditions in the world. With an average launch time from receipt of notification to launch of 18 minutes, the 68th Med. Co. (Air Ambulance) has not dropped one mission due to maintenance or unavailability of aircraft. As of February 2005, the unit has not sustained any combat-related injuries. The 68th Med. Co. (AA) will continue its medevac support through March of 2006 supporting OEF-V and VI.



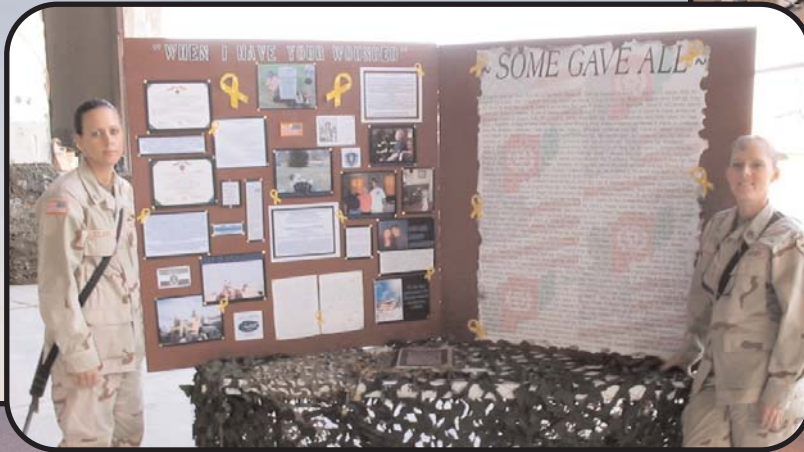


EVAN W. O'NEILL HANGAR

In memory of PFC Evan O'Neill, who was killed in action on 29 September 2003, southeast of Shkin near the Pakistan Border.

His sacrifice for his country will never be forgotten.

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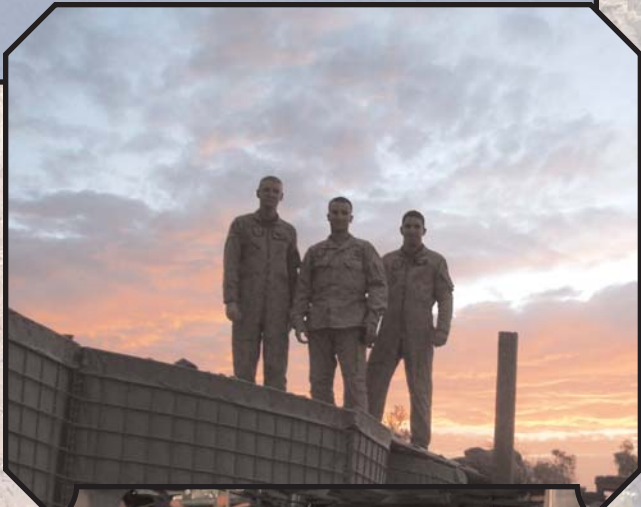




“Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.”

--General George S. Patton





Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462





Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Stephens, Commander, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Stephens entered the Marine Corps through the Platoon Leaders Class after graduating from Northern Arizona State University in 1988. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1988. Upon Completion of The Basic School, he was ordered to NAS Pensacola, Fla., for flight training. Following his designation as a Naval Aviator in August of 1991, Stephens reported to HMT-302 at MCAS Tustin, Calif., for CH-53E pilot training. After completing Replacement Aircrew Training in the CH-53E, Stephens was assigned to Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 where he served as the flight line officer, assistant operations officer and squadron weapons and tactics instructor. During his tour with the "Flying Tigers," he made three shipboard deployments. First, as a member of HMM-163 ACE, 11th MEU (SOC); second, as a member of the 31st MEU (SOC) and the first CH-53E squadron assigned as the ACE for a MEU, and lastly, as the CH-53E detachment WTI with HMM-161, ACE, 13th MEU (SOC). Following his tour with HMM-361, Stephens was assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One where he served as a CH-53 Tactics Instructor from 1995-1998. Following his tour with MAWTS-1, Stephens was re-assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served with First Marines as the regiment's air officer from 1998-1999. In July 1999, Stephens was ordered to Miramar Air Station and served as the future operations officer for MAG-16. From September 2000 through July 2002, he served as the operations and executive officer, HMM-462. Following a deployment to Okinawa with HMM-462, Stephens was reassigned to the First Marine Expeditionary Force where he served as the staff secretary to the commanding general, I MEF. He deployed to Iraq with I MEF and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Stephens reported to HMM-462 in February 2004 and took command of HMM-462 in June 2004.



Sergeant Major Ramona D. Cook, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462

Sergeant Major Ramona D. Cook attended California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In January 1984, Cook reported to Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Okinawa, Japan, for a one year unaccompanied tour as a radio repairperson. She participated in Operation Team Spirit in Pohang, South Korea. While in Okinawa, she was promoted to corporal, and returned stateside in January 1985. In February, she reported to Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 38, MCAS El Toro, Calif. In November 1985, she was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and began serving in a new MOS, Maintenance Management Specialist. From November 1985 on, Cook participated in numerous combined arms exercises, WTIs and other field operations. In 1993 she executed permanent change of assignment orders, and reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Camp Pendleton. In April 1994, Cook completed the SNCO Career course at El Toro, Calif. In April 1995, Cook reported to Drill Instructor School in Parris Island, S.C. While a drill instructor, Cook also completed the SNCO Advanced Course at Camp Geiger, N.C. At Parris Island, she also held the billets of senior drill instructor, series gunnery sergeant, and was the first company first sergeant for the newly activated Papa Company. In August 1997, Cook was again assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 4. There she held the billet as the squadron maintenance management chief, until May 1999 when promoted to the rank of first sergeant. She then reported to 1st FSSG, to serve as the Service Company first sergeant, and deployed as the Combat Service Support Detachment 34 first sergeant in support of Operation Ulchi Focus Lens 99, in Pohang, South Korea. In July 2000, Cook and her family returned stateside, and she reported to Weapons and Field Training Battalion to assume the duties as the Range Company first sergeant. She remained there until her selection to sergeant major in February 2003 when she reported to HMM-462, MCAS Miramar, Calif., and assumed her current assignment as the squadron sergeant major. In March 2003, Cook was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and again to Bagram, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Cook's personal awards include a Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, gold star in lieu of second award, four Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal .

The Screw Crew

U. S. Marine Central Command ordered Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (HMH-462) to deploy in support of OEF-V in June 2004. In July and August, the operations department focused all training on high-altitude, high gross-weight, flight operations in anticipation of deployment to Afghanistan, where Marines from HMH-462 had previously operated as part of the 15th MEU during OEF-I. An advanced party of 37 Marines deployed to Bagram Airfield on September 21, 2004 to begin a Relief in Place (RIP) with reservists from HMH-769. On October 17, 2004 the main body arrived, the RIP was officially completed, and HMH-462 assumed flight operations as Task Force Screw Crew under the command of Task Force Wings and Combined Joint Task Force 76. With six CH-53E helicopters, TF Screw Crew conducted assault support missions primarily in Regional Command East, serving nine forward operating bases: Salerno, Gardez, Ghazni, Zormat, Shkin, Lwara, Orgun-E, Chapman, Carlson, and Bamian. Through January 31, 2005, Task Force Screw Crew flew 803 sorties for a total of 1,015 flight hours, delivered over 1.4 million pounds of internal cargo, 87,000 pounds of sling-loaded cargo, and transported 5,632 passengers. Task Force Screw Crew executed several noteworthy deliberate missions including a four-plane RIP of 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, IED Quick Reaction Force (QRF) missions with ground forces, and VIP missions to Jalalabad and Herat with the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan and the Governor of Ghor respectively. Through January 2005, the squadron did not damage any aircraft or sustain any combat related casualties, extending its streak of mishap-free flight hours to 51,874.









Task Force Victory



Civil Affairs



Colonel Guy Sands-Pingot, Commander, Task Force Victory



Colonel Guy Sands-Pingot has served over 25 years in the United States Army. He was commissioned as an infantry lieutenant in 1978 from the Fordham University ROTC Program. After receiving his bachelor's degree from The City College of New York, he went on active duty in the Berlin Brigade with the 3/6th Infantry and the Allied General Staff. This was followed by assignment as a Tactical Officer at the US Army Ranger Training Brigade and subsequent posting to Korea in the 2nd Infantry Division and as Commander of the United Nations Honor Guard Company. Returning to Fort Benning, GA in 1984, he was selected to serve as a Senior Platoon Trainer for newly commissioned Infantry Lieutenants, and later, as Commander of C Co, 8th Bn, 2nd Infantry Training Brigade. Following his completion of service in the active components in 1988, he joined the New York Army National Guard where he commanded the 142nd

Infantry Detachment (LRS) (Airborne) until his recall to active service during Operation Desert Shield/Storm with the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard as Commander of HHC, 1/121st Infantry. In February 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and was selected to serve as Deputy Commander of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Philadelphia, PA until assuming Command of the 360th CA Brigade (Airborne) in June 2003. From that time onward he prepared the Brigade for its current deployment in Afghanistan which started in September 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he serves as both Commander of the Combined Joint Civil Affairs Task Force "Victory" and the Chief of CJ9 staff, Civil-Military Operations. His military decorations include the award of the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge as well as the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaves, the Joint Commendation Medal with oak leaf, the Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaves, the Joint Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal among other foreign awards and decorations. Sands also holds advanced post-graduate degrees from Fordham University, Troy State University and St Andrews University, Scotland as well as having completed graduate work at Oxford University, England.

Command Sergeant Major Raymond Owens, Task Force Victory



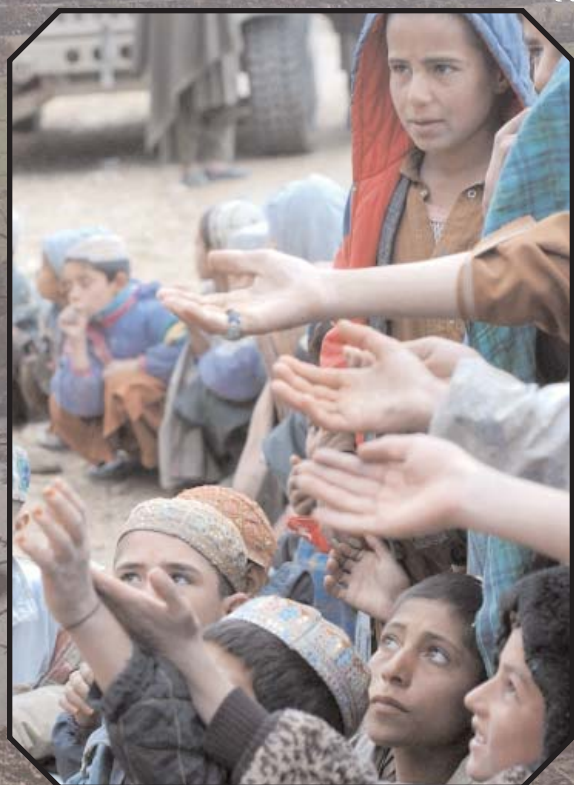
Command Sergeant Major Raymond E. Owens has served in the U.S. Army for more than 28 years in a variety of positions of increasing responsibilities that has led to his present assignment as command sgt. maj. of Task Force Victory. A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Owens started his career by enlisting in the Army Reserve in 1974 as an infantryman. Following graduation from basic and advanced individual training, he was assigned as a rifleman in the 78th Division, Army Reserve where he later served as an infantry team leader, squad leader and platoon sergeant for the next 12 years. While assigned to the Army Reserve, he was selected to serve as a Drill Sergeant and served in that capacity for more than 5 years, training newly entered Soldiers in both the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. As a result of his outstanding performance, he was twice selected as Drill Sergeant of the Year while

serving at Ft. Knox, Ky. In recent years, he served as a scout platoon sergeant, infantry company first sergeant and civil affairs detachment team non-commissioned officer. In 2000, he was accepted to serve with the 489th Civil Affairs Bn. in Knoxville, Tenn., where he served in positions ranging from civil affairs team sergeant to first sergeant of the battalion headquarters detachment. During the time of his assignment to the 489th CA Bn., he was mobilized and served tours in both Bosnia and Kosovo. He was selected to serve as battalion command sergeant major in 2001 and subsequently accompanied the 489th CA Bn. to Afghanistan during its initial deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002-2003. In June 2004, he was selected for his present assignment to serve as the command sergeant major of the Civil Affairs Task Force 360 during its mobilization and subsequent deployment to Afghanistan in September 2004. In December 2004, Owens was named to be the next command sergeant major for the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) located in Ft. Jackson, S.C., upon his return from his present assignment this coming June.

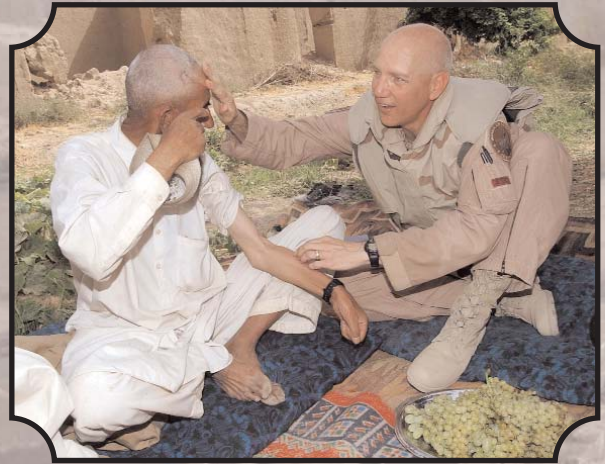
Task Force Victory OEF-V Overview



CJTF-76 CJ-9/Task Force Victory planned, supervised, coordinated and participated in numerous Civil Military Operations (CMO) throughout the CJTF-76 area of operations during OEF-V. The Task Force monitored and assisted the CMO staff sections in each of the three Regional Commands. These Regional Commands, in turn, provided supervision, guidance, and support to a total of 14 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). The PRTs planned and executed CMO missions on a daily basis. We issued more than 50,000 humanitarian assistance (HA) items (blankets, beans, health kit, clothing, etc.) to orphanages, schools, hospitals, prisons and other organizations providing service to the Afghan people. In conjunction with the humanitarian assistance, we established a user friendly access site to humanitarian stock inventory, distribution to date site, and an easy request for humanitarian support request format, to bring Afghanistan relief in the most direct fashion as possible. Cooperative Medical Assistance (CMA) missions were conducted in the cities, towns, villages and rural areas. More than 20,000 animals and about 10,000 people have been immunized, and a wide assortment and variety of medical care and treatment was provided by the CMA teams. In coordination with the CJTF-76 Surgeon cell, CJ-9 staff developed procedures that outlined the key types of CMA assistance given, method to obtain CMA support, future goals and objectives of the CMA program, and the legal authority and procedures involved in budgeting for the CMA/HA support. The staff section of CJ-9 provided continuous support of CMO activities in the field, as well as staff support to the Commanding General and his staff at CJTF-76. The Finance & Projects Branch, Civil Military Operations, CJTF-76 provided four regional command (RCs) brigades, 14 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs), and 10 maneuver battalions vital fiscal guidance and performed timely actions to enhance the reconstruction efforts in 25 Afghanistan provinces.



The team, which consisted of Air Force and Navy financial officers, participated in convoy operations where they trained and provided guidance on matters affecting the execution of \$100 million. Their focus was primarily on the expenditure of funds used to provide humanitarian assistance and facilitate the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Their actions directly influenced thousands of commander's emergency response program (CERP) and overseas humanitarian disaster and civic aid (OHDACA) projects valued at \$100 million. They provided help OEF units here in Afghanistan manage and control cash, inventories, and contracting actions. The Finance & Projects Branch also worked with various international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and government organizations and helped establish, operate and maintain a tool which will be used to track and control the number of projects across Afghanistan. In doing so, the Finance & Projects Branch works with Afghanistan's Ministry of Finance to integrate the Government of Afghanistan (GoA) and donor nation's multi billion dollar national priority plan into a database which facilitated coordination and precluded duplication of efforts. The Finance & Projects Branch routinely briefed 14 ambassadors, senior military officials, international and non-governmental organization leaders, and government of Afghanistan officials on PRT activities and projects.



Task Force 1-168 IN



“Red Bull”





Lieutenant Colonel David Visser, Commander, TF 1-168 IN

Lieutenant Colonel David Scott Visser graduated from Utah State University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree and was commissioned through the ROTC Program. Visser graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic course at Fort Benning, Ga., and then was assigned to 2nd Bn., 327th Inf., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault). Visser was a platoon leader in both B Co. and D Co., 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. and was the executive officer for HHC, 2nd Bde. After attending the Infantry Officer Advance Course at Fort Benning, Visser was assigned as the S3 air, 2nd Bde., 10th Mountain Div., Fort Drum, N.Y. At Fort Drum, he also commanded C Co., 3rd Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. In 1993, Visser left active duty and joined the Iowa National Guard and was assigned as the Commander, 194th Long Range Surveillance Detachment (Airborne), 34th Inf. Div. In 1996, he was assigned as the S3, 1st Bn., 168th Inf., 34th Inf. Div., and later as the executive officer of the same battalion. In October of 2002, Visser was given command of the 1st Bn., 168th Inf., and in 2004 deployed the battalion to OEF-V. Visser has attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advance Course, Ranger School, Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, Air Assault School, Air Ground Operation School, LRSD Course, Light Leaders Course, CAS 3, and CGSC.



Command Sergeant Major Gary Rock, TF 1-168 IN

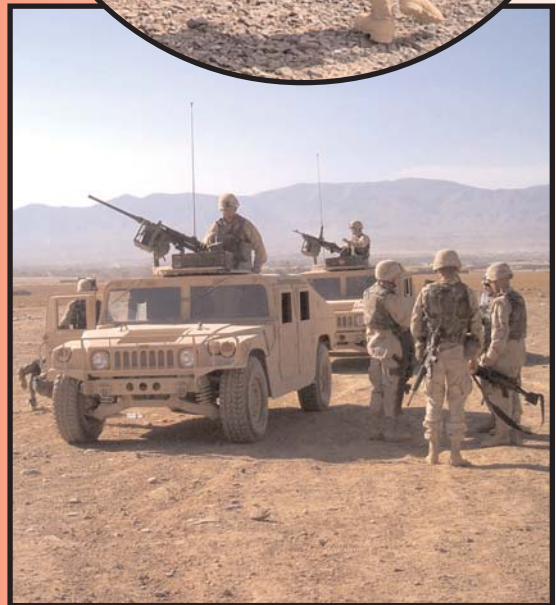
Command Sergeant Major Gary Dean Rock enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1982 and his assignments include the Berlin Brigade in Germany, Fort Carson, Colo., and South Korea. Rock has been a member of the 1st Bn., 168th Inf. Bn., 34th Inf. Div., Iowa Army National Guard since 1991. Currently, Rock is the 1st Bn., 168th Inf. Bn. Command Sergeant Major. Rock is a graduate of the U.S Army Sergeant's Major Academy, Class 27 Non-Resident, U.S. Army Sniper School, and the French Armed Forces Commando School, and has earned the Expert Infantryman Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Rock also has numerous awards and decorations earned throughout his career.



Task Force 1-168 IN OEF-V Overview

1st Battalion, 168th Infantry, headquartered in Council Bluffs, Iowa, mobilized in March of 2004 to conduct force protection in support of OEF-V. Upon mobilization, 1st Bn., 168th Inf., was organized into TF 1-168 IN made up of approximately 780 Iowa and Minnesota National Guard soldiers from the 34th "Red Bull" Inf. Div., and augmented with Army Reserve medical soldiers. This mobilization was the largest in Iowa history since World War II. Upon completion of mobilization training in Fort Hood, Tx., TF-168 Inf. entered Afghanistan in May of 2004. TF 1-168 IN pushed out and took up force protection positions at 12 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) covering areas in Regional Commands East, South and West. In addition, TF 1-168 IN logistics Soldiers conducted operations out of Bagram, Kandahar and Karshi-Khanabad (K2) for all PRTs in the Combined Joint Operation Area (CJOA). Logistics missions were also carried out for various fire bases. During these logistics operations, more than 3,000 jinga trucks were pushed out with multiple types of supply. During the course of the one-year deployment, TF 1-168 IN force protection elements conducted more than 10,000 missions in support of reconstruction efforts in PRT areas of influence and responsibility. TF 1-168 IN stood up and oversaw the building from the ground up of four new PRTs. Soldiers of the PRTs assisted in the development of local government and non-governmental organization (NGO) relationships, the training and stabilization of local police and security forces and the establishment of a democratically elected national president. TF 1-168 IN Soldiers faced enemy forces throughout Afghanistan, withstanding rocket attacks, IED attacks, heavy weapons and small arms ambushes. For action in the face of the enemy, members of TF 1-168 IN have been recommended for Army Commendation Medals with V device, Bronze Star Medal with V device and the Silver Star. Due to injuries received in combat, members of TF 1-168 IN have been awarded the Purple Heart with one posthumous Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Eligible Soldiers received the Combat Infantry Badge and Combat Medical Badge as result of enemy action. Upon redeployment, TF 1-168 IN Soldiers will be the first Soldiers in the division to wear the "Red Bull" as a combat patch since World War II.



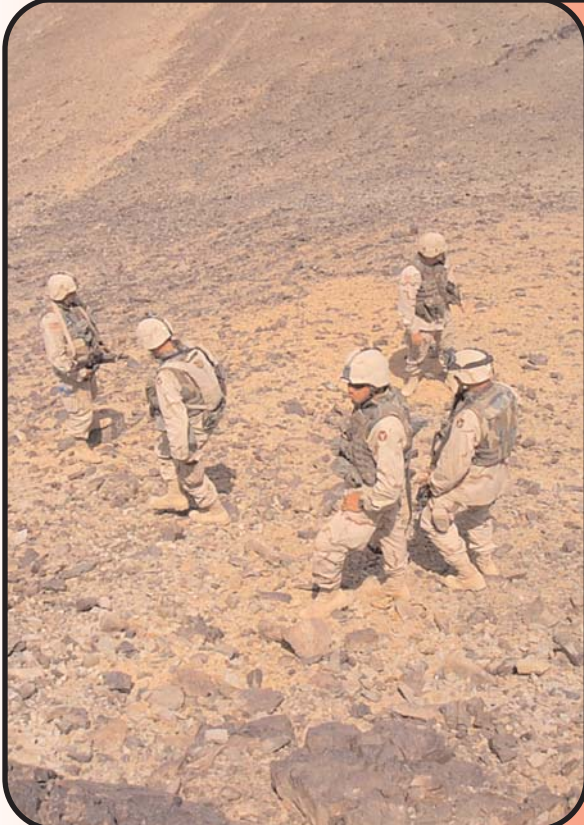


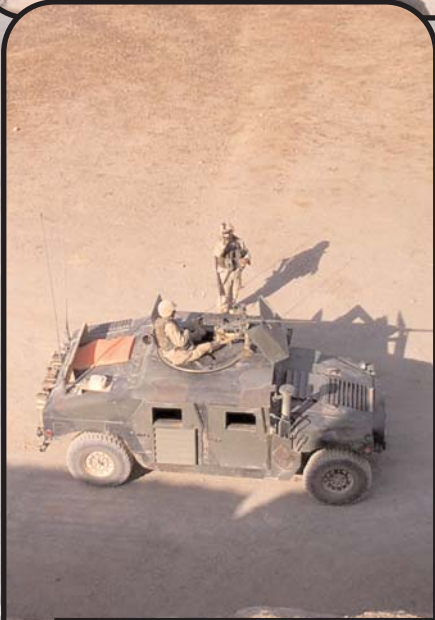


***“The battle,
sir, is not to
the strong
alone; it is to
the vigilant,
the active,
the
brave...”***



**-- Patrick
Henry**





***Combined
Task Force
Coyote***



***“First
To Serve”***



Colonel Nancy J. Wetherill, Commander, CTF Coyote

Colonel Nancy J. Wetherill enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) in February of 1974. She later attended the SDARNG Military Academy and was commissioned in July of 1977. Her total years of commissioned service are more than 26 years and her total years of military service are more than 30 years. Wetherill's significant military education consists of the following: Engineer Officer Basic Course, Ft. Belvoir, Va., in 1978, Command and General Staff College in 1987, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., in 1996, and Pre-Command Course in 1996. Wetherill's civilian education includes a bachelor's degree from Black Hills State College, Spearfish, S.D., and a master's degree from South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D. Wetherill's major Decorations and Service Medals include Meritorious Service Medal, U.S. Army Commendation Medal, with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Excellence-in-Competition Gold LEG Medal. Wetherill's duty appointments include Platoon Leader/Detachment Commander, Det 1, 214th Engr Co (DP); Platoon Leader, 842nd Engr Co (CSE); Chemical Staff Officer, 109th Engr Gp; S-1 Commanded Control; has Assistant S-3 Command and Control; has S-2 Troop Command; Commander, 129th PAD; S-3 Troop Command; Public Affairs Officer, HQ STARC; Commander 109th En Bn. Wetherill became the Commander of the 109th Engr Gp (CBT) on 07 April 2003. Wetherill also serves as Construction Facilities Management Officer for SDARNG.



Command Sergeant Major Darwin Rahder, CTF Coyote

Command Sergeant Major Darwin Rahder joined the 153rd Engineer Battalion of the South Dakota Army National Guard in December of 1975. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Advanced Individual Training in Fort Belvoir, Va. Rahder transferred to the operations of 109th Engineer Group in 1979. He was the 1st. Sgt. for HHC, 109th Engineer Group from Oct. 1985 to Sept. 1992. From Sept. 1992 to Apr. 1993, he was the Logistics NCO for 109th Engineer Group. Rahder was the Operations Sergeant for the 109th Engineer Group until July, 2002. After a short tour as the Command Sergeant Major at training site of the State Area Command he was selected as Command Sergeant Major of the 109th Engineer Group in June of 2003. Rahder is a graduate of Huron High School and has attended the following military schools; NCOES Advance Course, Platoon Leaders Workshop/Basic Training, Management System, First Sergeants Course, and graduated from the United States Sergeants Major Academy in 1995. Rahder's awards include the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (eighth award), Army Commendation Medal (fourth award), Army Achievement Medal (third award), Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal. Rahder has participated in Warfighter exercises in Japan and Germany.



CTF Coyote

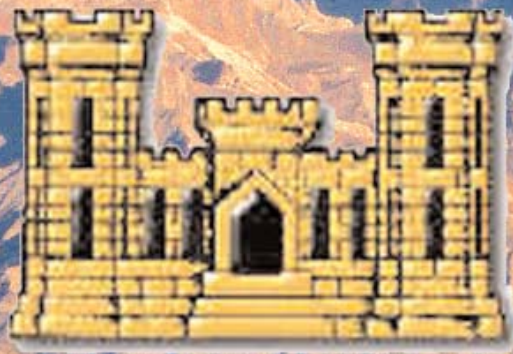
OEF-V Overview

Combined Task Force (CTF) Coyote supported CJTF-76 with engineer operations throughout Afghanistan in order to legitimize and extend the reach of the central government. Coyote accomplished its mission through airfield expansion, mine-clearing, and concrete operations at Bagram (BAF) and Kandahar (KAF) Airfields; construction engineering support to forward operating bases (FOB), base camps, and Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT); and construction of the Kandahar to Tarin Kowt road in Southwest Afghanistan. In order to accomplish these missions, CTF Coyote assembled one of the most unique task organizations of any task force under CJTF76. U.S. troops in CTF Coyote were predominantly either National Guard or Army Reserve. This held true for its Headquarters unit, the 109th Engineer Group (Combat) an Army National Guard (ARNG) unit from Rapid City, S.D. The 109th further augmented its headquarters with a diverse engineering design cell (DMS) consisting of Air National Guardsmen (ANG) from St. Louis, MO, the 231st Civil Engineer Flight (CEF) and the Facility Engineer Team, FET#2 / 416th ENCOM, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Milwaukee, WI. Two subordinate battalions commanded the bulk of the soldiers in the CTF. The 367th Engineer Battalion Combat Light (C)(L), a USAR unit headquartered in St. Cloud, MN, and the 528th Engineer Battalion Combat Heavy (H), headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana. Rounding out the US forces in CTF Coyote was the seven-man the 67th Military Mine Dog Detachment (MMDD) from Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, the only active component US soldiers in Coyote. Adding to the diversity in CTF Coyote were engineers from Australia, Korea, Poland and Slovakia. Finally, CTF Coyote would not be complete without the civilian mine clearing contractor, RONCO. CTF Coyote flew its guidon at BAF, with a forward support element in KAF. However, you would have found the nearly 1,800 members of CTF Coyote spread all throughout Afghanistan and the CJTF-76 Area of Responsibility (AOR). Of distinction to CTF Coyote operations was the construction of the Kandahar to Tarin Kowt road that will restore a trade route between the cities improve security and access to health care, and extend commerce and education for thousands of Afghans. Soldiers from the 109th, DMS, 367th, and the 528th worked together to provide survey, design, security, establish forward engineer FOB Tiger, and construction on the 120 km long road through the heart of Taliban country. The Kandahar to Tarin Kowt road is the first road constructed by military engineers in a combat zone since Vietnam. CTF Coyote would not be complete without the extraordinary efforts of its Coalition engineers. Coyote's lone Australian officer headed up the Mine Action Center (MAC), providing mine awareness training, comprehensive documentation, and advice to theatre commanders. The Polish engineers joined forces with the MAC and the 367th with mine clearing, and further contributed to UXO disposal. Polish heavy engineer equipment assisted with force protection and other base improvements. The Korean and Slovak Engineers supported CTF Coyote with concrete operations in support of airfield expansion, runway repair, force protection and vertical construction on BAF. Slovak Engineers completed the extension of Bravo Taxiway North, Bravo Key Holes, Alpha SOD, and other concrete missions. Korean Engineers poured thousands of cubic meters of concrete in support of AC-130 expansion parking and the North and South infields.





367th Engineer Battalion



“Out Front!”





Lieutenant Colonel Scott V. Anderson, Commander, 367th Eng. Bn.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott V. Anderson serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as the Battalion Commander of the 367th Engineer Battalion Combat Corps Light (CCL). The 367th Eng. Bn. is headquartered in St. Cloud, Minn. He attended the Reserve Officer Training Course at North Dakota State University and was commissioned in 1979. Anderson has currently served more than 25 years of commissioned service. His significant military education consists of the following Engineer Officer Basic Course at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Northern Warfare training center Junior Leaders Course at Ft. Greeley, Alaska, Engineer Officer Advanced Course at Ft. Leonardwood Mo.,

Combined Arms Service and Support School at Camp Ripley, Minn. and General Staff College at Ft. Snelling, Minn., Ft. Dix, N.J., and Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. His civilian education includes a bachelor's of science from North Dakota State University. Anderson's major decorations and service medals include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Army Reserve Component Overseas Ribbon. Anderson's duty assignments include platoon leader, 1st 409th Inf. Bn., Walker, Minn.; executive officer, 367th Eng. Bn., St. Cloud, Minn.; executive officer, 439th Eng. Bn., Bismarck, N.D., battalion commander, 367th Eng. Bn., St. Cloud Minn.; host national support officer, 644th Area Support Group, Ft. Snelling, Minn., and battalion commander 367th Eng. Bn., St. Cloud, Minn. Anderson's previous deployments include Panama, 1992, Operation Golden Castle, McAlistier, Okla., 2000; Alaska Road, Ketchikan, Alaska. 2001, Grafenwohr, Germany, 2002.



Command Sergeant Major Charles Yingst, Jr., 367th Eng. Bn.

Command Sergeant Major Charles Yingst, Jr. joined the U.S. Army Reserves 367th Engineer Battalion Combat Corps Light (CCL) in 1985. The 367th Eng. Bn. is headquartered in St. Cloud, Minn. Yingst has attended the Primary Leadership Development Course, B Non-commissioned Officer Course, A Non-commissioned Officers Course, the First Sergeants Course and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education. He also holds a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin Superior. Yingst's major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation

Medal with two oak leaf clusters (OLC) Army Achievement Medal with four OLC, Army Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hour Glass and M device, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four OLC, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Excellence In Competition Badge – Pistol. His significant duty appointments are Bailey Bridge crewman, Bailey Bridge foreman, Bailey Bridge platoon sergeant, 327th Bridge Company, first sergeant, Co. A, 397th Eng. Bn. Combat Corps Mechanized; command sergeant major, 376th Finance Battalion; command sergeant major, 367th Eng. Bn. Combat Corps Light. Yingst's prior deployments include Panama, 1994, Guatemala, 1995, National Training Center, 2000; Canada (Winter Survival Training), 2002; Afghanistan, OEF.



367th Eng. Bn.

OEF-V Overview

The 367th Eng. Bn. (CCL) played a critical engineering role in the success of CTF Coyote in RC East and RC West. Also headquartered in Bagram and consisting of three organic line companies, an HHC, the 67th MMDD, A/528th Engineer (Louisiana ARNG) and RONCO contractors, the 367th performed mine clearance, Sapper and construction missions at forward operating bases (FOB), base camps and provincial reconstruction teams (PRT) throughout Afghanistan and construction at Bagram. 367th Engineers cleared areas on Bagram, Kandahar and Orgun-E using mechanical and manual methods as well as dog teams. Mechanically, they cleared just over two-million square meters of terrain with the use of the Hydrema and Aardvark flails, and the MV-4 Doking mini-flail, MCAP dozers and roller systems pulled by the Buffalo mine clearing vehicle. 367th Sappers utilized the RG-31 squad vehicle and IVMMDS to provide route clearance to engineers on the Kandahar to Tarin Kowt road and infantry in RC East and RC South. 367th soldiers, using the AN-PSS 14 HSTAMIDS mine detectors and probs, and RONCO contractors worked closely with the 67th MMDD to manually clear nearly one-million square meters of terrain for air base expansion. Further highlights included airfield expansion on Bagram, where they poured over 20,000 cubic meters of concrete. 367th Engineers construction skills were utilized in the construction of the Bagram Regional Detainee Facility and as carpenters, masons, electricians and plumbers throughout RC East in support of FOBs and PRTs. Projects completed by these Soldiers included building Tier-III tents, B-huts, well houses, generator shelters, and winterizing base camps. At Salerno, A/528 Engineers under the command and control of the 367th could be found reworking base drainage, digging a new sewage lagoon system, and other horizontal engineering projects. One of their most spectacular accomplishments is the 10,000-square foot Brigade Headquarters building for CTF Thunder and a 5,000-square foot Marine Command Operations Center.

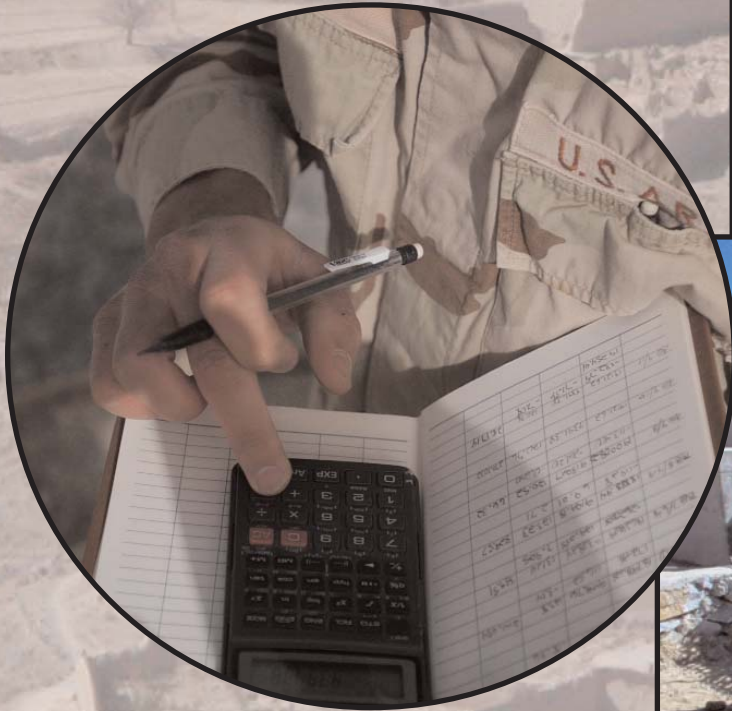
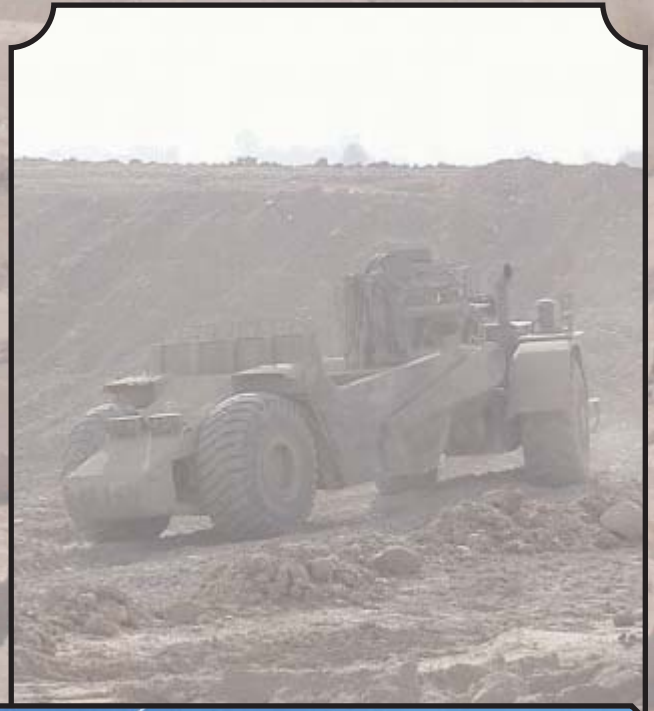




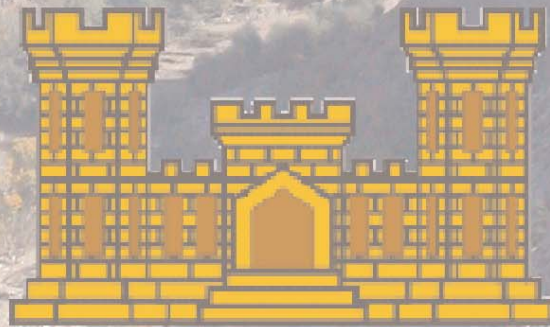
"When we assumed the Soldier, we did not lay aside the Citizen."
-- George Washington







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Lieutenant Colonel Owen W. Monconduit, Commander, 528th Eng. Bn.

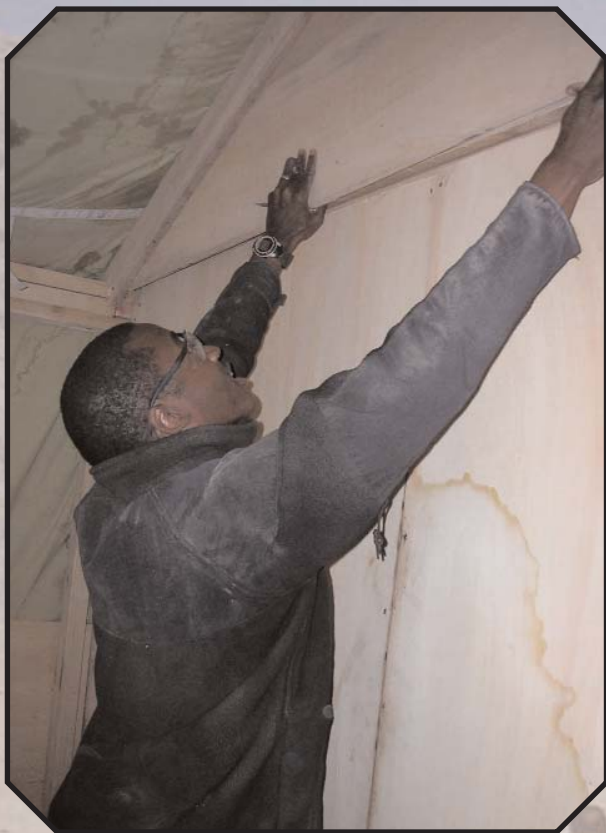
Lieutenant Colonel Owen Wayne Monconduit began his military service on Oct. 28, 1980, by enlisting in the Louisiana Army National Guard. He was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Louisiana State University. In May 1983, he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and went on to graduate with a bachelor's of engineering technology in 1984. His duty assignments include Co. C, 769th Eng. Bn. in Gonzales, Louisiana where he served as a platoon leader and as the executive officer. While serving at company level he completed the Engineer Officer Basic and Advance courses. He then accepted command of Delta Company 769th Eng. Bn. In May 1991, he transferred to Headquarters, State Area Command as the Civil Engineer in the Directorate of Facility Engineering. While serving as the Civil Engineer he completed Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the Command and General Staff Officer Course (C&GS). After finishing C&GS he was appointed as deputy director at Facilities Engineering. He also served on the OCS Board of Officers from 1995 to 1997. In May 1998 he was appointed as Chief of the Environmental Management Section focusing on environmental compliance, conservation, restoration, and pollution prevention by training Unit Environmental Compliance Officers for all Louisiana Army National Guard units and supporting the two year train-up for the rotation to the National Training Center, at Ft. Irwin, Calif. Monconduit's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Louisiana Longevity Ribbon (Bronze Fleur-de-Lis), Louisiana Emergency Service Ribbon.



Command Sergeant Major Gregory Thompson, 528th Eng. Bn.

Command Sergeant Major Gregory L. Thompson was assigned to the 528th Engineer Battalion on February 3, 2003. Thompson has held various leadership positions throughout his career ranging from NCOES instructor to Battalion Command Sergeant Major. He serves as the Battalion Commander's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, which include individual soldier training, non-commissioned officer professional development, retention issues, and quality of life. He entered the Louisiana Army National Guard on February 5, 1987. He attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Engineer Advanced Individual Training at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas. Throughout his career, he has served in several enlisted leadership positions from Small Group Instructor, 199th Leadership Training Regiment, Inf. Support Platoon Sergeant, HHC 199th Support Bn., Support Bn. First Sergeant, Co. A, 199th Support Bn., and his current position as the 528th Eng. Bn. Command Sergeant Major. Thompson has also been a full-time employee of the Louisiana Army National Guard since April 18, 1988. He is currently assigned as the Chief, Supply Branch for the United States Property and Fiscal Officer, Louisiana. His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Battle Focused Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Training Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. His awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, two Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Humanitarian Services Medal, three Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbons. His Louisiana awards include the Cross of Merit, Cold War Victory Medal, and the Emergency Service Ribbon.





528th Engineer Battalion OEF-V Overview

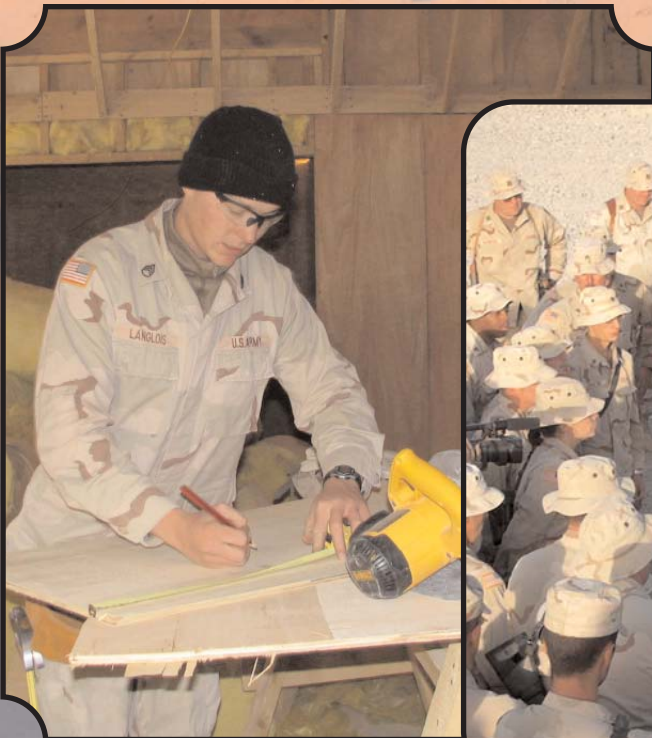
The 528th Engineer Battalion (H) posted its guidon at Kandahar Air Field (KAF) and extended CTF Coyote engineer support to Regional Command South. The 528th was organized to support CTF Coyote with two organic companies, A and C, and a Headquarters Support Company (LAARNG), B/204th Engineers (New York ARNG), 1413th Engineer Utility Detachment (Indiana ARNG), and B/926th Engineers (Alabama USAR). A/528 was later attached to the 367th Engineer Battalion to support RC East projects in Salerno. 528th Engineer units played a critical role in improving the living conditions for Soldiers and Marines at FOBs, Base Camps, and PRTs throughout RC South. Carpenters, masons, electricians and plumbers erected Tier-III tents, showers, MWR facilities, tactical operations centers (TOC), guard towers, and dining facilities. Their heavy construction assets were instrumental in constructing force protection berms and perimeters, forward landing strips, forward area refueling points, and other horizontal projects outside of KAF. KAF expansion surged under the 528th Engineering units, including the Rotary Wing Expansion and surge area, aircraft parking and maintenance pads, KAF radar site, refueling point, and support to other KAF Base Operations. All total, the 528th Engineers placed more than 40,000 cubic meters of concrete and moved 50,000 cubic meters of gravel or fill in support of airfield expansion. Vertical construction assets of the 528th could be found on KAF constructing the KAF Regional Detainee Facility, Battalion TOC facility, Concrete Batch Plant, Class IV Yard, and improvements to the TLS building.

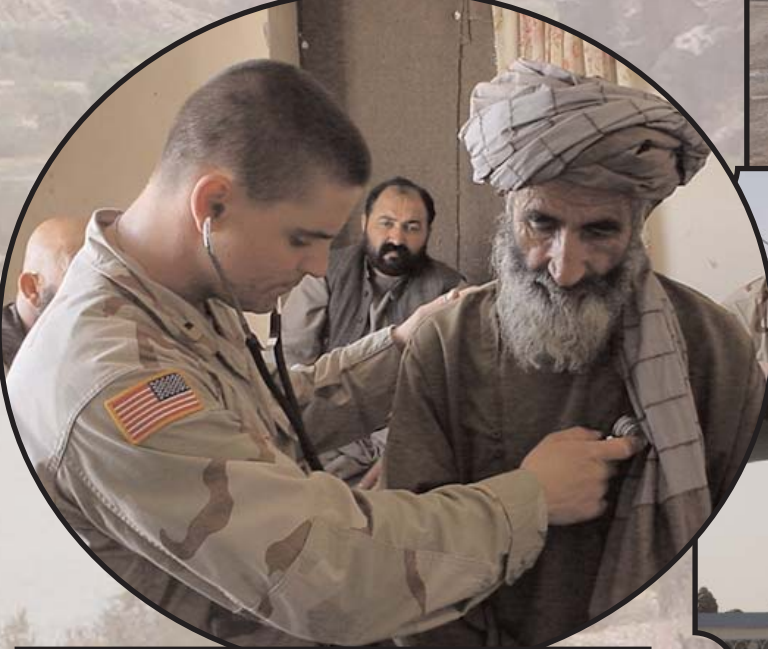






“What our enemies have begun, we will finish.” -- President George W. Bush





Combined Task Force Coyote



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***Joint
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Afghanistan



**Colonel Richard Hatch,
Commander,
Joint Logistics Command**

Colonel Hatch entered the Army in April 1969 and recently completed 35 years of active service. Hatch holds a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering Management from Troy State University, has completed postgraduate studies in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Old Dominion University, and earned a master's National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (sixth award), Air Medal (tenth award, one for valor), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (fourth award), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (second award), National Defense Service Medal (third award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with three campaign stars), Humanitarian Service Medal, as well as the Master Army Aviator, Air Assault, and Army Staff Identification badges. Col. Hatch was serving as the Commander, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Support Command when the 25th Infantry Division (Light) was selected to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan. Col. Hatch deployed with units from the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Support Command to form the Joint Logistics Command, CJTF-76 in Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.



**Command Sergeant Major
McGregory Seals,
Joint Logistics Command**

Command Sergeant Major Seals attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he trained as a heavy construction equipment repairer. He is currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major for the Division Support Command (DIS-COM) 25th Inf. Div. Light, Hawaii. Schools attended include the First Sergeants Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Nuclear Biological, and Chemical Course, Support Operations Course, Logistics Operation Management Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Master Fitness Course, Hazardous Cargo Transfer Course. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Management, a Graduate Degree in Human Resources and is currently pursuing a Doctorate degree in Project Management. Seals' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Mechanics Badge, and Drivers Badge.



**Colonel David McKenna,
Commander,
Joint Logistics Command**

Colonel Dave McKenna graduated from Franklin Pierce College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. He enlisted in the Army in 1980 and served as a Cannon Fire Direction Specialist in the Field Artillery. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Chemical Corps. McKenna is a graduate of the Army War College and has since commanded the 45th Corps Support Group (Forward) and 25th Inf. Div. (Provisional) (Rear), United States Army Hawaii. He currently commands the Joint Logistics Command, CJTF-76, Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom). McKenna's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, Humanitarian Service Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Parachutist, Air Assault and the Parachute Rigger Badges.



**Command Sergeant Major
Lynette Harper,
Joint Logistics Command**

Command Sergeant Major Lynette F. Harper entered the Army in April 1984 and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Dix, N.J. Her first duty station was as a Transport Operator with the 70th Transportation Co for three years in Giessen Germany. Her next assignment was as a Squad Leader and Training NCO with B Co, 27 MSB, 1st CAV Div, Ft. Hood, TX. In 1989, she was assigned to the 515th TC (POL) in Stuttgart, Germany and served as a Squad Leader for a year until being reassigned to the 32nd TC as a squad leader in Stuttgart, Germany. Harper holds an associate's degree from Central Texas College. She is currently pursuing the Sergeants Major non-residence course, along with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Workforce, Education and Development with Southern Illinois University. She is a graduate of PLDC, BNCOC, ANCO, Battle Staff, First Sergeant's course and the Air Assault course. Harper is currently assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of Joint Logistics Command, CJTF-76, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.



Joint Logistics Command

OEF-V Overview

The Soldiers from the 25th Inf. Div. (Light) Support Command arrived at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan during the months of March 2004 and April 2004 to conduct the Relief in Place (RIP) with the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians of the 10th Mountain Div. (Light) Joint Logistics Command (JLC), and to assume the logistics duties throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA). Upon completion of the RIP, the 25th Inf. Div. (Light) Support Command conducted a Transfer of Authority (TOA) ceremony on April 20, 2004, in which they became the Joint Logistics Command for Afghanistan.



Included among the many key initiatives that were implemented was the formation of the Mobile Maintenance Support Team (MMST). This team traveled throughout the CJOA to make on the spot repairs of vehicles, radio equipment, material handling equipment and anything else that needed to be fixed. The MMST was critical to the improved equipment readiness posture in theater. Also, the JLC staffed a mobile organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE) direct exchange (DX) team that ensured the warfighters at the forward operating bases (FOBs) were properly clothed and equipped at all times. In line with that initiative, the Bagram property book team distributed and maintained 100% accountability of more than 50,000 pieces of rapid fielding initiative items throughout the CJOA worth more than \$25 million. Another key initiative was the smooth and seamless transition from the operational rations to the 21-day line item A menu. This not only improved the overall quality and variety of food served in the dining facilities, it made a positive impact on morale across the board. Additionally, the JLC coordinated, planned and is in the execution phase of establishing a water bottling plant on Bagram in order to decrease the cost and number of containers required to ship and store bottled water purchased outside of the country. The Distribution Management Center (DMC) has had an extremely productive year with the establishment of multi-class forward distribution points at FOB Salerno, Kandahar and Bagram Airfields and with implementing the first and only Self Service Supply Center store in the CJOA for expendable items at Bagram. The DMC team worked tirelessly to establish and maintain the stockage objective for fuel, and coordinated the increase of the fuel capacity throughout the CJOA. The team improved overall supplies on hand in barrier, construction and building materials for the Provincial Reconstruction Teams and FOBs, and coordinated with various agencies throughout the CJOA to establish a C-130 channel flight between Kuwait and Afghanistan in an effort to decrease the customer wait time to transport needed re-supply parts from the United States. Another key initiative was the increase in the storage capacity of ammunition and the much needed ability to move it forward to the Warfighter quickly. Additionally, the Joint Logistics Command provided Forward Logistics Element (FLE) support to Mazar-e-Sharif in support of the Jordanian Hospital and to Shindand for the Regional Command West expansion. The team provided Rigger Support to the 87th Riggers whom surpassed the current record of over 300 Containerized Delivery System (CDS) bundle drops to FOBs and to Special Forces. The JLC's biggest success story to date was the formation of Task Force RAM which was tasked to clear the way on the Kabul-Jalalabad Road for fuel tankers destined for Kabul and Bagram. A jinga truck incident database was created to track all activity concerning the harassment of jingle trucks in addition, tactical intelligence reporting with the intelligence section resulted in our team being able to gather more information regarding jinga trucks. The HHC participated in various humanitarian aid missions with Operation Afghanistan Outreach Program and provided much needed clothing and assistance items to the local community. Not one single operational mission was altered, hampered, delayed or cancelled due to logistics. The driving force behind providing outstanding logistics support was in keeping the Warfighters at the forefront of everything we did.





Logistics Task Force 725



“Service To
The Line”



Lieutenant Colonel Derek S. Smith, Commander, LTF 725

Lieutenant Colonel Derek S. Smith was commissioned in Air Defense Artillery after receiving honors as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Kentucky ROTC program in 1985. His initial assignment was to the 6th Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Korea, Italy, Kuwait, Hungary and Bosnia. Smith has commanded two ordnance companies: 2nd SACT 6th Ordnance Battalion, Republic of Korea; and 19th EOD company, Vicenza, Italy.

His staff assignments include chief of plans/operations, 21st TAACOM; aide de camp to the commanding general, 21st TAACOM; brigade S4, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.; executive officer, 296th FSB, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.; plans/operations officer, I Corps; and officer in charge, United States Military Academy Cadet Mess. He is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course, the Logistics Executive Development Course, and the Command and General Staff College. His civilian education includes a Master of Science Degree from Florida Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Kentucky State University. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with five device, the NATO Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Parachute Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.



First Sergeant John Green, LTF 725

1st Sgt. John Green attended basic training in January of 1985 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where he trained as a motor transport operator. His assignments include the 196th Aviation Co., Ft. Bragg, N.C., Logistical Support Battalion, Sinai, Egypt, 3/64 Armor Bn., Schweinfurt, Germany, Delta Co., 725 Main Support Bn. (MSB), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 126th Trans. Co., 7th Trans. Bn., Ft. Bragg, N.C., HHD, 7th Trans. Bn., 3/360th Training Support Bn., Salt Lake City, Utah, Delta Co., 725th MSB, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In 2003, he deployed as the 725th MSB Command Sgt. Maj. for OEF V. Green's military education

includes the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeants Course, Airlift Planners Course, JRTC O/C Course, Anti-Terrorism Instructor Qualification Course, Airborne, Air Assault and Rappel Masters Courses, Instructor-Trainer Course, Combat Life Saver Course and Hazardous Cargo

Transfer Course. Green's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Ribbon, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Drivers Badge.



LTF 725

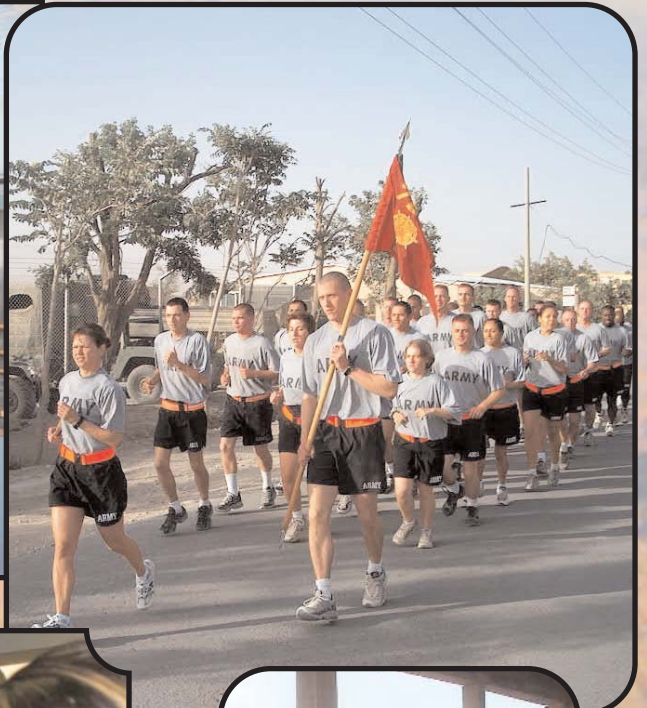
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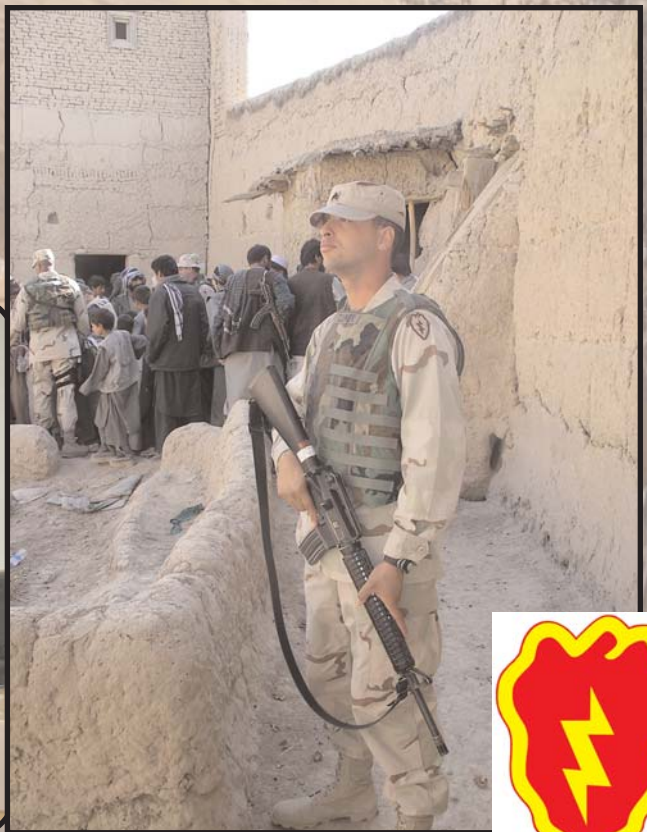
Logistics Task Force 725 arrived at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, on February 14, 2004 and served with distinction and honor until February 1, 2005. LTF 725 was responsible for providing combat service support across a spectrum of functions to 19,000 coalition forces operating at and from Bagram, to include support to 18 Forward Operating Bases (FOB) and Provincial Reconstruction Teams. LTF 725 was comprised of



more than 300 Soldiers to include 44 different Military Occupational Specialties, responsible for providing CLI, water, CLIII, CLIV, CLV, CLIX / SSA, host nation transportation, maintenance, medical, and mortuary affairs support for all of Regional Command East and in some cases, for the entire Combined/Joint Operations Area (CJOA). Headquarters Company, LTF 725, was comprised of Soldiers from 725MSB, 25 Inf. Div. (Light), 58QM POL, 329 POL Fuel Lab, and 54 QM Mortuary Affairs, based out of Bagram, Afghanistan, operated the largest SSA warehouse in the theater, consisting of 2,873 lines of Class II, III (P), IV, VII, and IX ground. They operated the largest fuel distribution capability in theater for JP8, MOGAS, and diesel fuels, to include a "hot" re-fuel capability for rotary and fixed winged aircraft. HQ/LTF 725 bulk fuel operations totaled over 22 million gallons of fuel received, stored and issued over the past year. In addition to bulk fuel operations, 329 POL Fuel Lab also operated the fuel testing laboratory at Bagram, responsible for completing over 1,020 samples from 23 customers located at 19 different sites in Afghanistan. They ran Bagram's host nation truck support section, managing eight contracts worth over \$12 million annually. This section contracted for the use of more than 7,688 local national trucks to move all classes of supply to include fuel. This section was also instrumental in disseminating over 80,000 election newspapers and over 100,000 ballots in support of the first-ever democratic elections. They were also responsible for operating the primary mortuary affairs collection point in theater. HQs Platoon and 3rd Platoon, 221st Ordnance Company, managed and operated the ammunition supply point at Bagram, with a total value of all munitions just shy of \$30 million. This platoon of 42 Soldiers supported Bagram tenant units as well as 18 FOBs. Throughout their one year tenure, 3rd Platoon, 221OD Company, received, stored and issued over 3,000 short tons of munitions valued at over \$60 million, with over 2,900 ammunition transactions logged including 602 issues, 350 turn-ins, 327 shipments, 729 receipts, and over 900 inter-depot transfers. Alpha Co., LTF 725, provided multi-functional logistics to 3rd BCT from 15 April to 1 July 2004. Alpha Co., LTF 725 completed 500 electronic maintenance, 594 armament, 304 DS automotive, and 122 missile jobs during the first 75 days in country. The POL platoon received, tested, stored and issued in excess of 10 million gallons of JP8. The Water platoon produced, stored, and tested more than 3 million gallons of potable water while simultaneously delivering more than 10 million gallons of water to tenant and forward deployed units. The Transportation platoon conducted 715 transportation line and local haul missions, logging over 2,500 accident-free miles while moving over 1,350 pallets, 1,200 skids and 1,155 containers. The SSA section processed over 19,248 requisitions, to include 520 ALOC shipments, 6,000 DHL shipments, 700 FEDEX shipments and 350 containers. Finally, the medical sections treated over 600 psychiatric patients, over 600 optometry patients, and conducted over 100 preventative medicine inspections. Charlie Co., LTF 725, was responsible for the following; At Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, 19 Soldiers supported the only Troop Medical Clinic and provided routine sick call up to and including emergency surgical care for the 1,900 Coalition forces stationed at that location. On average, Charlie Co. saw 115 patients per week, with a total of 5,397 patients, 214 dental, and 3,541 immunizations over the past year. Charlie Co. also established the first permanent sick call and ground evacuation operations for FOB Salerno, Afghanistan. Overall, this TMC saw over 5,000 patients since June 2004. In addition to the Salerno mission, Charlie Co. was also charged with providing all ground evacuation capabilities, detainee health care operations and Gynecological care on Bagram Airbase. The 22 Soldiers located at Bagram routinely evacuated 250 Coalition forces and civilian patients per week; this unit also built, equipped, and operated the first-ever Women's Clinic located on Bagram that supported the entire CJOA. The cost savings tied to this program was estimated at \$2.1 million, virtually eliminating the need to evacuate gynecology patients to Germany, reducing lost man-hours by 210 hours per patient, and treating over 280 patients. Soldiers from Charlie Co. organized and participated in 82 Cooperative Medical Assistance programs, greatly assisting the local national population of Afghanistan by providing medical treatment and encouraging community medical infrastructure to grow. Lastly, Charlie Co. Soldiers at Bagram augmented Medical Task Force 325 with emergency medical technician support in their emergency ward, treating over 900 patients in trauma situations. LTF 725 Soldiers epitomize the true meaning of multi-functional logisticians. This unit had soldiers at every location in Afghanistan, all told more than 30 remote locations, performing outstanding combat service support operations for all Coalition forces operating in the Combined / Joint Operations Area.







"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belong to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again. Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt



Logistics Task Force 524



"Make A Way"





Lieutenant Colonel Brian Haebig, Commander, LTF 524

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Haebig enlisted in the Army in June 1985 and attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J. He then attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. and in December 1985 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. His initial assignment was to Camp Greaves, Korea. Subsequent assignments included a rifle platoon leader, B/1-9th Inf., support platoon leader, HHC/1-9th Inf., Combat Support Company, executive officer, 1-506th Inf., and battalion maintenance officer, 1-506th Inf. Haebig was also assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div., 407th Supply and Transportation Bn., 7th Special Operations Support Command as an operations officer. He also served as the executive officer, Support Squadron, 1st SFOD-Delta located at Fort Bragg, N.C. Haebig holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin — Oshkosh. His military education

includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Course, Petroleum Officer Course, Supply and Service Manager Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Army Command and General Staff Officers Course and the Joint Forces Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medals. He wears the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Jumpmaster, Air Assault, Aviation Crewmember and Parachute Rigger Badge and foreign jump wings from Israel, Germany and Australia.



First Sergeant Charles Miller, LTF 524

First Sergeant Charles Miller enlisted in the United States Army in Sept 1984. He received his basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J., and advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. During his 20 years of service, Miller has held numerous leadership positions which include squad leader, section leader, team chief, maintenance control supervisor, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and battalion command sergeant major. Miller deployed the 546th Maintenance Co. in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on April 3, 2004. He was selected to fill the Logistics Task Force 524 command sergeant major position, when Command Sgt.Maj. Lynette Harper was moved up to serve as the Joint Logistics Command, Command Sgt. Maj. His previous assignments include

B Co., 501st Forward Support Bn., Friedberg Germany, B Co., 615th Aviation Support Bn., 4th Bde., 1st Cav. Div., D Co., 702nd Main Support Bn., Camp Stanley, Korea. B Co., 115th Forward Support Bn., 1st Bde., 1st Cav. Div., 588th Maint. Co., Giessen, Germany, Forward Assistance Inspection Team, Camp Casey, Korea, F Co., 7th Inf. Bn., 7th Inf. Div., Ft. Ord, Calif. His military education and schools include Airborne School, Instructor Training Course, the Jungle Warfare School, the Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course, Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course, and the Professional Leadership Development Course. He is also a member of the Sergeant Morales Club. Miller's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (with Arrow Head), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (with Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (with Numeral 2), and the Parachutist Badge.



Logistics Task Force 524 OEF-V Overview

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 524th Corps Support Battalion was alerted for deployment to support OEF-V in November of 2003. The unit deployed on March 25, 2004 to Karshi – Khanabad (K2) Airbase, Uzbekistan. From K2 Airbase the unit provided logistical command and control for Regional Command (RC) North and RC West in the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA). The HHD deployed a Forward Logistics Element (FLE) in early April 2004 to Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan to support the Jordanian Hospital based at that location and a small element to support reception at Manas Airbase, Kyrgystan. The unit received a change of mission order in late May 2004 to begin planning the forward deployment of the Headquarters Detachment to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Salerno in the Khowst Province of Afghanistan. By mid-July 2004, the LTF 524 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment deployment to FOB Salerno was complete. The HHD, LTF 524 provided command and control to logistical operations within the Khowst Bowl and RC East while simultaneously maintaining a logistics cell at K2 Airbase, Uzbekistan and the FLE at Mazar-e-Sharif for the remainder of the deployment.





Logistics Task Force

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Kandahar,
Afghanistan





Lieutenant Colonel Robert Young, Commander, LTF-325

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Young enlisted in the infantry in 1979, serving in the 1/8th Inf. Bn., 4th Inf. Div. (M), Ft. Carson, Colo.; the 1/16th Inf. Bn., 1st Inf. Div. (FWD), Germany; and the 11th Special Forces Group (ABN), Ft. Meade, Md. In 1985, he was designated a distinguished military graduate and awarded a Regular Army commission. He earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from the University of Maryland. He holds a master's degree from the Command and General Staff College. Young has been privileged to serve as an officer in a variety of units: platoon leader, 407th S&T Bn.; A/S4, 504th Parachute Inf. Regt.; G3 Planner and later Division Movements Officer, 82nd

Airborne Div.; Commander, C Co., 528th Special Operations Support Bn. (ABN); Logistics Officer, 75th Ranger Regiment; Brigade S4, Ranger Training Brigade, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Division Transportation Officer, 2nd Inf. Div. (ROK); Battalion Executive Officer, 7th Trans Bn. and G3, Support Operations, 1st COSCOM (ABN), Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and most recently Chief, FORSCOM Logistics Operations Center, Ft. McPherson, Ga. Among his awards are the Meritorious Service Medal (5 Awards), Army Commendation Medal (5 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (6 Awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 Awards - Panama and Haiti), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, a Meritorious Unit Citation and the Army Superior Unit Award. He has earned the Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, US Master Parachutist Badge, and the German, Canadian and Honduran Master Parachutist Badges and the Ranger Tab.



Command Sergeant Major Anthony Johnson, LTF-325

Command Sergeant Major Anthony Johnson began his military career by enlisting in the United States Army on June 28, 1977. Upon the completion of Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY, he remained to complete his Advanced Individual Training as a Tracked Vehicle Mechanic. His military career highlights include assignments as Tracked Vehicle Mechanic at C Battery, 1/55 Air Defense Artillery, 5th Inf. Div., Ft. Bliss, Texas; First Sergeant, 536th Maintenance Co., 17th Corps Support Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; S3 Operations Sergeant, 702nd Main Support Battalion and DISCOM S3 Operations Sergeant Major, HHC DISCOM, 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Casey, Korea; and Motor Sergeant for HHC 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. His most recent assignment was as the S3 Operations Sergeant Major for the 25th Inf. Div. (Light) Support

Command at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Command Sgt. Maj. Johnson's military education includes: Battle Staff Course, First Sergeant Course, and Sergeant Major Academy Non-Resident Course, Class 28. He is pursuing his bachelor's degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii. His awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal with 1OLC; Army Commendation Medal with 6OLC; Army Achievement Medal with 4OLC; Air Force Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal with 8th Award; National Defense Medal 2OLC; Korean Defense Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze stars; Humanitarian Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3; Army Service Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon 3rd Award; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Order the Samuel Sharpe Award; Airborne, Air Assault, and Mechanic Badges.



In January 2004 the 325th Forward Support Battalion of the Bronco Brigade integrated Soldiers from the 725th Main Support Battalion and the 25th ID DISCOM to create Logistics Task Force (LTF)-325. Upon arrival at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, LTF-325 incorporated Soldiers from the 221st Ordnance Co., the 54th Quartermaster Co., a Maintenance Support Team (MST) from the 546th Maint. Co., the 87TH Rigger Det., and the Joint Logistics Command. The unit's mission was to provide uninterrupted support to Combined Task Force BRONCO and area support to all units in Regional Commands South and West. The unit planned, coordinated and managed logistical support for a force, that at one point, was more than 13,000 personnel, and included four Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT). LTF-325 supported the logistical requirements for numerous operations and the Afghan Election process, also deploying forward logistics elements (FLEs) to operations at Tarin Kowt and Shindand. The unit coordinated the reception and onward movement the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) to Tarin Kowt. In conjunction with the Marines, LTF-325 provided all support for the 2,300 man combined-arms MEU Task Force. LTF-325 was responsible for the production, storage and distribution of bulk water - more than 2,300,000 gallons was produced and delivered in support of RC-South. LTF-325 eventually transitioned the production and distribution mission on KAF to Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR). LTF-325 operated bulk water production sites at Tarin Kowt, Salerno, Shindand and Qalat. LTF-325 performed Direct Support (DS) Maintenance throughout Afghanistan. Our customer base grew from 18 customers with 8 DS shops in support at home station to 51 customers with 16 DS shops. We completed more than 4,500 work orders and conducted more than fifteen MST missions in support of Fire Bases positioned forward. LTF-325 integrated KBR into DS maintenance operations at KAF which allowed LTF-325 mechanics to provide support forward. LTF-325 operated an Supply Support Activity warehouse, processing approximately 26,000 requisitions per month. We LTF-325 transitioned warehouse operations to KBR while maintaining accountable officer and managerial oversight. LTF-325 also established a consolidated Class IV yard with more than 2,400 lines on KAF with accountable officer oversight by LTF 325 and operated by KBR. LTF-325 received, tested, stored and issued more than twenty-three million gallons of Class III (B) for RC-South and West and established bulk storage at FOBs Cobra, Anaconda, Ripley and Laghman to ensure uninterrupted operations. LTF-325 also conducted regular refuel operations and operated a bulk fuel storage facility at KAF with excess of one million gallons in capacity. In conjunction with the 325th Field Hospital, LTF-325 operated a combat hospital that has treated an average of 53 patients daily and a total of over 12,000 US Soldiers to date. In conjunction with TF Steel, LTF-325 conducted more than fifty Combined Medical Assistance missions - more than 7,000 Afghan nationals have received quality medical care from Charlie Company, LTF-325. LTF-325 also operated the Mortuary Affairs facility that processed US and ANA/LN human remains with dignity and respect. LTF-325 also provided all the "jinga trucks", effectively employing the use of Afghan assets to support coalition operations while bolstering the host-nation trucking industry. LTF-325 also established lasting partnerships with two Afghan generals and their staffs and a third civilian vendor. LTF-325 Soldiers sought to teach them the importance of fair business practices, customer satisfaction and the role of competition in a capitalistic marketplace. A multi-million dollar success story that kept coalition forces resupplied and limited the requirement for US transportation assets.







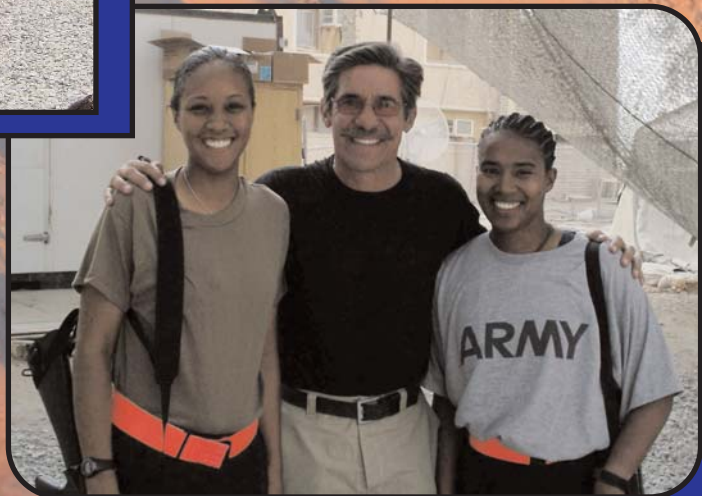
***"We
will not
tire,
We will
not
falter,
We will not
fail."
--President
George W.
Bush***



"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."
-- Thomas Jefferson



Task Force 556 Personnel Services Battalion



“Service Always
First”



Lieutenant Colonel John Sena, Commander, TF 556 PSB



Lieutenant Colonel John E. Sena graduated from Black Hills State College, Spearfish, S.D., in 1988 and received a Regular Army commission as an Infantry 2nd Lt. His initial assignment was at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he served as a rifle platoon leader for the 4th Bn., 23rd Inf. Regt. His next assignment was as a light attack platoon leader for the 2nd Bn., 2nd Inf. Regt. He was then assigned to 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., where he served as a TOW platoon leader, scout platoon leader, and Battalion S-1. After completion of the Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, he served as the Chief, Officer Management for the G1/AG, 82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N.C. He then commanded B Det. (PS), 82nd PSB, 82nd Airborne Div. Upon completion of command he served as the Executive Officer for the Commander, Defense Special Weapons Agency, Johnston Atoll. He then served as the senior small group instructor for the Adjutant General Captains Career Course and as the Chief, Officer Training Division for the Adjutant General School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Upon completion of the Army's Command and General Staff College, Lt. Col. Sena served as the Division Strength Manager for the 25th Inf. Div. (Light), and the Battalion Executive Officer for the 556 PSB, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Lt. Col. Sena is currently serving as the Task Force Commander for Task Force 556, Combined Joint Task Force - 76, in support of OEF-V in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Sena is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Adjutant General Officer Advance Course, the 82d Airborne Division's Jumpmaster Course, TRADOC's Staff and Faculty Instructor Course and the Army's Command and General Staff College. Lt. Col. Sena's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

1st Sergeant Lesly Williams, TF 556 PSB



1st Sergeant Lesly Williams entered the United States Army in 1984 as a combat signaler. He completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and attended Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He was assigned to 1/84th Field Artillery, Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he served for two years. In 1986, he reenlisted and changed his military occupational specialty to personnel administrative specialist. His assignments include the 28th Trans Bn., Mannheim, Germany; 1/11th Avn., and 256th Sig. Support Co., Ft. Rucker, Ala.; 2/501st Avn., Camp Humphries, Korea; CASCOM, Ft. Lee, Va.; Pensacola, Fla., Montgomery Recruiting Bn.; 1st Inf. Div. Artillery, Bamberg, Germany; HHD, 556th PSB, 25th Inf. Div. (L). Williams is currently assigned as the Task Force Command Sgt. Maj. for TF 556 Personnel Services Battalion, CJTF - 76, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Williams' military education includes the Air Assault Course, Combat Life Saver Course, Battle Staff Course, Recruiter Course, Safety Officer Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the First Sergeant Course. His civilian education includes an associate's degree from Troy State University; bachelor's degree in from Saint Leo College; and he is in the process of completing his master's Degree in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), and The Gold Recruiter Badge.





TF 556 PSB

OEF-V

Overview

Task Force 556 Personnel Services Battalion was created on March 29, 2004 to support OEF-V. The Headquarters and Active Component Personnel Services Detachment (PSD) from 556 Personnel Services Battalion departed Schofield Barracks, Hawaii on 13 April 2004. The elements of 556 PSB task organized to form Bravo Detachment, TF 556 PSB and Headquarters and Charlie Detachment, Task Force 556. The remainder of TF 556 PSB was composed of one Reserve Component (RC) PSD, Detachment 3/847th Adjutant General Battalion, and one RC Postal Company, the 841st Adjutant General Company (Postal). Upon arrival into theater the task force headquarters linked up with its regional command units and assumed responsibility for all personnel services from the 10th Soldier Support Bn., 10th Mountain Div. Task Force 556's mission during OEF-V was to provide Personnel Service Support in order to increase personnel support capabilities to forces in Support of CJTF-76. Task Force 556 units were headquartered at Bagram, Kandahar, and Salerno in Afghanistan and at Karshi-Khanabad in Uzbekistan. By the end of the deployment, however, TF 556 Soldiers would conduct support operations in every regional command in the CJOA and in four different countries and support both the Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan (OMC-A) and Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. The units of TF 556 established the capability to link personnel systems directly with elements of Human Resources Command and The Adjutant General Division. The link with top of the system agencies allowed TF 556 to provide services such as casualty reporting, evaluations, promotions, records updates, and ID cards without regard to a Soldier's home station or parent unit and without the need to use reach back. The capability to provide that level of service in multiple areas was previously unavailable in previous OEF rotations. Task Force 556 received the mission to conduct the Army-directed Personnel Asset Inventory in July 2004. At the end of the PAI, personnel accountability in the CJOA was greater than 98%—a level of accuracy never before attained. CJTF-76 was one of the first commands in Central Command to complete the task ahead of the suspense and to standard. Subsequently, TF 556 and CJTF-76 were selected by HRC and TAGD to serve as the test bed for implementation of the Army's new deployed database. The Deployed Theater Accountability System (DTAS) was fielded in October 2004. By January 2005, TF 556 had 100% accountability of personnel in the CJOA. Postal operations are one of the essential services provided by the Task Force. The 841st AG Company (Postal) provided service to each major installation and to 40 Forward Operating Bases and Provincial Reconstruction Teams in the CJOA. The high water mark arrived in December 2004. The 841st processed more than 2 million pounds of inbound and outbound mail in a single month. The average amount of mail handled monthly exceeded previous rotations by more than 50 per cent. Task Force 556 completed its tour of duty in support of OEF-V with two significant achievements. First, the task force helped validate current wartime personnel doctrine through its disposition of units within the battle space and the service capabilities it provided. Second, the task force left behind a lasting personnel services support infrastructure for future rotations.





125th Finance Battalion



“Pacific
Paymasters”

Lieutenant Colonel Domenico “Doc” Rossi, Commander, 125th Finance Bn.



Lieutenant Colonel Rossi was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Finance Corps from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. Rossi holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelors degree in Accounting, both from Wright State University. His military education includes the Finance Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Military Accounting Course, Resource Management and Budget Course, Combined Army & Services Staff School, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Rossi has held a wide variety of command and staff assignments to include Platoon Leader, Disbursing Officer, Central Accounting Officer, 21st Finance Section, Camp Humphrey's, Korea; Director, Military Accounting Course, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Detachment Commander, Chief, Pay and Examination, 501st Finance Battalion, Nuernberg, Germany; Resource Management Officer, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Finance and Accounting Officer, RAF Menwith Hill, England; XO, 1st Finance Battalion, Ft. Riley, Kan.; and Budget Officer for Force Development, G8, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon. His awards and badges include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Josie Rossi, 125th Finance Bn.



Command Sergeant Major Josie Rossi enlisted through the United States Army Delayed Entry Program in April 1980. She attended Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Finance Advance Individual Training at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Rossi's previous assignments include: Records Review Specialist, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Platoon Sgt. and Detachment Sgt. for 125th Fin. Bn., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Senior Training and Evaluations NCO for TRADOC Region G, Coordinating Element, Ft. Lewis, Wash., with duty at 6th Personnel Services Support Bn., 104th Divisional IT, Dublin, Calif.; First Sergeant for the 177th Fin. Bn.,

2nd Inf. Div., Camp Casey, Korea; Operations Sergeant and Acting Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. for the 125th Fin. Bn., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Operations Sgt. Maj. for the 13th Fin. Gp., III Corps and Ft. Hood, Ft. Hood, Texas. She is currently serving as the Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. of the 125th Fin. Bn., "Pacific Paymasters". Her military education includes: Accounting Supervisor Course, First Line Supervisor Course, Hazardous and Communication Training Course, Defense Hazardous Material Waste Handling Course, Junior Officer Maintenance Course, Airborne School, Postal Supervisor Course, Instructor Training Course, Small Group Leader/Facilitator Course, the First Sergeant Course, and the United States Sergeants Major Academy, Class 53. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree in Accounting from Central Colleges of the P.I. and a Masters in Business Administration Degree in Management from Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu Hawaii. Her awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC); Good Conduct Medal (5th Award); National Defense Service Medal (1st OLC); Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (numeral 4); Korean Defense Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4); and the Parachutist Badge. She is also the 125th recipient of the Major General Nathan Towson Medallion.



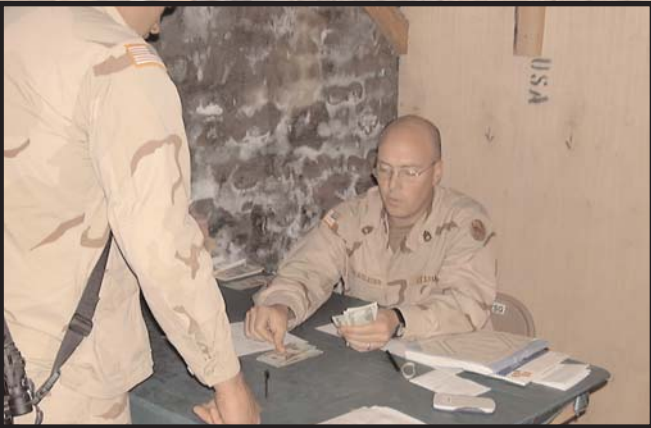
125th Finance Battalion

OEF-V Overview

The 125th Finance Battalion deployed to Afghanistan and conducted a Transfer of Authority with 10th Mountain Division Soldier Support Battalion on April 28, 2004. They were tasked to conduct finance support for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians, and contractors in the OEF-V. Permanent finance locations included Bagram, Kandahar, Kabul, Salerno, and Karshi-Khanabad. As a part of the Joint Logistics Command's new support philosophy, our Soldiers turned their focus on providing finance support to forward operating bases, where conducting mobile pay team missions became the norm. Covering every corner of Afghanistan, pay teams would fly via Chinook, Blackhawk, or Superstallion to locations such as Jalalabad, Asadabad, Ghazni, Gardez, Mazar-E-Sharif, Herat, and Farah to ensure commanders had funds to conduct their wartime mission and Soldiers had the best finance support possible. The Paymaster Battalion facilitated the opening of the first-ever Afghan bank on a U.S. military installation. The Afghan Banking Governor stated its modern technologies made it serve as a model for future banks to mirror. Another milestone occurred when the unit progressively sought to change the perception that the Reserve and National Guard Soldiers did not receive good pay support in a deployed environment. Paymasters worked outside the box and often outside their lane to provide Reserves and National Guardsmen pay support equivalent to the Active component. Soldiers of the battalion conducted financial transactions during Operation Enduring Freedom of nearly \$1 billion dollars without a single loss of funds, completing yet another successful mission to the 125th Finance Battalion's rich heritage and another chapter to the Tropic Lightning Story.







"Peace will come soon to stay, and so come as to be worth keeping in all future time. It will then have proved that among free men there can be no successful appeal from the ballot to the bullet, and that they who take such appeal are sure their cases and pay the costs."

-- Abraham Lincoln





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39th Transportation Battalion





Lieutenant Colonel Randy R. Rosenberg,
Commander, 39th Transportation Battalion (MC)

Lieutenant Colonel Randy R. Rosenberg was commissioned into the Transportation Corps after graduating from the Iowa Army National Guard OCS program as the distinguished honor graduate in 1981. Rosenberg was selected for active duty through the Commandant's Program while attending the Transportation Officer's Basic Course in 1982. He has a master's degree from Central Michigan University and bachelor's

degree from St. Leo College. Rosenberg has served in a variety of transportation positions. His key assignments include: executive officer to the commander, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., scenario and plans officer, concepts and studies division, combat directorate, Ft. Eustis, Va., commander of G Company, Ft. Eustis, Va., S-1 of the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, 2ID, Camp Hovey, Korea; Training with Industry, United Van Lines, St. Louis, Missouri; Operations Officer, Military Traffic Management Command-Europe (MTMC-EUR), working in Stuttgart, Germany, S-2/3 of the 39th Transportation Battalion (MC), Kaiserslautern, Germany, S-2/3 of the 37th Transportation Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, and currently battalion commander for the 39th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control), headquartered in Kaiserslautern, Germany but currently deployed to Afghanistan supporting the 25th ID and CJTF76. His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with three bronze stars, Armed Forces Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.



Sergeant 1st Class Lorna E. Longest,
Acting Command Sergeant Major,
39th Transportation Battalion (MC)

Sergeant 1st Class Lorna E. Longest has taken courses with University of Maryland and has a certificate from Central Texas College. She is currently working on her associate's degree in Criminal Justice. Longest joined the Kansas Army National Guard in 1992, where she attended Basic Training in Fort Jackson, S.C. She completed her first advanced individual

training as a 63H Track Vehicle Repairer in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. She came active duty in 1995 and became a 63B, Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. Her first duty station was back in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Edgewood Arsenal. She went on to complete the H-8 identifier as a recovery specialist. Her next duty stations were in Camp Stanley, South Korea, Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Hood, Texas. She then reclassified to 88N Transportation Management Coordinator. After remaining in Texas, she then went on to Kaiserslautern, Germany and is now deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan as the acting command sergeant major. Her military awards include Army Accommodation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal with three knots, National Defense Service Medal with one star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with number two device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

The 39th Transportation Battalion (MC) has improved the movement control structure in Afghanistan. From refinement of In-transit Visibility (ITV) of container tracking and management to the deployment of small teams to provide support to units in remote locations such as Salerno, Herat, Shindand, Mazar-E-Sharif



and Chaghcharan. The battalion has moved well over 100,000 passengers inside and out of theater, and more than 65,000 463L pallets all totaling over 150,000 short tons by air. The 39th has also moved personnel and equipment from Korea, Jordan, Egypt and other Allied Nations. Several improvements were initiated in the category of air movement. A new C-17 channel was established between Kuwait and Afghanistan to facilitate more responsive delivery of critical class nine resupply parts. The Short Take-off and Landing (STOL) mission was established and continues to be refined. This initiative gave the CJTF-76 centralized control and more responsiveness to get personnel and equipment where they need to be in a timely manner. Over



land and sea they moved more than 13,000 sustainment and unit equipment containers. The MCB moved beyond the Afghanistan borders into Pakistan; deploying a team to assist with their redeployment of personnel and equipment from Jacobabad, Pakistan to facilitate the closing of Shabaz Air Base.



Task Force 325 Medical



Bagram Airfield,
Afghanistan



Colonel Walter D. Branch, Commander, 325th Field Hospital

Colonel Walter D. Branch II matriculated to Duke University after high school. He received an M.D. from The Medical University of South Carolina in 1979. Branch joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1987. He established a practice in General and Trauma Surgery in Kansas City in 1990. Shortly thereafter he became a staff surgeon in the 325th General Hospital. Branch served as Brigade Surgeon for the 300th MP Reserve Brigade in Inkster, Mich. from 1996-97, and then Commander, HUS, 452d Combat

Support Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., from 1999-2000. 874th Forward Surgical Team, Fort Jackson, S.C. Branch is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal(s), Army Reserve Component Medal, the National Defense Service ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon. Branch practiced general and trauma surgery from 1987-1995. He served as a clinical instructor in surgery at Truman Medical Center from 1991-1993. He is a life member of the NAACP. Branch was an Attending Physician (Civilian) in the Department of Emergency Services at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga., prior to his deployment. Branch is currently serving as CFC-A surgeon, commander of Task Force 325 Medical and commander of 325th Field Hospital.



Command Sergeant Major Dennis Portlance, 325th Field Hospital

Command Sergeant Major Dennis L. Portlance is the senior enlisted member of the 325th Field Hospital out of Independence, Mo. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving there from 1967-68. While on active duty, Portlance served with the 82nd Airborne Div. and the 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault). Since joining the Army Reserve, he has served with the 12th Special Forces Group (Abn.), 5039th USARFS, 6th

Brigade (PD), and the 325th Field Hospital. He is currently serving as the command sergeant major for the 325th Field Hospital. Portlance has 31 years of active and reserve military service with the United States Army.





Task Force 325 Medical OEF-V Overview

The 325th Field Hospital was activated on Jan. 3, 2004, at their home station of Independence, Mo., for OEF-V. The unit deployed to Afghanistan arriving on March 16, 2004. The hospital staffed three locations: Bagram, Salerno, and Kandahar. The official transfer of authority of command and control of all medical operations in theater took place on March 25, 2004.

The hospital provided Level III medical care at all three locations. All Medical Battlefield Operating Systems were headquartered at Bagram. The Task Force 325 Medical subordinate units included: 172nd Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine), 993rd Medical Detachment (Veterinarian), Air Force Combat Stress Det., and 312th Medical Logistics unit. The subordinate units provided the remainder of the medical services needed to function as a Medical Task Force. Also assigned to the Task Force were the Egyptian, Korean, and Jordanian Coalition Hospitals. The mission of Task Force 325 Medical was to provide U.S. and Coalition service members, Department of Defense civilians, and other qualified individuals outpatient and inpatient care, ranging from basic family practice medicine to stabilization surgery for traumatic injuries from motor vehicle accidents, gunshot wounds, stabbings, rocket attacks, improvised explosive devices (IED) and more. Task Force 325 Medical also treated Afghan citizens for life, limb and eyesight injuries. Based on the hospital's performance in its first nine months in theater, it is estimated that by the end of Task Force 325 Medical's tour it will have treated in excess of 30,000 patients, admitted almost 1,500 patients, performed more than 1,000 surgeries, filled greater than 50,000 prescriptions, taken more than 16,000 X-ray photographs, analyzed more than 18,000 lab tests and fabricated more than 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses. During the first nine months in Afghanistan, the Task Force saw approximately 9,000 local nationals during 14 Cooperative Medical Assistance operations. The CMAs were conducted in 10 different provinces and ranged from one to five days in length. Forty-two members of the nursing staff participated in these CMAs or were patient escorts for local nationals repatriated to their homes after receiving medical care. During the first Presidential Inauguration held in Afghanistan, Task Force 325 Medical sent a team to provide medical support for Afghanistan's new president and distinguished visitors. A medical team was also provided that supported U.S. Soldiers providing security during the Afghan Independence Day celebration. Task Force 325 Medical was busy with the construction of B-huts and a new hospital that replaced worn living area and working tents. A total of 31 B-huts for living space, a laundry facility with new washers and dryers and a bigger and better Camp Lacy Gymnasium were constructed at a cost over \$243,000. The 12 new hospital buildings were built at a cost of \$265,000. The entire reconstruction program was accomplished in nine months. Task Force 325 Medical has reached out to the Afghanistan community in many ways, such as humanitarian assistance projects. The Task Force visited the Korean and Egyptian Hospitals on a monthly basis to distribute shoes and clothing to the local nationals. Task Force 325 Medical also adopted a school in Charikar early in the deployment. The Charikar School is one of the few schools that made a conscious effort to teach girls as well as boys. The Task Force made one trip to Gobahar Orphanage where they were able to pass out clothing, toys and shoes to the children. We also distributed school supplies and stuffed animals to a girl's school that had over 1,000 students. These missions would not have been possible without the donations received from communities, families and friends back in the states. The members of Task Force 325 Medical have come together from the Active, Reserve, and Retired Army communities as well as the Navy and Air Force to provide unsurpassed medical care to the CJTF-76 service members, eligible individuals and Afghan citizens. Aiding us in our service was the strong support of our communities, families and friends. Task Force 325 Medical treated the innocent, the enemy and the most precious resource - the CJTF-76 service member. We have, in the final analysis, fulfilled our motto - "To Fight For Life!"







To Fight For Life!

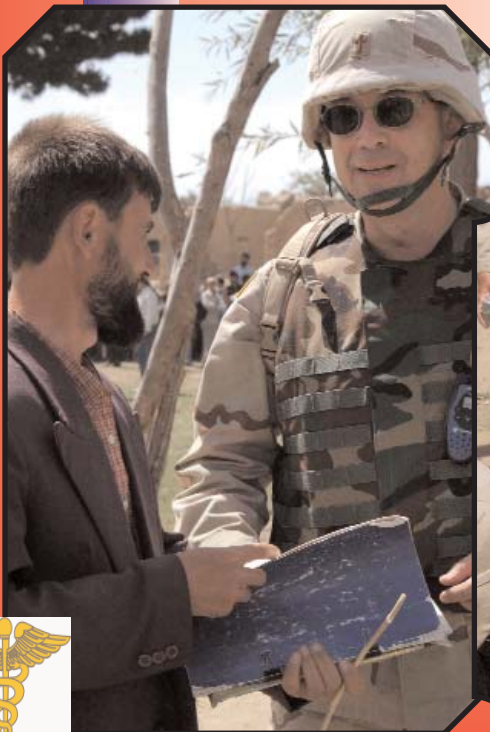
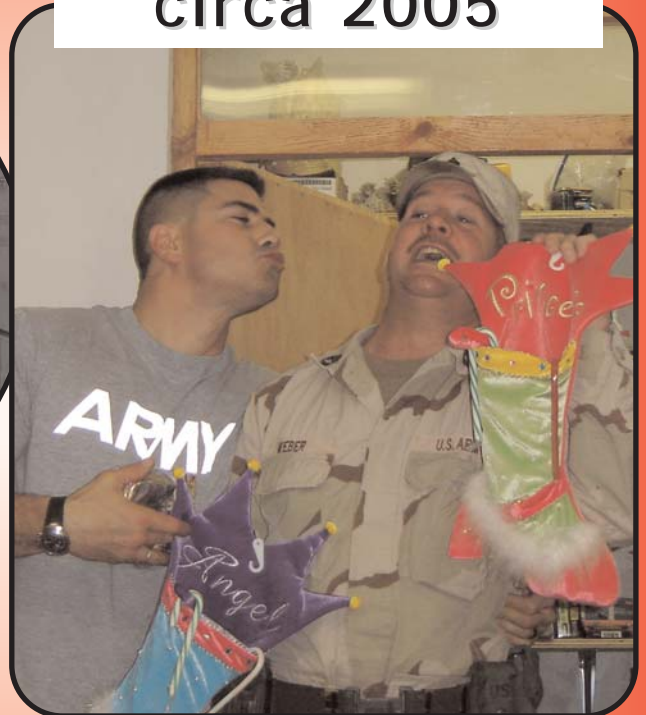




325th Hospital
circa 2004



325th Hospital
circa 2005



Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit







Task Force Guardian

*“Assist,
Protect,
Defend”*





**Lieutenant Colonel Michael Blackwell,
Commander, Combined Joint Task Force Guardian**

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Blackwell enlisted in C Company 1/102nd Inf., Connecticut Army National Guard and after completion of his initial enlisted training enrolled in the University of Connecticut's ROTC Simultaneous Membership Program in Bridgeport, Conn. He was commissioned as a Military Police Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1985 and assigned to the 411th Civil Affairs Company in Danbury, Conn. After completing his bachelor's degree in 1987, he attended the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where he was selected for active duty through the "Commandants Program". His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

Service Medal



**Colonel George J. Millan,
Commander, Combined Joint Task Force Guardian**

Colonel George J. Millan was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Army ROTC Program at Eastern Kentucky University and commissioned as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps. Millan's previous assignments include Director of Training and Leader Development, United States Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Executive Officer and Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, United States Army Garrison, Law Enforcement Command, Fort Lewis, Wash. Millan's civilian education includes a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky., and a master's degree from the University of Southern California. Millan's military education includes the United States Army Command and Staff College and the United States Army War College. Millan's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (OLC), Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

University of Southern California. Millan's military education includes the United States Army Command and Staff College and the United States Army War College. Millan's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (OLC), Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.



**Lieutenant Colonel Tony Carr,
Commander, Task Force Enforcer**

Lieutenant Colonel Tony Carr earned his commission in 1986 from the United States Military Academy. He served as platoon leader, 7th Military Police Co., 7th Inf. Div. (L) when he deployed to Panama as part of Operation "Just Cause." Other assignments include platoon leader, provost marshal, 3-9 Inf., Sinai, Egypt, Asst. S3, Law Enforcement Command, Ft. Ord, Calif., Co. Commander, 294th MP Co., Camp Zama, Japan, Executive Officer and S3, 793rd Military Police Bn., Bamberg, Germany, and Provost Marshal, Southern European Task Force (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy. Carr assumed command of the 25th Military Police Bn. on June 30, 2004 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Military schools include the MPOBC and MPOAC, CAS³, CGSC (L'Ecole Supérieur D'Etat Majeur, Paris, France), US Army Airborne School, US Army Ranger School, and the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, California. Carr holds a bachelor's degree from the USMA and a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School and speaks French, Arabic, and Italian.

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**Lieutenant Colonel Hollis Bush,
Commander, Task Force Cerberus**

Lieutenant Colonel Hollis L. Bush, Jr. was a Distinguished Honor Graduate from Morgan State University and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps in 1987. His assignments include platoon leader, 118th MP Co. (Airborne), then a platoon leader in the 82nd MP Co, Ft. Bragg, N.C., assistant brigade operations officer, U.S. Army Law Enforcement Command, Hawaii, Aide-de-Camp, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific Command, company commander, 25th MP Co. (Light), small group leader and Chief, Officer Basic Leader Branch at Ft. McClellan, Ala. battalion executive officer, 705th MP Bn., U.S. Army Disciplinary Barracks. Bush currently serves as the Commander, Task Force Cerberus. Bush's Military Education includes, Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, Air Assault School, and Ranger School. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in public administration with a minor in criminal justice.

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**Sergeant Major John Coleman,
Task Force Guardian**

Sergeant Major John E. Coleman has held every leadership position from team leader to Brigade Command Sergeant Major. His overseas assignments consist of three tours in Hawaii. In the continental United States, he has been assigned to Ft. Polk, La., Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Ft. Campbell, Ky. He has deployed to Kosovo, Djibouti, Iraq, and Afghanistan for peacekeeping and combat operations. Coleman's military education includes Drill Sergeant School, First Sergeant Course and Battle Staff Course. His civilian education includes an associate's degree from Central Texas College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the NATO Medal. Coleman has also earned the Air Assault Badge, the Drill Sergeant Badge and is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.



**Sergeant Major Joseph Graves,
Task Force Guardian**

Command Sergeant Major Joseph R. Graves enlisted in the Army in 1983. He is currently serving as the command sergeant major for the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detention facility. Prior to his present assignment, he served as the command sergeant major for Task Force Guardian during Operation Enduring Freedom-V. Before deploying to Afghanistan, he served as the 25th MP Bn. Sergeant Major. Graves holds an associate's degree in technical studies. His military education includes Drill Sergeant School, Advanced NCO Course, 1st Sergeant Course, and the Sergeant Major's Course. Graves' awards include the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal w/ 2 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal w/ 3 OLC, the Army Achievement Medal w/ 2 OLC, and the NATO Medal.



CJTF Guardian OEF-V Overview



Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Guardian served as the military police task force supporting CJTF-76 during OEF V in Afghanistan from April 15, 2004 to April 8, 2005. The units making up CJTF Guardian included the 58th Military Police Co. (Schofield Barracks), the 13th MP Det. (Schofield Barracks), the 25th Military Police Bn. command/staff (Schofield Barracks), the 716th MP Bn. HQ (Fort Campbell), the 551st Military Police Co. (Fort Campbell), the 209th MP Co. (Fort Polk), the 450th MP Co. (Florida), 202d MP Co. (Ft. Eustis), 2-65 ADA elements (Florida) and Army, Navy, and Air Force MWD handlers from the US and Estonia, as well as CID agents from posts in the United States. CJTF Guardian was comprised of three combat support military police companies, one law enforcement detachment for Karshi-Khanabad (K2), an ILO MP Company (air defense) and a headquarters element with military working dog teams and a supported criminal investigation division (CID) element. The structure of CJTF Guardian evolved throughout the deployment based on operational needs. By the end of OEF V, CJTF Guardian consisted of a complete combat support MP Battalion headquarters, three combat support MP companies, a law enforcement detachment, in lieu of MP units from 2-65 ADA which conducted force protection missions, a supported CID element, an HHD with a brigade staff and an O-6 commander, a military working dog (MWD) detachment containing U.S. and Estonian handlers assigned to the HHD, and an internment resettlement provisional battalion, known as Task Force Cerberus, comprised of two MP guard companies and confinement detachments. CJTF Guardian conducted the full spectrum of military police missions throughout the Combined/Joint Operational Area (CJOA). Combat support MP companies provided law enforcement and customs operations at Kandahar, Bagram, and Kabul, maneuver and mobility support operations (MMSO) along routes throughout the CJOA, area security of convoys and security of high risk personnel, and police intelligence collection. The law enforcement detachment provided law enforcement, force protection, and customs operations in Uzbekistan at K2. CID provided investigative support to the CJTF and the MWD section provided military working dog teams to support combat operations along the border and also as a Force Protection asset at the various bases. TF Cerberus provided large scale internment and resettlement operations, detaining, caring for, and transporting Taliban, Al Qa'ida, and various other anti-coalition force members. Additionally, TF Cerberus provided detainee expertise throughout the CJOA in the form of mobile training teams which traveled to forward operating bases (FOBs) to assist capturing units with proper detainee handling procedures. CJTF Guardian was also a key player in the training and assistance of the Afghanistan National Police. By providing Police training and assistance teams (PTATs), CJTF Guardian was able to help shape the future of Afghanistan by instructing police on basic law enforcement skills, to include riot control procedures in preparation for the nation's presidential elections. CJTF Guardian's most visible missions were support for the Afghanistan Presidential elections, detainee operations, MMSO for frustrated fuel convoys, and assuming the role of a maneuver ground force in RC West. CJTF Guardian provided security for polling stations and for voters during the first ever Afghanistan Presidential Elections. CJTF Guardian also sent two military police platoons along the main supply routes in RC East during one of the most severe winters in Afghanistan history to free frustrated fuel convoys, allowing for the successful delivery of over one million gallons of fuel when the CJTF was down to one day's supply. The assumption of ground maneuver responsibilities in RC West, relieving the 3-4 Cav. ground elements, showed the MPs versatility and their ability to take on any mission, anywhere. The effort, creativity, and professionalism of the service members of CJTF Guardian resulted in contributions that had a positive impact on Afghanistan and helped pave the way to a safe and secure future for its people.

Lightning Enforcers!





*"You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word. It is victory. Victory at all costs - Victory in spite of all terrors - Victory, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."
-- Winston Churchill*



"I am a soldier, I fight where I am told, and I win where I fight."

-- General George Patton, Jr.



MILITARY POLICE



Task Force Eagle



Bagram Airfield,
Afghanistan



Colonel Thomas Boyle, Commander, Task Force Eagle

Colonel Thomas Boyle attended the University of Delaware where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He joined the Army in 1982 and initially served with the Aviation Battalion GS Aviation Company and Aviation TAMC in Fort Lewis, Wash., as a company executive officer and platoon leader. He served his next several years at Fort Lewis, Wa., and Fort Eustis, Va., serving in various positions such as company commander, aviation safety officer and procurement officer. Boyle has also served in positions overseas in areas like Kosovo, Germany and Afghanistan. While overseas Boyle took the helm as an instructor, company commander, battalion commander, director of material management and garrison commander. He is now currently serving as the director of logistics at Headquarters, U.S Army Intelligence Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. While serving around the world, Boyle also continued his education inside and outside of the military by earning two master's degrees and completing a variety of Army based courses including Aviation Safety Officer, Force Development Officer Course, Material Acquisition Management, Contracting, and Command General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge and the Senior Aviator Badge.



Colonel Robert M. Algermissen, Commander, Task Force Eagle

Colonel Robert M. Algermissen enlisted in the Army in 1975 to attend the West Point Preparatory School. He was commissioned into the Field Artillery from the United States Military Academy in 1980. He graduated from the Field Artillery Cannon Battery Officer's Course in 1981 and reported to the 2nd Bn., 20th FA in Wiesbaden, Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). His assignments include 1st Bn., 27th Field Artillery, Fort Carson, Colo.; 6th Bn., 29th FA, Baumholder, FRG; 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Rgt., Bad Kissingen, FRG; Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Chief of Plans, 1st Cavalry Div., Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd Bn., 82nd FA, Fort Hood, Texas; U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Irwin, Calif.; In 2001, he reported to the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., as an instructor and then as the Senior Army Advisor to the Commandant, ACSC. He later graduated from the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, in 2004. He assumed command of Base Operations, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, in August 2004. His military schools include the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools. He earned a Master of Military Arts and Science in Theater Operations from Fort Leavenworth's School of Advanced Military Studies, and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. Algermissen's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (1 OLC), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3) the NATO Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Superior Unit Award (1 OLC).



Command Sergeant Major Timothy S. Green, Task Force Eagle

Command Sergeant Major Timothy S. Green is an augmentee from the 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C. He arrived in October 2003 to serve as the Bagram Airfield garrison command sergeant major for CJTF-180, and extended to April 2005 to complete OEF-V with CJTF-76.



Task Force Eagle

OEF-V Overview

Task Force Eagle is the Garrison Command on Bagram Airfield comprised of many diverse units which complete a multitude of missions. Facilities Engineering Team (FET) 17 and 210th Engineer Battalion served as the Directorate of Public Works. They worked all construction projects on and around Bagram Airfield in conjunction with Kellogg, Brown and Root and other engineering contractors. Completed projects include the new Joint Operations Center, perimeter security fencing, outer perimeter road paving, the airfield runway, post office, and AAFES expansions as well as performed more than 40 missions in support of CERP construction projects outside the wire. The 707th Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit (EOD) completed



over 100 EOD missions to date, destroying more than 250,000 hazardous munitions and 112,000 pounds net explosive weight of explosives. The teams also disabled or destroyed 20 IEDs, and trained over 500 personnel on unexploded ordnance safety and awareness. We are also the main effort for base defense through the efforts of the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC), Force Protection Office (FPO), and the subordinate units that assist in this mission, 1st Bn, 62nd ADA, and 265th ADA. The BDOC and FPO were responsible for all force protection measures and control of the 10 km ring around BAF, often meeting with Afghan politicians and local commanders about mutual, cooperative security issues. They oversaw perimeter tower operations and military police and infantry patrols throughout the 10 km ring. 1-62 ADA conducted camera surveillance operations and maintained surveillance systems all over the country. They have also been charged with the operation and maintenance of a new electronic perimeter system. The 265th ADA served as the Entry Control Point (ECP) security on Bagram Airfield. In a typical 24-hour day, the 265th processed more than 1,200 local national and third country personnel, searched more than 200 cargo and fuel trucks, searched on average 100 local national privately-owned vehicles, and screened more than 200 U.S. and Coalition Forces on a daily basis. To date the Soldiers of 265th have searched more than 481,000 personnel and 39,000 vehicles entering BAF. ECP medics and combat life savers treated more than 600 patients with injuries from landmines, gun shots, traffic accidents, falls, burns, etc. Our Civil Affairs section supported the majority of the humanitarian aid missions within the 10K ring of Bagram. To date they have completed more than 50 missions to 37 different villages. They also oversee the base bazaar every Friday. The S4 provided logistical support for Bagram Airfield, including direct oversight of Class I, III, and IV commodities. The S4 was responsible for the movement and placement of force protection resources (bunkers, barriers and guard towers), streamlining of the base local labor contract, Purchase Request and Commitment (PRC) program, and the Acquisitions and Cross Servicing Agreements. Lastly, they distributed Soldier comfort items and spearheaded the improvement of camp living conditions at Bagram Airfield. Overall, TF Eagle has one of the biggest missions here on Bagram Airfield: to support and defend Bagram Airfield and the surrounding area from terrorist actions as well as improve the lives of the Service Member stationed here and the lives of the people of Afghanistan giving them hope for a better tomorrow.





Task Force Liberty





Colonel Paul Havey, Commander, Task Force Liberty

Colonel Paul Havey is the Commander, 33rd Area Support Group in Chicago. He enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in November 1969 and began his military career as a Subsistence Storage Specialist with the 128th Quartermaster Platoon, 232d Supply & Service Battalion. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in April 1976, through the Illinois Officer Candidate School program. His military assignments include, Director, Plans, Operations, Training and Military Support to Civil Authority, Joint Force Headquarters-Illinois National Guard; Director, Military

Personnel, State Area Command, Illinois Army National Guard; Director, Support Operations, Area Support Group; Battalion Commander; Battalion, S2/3/LOG OPNS Officer, Supply & Service Battalion; Battalion S4, Supply & Service Battalion; Company Commander; Secretary to the General Staff, State Area Command; and Platoon Leader. Havey graduated from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree. His military education includes Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Quartermaster Officer Pre-Command Course for Battalion and Brigade Commanders, U.S. Army War College. His decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze star device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass device, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (5th award), Army Service Ribbon, Illinois Military Medal of Merit, Illinois Military Long and Honorable Service Medal with 4 OLC, Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon (11th award), State Active Duty Ribbon (5th award).



Command Sergeant Major O'Darrell Pennington, Task Force Liberty

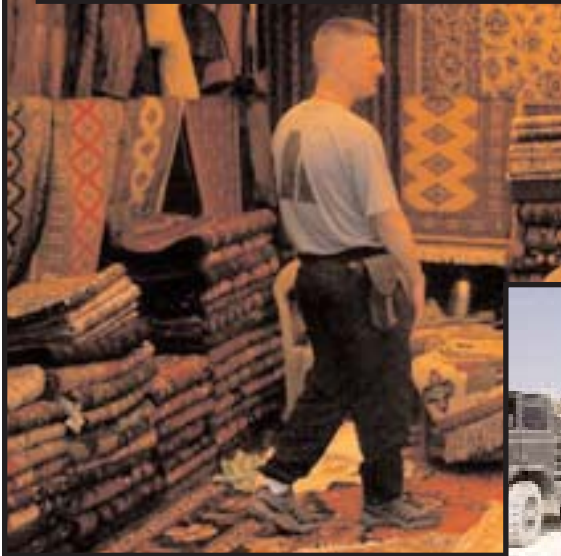
Command Sergeant Major O'Darrell Pennington is the Command Sergeant Major of the 33rd Area Support Group (ASG), Illinois Army National Guard. Pennington started his military service on July 7, 1972. He completed his basic and advanced infantry training at Ft. Polk, La., in March 1973. As a machine gunner and anti-armor specialist he achieved the rank of E-5 in 1978. Pennington continued successfully as a 106mm-recoilless rifle platoon sergeant, transitioning as a TOW platoon sgt. and achieving First Sergeant in January 1985. Pennington served successfully as First Sergeant of A Co. and B Co. 1st Bn., 178th Inf. This cumulated in his selection and attainment of Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Bn., 178th Inf., in June

1990. Graduating from the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy in 1991, Pennington served as Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. for the 1st Bn. 131st Inf. and 2nd Bn., 202nd ADA. On November 1, 2000, Pennington was selected as the 33rd Area Support Group Command Sergeant Major. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hour glass, the Noncommissioned Officers Development Ribbon (numeral 4), the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Training Ribbon, the Illinois Long and Honorable Service Ribbon (5 OLC), the Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon (numeral 9), the State Active Duty Ribbon (numeral 2), and the Honorable Order Of Saint Barbara.

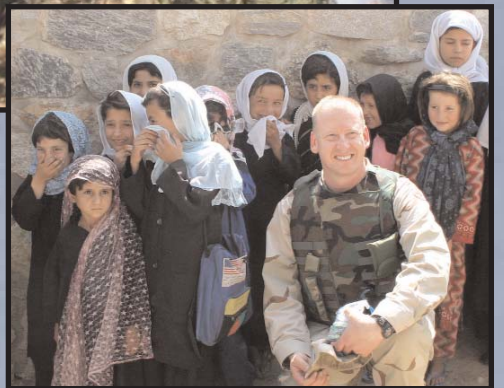
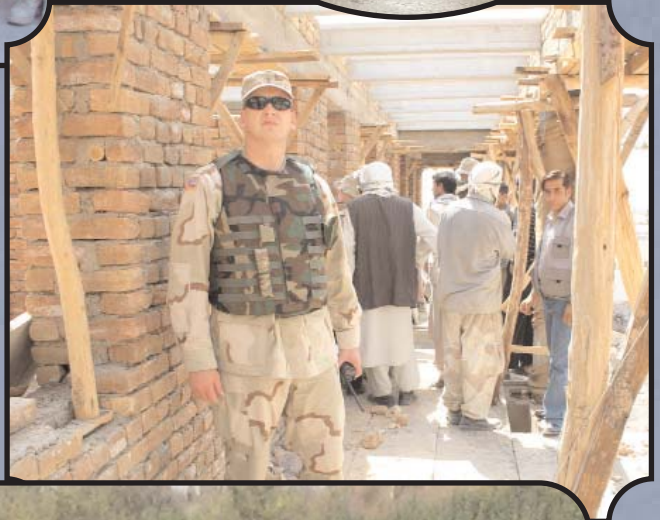
Task Force Liberty OEF-V Overview

The 33rd Area Support Group deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from Chicago. Upon arrival in theater the unit divided its personnel resources into five Base Support Battalion elements to provide command and control for base operations and management oversight of contract operations at five major LOGCAP III bases; thirteen Provincial Reconstruction Teams; and a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. The ASG was part of the first 12-month rotation in support of the OEF Theater with responsibility to move overall base operations from an austere expeditionary environment to one capable of sustaining a decentralized counterinsurgency battlefield. The 33rd ASG deployed soldiers to Karshi-Khanabad (K2), Uzbekistan, Kabul, Salerno, Bagram, and Kandahar Afghanistan. Karshi-Khanabad and Uzbekistan Base Operations staff supports an Air Force Expeditionary Wing and a small complement of Army units. The K2 staff provided direction and oversight for the movement of all billeting from tents to modular buildings. They initiated work on of a sewer project to provide a more environmentally efficient system of handling waste water and are an airfield renovation project has recently begun which will significantly improve the airfield operations. The Kandahar Airfield Base Operations staff provided life support to a Brigade Combat Team and subordinate command elements. They conducted an Anti-terrorism Construction Standards assessment of the base and initiated corrective actions. They also initiated corrective actions to the vulnerabilities and concerns identified during the CENTAF Joint Security Directorates survey of the base. The Base Defense Operations Center was transformed to a JDOC by integrating USAF Security Forces, Military Police and Romanian LNO's into the manning. The staff established a bi-weekly Base Planning Board, responsible for reviewing all construction and real estate allocations in accordance with the Base Master Plan. The staff conducted a complete detailed review of the Base Master Plan and participated in the Base Master Planning Conference hosted by the engineers. The Kabul Compound Base Operations Staff provided life support primarily to the Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan(OMC-A) and Combined Forces Command Headquarters. They were responsible for force protection of the compound and 18 safe house locations in the city. Operational responsibilities included expanding infrastructure support; increased office and billeting space to accommodate a growing force population; power generation; escort duty in and around the city and between Kabul and Bagram. The team at Kabul has significantly improved quality of life at the compound during this rotation and is currently working with the engineers to develop plans for a new compound to provide much needed operational space. Salerno Base Operations was the smallest team we had in theater - but with one of the largest missions. They moved in to a battalion size fire base and have over the course of ten months transformed their base into one capable of providing life support to a Division Artillery Headquarters, Marine Corps Infantry Battalion HQ; Engineer Company; a Special Operations - Operational Detachment; and an 8 bed Medical Treatment Facility; and other Combat Support and Combat Service Support elements. This small but highly effective team has literally rebuild the infrastructure; and has just finished construction of the first of several phases of brick and motor housing units to replace tents previously used for billeting. The next phase of construction is to build a permanent 16 bed hospital structure. Overall, Task Force Liberty has one of the largest missions in Afghanistan-- to develop a country wide standard level of service to support all aspects of base operations. We were responsible to the CJTF-76 Commander to provide environmental and safety oversight; gain cost savings and efficiencies through centralized acquisition and economies of scale; improve the quality of life for all U.S. and Coalition forces and civilians contractors, and the lives of the people of Afghanistan. We have remained focused on the tenets of Sustain, Protect, and Improve/Expand all the while remaining flexible to meet the ever changing environment.

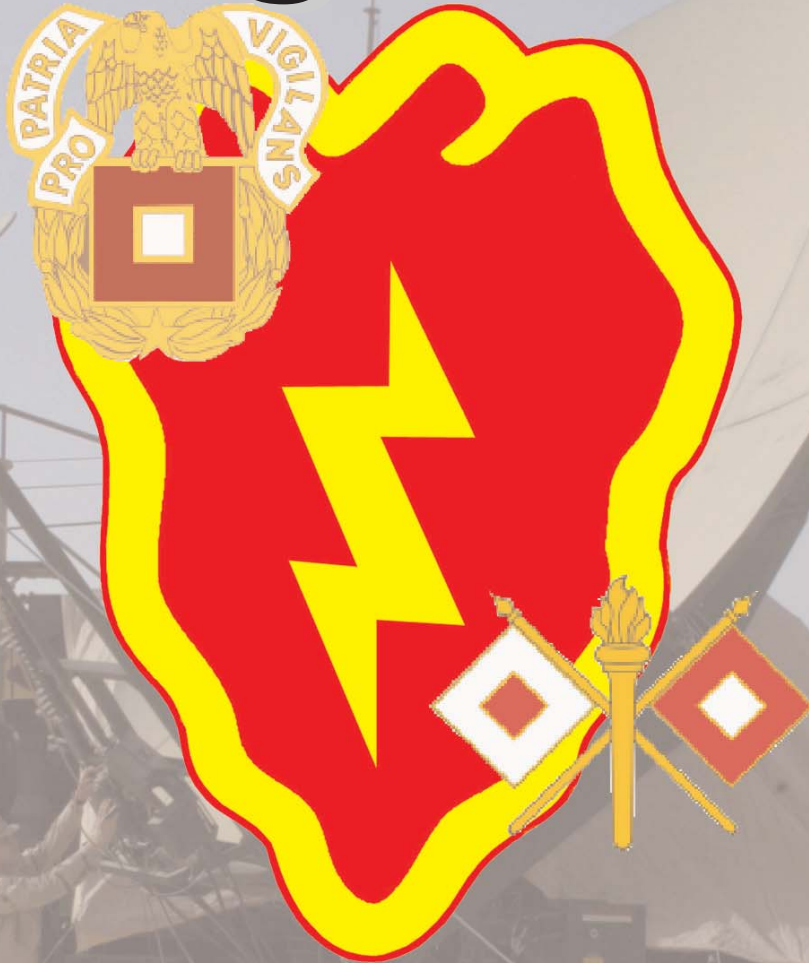








125th Signal



Battalion





Lieutenant Colonel Bevan R. Daley, Commander, 125th Signal Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Bevan R. Daley is the Director of CJ6 and serves as the Communications Advisor to CJTF-76 Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Eric Olson. He simultaneously commands the 125th Sig. Bn., and has done so since his assumption of command on June 20, 2002. He first entered the Army Reserve as a Combat Engineer in 1982, where he was the distinguished honor graduate from basic and advanced individual training. In 1986, after receiving a degree in electrical engineering from Temple University and graduating from the ROTC program as a distinguished military graduate, he received a Regular Army commis-

sion as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps. His assignments include 82nd Sig. Bn., 82nd Airborne Div.; 1/325th Airborne Infantry Bn.; 50th Sig. Bn., 35th Sig. Brigade. In 1999, he was reassigned to the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) where he served for three years as a presidential communications officer and as director of the travel support directorate. He holds a master's degree in information systems management. His military education includes the Basic and Advanced Signal Officers Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. The Combined Arms & Services Staff School and the Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is also a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Presidential Service Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.



Sergeant Major Clarence Benyard, 125th Signal Battalion

Sergeant Major Clarence Edwin Benyard, Sr. enlisted in the United States Army in 1984 and attended basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Ft. Gordon, Ga. His assignments include CJTF-76 CJ6 Sgt. Maj., Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, G6 Sgt. Maj., 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, senior telecommunication operations NCO/spectrum manager, U.S. Army C-E Services Office (OSD), Arlington, Va., battlefield spectrum manager, drill sergeant, 366th Signal Bn., Ft. Gordon, Ga., radio teletype operator section chief, HHS, 532nd Military Intelligence Bn., Korea, radio operator, HHC, 229th Eng. Bn., Ft. Sill, Okla., radio operator, B Co., 8th Signal Bn., Germany.

Benyard earned a master's degree from Old Dominion University, a bachelor's degree in human services with a specialization in criminal justice. His military education includes Battlefield Spectrum Manager Course, Air Assault School, Drill Sergeant School, Network Management Tool Staff Operation Course, Supervisor Development Course, Mobile Subscriber Equipment System Control Center Operator, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. His awards and decoration include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (9 Oak Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Korean Services Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Noncommissioned Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeants Badge and Drivers Mechanic Badge.



125th Signal Battalion

OEF-V Overview

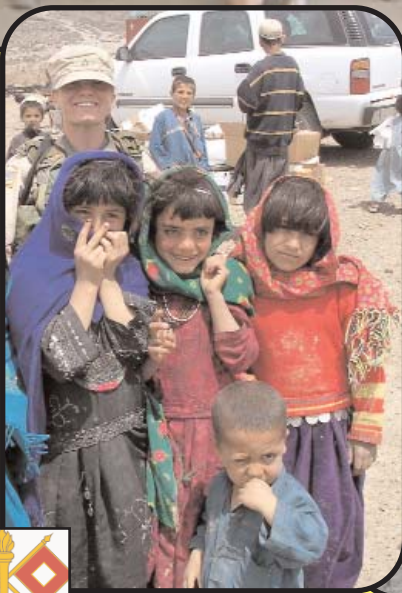
In August 2003, the 125th Signal Battalion was notified of its deployment in support of the Global War on Terror and immediately began planning and training to assume its role as the CJ6 of a Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF). This is the first time in history elements of 125th Signal Battalion, the Division G6, were required directly support a combined and joint task force and function as a CJ6. After deploying Bravo Company as a part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 125th Signal Battalion and its remaining two companies arrived in Afghanistan in March and April 2004. Alpha Company deployed with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Kandahar while Charlie Company arrived in Bagram to support the CJTF-76 Headquarters and contingency operations. Contingency operations soon became a reality with the establishment of Regional Command East at Forward Operating Base Salerno requiring the deployment of a detachment with elements of both Alpha and Charlie Companies. The 125th Signal Battalion assumed authority of the CJTF's network from 10th Signal Battalion in just 48 hours and began to expand the network to fit the growing demands of operations in Afghanistan. Prior to the 125th Signal Battalion's deployment to Afghanistan, the battalion's communications strong suit was Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE), but our time in Afghanistan has forced us to expand our knowledge base to meet the ever changing requirements of the Warfighter, Unit Commanders, and the Civilians that support them. Tarin Kowt, Shkin, and Orgun-E depended solely on 125th Signal Battalion communications as their link to forces and command posts throughout the world. The Army's fast-paced operations called for the MSE shelters to be used in innovative ways, they needed to pass more data, reach more users, and process more information than in the past. In addition, new business relationships were developed between the 125th Signal Battalion and the direct support 25th Signal Battalion that caused the creation of a merged tactical and strategic network where tactical units at remote sites had similar capabilities as more permanent locations. The Battalion fielded brand new satellite equipment in theater commonly referred to as Traffic Terminals, which use the latest technology with its Internet Protocol based network architecture that is becoming more and more common both in the civilian world and the military. These systems were deployed for the first time in Afghanistan by 125th Signal Soldiers. Non-signal Soldiers, such as mechanics, supply clerks, and administrative clerks, contributed to the Battalion's success in innovative ways by manning and operating these terminals flawlessly, despite their lack of formal training and experience with signal equipment and techniques. For example, one traffic terminal was instrumental in providing communications to the United Nations for the first Afghanistan Presidential Elections in the country's five thousand year history and was used again at the Presidential Palace for the Inauguration of President Karzai. Signal Soldiers also mastered the Global Broadcasting Satellite System that brought in the Predator feed. Predator access allowed commanders to view real-time combat missions executed in Afghanistan. Lastly, the 125th Signal Battalion helped lay a communications foundation in Afghanistan that will help the country defend itself in the future. Our Soldiers worked closely with the Afghanistan Police Force to provide a communications system that gave the Police Chief access to all of his precincts. This is an invaluable resource that the country will benefit from for years to come. These are just a few of the 125th Signal Battalion accomplishments in support of OEF. It has been a pleasure to serve as a part of Combined/Joint Task Force-76. **One Team!**

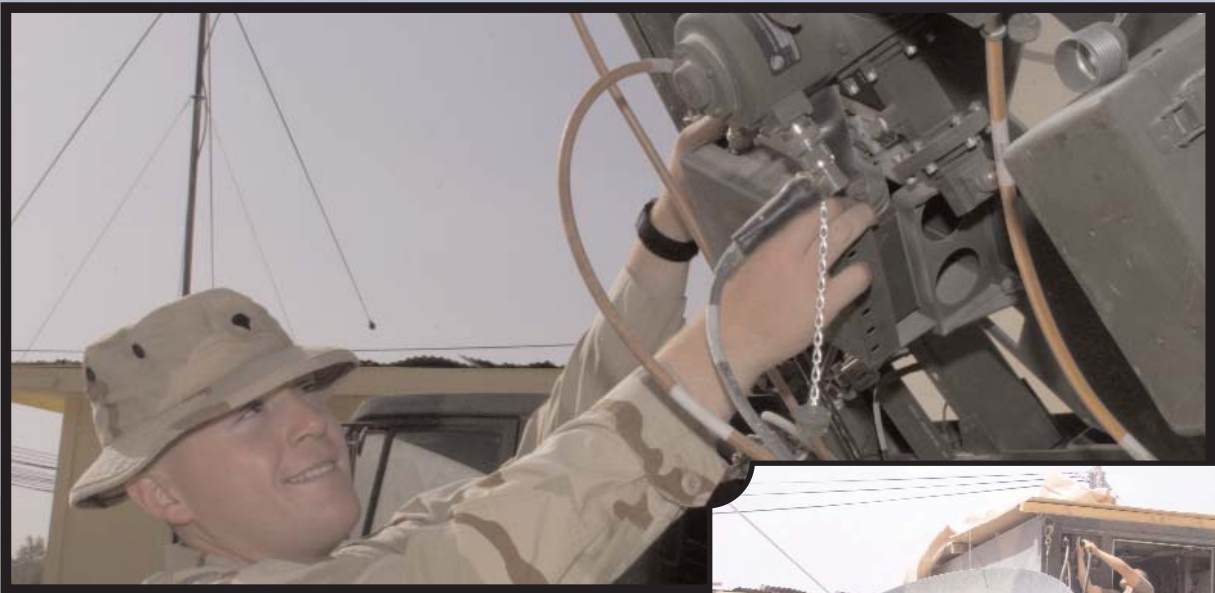




"This will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome except victory."

- President George W. Bush







125th Military Intelligence



Battalion



Lieutenant Colonel Jim Lee, Commander, 125th Military Intelligence Bn.

Lieutenant Colonel Jim Lee was commissioned in the Infantry upon graduation from the New Mexico Military Institute. In 1983, his first troop duty was as a light infantry platoon leader with the 3rd Battalion, 87th Infantry (mountain) at Ft. Carson, Colo. Following graduation as a distinguished military graduate from the University of Southern Colorado in 1986, he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Army Ranger School. His first active duty troop assignment was as a mechanized infantry platoon leader with 1st Bn, 39 Inf., 2nd Brigade, 8th Inf. Div. (Mech), Baumholder, West Germany. In the subsequent years, he served as company executive officer and assistant Brigade S3. Upon his return from Germany in 1990, he was

rebranched to the Military Intelligence (MI) corps and attended the MI transition and advance courses. He began his new military duty as a Battalion S2, intelligence officer for the 1st Bn., 72nd Armor, Camp Casey, Korea. In 1992, he extended for company command of A Co., 102nd MI Bn., 2nd Inf. Div. Upon his return from Korea in 1993, he was selected as "Project Warrior", observer controller on the fire support team, National Training Center, at Ft. Irwin, Calif. While serving in the desert, he completed a master's degree through Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif. In 1995, he was assigned to the U.S. Army's Intelligence Center and School, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., where he served as instructor, S3 of the 326th MI Bn., 2nd Brigade, and secretary general staff, USAICS. In 1998, he attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where he was awarded a second master's in military arts and sciences. Following his schooling in 1999, he served in his first joint assignment in J9, Joint Experimentation, US Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va., as an adversary and vulnerabilities chief, lead targeting planner, and joint fires and maneuver concept lead. While assigned to a Navy sponsored command, he was able to pursue a doctorate from Old Dominion University. Subsequently, he was selected for command of the 125th MI Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (L) in June 2003. Lee's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal. He has been awarded the Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's badge.



Command Sergeant Major Michael Gertin, 125th Military Intelligence Bn.

Command Sergeant Major Michael Gertin enlisted in the United States Army in 1977. His assignments include: 3-60 Infantry, Ft. Lewis, Wash; 1-21 Infantry, Schofield Barracks Hawaii; Detachment A, 1st MI Bn., Shaw AFB, S.C.; Det. 1, 17th MI Company, MacDill AFB, Fla., in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the ceasefire campaign; 102nd MI Bn., Camp Hovey, Korea; U.S. Army ITAC, Washington Naval Yard, Washington D.C.; 1st Bn. 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) (A), Ft. Campbell, Ky; Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, Texas; 1st Bn., 160th SOAR (A)

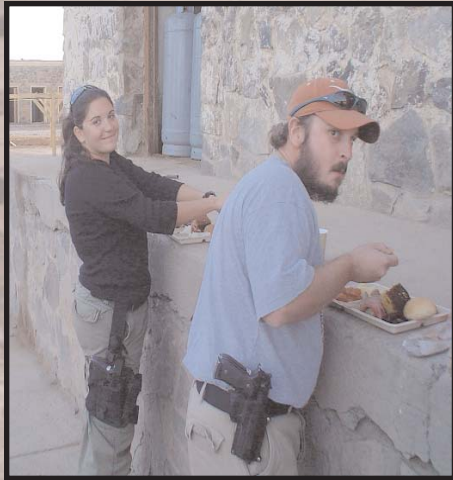
Ft. Campbell, Ky., in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; He is currently serving as the Command Sergeant Major, 125th MI Bn., 25th Inf. Div. (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Gertin's military education includes: Airborne and Air Assault Courses; Army SERE and DOD High Risk Survival Courses; Master Drivers Course; Combat lifesaver Course; NBC Course; Defense Sensor Interpretation and Application Training (DSIATP) Course; Battle Staff Course; First Sergeant Course; United States Army Sergeants Major Academy; and Command Sergeants Major Course. He holds an associate's degree from Saint Leo College. His awards and decorations include; three Meritorious Service Medals; Joint Service Commendation Medal; four Army Commendation Medals; five Army Achievement Medals; eight Good Conduct Medals; National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze star); Southwest Asia Service Medal (3 Bronze stars); Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 3); NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4); Kuwait Liberation Medal; Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Expert Infantry Badge; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Australian Parachute Badge, and Driver's Badge. Unit Awards include three Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, and the Army Superior Unit Award.





Soldiers of the 125th Military Intelligence(MI) Task Force persevered with great professionalism during OEF-V. During the deployment, the MI task force grew to more than 600 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and contract civilians performing intelligence support operations, throughout the CJTF-76 Operations Area. The Task Force's operational readiness rate on intelligence systems remained above 90-percent. Throughout the deployment, the MI Task Force continued to improve its capabilities as they learned and adapted to the enemy, constantly trying to provide more effective Intelligence support to CJTF-76. 125th MI decentralized intelligence capabilities to the lowest level, enabling combat Soldiers and Marines to find, close with, and defeat the enemy. Soldiers conducted many different jobs to accomplish the mission and they were admired for their flexibility and capabilities. MI Soldiers were stationed in more than 30 different firebases throughout Afghanistan, serving with their combat arms brothers, fighting side by side. Many MI Soldiers have been recognized for their valor and have in some cases saved the day by getting involved in combat actions and being awarded Bronze Star medals for their selfless acts of heroism.





***"Out of every 100 men,
ten shouldn't even be
there, Eighty are just
targets, Nine are the real
fighters, and we are
lucky to have them, for
they make the battle.
Ah, but the one,
One is a warrior,
And he will bring the
others back."
- Heraclitus***





Fastrope!!



455th Air Expeditionary Wing



Bagram Airfield,
Afghanistan



Brigadier General James A. Whitmore, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing

Brigadier General James A. Whitmore served as the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander from April 2003 - June 2004. Whitmore entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the Memphis State University ROTC in 1976. He has served in a variety of flying and staff positions, and has commanded the 526th Fighter Squadron and the 20th Operations Group. Whitmore also served as the executive secretary for the Secretary of Defense. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in the F-4 and the F-16. He flew combat missions in Operation Desert Storm and has more than 190 combat hours. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Aerial Achievement

Medal (OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star, Kuwait Liberation Medal.



Brigadier General James P. Hunt, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing

Brigadier General James P. Hunt is Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. He is responsible for air and support operations at four bases supporting OEF-V. He serves as the Coalition forces air component commander's direct representative to the Commander, Combined Joint Task Force 76, and he is the task force commander's senior adviser for air power employment. Hunt was born in California and entered the Air Force in 1976 as a graduate of the Air Force Academy. He has served in numerous squadron and wing level positions, to include wing weapons officer, chief of wing standardization and evaluation, assistant operations officer and operations officer. Hunt has held staff positions at major command and Air Staff levels. The general commanded an F-117 squadron, a U-2 operations group and two wings. Hunt is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in five different aircraft. He holds master's degrees in management from Troy State University and in National Security Strategy

from the National War College. Hunt's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star.



Command Chief Master Sergeant James C. Johnson, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing

Chief Master Sergeant James C. (JC) Johnson is the permanent-party Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. He serves in a hostile combat environment where he advises the wing commander on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of the wing's enlisted personnel assigned to two air fields under Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) 76; Bagram and Kandahar, Afghanistan and personnel at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. He influences the development of joint policy for standards of conduct, morale and welfare for all coalition and joint service enlisted members as the senior enlisted Air Force member in CJTF 76's area of responsibility. He enlisted in the Air Force and reported to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for basic military training in February 1982. The chief graduated from the telecommunications operation specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in March 1982. Chief Johnson's assignments include Ankara Air Station,

Turkey, Robins AFB, Ga., Kadena Air Base, Japan, Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and the Pentagon. Chief Johnson has a master's from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal with one service star, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with two bronze star devices, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with combat border, Global War on Terrorism Medal- Expeditionary and Service.



455th Air Expeditionary Wing

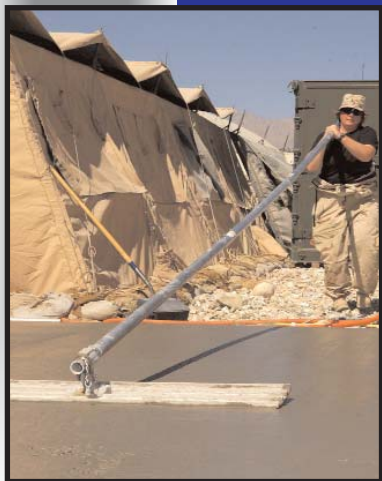
OEF-V Overview

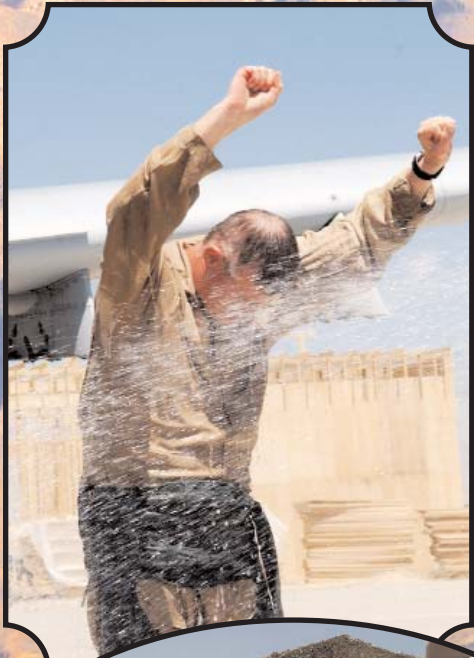
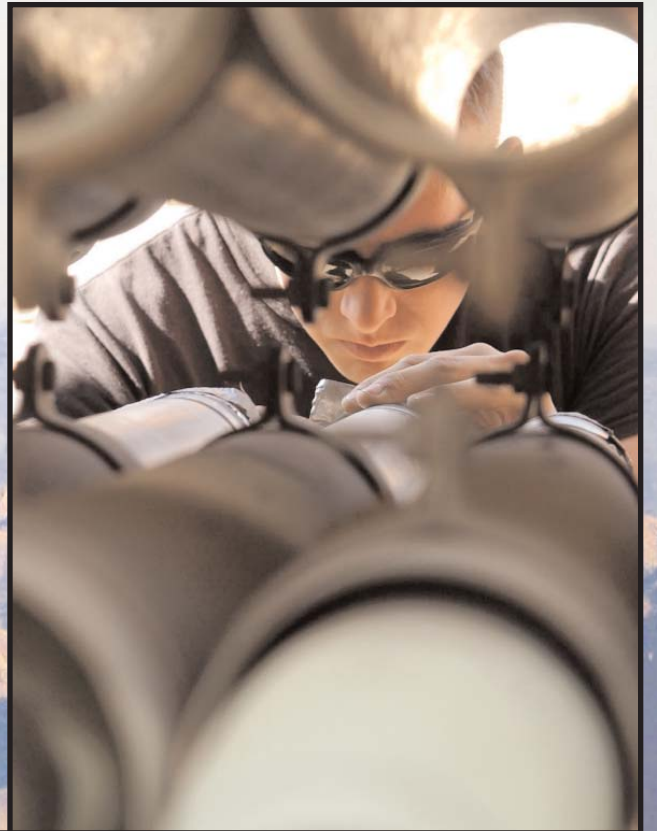
The 455th Air Expeditionary Wing is comprised of about 750 Airmen – approximately 650 are based on Camp Cunningham, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The wing consists of three groups – the Expeditionary Operations Group, the Expeditionary Mission Support Group and the Expeditionary Maintenance Group. The wing's primary mission is to support the Global War on Terrorism by providing aerial support for U.S. and Coalition forces on the ground. Camp Cunningham, the Air Force sector on Bagram, is named after Pararescueman Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham, who gave his life in Afghanistan while saving 10 lives. Airman Cunningham had come under intense small-arms fire and a barrage of rocket-propelled grenades in the mountains of Paktia Province, Afghanistan, during a rescue mission there. He was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross Sept. 13, 2002, which is awarded for extraordinary heroism while engaged in action against an enemy of our nation. It is second only to the Medal of Honor. The camp was dedicated in memory of Airman Cunningham March 4, 2004. In the last year, the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's mission has focused on supporting the ground commanders' objectives in accordance with the Combined Forces Air Component Commander's intent--to conduct timely and effective close air support through kinetic firepower, disrupting enemy activity and destroying enemy forces while providing a show of force, convoy escort, presence and protection for the first national presidential elections. Operations during OEF-V: A-10s flew about 6,000 sorties, providing 24-hour operations; Approximately 36,400 tons of cargo moved in and out; About 114,000 tower and radar operational contacts, supporting Bagram and Kabul; About 18 million gallons of fuel issued; About 29,000 gallons of liquid Oxygen issued; OSI recovered and EOD destroyed thousands of pounds of small arms, aircraft ammunition, rockets, Howitzer casings, large projectiles, grenades, mines, mortar rounds and more. Missions were improved by: Taxiway expansion projects at Alpha, Bravo and Delta allowing for increased hot cargo and helicopter operations; Poured complete ramp for Other Coalition Forces' assets; Built asset protection revetments; Built new POL and vehicle maintenance facility, new A-10 maintenance facility, a new EA-6B maintenance facility; Executed Kellogg, Brown, and Root contract; Installed new solar-powered, NVG-compatible buoy airfield lighting system; Constructed new A-10 parking ramp key holes, eliminating forward firing munitions hazard; Constructed new gun berm to safely secure weapons/munitions malfunctions; Reinforced perimeter fencing around airfield; Realigned the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group into the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, adding two groups (Mission Support and Maintenance) and

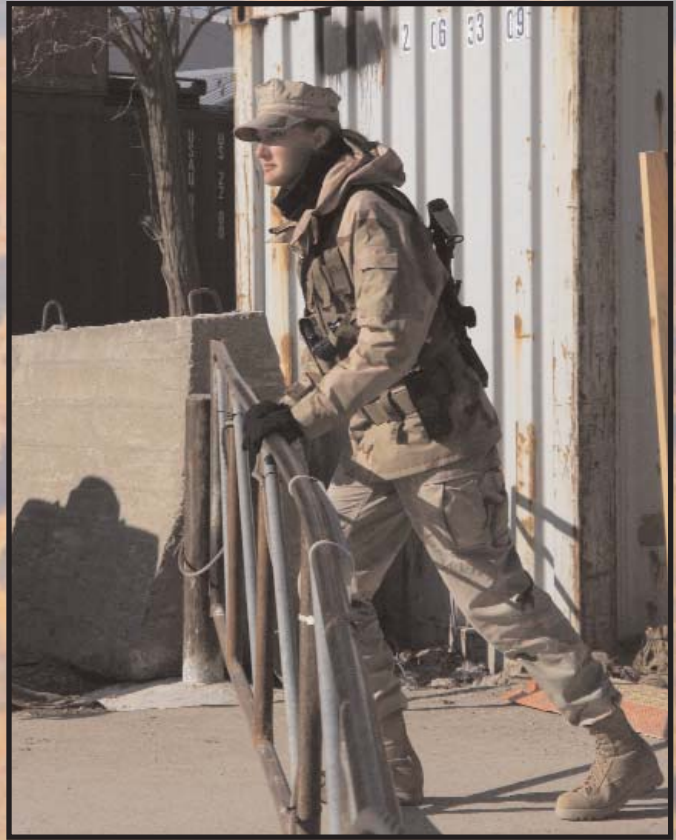
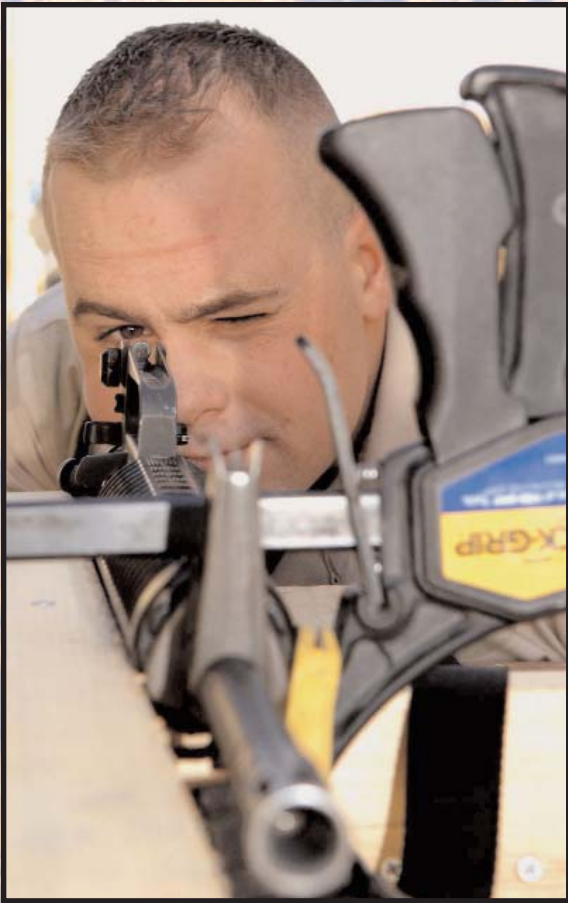


bringing the Air Evacuation Squadron under the Expeditionary Operations Group. Quality of life was improved by: Built 70+ new B-hut structures for living quarters; Consolidated 179 personnel from Air Force Village North to Camp Cunningham; Constructed new supply building to house individual equipment items for personnel; Built Volleyball and Basketball courts.









22nd Marine

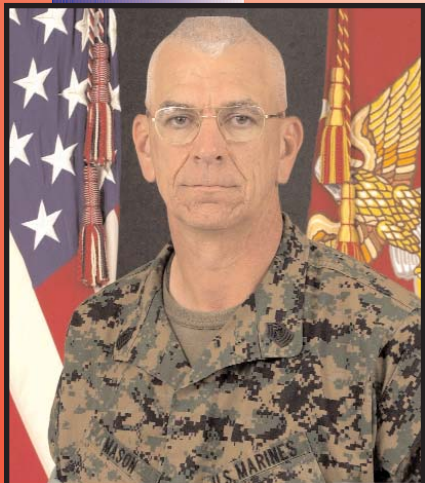


Expeditionary Unit



Colonel Frank McKenzie, Commander, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

Upon his graduation from The Citadel in 1979, Colonel Frank McKenzie was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and trained as an infantry officer. He has commanded at the platoon, company, and battalion levels. While serving as the commanding officer of Battalion Landing Team 1/6, he deployed to the Mediterranean as the ground combat element of the 24th MEW (Special Operations Capable). His staff assignments have included service as a battalion assistant operations officer, infantry battalion executive officer, G-3 Operations Officer of the 2nd Marine Division, Marine Officer Instructor at the Virginia Military Institute, member of the Commandant's Staff Group for the 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, and lead action officer for the 2001 QDR effort within HQMC. His most recent assignment was as the executive assistant to the deputy commandant for plans, policies, and operations, HQMC. McKenzie is a graduate of The Basic School, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the School of Advanced Warfighting. He has an advanced degree in history. He was selected as a CMC Fellow in 1999, and served as a Senior Military Fellow within the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. While there, he wrote *The Revenge of the Melians: Asymmetric Threats and the Next QDR*, published as a book by the National Defense University. His personal decorations include include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Additionally, McKenzie is the recipient of the U.S. Naval Institute's Astor Prize, the Virginia Military Institute Foundation's Thomas Jefferson Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Marine Corps Association's Chase Prize.



Sergeant Major George H. Mason, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

Sergeant Major George H. Mason enlisted in the Marine Corps in the fall of 1977 and underwent recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. Upon completion of recruit training, Mason attended Aviation Fundamentals Training and Basic Electricity Training at Naval Air Station Memphis, Tennessee. In the fall of 1978, he received his first assignment to VMFA-235 at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where he was an Avionics Repairmen for F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers. Subsequent assignments included duty with two other F-4 squadrons, VMFA-251 and VMFA-333, at MCAS Beaufort, S.C. Several years later, he would again serve with VMFA-333 as the NCOIC of the squadron's communications and navigation shop during the unit's transition to the F/A-18 Hornet fighter, and later held the billet of maintenance control chief. He later went on to serve as the avionics coordinator for the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing's Aircraft Introduction Team in New Orleans, La. Upon his selection to first sergeant in the spring of 1992, Mason held leadership positions in Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 8th Marines and Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group. Twice during his career, Mason has served in the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, first as a recruiter assigned to Recruiting Station Northern New Jersey, and later, as Sergeant Major of Recruiting Station Chicago. Prior to his assignment to the 22d MEW in Dec. 2002, he was the Sergeant Major of Marine Aircraft Group 26 aboard MCAS New River, N.C. Mason has seen operational deployments in Southwest Asia during Operations *Desert Shield/Storm*, and also during Operations *Provide Promise/Deny Flight* in Bosnia-Herzegovina, *Continue Hope/UNISOM II* in Somalia, and *Support Democracy* in Haiti. He is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



22d MEU

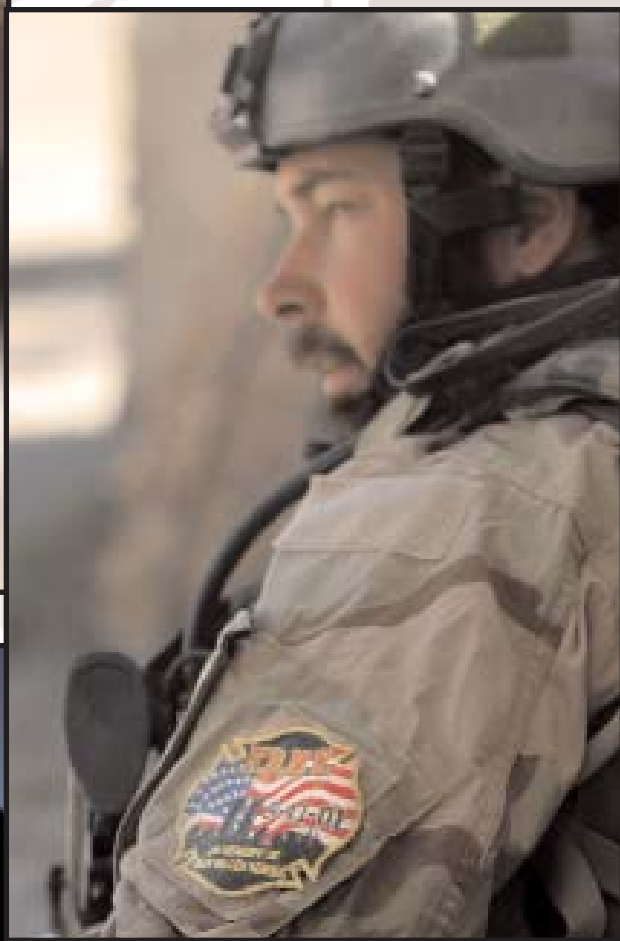
OEF-V Overview

In winter 2004, the U.S. Central Command committed its theater reserve, the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) (MEW [SOC]), into central Afghanistan to serve as the main effort of Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) 180's Operation Mountain Storm. The operation was designed to preempt a long-anticipated Taliban "spring offensive" and help set the conditions for successful voter registration and national-level elections. The 22d MEW entered Afghanistan from the south and the ship-to-shore movement to Kandahar Airfield required the MEW to traverse southern Pakistan's Baluchistan region, one of the most rugged and remote lands in the world. After completing staging at Kandahar, the MEW struck north 80 miles to operate in the Oruzgan Province area. At the heart of the MEU's area of operations (AO) was Tarin Kowt, a small town of 17,000. At the bottom of the Tarin Kowt "bowl" (at 4,400 feet) was an old abandoned dirt airstrip that became the centerpiece of the 22d MEU's air-ground operations. The 22d MEW designed a four-phase operation that capitalized on MAGTF strength while leveraging joint and national assets, consisting of shaping operations, securing the Tarin Kowt bowl, intelligence driven operations, and establishing security for the Afghan presidential elections and civil affairs work. Operations Thunderball in AO Tennessee and Bladerunner I in AO Kentucky were directed against enemy elements operating in southern Oruzgan. On 1 June, BLT 1/6 embarked on Operation Asbury Park to directly target the Taliban stronghold in the Deh Chopan highlands. This proved to be one of the most effective operations in Afghanistan since coalition forces entered the country in October 2001. During this sustained operation, 85 Taliban were killed; another 40 probably were killed in closed-up caves or inaccessible high ground. Based largely on the success of Asbury Park and supporting operations, the combatant commander extended the 22d MEU's Afghanistan deployment by 30 days. On receiving this decision, CJTF-76 put the 2d Battalion, 5th Infantry (2-5) of the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Light) under the tactical control of the MEW. Commencing Operation Thunder Road, BLT 1/6 moved quickly into the Cehar Cineh area, accompanied by the governor and Afghan forces. Located in the western part of AO Linebacker, the Taliban had yet to surrender Cehar Cineh to conventional forces. Concurrently, in Operation Asbury Park II, 2-5 Infantry relied extensively on its organic artillery and mortars and exploited the success of BLT 1/6 in the Deh Chopan area. Both operations continued to dislodge enemy combatants from sanctuaries. With Taliban authority effectively neutralized, the MEW took advantage of the two battalions' offensives by reinforcing security, accelerating civil-military projects, and initiating voter registration. In the short term, the security environment in Oruzgan Province improved dramatically. The MEW was in contact 32 times and confirmed 101 enemy killed and another 50 probable kills, including several key Taliban leaders. Attacks against coalition forces declined to nearly zero in Oruzgan and northern Kandahar provinces. The MEU's operations permitted the introduction of UNAMA voter registration teams; 58,357 Afghan citizens were registered in Oruzgan between 1 May and 10 July. These efforts represented more than 44% of UNAMA's provincial goal and helped overcome the initial hurdle of demonstrating to the populace that safe elections were possible in Afghanistan. Voter registration went hand in hand with 108 civil-affairs projects that provided long-range hope for Afghanistan: for example, well digging, establishment of schools, and road and infrastructure improvement. An aggressive medical and dental outreach program cared for 2,000 patients, many of whom received assistance for the first time. The MEU's successful integration into a joint command served to reinforce the merits of the Marine air-ground team and demonstrate the value of its integration with a joint force. Strategic results of the deployment still are being assessed, but recent peaceful elections—even in former Taliban sanctuaries—are nascent signs of long-term success. And, in Oruzgan Province, they result directly from the 22nd MEU's determined march into the storm.





Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force



Afghanistan





Colonel Walter Herd, Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Colonel Walter Herd was commissioned into the Regular Army in June 1983 becoming the fifth generation of his family to serve in America's military. Before taking command of the Combined Joint Special Forces Task Force in Afghanistan in Sept. of 2003, he was the USASOC Director of the current operations division. He has a bachelor's degree from Centre College of Kentucky and four master's degrees, one from Marymount University and the others from various military schools.

Herd has earned both the Special Forces and Ranger qualification tabs, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist, Combat Diver, Military Free Fall Parachutist, and Air Assault badges. His highest award is the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.



Colonel Patrick M. Higgins, Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Colonel Patrick M. Higgins graduated from Hofstra University in 1980 and was commissioned in the infantry. He served in a variety of infantry assignments. After attendance at the U.S. Army War College, he assumed duties as the operations officer for Special Operations Command, Central, at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Higgins returned to Fort Bragg to assume command of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). He assumed command of the Combined/Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan in June 2004. Higgins' awards and decorations include the

Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster (OLC) and V device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal 5th OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.



Colonel Jeffrey Waddell, Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Colonel Jeffrey D. Waddell, has held a variety of assignments in infantry and Special Forces units. Waddell earned his bachelor's degree from Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts and a master's from the United States Army War College. His military schooling includes the Special

Forces Qualification Course, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Course, SFARTAETC, Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College. Waddell's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Master Freefall Parachutist Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Pathfinder Badge.

Command Sergeant Major Thomas Reesman, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Command Sergeant Major Thomas A. Reesman has served in a variety of infantry and Special Forces assignments. Reesman was the Combined Joint Special Operation Task Force Afghanistan from March-June 2004. Reesman's military schools include the Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course (Honor Graduate), First Sergeant Course, and the Sergeants Major Course (Class 43) and Command Sergeant Major Course. Reesman's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6th Award), Moroccan Commando Badge, and Parachutist Badges from Canada, Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, Australia, Turkey and Kenya. He was selected as 1st SOCOM's Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, 1984.



Command Sergeant Major David McFadden, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Command Sergeant Major David McFadden served 22 months, over three rotations, as the senior enlisted advisor for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan. His military education includes the Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger Course, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course, Military Freefall (Basic and Jumpmaster) Course, Airborne School, Static-Line Jumpmaster Course and the Turkish Language Course. His awards and decorations are highlighted by the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaves, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Parachutist's Badges from five countries (Jordan, Egypt, Kenya, Somalia, Romania) and Combat Infantryman's Badge with star.



Command Sergeant Major Ronald Kocher, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

Command Sergeant Major Kocher has held a wide variety of assignments in infantry and Special Forces units. Kocher is a graduate of the SFQC, Ranger Course, Basic Airborne Course, Jumpmaster Course, Pathfinder Course, MFF Basic Course, MFF Jumpmaster Course, Navy and Air Force SERE Courses, SERE Instructor Course, SF Operations and Intelligence Course, Special Operations Target Interdiction Course, Special Forces Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course, Special Operations Techniques Course, Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course, ANCOG, USASMA, and several other military courses. His awards and decorations include the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutists Badge, Military Freefall Jump Master Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Meritorious Service Medal (5OLC). He has received foreign parachutist badges from the countries of Honduras, Venezuela, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay and Uruguay.





The Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A) began operations in July 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. CJSOTF-A is comprised of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coalition Special Operations assets. CJSOTF-A forces have achieved unprecedented success through the employment of Afghan host nation forces. From July 2001 through May 2002, CJSOTF-A conducted counter terrorism operations throughout Afghanistan by routing out Taliban and Al-Qaeda strongholds and preventing the use of terrorist bases in Afghanistan. CJSOTF-A forces worked in conjunction with Northern Alliance indigenous forces to quickly defeat Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces operating in Afghanistan and, set conditions for reconstruction and democratic progress throughout Afghanistan. From May 2002 through June 2004, CJSOTF-A conducted unconventional warfare combat operations. CJSOTF-A forces destroyed Taliban and Al-Qaeda resistance and denied sanctuary while supporting the birth of a new democratic Afghanistan. In 2004, CJSOTF-A conducted combat strike operations and civic action to defeat the enemy in support of the fist ever-democratic presidential elections. CJSOTF-A will provide ongoing support for the upcoming national assembly elections later this year. CJSOTF-A Civil Affairs soldiers conducted assessments of local villages and assisted in the development of the new government of Afghanistan. CJSOTF-A Civil Affairs forces executed numerous projects including construction of roads, schools, water wells, medical clinics, dams and irrigation systems. Civil Affairs soldiers have improved the education, health care, veterinarian, and agricultural systems throughout Afghanistan. During the course of OEF, the CJSOTF-A completed over 1,500 combat patrols and several major combat operations resulting in numerous combat medal awards including the following three Silver Stars, 28 Bronze Star Medals with V device for valor, 44 Army Commendation Medals with five device for valor, 524 Bronze Star Medals and 24 Purple Hearts.





"The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

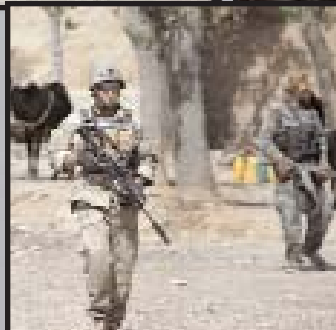
- General Dwight D. Eisenhower, address to his troops D-Day 1944

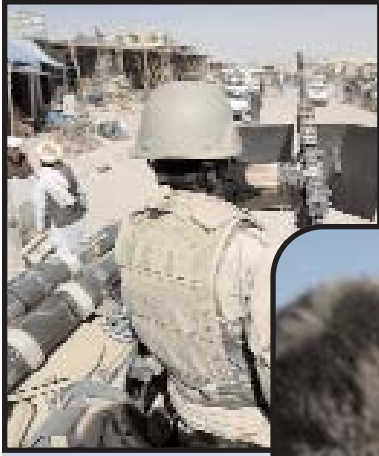
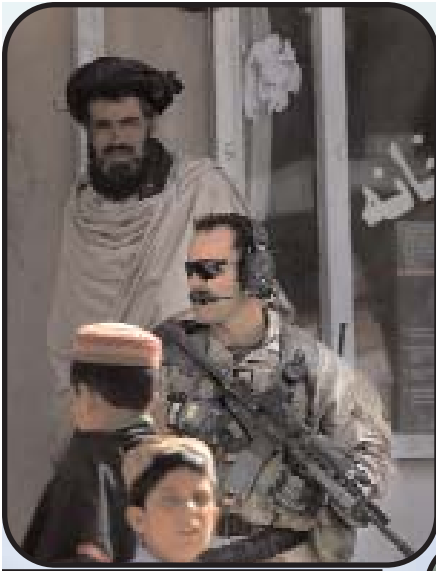




"Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all."

-George Washington





"...If you leave here with the word DUTY implanted in your mind; if you leave here with the word HONOR carved in your soul; if you leave here with love of COUNTRY stamped on your heart, then you will be a twenty-first century leader worthy...of the great privilege and honor...of leading...the sons and daughters of America..."

**--General
H. Norman
Schwarzkopf**



Task Force 1-501 Airborne



“Geronimo’s”



Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Glenn, Commander, TF 1-501 Airborne

Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Glenn was commissioned from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985 as an Infantry Officer. His initial assignment was with 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf., 193rd Inf. Brigade (Separate) at Ft. Kobbe, Panama, where he served as a rifle platoon leader, support platoon leader, and company executive officer. His subsequent assignments include 2nd Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 10th Mountain Div. (Light) at Ft. Drum, N.Y., division air operations officer, operations officer in 2nd Bn., 505th Parachute Inf. Regt.(PIR), and the Infantry Colonels Assignment Officer position, Colonels Division, at PERSCOM Alexandria, Va. In June of 2002, Glenn took command of 1st Bn., 501st PIR at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. He led the battalion through a National Training Center rotation and the Stryker Initial Operational Test and Evaluation at Ft. Knox, Ky. In September 2003 he gathered the necessary resources to conduct combat operations and formed Task Force 1-501 Airborne. In October 2003, Lieutenant Colonel Glenn led this task force in Operation Enduring Freedom through three major operations. These operations assisted in the establishment of Afghan democratic elections, distribution of humanitarian aid to Eastern Afghanistan, and destruction of Taliban and Al Qaeda forces. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge.



Command Sergeant Major David Turnbull, TF 1-501 Airborne

Command Sergeant Major David Turnbull enlisted in the Army in August of 1984 from Boston, Mass. After completion of Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Benning, Ga., he was assigned to the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). Turnbull has served in every key leadership position in the Infantry from team leader to command sergeant major. His assignments include 5/20th Inf., 2nd Inf. Div., Camp Casey, Korea, the 10th Mountain Div. (Light) where he served as both scout team and squad leader in the 2/22nd Inf. Bn., and B Co., 2nd Ranger Bn., where he served as squad leader, platoon sergeant, and operations sergeant. While serving as platoon sergeant, Turnbull participated in Operation Restore Democracy in the Republic of Haiti. Upon his return, he was assigned as detachment sergeant, 75th Ranger Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment, Ft. Benning, Ga. He later returned to the 2nd Ranger Bn. as first sergeant for Bravo Company. In August of 2001, Turnbull attended the Sergeant's Major Course, at Ft. Bliss, Texas (Class 52). Upon graduation from the Sergeant's Major Course, he was assigned to 3/21 Inf., Ft. Lewis, Wash., as the operations sergeant major. In June of 2003, Turnbull assumed the duties as command sergeant major of Task Force 1-501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, Ft. Richardson, Alaska. His military education includes all noncommissioned officer education system courses from PLDC to the Sergeants Major Course. His additional military training include the First Sergeant Course, Ranger School, Military Free Fall Course, Jumpmaster School, SERE School, and the Pathfinder School. CSM Turnbull's civilian education includes a bachelor's degree from Excelsior College.

Turnbull's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal w/star, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, and the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with the numeral four. He also earned the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, and the British, Belgian, Thai and Canadian Parachutist Wings.



Task Force 1-501 Airborne

OEF-IV / V Overview

October 1, 2003, dawned for the U.S. Army's first-ever airborne battalion with a countdown: 25 days until the first planeload of paratroopers would deploy to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. At its departure ceremony Oct. 23, 2003, at Buckner Physical Fitness Center, the battalion was officially redesignated Task Force 1-501 Airborne. Three flights of 250+ Soldiers would depart between Oct. 26-30, taking TF 1-501 Airborne to its new home for nine months, Forward Operating Base Salerno, on the southern border of Pakistan. Until their return home during the last week of July 2004, the battalion's approximately 850 Soldiers supported the 10th Mountain Division and the 25th Inf. Div. (Light) in a variety of operations, none of which included jumping out an airplane. The combined units were called Task Force Warrior. Their area of operations was the circle around city Khost. The 1-501's mission

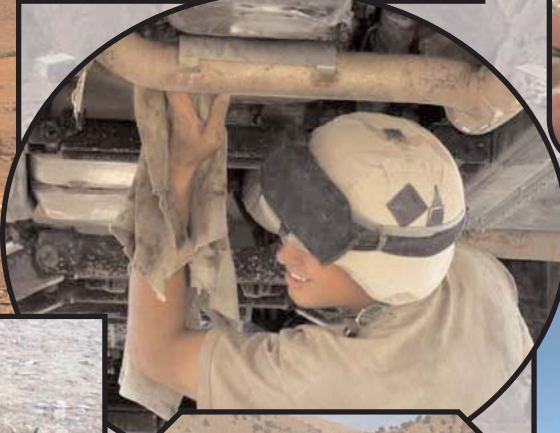
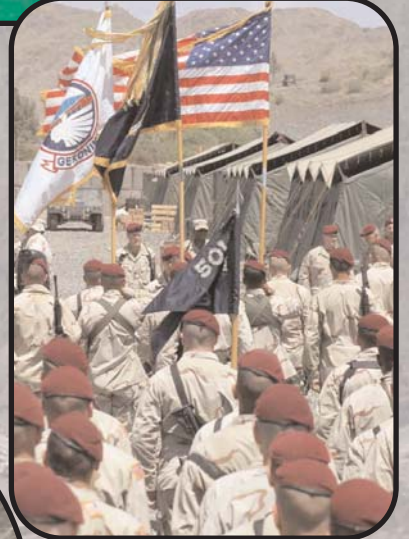
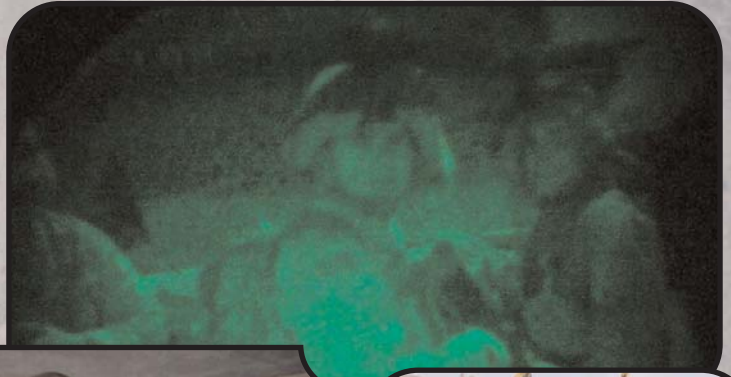


in Afghanistan was to facilitate the establishment of a safe, stable, and secure environment to prevent a resurgence of terrorist activity that threatens national interests. They accomplished this through operations such as cordon and search and village assessments, joint operations, civil/military operations, and other combat operations. The "Geronimo's" took part in many operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom IV and V, including Operations Wendy, Avalanche and Blizzard. TF 1-501st PIR Soldiers took part in several humanitarian assistance operations, earning the respect and trust of Afghan citizens throughout eastern Afghanistan. During their nine months in country, they also trained on their common tasks, kept proficient with their weapons, and conducted daily PT. Since their mission was not 12 months in length, the Soldiers did not qualify for a two-week leave back home. Passes, however, were granted for R&R in Bagram. The unit suffered no deaths and only one major injury, a shrapnel wound in a Soldier's hip. The unit went and returned from war with their commander, Lt. Col. Charlie Glenn, and Command Sgt.



Maj. David Turnbull. Soon after its return in July 2004, Glenn departed and Lt. Col. Sean Jenkins took command. Turnbull remained at the task force. The unit began its airborne recertification and was greeted with the news it would be broken up to seed an airborne brigade that was standing up at Fort Richardson, 4th Brigade, 25th Inf. Div. (L).





Task Force 1 Panther



1st Battalion,
505th Parachute
Infantry Regiment



Lieutenant Colonel Brian Drinkwine, Commander, 1-505th PIR



Lieutenant Colonel Brian Drinkwine graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1986 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. His assignments include platoon leader, 2nd Bn., 2nd Inf. Regt., Ft. Lewis, Wash., executive officer, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regt., Ft. Lewis, Wash., G3 plans officer, Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy, and currently serves as commander, 1st Bn., 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment,

Ft. Bragg, N.C. Drinkwine's military schools include Airborne School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Pathfinder School, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Long Range Surveillance Leader Course, and Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge (2nd award), and the Ranger Tab.

Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert, 1-505th PIR



Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert enlisted in the Army in 1983 as an infantryman. His military schools include the Sergeants Major Academy at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Air Assault School, Drill Sergeant School, Pathfinder School, Combat Lifesaver Course, Jumpmaster School, Ranger School, Airborne School, and all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. Lambert's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1

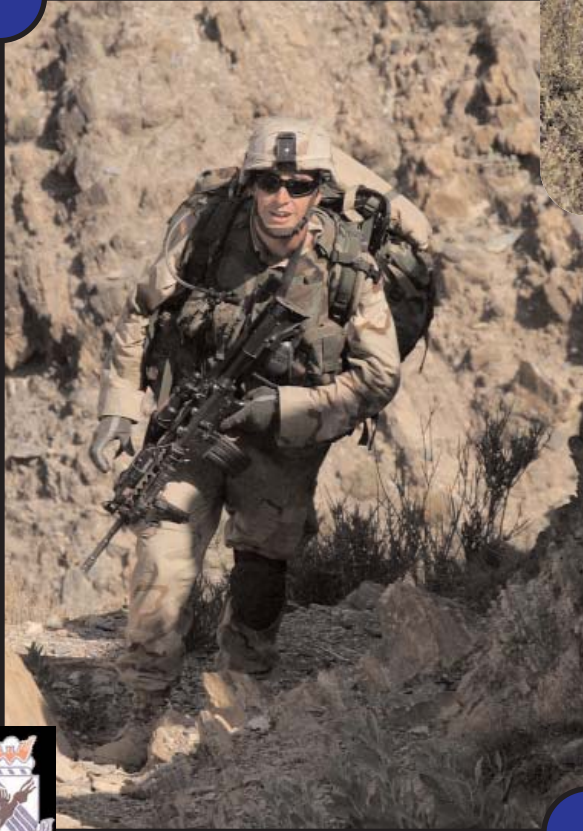
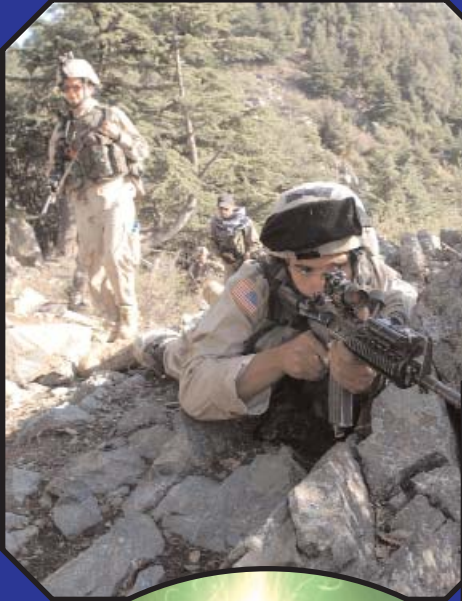
OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.



History. The 82nd Airborne Division is filled with a long and storied history. From the bridges of World War II to the streets of Iraq, from the jungles of Vietnam to the mountains of Afghanistan, America's Guard of Honor has always stood ready to answer the nations call to protect her freedom with little or no notice. The Division's Ready Brigade and the Division's Ready Force One are always on call to deploy within 18 hours to anywhere in the world, fight and win. Not since the 82nd was alerted to jump into Haiti has the DRF 1 been called upon on short notice. That all changed when 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment was called to deploy to Afghanistan to provide security for the elections scheduled for Oct. 9. Within 48 hours, 1 Panther was ready to step into history, not only the Division's history, but world history as well. U.S. Central Command officials called on Task Force 1 Panther to meet a request for forces capability and requirements identified by the combatant commander. CJTF-76 Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, assigned the paratroopers to patrol the border area near the city of Jalalabad, covering three main avenues of approach that lead to the Afghan capital of Kabul. The mission was perfectly suited to the paratroopers. The Soldiers disrupted insurgent activity, helping the country of Afghanistan hold their first-ever free democratic elections in their 5,000 year history. During operations leading up to and following the elections, the Soldiers captured several dangerous insurgents, seized a small arsenal of assault rifles, explosives and ammunition, and gathered important intelligence on insurgent activity. The trooper's deployment to Afghanistan lasted just a month and a half, but the impact of their presence will be felt for years to come.

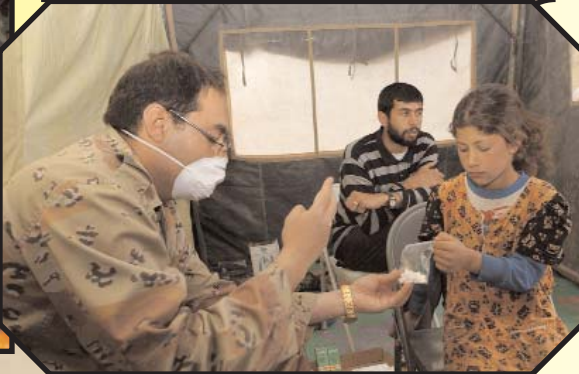
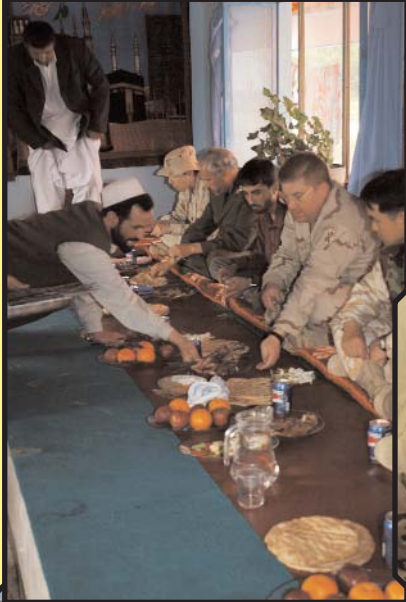
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Coalition Troops





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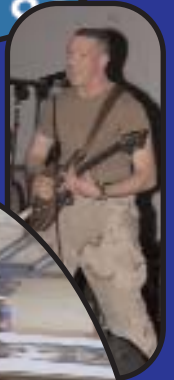








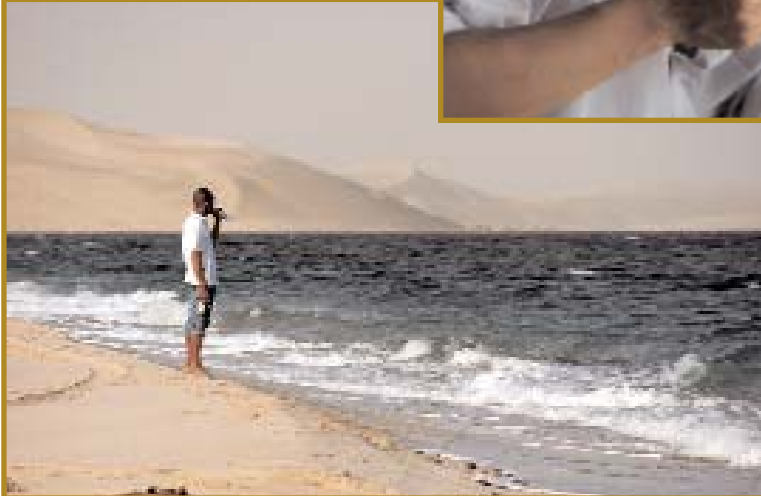




Rest and Relaxation "Fun in the Sun"



Qatar



OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM V



THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

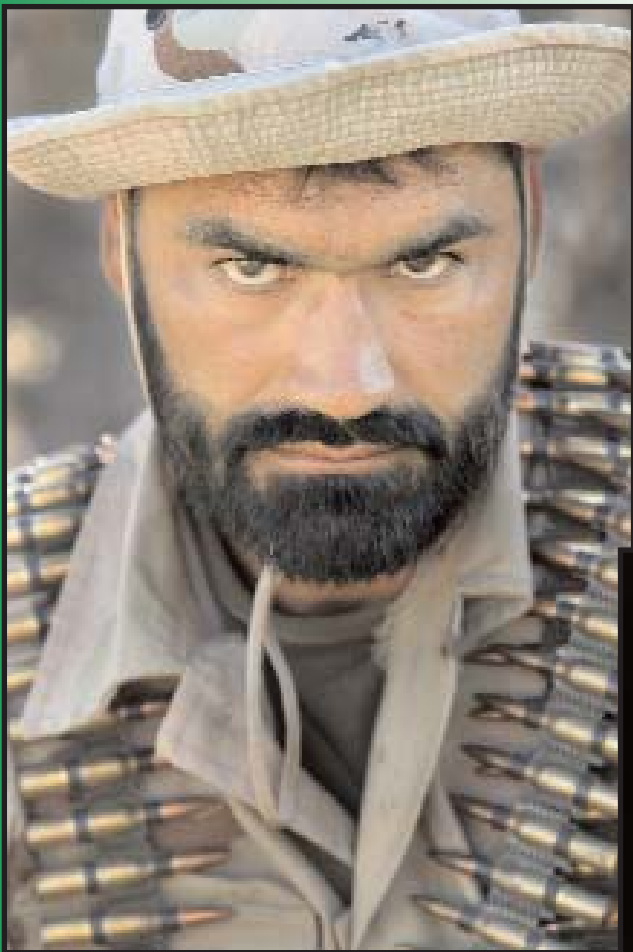


“My responsibility, our responsibility as lucky Americans, is to try to give back to this country as much as it has given us, as we continue our American journey together.”

-Colin Powell









“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.”
-John F. Kennedy



“Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.”

-George Patton







“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing”

-Theodore Roosevelt

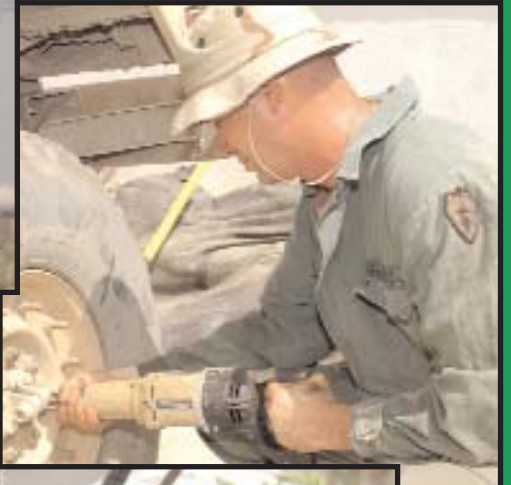






***“I am a Soldier, I
fight where I am
told, and I win
where I fight.”
- General
George Patton***









***“The best defense
against terrorism is a
strong offensive
against terrorists.
That work
continues.”
-President George W.
Bush***







Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

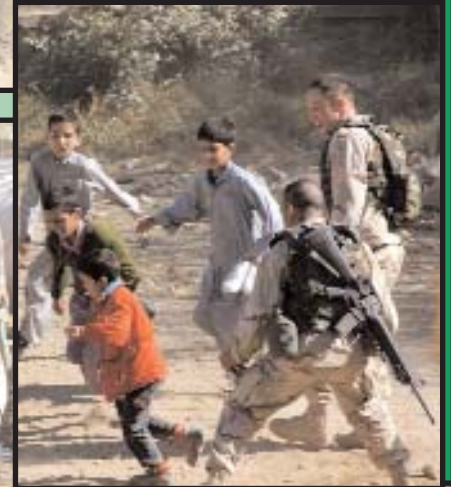
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

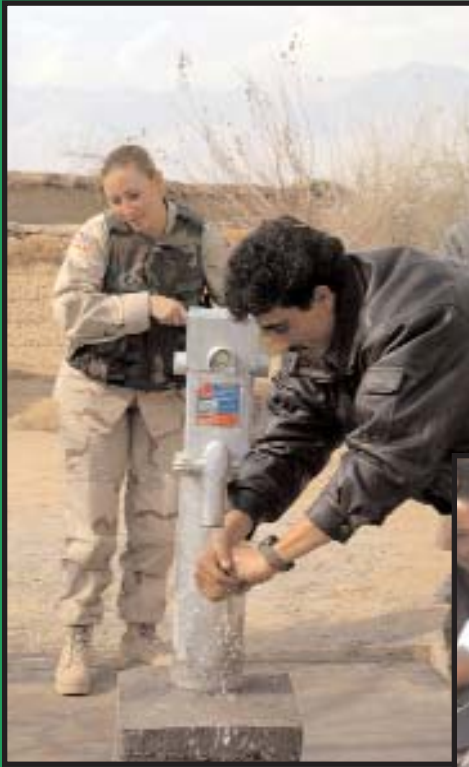
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

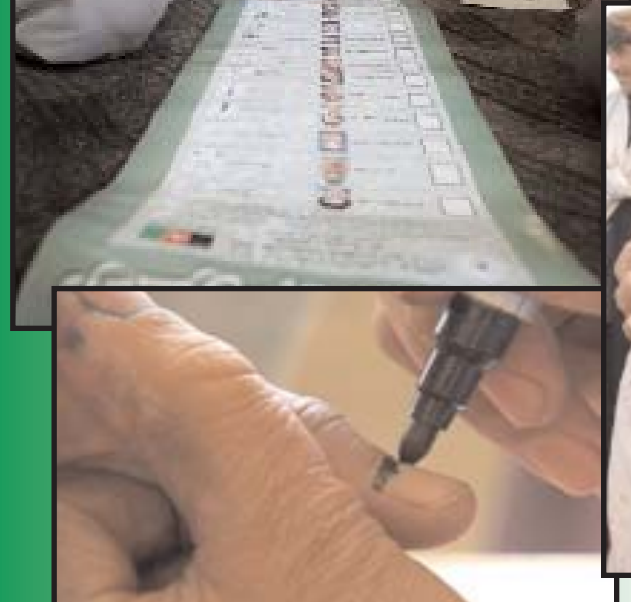
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.





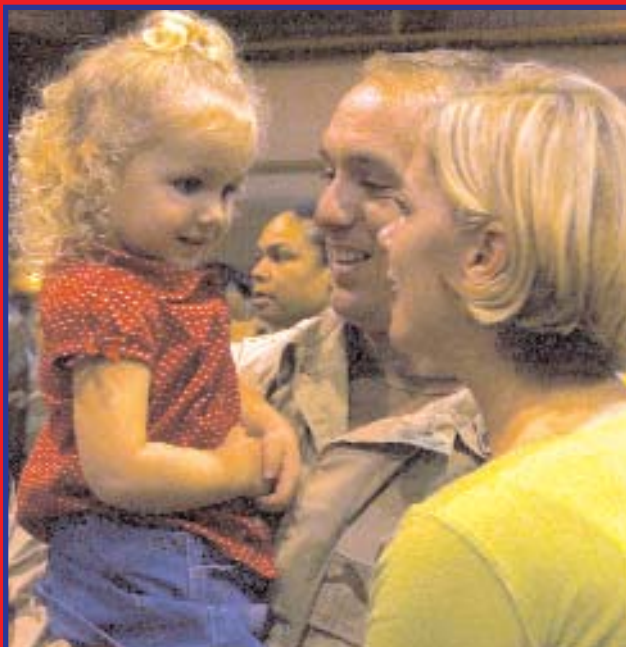
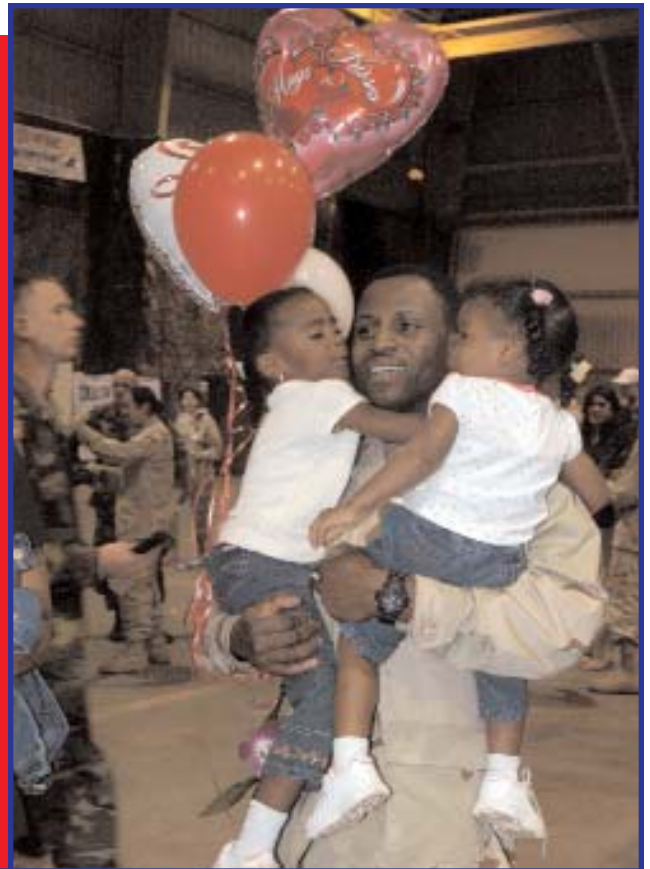








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