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Hello All! Hope everyone had a fun Halloween! We are now five months into our deployment and the temperatures have decreased, not as much as back in MO, IL and SD, but enough to be more tolerable. Rain is in the forecast......yes I said rain is in our forecast, wonders never cease. As of this newsletter, no visible rain yet but I did hear some thunder that remained me of being back in the Mid West. It's those little things that remind us of home.

So what has WORKHORSE done since last month? Well, we moved more Soldiers into better housing; fixed many broken vehicles and aircraft; pumped many gallons of JP8 into Army Aircraft; made sure the WORKHORSE Battalion and Brigade can communicate via many different communication devices and the Staff has processed many pieces of paperwork to make sure the Soldiers files are complete and Companies can complete their assigned mission and Brigade Staff has what they need from the 935th. CSM Acosta set up and facilitated the first NCO Induction Ceremony for over 40 NCO's in the 35th CAB. What a GREAT event, well done CSM, SPC Nkosi and SPC Borgstadt. Even though we have plenty to do, the Soldiers still find time to relax and participate in Kick Ball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Push Up Competition, Pull Up Competition,



Weight Lifting Competitions, Spinning Marathons, 5K Runs and THE ARMY 10 Miler! Camp Buehring and many WORKHORSE Soldiers LOVE running, not me, but they do!

This deployment gives Soldiers many opportunities to go to Military Training Courses and College Courses. They just have to work it around their mission schedule and that can be done. Many Soldiers are taking full advantage of this opportunity. We have identified over 50 Soldiers for the Warrior Leaders Course (WLC). WLC is a training course taken by Specialist and Sergeants before they can get promoted to Staff Sergeant. WLC is hard to get in the States, so having the course here is a GREAT benefit. Our first group of 935th Soldiers Graduated in October from WLC. Congratulations to SGT Hathcock (SGT Hathcock also made the WLC Commandants List), SGT Banuelos, SGT Reed, SGT Kessler, SGT Williamson, SGT Mattocks, SGT Brown, SGT Hesse, SGT Knowles, SPC Dewey, SPC Nkosi, SPC Wegman, and SPC Hagen for their hard work to complete this course in a challenging environment. Other courses and graduates in October that need to be recognized are; Unit Retention Course Graduates, SSG Lemaster, SGT Tavernor, SGT Bedwell, SGT Joy, SGT Pollock, and SPC Borgstadt; Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Course Graduates, SFC Clifford, SFC Swopes, SFC Gan, and SSG Williams. Congratulations to all, outstanding job!

During our deployment, each week a HERO of the week in named. SPC Jason Phillips was named HERO of the Week for the 35th CAB on 2 October. His hard work to get seven of twelve HEMMT Refuelers operational was vital to the 935th mission. Previous HERO's of the Week for the WORKHORSE Battalion were SPC Davis (BN S6 Section), and SPC Spence (C Company). The 935th is proud of each of the HERO's of the Week and all they do to get the mission completed.

CSM and I had the opportunity to hand out the WORKHORSE Battalion Coin to SSG Booth and SGT Siemers. These two Soldiers reacted swiftly to a fuel spill by a contractor on the flight line. Their quick reaction prevented the spill from being worse and costing the Army many thousands of dollars. Outstanding Job by SSG Booth and SGT Seimers. Other Soldiers recognized were the Soldiers refueling aircraft at Patton Army Airfield were recognized by LTC Murphy (3-159th BN CDR), for their hard work and dedication to supporting a recent Attack Battalion mission. Those Soldiers presented with the 3-159th Coin were SSG Bayless, SGT Charbonneau, SPC Shields, SPC Cossy, and PFC Fields. Great Job by more outstanding WORKHORSE Soldiers!

Soldiers from B Company participated in the Firefighter Competition during Fire Prevention Week and took First Place. Those soldiers were SSG Hefner, SGT Hathcock, and SPC Lichtenauer. They had to wear firefighter gear, complete some firefighting tasks, drag fire hoses and move heavy loads in the fastest team time. Congratulations to these Soldiers for showing Camp Buehring how it is done!

As you can see the 935th is FULL of very capable Soldiers that focus on getting the mission done so they can go do other activities that show the never ending talents they have! Oh yeah, we are on facebook at 935th Aviation Support Battalion posting all the great things happening for the WORKHORSE Battalion! Don't forget to send you Soldiers those much wanted care packages, you can see the joy on their faces! The Soldiers of the 935th ASB are doing a great job and make me and CSM very proud to be leading such a great unit! Please be safe at home, talk to you in the next Newsletter.

WORKHORSE!



CSM Javier R. Acosta

Soldiers and families of the 935th, the tempo has increased. Please be patient with your Soldiers as they are constantly on the move. Lately our Soldiers are more engaged with missions to support the flight companies at the flight line, whether here in Camp Buehring or Arifjan or anywhere around Kuwait City. Understandably, with the numbers we were mandated to bring it is certainly harder. Your Soldiers are good for it, they are always ready to go.

Our Physical Fitness Test is coming up and the Companies have great leaders who have been pushing their Soldiers to do the right thing, train and maintain the most important weapon they have, their bodies. Without the focus on maintaining physical readiness you truly cannot be as effective as you need to be. I encourage the families back home to try to maintain their own physical and mental fitness; it will provide your Soldier a greater sense of well-being knowing you're staying healthy for them also.

As October comes to an end many Soldiers and families get into a pattern of complacency. Whether you're at home or on the job, the first 90 days in-country can be considered as the first hurdle. The second hurdle is the sense that we are into a set pattern with predictable outcomes. Don't let your guard down, be vigilant on your work and home safety, your financial well-being, your spiritual resolve and lastly your commitment to a healthy lifestyle. Just as family members worry for their Soldiers, our Soldiers worry about the friends and families. Distractions happen, they will affect the mission. I cannot stress enough how the families and friends can be the enabler that ensures the success of their Soldier and their safe return. Whether Soldier, family or friend, be that enabler.



Spartan Shield Hero of the Week: SPC Jason Phillips

NAME: SPC Jason W. Phillips
UNIT: HSC "Mustangs", 935th Aviation Support Battalion
MOS: 91B, Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic
HOME OF RECORD: Cabool, MO
FAMILY: Wife, Deborah Lynn and Two Son's Aidan and Grayson



SPC Jason W. Phillips has exhibited great proficiency and knowledge while working with the HEMMIT fuelers. His expertise has aided the Maintenance platoon section of HSC 935th ASB in approaching "fully mission capable" status on all pieces of equipment, which is critical in fulfilling the mission of the 935th ASB during deployment. In the 100 plus hours this Soldier has worked on these vehicles, he has successfully finished Technical Inspections on all 12 vehicles, and restored 7 vehicles to FMC (fully mission capable) status, with several more near completion. SPC Phillips is an asset to the Maintenance Platoon, HSC 935th Aviation Support Battalion, Missouri National Guard, and the United States Army. Based on his achievements and meritorious service, SPC Jason Phillips is hereby awarded the Spartan Shield Hero of the Week.

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MAJ Craig Schnaufer

Hello Friends and Family of the 935th,

My, how time flies when you're having fun! I bet you haven't heard that very many times from anyone over hear, nor said it many times yourself lately. The truth is that "fun" is not really part of the equation for either us, or the folks back home most of the time. Still, it is important for all of us to make things fun when possible, whether it is Soldiers working maintenance on trucks, or on the flight line, or staff working in the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) every day. Our Soldiers do great things, and as always, accomplish the mission in spite of any challenges we may face. Although I'm not advocating "horseplay" when and where it's inappropriate, we can find plenty of entertainment in the everyday occurrences of life. The same thing applies for those back home that have somebody deployed, life doesn't stop and it can't be all drudgery. Families should still enjoy the things that they enjoy as a family, without feeling guilty over doing so. We serve so that our families can enjoy the life that so many Americans take for granted. So, while you may miss your deployed loved ones, live life and continue to enjoy the traditions that you have established as a family in honor of the ones deployed.

Obviously, we miss those times with our families very much. We will be home soon and can resume life and the things that we serve to protect and preserve. Until then, celebrate the upcoming holidays as you normally would, keeping family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Let those that you love know that you miss them, but remember all that we have to be thankful and happy for because they serve the greatest nation on Earth.

We all look forward, eagerly, to the day when we will be back home with you all, and hope that time passes very quickly. Until then, we will continue to perform admirably, and bring honor to our loved ones who support us. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and all that comes with it. As the holidays approach focus on the important things like family, and not as much on the material and temporary things, for a better outlook on the season. Keep in mind why we celebrate our particular American holidays, and it's easier to have peace and optimism.

Thank you for your support, and please continue to let your loved ones know you're there for them.

Chaplain Clifford Brown

October is almost at a close and that means the holiday season is upon us. This is a great time of year that often brings out the best in people. Family get-togethers, meals of extreme abundance, gifts of love and gratitude, and thoughts of past moments and future moments that inspire and challenge us come together in an annual time of celebration. Let these times with family and friends be fruitful by taking advantage of the opportunities that are at hand. Share with those you love how you feel, maybe pass on some sentiments that have been left unspoken. Forgive where hurts have been present to enjoy the freedom experienced by unloading the burden. Practice thankfulness for the blessings that all of us receive and recollect on how many good things surround you, even when times are rough.

I know this time of year can be very challenging for us especially when we are distant from the ones we long for the most. We miss those that are no longer with us and the void is amplified in days of celebration and value. We desire those that are gone for a time who will return but are temporarily away. The challenge is to try and bring together, as much as possible, those that you most want to share the holidays with. Involve your Soldier in your gatherings and memories. Send letters and packages. Take pictures and videos. Skype or FaceTime and utilize Facebook. Though the distance is great, the ingenuity must be greater. Be creative and make new memories that can last a lifetime. Deployment poses difficulties but those difficulties can be minimized through creativity and perseverance. Enjoy the next few months, you deserve it.



Headquarters and Support Company

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CPT Casey B. Steiner



1SG Joseph C. Dorsey



October has been a very successful month for our Soldiers in HSC. By now, everyone has mastered their stride for the deployment. Everyone knows, with reasonable certainty, what to expect each day. As I interact with our various Soldiers at the Motorpool, the Airfield, and Battalion, Support Opeartions, and Company Tactical Operations Centers, it is apparent that your Soldiers in HSC have perfected their jobs.

We are approaching the halfway point on our deployment and mobilization, and several significant milestones have occured. First, we were able to move all our Soliders from tent living to regular buildings where they enjoy more security, better cleanliness (less dust and sand), and faster internet connection. Second, we completed several days of multiple vehicle military convoys transporting supplies and resources for ongoing missions throughout Kuwait. This was a significant test of our Soldiers, leaders, and equipment - and all passed with flying colors. These missions allowed many of our Soldiers to leave base with a sense of purpose and return with pride from successful mission accomplishment. Third, it RAINED. Hearing lightning and thunder, feeling cold raindrops, and seeing puddles was quite a shock compared to the 120+ degree temperatures we experienced when we arrived.

Several Mustang Soldiers deserve special recognition: SPC Amelia Nkosi completed Warrior Leader Course, giving her more leadership skills and experience and ensuring she is able to continue her success in the Missouri National Guard. SPC Jason Phillips was recognized this month as a Brigade Soldier of the Week, his ongoing hard work bring further credit to the Maintenance Platoon. SPC Wesley Hamm, not only completed Combatives Level One training, but was the honor graduate of the course. SFC Heather Olson was awarded a Battalion Commander's coin for her continuing hard work in the SI shop. Last, but not least, the SI, ILT River Tene was promoted to CPT this month.

As the holiday seasons get closer, please keep all your Soldiers in your hearts and prayers. Let them know they are missed just as much as they miss being home with you all.

Mustangs Lead the Way, CPT Steiner









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Alpha Company

1LT Matthew M. Holmes

A-Team!

1SG Gregory L. Lowe







Your soldiers of A CO are still working as hard as ever, day by day, taking on bigger challenges and demonstrating to everyone how we do things as the "A-Team." A big part of our drive to excel is fueled by the huge amount of support that we've received from the families at home and the many, many care packages.

The biggest change for us over the past month was the move of our fueling operations from Camp Buehring to Camp Arifjan. While we were at Buehring, A CO was responsible for night-time Hot fuel. Now that we've moved to Arifjan, our fuelers, led on ground by SSG Connie Bayless, are responsible for fueling 24 hours a day, both "Cold" and "Hot", for any and all helicopters that come. Needless to say, we are much busier now, pumping out quite a lot more fuel than we did at Buehring.

This operation allows us to work with units from all across the Army, and the praise from these units about A CO's fuelers is unanimously high. Time and time again I've been told by many units that our soldiers are the most professional, knowledgeable and motivated team that they've seen.

This recognition of our soldier's excellence was most recently highlighted by 3/159th Armed Reconnaissance Battalion. Their commander, LTC Stephen Murphy, gave his Battalion coin to five of our fuelers: PFC Travis Fields, recently promoted SPC Brady Cossey, SPC Justin Shields, SGT Kara Charbonneau and SSG Connie Bayless.

The weather here has appreciably cooled off, bringing with at a reprieve to the oppressive 115+ degree heat. This past Saturday we witnessed on and off rain throughout the day; something we weren't expecting to see until we got home! As I write this, it is about 82 degrees outside, with a cool dry breeze. The weather couldn't be better.

Thanks again for all the support from the families and friends. You make time, letters and packages make our time here pass all the more quickly. Thank you for eveything!





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Bravo Company

MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger

1SG Brian L. Boyer



CW3 Daniel Lieber from Bravo Company has put together an amazing newsletter for Bravo, which will be attached to this newsletter for the remainder of this deployment. Please refer to their newsletter for all events and information regarding Bravo Company Soldiers. Thank you, Mister Lieber, for your hard work in getting this newsletter together!

Commander's Corner: MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger

Greetings B 935th ASB,

We are working around the clock to complete our first aircraft phase inspection. This detailed inspection requires participation from all our aircraft maintenance sections. As of this writing, we are ahead of schedule and things are going very smoothly. This month, we have had several promotions and awards. We have also had several Soldiers successfully complete training and win competitions. Lastly, please know that the Soldiers of B 935th sincerely thank the all the families for their continued support. Please keep those care packages coming.

- MAJ Noppenberger





Charlie Company

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2LT Edward A. Maidment



1SG Charles D. Holt



Hello to all of the family members back home from Charlie Company!

Your Soldiers are all well and doing great things. We should all be proud of their accomplishments so far on this deployment, I know I, as their First Sergeant, am very proud of what they have accomplished so far. We are conducting several missions to support the Battalion and Brigade with communications assets that Charlie company has. Your Soldiers are really stepping up and embracing these missions with their knowledge in their fields of expertise. They are also using this time to advance their educations. Many, if not all, of the Charlie company Soldiers are finding time in their busy schedule to attend a variety of computer and signal courses at the Signal University at Camp Arifjan. This will only enhance their marketability in the civilian work force. This shows the self motivation of your Soldiers to take on these additional class, along with their many other duties, in order to improve their life skill sets.

There is also time for a little fun in the mix as well. They have opportunities to attend social functions here at Camp Buehring that the MWR puts on, as well as functions conducted by the Battalion and Brigade. There are also opportunities to get out and see some of the Kuwaiti culture on organized MWR trips. Some of us are getting the chance to take a golf trip sometime in the future. Those attending this event are looking forward to playing golf in Kuwait but moreover, to stand on green grass for a bit. That will be a big change if you have seen the pictures from around here.

The time here is passing quickly for us and it my honor to serve as your Soldier First Sergeant on this deployment, so from all of the Charlie company Soldiers "We will see you all soon".







S-3: 1LT Christa Nieland, MSG Lawrence Welty, SSG Norman Shryock, SSG Darren Moyers, SPC Kellen Busiek

The S-3 section of the 935th ASB has an overall responsibility for planning, coordinating and battle tracking of all operations, missions and exercises. This includes production and monitoring of all operations orders, training management, and movement through the area of operations; directed by the Battalion Commander. The S-3 section works closely with the key leaders of the 935th ASB staff and company commanders in order to accomplish the battalion forward mission and further to support the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade in Kuwait.

Our section includes five personnel who are highly task oriented and completely dedicated to mission accomplishment and 935th ASB success. Each Soldier within the section has contributed tirelessly from the onset of this mobilization; which is a culmination of many hours of training and preparation. The S-3 section includes ILT Christa Nieland, MSG Lawrence Welty, SSG Darrin Moyers, SSG Norman Shryock and SPC Kellen Busiek.

SPC Busiek is the Battalion Commanders (BC) driver. He is charged with ensuring the BC is able to move throughout the area of operations seamlessly and safely; a position that requires a great deal of responsibility and maturity. When he is not engaged with his primary duties as the BC's driver he assists the S-3 section with their workload. In his short time in the military he has successfully completed both WLC and Air Assault Course. SPC Busiek is from Saint Louis, Missouri and an enthusiastic Cardinals fan. He has recently welcomed the arrival of his baby girl, Braelyn (pictured below).

SSG Moyers is the Assistant Training Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) for the S-3 section. He is also the sole school trained Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) for the entire Brigade. As the central point of all training and movement activities, his workload and the multitude of moving pieces that he manages is instrumental to the success of our shop. He is cross trained in all areas of the S-3 shop functionality and is able to cover down when mission dictates. He has completed his Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course (BNCOC) and is looking forward to attending Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course (ANCOC) upon our return to Missouri. At home station SSG Moyers competes in shooting matches for the state of Missouri and has been recognized for excellence in competition for both rifle and pistol. He has also been awarded the Governors twelve tab for his accomplishments in shooting. He is married and has two children that bark.

SSG Shryock holds the position of Assistant Operations NCO for the S3 section and CBRN NCO for the battalion. He is currently the acting Battalion Liaison Officer (LNO) located at Camp Arifjan. The LNO position is mainly focused on retrieval and relocation of high priority aviation equipment and parts through supply and distribution of those parts to aviation assets throughout the Brigade. He is truly the 'SGT Bilco' of the section; the go to guy that is phoned when critical pieces of the mission need special attention. He has previously deployed as a Combat Medic in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and served as an Infantryman. He has completed both BNCOC and Air Assault Course.

MSG Welty is the Operations NCOIC for the battalion both full time at home station and during our mobilization in Kuwait. He is the senior NCO for the S-3 section and he places a high priority on the mentorship and development of the section NCO's. He is by all definitions a 935th ASB 'Workhorse'; whose responsibilities encompass the actual execution portion of the S-3 mission set. His commitment to this battalion is evident in all of his actions. He has successfully completed Phase I of the SGM academy which has been a yearlong commitment. He has also deployed multiple times to numerous locations throughout his career. He has 2 children, 4 grand-children and has been married to his wife for over 16 years (she sends the best care packages).

ILT Nieland is the S-3 Officer in Charge (OIC). She is responsible for the overall operations of the S-3 section. She pushes the scope, intent and requirements of the S-3 section to the respective NCO's and enables them to execute. She is responsible for production of operations orders, management and implementation of the battalion training plan and coordination with brigade and sister battalions S-3's. This is her third deployment. She has a 14 year old son and 2 pups.





Sergeant Major of the Army Coin Presentation

ILT Brittany Adair

Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F Chandler III visited Camp Beuhring to talk to our Soldiers, and get feedback from them, about how the Army can improve in areas such as hazing, sexual harassment and upholding the Army standards. During his visit, SMA Chandler presented his coin to four of our Soldiers for their outstanding achievements thus far in this deployment; SFC Wayne Harrel, SSG Donald Johnson, SSG Nathan Hefner and SGT Michael Bedwell. Below are the write ups that the Soldiers Chain of Command submitted on their behalf for why they deserve the SMA Coin. Congratulations to each of these Soldiers for their hard work and dedication to the mission!

SFC Wayne Harrel has distinguished himself as the 935th ASB SASMO NCOIC by supervising over 170 work orders and projects in his short time on ground here. The complexity of his work involves the supervising the expansion and contraction of flight line communications as units ingress and egress the flight line, managing the ongoing repair of STAMIS equipment and methods of work to keep the flight line communications up at all times. SFC Harrel coordinates with 10 different civilian contractors to ensure the resources they have available best benefit the 935th ASB. As a result over 60 TPE laptops that were not repaired and not considered repairable by the previous unit have either been repaired or replaced and put back into service. This is not only a service to the unit that now uses those laptops but also helped clean up the TPE hand receipts and kept our commanders from dealing with the situation of being asked to sign for inoperable equipment. SFC Harrel takes care of his soldiers implementing a well rounded PT program resulting in 100% pass on height weight and the PT test. SFC Harrel is the epitome of what a quiet professional leader is and does. When things are breaking and the section is wondering how it is all going to get done SFC Harrel with his considerable experience will organize his resources and calmly quietly get it done. The most valuable thing about having an NCO like SFC Harrel in a unit is the amount of confidence it gives the soldiers in his section. They just perform better knowing his guidance is available to them whenever they may need it.

SSG Donald Johnson is an exceptional NCO. He is the supply sergeant for two companies: A and C Company 935th ASB. He is responsible for four property books: two organic property books and two TPE property books. He has done this with minimal supervision and has done so with a 100% accountability and accuracy for all equipment. SSG Johnson is a very self motived and self starting individual. He will complete any task he is assigned without supervision, in a timely manner, and it will be completed with 100% accuracy. He was instrumental in the deployment of both companies' equipment to Kuwait. He spent many tireless hours in preparation, ensuring that all equipment was inspected and accounted for prior to it being shipped to theater. SSG Johnson's competence has also been recognized by senior leaders and he has assisted the S4 of the 935th in pre-deployment and in Kuwait. He was sent as part of the advance party, responsible for maintaining accountability of airlifted cargo. Once on ground he spent many hours inventorying the TPE property book with little help from the outgoing unit. SSG Johnson is instrumental to the successful operations of both A and C Company.

SSG Nathan Hefner is the Structures and Composites section Supervisor in the Component Repair Platoon. As the largest squad in the platoon, SSG Hefner manages 15 soldiers in the sheet metal, blade repair, and allied trade sections. He is currently the Structures team lead on the DART(Downed Aircraft Recovery Team), he constructed a helicopter blade balancing shop out of a 40 ft conex, scored a perfect 300 on the APFT for over two years and running and created a training program for the Army 10 Miler at Camp Virginia and the half marathon at Camp Buehring. With Depot level maintenance experience from his previous deployment, SSG Hefner brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to a section that is full of young Soldiers building one of the strongest sections in the Unit. SSG Hefner is not afraid to put in the extra hours to complete mission, but also assists others too in any way he can. He creates and instructs MOS classes for his Soldiers as well as the Soldiers at B Co. 3/159th. SSG Hefner lives the NCO Creed and sets the example for Soldiers to follow and extends himself to mentor the NCO's who are not up to standard. His contribution to the success of B Co. 935th sets the bar at an ultimate high.

SGT Michael Bedwell is a 68W in the Missouri Army National Guard, who primarily serves as the unit Training and Readiness NCO for the deployed element of Headquarters and Support Company at Camp Beuhring, Kuwait. He works tireless hours to ensure that every Soldier in the unit is set up for success upon redeployment back to home station and still manages to maintain his 68W training and credit hours required of the medic MOS. In addition to these duties, SGT Bedwell is the unit Career Counselor, Combined Federal Campaign Representative and Unit Mail Clerk. As the training and readiness NCO for the deployed element, SGT Bedwell fields and answers Soldier questions on a daily basis and successfully managed records for over 80 Soldiers in pre-mobilization training so ensure they were able to deploy with the unit. He will take a step back from the paperwork to immediately answer any questions and assist any Soldier that walks into his office, and work late hours to ensure the Soldier gets the answer they deserve. SGT Bedwell ensures that NCOER's are completed in a timely manner, Soldiers and their families are covered with TRICARE, Soldiers finances are in order, tracks all training and ensures all files are updated as necessary. His thoroughness and strong work ethic make the Company Commander and First Sergeant's jobs easier to manage, as his work ensures a smoother – runner company. He served as the team captain for the Bataan Death March and graduated from Air Assault School. As a fairly new E-5, SGT Bedwell is an expert in fields that many E-7's have a difficult time managing. He is fully capable of taking care of his Soldiers while performing his duties to the highest standard and will quickly move up in the NCO ranks. His peers look to him for guidance in difficult situations and his humility and humor always add light to the mission at hand.

MWR/USO Events

Families– your Soldiers do have fun stuff they can participate in at Camp Buehring! **Soldiers**– use this guide for your after duty time

MWR : what can you do with your OCT/NOV on Camp Buehring?

SI MWR Report...Featured Activity: The Zombie Mud Run and Obstacle: Halloween night at 1900 the zombies were out at Camp Buehring to capture 3 flags off the runners' belts. The run consisted of 3.2km of obstacles, a mud pit, a sand pit and the runners attempting not to lose their flags and become 'infected'. Everyone had a blast!

Other events... what to do...? (Call 438-3130 for more information)

- Visit the USO-Camp Buehring Facebook page or visit the share drive (<u>file://\\10.230.0.15\BRNG-Share\MWREvents\CBMIR.htm</u>) to view The Camp Buehring Mirage newsletter for a complete listing of all September and October events
- Classic Movie Mondays at the MWR Stage continue every Monday in November @1800 MWR stage
- 5K fun runs are scheduled every Wednesday at 0600, at the Green Bean (next to the MWR Stage). The runs are timed and offer an excellent opportunity for fitness, building endurance for the APFT run, and opportunity to build esprit de corps
- 5K T-shirt runs November 7th (3rd Army USARCENT Birthday) November 10th (Marine Birthday) 22nd November (Thanksgiving 5K)
- November 18th Waist-n-Away concludes
- November 18th Camel Rides @1500
- November 18th 1/2 Marathon (Camp Virginia) 0600

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