

# 935th Aviation Support Battalion



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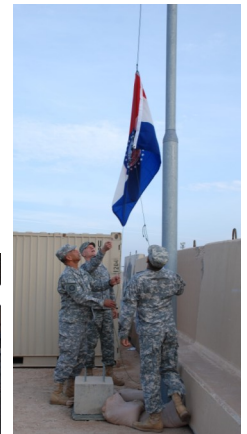
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The Assistant to the Adjutant General for Missouri, Brigadier General Mason, and Command Sergeant Major Schulte visited our Soldiers on Thanksgiving day along with the Command Sergeant Major from Illinois, CSM Robinson.



Thank you to everyone who supports us back in the USA! Pictured below are the Holy Infant Red, White and Blue Day with the entrance of Military Veterans and the St. Francis Bourgia High School Peanut Drive for Missouri National Guard Soldiers.



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Hello Family and Friends of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB! Hope everyone had a relaxing Veterans Day weekend and an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday! We are now six months into our deployment and the temperatures have decreased, enough to be more tolerable. We have enjoyed some thunder and rain also.....yes I said thunder and rain, wonders never cease. It actually rained hard recently and with the thunder it reminded me of being back in the Midwest. It's those little things that remind us of home.

So what has WORKHORSE done since last month? The 36<sup>th</sup> CAB key leaders visited for a week and gathered some critical data to assist them with getting ready to replace us next spring. I want to give a pat on the back to my XO, CSM, Staff and Company Leadership for an outstanding presentation to COL McLemore, 35<sup>th</sup> CAB Commander and COL Adams, 36<sup>th</sup> CAB Commander. COL McLemore and COL Adams had nothing but praise for the information presented and how it was presented. We look forward to the 449<sup>th</sup> ASB arrival next spring and the magical Transfer of Authority!!

The week of Thanksgiving we were excited to have Brigadier General Mason and Command Sergeant Major Schulte from Missouri and Command Sergeant Major Robinson from Illinois. They took the time to sit down with the Soldiers from the 935<sup>th</sup> for a Thanksgiving Day meal and walk through their areas so they could see what wonderful and hard work each and every Soldier in the 935<sup>th</sup> is doing at Camp Beuhring and Camp Arifjan. They answered questions from the Soldiers and brought a message from Major General Danner during a Town Hall meeting.

BG Mason and CSM Schulte gave out some Missouri Guard Coins of Excellence to Soldiers that have stood out from their peers recently. Those coins went to MAJ Schnaufer, LT Adair, SFC Frazier, SSG Cross, SSG Looney, SSG Moyers, SGT Kessler, SPC Yerge, SPC Mikels, SPC Rodelandier, SPC Moreno, SPC Barry, SPC Dunn, SPC Jesse Miller, SPC Adam Miller, and SPC Barnes. Congratulations to all these Soldiers for being recognized for a job well done. CSM Acosta and I appreciate them taking the time from their families to be with us on Thanksgiving, so we presented each of them with a Battalion Coin to express our gratitude.

This was a busy month and here are a few more accolades. Congratulations to SGT Dion Brown (previous class) and SPC Tate Guptill for making the WLC Commandants List. Other Graduates from the class include SPC Nicholas Spence, SPC Matthew Brooks, SPC Preston Dobbs, SPC Jubal Lawrence and SPC Dustin Hackens. Many Soldiers participated in a half marathon at Camp Virginia, some were sore, but many were up the next day at work like nothing even happened. I got sore watching them run! SPC Moreno (B CO) won FIRST Place in the Women's category. Congratulations to all the Soldiers in this month's newsletter, outstanding job!

The 935<sup>th</sup> will be conducting a little Holiday celebration in Mid December to bring together Thanksgiving and Christmas and this way we allow the individual Soldier to be connected to Family and Friends on the celebrated day in the way they wish to enjoy, but there is always plenty still going on here so no one is alone during this important day away from family and friends.

The Soldiers in the 935<sup>th</sup> get up every day and go to work and get the job done and I am very proud of each and every one of them. Please remember to look at our Facebook page at 935<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion to see all the things going on in the WORKHORSE Battalion.

The packages and letters are rolling in and we appreciate every one! Our next newsletter will not be out until after the Holiday's so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Soldiers of the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB are doing a great job and it makes me and CSM very proud to be leading such a great unit! Please be safe during the busy Holidays, we are always thinking of you.

WORKHORSE!



## CSM Javier R. Acosta

Friends of the 935<sup>th</sup>, the month of November is almost over and many of our Soldiers are longing for home. Encourage them through your best wishes and help them push through a critical and often stressful period in a deployment. Although their thoughts and conversations are primarily of family, they stay focused on the mission. It's inspiring they know their roles and they know the cost of their sacrifices. The family's sacrifices are no less important. The Battalion Commander and I want to thank the families for keeping us in your hearts.

November brings in cooler weather and the days are more bearable. Lately we have had decent rain and the dust has been kept down. Nights are cool enough that many are wearing light coats or sweats. The only thing missing is the bonfire and marshmallows. The Physical Fitness Tests have been completed. The Soldiers did exceptionally well. Many of our Soldiers have lost weight and are doing better in the day to day operations. Soldiers are also attending new training opportunities and everyday they are polishing new skills. This will make them better, well-rounded professionals. If your Soldiers are telling you they are bored send them my way, I always have duties needing accomplished and volunteers are always welcome.

There are three traditions here on Camp Buehring which are significant. They are the playing of Reveille (beginning of the day and raising of the flag), Retreat (end of the day and lowering of the flag), and Taps (lights out at the end of the day). These time honored traditions often seem small but they are part of what makes us unified in a cause. If there's something I would ask of the families during the holidays, it would be to start new family oriented traditions. Surprise us with something new that will include and unify us as families when we return. Start something new, make it about family, we'll be home soon.

CSM Acosta  
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## Hero of the Week: SPC Joseph Granzow

**SPC Joseph Granzow**  
**Company B 935<sup>th</sup> ASB**  
**30 October 2012**



SPC Granzow was a key instructor for 3-159th Aviation Battalion on the Wytec Hot Bonder/Vacuum Repair System for composite main rotor blade repair. SPC Granzow was handpicked by the shop chief to give an 2.5 hr instructional class on the repair procedures for a main rotor blade de-bond. SPC Granzow's knowledge of composite repairs is beyond his peers and his instruction allowed for the 159th's ability to return two damaged main rotor blades back to their supply system for future use with a savings of \$122,000 per blade. SPC Granzow supervised the repairs and ensured each was done to standard and in accordance with all applicable repair procedures.



## MAJ Craig Schnauffer

Happy Thanksgiving to all Friends and family of 935<sup>th</sup> ASB!!!

The main point I wish to convey in this letter, is simply to remind everyone to consider how blessed we all are. If you read this and think "that's easy for you to say, because you have more than others" or, that you don't think that you are really all that well off, then I would suggest that this is an issue of perspective.

I am not suggesting that there are not people that you and I know who may be going through some "rough times". I've been there as well, and I'm sure there are those who may be there now, which is why I believe it's important to focus on what we have been blessed with. For each person and situation our concepts of blessings will vary considerably, but I am not referring to material things for myself.

Some suggestions for thought and thankfulness may be such things as family, togetherness with those we love, friends, health, time to do things with those we enjoy being with, our jobs, faith, etc.

This list could go on much further, the point is that during this season it's very important for our own well being and outlook that we choose to focus on what many of us would call blessings. We still have so much to be thankful for collectively as a nation, even if you feel that you have it "bad", you still live in far better conditions than so many others in the world that it's worthy of reflection. We serve to make sure that these things continue to be true for our kids and grandkids. I hope that the Holiday of "Thanksgiving" never goes out of style.

Sincerely,  
MAJ Craig Schnauffer  
XO, 935<sup>th</sup> ASB



## Chaplain Clifford Brown

November is over. The time seems to be going pretty quickly on this side of the world, especially as the holidays move from one to another. I hope you are all able to find ways to stay in contact during the holidays. It is important to make those memories even at such a great distance. One thing I want to point out as a thought for this newsletter, with Thanksgiving in mind, is how much we Soldiers are all thankful for so many things, even in the midst of circumstances that are not ideal.

First of all I want to thank you, on behalf of all of the Soldiers, for the letters, gifts, and general goods that you all send to us. This is not a plea for more but a gratefulness because of all that has already been done. It feels refreshing to open a letter and read that we are remembered. Or to get a package that has our favorite snack or a game that is uniquely connected to us. It is a touch of home and it motivates. Thank you.

Secondly, I want to say thank you for the phone calls and Skype times. I know this is healing for you as well but seeing your faces and hearing your voices gives strength to continue on to fulfill the purpose for which we are separated. Know that these moments have great value to us, even when the conversations seem to cover basic things like weather or sports. Thank you.

Lastly, I want to thank you for all you do to keep the world turning more smoothly at home in our absence. I know many of you, like my amazing wife, have taken on those extra duties, such as bills, kids activities, yard work, vehicle maintenance, and the list goes on and on. Your workload increases as we press on with our work and everything else around you seems to be unaware of the added stresses and duties, especially after the first month or two. Know that we do not forget, and will never forget how much you sacrifice so that we might be successful. Thank you.

Stay strong and stay close,  
Chaplain Clifford Brown



## CPT Casey B. Steiner



## 1SG Joseph C. Dorsey



Greetings to the Friends, Families, and fellow of fellow Mustangs,

I hope everyone had an excellent Thanksgiving holiday. November is almost behind us. It's no longer hot, in fact many days are cloudy and we've had a bit more rain. HSC has continued our various missions without skipping a beat.

This past month, we got to recognize more Soldiers for their hard work. ILT David Brown, SPC Jason Phillips, SPC Jacob Mikles all earned Army Achievement Medals and SSG James Looney was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. HSC has three Soldiers in Jordan, working closely with our allies and cementing positive relationships between our Army and theirs. Also, SPC Wesley Hamm recently competed the Army's Combatives Level One course, where he finished first, and ILT Zachary Kral completed the Combatives Level Two course. Be very proud of all our Soldiers over here, everyone continues to do an excellent job.

One major milestone was put behind us this month, the dreaded Army Physical Fitness Test. Army life has been good for everyone in the company, with almost every Soldier in the company dramatically increasing their score.

All the Soldiers have benefited from all the care packages and letters you have sent. 1SG Dorsey and I see how peoples' faces light up when they come in to receive their package. It's a great thing you all are doing for us. Thank you very much!

Finally, most of our Soldiers will have had the opportunity to get off post this month, taking advantage of the Army's MWR trip program. Our Soldiers get to see the 360 mall, Kuwaiti Science Center, and Grand Mosque of the State of Kuwait. It's a great opportunity for our Soldiers to experience a foreign city and different culture.

Again, thank you for supporting your deployed Soldier!

CPT Steiner





1LT Matthew M. Holmes

**A-Team!**

1SG Gregory L. Lowe



Another busy month is in the books for A CO. Your Soldiers are ever leaning forward, striving to accomplish the mission. A CO's primary job, as you know, is to pump fuel. And we have been doing more of that than ever. Since we've taken over the Arifjan refuel point, A CO has pumped over one hundred thousand gallons; we're well on our way to doubling that. As you can imagine, our Soldiers are very busy supporting the Combat Aviation Brigade's efforts.

In support of these operations, our Refuel Point has had go to 24hr operations several times, in order to stand at the ready for any helicopters need refueling. We've even refueled Navy helicopters during these operations. A CO has also helped out our neighbor units, providing bulk distribution support. This means that we convoy several full fuel trucks to another unit's refuel point, so they can sustain aviation operations. A CO, along with HSC, set the standard as to how a logistical convoy should operate and look like.

We're not all work, all the time, however. The MVR and USO both put on a myriad of events to entertain your soldiers on their off time. For Halloween at Camp Buehring, they put on "The Zombie Run" an obstacle course with the added hazard of zombies. Obstacles included the aforementioned undead, mazes, jersey barriers, and a massive waterslide and pool of water. Our soldiers at the refuel point put on their own barbeque to celebrate. A couple of other big events was the Camp Buehring 10-mile race, in which several soldiers ran, and the half marathon at Camp Virginia. Both SSG Connie Bayless and SPC Joseph Barnes completed the 13.1 mile race.

This Thanksgiving, we were visited by General Mason, Missouri's Assistant Adjutant General, and State Command Sergeant Major Schulte. While they were here to visit all of Missouri's soldiers, they made a special trip to meet our Soldiers at Arifjan, to see our area and our operations. General Mason passed on how hard the Missouri Soldiers are working and the very positive impression they're giving all the organizations and units in Kuwait. CSM Schulte also gave coins, recognizing excellence, to SPC Joseph Barnes, SPC Jesse Miller, and SPC Adam Miller.

Thanks for all your continued support; we're looking forward to the day we get to return to you all!



**MAJ Keith A. Noppenberger**



**1SG Brian L. Boyer**



Greetings B 935th ASB,

We are now past the mid-way point in this tour. There has been a lot of activity and progress since our last newsletter. We have had 8 Soldiers successfully complete the challenging Warrior Leader Course and 3 Soldiers completed computer training at the Signal University. 15 motivated and dedicated Soldiers completed the (13 Mile) Half Marathon. We had several VIPs visit us on Thanksgiving, and one Soldier completed the Career Counselor's Course. As we continue our primary mission of Aviation Maintenance, we will work through the Holidays then begin to make advanced preparations for our return home. I would like to personally thank all the Soldiers and Families for all their hard work up this point. Our continued success depends as much on the support we receive back home as it does on the work we do here.

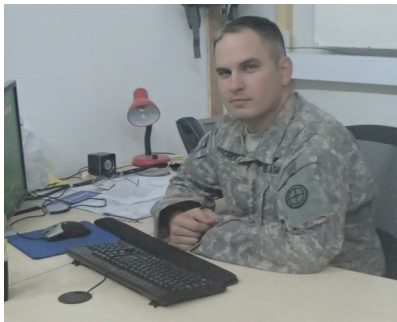
From all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas,

MAJ Keith Noppenberger

Mister Dan Lieber from Bravo Company has put together a wonderful newsletter for our Illinois and South Dakota Soldiers. Please refer to their newsletter for additional information regarding our Bravo Company, 935th Soldiers.





**2LT Edward A. Maidment****1SG Charles D. Holt**

This has been a very good month for C Company. All our Soldiers have moved into Common Housing Units (called CHU's). This means that they are now four to a room instead of all living in a large tent together. They have measure of privacy and a lot more security for their personal equipment. The company completed the Army Physical Fitness Test with a 5% increase in passing scores and an overall 6 point increase in the Company average score.

Two soldiers have successfully returned from classes at Signal University with several more scheduled. SPC Haight completed the Network + course and 2LT Maidment completed a Cisco routing course. Not only does Signal-U provide the opportunity for civilian certification but successful completion of the courses can mean Army promotion points, as well. SPC Spence became the second C Company Soldier to complete the Warrior Leader Course since we arrived. SPC Croan completed Army Combatives Level II and SSG Jensen is scheduled to attend the course early next year.

SPC Safford and SPC Newman have gone to Jordan for a Partnership Mission. The Army is building relationships with the Jordanian military and your Soldiers are providing the network connection for US Forces on this mission. They are being provided with ample opportunities for recreation. Jordan is a vibrant country with a rich history and culture. We only wish we were able to provide this opportunity to everyone.

Your Soldiers are doing all of this in addition to their regular assignments and additional duties they occasionally have to perform. They also have to participate in regular training events. Be proud of what they are accomplishing.



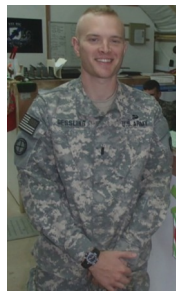


## S-4: CPT Suzanne Rodriguez, 1LT Zachary Kral, 1LT Todd Gessling, SFC Joshua Hanks, SPC Michael Peters

The Battalion (BN) S4 section advises the Battalion Commander and manages all logistical support for the unit. This includes, but is not limited to, property accountability, command supply discipline program (CSDP), tracking equipment status, providing direction and guidance to company supply sections, budgeting, transportation, and lodging. The S4 section is comprised of: CPT Suzanne Rodriguez, 1LT Zachary Kral, 1LT Todd Gessling, SFC Josh Hanks, and SPC Michael Peters.

Since arriving in Kuwait, SPC Michael Peters has been assigned to work under SSG Johnson of Charlie Company to help out with Alpha Co and Charlie Co supply. Even though he is working at the company level, SPC Peters will always be part of the BN S4 Workhorse team. In January 2008, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Army as a 92Y, Unit Supply Specialist. He went to basic training in between his Junior and Senior year of High School at FT Jackson, South Carolina and, after completing his requirements for graduation, he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) a year later at FT Lee, Virginia. At the end of his AIT, he started drilling with the 1/ 138th Forward Support Company (FSC) in Jefferson City, Missouri and in the middle of 2010, he transferred to 935th Headquarters and Support Company to work with the S4 and assist the HSC Supply. To this day, he continues steadfastly to expand his knowledge of supply management.

SFC Josh Hanks has been part of this battalion for the past 7 years. He joined the Missouri Army National Guard in July 1998 after graduating high school. He currently serves as the Battalion S4 NCOIC (Rear-D), and has been with the section for the past two years. His previous positions include: Readiness NCO/Platoon Sergeant, Alpha Company, 935th; Recruiting and Retention NCO, Alpha Company, 935th; Training NCO/ Warehouse Supply Section SGT, Alpha Company, 935th ASB; Admin NCO/Generator Repairer, 735th Main Support Battalion (MSB). His previous deployment was to Iraq, 2004-2005, with the 735th MSB out of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He is married with 3 children, two boys and one girl. His hobbies include any type of sport or outdoor activity, Cross-fit, and listening to music.



1LT Todd Gessling is one of the assistant S4s and the newest addition to the Workhorse S4 team. His hometown is Atlanta, Georgia, but he has lived in Missouri since attending Mizzou, where he received his degree in Sociology and commissioned through Army ROTC. One of the first things his friends and family would tell you about him is he's a very dedicated and passionate Mizzou fan! Since graduating college in 2010, he has worked in human resources and serves as Charlie Company's Executive Officer when stateside. When the unit returns, he hopes to begin his graduate education in public administration and would love to pursue a career in government or public office. 1LT Gessling feels it is an honor to join the 935<sup>th</sup> ASB in Kuwait, not only to serve our country but also to provide for the needs of our Workhorse Soldiers, who more importantly are your friends, family members and loved ones. He hopes everyone has a wonderful holiday season back home and a great New Year. Go Tigers!

1LT Zachary Kral is one of the assistant S4s for the 935<sup>th</sup> and has been in the Army for six years now. He went to Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill in June of 2006 as a PFC then went to AIT to become an 88M, Motor Transport Operator. On May 9, 2009 he was commissioned as a 2LT in the Army. He was blessed to make it on this deployment and continues to enjoy every second of it. There have been some ups and downs, but over all, things are going very well, and he can't wait to get back home. He currently reside in St. Louis, MO, where he works as a Missouri State Trooper. Every day he goes to work it's something different and you never know what you're getting into, just like the Army. This deployment has been a great opportunity for 1LT Kral to grow as a person and as a soldier and he will never forget the people that he has been able to serve with.

CPT Suzanne Rodriguez was commissioned into the United States Army as a 2LT on 26 April 2003. She was selected for active duty and followed on to Officer Basic Course (OBC). After graduation in October 2003, she was assigned to the 725<sup>th</sup> Main Support Battalion (MSB) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where she served as a platoon leader, battalion maintenance officer, company executive officer, battalion S2, and assistant S3. She deployed with her unit to Iraq from 2006 to 2007 and when she returned, she transitioned from Active Duty to the National Guard. Since joining the National Guard, she has had the opportunity to work full time and as a projects officer, battalion S3, Company Commander, reset manager in the G4, and an instructor for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence (MSCOE). She transferred to the Missouri National Guard in April 2010 because her husband is Active Duty and relocated to Fort Leonard Wood. Presently, she is filling the Battalion S4 position and genuinely enjoys doing her job on a daily basis. She is very proud of all the personnel within her section and all of the accomplishments they have made. Most recently, she found out she made the Department of the Army List for Major and she is hoping that she will be able to get promoted here in theater around her 935<sup>th</sup> ASB Workhorse Family. She has been happily married to her husband, Milton, for almost four years, has two children, Madelynne (7), Benjamin (1) and an English Bulldog named Lucy. She hopes that all family members had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Go Workhorse 4!

## 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

**SI MWR Report...Featured Activity: 935<sup>th</sup> ASB Thanksgiving/Christmas Party: Join the BN between 1000-1700 on 16DEC2012... Featured activities include: volleyball tournament (team sign-up rosters), Commander/ISG egg toss, officer -v- enlisted dodge ball, a crazy hat/scarf competition, good food, music, and more! Soldiers will be given the chance to try some camel meat if they desire!**

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

- Visit the USO-Camp Buehring Facebook page or visit the share drive (<file:///I:\0.230.0.15\BRNG-Share\MVREvents\CBMIR.htm>) to view The Camp Buehring Mirage newsletter for a complete listing of all September and October events
- 25NOV12 – American Indian month observance (1200)
- 25NOV12 – Pull-up competition (main gym)
- 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).
- 5K T-shirt runs – December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas run)
- 16DEC12– Camel rides

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