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I am aware and proud of the hard work that you are accomplishing. I know most of you are putting in long, tedious, and dangerous hours on the road. I've patrolled with many of you and I am simply amazed at your dedication to your assigned route clearance mission. What we do does matter. You are keeping yourselves safe, our US Forces and Coalition partners safe as well as Afghanistan National Security Forces and the good people of Afghanistan. Keep up the great work!

I appreciate your flexibility in meeting our mission goals. As summer heats up, we will start the reduction and retrograde of forces.

During this time of change, you will likely see irregularities in our established route clearance battle rhythm. Please take these in stride, exercise patience, be deliberate, and stay focused.

We have had a few injuries in the gym. I appreciate your efforts to stay fit and strong, but please DO NOT overdue it in the gym or with supplements and take yourself out of the fight. We've had a smashed finger, a torn bicep, and various sprains and strains. Know your limits and do not exceed them to the point of injury.

Continue to take care of each other. The entire deployment is a team effort. Eat balanced meals, stay hydrated,

and make sleep a priority in your free time (vs. Xbox, movies, cards, etc.). If you feel yourself struggling in any area, reach out to your chain of command. We have many resources that can help at the battalion level or here at KAF. Stay positive, Stay safe.



Once again, thank you for your dedication to duty and selfless service. You are doing a great job.

Clear the Way!

Task Force



CSM NOTES



The temperature is starting to increase at a rapid rate. Yesterday it was 110 in the shade and it is still May. We are going to close out the month of May with an AWESOME fun day. We have soldiers that are going to do some good old southern cooking on the grill and finish the day with several tournaments (spades, Texas holdem, chess, foosball, ping pong). It is going to be a good day for the Task Force.

All the soldiers are doing some great things. The soldiers that are running up and down the roads to the soldiers that give all the support are completing the Task Force as a solid element. The Sappers are going above and beyond of their daily duties to ensure the roads are free of IED'S. FSC is supporting all the down trace units and HHC is ensuring that the Battalion is running smooth and giving every-one administrative support.

In addition, we have also completed a Combat Patch Ceremony. This will be a day a lot of soldiers will remember for years to come. This is a day that a soldier is now designated as a combat soldier and now stands in a different category as other soldiers. This is a day they can be proud to be a deployed soldier.



I want to thank the FRG and all the good stuff they are doing back home. If anyone out there wants to help but is not sure how to go about it, please contact Robin Lorenz. I am sure she will not turn away any help from any family members.

If anyone wants to contact me, please feel free to email me @ jeff.logan@afghan.swa.army.mil

“Soldiers Matter”

CSM Logan

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Correction in last months

newsletter :During last months repair on the gates that caused the flood on KAF, FSC Soldiers Staff Sgt Williams and Sgt Goins provided wrecker support. Sgt Goins along with Spc Freeman also provided security at the back gate.

Dynamite Soldiers –

Check your prescriptions! If you use an old prescription, you could be violating the Army's Drug Policy and be subject to adverse action including punishment under the UCMJ and/or Administrative Separation.

MEDCOM Regulation 40-51 provides that “[the use of any legally obtained prescription drug will not be considered illegitimate use unless that use is beyond a clearly defined expiration date. Schedule II-V prescriptions will expire 6 months after last date dispensed.” Schedule II-V prescriptions include the vast majority of prescription medications including narcotics such as Morphine, Oxy-

Cotin, Codeine, and Hydrocodone.

If you have received a prescription, be very careful to not use the prescription once that prescription has expired. Use of an expired prescription violates the Army's Drug Policy. Army Command Policy requires the initiation of an Administrative Separation for all violations of the Army's Drug Policy.

Be careful with prescriptions, and if you have old prescriptions contact your medical section for amnesty turn-in procedures.

For any questions, please feel free to contact TF Dynamite Legal.

-Capt. Christopher Watkins

370th Sappers Run Joint Missions with 6-1 CAV

Although Route Clearance Patrols can and often do function as individual elements, Combat Engineers are no strangers to the combined arms fight. Recently, Soldiers of the 370th Sapper Company from FOB Walton have been working alongside their partners in the 6-1 Cavalry, conducting joint operations over the past months across Regional Command-South as part of the Theatre Combat Force (TCF). While they are primarily called upon to clear the path and provide freedom of maneuver just as they would in their normal patrols, these combined operations also give Combat Engi-

neers the occasion to utilize and apply a much wider range of their skill sets. "It's been an outstanding opportunity to work with the maneuver units at this level," says CPT Craig Miller, Commander of the 370th Sapper Company. "It allows us to expand outside the RCP mission and conduct traditional sapper tasks such as breaching and improvising a hasty defense in support of a combined arms mission."



Soldiers of the 2/370 lead elements of 6-1 CAV to an objective in Maiwand.

The halfway mark has come and gone as time continues to roll on for the Sapper of 370th in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. One of the best things we get to do in combat is promote Soldiers, present awards, and conduct reenlistments. The month of May brought on many of these circumstances, bringing on a jump to morale and motivation in the mix of a very busy month for Route Clearance Operations.



Left: SPCs Derek Blair, Jeffrey Bounmivilay, and Alex Whims were reenlisted aboard a helicopter across the open skies of Afghanistan on 5 May by 1LT Jon Trump.



Above: SPCs Derrick Clemons receiving the Army Accommodation Medal end of tour award from CPT Craig Miller.

If you want to see more photos and awesome events, check out our Face Book page at the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/878th-Task-Force-Dynamite/583242668371075>

370th Soldier Spotlight

Rank: SGT



- Name: Singleton, John
- Hometown: Milpitas, CA
- Years of service: 3
- Married? Yes
- Kids? No
- Immediate family service: (prior or current)
- Why did you join? I was tired of the work I was doing and decided to join.
- Deployment job: Team Leader
- What are your thoughts on the deployment?
It is a great opportunity to do something honorable and that actually means something to me.
- Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of?
Patience, just take it one day at a time.
- Dogs, or cats? Dogs
- How does this deployment compare to others? Longer
- Favorite food? Greek Food
- Favorite TV show? Archer
- Hobbies: I like to play sports and just hangout and watching movies.
- Favorite Sports team: San Jose Sharks
- Civilian career? (if not A.D.) I was an equipment operator and EMT in California.
- Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same: I own a 2010 Focus.
- College? I attended Mission College in Santa Clara, CA.
- Plans to do when back home? I'm going on a cruise.
- Goal or goals while deployed? Just continue to develop and learn new skills.



Health Tips

from the inside.....

Success in eating right and losing weight includes eating the right foods in the right amounts in the right combinations and at the right times. Eating this way will help your gain energy, build strength, look and feel great and reduce body fat.

Knowing which foods are right for you and which foods provide the nutrition your body needs is essential for your success in eating right and losing weight. The right foods are healthy sources of the six nutrients that are essential for healthy eating.

Protein should be included in each meal of the day as it is an essential component of the cells our bodies are made of.

Some protein rich foods include: chicken breast, turkey breast, lean beef, swordfish, salmon, tuna, crab, lobster, shrimp, lean ground beef, buffalo, eggs, cottage cheese, low fat cheese, nutrition shakes and protein powder.

Carbohydrates are a source of immediate energy and also cause the release of insulin, a powerful hormone needed to help amino acids enter cells. Carbohydrates and

protein work together, which is one reason why both should be included in every meal. Quality carbohydrates are good for you and include: brown rice, barley, oatmeal, potatoes, yams, pasta, barley, apples, berries, oranges, wholegrain breads and pitas. Brown rice, barley and oatmeal cause a relatively slow, steady release of blood sugar into the body.

Essential Fats increase metabolism of stored body fat and decrease fat production in the body. If you're malnourished in essential fats, which most people are, you may manifest symptoms such as dry skin, a depressed metabolism, mood disorders, decreased energy, dizziness and even memory loss.

Two of the most important essential fats are Linoleic acid and Alpha-linolenic acid and are often called omega fatty acids. These are found in healthy vegetable oils, fish, and in dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach.

The other three nutrients water, vitamins, and minerals will be discussed in the next issue.

1st Lt Dorice Wilson

Scripture of the Month June: Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

The Call to Courage

Biblically speaking, where does moral strength and courage come from and does it mean the absence of fear? Moral strength and courage come from (1) faith in the sovereignty and provision of God and (2) in the fact that we are convinced what we are doing is right and best and essential to life. But there is much more as this passage will show us. Courage is that quality of mind that enables men to encounter danger and difficulty with firmness and resolve in spite of inner fears. In his excellent book on spiritual leadership, J. Oswald Sanders wrote: Courage of the highest order is demanded of a spiritual leader—always moral

courage and frequently physical courage as well.

The highest degree of courage is seen in the person who is most fearful but refuses to capitulate to it. However fearful they might have been, God's leaders in succeeding generations have been commanded to be of good courage. Had they been without fear, the command would have been pointless.

Task Force Dynamite the month of May has been tough and the journey ahead of us may be even tougher, but with God help and guidance and we all collectively working together as a unified team will get through

this. Let's us be strong and courageous and let's not be afraid; or be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

In Closing God please be our eyes and ears on the Battlefield and keep us steadfast to our system of beliefs that made our Nation Great, guide us in the directions we should go. Keep our soldiers safe from harm and protect us under thy wings as we fight a relentless enemy we pray.



Amen.

-Chaplain Bellemey



SPC Xavier C Solomon
(The Fruit of the Spirit)

CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY AWARD

SPC Solomon is the TF Dynamite PERSTAT Specialist, responsible for the daily reconciling of all personnel reports for 9 units and forwarding the TF data to the 555th EN BDE. The goal for the BDE is to have 0% variance between the 3 different systems track personnel. Because of SPC Solomon's dedication to duty and attention to detail, TF Dynamite was cited by the BDE S1 as having the lowest variance in the BDE, thereby having the best accountability of personnel for the 2 weeks ending 18 May as stated by SFC Christopher P. Aldred..... GOD-SPEED



Left: Out and about with the 370th.

Right: Hanging with the "movie stars" of the 137th.



84th Engineers Platoon Competition



Above: PFC Curtis (2nd Platoon) racing the clock and four other platoons for the fastest time for weapons assembly



Above: PV1 Payton contends for 1st Place for Headquarters Platoon in the competition



Above: SPC Gonzalez getting pumped up for the pull-up portion of the competition

Competition Events:

1. General Medical Knowledge Test
2. General Army Knowledge Test
3. Weapons Assembly (M9, M4, 240B)
4. Program and Communicate with the Radio
5. Most pull-ups by team



Above: PFC Avery hastily loads the radio for 3rd Platoon



Above: SGT Hazard faces off with the guard rail on the M4

Left: 3rd Platoon comes in 2nd Place with only a 1 pt margin!



Right: PFC Coe pumping out pull-ups with SPC Riley cheering him on!

And the win goes to.....

1st Platoon



62nd En Company..... On (and off) the road again



1st Platoon is nearing it's three month mark here in Afghanistan and things are coming together quite nicely. Everyone is becoming very familiar with our Area of Operations, and we feel confident that our efforts here will improve the lives of everyone who lives in this area. Everyone in the Platoon enjoys seeing the children in the villages wave at our patrols each day, asking for water or candy, and watching the progress that is made in the surrounding area every day. Although our contact with the local population is minimal, it is evident that our efforts are paying off for the people of Afghanistan.

We were able to find another IED this month, once again found by SGT Coulter and confirmed by SPC Chacon. It is great to see all

of our training and hard work pay off while here in Afghanistan.

The Soldiers of first Platoon still find the gym to be the best place for self-improvement and getting their minds off of the mission. 'Swoll Team Six' is one of the many workout groups we have in the Platoon, and everyone enjoys the camaraderie associated with working out together.

Time is flying by extremely fast, and we can hardly imagine that we are nearly one third of the way through the deployment. Everyone becomes closer each day, and the 1st Platoon family continues to be strong. We continue to count down the days until we return to our friends,

family, and loved ones back home.

-1st Lt. Lawrence



Fortunately, road conditions are improving. Guess who's in the middle vehicle? (you guessed it, SSG Alsup and PFC Laurance)

848 Taking A Break



833 Soldier Spotlight



- Name: Spc. Schillie, Zachary L.
- Hometown: West Point, Iowa
- Years of service: 2 Married? No. Kids? No.
- Immediate family service: (prior or current) Grandfather, Retired Army, Korean War
- Why did you join? I hate to say it, but I joined on a whim. I didn't really put much thought into it other than the fact that I would like to attend a university when I get home. All of the traveling was kind of a bonus.
- Deployment job: Commo guy, CREW specialist, morale booster.
- What are your thoughts on the deployment? It was and is an uphill battle since we got here, but it's starting to level out a little bit now. Seems like every day we have less to do, but we are still busy. It's going smoothly otherwise, and I don't dread any of it. Except the weather. It's stupid hot and only going to get hotter.
- Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of? Don't stress the small things or you will go crazy. It's easier to knock out a bunch of things on your to-do list than it is to sit around and talk about how much it sucks. I guess I'm proud that I'm able to do my job well and other people notice. I'm really proud of my unit most of all though, and how they manage to work together and keep things rolling smoothly.
- Dogs or cats? Dogs definitely. I have a terrier named Rascal waiting for me at home.
- How does this deployment compare to others? This is my first rodeo so I can't really compare it to anything I have ever experienced.
- Favorite food? Besides MRE's, I would have to go with Taco Bell, which I'm sure are on the same level of healthiness.
- Favorite TV show? Archer.
- Hobbies: Video gaming, joke making, head banging.
- Favorite Sports team: I'm not much of a sports fan, I'd much rather play.
- Civilian career? (if not A.D.) I worked in a factory before I left.
- Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same: I drive a 5-speed Hyundai Accent. This is the nicest car I have owned so far so it's definitely my favorite. I feel like Speed Racer driving it.
- Plans to do when back home? My plan is to hit the ground running when I get home and go to a university. My goal is UNI, but I still have a ways until I get back.
- Any goals while deployed? Continue to better myself, learn, and excel at my job every day. Stay fit and healthy as well.



Movie Quotes

Which movies were the following quotes from:

1) There's no crying baseball!

2) Yeah. I got the memo. And I understand the policy. And the problem is just that I forgot the one time. And I've already taken care of it so it's not even really a problem anymore.

3) I put a loaded gun in Dougies carry-on, the TSA is going to rip his butt apart.

Answers on page 14

Promotions



From left to right: PFC Montgomery, SPC Stryffeler, SPC Schmoll, SPC Nena, and SPC Guevara all got promoted this month. Congratulations!



Above: SPC Jefferson showing off his hard earned promotion. He was promoted ahead of his peers due to his dedication to PT and leader-ship potential.

Below: PFC Roth and PFC Bruce is joined by 2nd PLT to celebrate their promotions



370th EN CO Promotions (no photos)

Private First Class Kassik, Misenhimer, and Zhao were promoted to Specialist. Specialist Shaker and Williamson along with CPL Cribley were promoted to Sergeant . 2ndLT Wong was promoted to 1stLT



HHC 's shiny new NCO, Sgt Cook (centered). Start saving for the wet down!

LT Says

"If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid"

1LT Eric Elzea

Right: No longer "Butter Bars". Welcome our two newest 1st Lieutenants. 1st Lieutenants Jackson and Cowart.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Alexandria Claire Brooks

Congratulations to SPC Korey Brooks of the 833rd and his wife. They were blessed with a beautiful angel who's name is **Alexandria Claire Brooks** was born May 7th, 2013 at 1732 hours at Mercy Medical Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. She was 6LBS 3OZ and 19.5IN long and both baby and Mom were healthy and happy.



MARCUS HUDSON JR

Congratulations to SPC Marcus Hudson and his wife of HHC. They were blessed with a son. **Marcus Hudson Jr.** was born on May 25, 2013 in Atlanta, GA and he was 21in long and 7lbs 11oz and both baby and Mom are doing fine.



MAZIE WATSON WILLIAMS

Congratulations to SPC Williams and his wife Jamie of the 62nd. They were also blessed with a beautiful angel. **Mazie Watson** was born May 12, 2013 in Savannah, GA. She was 19.5in long and 5lbs 12oz and both baby and Mom are doing fine.



Congratulations to PFC Curtis and his wife of the 84th. They were blessed with a beautiful angel **Ella Curtis**.

878 FSC Adventures



FSC 878th Engineers have ensured our down trace units receive mission essential equipment in a timely manner. The logistics are a critical component of our mission and FSC has seamlessly provided excellent support to date.

As of the end of May, FSC has traveled thousands of miles in support of our down trace units.

Spc Motes, Sgt Taylor, Spc Blalock, Staff Sgt Morris, Sgt Deal, and Sgt Bramblett are embed with our down trace units ensuring the transition between FSC and TF Dynamite elements are fluid.

Motes, Taylor, and Bramblett are embed with TF Dynamite elements assisting with maintenance and also providing recovery assistance while on combat logistical patrols. Staff Sgt Morris and Spc Blalock are also in support of maintenance with their counter-parts in the 833rd.

Our recovery section has assisted organic and non-organic TF Dynamite units by recovering vehicles from missions from in which those vehicles were no longer mission capable. These missions frequently consist of long hours as the home FOB may not be located within Kandahar Air Field.

- Name: Carlos SPC Daniel Huertas
- Hometown: Carolina, Puerto Rico
- Years of service: 5 Years
- Married? Yes
- Kids? No
- Immediate family service: (prior or current) Father, 23 years in the Army
- Why did you join? -Following in my father's footsteps. Have an experience only gained in the military. Get school paid for.
- Deployment job: -Medic for FSC
- What are your thoughts on the deployment?
It's had it's ups and downs. At least I have made some really good friends.
- Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of?
Not everything is as it seems. It's not too late to do what you want in life. Patience is KEY!!
- How does this deployment compare to others?
It's different not being surrounded by medics. (it's a great thing!!)
- Favorite food? - Pasta
- Favorite TV show? – Lie To Me
- Hobbies – Messing with computers
- Favorite Sports team: GA Bulldogs
- Civilian career? (if not A.D.) - Processing claims for Aflac
- Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the

FSC SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT



same:

- Owned – 2010 Dodge Challenger
Favorite – Don't have one
- College? (favorite or major) BA in Biology (still a work in progress)
- Plans to do when back home? - To finish school and join the Army PA Program
- Any goals while deployed? -Be the best doc for my team -Get some classes out of the way -Pay some bills

TF Dynamite Sick Call

Mon-Sat 0800-1000

Sunday Sick Call 1300-1400

Emergencies 24hrs Daily

After hours Roshan: 079-641-9080

TF Dynamite Clinic Hours

Mon-Sat 1000-1700

Sunday 1400-1700

Emergencies 24hrs Daily

After hours Roshan: 079-641-9080

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplains Photos from the Field



Capt Bellamy and Sgt Morris hang with Route Clearance Soldiers from the 693rd.

Below: The 84th and 62nd are working their magic on an RCP vehicle.



Above: A portion of S1 taking a moment out for a rare photo opportunity.



Right: FSC taking a well deserved break between the numerous distribution runs in support of our down trace units.

HHC Happenings



HHC & FSC combined to take second place in a recent Flag Football Tournament on KAF. These Soldiers are true Ironmen all the way! Not only did most of them play offense and defense, they also played 3 games on the night of the championship. All 3 were back to back while only losing the championship game. The tournament was over several days and this team went 4-1. The team that won was fortunate to have only played one game that night.



HHC SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

- Name: **Lear Benita Jelks**
- Rank: SGT
- Hometown: Live Oak, FL
- Years of service: 11
- Married? Yes, to Christopher M. Tyree.
- Kids? Three, two girls and one boy.
- Immediate family service: My husband is currently with the 848th.
- Why did you join? I have always wanted to be in the military, since I was a little girl. Although, I am not where I want to be in my military career, I am not done.
- Deployment job: I maintain all of the casualty documents for the BN.
- What are your thoughts on the deployment? This might sound cliché, but it really is what you make of it. I talk to people sometimes and all they want to do is complain about being deployed. "We are here, suck it up. Complaining is not going to get you any closer to home."
- Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of? Let me choose my words carefully. I should not take putting this uniform on or this job lightly because I am a female. I am expected to know my job and carry out my duties with the same level of proficiency as my male counterparts.
- Dogs or cats? Dog
- Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my children, they are my world.
- Favorite Sports team: Gators
- Civilian career? Stay at home mom.
- Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same: 2011 Dodge Durango, I love it.
- College? Criminal Justice
- Plans to do when back home? Work with the counter-drug task force team.
- Any goals while deployed? Earn my degree.



The Trouble Maker....Perception



I put a great deal of thought into writing an article on this subject. I verbally polled many Soldiers, and the consensus was unanimous, write the article. So, here is my attempt at explaining, understanding, and just perhaps removing this infectious damaging subject within our lives (or at least while we are deployed) to strengthen our teams.

The most common and basic definition of perception is that it refers to our sensory receptors. Our sensory receptors include touch, sight, smell, sound, and taste. Notice the lack of gossip, rumors or; I'm not terribly fond of that person, so I'm going to make something up. So this leads to me why I actually considered writing this article to begin with.

The quote "Perception is reality" is commonly heard, however, it's often far from the actual truth. The person who has perceived something about another has allowed themselves to fill in the blanks of a situation or scenario with a more entertaining story other than the truth. That's because the truth is unknown, therefore, this person feels entitled to make it up. The made-up version is probably more entertaining and brings more listeners to the table, but most of the time is just damaging to the person's character.

Once that statement is repeated several times it must be true, and we are all led to believe the CSM does have an IV feeding him Monster Energy drinks while he sleeps, Capt Simpson must be a professional baseball player due to the bat he carries 24/7, and SFC Bignardi is the AR-670 police. Okay, the last one is true so talk that junk up.

Although the last couple of sentences were just amusing scenarios, just know that in most cases, your perception does not shed a positive light on the person you are speaking about. When said to other people, it paints a negative picture about that person and damages that person's character and morale once it makes it back to that person is not something you would want to do and definitely not while deployed

So if you want to strengthen any relationship, whether its business or personal, fight human nature to jump to those hasty conclusions and generalizations. As a result, you will actually strengthen the relationship with your team and or family and make your time here a little more bearable.

— SFC Michael Bignardi
PAO 878th EN BN

Movie Quotes

Which movies were the following quotes from:

1) There's no crying in baseball!

A League of Their Own 1984

2) Yeah. I got the memo. And I understand the policy. And the problem is just that I forgot the one time. And I've already taken care of it so it's not even really a problem anymore. -

Office Space 1999

3)) I put a loaded gun in Dougies carry-on, the TSA is going to rip his butt apart.

Bridesmaids

MILITARY BENEFITS & RESOURCES

<http://www.tutor.com/military>



Each month I'll list resources and benefits that we have earned for serving our great nation. I'm certain some of you are aware of the education benefits on tutor.com however most are not. This one is excellent as the whole family can use it!

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Authorized patrons include:

- Active Duty Army personnel and their dependents
- Army Reserve personnel (deployed/active and part-time/inactive) and their dependents
- Army National Guard personnel (deployed/active and part-time/inactive) and their dependents

Post 9-11 GI Bill Transfer Changes

There have been some questions regarding changes to the transferability of the post 9-11 GI Bill. Read MILPER 13-102 <https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/13-102> for the latest information. Two key points, (1) as long as you have transferred benefits to one or more dependants **PRIOR to 1 AUG 13** you will not incur an additional ADSO for changes made after that date, to include any newborns/additions to your family. If you have not transferred benefits prior to that date you will be subject to the ADSO and requirements as outlined in this MILPER.

MILITARY BENEFITS & RESOURCES



Our Military Kids provides grants to children of National Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty Wounded Warrior service members. This organization offers many benefits including reimbursement for all the programs listed below. Visit their web site and apply for benefits.

<http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>

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Along with the sacrifice of having a parent away in service for months at a time, many Guard and Reserve families are financially stretched and cannot afford the fees for sports, fine arts, or tutoring programs so crucial to a child's sense of well-being. Additionally, because these families are Guard and Reserve, they are geographically dispersed throughout the country and often live too far from military bases and installations to access the available support services.

Our Military Kids, founded in 2004, fills these gaps with a simple grant program that pays for children's activities. Eligible families apply for a grant, and within days of receiving the application in the Our Military Kids office, a packet is sent to the child thanking them for their service to our country and notifying them of the award. The check to pay for the activity is sent directly to the service provider.

Our Military Kids helps families who often fall outside the parameters of established support programs – the families of National Guard and Reserve service men and women who have been and are continuing to sacrifice so much for our country.

Youth Sports Programs

Archery
Judo
Baseball
Lacrosse
Basketball
Martial Arts
Bowling
Motorcross
Boxing
Racquetball/Handball
Cheerleading
Rowing
Cross Country
Sailing
Cycling
Skiing/Snow boarding
Dancing
Golf

Soccer
Field Hockey
Softball
Football
Squash
Swimming
Gymnastics
Tennis
Horseback Riding
Track & Field
Ice Hockey
Volleyball
Ice Skating
Wrestling
In-Line Hockey
Yoga
Fine Arts Programs
Choir/Voice

Dance
Sculpture/Drawing
Music
Theater
Tutor Programs
(Assisting children to maintain performance at grade level)
Reading
Writing
Math
Study Skills
English
Leadership Training Programs
Other Programs
Boys & Girls Club
Drivers Education
Camps
Performing Arts

Home Front Events

848th EN CO; Douglas, Georgia

Today ends the 3rd day BRAG (Bicycle Ride Across Georgia). Douglas, GA hosted over 800 cyclist that passed through and stayed one night on the South Georgia State College campus.



693rd EN CO; FT Drum, New York

Ft Drum, NY will be having a 5k fun run on the 18th of June and River fest on the 20th of June.

833rd EN CO; Ottumwa, Iowa

The city of Ottumwa, IA was featured in NBC's Today show on April 12th about immigration across the U.S.

878th EN BN; Augusta, Georgia

Biker ride to support us. Saturday June 22nd



62nd Engineers Colorado Springs

VETERANS' HOME RUN 2013 SATURDAY JUNE 29th

The Veterans' Home Run is a benefit race for the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition and the Crawford House.



137th EN CO; FT Bragg, North Carolina

The Panther's went to Ft Bragg for the Play 60 program to encourage children to stay active and to have at least sixty minutes of play everyday

370th EN CO; Bamberg, Germany

The Army ten miler (qualifier) will be June 29th for the U.S. Armed Forces Europe.



84th EN CO; FT Wainwright, Alaska

On May 31st, the Army ten miler qualifier was ran. The fastest men's time was at, 1:00:56 and for women, 1:08:19 .



878th HHC:

SPC Jecory Lambert 06/18
SGT Nathan Webb 06/18

878th FSC:

SFC Travis Deal 06/01
SSG Joseph Azeem 06/15
SPC Marquisha Burton 06/16
SGT Pamela Davis 06/16
SPC Steven Blalock 06/19
SGT Noah Gomolak 06/21

370th:

PFC Jordon Montpas 06/05
SPC Christopher Serrano 06/06
PFC James Misenhimer 06/11
SPC Timothy Crofton 06/13
SGT Scott Johnson 05/17
SPC John Hinojosa 06/18
PFC George Rivera 06/28

84th:

SPC Justin Smith 06/03
PV2 Dane Kolbo 06/05
SPC Bernard Haycock 06/08
PV2 Dasean Payton 06/21
1LT Evan Nelson 06/23
PFC Jarell Jefferson 06/24
SGT Kristopher Hill 06/24
PV2 Cole Oppliger 06/24

SFC Everell Gustave 06/25

PV2 Jennifer Cherry 06/28

833rd:

SPC Blake Hoksbergen 06/02
SFC Obadiah Myers 06/02
SPC Drake Pratt 06/05
SPC Brent Roth 06/05
SSG Michael Davis 06/09
SPC Floyd Perry 06/10
SGT Daniel Kincaid 06/17
SPC Wilbur Quinn 06/20
SPC Nicholas Dodge 06/27
PVT Jonathon Loftin 06/27

693rd:

PV2 Brett Mack 06/02
PV2 Alan Jackson 06/10
PFC Walton Ngotel 06/13
SPC Thomas Jordan 06/20
SPC Cole Wells 06/28
SPC Dustin Terrell 06/30

62nd:

SGT Anthony Johnson 06/03
PVT Gregory Montgomery 06/05
SGT Christ Angelos 06/06
SGT John Camp 06/09
PFC Florian Nena 06/13
PFC Codi Johnson 06/20
SPC Travis Dubay 06/25

PFC Travis Schmoll 06/26

SGT Matthew Thompkins 06/27

848th:

SGT Pete Gibson 06/01
SGT Marvin Odom 06/01
SGT Christopher Marschal 06/04
SPC Joshua Cook 06/04
SPC Timothy White 06/08
SGT Travis Lore 06/09
SSG Emery Beacham 06/17
SPC Samuel Ochoa 06/20
SPC Kyle Ross 06/23
SFC Clifton King 06/26

137th

SPC Micheal Melton 06/03
1LT Garrett Beer 06/06
SPC Mark Hanson 06/06
SPC Justin Swanson 06/06
SGT Garry Cadet 06/08
SSG Cedric Norman 06/10
PV2 Nikky Recalde 06/15
SGT Anthony May 06/26
SGT Adam Peters 06/21
SSG Rock Richardson 06/22
SFC Ralph Sutton 06/26
SPC Stedman Cartwright 06/29
SSG David Rizo 06/30



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