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Sappers clear the way!



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Dynamite 6 Sends

The Dog Days of Summer are still upon us, but so is the FANTASTIC work that TF Dynamite



continues to accomplish. Our Sappers continue to keep the roads clear for US, Coalition, and Afghan partners and citizens and have been efficient and safe doing so. FSC has pushed parts and supplies to all corners of our battle space and been instrumental in the retrograde of the units that we have redeployed. The task force staff has been busy coordinating with our higher brigade, JTF Triple Nickel and new battle space owners to meet their needs and re-

quirements. The heat hasn't slowed us down; it has energized and empowered us.

What is truly amazing is that even with the complexity of our mission, the heat, separation from friends and family, you, Task Force Dynamite continue to literally and figuratively blow it out of the water! You continue to push through each new day like it was your first and your last. Not only that, as I make my way around the battle space I am witness to the compassion and care you have for each other, and also for the citizens of Afghanistan, well, especially the children. Even some of the rock throwing variety. "Love your neighbor as you love yourself".

What you do matters. Keep up the great work. We are making a difference.



TF Dynamite makes the cover of the Georgia Guardsman magazine.

The full article can be accessed from our Face Book page at the address below.

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ANA Soldier Making a Difference for Countryman.... "He is probably the best EOD technician in the company. When the call comes in for mine reduction, he is asked for specifically by name. **Continued on page 11...**

Task Force Dynamite



Command Sergeant Majors Corner



To all the Task Force soldiers, Keep up the good work and keep the foot on the gas pedal. As of to date, we are at our halfway point and it is all downhill from here. You all have something to be proud of and you must keep remembering that your family talks to all their friends daily on the great things you are doing while deployed.

I want to send out a special thanks to our S1 shop. Their days are going to be filled with looking at hundreds of awards and making sure they are correct. They will continue this process until we leave theater. This is just one of the many things they need to complete prior to all the units and the Battalion leaving theater.

As I mentioned last month, we lost a unit (693rd) and we will lose another unit at the end of July. The 62nd has been an awesome asset to Task Force Dynamite and it has been a privilege working with the unit. Since we have been on ground that Command team has brought a lot to the table and it has impacted our Task Force in a positive way. CPT Chychota and 1SG Swanson are an awesome command team and they will continue to do great things as they move forward to their next chapter in their deployment. They have made a huge impact on the lives of the Afghanistan people. Since the 62nd has been in theater, the Afghan people have a better way of life and an easier way to travel on the highways.

Everyone take a minute and remember the goals that you had set up for yourself. Ask yourself, am I still on track and can I still achieve those goals. Goals are an awesome reward for yourself.

CSM Logan



“the easy path is always mined”

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“Soldiers Matter”

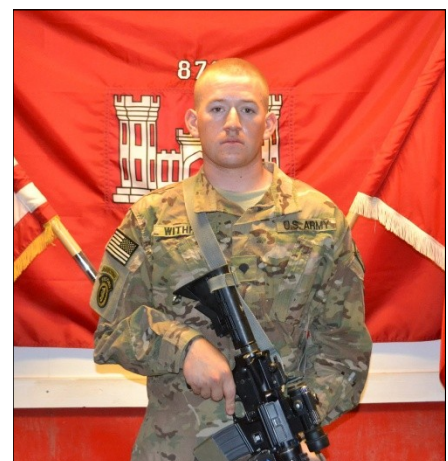
“If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.”

— Thomas A. Edison

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TF Dynamites NCO and Soldier of the Quarter



Congratulations to SGT Schultz from the 833RD and SPC Withrow from the 84th for winning the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter board.

370th

As the 370th Sappers head into their 7th month of deployment spirits remain high as the end grows near and changes continue to take place, keeping the guys on their toes at all times. Southern Afghanistan continues to never disappoint as temperatures are hovering around 110 degrees



each day. Needless to say the much needed downtime between missions is never taken lightly as the Sappers of 370th roll on in Kandahar Province.

Headquarters:

Headquarters Platoon is always ready to source, plan, track, and solve all challenges as they arise. Collaborative efforts with SFC Almodovar and his maintenance team with SSG Shields and his supply section, along with SGT Noseworthy and his ALOC crew have been making big things happen

as they continue to contribute immensely to the drawdown in Afghanistan. The 370th Sappers have turned in over \$8.7 million of military equipment since hitting ground in January under their collaborative efforts to reduce excess and trim the fat across the unit. Excitement in the TOC these days is that the light at the end of tunnel is in sight as SFC Smith and his operations crew begins preparing for the administrative demands of our return home in the mix of tracking



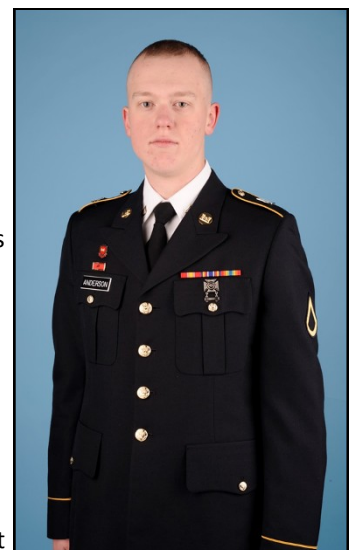
the ongoing route clearance operations.

- 1LT Trump



- **Name & Rank:** SPC Matthew Anderson
- **Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan
- **Years of Service:** 1 year and 6 months
- **Married:** No
- **Kids:** No
- **Immediate family that has served (prior or current):** Grandfather was in WWII and Korea
- **Why did you join:** I needed a job and wanted experience
- **Deployment job:** Combat Engineer (12B); driver, gunner, and dismount for a route clearance patrol
- **What are your thoughts on the deployment:** It's my first deployment and the heat makes everything and everybody crazier.
- **Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of:** It's hard to trust other people that aren't apart of my platoon.
- **Deployment hobbies:** Videogames, mainly COD for Xbox and movie nights
- **Favorite movie:** Dazed and Confused
- **What did you do growing up that got you into trouble (Keep it PG):** I used to get into fights all the time.
- **Civilian career (If not A.D):** N/A
- **Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same:** 1971 Chrysler Newport
- **Plans to do when back home:** All I want to do is relax and not worry about anything
- **Goals while deployed:** Finish some online classes during my free time
- **One item on your bucket list:** I want to meet Jessica Biel or Mila Kunis or Katy Cuoco or even Taylor Swift (T-Swizzle).
- **What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already:** Shooting ranges and marksmanship

370th Soldier Spotlight



SPC Matthew Anderson

62nd En Company



SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

- **Name & Rank:** SPC Isidro F. Gonzalez
- **Hometown:** San Diego, CA.
- **Years of service:** Two Years
- **Married:** Yes
- **Kids:** Yes, Two
- **Immediate family that has served:** None
- **Why did you join?** To serve this country
- **Deployment job?** Buffalo Driver
- **What are your thoughts on the deployment?** To get the best out of it, care about the one standing to my left and right.
- **Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of?** Deployment has taught me how to appreciate and love the biggest treasure we can have and that's our family
- **Deployment hobbies?** Gym, listen to music
- **Favorite Movie?** Goodfellas
- **What did you do growing up that got you into trouble?** Play with matches
- **Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same?** 1989 Jeep Cherokee
- **Plans to do when back home?** Go visit family back home
- **Goals while deployed?** Get promoted
- **One item on your bucket list?** Go skydiving
- **What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already?** Public speaking



SPC Isidro Gonzalez

Soldiers That Are Making a Difference



SGT McMurray wakes up everyday to an outrageous alarm clock that yells incessantly the word, "ARRRRMY, ARRRRMY, ARRRRMY!" He loves it. He came to the company from Germany where he was also a mechanic. Back at home he has his wife, Sara McMurray, daughter Rylee McMurray, and son Izaiah McMurray awaiting his return home. Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota he has earned two good conduct medals and six Army Achievement Medals. He has acted as the liaison officer at another operating base for the company where he is responsible for picking up, storing, and shipping all vehicle and equipment repair parts, ammunition, incoming and outgoing personnel, as well as all property turn ins. He has done so flawlessly and his actions have allowed the company mission to be accomplished week to week.

LT Says

"What you know does not matter - what you do matters. And what you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say."

—
1LT Jackson

84th Engineer Support Company (Airborne)



84th SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT



PFC MICHAEL CRUMP

Hometown: Jamaica, NY

Years of Service: 1 yr, 6 months

Why did I join? To serve my country and make a difference

Deployment Job: I am a driver and gunner

Something Deployment has taught you, or you are proud of: Patience and understanding

Plans to do when you go back home: Start a family, God willing.

Goals while deployed? Hopefully, I will pick up E-4 and get the chance to go to the NCO Board

Deployment Hobbies: Working out

One item on your bucket list: I want to pick up E-5 within 2.5 years

What is one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already? Common Sense!!

Favorite Movie: Laugh at My Pain (Kevin Hart)

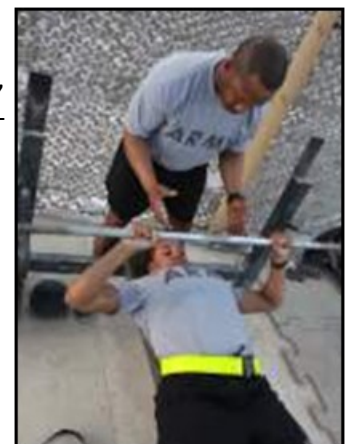
What are your thoughts on deployment? Deployment is not so bad



84th Engineer Support Company (Airborne) celebrated the 4th of July by starting the day off with the Kodiak Challenge! The five teams consisted of seven Paratroopers from Headquarters, Maintenance, 1st Platoon, 2nd Platoon, and 3rd Platoon. The



challenge began with the Pump and Run, with a break in between so the RCPs could conduct clearance operations. Then the competition picked back up with a basic demolitions test from FM 5-34, knot tying, and weapons assembly. The quickest time for weapons assembly went to 1st Platoon, who managed to put together a MK19, M240B, M249, M4, and M9 in two minutes and 23 seconds! 3rd Platoon by far outscored all the other teams on the demolitions exam and 2nd Platoon showed their knowledge in knot tying. The final challenge was the Talon Robot Obstacle Course, putting Headquarters close to first place by having the fastest time. Once all the scores were in for each event and 1SG tallied up the points. 2nd Platoon took the gold!



S2: Strengthening the Team in More ways

By - PFC Jasmine Solomon



The S2 team actively listens as MSG Andrews teaches the section on the updated AR 600-9(The Army Body Composition Program) during breakfast.

S2 Personnel include (From Left Clockwise): SFC Vickers, SGT Cook, SSG Covington, MSG Andrews, CPT Herbolt, and 1LT Jackson (absent).

Right: CPT Herbolt addresses her staff.



CPT Herbolt's decision to conduct S2 section training over breakfast in order to create a "family atmosphere" and increase morale was a huge success. It worked perfectly!



HHC SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

- **Name & Rank:** SPC Devan Hampton
- **Hometown:** Harlem, Georgia
- **Years of service:** 7
- **Married:** No
- **Kids:** None
- **Immediate family that has served:** Johnny Few (Uncle), Marines
- **Why did you join:** To further my education
- **Deployment job:** UMO assistant
- **What are your thoughts on the deployment:** First deployment, not really sure
- **Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of:** Lot of patient's
- **Deployment hobbies:** Reading books
- **Favorite Movie:** Riddick
- **What did you do growing up that got you into trouble:** Not cleaning up my room
- **Civilian career:** Title 32 for National Guard
- **Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same:** 2006 Chevy Equinox
- **Plans to do when back home:** Go on a cruise
- **Goals while deployed:** Save up money, and become a member of the NCO Corps
- **One item on your bucket list:** Cave exploring
- **What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already:** How to survive without technology



833rd Engineers Soldier Spotlight



- **Name and Rank?** SGT Duane Parizek
- **Hometown?** Clutier, Iowa
- **Years of Service?** 6
- **Married?** No
- **Kids?** 1- six month old daughter
- **Why did you join?** Something I always wanted to do.
- **Deployment job?** Mechanic/Wrecker operator
- **What are your thoughts on the deployment?** It's been a great experience.
- **Something the deployment has taught you or that you're proud of?** All the vehicles I have towed back without causing further damage.
- **Deployment hobbies?** Working on the gator.
- **Favorite movie?** Supernatural-TV Show
- **What did you do growing up that got you into trouble?** Too many things to list.
- **Civilian career?** Ag Mechanic/GPS Tech at Central Iowa Farm Store
- **Favorite vehicles?** Military the MRV, civilian GM Duramax diesel
- **Plans for when you get back home?** Buy a house in the country, spend some time with my daughter and go on a motorcycle trip



For over three months now the 833rd EN CO has been continuing its partnership with the 4/205th Route Clearance Company. The RCC was validated prior to the company's arrival to Afghanistan but the partnership still continues. The RCC conducts its own individual missions separate from the coalition forces. So far in the fighting season the RCC has conducted over ten missions and have found over 39 IED's that have been

successfully rendered safe

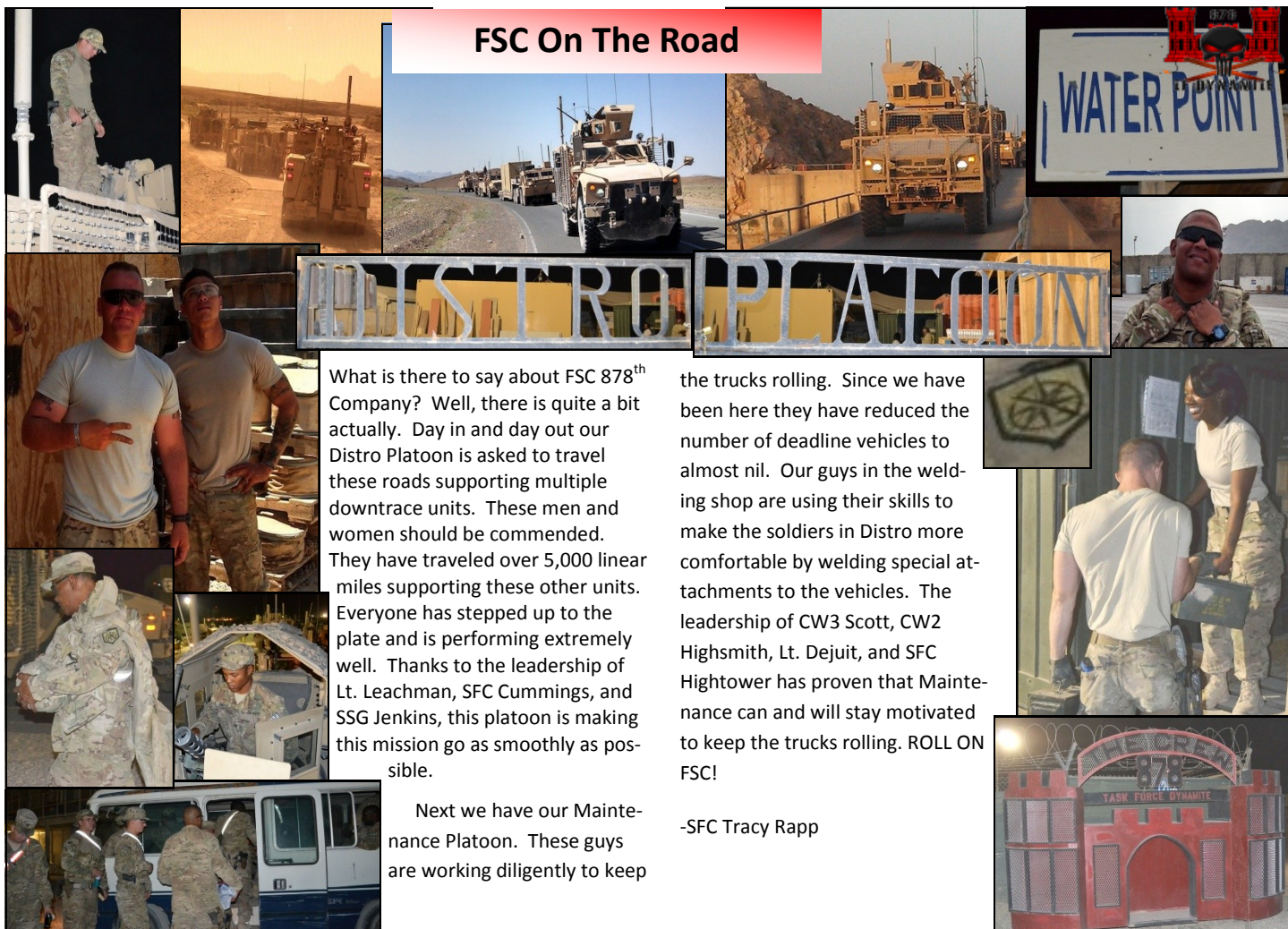
The RCC continues to make strides as they progress and the coalition forces prepare to leave country. Part of the continuing learning that has been instrumental to the RCC is that of evidence collection. The coalition forces rely on evidence processed by WIT to make those individuals in Afghanistan that have committed crimes against Afghan forces or coalition forces accountable for their actions by

utilizing the court system and further legitimizing the Afghan government. The 833rd has been able to incorporate evidence collection with the RCC by coordinating instructional classes with WIT. So far the RCC has been very successful in their evidence collection, with this new skill set this will enable them to continue to fight the enemy not just on the battle field but also a court of law.

-CPT Archer

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>



FSC On The Road

What is there to say about FSC 878th Company? Well, there is quite a bit actually. Day in and day out our Distro Platoon is asked to travel these roads supporting multiple downtrace units. These men and women should be commended. They have traveled over 5,000 linear miles supporting these other units. Everyone has stepped up to the plate and is performing extremely well. Thanks to the leadership of Lt. Leachman, SFC Cummings, and SSG Jenkins, this platoon is making this mission go as smoothly as possible.

Next we have our Maintenance Platoon. These guys are working diligently to keep

the trucks rolling. Since we have been here they have reduced the number of deadline vehicles to almost nil. Our guys in the welding shop are using their skills to make the soldiers in Distro more comfortable by welding special attachments to the vehicles. The leadership of CW3 Scott, CW2 Highsmith, Lt. Dejuet, and SFC Hightower has proven that Maintenance can and will stay motivated to keep the trucks rolling. ROLL ON FSC!

-SFC Tracy Rapp

FSC SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

- **Name & Rank:** SGT Terry Richey
- **Hometown?** Detroit, Michigan
- **Years of service?** 4
- **Married?** NO
- **Kids?** NO
- **Immediate family that has served?** None
- **Why did you join?** A new experience
- **Deployment job?** Administrative NCO
- **What are your thoughts on the deployment?** It's been a learning experience that I can use to better myself in my military career.
- **Something the deployment has taught you, or you are proud of?** To appreciate the little things.
- **Deployment hobbies?** Working out
- **Favorite Movie?** Any Given Sunday
- **What did you do growing up that got you into trouble?** Not listening
- **Civilian career?** (If not A.D.) Correctional Officer
- **Vehicle you own and favorite vehicle you owned if not the same?** 2007 Chevrolet Malibu
- **Plans to do when back home?** Go back to school to gain my 2nd degree
- **Goals while deployed?** Save money
- **One item on your bucket list?** Travel to Hawaii
- **What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn't already?** Effective Communication



Road Warriors of FSC

by SFC Michael Bignardi



Within the past month I've convoyed with the FSC road warriors of TF Dynamite on three separate occasions. Each time they continue to impress me with their enthusiasm, versatility, and drive to ensure the mission is completed no matter the adversity they face along the route. Most recently, I ran a night mission with FSC and before we made it to our entry control point (ECP), one of our flat bed trailers developed an issue that would have been a liability during the mission.



SSG Jenkins (Convoy Commander) mitigated this concern and turned us back to FSC's compound. Within minutes we were back in the motor pool as we had not left the safety net of Kandahar Air Field (KAF). As soon as the trucks stopped rolling, FSC's Soldiers jumped into action by staging another trailer close to the damaged trailer so the contents of the damaged trailer could be off loaded. Two other Soldiers raced to the heavy equipment required to make this a fast and smooth transition. They returned with a 10K LB forklift and a Bobcat. The other Soldiers were staged on the two

trucks awaiting instructions to offload, direct the heavy equipment, reload, and strap down the precious cargo. These Soldiers worked together seamlessly to expedite this transaction as every minute counts. The roads they

would travel were cleared of threats earlier in the day to ensure their safe journey to outlying forward operating bases or FOB's.

The cargo being delivered is desperately required

by Task Force Dynamite's subordinate companies. These subordinate units clear the roads of threats for FSC and all other International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) that travel these routes daily.

In less than 45 minutes, the cargo was transferred and we were ready to roll. The sun had

hidden itself hours earlier so



this undertaking was accomplished with very little light. Once we reached our destination, the unloading process began. It was about 2AM. The FOB that we were delivering parts and equipment to is considered a "black out" FOB, meaning there are no lights allowed at night. Imagine positioning tractor trailers and other 20 ton vehicles in the darkness with chem lights to be offloaded. This is one of the many tasks that the 878th Forward Service Support Company is assigned to and accomplishes on a weekly bases!



Scripture of the Month August: Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan

The Parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, and while on the way he is robbed of everything he had, including his clothing, and is beaten to within an inch of his life. That road was treacherously winding and was a favorite hideout of robbers and thieves. The next character Jesus introduces into His story is a priest. He spends no time describing the priest and only tells of how he showed no love or compassion for the man by failing to help him and passing on the other side of the road so as not to get involved. If there was anyone who would have known God's law of love, it would have been the priest. By nature of his position, he was to be a person of compassion, desiring to help others. Unfortunately, "love" was not a word for him that required action on the behalf of someone else. The next person to pass by in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a Levite, and he does exactly what the priest did: he passes by without showing any compassion. Again, he would have known the law, but he also failed to show the injured man compassion.

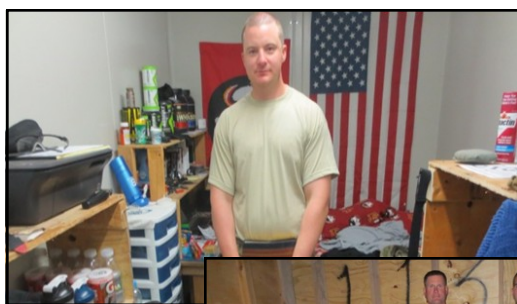
The next person to come by is the Samaritan, the one least likely to have shown compassion for the man. Samaritans were considered a low class of people by the Jews since they had intermarried with non-Jews and did not keep all the law. Therefore, Jews would have nothing to do with them. We do not know if the injured man was a Jew or Gentile, but it made no difference to the Samaritan; he did not consider the man's race or religion. The "Good Samaritan" saw only a person in dire need of assistance, and assist him he did, above and beyond the minimum required. He dresses the man's wounds with wine (to disinfect) and oil (to sooth the pain). He puts the man on his animal and takes him to an inn for a time of healing and pays the innkeeper with his own money. He then goes beyond common decency and tells the innkeeper to take good care of the man, and he would pay for any extra expenses on his return trip. The Samaritan saw his neighbor as anyone who was in need.

Because the good man was a Sa-

maritan, Jesus is drawing a strong contrast between those who knew the law and those who actually followed the law in their lifestyle and conduct. Jesus now asks the lawyer if he can apply the lesson to his own life with the question "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" ([Luke 10:36](#)). Once again, the lawyer's answer is telling of his personal hardness of heart. He cannot bring himself to say the word "Samaritan"; he refers to the "good man" as "he who showed mercy." His hate for the Samaritans (his neighbors) was so strong that he couldn't even refer to them in a proper way. Jesus then tells the lawyer to "go and do likewise," meaning that he should start living what the law tells him to do.

By ending the encounter in this manner, Jesus is telling us to follow the Samaritan's example in our own conduct; i.e., we are to show compassion and love for those we encounter in our everyday activities. We are to love others (vs. 27) regardless of their race or religion; the criterion is need.

CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY AWARD



SSG Lambert started a bible study class within the 848th that meets weekly.



833RD HAS A NEW FAMILY MEMBER!!!



SSG Mark and Autumn Eddy joyfully announce the birth of **Jasmine Joy Eddy**. Jasmine was born July 9th at 7:32 AM. She weighed 7lbs 4 oz and was 20.5 inches! Pictured above are Jubilee, Autumn and baby Jasmine.

Now that you know which foods are right, it's time to gain an understanding of the importance of portion size. You don't have to become a calorie counter nor do you need to meticulously monitor the carbs or fat grams of each and every food to know if you're eating the right amount. A portion is an amount of right protein roughly equal to the size of the palm of your hand. For example, a chicken breast about the size of the palm of your hand is a proper portion of chicken for you. A portion of a right carbohydrate is an amount roughly equal to the size of your clenched fist. For example, a

Medical Tips *from the inside.....*

baked potato about that size is the right amount for you. The right amount of a serving of vegetables is approximately what you might imagine you can hold in the cupped palm of your hand. For example, a portion of steamed broccoli could be a little or a lot, depending on your appetite, really. With vegetables, you don't have to limit yourself to a certain amount, and you certainly don't have to force feed yourself a certain serving size.

Eating the right amounts of the right foods in

each meal is important. Often, people will eat too little just as often they eat too much. Eating too little or overeating the right or wrong foods in one meal will throw your energy off for hours later in the day. For example, eating too little for breakfast may manifest in overeating dinner or dessert. Or, eating too much for breakfast may mean missing mid-day meals and abruptly interrupting energy, physical, and mental performance throughout the day. Eating the right amounts is pretty simple to learn. Next, you need to know the right combinations to get the best results so check back next issue.

ANA Soldier*He is very good at what he does. If I left Afghanistan today I would be comfortable. He is an example of where all ANA should be and he passes his knowledge onto his soldiers through training,"* remarked SSG Joshua Jones, an engineer equipment mechanic, 84th Engineer Support Company, 878th Engineer Battalion.

I contacted SSG Jones and asked him about additional training that he has provided the 3/205th ANA. According to SSG Jones, "SGT Hasim has attended almost all training conducted or coordinated by my-

self, to include Demolition Training which included a range that was provided in May of this year. Jones went on to mention that Hasim was also trained on Robot Training, BTR Xray Training, Counter IED, Train the Trainer and GPS. I was there in April and witnessed some of the aforementioned training. To read the remainder of



SSG Jones trains the 3/205th on how to work with C4 explosives.

Capt Jennifer Dyrzcz's story concerning the 3/205th, select the link below.

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news>

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Written by Capt. Jennifer Dyrzcz

Revised by Sgt 1st Class Michael Bignardi

Movie Quotes

1. "We will be perfect in every aspect of the game. You drop a pass, you run a mile. You miss a blocking assignment, you run a mile. You fumble the football, and I will break my foot off in your John Brown hind parts and then you will run a mile. Perfection. Let's go to work."
2. "Look... me and the McDonald's people got this little misunderstanding. See, they're McDonald's... I'm McDowell's. They got the Golden Arches, mine is the Golden Arcs. They got the Big Mac, I got the Big Mick. We both got two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles and onions, but their buns have sesame seeds. My buns have no seeds."

1. Remember the Titans 2000 2. Coming to America 1988

PROMOTIONS



Right:
& far
right
The
newest
SFC to
the
848th,
SFC
Lewis



Left: SGT
Griffith
smirks as he
wears his
new stripes.



Left: 1SG
McCray
and SFC
Tracy Rapp
promote
SPC Griffith
to the rank
of SGT.



Left\Right:
the
promotion
of SGT
Trevino to
the rank of
SSG.



Everyone gets in on SPC Wallace's promotion
to SGT. From left to right LTC Granados , CPT Oehrlein, and CPT Muhaimin
promotes Wallace to SGT while 1SG Hubbard looks on.

HHC's BEHIND THE SCENE SOLDIER PUSHES FOR EXCELLENCE

by SFC Michael Bignardi



Among the talented HHC staff, SPC Hampton has held numerous positions in the battalion. As the Assistant UMO for the Battalion she has a shared responsibility for over 345 million dollars worth of property, transportation of the unit's organic equipment and personnel, and serves as a TC within the force protection squad on Valhalla.

The force protection squad ensures the safety of Valhalla's compound which contains two company's of Soldiers and a Role 1 medical facility.

The Role 1 medical facility accepts patients from other units on KAF averaging 400 patients a week. SPC Hampton conducts regular rehearsals with her squad several times monthly to ensure the protection is solid in case of a ground attack on KAF.

SPC Hampton participated in providing security during the Kandahar Airfield flood in which the flood water collapsed a 50' foot section of perimeter fencing. SPC Hampton spent over 20 hours providing security and ensuring no enemy

forces would breach the fence and spill onto the Airfield.

SPC Hampton also assists in providing transportation for Headquarters Company and the 8 down trace units. Those duties include transporting Soldiers to and from Kandahar Airfield, ensuring Soldiers arrive on time to their route clearance equipment enhancing classes, and providing an alternate means of transportation for HHC Soldiers to travel to and from the work place.

SEE HHC's PAGE FOR

MILITARY BENEFITS & RESOURCES

VA Foreclosures

The VA maintains a list of homes serviced by VA loans that have gone into foreclosures. Veterans have the ability to search the list of VA acquired properties and purchase homes at a discount. You do not have to be a veteran to search the properties, but all properties qualify for VA financing.

Long-term Care

Long-term care is expensive, but often necessary to provide care for aging relatives. Through the Aid and Attendance program, many veterans are eligible to receive money to cover the cost of nursing homes, assisted living programs and other long-term care options. With the ability for couples to receive up to \$23,000 a year, the pension will help take care of a significant portion of long-term care costs. Spouses of deceased veterans are also eligible to receive up to \$12,000 a year to cover their long-term care costs.

Read more: <http://militarybenefits.info/10-veterans-benefits-you-may-not-know-about/#ixzz2aGmshi5i>

Certification Programs

In addition to receiving credits to use toward a college degree, the GI Bill offers up to \$2,000 to help cover the cost of certification courses or other vocational training programs. This benefit will work well for veterans who wish to change careers or pursue a career path that does not require a college degree.

Read more: <http://militarybenefits.info/10-veterans-benefits-you-may-not-know-about/#ixzz2a8vWUKPn>

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.

A Two-in-One Occasion

by PFC Jasmine Solomon



Any day that one gets to witness the advancement and progression of another is a glorious day and as we like to say in the Army, it builds great morale and unity amongst the team. Saturday, July 6th, was one of the greatest days for CPT Woods, SGT Brown, friends, and family. Not only was Woods promoted to the rank of Captain, he was blessed with the opportunity to conduct a family member's re-enlistment ceremony.

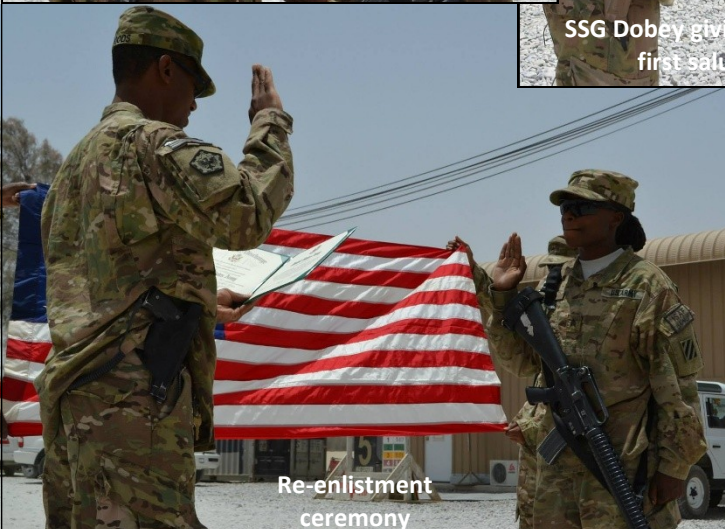
SGT Monique Brown is deployed with Echo Troop, 3-17 Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Light Horse. CPT Woods stated that "This is what I chose to do as my first duty as Captain." Both Soldiers are from Pelham, Georgia.

CPT Woods, 26 years old, advancing to the rank of CPT and SGT Brown, age 32, having already served 5 years in the United States Army, re-enlisted for 6 more years. CPT Woods now has an even greater responsibility and opportunity than before to distinguish himself. SGT Brown has committed herself to up-

holding and supporting the NCO's she serves with. Congratulations, best wishes, and safe journeys go out to these two soldiers as SGT Brown, having already spent 7 months in Afghanistan, makes her way home very soon and CPT Woods, having already spent 4 months in Afghanistan, heads back not too far behind her.



SSG Dobey giving Captain Woods his first salute as a Captain



Re-enlistment ceremony

Legal Assistance on KAF



It is imperative that Soldiers remain mission focused while deployed so that morale, discipline and quality of work are not sacrificed. At the legal assistance office, we ensure that Soldiers' families and personal affairs are taken care of by providing help and guidance on legal matters. Unexpected problems can arise anywhere, at anytime. We make certain that any action a Soldier wants to take is in his or her best interest. A good example is when a Soldier decides to create a Power of Attorney.

Powers of attorney are useful, but at the same time they can be extremely dangerous. Many Soldiers want to give their family members a General Power of Attorney in order to handle affairs that may arise back home. While it may be a convenient document, it has the potential to cause detriment to a Soldier's quality of life. A General Power of Attorney

gives the agent authority to act on your behalf in any matter; whether it is selling your home, taking out a loan in your name, or wiping out your bank accounts. You are then liable for the agent's actions, even if it is to your financial and legal detriment. For these reasons, it is highly recommended that you execute a Special Power of Attorney, which allows your agent to act on your behalf in specific instances.

Our office can offer assistance in a multitude of different areas, including but not limited to: personal legal matters, family law, consumer protection law, landlord-tenant issues and economic matters. We can create wills, living wills, powers of attorneys, and notarize docu-

ments. Most importantly, we can help Soldiers with their FLIPL and GO-MOR rebuttals.

The Legal Assistance Office is located across the street from the Boardwalk next to the Education Center.

Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 0900-1800 hours, and Saturday-Sunday from 1300-1700 hours. If you would like to speak

to an attorney, you can call and schedule an appointment at 318-841-1163. Walk-ins are welcome for powers of attorney or notary services. All services are provided without charge.

By CPT Estefania Baird





878th HHC:

Michael Germain 08/21
 Cecil Barnes 08/24
 Joshua Sims 08/24
 Jeffery Andrews 08/28
 Gerald Floyd 08/28
 Collin Cook 08/29

878th FSC:

Christopher Brown 08/05
 Jacob Callaway 08/19
 David Scott 08/20
 Ashton Ridings 08/26
 Rudy Altman 08/28

370th:

Kenneth Barnhart 08/03
 Darrin Shields 08/21
 Timothy Brooks 08/22
 Young Kim 08/26
 Craig Miller 08/26
 Michael Bastin 08/27
 Antonio Diaz 08/28

84th:

Michael Crump 08/16
 Samuel Coe 08/17
 Nadia Nathaniel 08/24
 Peter Isackson 08/26

833rd:

Bryan Elder 08/03
 Danny Rodriguez 08/03
 Robert Adamson 08/04
 James Leaman 08/08
 Codey Johnson 08/11
 Alexander Hoksbergen 08/14
 Kiel Archer 08/19
 Joshua Vermillion 08/20
 Luke Griffis 08/20
 Jorge Lozoya 08/23
 Jason Snow 08/23
 Ryan Williams 08/23
 Andrew Mccauley 08/28

62nd:

Jeremy Blankartz 08/01
 Brandon Boynton 08/19
 Aric Henry 08/20

Chevon Lee 08/25
 Aaron Reed 08/25
 Scott Swanson 08/25

848th:

Brandon Rogers 08/03
 Keith Head 08/13
 Austin Moore 08/14
 David Sanmartin 08/16
 Lafayette Deal 08/19
 Joshua Davis 08/22
 Ernest Burgman 08/23
 Fred Daum 08/23
 Kenneth Walker 08/23
 Justin Niebrand 08/24
 Timothy Underwood 08/30

137th:

Miles Nuckolls 08/11
 Jacob Williams 08/12
 Bryan Wittmeyer 08/16
 Marty Powell 08/17
 Kyle Wozniak 08/22