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ARMY RESERVE EPLO ASSISTS WITH NFL SUPER BOWL SECURITY

The symbol for the Super Bowl is displayed at the NFL Experience in downtown Phoenix during the weeks leading up to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, Jan. 25, 2015. The event had information and displays for all 32 NFL teams.

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EDITORS CHOICE

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings Soldiers and Families of the 76th ORC,

When my son Vince was a new recruit at Fort Jackson, S.C. for Basic Training, he shared many experiences and challenges with me about his training. I’ve reflected on how his experiences are similar to life’s experiences and the challenges that we face every day. In a letter home he complained about the weather and it being, “Beastly.” He said he has never sweat so much in his whole life and talked about how harsh and mean the drill sergeants were, in that they seem not to care too much about them. He said they were “real jerks.” Lastly, he said that the other guys in his platoon weren’t the “sharpest tools in the shed,” if you know what I mean...

In my letter back to him I explained that you can’t change the weather so the sooner you accept it and learn to live with it, the better off you will be. I told him the reason why the drill sergeants are as tough as they are is to create a common enemy for the new recruits to focus on as a team, rather than being individuals. Lastly, I told him that when we learn to serve those around us, we come to have a great love and appreciation for them. We will then see their finer qualities, and our own finest qualities.

In life, we will be uncomfortable. We will be tried and put through the refiner’s fire. There are things we can’t change and will need to learn to accept, in order to move forward. We will have people in our paths that through their actions, attitudes and prejudices, will make our lives miserable.

That is, if we let them.

We must build a coalition around us of positive and productive people who can influence us for good. A Battle Buddy, if you will. Lastly, giving of ourselves, to those around us, will help us to enjoy life for what it is meant to be, whereas we are all here in a divine relationship with each other.

May God bless each of you as we all march through this life. May we be there for one another as an Army family, to uplift, sustain and support each other. For we’re all in this life together. We need to be each other’s Battle Buddy.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA! (For God and
Country)

COL. JOEL V. MILLER
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76TH ORC



Antiterrorism Awareness



- Learn the indicators of terrorist activity
 - If you see something suspicious, report it to the Military Police or local law enforcement
- See Something — Say Something*





An NFL sign hangs on one of the buildings in downtown Phoenix during the weeks leading up to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, Jan. 25, 2015. University of Phoenix Stadium hosted the games for Super Bowl XLIX.

“ We are monitoring anything that could affect the Super Bowl, it’s a global picutre...
Col. Robert White



Soldiers from the Army Reserve Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer program, work at their computers in the Multi Agency Coordination Center during the week prior to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, Jan. 27, 2015. The MACC was responsible for synchronizing and coordinating security efforts between state and federal agencies in the area leading up to Super Bowl XLIX.

EPLO HELPS PREPARE FOR SB XLIX

STORY BY
STAFF SGT. KAI L. JENSEN
PHOTOS BY
1ST LT. CAVETT ISHIHARA

SALT LAKE CITY — THE 76TH OPERATIONAL RESPONSE COMMAND’S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM PARTICIPATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, IN PROVIDING A SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE 2015

NFL PRO BOWL AND SUPER BOWL, HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM, ARIZ. JAN. 25 – FEB. 1, 2015.
THE EPLO PROGRAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND ACTS AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE MILITARY’S ROLE IN RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC EMERGENCIES.
“THERE WERE AT LEAST TWENTY AGENCIES HERE,” SAID ARMY COL. ROBERT WHITE, REGIONAL EPLO FOR REGION IX, WHICH INCLUDES ARIZONA. “ALL THE LOCAL VALLEY [POLICE

DEPARTMENTS], [FIRE DEPARTMENTS], DHS, AND BORDER PATROL WERE ALL HERE TALKING TO EACH OTHER AND LEVERAGING WHAT EACH OTHER BRINGS TO THE TABLE.”
IN ADDITION TO ARMY, DHS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, THE COORDINATED EFFORT ALSO INCLUDED REPRESENTATION FROM THE FBI, U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE, AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.
WHILE THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM CAPABLY SEATED MORE



Signs for the different departments responsible for security hang in the Multi Agency Coordination Center during the week prior to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, Jan. 27, 2015.

THAN 70,000 PEOPLE FOR THE BIG GAMES, THE EVENTS ACTUALLY DREW HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE AREA FOR OTHER SUPER BOWL VENUES.

“WE HAVE A VERY LARGE PREVENTION MISSION,” SAID MATTHEW ALLEN, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE FOR HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS IN ARIZONA. “A LOT OF THE DHS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES ARE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO PREVENT ANY KIND OF EVENT FROM HAPPENING.”

WHILE THE MISSION OF EPLO IS TRADITIONALLY RESPONSE, THIS EVENT ALLOWED FOR THOSE INVOLVED TO BE IN A PROACTIVE ROLE AND ACTUALLY

BE THERE PRIOR TO THERE BEING ANY SORT OF INCIDENT.

THE SIZE OF THIS EVENT ALSO PROVIDED GREAT TRAINING. GENERALLY, IN TERMS OF SECURITY AND PREPARATION, THERE ARE ONLY TWO EVENTS LARGER THAN THE SUPER BOWL: THOSE ARE THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION AND THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

“IT’S IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOU GET TO DO IT FOR REAL,” SAID WHITE. “I’D RATHER BE PREPARED AND BE IN PLACE, AND DO NOTHING, THAN HAVE HAD SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC HAPPEN AND NOT BE THERE.”

ALREADY PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR’S SUPER BOWL, EPLO ENSURED THAT SOLDIERS THAT PARTICIPATED

IN THE SECURITY THIS YEAR WILL BE WORKING SUPER BOWL 50 NEXT YEAR.

“SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE THE SUPER BOWL AND OTHER LARGE EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE UNITS TO GO INTO AN ACTIVE STATUS AND PUT SOME OF THE TRAINING AND PREPARATION THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO USE IN SUPPORT OF A LARGER DOMESTIC OPERATION,” SAID ALLEN.

THE PRO BOWL AND SUPER BOWL WENT OFF WITHOUT ANY ISSUES AND EPLO WILL CONTINUE PREPARING FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE EVENTS.

FAMILIES OF LOST SERVICE MEMBERS GATHER, SHARE STORIES



Photographs and mementos of 1st Lt. Jeremy Clawson are displayed during Operation Love Letter at the Zion’s Tower in Salt Lake City, Feb. 11, 2015. Clawson’s family was in attendance and his father, Rodney Clawson, shared stories of his son to other families during the event.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY
STAFF SGT. KAI L. JENSEN

“WE BELIEVE THAT THE VEIL BETWEEN THE NEXT LIFE AND THIS LIFE IS VERY THIN,” SAID RODNEY CLAWSON, FATHER OF ARMY 1ST LT. JEREMY CLAWSON, WHO DIED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN 2009. “HE IS PROBABLY OVER THERE WITH MY

DAD, MOM, AND OTHER RELATIVES, JUST KEEPING AN EYE ON US. HE WAS A GREAT SON.”

THE ARMY RESERVE REGIONAL SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES HOSTED ITS FIRST OPERATION LOVE LETTER EVENT AT THE ZION’S BANK TOWER IN SALT LAKE CITY, FEB.11, 2015.

THIS EVENT ALLOWS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF DECEASED SERVICE

MEMBERS, FROM ALL BRANCHES, TO GATHER AND SHARE EXPERIENCES, STORIES AND PICTURES OF THEIR LOVED ONES WITH OTHER FAMILIES.

“IT’S A DIFFERENT GROUP THAT’S BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER BY AN UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE DEATH OF THEIR SERVICE MEMBERS,” SAID LELAND SLAUGHTER, SUPPORT OUTREACH SERVICES SUPPORT COORDINATOR, UTAH ARMY NATIONAL

GUARD. “THEY CAN RELATE TO EACH OTHER EVEN THOUGH THEIR [SERVICE MEMBERS] DEATHS OCCURRED IN DIFFERENT MANNERS. IT’S A GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THEM.”

OPERATION LOVE LETTER IS AN EVENT THAT BEGAN IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, IN 2013 AND IS HOSTED BY THE ARMY RESERVE SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM. SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS, MILITARY PARTNERS, AND CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS COLLABORATE ON PLANNING AND COORDINATING THE EVENT.

“WE EACH HAVE CERTAIN FAMILIES THAT WE’RE RESPONSIBLE FOR,”

SAID SLAUGHTER. “WE SENT OUT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION TO ALL OF THOSE FAMILIES TO COME TO THIS.”

TO SUPPORT THE EVENT, SOLDIERS WITH THE 23RD ARMY BAND, UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, WERE IN ATTENDANCE TO PROVIDE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT; AS WELL AS CADETS FROM THE UTAH MILITARY ACADEMY, TO ACT AS COLOR GUARD.

THROUGHOUT THE EVENING, FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SHARE STORIES ABOUT THEIR LOVED ONES AND FIND SUPPORT IN BEING AROUND WSIMILAR LOSSES.



“WE GOT THE BAD NEWS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DOES, AND OUR LIVES CHANGED,” SAID BRAD HALLIDAY, WHOSE SON, MARINE LANCE CPL. CARLOS ALBERTO ARAGON, DIED WHILE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN. “THEY CHANGED FOREVER, AND I’M NOT GOING TO SAY IT GETS ANY EASIER, BUT FIVE YEARS LATER I HAVE GOTTEN MORE USED TO IT.”

DESPITE TEARS BEING SHED, FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

“IT’S A GOOD TIME TO GET WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO’VE HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE OF LOSING SOMEONE,” SAID CLAWSON. “SOMETIMES IT’S VERY EMOTIONAL AND SOMETIMES YOU JUST BUCK IT UP AND KEEP ON GOING.”

THE SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES HOPES TO MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT IN UTAH AND WILL CONTINUE SUPPORTING SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE VISIT WWW.SOS.ARMY.MIL.



Brad Halliday talks about his son, Lance Cpl. Carlos Alberto Aragon, who died while serving in Afghanistan in 2009. “He became a fervent believer in prayer, while in Afghanistan,” said Halliday.



ABOVE: Cadets from the Utah Military Academy act as color guard during Operation Love Letter at the Zion’s Tower
TOP RIGHT: Photographs and mementos of service members are displayed by surviving families to remember their loved ones during the event.

NEW UNIFORMS



Upper Sleeve Pocket

Remove hook and loop closure
Add zipper closure
Change Friend or Foe cover

Upper Sleeve Pocket

Increase pocket length by one inch

Elbow Patch

Remove internal elbow pads
Remove hook and loop from elbow patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at elbow

Cargo Pocket

Remove cord and barrel lock

Knee Patch

Remove internal knee pads
Remove hook and loop from knee patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at knee

Lower Leg Pocket Flap

Remove hook and loop closure
Add one button closure

The Army expects the cost in the Military Clothing Sales Store of the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) with the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) to be similar to the cost the ACU with the Universal Camouflage pattern (UCP).



ARMY RESERVE COMMANDS EMPHASIZE FAMILY READINESS PROGRAMS



Soldiers from various units attend the Family Programs chain of command training, hosted by the 451st Expeditionary Support Command in Wichita, Kan, Dec. 8-11. Attendees were able to receive instruction on a number of topics from roles and responsibilities to financing.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY
CAMILLE NELSON

SALT LAKE CITY — THE 76TH OPERATIONAL RESPONSE COMMAND PARTICIPATED IN A FAMILY PROGRAMS CHAIN OF COMMAND TRAINING IN WICHITA, KAN., DEC. 8-11.

THE TRAINING WAS HOSTED BY THE 451ST EXPEDITIONARY SUPPORT COMMAND AND PROVIDED RELEVANT INFORMATION TO ATTENDEES ON HOW TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THEIR FAMILY READINESS PROGRAMS.

“THE COURSE WAS VERY INFORMATIVE,” SAID STAFF SGT. LISA RODRIGUEZ, A SOLDIER WITH THE 303RD INFORMATION OPERATION BATTALION. “IT GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT AS A COMMAND AND REALLY FOCUS ON FAMILY PROGRAMS, WHAT THEY CAN OFFER OUR FELLOW SOLDIERS, AND WHAT WE CAN DO AS LEADERS TO

GET OUR FAMILY READINESS GROUPS INTO A FULL FUNCTIONING ENTITY.”

CLASSES OFFERED DURING THE TRAINING COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS AND INCLUDED: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMAND TEAM, FAMILY READINESS GROUP 101, TRAINING: IT’S NOT JUST FOR SOLDIERS, FAMILY PROGRAMS CAPABILITIES AND STAFFING, OPSEC: WHAT YOUR FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW, AND FINANCING YOUR FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM.

“I WALKED AWAY FROM THE TRAINING WITH A PLETHORA OF RESOURCES, INFORMATION AND, EVEN BETTER, A CARING STAFF AT THE 76TH ORC TO SUPPORT MY UNIT,” SAID CPT. JEREMY SIMS, COMMANDER OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY. “I RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH CAMILLE [THE FAMILY READINESS STAFF ASSISTANT FOR THE 76TH ORC] AND SUPPORT ONE OF MY SOLDIERS

AND HIS FAMILY THROUGH A CRISIS USING THE SKILLS AND RESOURCES FROM MY TRAINING.”

DURING THE FINAL DAY OF TRAINING, MAJ. GEN. DANIEL L. YORK, COMMANDING GENERAL FOR THE 76TH ORC, MADE AN APPEARANCE AND SHARED SOME OF HIS OWN THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES WITH ATTENDEES.

YORK ENCOURAGED HIS COMMAND TEAMS AND FAMILY READINESS GROUPS TO PLACE A GREATER EMPHASIS ON MEETING THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE FRG, WHICH IS OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION.

“THE CLASS WAS OUTSTANDING,” SAID SGT. ASHLEY DENNIS, THE FAMILY READINESS LIAISON FROM THE 3RD ARMY AUGMENTATION UNIT. “THE CLASS MADE ME ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BEING A SOLDIER, AND KNOWING THAT THE MILITARY IS WORKING TOWARDS MAKING NEW PROGRAMS FOR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO FEEL UNITED.”



A football displays the Super Bowl number in roman numerals in downtown Phoenix during the weeks leading up to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, Jan. 25, 2015.