



335th Signal Command Theater Provisional

# NEWSLETTER



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## *Featured Photo*



*Soldiers from the 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T) (P) during M1620 qualification range on 14 February 2017 at Udairi Range Complex at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.*

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## From the Commander's Desk

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Many moons ago, I read *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey and the seventh chapter “Sharpen the Saw” was the one I remember the most. He starts the chapter with a story about two settlers traveling from the East Coast to the western frontiers. One settler, I will just call him Bob pushed on day in and day out and the second settler, Jim

stopped once a week to rest his horses, his wagon, and himself. At the end of the story it was settler Jim that arrived at the destination first, because Jim took time to rest and recover. The title of the chapter is very fitting when compared to our daily lives.

I own several chainsaws and when I used them, I make it a habit that during the time I refuel, I ensure that I use the chain file and reset the chain teeth. If you have every used a chainsaw, you understand that if the chain gets dull the effectiveness of the entire piece of equipment decreases. Eventually, it will strain the chain and engine until it reaches complete failure.

When I reflect on the work environment here, I think of the mythological hydra, a creature that when one head was severed off, two more grew in its place. When one project is complete there seems to be two more to take its place. We are never in want of work. The work environment can best be described as a marathon and not a sprint. It is ease to fall into the trap of being at work every day; however, it is equally important to stop and *Sharpen the Saw*.

As the Commander, I have made it a point to create an environment to ensure that individuals take a resiliency day. There are many activities here at Camp Arifjan and personnel are encouraged to find something they like to do and find something they have always wanted to do. There is a comprehensive woodshop, which just got brand new equipment, a leather shop. If you like sports, several gyms, racquetball courts, swimming pool, crossfit, basketball, softball and flag football teams. Maybe you want to learn to Salsa, Swing or Zoomba. The movie theater feature all the latest movies in the theater, and MWR features Texas Hold'em and billiard tournaments. Some have joined a dive club to become certified in scuba diving. Others finish off the day with a nice cigar. At the 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T) (P) HHC compound there are a few that have gotten into gardening. We have tomatoes, squash, egg plants, and various herbs growing as well as several indoor plants. Many have the Creeping Charlie vines on their desk, others have cacti, Venus Fly Traps and other indoor plants. Our MWR coordinators have interesting and fun trips on the calendar for shopping, site seeing, and an opportunity to sample local cuisine. At the end of March is a golf tournament.

I encourage all Soldiers to push their chair away from the desk, go outside for fresh air and sunshine while at work. On their resiliency day emotional health, to find a time with family, see a movie, site seeing. Instead of finding work, find a reason to life at this very moment.



*335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T) (P) Soldiers' gardening skills*

it is vital to mental and relaxing outlet, spend do some gardening or go an excuse for going to decompress and enjoy

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## From the First Sergeant's Desk

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Our Battle Rhythm is set and we have our foot on the gas moving forward!

HHC is doing great things in a lot of areas. As I walk around the different sections and listen to you all discuss workloads, new projects your involved in and closing out some from the past, courses you are taking at ARCENT University, the intricacies of the networks and problems you have to overcome, ensuring our teammates records and

files are in perfect standing as they prepare for promotion boards, travelling to COP's or FOB's to check on projects which enlighten you to how good we have it on Camp AJ, tackling daily issues with our NIPR and SIPR communications, preparing for DV guests, tracking down those elusive items on our property books, planning and coordinating outstanding training to maintain our readiness, maintaining proper financial accountability of all projects, and all the other day to day issues that may arise on top of the norm.

It does not go unnoticed the time spent in the office that everyone puts in to keep HHC on top of all these demands. It is imperative we don't forget about resiliency and take time to care for yourself and your battle buddy. We are here on a long journey, not a short trip! Manage your time wisely and understand that all tasks don't have to be complete in a day!

Great job to all our Air Assault primary and alternate competitors! Continue to train hard and prepare your bodies physically, mentally and spiritually! Also, congratulations to everyone that graduated from a course at ARCENT University over the last two months, remaining technically proficient in your jobs, HOOAH!



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## Message from U.S. Army Central Signal University

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The U.S. Army Central Signal University offers many courses to Soldiers, civilian and contractors that are looking to get professionally certified in areas such as network, security administration and operating system management. One of the many courses offered by the USARCENT Signal University is the Fiber Optics course. The Fiber Optics course at ARCENT Signal University provides students with knowledge on the basic theory of fiber optic transmission, troubleshooting, work safety, fusion/mechanical splicing, and termination procedures. Students are trained on repair and termination of commercial/TFOCA-II cable and will be provided with the materials for performing intensive hands-on lab exercises with emphasis on the proper use of tools, handling of optical fibers, assembly procedures, polishing steps, inspection, termination, and testing. This course offers an Electronics Technician (ETA) Certification in fiber installation and is led by Mr. James Young.



*Another successful graduation from the Fiber Optics course at U.S. ARCENT Signal University led by Mr. James Young.*

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## G-2 Highlights

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Well done Maj. Hodson and Staff Sgt. Rodriguez for completing the Cyber 401 Course Scope, Intelligence Support to Defensive Cyberspace Operations. A two-week classroom course that provides understanding of the complex, and ever evolving cyber environment, threats affecting Army networks, and planning considerations. This course also provides opportunities to develop skills and build situational awareness on national and Army-level intelligence support to full spectrum cyberspace operations in support of Combatant Commands.

**Intel Support to Defensive Cyberspace Operations**


**WHO:** Select SWACC personnel  
**WHAT:** Intel support to DCO and DoDIN networks  
**WHEN:** 8 - 16 February 2017  
**WHERE:** In a classroom environment  
**WHY:** To provide both intelligence and signal soldiers a greater understanding of the role intelligence plays in defensive cyber operations

**Summary**  
Select 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, RCC-SWA, 160<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, and CJTF personnel attended two-week live environment training. Students received instruction and experience in real world intelligence planning & support to cyberspace operations, HUMINT/CI operations, oversight of intelligence collection, and analysis of cyberspace threats.

ARCYBER DA civilians, contractors, and active duty personnel provided the instruction and broke the course into two parts: familiarization and lecture, and conducting real world intelligence analysis of cyberspace threats using available intelligence databases and tools.

The course was developed to familiarize all-source, signals, counter, and human intelligence soldiers with cyberspace operations in support of combatant commands.

*Image courtesy of Staff Sgt. Michael O'Brien.*



Twelve students graduated the 2-week Cyber 401, MiTT course on Friday 17 February 2107. The class consisted of 11 Soldiers and 1 civilian. Soldiers were joined together in class from various units within Camp Arifjan, representing 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T)(P), 160<sup>th</sup> SIG BDE, and USARCC - SWA. Four instructors/facilitators traveled from Ft Belvoir, VA to conduct the class. Students learned through Live Environment Training the value of combining intelligence support to Defensive Cyberspace Operations. Ready Lightning!



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## US Army Central Leadership Development Forum

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The US Army Central Leadership Development Forum (ALDF) occurred at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar on 24-25 February.

Col. Matt Easley and Command Sergeant Maj. Theodore Dewitt represented the command. They conducted multiple leadership building activities as well as initial mission analysis for the new Intermediate Division Headquarters, 29th Infantry Division.

The team also reviewed network modernizations efforts at Camp As Sayliyah as the command replaces approximately 200 NIPR & SIPR switches on the post.



*Command Sergeant Maj. Dewitt, Col. Easley and Command Sergeant Maj. Gause enjoying the view of downtown Doha waterfront.*



*Maj. Michael Esola, lead network modernization project engineer with switches ready to be installed*



*Col. Matt Easley conducting a PT with other ARCENT leaders*



*Lt. Gen. Garrett and Maj. Gen. Hickman speaking to the ALDF participants down on a cruise in Doha*

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## Hail and Farewell

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The 335th Signal Command Theater Provisional celebrated its first Hail and Farewell on 18 February 2017 at Chili's Restaurant at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T) (P) family welcomes Capt. Ronald D. Mattingly, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kevin H. Johnson, Maj. William K. North, Maj. Edward J. Gomez and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alicia A. Parsons to the team. We also want to say thank you for a job well done and wish the best on their future endeavors to Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alejandro Fuentes, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Michael S. Walker, Sgt. Johnny D. Wyatt and Pfc. Juan M. Rodriguez. You all will be missed!



*Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Fuentes receiving a plaque from Master Sgt. Henry as a token of appreciation*



*Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Walker and HHC Commander Capt. Snavelly shaking hands symbolizing a job well done!*



*Lt. Col. Bridger and Sgt. Maj. Walters enjoying some comradery during this event*



*Pfc. Rodriguez receives a plaque from his fellow Soldier and mentor Sgt. Weiss*



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## BBQ Day

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As part of the Command's effort to encourage and support Soldiers to take time for resiliency and also create an environment where we could foster dignity and respect for all team mates, the 335th Signal Command (T) (P) enjoyed a great first BBQ day at Eagle's Landing at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The weather was perfect for this event and the food was even better. Everyone enjoyed a great variety of meats, pastas, pizzas, vegetables and desserts. Soldiers and civilians also had a great time playing corn hole. As our commander Brig. Gen. Hager would say: "We should take our work seriously, but don't take ourselves too seriously." Especial thanks to everyone that made this event a success! Ready Lightning!



*Above left, Maj. Hodson and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Beatty playing corn hole. Above right, Soldiers and civilians enjoying great food. Below, the team that made this event a success.*



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## Miscellaneous

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Happy Birthday to the following Soldiers celebrating their birthday during the month of March:

Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Javier Cruz, 1 March

Capt. Patrick Marshall, 20 March

Spc. Marcus Burney, 8 March

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cynthia Gervasi, 21 March

Col. Corey Brumsey, 14 March

Sgt. Josefina Villarrealacosta, 25 March

Capt. Solomon Preko, 15 March

Maj. Michael Prudhomme, 29 March

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stephanie Boseman, 20 March

### MESSAGE FROM SHARP

Greetings 335<sup>th</sup> Signal Command (T)(P). April is Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month (SAAPM). In support of SAAPM, the 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T) (P) SHARP Office would like to create a PSA video. The SHARP video would provide awareness regarding the program. We are in need of a few Soldiers to do a little acting for the SHARP video. If you live on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and are interested in assisting us with the video, please contact me at [iris.r.everett.mil@mail.mil](mailto:iris.r.everett.mil@mail.mil). The suspense is 20 March 2017.

Thank you for all that you do in support of the Warfighters.

MSG Iris Everett

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

To the 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T) (P) Team . . . This week's Chaplain's Update . . . from afar . . . (this time back at the CRC, Fort Bliss.)

The 335<sup>th</sup> SC (T) (P) Chaplain will be CONUS 11 Feb - ? Mar 2017. Please continue to utilize CH (MAJ) May (160 SIG BDE) for Regular Duty Hours Religious Support Needs and the ASG-KU On-Call Staff Duty Chaplain for non-duty hour Religious Support Needs while I am gone.

Please continue to use the Resiliency Trailer T-307. The Trailer is still OPEN while I am gone. Please help me out and continue to pick up, take out trash, etc. You all are great at supporting me in this effort and I have no doubt you all who use the trailer will continue to help out in this effort.

### **Upcoming Religious Holidays . . .**

#### MARCH

12 °Purim - Jewish / °Magha Puja Day - Buddhist

13 °Holi - Hindu / °Hola Mohalla - Sikh

17 °St. Patrick's Day - Christian

19 °St. Joseph's Day - Christian

20 Equinox: °Ostara - Wicca/Pagan northern hemisphere / °Mabon - Wicca/Pagan southern hemisphere

21 °Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian / °Naw-Rúz (New Year) - Baha'i

25 °Annunciation of the Virgin Mary - Christian

27 °Great Lent begins - Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian

28 °Hindu New Year – Hindu



APRIL

1 °Lazarus Saturday - Orthodox Christian

5 °Ramanavami – Hindu

Words for Warriors--Chaplain's Thought of the Week: The Right Time and the Right Place.

“Do not wait for the right time, pursue it because it will be gone without you knowing.” Unknown

“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise . . . , but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?””

Esther 4:14

See you all when I get back . . . blessings to you all . . .CH Freitag!