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FROM THE TOP



Maj. Gen. Patrick “Pat” M. Hamilton

Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division

It’s finally here! Two years of preparation and anticipation and the Arrowhead Division has mobilized, validated at Ft. Hood, deployed to the Middle East, and has now assumed command of Task Force Spartan.

I can’t overstate how proud I am to be part of this exceptional team. Lt. General Tom James, the 1st Army Commanding General, mentioned at our final AAR before validation that every once in while you come across a “Magic Unit,” one that combines dedicated, proficient, and professional Soldiers with outstanding leadership and a chemistry of personalities – the result is an extraordinary team. You’re lucky if you get to serve in a unit like that once in your career. In my 35 years in the Army this is now the second time I’ve had that privilege.

For those who have deployed before, this has not been a typical mobilization. COVID-19 restrictions kept us from getting together as a team in the months leading up to mobilization — when we would have normally conducted numerous staff exercises. We were also not able to send key leaders for a Pre-Deployment Site Survey so we could coordinate with our counterparts on the ground, seeing all the nuances of the job that you can only get in person. Despite all of this, our team has performed brilliantly, preparing for and executing the mobilization and validation of a division headquarters for deployment. On top of that we have fought through the difficulties of COVID-19 at the mobilization station and delays with getting everyone in place for our transition. All of this has resulted in two things: First, we have now trained a solid bench of teammates who can fill multiple roles whenever required to keep this headquarters functioning, and second, we have demonstrated an incredible resiliency to respond to adversity and fight through problems with an unwavering focus on mission accomplishment. These are clearly attributes of a Magic Unit!

I am confident that in the following months, as we finally get the entire team together and begin firing on all eight cylinders, the things we accomplish here in theater will surprise all of those who don’t know us. It won’t be a surprise to me however, because not only do we have a great team but we are a great team from Texas that has over 100 years of exceptional performance in that face of adversity. It’s clearly fitting and proper that our motto is “In Spite of Hell!”

Arrowhead 6



COVER: AUSTIN, Texas -- The 36th Infantry Division Headquarters officially cases their colors in preparation for their upcoming deployment at a ceremony Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at the Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex of Round Rock in Austin, Texas. Arrowhead Soldiers and their families gathered for the ceremony and their final farewells after the ceremony. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Giles, 36th Infantry Division Public Affairs)

36TH INFANTRY DIVISION CASING CEREMONY

Photo Story by Staff Sgt. Mark Scovell
Photos by Sgt. Christine Clardy
36th Infantry Division Public Affairs




“Remember your battle buddy”

Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, Texas Military Forces, Commander



The day started early for Soldiers of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. This was the day they would case the Division Colors and say goodbye to their families and loved ones until they return from deployment to Southwest Asia. The Division is deploying to take the lead U.S. Military role in Operation Spartan Shield replacing the 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard. “We have been preparing for two years for this mission and we are ready to go and perform at a high level,” said Maj. Gen. Patrick Hamilton, the 36th ID Commander. “Operation Spartan Shield is the U.S. effort to strengthen our defense relationships and partnerships in the Middle East.”



**“We have been
preparing for
this for two years”**

Maj. Gen. Patrick Hamilton, 36th Infantry Division, Commander

GET READY...





“Being able to perform medical care under stress is critical in a combat environment.”

CLS Medical Confidence Course Training

Soldiers from 36th ID went through the combat life saver stress course on Fort Hood on Oct. 4. The purpose of the course is to ensure the CLS certified soldiers can perform first aid on the battlefield under stressful conditions.

Sgt. Phylemon Taylor, a medic for the 36th ID said, “Being able to perform medical care under stress is critical in a combat environment. Rarely first aid is needed in a calm situation.” Soldiers are expected to perform different first aid tasks along the course under simulated combat situations.

The course is one of the final tasks in the CLS certification process and gives the Soldiers a realistic training environment.

Story By Sgt. Sam De Leon

Photos by Sgt. Angie Hall and Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Pallo

GET SET...





Pre-Mobilization Training

Getting ready for a deployment is a long and complicated process for any military unit, especially for a division-level element, taking years of preparation. While not all requirements are physically demanding, most having to do with Soldier and equipment readiness, a few of the more taxing training events for the 36th ID, Texas Army National Guard, came during the months of May through August 2020, when the division underwent Pre-Mobilization Training at Camp Bowie, Texas.

With PMT exercises ranging from responding to a chemical attack, land navigation, calling for a medivac, weapons qualification, and military movement drills, the 36th ID utilized Camp Bowie's training areas and instructors to push toward being the most well-rounded and ready National Guard Soldiers.

Photo Story by Staff Sgt. Daryl Bradford
Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wendy Lopez

HERE WE COME!



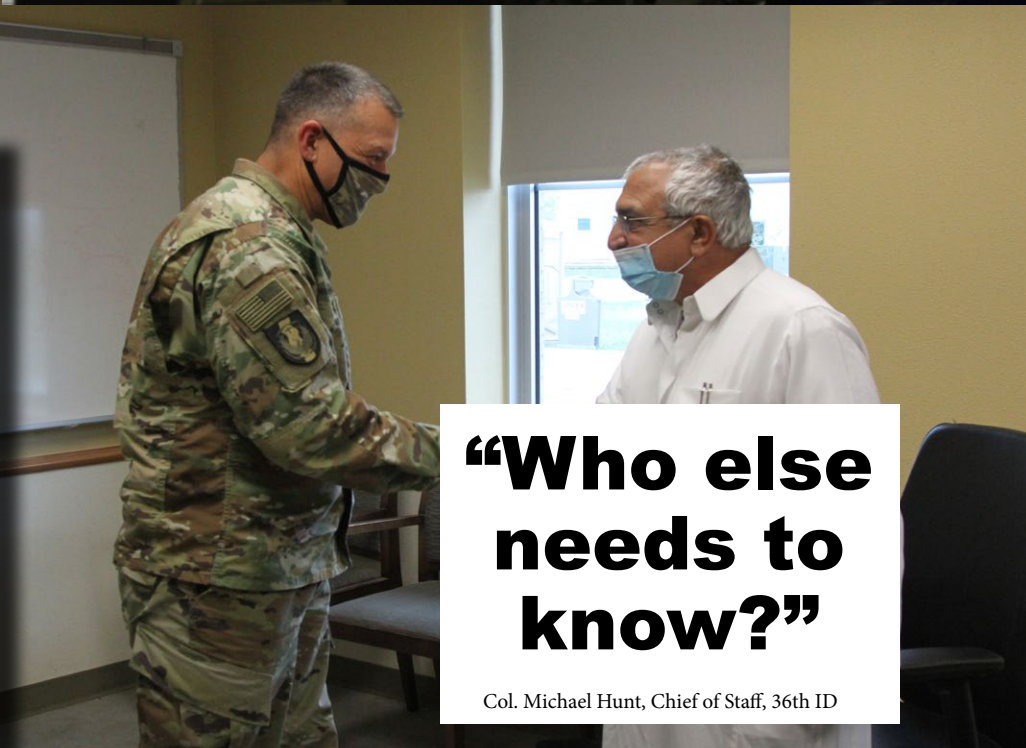
Culminating Training Event (CTE)

The Culminating Training Exercise or CTE is a series of scenario-based training events the 36th ID participated in while at North Fort Hood, Texas, to prepare for theater operations in Southwest Asia.

All of 36th ID sections increased communication and learned to work more efficiently as a team before depolying. The event was held over 11 days with goals of increasing readiness before entering theater.

Photo Story By: Sgt. Samuel DeLeon





**“Who else
needs to
know?”**

Col. Michael Hunt, Chief of Staff, 36th ID

OUR MISSION

TASK FORCE SPARTAN



Task Force Spartan is part of the Department of Defense' Central Command area of operations in the Middle East. Operation Spartan Shield is the U.S. military's effort to strengthen defense relationships, reassure our partners, build partner capacity, and, when necessary, execute contingency plans in the Middle East.

TF Spartan is a unique, multi-component organization, made up of active Army and National Guard units, rounded out by U.S. Army Reserve supporting units. Through OSS, TF Spartan maintains a U.S. military posture in Middle East sufficient to strengthen our defense relationships and build partner capacity.

Units supporting OSS provide capabilities such as aviation, logistics, force protection and information management, and facilitate theater security cooperation activities such as key leader engagements, joint exercises, conferences, symposia and humanitarian assistance/disaster response planning.





Photos courtesy of
2nd Brigade, 1st
Armored Division
of an OSS operation.
(Taken from OSS
Facebook Page)



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When and why was OSS founded?

A: OSS began in September 2012 and the mission has not changed much over the past eight years. Approximately every nine months a different division headquarters rotates into theater to provide leadership for Task Force Spartan.

Q: What Types of Units Support OSS?

A: Units supporting OSS provide capabilities such as aviation, logistics, force protection and information management, and facilitate theater security cooperation activities such as key leader engagements, joint exercises, conferences, symposia and humanitarian assistance/disaster response planning.

Q: What are some of the major units that Task Force Spartan has led?

A: Major units TF Spartan has led include 2/1 Armor Brigade Combat Team from Fort Bliss, the 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade from Pennsylvania Army National Guard, the 75th Field Artillery Brigade from Fort Sill Oklahoma, the 16th Theater Engineer Brigade from the Ohio Army National Guard, and the list goes on.

Q: How many events/exercises do OSS soldiers participate in each year?

A: Every year OSS participates in between 18-22 planned annual exercises. We do more than 200 key leader engagements each year, and have added 3 more state partners in the State Partnership Program.

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PANTHER REPORT



Lt. Col. Timothy J. Redhair
36th Inf. Div., HHBN, Commander



Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel R. Castro
36th Inf. Div., HHBN, CSM

Hello to all the friends, families, and loved ones of the Panther Battalion Soldiers! Command Sgt. Maj. Castro and I want to thank all those that attended the casing ceremony, Sept. 27. The variety of demonstrations of love and support for our Soldiers that we witnessed on the field and in the stands was very impactful. Saying 'good-bye' is always an emotional time for both the Soldiers leaving and the loved ones we are separating from.

This is the first deployment for many of our soldiers and, yet, one of many for others. Your love and support allows us to focus on the mission ahead. We wanted to take just a moment to let you know your Soldiers are doing well.

Command Sgt. Maj. Castro and I continue to be humbled by your soldier's dedication and all the sacrifices made to get the HHBN to this point. Please know that it is a priority that we all stay connected to our loved ones. Our Public Affairs Section is updating the 36th Infantry Division Facebook page. Check it often, you may see someone you know.

As Maj. Gen. Hamilton stated in his remarks during the casing ceremony, thank you for your sacrifice, and thank you for your tireless support of your Soldier. You, the families, truly are America's unsung heroes.

"In Spite of Hell"
Lt. Col. Tim Redhair

GET INVOLVED



FRG

FAMILY READINESS GROUPS

All the FRG Facebook pages are listed on the Arrowhead Facebook page.
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Protect Yourself and Others



Wash Hands



Use Tissue



Clean Area



Sneeze in Elbow



Don't Touch Face



Social Distance

COVID-19 spreads very easily from person to person

How easily a virus spreads from person to person can vary. The virus that causes COVID-19 appears to spread more efficiently than influenza but not as efficiently as measles, which is among the most contagious viruses known to affect people.



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LIGHT A MATCH



I ran across a quote the other day: “Success does not come from spontaneous combustion, you must set yourself on fire!”

When asked what made for a talented race car driver, Mario Andretti, the only driver to win the Daytona 500, Indianapolis 500, and the Formula One World Championship, said, “...burning desire and confidence. I say burning desire because of the risk involved. If you want something so badly, you have a burning desire to do it, then you aren’t distracted by fear or risk or anything else.”

Well nothing distracted 8-year-old David Moye from his burning desire for a cheeseburger, not even the fact that his parents had already gone to bed! What’s an eight-year-old boy to do in that situation? Well, according to the Huffington Post, “He watched driving instruction videos on YouTube for a few minutes before putting his four-year-old sister in his dad’s van so they could get their fix.”

How did he do? “The young driver managed to safely get through four intersections before getting to a McDonald’s drive-through about 1.5 miles from the house.”

When they actually came through the drive-through, “employees actually thought they were being pranked,” said a local patrolman, who was called to the scene once it was determined the kids were there alone. The boy did figure out that what he had done was wrong (and actually illegal), and when he did so, “he burst into tears.” But both he and his sister got what they came for: They were able to “eat their cheeseburgers while waiting for their grandparents to pick them up.”

Remember when we were kids and didn’t know our dreams couldn’t come true? When I was young, you couldn’t have convinced me I wasn’t going to play in the NBA. When I get to Heaven, one of the first questions I’m going to ask God is, “Why would you put an NBA heart in a church league body?”

I’m not advocating a youthful naïveté that completely ignores reality, when it comes to making goals or working towards a dream, but don’t completely abandon the belief that goals can still be realized and dreams can still be lived. Don’t let life and its hardships quench the flames of your passion or dampen that which you have a burning desire to accomplish. Take your dream and attach some goals to it that will lead to living that dream. As Ted Williams said, “A man has to have goals --for a day, for a lifetime-- and that was mine, to have people say, ‘There goes Ted Williams, the greatest hitter who ever lived.’”

I personally think that is a pretty lame life goal, but it was his goal, and he lived it. I do, however, very much agree with him that a person has to have goals and then get after them with all that they’ve got. Follow the words of King Solomon who wrote in Ecclesiastes 9:10, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.” In the original Hebrew that reads, “YOLO, so make it count!”

My hope for you is that you make the most of this deployment by getting back in touch with your inner child; get a dream, set some goals, and get after it. Light a match, strike it up, set yourself on fire! Live a life that inspires others, in spite of hell!

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November 11th 2020

VETERANS DAY



Remembering our
Heroes



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Pvt. William J. Crawford



WORLD WAR 1



CORPORAL SAMUEL M. SAMPLER

BORN: DECATUR, TEXAS

ASSIGNED TO: H COMPANY, 142D INFANTRY, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION

CITATION

NEAR ST. ETIENNE FRANCE, 8 OCTOBER 1918

HIS COMPANY HAVING SUFFERED SEVERE CASUALTIES DURING AN ADVANCE UNDER MACHINEGUN FIRE, WAS FINALLY STOPPED. CPL SAMPLER DETECTED THE POSITION OF THE MACHINEGUN FIRE ON AN ELEVATION. ARMED WITH GERMAN HANDGRENADES WHICH HE HAD PICKED UP, HE LEFT THE LINE AND RUSHED FORWARD IN THE FACE OF HEAVY FIRE UNTIL HE WAS NEAR THE HOSTILE NEST, WHERE HE GRENADED THE POSITION. HIS THIRD GRENADE LANDED AMONG THE ENEMY, KILLING 2, SILENCING THE MACHINEGUNS, AND CAUSING THE SURRENDER OF 28 GERMANS, WHOM HE SENT TO THE REAR AS PRISONERS. AS A RESULT OF HIS ACT THE COMPANY WAS IMMEDIATELY ENABLED TO RESUME THE ADVANCE.

THE PRIDE OF THE ARROWHEAD, THE TIP OF THE SPEAR



It starts with a low grumble, a growl really, followed by the faintest of creaks and groans as the powerful panther springs forward from where it laid in wait. The long moments of preparation and vigilance have paid off, and it is time for the panther to begin its work after much preparation and study of its target.

Much like the panther, the mascot for the 36th Infantry Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion from Austin, Texas, the 36th ID has not deployed for some time but has not been inactive. They've been readying themselves for a new mission, Operation Spartan Shield, designed to strengthen the United States' defense relationships and continue to build partnerships throughout Southwest Asia, as well as facilitate theater cooperation activities.

The Soldiers of the 36th ID, also known as "The Arrowhead Division," are teeming with pride in this mission, a new chapter for a division with a significant history their Soldiers can be proud of, especially one service member, Sgt. David Moran, a transportation officer with the Intelligence and Security Company, 36th ID.

"I always look forward to deploying with the 36th," said Moran, a resident of San Antonio, Texas. "It's a big deal. It is about pride, and it's also bragging rights. Not many people can say they have been on not one, not two, but now on three division deployments with 36th ID"

For Moran this isn't just another deployment, it is possibly his last with the 36th ID, which mobilized out of Austin, Texas, Sept. 27, 2020, taking over Task Force Spartan, the leadership task force for OSS.

It wasn't a short road to deployment for the 36th ID. They trained for two years to reach their stepping-off point, which is not surprising when deploying an entire division headquarters level element. Many moving parts on top of constant planning went into getting the division ready for what Moran sees as a momentous occasion.

"Every deployment has been historical," said Moran. "This one is probably the most historical because since World War II we have not done a full division deployment with all our equipment and all your ammunition, everybody hands on. We are pushing forward and working as a team. Historically, I'm very proud to be part of this."

The partnership and pride in the mission that Moran describes reflects the intention of the mission that 36th ID Soldiers have been tasked with. The mission is non-combat related, geared more toward supporting



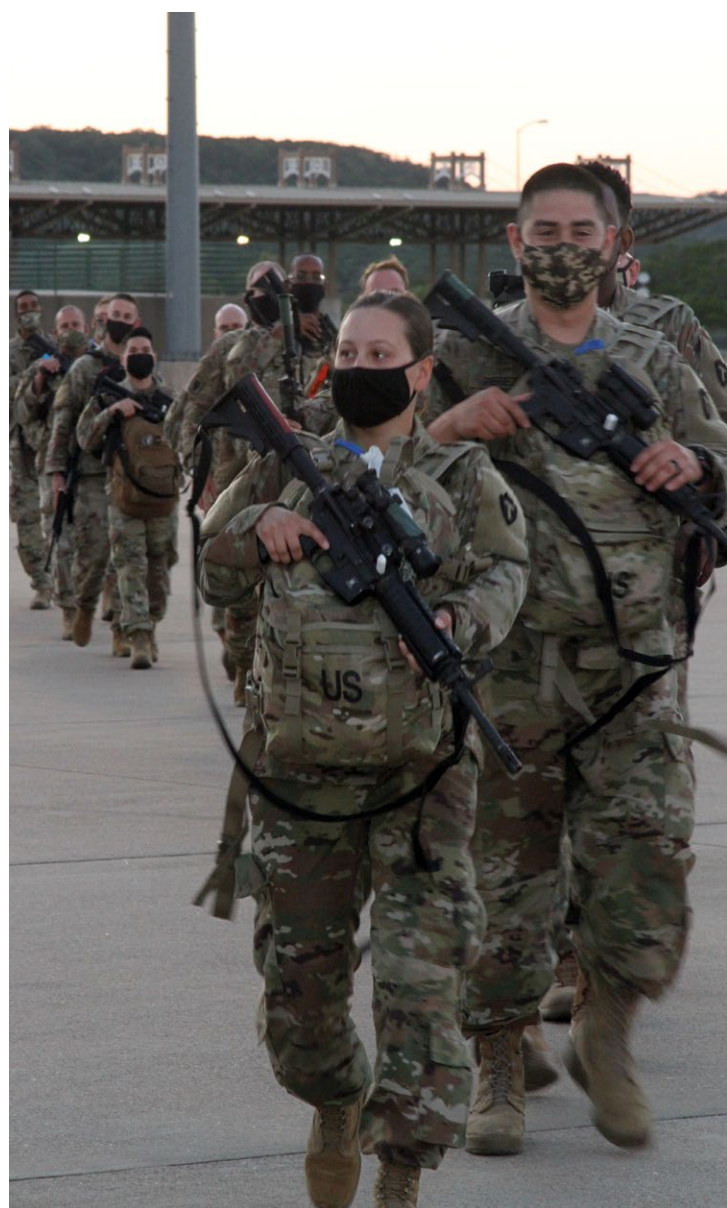
Photos Pages. 19-22: Soldiers movement to theater.

security and continuing the growth of partner nation relationships in the region. They do this through security cooperation activities, such as key leader engagements, joint exercises, conferences, symposia, and humanitarian assistance/disaster response planning.

The mission is 100 percent about security and maintaining our relationships with partner nations, said Moran.

“People know what we are about,” said Moran confidently. This is a sentiment that other Soldiers from 36th ID share. The end state is not to fight or be a “World Police.” The hope is for peace brought about through comradery and learning from one another.

“We have incredible backgrounds and relationships with countries in the area,” said Cpt. Charles “Levi” Leddy, the Red Team deputy, Headquarters Service Company, 36th ID. “We want to perpetuate that. We want to help them keep peace where it is. We are trying to step in and be partners and nothing more.”



Leddy, like Moran, has deployed, but never with 36th ID. For a service member with different experiences and deployments with other units under his belt, Leddy is just as excited about the opportunity to deploy with The Arrowhead Division.

“I’m really excited about the deployment,” said Leddy. “We have one division in Texas. We are the tip of the spear. We’re ‘The Arrowhead.’ We’re the guys and girls who are able to go do the things we’re called to do.”

Leddy has been on multiple deployments: one during Operation Enduring Freedom and another to Pacific Pathways with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. However, he said this one feels different for him.

“The unit as a whole has such a rich history,” said Leddy. “Even when the unit got shut down, whenever they needed somebody to do what needed to be done, they kicked us right back on because the military said, ‘We know who can do it.’ It’s just a cool experience to see something so different.”

The history Leddy and Moran speak of is long and would fill pages upon pages all on its own. One significant event that stands out is the 36th ID’s involvement in the storming of the beaches at Normandy, or “D-Day” as it is most commonly referred to, being one of the first units to touch down on sand. They used their might, along with other military forces, to push

back the enemy after many long and arduous battles that lend to the pride of the 36th ID.

These sentiments of pride held by these veterans of past deployments aren't just theirs alone. The ideas and feelings coursing throughout their minds are carried by younger, "greener" service members new to the 36th ID—brand new to deployment.

"It is my first deployment," said Sgt. Victor Jimenez, a religious affairs specialist, Headquarters Service Company, 36th ID "I'm very excited. Deploying with the 36th ID is an awesome experience."

Jimenez, a resident of the metro area around McAllen, Texas, saw this not just as an exciting opportunity, but a unique one he hopes will contribute to his career.

"The opportunity came up, and I said, 'Yes, let's go for it,'" said Jimenez. "The experience I'm going to get working with division, that's going to help me out a lot as an NCO and in my military career."

This deployment with 36th ID in support of OSS holds a wide variety of unique and impending experiences for these Soldiers. Two of them are completely opposite sides of the same coin; one barely in the beginning of his military service, with dreams of progressing his career.

"Your first deployment is always your first," said Jimenez. "There is a lot of anticipation, but I feel like it's the perfect time. I'm young and still have a lot of years to go."

Then there is the Soldier on the far side, possibly ending his career on a high note.

"It might be my last deployment," said Moran. "So, ending it like this means a lot."

These Soldiers are all at differing stages of their careers. What they hope to gain from the journey might vary, but they all hold one thing true, their pride in the 36th ID., The Arrowhead Division, now—Task Force Spartan, the panther ready for action.

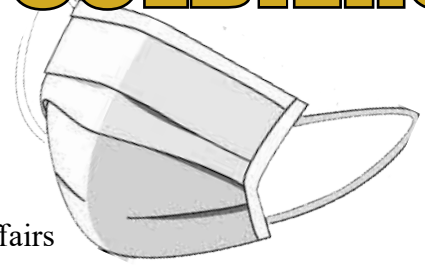


Story By Staff Sgt. Daryl Bradford

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SILVER LININGS FOR SOLDIERS IN QUARANTINE



Story and photos by Army Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Ringle, 36th ID Public Affairs

The fine talcum-like dust, familiar to those who have been to the Middle East, had barely settled by the 36th Infantry Division Soldier's arrival when a loud knock was heard throughout the transient soldier barracks. I knew what was coming. "Pack a bag, enough for 3 – 5 days," said the voice, "mandatory quarantine."

Before we could move into our new deployment "home away from home," we would each go through the required two-week COVID-19 quarantine to isolate us from the camp's population as an additional safety measure.

I think saying COVID-19 has changed all of our lives is a huge understatement, but having to participate in such strict COVID-19 mitigations put in place by the Department of Defense in March of this year just seemed to solidify that very fact to each of us. No one is immune and every person needs to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone packed for the next few minutes, trying to get their minds set. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, each Soldier has trained within the CDC guidelines and quarantine is a part of it.

Every time I deploy, no matter the mission, I feel a sense of pride knowing that I am supporting something greater than myself. While my 36th ID, also known as Arrowhead, brothers and sisters in arms were ready for our mission, supporting Operation Spartan Shield, a U.S. Army Central Command operation designed to strengthen the United States' defense relationships and build partnerships throughout Southwest Asia, we were also supporting another mission: defeat COVID-19.



In moments like this, a Soldier's ability to switch gears and adapt to their changing environment is essential. Pulling together as a team and overcoming the mutual frustrations of isolation increases our resiliency and is the reason why military bonds forged from moments like this last a lifetime.

We formed up outside the ISOFAC, Isolation Facility, where the lead sergeant handled the crowd expertly. Sgt. Farnoosh Sheini, 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) from Los Angeles, California, knew this was a critical



moment to create trust with the travel-weary Soldiers that stood before her.

“For me the mental health of the soldiers is really important,” said Sheini, showing a passion for Soldier care. “I know that [mental health] plays such an important role for the immune system, positivity helps boost it. I care about the first human needs part of it; are they good, do they have everything they need like personal hygiene and bedding, are they getting settled the proper way?”

She would not be distracted from her mission, the Soldiers before her were now people under her care.

Medium Army tents surrounded by sun-faded sandbags with plywood floors and bunk beds became our home and our fellow Soldiers became our ‘tent family.’ Bonds started to form and as a group we made the best of it.

We stayed to our segregated ‘tent families’ for the most part, but Arrowhead Soldiers seemed to find ways to make the bleakest situations endurable. I have always said, “Comradery is brought about by mutual struggle.”

It seems that every daunting task or mission becomes a source for Soldiers to bond. It wasn’t long before Soldiers put on their let’s-make-the-best-of-it face and started finding the oftentimes-obscure silver linings.

Sgt. 1st Class Scotty Scruggs, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 36th Infantry Division’s Equal Opportunity Advisor, managed to stay positive and believes the silver lining is in adaptability.

“Typically, I am used to actual weights when I work out,” said Scruggs. “Now I am using bricks, or I am using steel pipes. I even use sandbags and buckets of rocks to keep not only physically fit but, also, mentally fit as well.”

The difference is attitude. Scruggs believes that even a bad situation can be made better by having the right attitude.

Scruggs boasted, “I am resilient because I am always hunting for the good stuff.”





A 36th Infantry Division Soldier from Signal Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, takes advantage to do some fancy foot work while in a two-week mandatory quarantine before starting his mission on Task Force Spartan. Spc. Moses Njock said quarantine is not hard for him because, "there is no good news or bad news, it is how you condition your mind." Talking with his family and soccer are how Njock says he keeps going. (Photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Ringle, Task Force Spartan Public Affairs NCOIC)

THINK . TYPE . POST

When engaging on social media sites, soldiers must abide by the 36ID social media policies. Remember, before you post...

"Think" about the message being communicated and who could potentially view it now and for years to come.

"Type" a communication that is consistent with Army Values.

"Post" only those messages that demonstrate dignity and respect to self and others.

Soldiers are prohibited from using TikTok on Government Phones and Strongly discouraged from using TikTok on personal phones.










ARMY DIVERSITY STRENGTH

IN DIVERSITY

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INTRODUCING



Task Force Spartan



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"The Imperial Brigade"



28th Expeditionary
Combat Aviation Brigade



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The Army FRG System is a way for the members of the Family Readiness Group to connect with the Unit, 24/7, no matter where they may be. Find out more about Army FRG and what it can do for you.

Texas Military Department Support Services

Employment

Need a Job? Register with the Citizen Soldier Financial and Employment Readiness Program. They help with resumes, interview skills, and connection to military friendly employers!
512-387-1873

Financial Assistance

Behind on bills or want to plan for retirement- we've got you covered:
1-800-252-8032
Financial Planning/Money Management
512-595-9138 (Central),
210-238-1161 (South), 682-216-6876 (North)

Transitioning?

Our Transition Assistance Advisors can help you understand and access your benefits and entitlements!
512-289-4048 or 512-963-2390

Health Care/Insurance

Not sure how to enroll in TRICARE, the Dental Program, or having problems with a claim? Our TRICARE Liaison can help!
512-782-1985

Counseling

Need to talk? The TMD Counseling Team offers Free confidential counseling services for just about anything you're going through.
Counseling Line: 512-782-5069
Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255

Child and Youth Programs

Get your child involved with other military kids and build their confidence, resiliency, and leadership skills!
512-782-1231

Chaplain Services

Religious support, spiritual care and counseling, crisis intervention, ethical decision-making, and fostering healthy relationships are provided through the Chaplain's office.
Strong Bonds Events www.strongbonds.org.
512-782-5522

Substance Abuse

Not sure what to do or where to go, but know you need help with alcohol or drugs?
Call 512-782-6091 for confidential referrals

Sexual Assault

Were you sexually assaulted and aren't sure what to do or who to call?
TMD SARC: 512-565-4410
DoD Safeline: 1-877-995-5247

Legal Assistance

The Texas Legal Services Center can help you with general legal assistance!
1-800-622-2520

For The Love of Family





THE BATTLE FOR ITALY SEPTEMBER 9, 1943 - JANUARY 21, 1944

THE 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION FIRST SAW ACTION IN THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN ON SEPT. 9, 1943. THE DIVISION WAS THE FIRST U.S. MILITARY UNIT TO SEE COMBAT ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT WHEN THEY LANDED ON THE BEACH AND KICKED OFF THE BATTLE OF SALERNO. THE GERMANS LAUNCHED NUMEROUS INTENSE COUNTERATTACKS BETWEEN SEPT. 12-14. BUT THE 36TH DIVISION CONTINUED TO HOLD THEIR 36-MILE SECTOR OF FRONT LINES AND REPULSED THEM WITH THE AID OF AIR SUPPORT AND NAVAL GUNFIRE. WITH THE HELP OF THE 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT, THE 36TH DIVISION SLOWLY ADVANCED THEIR LINE NORTH AND SECURED THE AREA FROM AGROPOLI TO ALTAVILLA. AFTER SUSTAINING OVER 4,000 CASUALTIES, THE DIVISION WAS FINALLY RELIEVED AND TOOK A RESPIRE BEHIND THE FRONT LINES TO TRAIN FOR FUTURE COMBAT OPERATIONS. DESPITE THE HEAVY LOSSES, THE 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION WAS COMMENDED FOR ITS BRAVERY AND FOUR SOLDIERS WERE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

