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Roaring Thunder

News for the Soldiers, Airmen, Civilians and Contractors of Task Force Thunder



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Task Force Thunder Commander: Col. Kemp

Dear Soldiers, Airmen and contractors,

As the new brigade commander of Task Force Thunder, I want to express my many thanks.

For those of you who performed under the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, you did a superb job. The foundation you have laid is solid, and my goal for our new task force is to continue to build upon your exceptional efforts.

For those in the brigade who are just arriving, thank you for your tireless efforts and good spirits throughout our training and travels. We need you to embrace the mission and support our task force members to the fullest extent possible.

As the signal task force for Afghanistan, you should understand the importance of your mission. Your work here may not be reported in the main stream news, but do not let that mislead you. The signal mission here is critical. Without the networks your teams diligently create and maintain, the warfighters can not succeed. So remember, your contributions to Operation Enduring Freedom are invaluable.

To make our team as successful as possible I ask you all to do a few main things. One, remember that this is a war zone. Do not get complacent. We *all* need to set the appropriate example. Two, we are in the business of communications, which means we must do just that *with each other*. And three, do your very best every day to make things better than when you arrived.

Again, I want to thank you for your exceptional efforts and look forward to serving each of you.

COL Chris Kemp
Task Force Thunder Commander

Task Force Thunder

Command Sergeant Major:

Sgt. Maj.
Schiffli



Courtesy Photo

Task Force Thunder Warriors,

First and foremost let me take this opportunity to thank the Soldiers of Task Force Thunder for the outstanding job you have done in the preparation, training and the movement into theater to begin the mission we have trained so hard for.

Over the next 10 months we will experience many challenges that as a team and a family we will overcome. Always remember you serve in the greatest military in the world and everything you do big or small has a direct impact on mission success.

I challenge each of you to leave theater better than when you arrived. Keep in mind that our loved ones back home also have a very tough job and will be met with many hurdles to overcome. So stay in close contact and help them with any situations that may arise to the best of your ability while being so far from home. I am confident that we have the motivation and skill sets needed to take this brigade to the next level.

Words cannot describe how honored I am to have the opportunity to serve as your command sergeant major while we await the arrival of Army Command Sgt. Maj. Wilkerson.

Please give him the same respect and courtesies that you have afforded to me. In the mean time, if you have any concerns or issues use your chain of command. There is no obstacle we cannot overcome if we live by the "Golden Rule" treat others as you wish to be treated.

Army Strong!
SGM *John Schiffli*
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Task Force Thunder Elements

Task Force Headquarters

HHC, 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade
Bagram, Afghanistan

Regional Command - East/Capital

25th Signal Battalion

HHD, 25th SB

C Company 63rd

580th Signal Company

16th Tactical Installation Network

278th Signal Company

B Company 44th Signal Company

Regional Command - South/Southwest

86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

550th Signal Company

HHC, 86th ESB

A Company 86th ESB

C Company 86th ESB

A Company 392nd ESB

359th Signal Brigade takes command

Task Force Freedom becomes Task Force Thunder



Photos by Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

Left, the Transfer of Authority Ceremony color guard bear the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade colors for the last time in Afghanistan as Task Force Freedom retires and Task Force Thunder assumes the mission. Above, Army Lt. Col. Teri A. Hassell, the Task Force Thunder deputy commander, leads the staff in the ceremony.

By Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade took command of the signal mission in Afghanistan on May 25 during a Transfer of Authority Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Bagram Airfield.

The 359th TTSB, which is headquartered in Fort Gordon, Ga., will continue to lead the Soldiers, Airmen and contractors who fell under the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, which is headquartered in Germany.

The 7th TTSB had commanded the mission, Task Force Freedom, since May 2009, with the help of their subordinate units: the 25th Signal Battalion, the 57th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, and the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

As a whole, Task Force Freedom installed and maintained four joint network nodes, 20 command post nodes, 19 technical control facilities, 31 deployable satellite terminals and two satellite terminals.

The 7th TTSB also formed the core of the Joint
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Above, from left to right, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Riley, battalion sergeant major, and Army Lt. Col. Paul Craft, battalion commander, represent their Soldiers for the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, with their guidon bearer. Army 1st Sgt. Andree Lipscomb, first sergeant, and Army Capt. Gervis Carlisle, commander, represent Task Force Thunder's Headquarters and Headquarters Company with their guidon bearer, Army Spc. Thomas Robinson, human resource specialist during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony on May 25 in Bagram.

Netops Control Center-Afghanistan (JNCC-A), which became the central point for all communications in the combined joint operational area.

"The 7th Signal Brigade paid the down payment," said Army Brig. Gen. James T. Walton, commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional). "Their achievement to date is nothing short of incredible." Now, it is up to the 359th to build upon their success, said Walton.

The Task Force Freedom commander, Army Col. Randall W. Bland, (7th TTSB commander), applauded his team for their "unity of effort." A consistent theme from the deployment was the excellence of character and skill of these task force members, said Bland.

"Know that every time you send an e-mail or pick up the phone, there is a member of this task force ahead of you," said Bland to the crowd Soldiers, Airmen, and contractors from across the task forces on Bagram.

As the 7th TTSB cased their brigade colors in preparation to redeploy back to Germany, Task Force Freedom came to an end. And in ceremonial tradition, the 359th TTSB brigade colors were then uncased, thus beginning Task Force Thunder.

The tradition of casing and uncasing colors during a transfer of authority ceremony is signifi-

cant, said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Adams, command sergeant major, 25th Signal Battalion. "It recognizes the unit that has been here, but also shows everyone who the new show in town is."

A transfer of leaders is not complete without a ceremony, said Army Sgt. Maj. John Schiffli, the acting Task Force Thunder command sergeant major. "The Army runs on traditions. And this ceremony signifies the start of our mission," said Schiffli. "We have big shoes to fill, but we are going to take it where they left off and leave it better for the next team."

Which is exactly the goal of the new task force commander, Army Col. Chris Kemp, 359th TTSB commander. We need to focus on maturing the signal operations here, said Kemp. "The 7th did a superb job at setting things up. They have definitely set the conditions for us to succeed."

Considering everything from every day infrastructure demands to small missions to large-scale operations use layers of communication tool, the signal mission is critical, said Army Brig. Gen. Wayne Brock, senior signal communicator, ACSE-A. "We have to meet the needs of the warfighters."

To Kemp, there is no other option. "I assure you. As a task force, we will not fail."



Above, left to right, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Adams, battalion command sergeant major, and Army Lt. Col. Ivan Montanez, battalion commander, represent their Soldiers from the 25th Signal Battalion, with their guidon bearer. Right, Task Force Thunder Commander, Army Col. Chris Kemp, takes a moment to pose with Army Brig. Gen. Wayne Brock, senior signal communicator, ACSE-A (and former commander of the 359th TTSB.)



Messages from the task force staff...

“We are the brigade, and we are here to help.”

Personnel

The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade personnel mission is to provide the absolute best customer service to all who fall under our scope of responsibility.

We are enthused, energetic, and welcome the opportunity to serve you.

As the brigade S1 we will always focus on the mission as being top priority. If we can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Again, we are delighted to be a part of this team and look forward in working with you.

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Plans & Operations

The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade plans and operations team arrived on May 7 and will finish the transition with the 7th Tactical Theater Signal Brigade on May 24.

We are organized into three sections: plans, projects, and training.

The plans section handles orders, fragmentary orders, tasking orders, and future operations planning.

The projects section provides oversight, coordination, and linkage between brigade, 335th Theater Signal Command (Provisional), and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan projects.

The training section manages training guidance, school attendances, training statistics.

Our goal is to provide outstanding customer service while meeting mission requirements.

Our stellar team consists of:

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We are here to provide logistical support to all our down-trace units assigned, JNCC-A and our staff members. Every effort will be made to accommodate all request successfully and in a timely manner.

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Task Force Thunder JAG Team

Your JAG team stands ready to help Soldiers and commanders maintain their legal readiness throughout their deployment. To accomplish this mission, the TF Thunder legal team has tasked organized across the JAG Corps core competencies, namely:

Administrative Law (e.g., 15-6, LoD, FLIPL investigations; ethics; FOIA requests)

Claims (i.e. Foreign and domestic)

Contract and Fiscal Law (i.e., JARs, JFUBs, SuperCarb, Contractors on the Battlefield, MAAWS-A, etc.)

Operational and International Law (i.e., Rules of Engagement, Rules for the Use of Force, Escalation of Force, Law of War, Detainee Operations, Info Operations, SOFAs)

Legal Assistance (i.e., wills, powers of attorney, Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act)

Rule of Law (i.e., Projects designed to help counter insurgency campaign in "winning the hearts and minds of the Afghan people," e.g., radios broadcast programs

Whether providing legal assistance to Soldiers, operation advise to commanders or conducting legal training, the TF Thunder legal team is here to serve you! For more information, contact your JAG at:

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Dear Task Force Thunder members,

I pray you take the time to feed your soul while you are here. (There is a list of services and studies below to help you.) It is an amazing and powerful strength and awe when we are able to stand in God's grace on this side of heaven with confidence and might!

Army Lt. Col. Gary Williams
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Worship Services:

Saturdays:

Catholic Mass- 7:45 p.m at Enduring Faith Chapel (EFC)

Sundays:

Catholic Mass-12:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. at EFC

Protestant- 8:30 a.m. Liturgical at EFC

10:30 a.m. Contemporary at EFC

6:30 p.m. Unplugged at EFC

Lutheran- 1 p.m. at EFC Annex

Gospel- 3:30 p.m. at EFC

Church of Christ- 6 p.m. at EFC Annex

Latter Day Saints- 10 a.m. at EFC Annex

Midweek Bible Studies and Services:

Monday thru Friday

7:30 a.m. Jewish Prayer/Study at EFC:

11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Monday:

7:30 p.m. Women's at EFC Annex

8 p.m. Men's Ministry at EFC (1st & 3rd Mon. only)

Tuesday:

KBR at EFC Annex

8:30 p.m. Gospel Prayer Service at EFC

Wednesday:

7 p.m. Church of Christ Service in EFC Annex

8 p.m. Earth Religions Service EFC

Thursday:

6:30 p.m. Gospel Bible Study in EFC Annex

8 p.m. LDS Bible Study at EFC

Friday:

7 a.m. Sabbath Prayer/Study at EFC

6 p.m. Confession in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at EFC

7 p.m. Catholic Bible Study at EFC

7 p.m. Jewish Prayer in EFC Annex

Muslim Services/ Juma Prayer 1215 At EF Mosque

Saturday:

9:30 a.m. 7th Day Adventist at EFC Annex

4 p.m. Catholic Mass at Warrior Chapel

Get your Free Stuff

After 30 days in country, deployed Soldiers can order free gear/uniforms. Here is how to get it:

- Soldiers log onto <https://army.kyloc.com> to request items.
- Unit approver must research, verify and approve all requests.
- The items will ship to the unit.
- Unit approver closes out request.

If the Soldiers do not use the allotted monthly amount (around \$133), it will be lost. So, use it or lose it!

For more information, please contact your supply sergeant.

For you coffee drinkers...

You can go to the Green Beans web site and sign up for "Cup Of Joe" to get free cups of coffee donated to troops by people back in the states... check out www.greenbeanscoffee.com.

Safety Tips to live by:

- Travel in buddy teams so someone is watching your back.
- Don't daisy-chain electrical chords and power strips; it causes fires.
- Don't lay your gear on the ground; dangerous insects could enter.
- Don't get complacent. Be ready at all times.

Attack or Alert: Remember to...

Upon hearing the BIG VOICE alert INCOMING, INCOMING, INCOMING (or attack) you have 5-10 seconds before rounds impact.

Soldiers that are within 25 meters of a hardened bunker will take cover.

If you are in any other location immediately lay flat on the ground covering both ears with your hands and leave mouth wide open.

You will remain in that position until you hear the BIG VOICE sound ALL CLEAR.



Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

Left, Army 1st Lt. Emile Hawkins, projects officer, and Army Maj. Ted Smith, projects officer in charge, prepare for a briefing with the Task Force Thunder Commander and senior signal communicator, ACSE-A. Hawkins and Smith track all the projects throughout the task force, and work in the Task Force Thunder plans & operations shop.



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Don't suffer alone. Get help. Restricted and unrestricted reports are available.

Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

Task Force Thunder Deputy Commander:



Army Capt. Michelle Lunato

Army Lt. Col. Teri A. Hassell, Task Force Thunder deputy commander, gladly receives her .50-cal ammunition during the familiarization range at Fort McCoy, Wi.

Hello! My name is [Army] Lt. Col. Teri A. Hassell, Deputy Brigade Commander Forward for the 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade.

I look forward to working with each of you to continue streamlining communications in the Theater of Afghanistan over the next year.

The staff personnel in the 359th are second to none and are eager to take the reins and provide assistance.

One primary focus area we have already engaged in is projects/contracts which is vitally important to insure we all have the necessary resources to accomplish our mission.

I will be in contact with the executive officer from each of the battalions to discuss and develop a plan to assist you with any other issues you may have.

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LTC Teri A. Hassell

Task Force Thunder Deputy Commander

Approach each day with a positive "can-do" attitude to set the stage for success!

Suicide Prevention: *Do you know what to do?*

As of May 6, the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force is tracking 93 total Army confirmed or pending suicides.

Our fight against this very real threat **MUST** become a top priority for all senior leaders. We must do absolutely everything we can to protect and prevent our servicemembers from the threat of suicide. There are several things you can do to fight against servicemember suicide.

1. Provide Support. Make sure your servicemembers know that one of your jobs is to make sure they and their families are taken care of. This needs to be done at every level. A servicemember should not feel like they are "stepping out of line" when it comes to asking for help.

2. Know Your servicemembers. If you notice a servicemember having more and more personal troubles, or seems depressed, or hopeless, or even just slightly quieter than usual, **TAKE ACTION.** Monitor the servicemember, make sure they have someone to speak to, or

get a chaplain involved. Make sure your NCO's and junior officers are also monitoring your servicemembers. They will often notice a subtle difference in attitude or actions. Making sure that they have a clear path to you in order to get the right person help at the right time is important.

3. Inform your troops. Let them know about the resources that are available to them, such as a chaplain or counselor, so they know that there are programs and real people out there, willing to help them.

The loss of a servicemember, ANY servicemember, to suicide is a devastating tragedy to family, to their command, and to the Army community. As leaders, we must do **EVERYTHING** we can to stop this now.

A life lost to suicide is one life too many!

For more information, contact the Army Suicide Prevention Program Office:
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Joint Netops Communication Center - Afghanistan Contact List

The Joint NetOps Control Center - Afghanistan (JNCC-A) operates, monitors, manages, and defends the US Forces Command, Control, Communications and Computer Infrastructure (C4I) in order to provide unified network operations situational awareness for all US Forces Command and Control (C2) systems and services in support of US Forces - Afghanistan (USFOR-A).

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Task Force Thunder Highlight:

A Company, 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion



Courtesy Photo

Above, Army Signal Soldiers sling load equipment for movement. Top right, "Cable Dogs" Pfc. James Ballard, Spc. Dustin Haney, Spc. Tyree Lewis, Sgt. Matthew Christmas, and Sgt. Michael J. Hogwood. Top far right, CPN Team: standing, Spcs. Christopher Ballard, Phillip Warren and Frederick Brown, Jr., and kneeling, Sgt. Eugene Shaekelford.



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Left, Operations Section: standing, Pv2. Joshua Gray, Staff Sgt. Louis Trujillo, Spc. Mark Johnson, kneeling, Staff Sgt. Dale Hayden, Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Menard and 1st Lt. Robert Rodriguez.



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Left, Army motor pool crew: back row, Spc. Peter Sin, Sgt. Rufus O'Bryant, Spc. Clarence Barnes and Pfc. Maurice Moore, and front row, Staff Sgt. Gordon Turner, Sgt. Tamika Faggins, Spc. Jennifer Oredndorff, Staff Sgt. Al Clary. Above, "the everything crew," Staff Sgt. Valerie Wilkerson, Sgt. Phillip Wasson, Staff Sgt. Joseph Horan, Spc. Crystal Thompson, and Staff Sgt. LaTwanda Green.

Public Affairs: Public support comes from sharing your story

As the task force public affairs officer, I am here to support **all** members of Task Force Thunder.

So whether you are a Soldier, Airmen, or contractor, I want to know your story. I welcome you all to write stories, take pictures and/or submit ideas to me as well since you are the experts on your areas and skills (and I may not be there when something occurs).

We will have a monthly task force newsletter where these products can be published.

We could also create a task force “yearbook” or Facebook page, if that is something the units want in addition.

The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade also has a Flickr site where I can hang large quantities of pictures. So feel free to submit as many as you like. The site is: www.flickr.com/photos/359th_signal_brigade/collections/, and I will create a separate folder within there for the task force.

Besides stories and pictures, I will try to market the task force members through local media requests and shout-outs for games and holidays. So, knowing where all the task force members are from, would be a big help. If I don’t know where you want to be publicized, I can’t let you know about the opportunities.

If you have any further questions, concerns or want me to come out to visit your locations, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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“If you don’t tell your story, the enemy will.”



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Good NCOs are always training: The 550th Signal Company hosted a noncommissioned officer professional development class at their office in Kandahar on May 27th. Soldiers from the 550th Signal Company and A Company, 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, attended the training.

Know the Task Force...

Task Force Headquarters: 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade

The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, headquartered at Fort Gordon, Ga., exercises command and control over Army Reserve Soldiers in nine states.

The brigade has a distinguished history dating back to 1944 when it served admirably in Brazil and was decorated with the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award for its accomplishments.

Major subordinate units include 324th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, Fort Gordon, GA; 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Baltimore, MD; 982nd Combat Camera (Airborne), East Point, GA; 842nd Mechanized Enhanced Signal Company, Milton, FL; 820th Theater Integration and Network Signal Company, Mesquite, TX; 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Gillem, GA; 317th Military History Detachment, Fort Gillem, GA; and 45th Military History Detachment, Fort Gillem, GA.

Serving under the command of the 335th Signal Command

(Theater) in East Point, GA, the brigade's Soldiers have covered the globe on deployments and training exercises.

Recent deployments and exercises include OIF/OEF, Bright

and combined operations.

This support to the warfighter is critical in our fight against terrorism. Without communications, commanders would fail.

In this day and age, communication must go beyond the battle field. Strategic information is needed by our government while status information is demanded by the public.

The operational commander not only needs the means to communicate then, but also the know how.

The 359th Signal Brigade maintains a diverse force to enable commanders. In addition to providing critical communication services, the brigade deploys Soldiers who can gather historical lineage, escort media on the battlefield, and photograph/video events as they unfold.

From contingency signal support to combat documentation to media relations, the 359th Signal Brigade trains and deploys under the same motto...

"Command and Communicate!"

Patch and Crest Symbolism:

Orange & White: the traditional signal colors

Yellow diamond with green border with blue disc: suggestive of the national flag of Brazil, and allude to the unit's service to the country in 1944-1945

Scarlet: refers to the unit's award of the Meritorious Unit Streamer for their service to Brazil



Star, Sharp Focus, Beyond the Horizons, and Grecian Firebolt.

The brigade's mission is to deploy worldwide to install, manage, monitor and defend theater-level communications systems and networks for joint



Patch and Crest Symbolism:

Blue Globe: represents the units worldwide communications mission and capability, and also refers to the Brazilian flag and their service to it

Lightning Bolt: represents the signal mission and connotes the speed and accuracy of it

Motto: "Command and Communicate"