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It's a Great Day to be a Vigilant Knight

By Lt. Col. Randy Marcoz, DCO

It may be surprising to some that I can honestly say that “it’s a great day to be a Vigilant Knight,” but I truly believe that I can. I know that most of us have just recently spent many months separated from our friends and families and missed numerous holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and other special events. I also know that many of us will be heading back into harms way in the near term. And if world events continue to be as they are now, most of us will once again face deployment and separation from our loved ones. Still, I can hold my head high and say, “It’s a great day to be a Vigilant Knight.”

Like all of us, I have times when I don’t feel that it’s such a great day to be a Vigilant Knight. When faced with such times, however, I recall a story of some soldiers in our area of operations dating two thousand years ago and its message helps me adjust my thinking. Around 30 AD, some soldiers in the Roman province of Judea heard about a wise prophet who lived in the desert and taught many people along the Jordan River. The prophet’s name was John and he drew large crowds who asked him about how they should live their lives. Like so many others, these soldiers decided to go to John to see what advice he would give them. Despite the fact that these were soldiers of the occupying Roman Legions and John was a local Jew, most of whom despised the Roman occupation, they went to John and asked, “What about us, what should we do?” John responded, “Do not take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely and be content with your wages.”

John was a very wise man. It was said of him, “among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John.” And two thousand years ago, he provided some advice to soldiers that can benefit us still today. Despite the fact that these soldiers were occupying his home land and the Romans were at times brutal to those whom they conquered, John did not chastise them for being soldiers. John knew that soldiering is a noble profession and he advised them to uphold the noble nature of their profession by being orderly and not abusive to the people. Further, he advised them to be content.

The United States is now endeavoring to bring peace to this same region, one of the most volatile regions of the world, as part of a global war on terrorism. We are key participants in this war and

have been since its beginning. This brigade has proven itself time and again as the Army’s premier intelligence organization—the eyes and ears of commanders charged with destroying an international terrorist infrastructure. We are akin to those Roman soldiers of two thousand years ago. We, like those soldiers, would do well to heed the advice of the first century wise man—be content.

We have a lot to be content about. From the very beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, we were at the tip of America’s spear. We were in Afghanistan before most of the rest of the Army, providing essential counterintelligence and human intelligence support to joint forces operating throughout the country in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. We were also providing key signals intelligence and analysis from both in the area of operations and in sanctuary. In every case, Vigilant Knights performed magnificently, earning the praise of numerous commanders.

Later we deployed the entire brigade into Kuwait. We were the first whole brigade in the Army to be deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. We grew to more than twice our normal size, established the intelligence stance and set the stage for combat operations in Iraq. Together we braved more than a dozen ballistic missile attacks. We provided force protection information that aided the security of thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen throughout Southwest Asia. We located Iraqi units and weapon systems and targeted them for destruction, greatly reducing the threat to our forward combat troops and pilots. We were the lead in establishing the organization that would hunt for weapons of mass destruction. We interrogated many of the “Top 55” most wanted Iraqis.

As I am nearing the end of my military career, I realize that I will have spent nearly 30 percent of my career wearing the 513th MI Brigade patch. I am honored that I also wear the patch on my right sleeve and that I earned that patch working along side some of the finest intelligence professionals our nation has to offer. When times get difficult and I just don’t know how we’re going to accomplish all our nation is asking us to do, I stop and recall all that we have accomplished in the past two years. My mind is flooded with memories of countless successes despite the most difficult circumstances. I, then, can be as John recommended—content. My prayers remain with all members of this great brigade, particularly with those in harms way. God bless. It’s a great day to be a Vigilant Knight.



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NCOs; Communicating and Disseminating Information to Soldiers

By Command Sergeant Major Carnell Draughn

Throughout history, it has been discovered that effective units are those whose leadership excel at communicating information to its personnel and possess the ability to inspire. If units and soldiers are to succeed, leaders need to apply a variety of communication skills. All soldiers crave information and in turn want to know what is going on around them daily. In the Military Intelligence Career Field, many tend to abide by the old antiquated philosophy that "Knowledge is Power." This mythical philosophy allows one to withhold vital information from others whereby they can use it later as a means to impress someone and feel important. Withholding information from a fellow soldier in an attempt to impress others can prove to be extremely detrimental. While it is true that there are certain items of information that should not be divulged, no soldier should be deprived of information pertaining to their daily duties and ongoing unit activities.

In presenting Noncommissioned Officer Development Program (NCOCPD) classes and during various meetings as well, I have often stressed the importance of ensuring that soldiers are kept informed. One of the analogies that I have often used is the story about a hard-charging and squared-away student serving as a Patrol Leader (PL) while attending the United States Army Ranger School. As many are well aware, the Ranger Course teaches students to cover every detail of a particular operation no matter how trivial it may seem to them. There is a reason for this. The objective is to ensure that every member of a "patrol" is fully aware of the mission and what will happen to their front, rear, left and right once the operation is underway. The Ranger student tasked with the responsibility to lead a patrol is required to present a thorough and in depth Operations Order. The OPOD must cover in detail the Situation, Mission, Execution, Service Support and Command and Signal. All of this information is extremely important and necessary. The Patrol Leader in presenting the OPOD may give the best one that the Ranger Instructor has ever heard, but if one soldier in the patrol is not aware of the mission and what is going on, the PL will likely get a "NO GO" and fail the graded patrol. This information must be continually disseminated to those involved in the operation. As a means to ensure that everyone knows what is going on; briefbacks are given in addition to frequent patrol halts during movement to disseminate information. As a young Infantry soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division, I truly enjoyed covering several kilometers dismounted with my company enroute to an objective. However, I found it to be quite frustrating when the leadership failed to keep everyone informed of ongoing activity during the movement. Oftentimes, a frustrated soldier is one who is somewhat clueless as to what his/her unit is doing from day-to-day.

The word dissemination is a key ingredient to effective communications. Throughout the brigade, we conduct a plethora of meetings throughout the week. Many soldiers to include leaders complain about too many meetings and

there may be some truth to this statement, but can there be too many when vital information must be passed on to unit members? Too often, I tend to get what is commonly known as the "deer in the headlights look" from soldiers. I do not blame them for being uninformed; however, I do blame the soldier's leadership. The numerous meetings we conduct are designed to ensure that everyone is kept apprised of what is going on around them.

To ensure proper dissemination of information, weekly meetings normally consist of a Brigade Command and Staff Meeting followed by a Battalion Command and Staff Meeting followed by a Brigade Command Sergeant Major Meeting and a Battalion CSM Meeting. Most Company First Sergeants (1SGs) conduct daily meetings both prior to first formation and at the end of the duty day. Additionally, Platoon Sergeants and Section/Squad Leaders conduct daily meetings. Now, if all of these meetings occur as they should and information is in turn disseminated as it should be, all soldiers should know what is going on at all times. As a Battalion CSM, my weekly meeting always followed the Brigade CSM's meeting. My goal was to ensure that I disseminated pertinent information from the Brigade CSM's meeting to my 1SGs and key Staff members. Additionally, I focused on ensuring that my 1SGs and Staff members were apprised of ongoing internal battalion business. Their responsibility in turn was to ensure that their soldiers received the information.

Can a unit located on a military installation like Fort Gordon, Georgia which is known as the home of the "Signal Corps" have a problem communicating? Yes, while it may seem hard to believe, it is quite true. By virtue of being on a post which specializes in communications, this is a problem that can be easily overcome though. Communications for a good leader involves displaying good oral, written, and listening skills for both individuals and groups. A leader should never lose sight of the fact that their communication skills are a primary way that they can show soldiers that they care. Through a leader's personal presence in an organization and by communicating, they demonstrate solidarity with their soldiers. Remember that an effective communicator can inspire, motivate and bring a smile to a subordinate's face during a moment of tension.

In conclusion, it is imperative that the NCO Corps take the lead in keeping soldiers informed never allowing them to feel that they are uninformed due to either leadership neglect or apathy.



Vigilant Knights!

From the Command Sergeant Major

NGIC Intelligence Key to Overall OIF Success

By Sgt. Scott Clemans, 306th MI Company Journalist

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait – Much of the U.S. Army's agility and lethality can be traced to the ability of its combat commanders to know the location and probable courses of action of their enemy. The relationship between the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) and the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade – the theater intelligence brigade – played a key role in providing that information to Army warfighters during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Timely NGIC intelligence played a key role in fine-tuning ground operations throughout the war, but probably never more so than during the U.S. ground forces' approach on Baghdad, said Maj. William J. Mangan, Analysis Control Element chief with the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th MI Bde. here. NGIC helped provide the ground commanders with a clear picture of the enemy forces and allowed CFLCC to coordinate targeting with the

Air Force and Marines, he added.

"We were trying to get the best possible read we could on the RG (Republican Guard) divisions defending around Baghdad ... There was repositioning going on; (and) there was some bad weather that was impeding collection," Mangan said. "When the windows opened for good collection, we had to really leverage the different exploiters that we had access to, to make things happen for us in rapid fashion."

"We turned to NGIC and basically put the largest load in their rucksack. Their turnaround was the quickest of all the exploiters, and was painting the exact picture for us, specifically when it came to the Al Nida Division on the eastern side of Baghdad as well as the Hammurabi and Adnan on the northwestern and western side of the city," Mangan said.

Headquartered in northern Albemarle County in central Virginia, NGIC constitutes a single authoritative source for comprehensive ground forces threat assessment to the Army and other services. NGIC is a major subordinate command of the Army's Intelligence and Security Command.

"We provide GS (general support) to the Army, specifically with imagery and ground forces and systems assessments," said Capt. Jae Y. Park, NGIC liaison officer. "We have many different DOD civilians and Army personnel that specialize in certain fields like

chemical agents, helicopters, tanks and artillery, and we provide those certain types of analysis and assessments to the Army forces."

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, NGIC provided liaison officers to V Corps and to the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) Joint Analysis and Control Element (JACE) here – the hub of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance management that provided the CFLCC commander with the complete ground adversary situation. The 297th MI Bn. is the major component of the JACE.

"The key to success is staying tightly linked with the theater intelligence brigade throughout the entire process –planning, exercises and execution," said Lt. Col. David Grogan, NGIC operations officer. "When the NGIC leadership thoroughly understands theater requirements, they can drive production to better support the JACE."

When evaluating enemy capabilities, dispositions and courses of action, "They (the JACE) made an assessment and then would ask NGIC for analysis. We would either back them up or give them another angle to look at. We were able to provide assessments and imagery that was very helpful to the maneuver forces in general," Park said.

According to Park, the intelligence NGIC fed through the JACE was frequently only hours or even minutes old.

"The satellites would take the shots, and we had the exploiters at Charlottesville and the Washington Navy Yard observing NAIs (Named Areas of Interest) to exploit images, and they would forward them to us. The process is quick – as soon as they finished analyzing, they would forward it to us," Park said.

On one occasion, Marine aircraft were actually standing by for last-minute NGIC targeting data before launching their strikes, Park said.

"Working with NGIC products, the entire JACE of about 180 people benefited in one way or another," Mangan concluded – not to mention the U.S. Army and Marine commanders on the ground, who used those NGIC products to assist in overwhelming the Iraqi Army in just a few weeks.

Major General Kimmons Visits 513th MI Brigade

Right: Maj. Gen. John Kimmons, Col. Jon Jones and Lt. Col. James Edwards, 202nd Commander, go over layouts for new intelligence equipment.

Left: Soldiers in the 202nd Battalion give a presentation of new equipment for Maj. Gen. Kimmons.



Photos by Spc Leslie Pearson

How to Have Enough Time

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Merrifield

There is an old song that goes something like: “Things I would do, if I only had time, if I only had time. Things I’d do with you, if I only had time, only time.” If you want to enjoy one of the greatest luxuries in life, the luxury of having enough time, time to rest, to think things through, to get things done and know you have done them to the best of your ability, remember there is only one way. Take enough time to think and plan things in the order of their importance.

We treat time like it was any other possession, which we own. We spend it, use it, waste it, and control it. However, we have also found that time can control us as well. Time is steady, constantly moving on, standing still for no one. Through establishing goals and priorities concerning the use of our time, however, we more effectively control it and bring organization into our lives. We begin by setting goals to be accomplished. We decide what is most important to us; our personal well being, our career, our spiritual growth, our social status, or our family.

The one thing you must do for your own well being is to make certain your goals will not conflict with your values. Do you value your family relationships? If so, you should not set a career goal that would interfere with your family goals. The two, career, and family are separate, and should not be drawn together. Scripture says you can not have two masters. You will love the one and hate the other, or cleave to the one and despise the other. Does this mean that you can not have both career and family goals? No, it does not. However, keep in mind that your goals and values may change through life, because you grow and change through life. As a result, you should rethink your values periodically.

For each goal stated, establish steps for realizing that goal and check off those steps as they are completed. Set yourself a completion date and work toward that deadline. For example, you may desire to become better at maintaining and managing your house or apartment. Set specific steps for accomplishing that goal by determining to complete at least one weekly house duty each evening. You can measure the success of reaching your goal by totaling the number of hours of labor you devoted to your assignments during the week. You might plan your activities so that you can eat more regularly at home or with friends rather than habitually grabbing a fast-food order. By setting goals and making deadlines, we keep our activities and time from competing.

Conflicts, which arise as goals are resolved by setting priorities. By deciding upon what is important or urgent and what is not so important, we settle the conflict between choices that vie for our time. Former president Lyndon Johnson once said that “the trouble with our country is that we constantly put secondary things first.” In other words, we do not prioritize our work, and as a result, everything becomes a “one” priority. This has the pitfall of allowing ourselves to be tempted to work on a more interesting item at the time we should have been doing the more important one. Set your priorities on what is important to you now! Then learn to say no to those secondary items.



From the Chaplain

Some wise use of time should include the following:

Reserve some quiet hours or blocks of time in which to do concentrated work.

Complete one thing at a time before moving to another assignment. If the schedule calls for more than one item, set equal but uninterrupted time for each item.

Find your “prime” time, and learn to use it wisely. Use tidbits of time as you have it.

Remember never schedule your time so rigidly that there is no time for fun activities. We must plan to take care of these activities just as we plan to take care of work assignment. Someone once said that the busiest people are able to find time for what they want to do, not because they have any more time than others do, but because they think in terms of “making” time by careful scheduling. I Corinthians 14:40 says “Let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.” You will find that it does not take long to plan and budget time wisely; and as a result, you find that you focus more on the important things with less trivia interfering.

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Soldiers get to know each other at Brigade Fellowship Dinner

By Spc Felicia Thompson

The 513TH Military Intelligence Brigade held a quarterly fellowship dinner at the Fort Gordon Club Sept. 10. More than 200 soldiers, dependents, and civilian employees came together for a free night of food, gospel music, and spirit-filled speeches.

“The dinner creates an atmosphere where people can come together and fellowship because people are [often] by themselves,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Victor Richardson, special projects officer.

Funding for the event, which cost \$2500, came from the Chaplains Office of Non-Appropriated Funds. The crowd devoured a feast of baked chicken, roast beef, vegetables, and 25 different kinds of cakes. The Fort Gordon Faith Gospel Choir graced the attendees with soul stirring gospel tunes, such as *Stir up Your Gift*.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Merrifield said the dinner theme was *serenity, wisdom, and courage*.

“I want people to slow down and see what’s important in life and be open to God’s message,” said Merrifield.

The gathering was an opportunity for everyone to connect to each other in a different way outside of the work place. Richardson, while at the podium, gave an order that “no one is to talk about work.” Not talking about work became work for some because it was unfamiliar territory. Nevertheless, before long, people were all smiles and began speaking of other things beyond supervisors, training, and reports.

“This is good food for the body and good food for the soul,” said Staff Sgt. Angela Wiley, a soldier with the 201st MI Bn.

This, the last fellowship dinner for the quarter, helped bridge the gap of co-workers by allowing them to break bread together and commune in a relaxed atmosphere for a short while.

Right: Chaplain (Capt.) Philip Smiley, 297th MI Bn., his wife Nancy Smiley (right), Nancy Deltufo, wife of 202nd Bn. Chaplain, and her daughter, Abrianna, enjoy the Brigade’s Quarterly Fellowship Dinner.



Photos by Spc. Felicia Thompson

(Left to right) Mia Wulff, 5, Timber Wulff, 8, Sarah Gorman, 9, and Hayden Quale, 3, children of various 201st Military Intelligence Battalion soldiers, prepare to feast on baked chicken, roast beef, vegetables and cake at the 513th MI Brigade fellowship dinner Sept. 10.



Around the World in Half a Day with BOSS

By Spc Leslie Pearson

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program hosted several events July 25th in celebration of Single Soldier Day. In following with this year's theme, Around the World in Half a Day, booths were set up featuring delectable foods from the Orient, the Caribbean, Mexico, Italy and France. While people sampled the various foods of the world, they could also participate in a reggae contest, try their hand at spades or dominoes, dance to music provided by DJ Vell, or let themselves escape to Japan by watching an exciting karate demonstration.

The day started out with an early morning fun run followed by a Guidon competition. Later that morning, several people contended for the title of Mr. and Miss Fort Gordon in the GNC Iron Man/Woman Competition which included a 3-mile run, pull-ups, sit-ups, push-ups, and the 100m dash.

Even though their acronym stands for 'single soldiers' the day's events weren't limited to single soldiers; married soldiers and civilians were also invited to participate.

"We are a support group for single soldiers and we help them deal with things like barracks or dining facilities issues and we organize events and parties. Our goal in organizing events like these is to get the word out about BOSS and try to create constructive activities for the soldiers to get involved in," said Sgt. Latanga Clinton, BOSS president.

There will be a 3 on 3 "Winter Basketball Classic held Dec. 6 at a time yet to be determined which will take place in Gym #3. An early registration fee of \$25 is due by Nov. 21 but you can register up to the day of the event for a fee of \$30. Anyone interested in participating can contact the 513th MI Brigade BOSS representative Spc. Lyle O'Rorke at 791-9177 for more information and registration forms.



Top: Staff Sgt. Angela Pelant, 202nd Bn, D Co., competes in a three mile run as part of the Iron Woman/Man contest. This was her first attempt at any long distance running competitions since her recent recovery from a broken leg.

Right: BOSS members help themselves to the variety of foods at booths marked with different countries.



Photos By Spc Leslie Pearson

A volunteer stokes up the grill at the BOSS food area for those wanting to stick to American style foods.

Vigilant Hunters Get Reassigned

By Spc Leslie Pearson

The 204th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), which has been under the operational control of the 513th MI Brigade, has been reassigned to the 470th MI Group at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The transition was made official in a ceremony in August; however, the 513th continued to assist the 204th in the areas of resource management, S6 and civilian personnel support until mid October when the 470th took over those responsibilities. The change will not affect the overall mission of the 204th, which is to aid in drug suppression by providing aerial signals and imagery intelligence products and conducting important reconnaissance and surveillance operations in the United States Southern Command Area of Responsibility. USSOUTHCOM is the unified command responsible for all U.S. military activities on the land mass of Latin America south of Mexico; the waters adjacent to Central and South America; the Caribbean Sea, with its 13 island nations, and European and U.S. territories; the Gulf of Mexico; and a portion of the Atlantic Ocean.



“Col. Jones (the 513th MI BDE commander) gave the directive to have the 204th split out from under the 513th and come under the 470th Group because the brigade has been very busy with missions in Kuwait and Iraq and he wanted the brigade’s focus to be on that area. He felt that the 204th would be better assisted by the 470th because they have the same AOR,” said Charles Cook, force integration officer for the brigade, who was integrally involved in coordinating the transition.

“The 204th is a self sustained unit and will continue to do their mission as usual, there are no changes taking place other than the shift in command control; all personnel will remain the same. The 470th is taking over the 513th’s role in acting as a ‘big brother or sister’ and will offer support for things like making sure they’re doing NCOER’s, their awards are being processed and by making sure that if they need help in any way they get it; mostly just oversight support,” said Cook.

“The 204th certainly has much to reflect upon, and the right to be exceedingly proud,” said Jones. “When you think of the 204th you think of Columbia, of constant deployments and of its outstanding reputation. If you’ve been around these soldiers and civilians for any amount of time at all you think of the intangibles that make these things happen. You see their pride, their professionalism, their teamwork and their initiative. These are the ingredients that earn the battalion its reputation.”

Intelligence Veteran Faults Iraq Arms Data

By Sonni Efron and Greg Miller, Times Staff Writers

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 — The Bush administration is weighing whether to shift scarce intelligence resources in Iraq away from the search for unconventional weapons in order to bolster counterinsurgency efforts, American officials said on Tuesday.

The shift of some intelligence officers, linguists and other specialists could reinforce efforts to identify and remove those attacking American soldiers, international workers and Iraqi civilians, the officials said. But, they said, the CIA is wary about undermining the search for chemical and biological weapons and evidence of Iraq’s suspected nuclear program.

“There are competing demands for the services of a finite number of individuals,” a senior American official said. “Obviously, you don’t want to fail to support the security needs in Baghdad, but on the other hand you don’t want to fail to support the weapons hunt.” For that reason, a senior Defense Department official said, another option would be to keep the weapons mission intact and add resources to the counterinsurgency fight.

At the same time, Pentagon officials are seeking to accelerate the training and fielding of Iraqi security forces and to sharpen the intelligence needed to combat the insurgents, who seem determined to make Iraq ungovernable, administration officials said.

In a second day of high-level meetings at the Pentagon to refine American plans, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met on Tuesday with Gen. Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. John P. Abizaid, the top commander of American forces in Iraq; and L. Paul Bremer III, the top American civilian administrator in Iraq.

At the White House, President Bush said that the military’s strategy in Iraq — to act quickly on fresh intelligence to kill or capture guerrillas — would remain the same, but on-the-ground tactics would shift to combat an elusive and adapting foe.

“We’re constantly looking at the enemy and adjusting,” Mr. Bush said without disclosing details.

The administration’s effort to shift intelligence resources to combat the insurgents drew strong support on Capitol Hill. Some Congressional officials said that in particular, specialists involved in the hunt for nuclear weapons were being underutilized and could be shifted to other duties.

“The question of additional intelligence to deal with these rising attacks is imperative,” said Senator John W. Warner, Republican of Virginia and chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Military officials emphasized that putting an increasingly Iraqi face on the security structure and establishing a competent Iraqi authority that is not merely symbolic has been a priority for months. But Monday’s suicide attacks served to underscore the sense of urgency.

“The more these attacks are allowed to become part of the national psyche, the harder they will be to stop,” a senior military official said.

HHC Crushes Competition at Brigade Organization Day; takes commander's cup

Photos and Story by Spc Leslie Pearson

Brigade Organization Day, held during the first week of August, was filled with intense competition in several different sporting events including basketball, softball, flag football, volleyball, racquetball, horseshoes, 8-ball pool, a golf tournament, a 4X400 meter dash, a 10K run and even an Iron Man/Iron Woman APFT. With each battalion in the brigade giving it their all each day, Headquarters and Headquarters Company still managed to win in each event and take home the coveted Commander's Cup.

"Winning the commander's cup just reaffirmed what I already knew: This Company is full of outstanding soldiers and leaders who will accomplish any task given to them. If you tell them it's never been done or it can't be done, stand back and watch HHC do it," said Cpt. James Wille, HHC Commander.

The week ended with a fierce game of tug-of-war, an award ceremony and a brigade picnic where family members were welcome to join in on the fun.



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Top right: CW2 Monica Freeman, 201st Bn blocks the hoop as her opponent takes a shot.

Lower right: Maj. Ross Snow, HHC, heaves himself up in the Iron man/Ironwoman competition.

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Top left: Staff Sgt. Gregory Lindner, 297th, prepares to toss a horseshoe.

Top right: Sgt. Korey McClendon, HHC, reaches for the ball in a tight game of flag football against the 202nd Bn

Middle left: Jack Purcell, a civilian contractor, eyes the ball in the pool tournament.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Venizelos, HHC, takes a swing during the softball game.





Photos by Spc. Leslie Pearson



Post Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Honoring Our Past, Surpassing our Present, and Leading Our Future

By Sgt. 1st Class Marty Smith, 513th MI Bde Equal Opportunity Advisor

Hispanic Heritage Month begins in the middle of September partly because many Latin American countries celebrate their independence around this time. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua all celebrate theirs on the 15th; Mexico celebrates on the 16th and Chile on September 18th.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census.

Fresh out of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), my first assignment as an Equal Opportunity Advisor was for United States Army South (USARSO) in Panama. As you might imagine, USARSO put on what I believe had to have been the best Hispanic Heritage Month celebration anywhere! Dancers were invited from all over Central and South America, and attendees were able to sample a veritable smorgasbord of local dishes and musicians played in the different styles of the region. We also had one of the best guest speakers – a man I had actually done research on while a student at DEOMI. His name was Master Sgt. (R) Roy Benavidez.

Benavidez was born the son of a Texas sharecropper; he was a 7th grade dropout and an orphan who grew up taunted by the term "dumb Mexican." Roy eventually joined the Army to get some direction in his life. He joined the Special Forces and later went to Viet Nam. As a Staff Sgt., Benavidez was volunteered for a mission

to rescue a 12-man Special Forces Reconnaissance Team that was meeting heavy resistance by the North Vietnamese somewhere near the Cambodian border. To make a long story short, he eventually helped save the lives of at least eight men, calling in tactical air strikes, killing a number of enemy soldiers, and suffering such severe wounds that when he returned to safety, he was actually put in a body bag and zipped up. In fact, he suffered more than **three dozen injuries** from gunshot wounds, grenades and hand-to-hand fighting! Only when another soldier insisted Benavidez was still alive, did medical personnel unzip him. He was in such critical condition he had only strength enough to spit in the doctor's face to let him know he was still alive.

Benavidez was originally awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions on that day but was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Ronald Reagan on February 24, 1981. After he retired, he became a public speaker and encouraged youth to stay in school.

After he spoke, I wanted to go up and shake his hand, but he was in failing health and was led away after signing a few autographs and shaking a number of appreciative hands. About two years later, on Nov. 28, 1998, he passed away in San Antonio, Texas. I feel fortunate to be able to say that I saw this man in person and had the privilege of hearing him speak. I encourage anyone who wants to know more about Roy Benavidez to just type his name into any "Search Engine." You will have the option to go to many different Websites.



Photos By Spc Leslie Pearson

Left: The Children of the Church of God Mission International hold flags from their countries at the National Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration Oct. 2 at Alexander Hall. Right: Kikiriqui, a Salsa dance group from Augusta twirl across the stage.

Bugle Calls—the Alarm Clock of the Army

By Spc Leslie Pearson

Reveille, retreat, tattoo, and taps; all familiar musical signals known as bugle calls. The bugle has been used as a means of communication in the military for centuries to announce scheduled and certain non-scheduled events on Army camps and installations. First used during the Revolutionary War, bugle calls enabled the Continental Army to maintain contact with the French and English, who have had the biggest influence on our system of calls. Eventually, the Army developed its own 'sound signals' and by the end of the Civil War, bugle calls were being used by infantry, cavalry and artillery units.

In 1867, Major Truman Seymour, 5th U.S. Artillery standardized a definitive system of calls for all branches of the Army which regulated nearly all aspects of the soldiers lives.

Originally, there were about 30 call times including water and stable calls, mounting calls, and breakfast, lunch and dinner calls. From first formation to lights out, the calls helped to regulate a soldier's daily routine. Over time, many calls became obsolete with some continuing to be used more out of tradition than anything. Eventually, the bugler, who was also required to know several ceremonial musical compositions in case a military band was not available, was replaced by prerecorded calls.

The first call of the day is Reveille, which sounds at 6 a.m. and is used as a wake up call for the troops signifying the start of a new day. Upon the last note of this call, the flag is raised. It's probably unlikely that today's soldier is reliant on this to wake them from a deep slumber but nevertheless, this marks the time to start crawling out of bed and getting ready for the morning's physical training.

CURRENT U.S. ARMY BUGLE CALLS



ADJUTANT'S CALL
 ASSEMBLY
 ATTENTION
 CALL TO QUARTERS
 CHURCH CALL
 DRILL CALL
 FATIGUE CALL
 FIRE CALL
 FIRST CALL
 FIRST SERGEANT'S CALL
 GUARD MOUNTING
 MAIL CALL
 MESS CALL
 OFFICER'S CALL
 PAY DAY MARCH
 RECALL
 RETREAT
 REVEILLE
 SCHOOL CALL
 SICK CALL
 TAPS
 TATTOO
 TO ARMS
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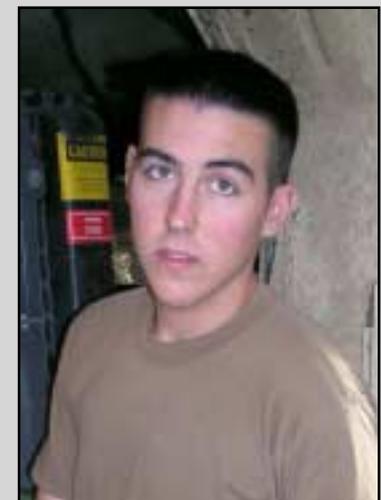


Sound OFF!

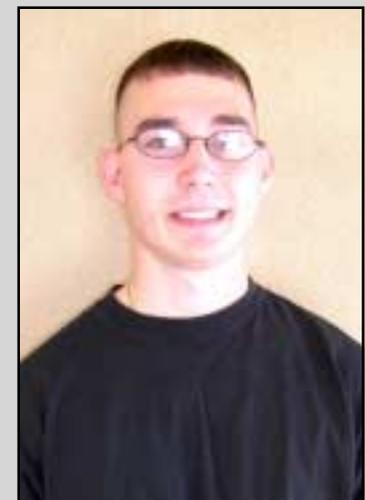
Three Soldiers were asked:
What are your plans for the holidays?



"I'm planning on goin g down to Florida and loafing around."
Sgt. Justin MacEwen, HHC



"I'm going home to Ohio to get married."
Spc. Joshua Leber, 202nd Bn.



"I'm going to spend time with my family who I haven't seen in a year."
Spc. Frank Wenhold, 202nd Bn

297th knows how to train hard, relax



Photo by Spc Felicia Thompson

Above: Pfc. Patrick Duffy, a JSTARS soldiers qualifies with the M203 Grenade Launcher.



Photo by Spc Leslie Pearson

Above: Spc Christopher Field takes a defensive fighting position during a mock ambush on a convoy during a week long field training exercise.



Photo by Spc Leslie Pearson



Photo by Spc Felicia Thompson

Pfc. Colby Kasper, loads up on pizza at Funville Fun Park & Arcade, Oct 2. He holds Julianna Gordon, 16 months old as her mother, Sonja Gordon, looks on. The 297th MI Bn held the event in order to thank their soldier's efforts in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.



Right: Sgt. Jason Kibble, Pfc. Andria Neutzling and Spc. Christopher Loveladyride the Wacky Worm roller coaster at Funville Fun Park & Arcade.

Photo by Spc. Felicia Thompson

Advance and Push teams; First to arrive, last to leave

By Spc. Leslie Pearson

In the event of a war, everyone's role is integral to accomplishing the overall mission and when units deploy, there's a lot of behind the scenes dirty work that has to get done to make things run smoothly. Someone has to prepare for the incoming soldiers and someone has to stay behind until everything is cleaned up and sent back home.

On February 1, 2002, when the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion was in the thick of Operation Iraqi Freedom's onset, Spc. Johnathan Robinson and about 15 other soldiers in an advanced party (ADVON) were the first to go from Camp Arifjan to Camp Udairi in Kuwait to set up permanent communication systems.

When Robinson and his OIC, Capt. Robert Johaneck, arrived at Camp Udairi, Kuwait had just had one of its biggest sand storms in 50 years. With no living space to be seen, the team soon took steps to prepare for the rest of the battalion's impending arrival.

"While we were there we lived in these huge, white tents and every tent except the one we were scheduled to stay in, had been blown down in the storm. So we set up a DRASH tent system for the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) and the Alternate Operations Center (ALOC) areas, where the S3 and the battalion command group could work from," said Robinson.

Robinson and the rest of the S6 shop had their own tent where they maintained servers to the computer networks. On their first day, they established communication with the same secure network being used in the rear detachment. The soldiers became known as the Trojan Team because they set up the Trojan Lite System, a satellite that allowed the battalion to bring in a secure network feed.

"Living conditions were one of the things that kept the battalion from moving to Udairi," said Robinson, "Our battalion commander wanted to make sure there were adequate living conditions for the soldiers; as adequate as you can get for the desert anyway. So we were there for about two weeks by ourselves until things were ready, then the rest of the battalion showed up on Valentine's Day."

Robinson, who spent a year in Korea before coming to the 513th MI Bde, was used to inclement weather conditions but said the sand storms and the sounds of mortars going off and patriot batteries shooting down missiles at night time when he was trying to sleep, took a little getting used to.



"Even though we weren't exactly in the middle of it since we were in Kuwait, when I started hearing those things that's when it hit me that we were in a real war time situation, so we just tried to stay focused on work to keep our minds off it," he said.



File Photo

Spc. Robinson and other members of the ADVON team set up the Trojan Lite System, a satellite that allowed the battalion to bring in a secure network feed.

When convoys of food, water and mail would go out to the soldiers in some of the more dangerous locations, Robinson would go out too to do communications support, he said.

"The intent of sending an ADVON to Udairi was to cut down on the chaos that could happen if everyone in the battalion all came at once. The people who were sent were the ones the commander felt could get up there and get it done the quickest and most efficient in the shortest amount of time," said Robinson.

In mid June, when the main body of the battalion left the desert to return to their friends and families in the States, 35 people from the battalion were selected to stay back for an indefinite amount of time to take care of the aftermath. Robinson was among those who were chosen for the 'push team'.

"Our job was to clean every vehicle in the battalion, make sure all the equipment was accounted for, packed properly and loaded onto an aircraft headed home," he said.

While most of the soldiers were on their way home, the push team stayed in Udairi an extra week before moving back to Doha where they stayed another month.

"We were out at the wash racks pretty much non-stop for three days cleaning roughly 60 vehicles. We were all sore, tired, sunburned and irritable and there were times when we nearly bit each others heads off but we knew we had to keep going so we could get home too. As cliché as it sounds, we all stuck together to get through the situation," said Robinson.

While being a part of the ADVON or push teams are never something a soldier usually volunteers to do, they are just as crucial to the overall completion of the mission as anything else.

Gymnastics classes offered for children at Fort Gordon

Story and Photos by Spc Leslie Pearson

Gymnastics---Parents, there's a great way to get your kids limbered up and in shape this Fall—gymnastics! Children can develop themselves as a gymnast by learning the basic building blocks such as stretching, balance techniques, floor exercises and ballet poses in the gymnastics and dance class sponsored by the Child and Youth Services at Fort Gordon.

Briana Lewis, a 9th grader at A. R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School, says she's learned a lot since she started coming to the class and looks forward to coming every week.

"I think this sport will help me do better in other sports. I used to be so bad at the things we do in gym class at school but gymnastics is the one sport I've always enjoyed doing and I'm pretty good at," said Lewis.

For the advanced students, a typical class starts out with some stretches and floor exercises followed by work on the beam, the uneven bars or the vault. Sometimes they also do a few round-offs and cartwheels before doing push-ups and sit-ups to

improve their abdominal and upper body strength, said Rae Izzo, the class instructor.

"Everybody here is at a different level. When you make up a gymnastics team you're always going to have some children who are stronger in certain areas and some children who are stronger in other areas. There are very few gymnasts who are great in every area and can perform all the apparatus perfectly. I always tell my students it's like when someone is really good at spelling but not good at math. It's the same thing with gymnastics, someone might not be very good at doing cartwheels but they'll get on the bars and do wonderful," said Izzo.

Rather than focusing on competitions, the students learn about encouraging each other, accepting themselves and reaching personal goals.

"In my class, there's no such word as 'can't,'" said Izzo. "We just want everyone to try to do their best."

Children interested in participating in the CYS gymnastics and dance classes must be military dependants and registered with

central registration. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Fort Gordon Child and Youth Services Annex in Gym #1, building 19140. Contact Rae Izzo at 364-4409 for more information.



Briana Lewis practices some jumps at gymnastics class.

Martial Arts classes build endurance, character

Story and Photos by Spc Leslie Pearson



Sensei Dale Simmons stands with members of his Martial Arts class.

Tang Soo Do, a classical martial art with great combat applications, is one of the programs offered here on post through the Fort Gordon's Child and Youth Services. The purpose of learning the techniques is to develop every aspect of the self in order to

create a mature personality and an individual who can deal with all aspects of life in a positive manner, said Sensei Dale Simmons, a 4th degree Black Belt and martial arts instructor since 1986.

"There's a long list of techniques that you must master before getting to the Black Belt level," said 14-year old Omer Bakhiet, a martial arts student. "To get the Black Belt, students must demonstrate their kicking and hand techniques as well as all of the kata movements, a pattern of techniques performed in a sequence that increases in skill level."

The various belts signify the level or "rank" of an individual's expertise in the martial arts techniques. It also represents maturity and personal growth within the individual.

"Omer is one of my more advanced students, getting to the Black Belt level takes

a lot of dedication," said Simmons.

"The martial arts have really helped me to stay physically fit. I plan on competing in as many tournaments as I can in the future," said Bakhiet, the son of Saae Bakhiet a civilian contractor at Fort Gordon.

"Basically what we're doing here is trying to create better individuals through the martial arts. A lot of schools are more interested in tournaments and competition but our focus is to develop confident, constructive, and productive young individuals who can cope with their lives and the world they live in," said Simmons. "There are a lot of activities that kids can be involved in but martial arts can help them to develop their mind, body and spirit as one unit."

"There will always be stresses in life but martial arts can teach people how to deal with stress constructively," he said.

Martial arts classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm at the Fort Gordon Child and Youth Services Annex in Gym #1, building 19140. (706) 840-4063.

PROFILER**Longtime Reservist recalls two-year activation***By Spc Leslie Pearson*

Throughout the 23 years reservist Lt. Col. William Duffy has served in the Army there have been several occasions where Uncle Sam has called up weekend warriors to forgo their civilian way of life and take up arms in support of our great nation.

During U.S. involvement in world affairs such as the operations in Granada and Panama, and the first Persian Gulf War, Lt. Col. Duffy was attached to units that didn't get activated, he said. However when he was assigned with the 345th Military Intelligence Battalion in 1998 it wasn't long before he was mobilized. By December 2001, he went directly to Kuwait to help out with the 513th MI Brigade command post and has been on active duty ever since.

"During the operation in Afghanistan I worked with the 202nd [MI Bn] setting up the joint interrogation facility (JIF) and doing interrogations on the Al Qaeda and Taliban guys who were being captured. My focus was on making sure the reports were getting through," said Lt. Col. Duffy.

"Another part of my responsibility was to brief Gen. Paul Mikolashek, the 3rd Army and Coalition Forces Land Component Commander (CFLCC), daily on the status and the progress we were making with the interrogations and the counter intelligence work that was being done," he said.

The brigade's work in Afghanistan continued until the end of May when the 18th Airborne Corp took over operations and most of the brigade redeployed. Lt. Col. Duffy stayed and took on the role as the brigade forward commander.

"The brigade stayed very busy at that time in preparation for the war that became known as Iraqi Freedom. A lot of things were

going on then; the building of camps, pipelines, and extending runways—things that were very crucial to the eventual war effort," said Lt. Col. Duffy.

In November 2002, the 513th MI brigade got the order to deploy to Kuwait and by March the war was on. During this time, Lt. Col. Duffy spent most of his time in Kuwait then moved into Iraq towards the end of April where he worked closely with the 202nd again for a mission at the Baghdad International Airport.



In his civilian life Lt. Col. Duffy spends his days in Marietta, Ga. with his wife Jody and their three sons where he's been an engineer program manager with Lockheed for 18 years.

After being deployed for eight or nine months, he was able to come home briefly for a special visit with his oldest son, Alex, who goes to West Point Military Academy, he said.

"At the end of their summer training they did a hike back from the training area to the main West Point campus, 15 or 20 miles away. They let the old grads come and walk with the new cadets and I'm an old grad so I got to walk that with my son who I hadn't seen since I'd deployed. That was a special

trip for me to be able to do that with him," Lt. Col. Duffy said.

"In 2001, right after Sept. 11th, Lt. Col. Duffy deployed to South West Asia and he was there for what seemed like forever; that's just a tribute to how good an officer and man he is," said Stewart Smith, 513th MI Bde reserve officer.

"He's one of my heros, and he is to a lot of the officers and soldiers because he's a very strong leader," said Stewart Smith, 513th MI Bde reserve officer.

"He's a warrior; he cares about accomplishing the mission and he cares about soldiers and it shows; as one of his former soldiers, I really appreciate that. He has a leadership aura about him and soldiers want to follow him because they trust him and his abilities, said Mr. Smith, who was the 345th Company Commander when Lt. Col. Duffy first deployed.

During a ceremony Sept. 12 in which Lt. Col. Duffy received a Bronze Star Medal for his efforts in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Col. Jon Jones, 513th MI Bde Commander said, "He kept the brigade on its feet, he kept it focused and together and always moving forward.

There were many times when he had to represent me and the brigade and I knew I could rely on him every time."

In December, after doing two full years, Lt. Col. Duffy will be demobilizing back to the civilian life but he says he has no intention of retiring any time soon.

"I didn't get called up for Kosovo or Bosnia for the peace keeping; to me it's kind of ironic that after 23 years this is the first time I've been mobilized. So the fact that I've had to spend so much time deployed this time is not an issue, that's what I'm in the Reserves for. I'm just glad that I, like the rest of the folks, were able to come, do the job we needed to do and get on with life," he said.

513th Soldiers Compete in Annual Broad Street Ramble

Story and Photos by Leslie Pearson

Adrenaline was surging through the veins of about 500 runners Sept. 20 as people of all ages stretched it out for this year's Broad Street Ramble. Cheering friends and families littered the sidewalks along the race course, which extended throughout the downtown area, ready to encourage the runners as they flew by.

The 27th annual event started out bright and early in front of the Augusta Museum of History on Reynolds Street with a series of races including a 2-mile run, a half-mile run, a 10-kilometer run, and a 1-mile run. Capping off the event was a tot trot where even the littlest tikes were welcome to teeter and tumble along to the finish line.

"We had a race for pretty much everyone," said Tom Crute, event director and member of the Augusta Striders. "There was something for the kids, something for the adults, for people wanting to run far and not so far."

The Augusta Striders, Augusta's leading running club, has hosted the race for the last three years. Part of the proceeds from the event goes to the Augusta Urban Ministries, a community organization that provides assistance to thousands of homeless and low income families in the greater Augusta area every year.

"The Augusta Striders are great partners and the Broad Street Ramble is a wonderful event, we're very grateful for the support we get from them and the rest of the community through this event," said Amy Hobby Rickard, director of Augusta Urban Ministries.

"We have a wide variety of programs through which we serve people in need and fundraising is very important to us, so having a partnership like this is very helpful," she said.

There were several soldiers participating in the race, including about 10 from the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade. Sgt. Kelly Rathbun, 202nd Bn, ran through the 10K finish line with a time of 53:54. Rathbun also ran in the Army 10-miler Oct. 5, which started and ended at the Pentagon.

"I love these kinds of events because it's something that leaves you with a good feeling. I enjoy the encouragement of the other athletes. Running in the Broad Street Rambler helped me prepare for the Army 10-miler. I enjoy running so it was a lot of fun," she said.



Sgt. Kelly Rathbun, 202nd Bn., stretches it out before beginning the 10K Race at the Broad Street Ramble.



Top: 10K Runners start on Broad St. Left: Sgt. Kelly Rathbun, Cpt. Angela Perez, and Maj. Don Houston stride it out across the finish line.

TRADOC soldiers answer call in war on terrorism

By Sgt. 1st Class Reginald P. Rogers

FORT MONROE, Va. (Aug. 28, 2003) - The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has remained a valuable asset in the Global War on Terrorism. Many soldiers serving on the front line of the battlefield are assigned to the command.

The fact that the war on terrorism is being fought on several different fronts increases the likelihood that soldiers will be deployed in several different countries. This is unlike previous, conventional wars, where soldiers reported and fought in one country.

Since the start of the war on terrorism in 2001, TRADOC has seen 1,077 of its soldiers deployed, including 304 who are currently deployed with units in Southwest Asia.

TRADOC News Service has focused on several soldiers assigned to Fort Lee (Va.) and Gordon (Ga.) who share their deployment experiences.

Staff Sgt. Tyrone Burney Jr., HHC, 513th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Gordon, Ga., deployed to Kuwait and Baghdad International Airport in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

"I think the biggest challenge about being over there was making the adjustment from working in an office like we do here to actually being in the desert," said Staff Sgt. Tyrone Burney Jr. "It turns tactical really quick.

"Not knowing when we were going home was tough," said the 24-year-old Richmond, Va., native. "It's easy to get through something when you have an estimated return time. But not knowing when we're going home was hard for a lot of people."

Burney, who works as a 74B information systems operator/analyst, said his unit's job was to link up with the signal unit in Udari, Kuwait, and to set up the NIPRNET (non-secure Internet protocol router network) and SIPRNET (secret Internet protocol router network) for transmission of unclassified and classified information.

Burney was actually deployed to two different locations in Southwest Asia. First he was in Kuwait, then he traveled to Baghdad to work at Baghdad International Airport.

"Baghdad was a little different from being in Kuwait," he said. "Iraq really looks like a poor country until you get to Baghdad. On the way up to Baghdad, we saw a lot of the ruins of war. There were a lot of broken-down humvees, burned-out tanks and other vehicles.

Burney said he felt good in serving in the war on terrorism. "I really felt good about it, especially after terrorists came on our soil and attacked us," he explained. "I felt like we had a purpose and I was helping a cause."

201st Sweeps Soldier, NCO 4th Quarter Brigade Boards

By Leslie Pearson

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade Soldier and NCO of the 4th Quarter Board was held on Oct. 29, 2003 at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Even though the competition was stiff, soldiers in the 201st Battalion swept the boards.

Spc. Brett Schellenberg (left) is a 98C (Signal Intelligence Analyst) assigned to Delta Co., 201st Military Intelligence Battalion.

Sgt. Dick Wilkinson (right), also of the 201st, won the NCO board.



"Coming out of there I felt pretty confident that I had done rather well, and I guess I did," Schellenberg said.

513th Military Intelligence Brigade

Commander: Col. Jon M. Jones

Command Sergeant Major: Carnell Draughn

Mission: The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade deploys in strength or in tailored elements to conduct multidiscipline intelligence and security operations in support of Army components of U.S. Central Command, U.S. Southern Command and other theater Army commanders.

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade is supported by Headquarters and Headquarters Company and three battalions: the 201st, 202nd and 297th. The 204th MI Battalion (Aerial Reconnaissance), which has been under the operational control of the 513th MI Brigade, is assigned to the 470th MI Group at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Each battalion is located at Fort Gordon, Georgia and has its own unique mission that plays a vital role in the total brigade mission.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company has been actively supporting the Brigade and its subordinate battalions in CONUS and throughout South West Asia (SWA). In November 2001, HHC deployed a forward command post (CP) to Kuwait to command and control (C2) brigade elements in the area of responsibility. HHC maintained this forward deployed headquarters until November 2002 when the HHC deployed in total to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom. After the onset of combat operations, HHC deployed another forward CP into Iraq to support and C2 the brigade elements in Iraq. In June 2003, HHC redeployed the bulk of the company to Fort Gordon and maintains a forward CP in CENTCOM AOR.

The 201st MI Battalion has been actively engaged in almost every major military contingency operation since Operation DESERT STORM, including multiple deployments to the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Most recently, the battalion deployed over 120 personnel to Kuwait in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. It has also supported rotations to Honduras, Haiti, Ecuador, Colombia, Chile, Singapore, Korea, Bosnia and the Horn of Africa. The battalion has maintained an active tactical presence in SWA through contingency deployments and training missions in support of the Commander, U.S. Army Forces Central Command, since Operation DESERT STORM. Currently, the 201st MI Battalion continues to provide signals intelligence support to both Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

The 202^d Military Intelligence Battalion is one of the Army's premiere counterintelligence and human intelligence battalion and a critical resource for SWA. The 202^d is an essential part of any Department of Defense deployment to the CENTCOM AOR and has been one of the INSCOM's most forward deployed elements throughout OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

The unit redeployed from Afghanistan in August 2002 after 10 months of operations. Two months later, the 202^d packed its bags and deployed to Kuwait. The 202^d established its rear assemble area at a location in Kuwait and conducted intense train-up from November 2002 through January 2003. In February, the battalion minus Delta Company, moved to its Forward Assembly Area in Kuwait. Delta Company provided all counterintelligence support to the Joint Rear Area, as well as counterintelligence support to

force protection and assistance in securing RSOI of all deployed forces.

Once the war began, Alpha Company moved into Iraq and established two interrogation operations. Bravo Company detached one CI Platoon to V Corps, and these teams were assigned to divisions in V Corps. Bravo Company also deployed all across Iraq answering COMCFLCC and national level priority intelligence requirements. HHC remained in Kuwait and supported the Battalion's elements throughout Iraq from there until June.

The main body of the 202nd redeployed back to Fort Gordon in June 2003, with a 40-soldier Trail Party redeploying in July after pushing all the Battalion equipment back to the States. Recovery was the priority for the 4th quarter and the 1st quarter of FY 04 will find the 202nd in a comprehensive train-up and recertification process using lessons learned from two previous combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq in order to be ready to answer the commander's requirements to support ongoing operations in Iraq. Deuce for life!

While the 297th MI Battalion has maintained a continual Intelligence Support Element (ISE) presence forward in the AOR since the mid-1990's, the Battalion's war fighting efforts peaked during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, wherein the 297th served as the CFLCC Commander's Joint Analysis and Control Element, and manned the ISE in support of the CFLCC Command Post in Iraq.

The 297th MI Battalion intelligence support to combat operations has also included JSTARS, Common Ground Station, JMICS, and Trojan Spirit Teams deployed to numerous locations in the AOR. Currently Vanguard soldiers are on deployment to Kuwait and Qatar directly supporting CFLCC operations in the AOR while the remainder of the battalion remains decisively engaged in exploitation and analysis from sanctuary locations at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The 204th Military Intelligence Battalion (AE) is now assigned to the 470th MI Group at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The transition became official in a ceremony in August 2003.

