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Police Training Improves Professionalism

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MAZAR-E SHARIF, Afghanistan – Reforming the Afghan police force is a difficult challenge that Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix V is tackling head on in Northern Afghanistan. Six U.S. military personnel make up the Regional Police Advisory Team (RPAT) at Echo Base, a regional training center just south of Mazar-e Sharif.

The mission of the RPAT is to provide advice, counsel and guidance to the police headquarters and regional commands in

order to support command and control of police operations, management of logistics, personnel and finance, and administrative functions, ultimately resulting in an independently functioning regional police headquarters.

The reformation of the police forces in the North is a model of the country-wide reformation happening all over Afghanistan. Commonly referred to as the ANP, Afghan police forces are multi-faceted and face many challenges in operating effectively to secure Afghanistan and protect its citizens.

The biggest issues faced by security forces in the north are not Taliban and Al Qaeda, they are warlords, drugs and highway robbery. The northern forces are last on the country-wide priority list to receive personnel, supplies, and facilities.

“Afghanistan is the largest, poorest country in the world. Everybody needs everything,” Col. Stan Shope, RPAT Commander, said. “The district headquarters are dumps. The police need a place to get warm, billeting, electricity, water, heat, uniforms, blankets. They need *See Police on page 3*

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On Point w/ the CSM

Warriors,

Just last night on the 15th of January, we held our NCOOP. The topics were the new escalation of force card and the battle against complacency. We have had an increase of Serious Incident Reports, especially concerning accountability of weapons

and identification cards. Also, we have had an increase in vehicle accidents. Because of those increases the Commander and I have asked for leaders to renew their efforts battling complacency and paying attention to detail. As I have said many times, if we pay attention to the little things the big things will take care of themselves.

Just to drive home the point, today on Camp Phoenix, we had a Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device attack the front gate. Luckily the driver was unable to detonate the device and our front gate personnel were able to pull the triggerman out of the vehicle and turn him over to our intelligence units in order to exploit his knowledge. We were in the process of having EOD disable the bomb, when it unexpectedly detonated. Our front gate is no longer. If it had detonated as intended by the bomber, I have no doubt that we would be planning more memorial services. The quick action by the Security forces and by our local hero, Rambo, saved lives today.

I appreciate their diligence and know that because they were on point and paying attention to detail that we avoided a huge catastrophe. Let this be a lesson to all of our servicemembers throughout the Task Force to stay focused and always remain on edge. The enemy usually can pick the method, time, and location of attack. Our best defense is our equipment, our intelligence, and most importantly, the situational awareness of our warriors.

Great job by all today, and let's all use this as a rallying event across the Task Force to finish strong.

Brunk Conley
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major



General Guidance

Warriors,

You, the members of Task Force Phoenix have taken over responsibility for Command and Control of the five Regional Police Advisory Teams (RPATs) in Afghanistan. This expansion of our mission will create significant change for all members of the team. Many people

will be reassigned to provide direct support and mentorship to the Police. Others will be asked to contribute even more by doing their own job and at the same time accomplish the duties of those who have been moved into a direct support role for the Police.

The Afghan Police Forces consist of over 62,000 personnel with a projected growth to over 82,000. Task Force Phoenix is the best organization to train and mentor these citizens because of the skills, talents and capabilities you bring to our team. You have repeatedly demonstrated your ability to accomplish any mission with complete success. MG Durbin recently briefed members of our senior high ranking civilian leadership that CJTF Phoenix has the most challenging, difficult and complex mission of any Brigade Combat Team in the United States Army. He also went on to say that you are performing that mission in an exceptional manner. As a result he has complete confidence we will execute the Police mission with the same degree of success. Your performance and outstanding accomplishments have paved the way for this expansion of our mission.

I mentioned several months ago this deployment is a unique adventure, that change will continue in Afghanistan, and that Task Force Phoenix will be at the leading edge of that change. The expansion of our mission, to include training and mentoring the Police, is a perfect example of that change. Eventually the Phoenix team will grow by over 2,500 members to execute this mission. The end result will be a better trained and more professional Army and Police Force capable of providing a safe and secure environment for all the citizens of the emerging Afghan democracy.

Thank you for your service.

Douglas A. Pritt
BG, USA
Commanding

Fellow Patriots,

The overwhelming feeling of generosity through participating in humanitarian missions may be the greatest reward from your tour. Or it may be the exhilaration of completing a successful mission. It might be the friendships forged that will last long after this deployment. Many warriors have already captured wonderful photos of their adventures in Afghanistan.

The very cliché, "A picture tells a thousand words," is proven to be correct in the photos that come from our

warriors.

Take time to look around your surroundings. Look at the weapons, vehicles, and equipment. Focus on the beauty in the country of Afghanistan. The majestic mountains capture the essence of a rugged and needy country, but the wars of Afghanistan are progressively being replaced with peace and goodwill thanks to your efforts.

We encourage every warrior to share your story, your photos, with others. It is our success story, the one that gets passed from generation to generation. The one that continues to provide hope

and inspiration to the great Afghan warriors who fight passionately for freedom and diplomacy in their country.

Find something here that captures the essence of your American spirit, the part each of us wants to share with others. The Public Affairs office would like to include them in the memory book that each warrior has the opportunity to take with them and share with friends and family at home. We encourage you to send pictures of your experience in Afghanistan so that we can include these as part of the shared memories we all have as part of Task Force Phoenix V.

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Coalition Forces Celebrate Saint Barbara

Story and Photos By
Lt. Janette Arencibia

KABUL, Afghanistan – Legends establish ties that bind one generation to another and teach lessons about life. The legend of Saint Barbara has not only passed through generations, but among nations as well during a recent Saint Barbara's Day celebration in Kabul, Afghanistan where coalition forces joined to celebrate the Patron Saint of Artillery.

This year in Kabul, Afghanistan, a remarkable Saint Barbara's Day celebration included more than just artillerymen from the United States. For the very first time coalition forces joined together to celebrate the Legend of Saint Barbara and induct new patrons into the Order of Saint Barbara.

"We have combined our background to benefit from the experiences of many armies to create an entirely new Afghan



Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Pritt, Task Force Phoenix Commander, with coalition leaders who attended the Saint Barbara Day celebration recently held in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Army which will be able to defend the citizens of Afghanistan and give them peace and liberty resulting in a better society," Staff Sgt. Donald Olson, event coordinator, said. "Like Saint Barbara, we all have something we believe in."

The coalition partners who attended the event included representatives from the U.S. Army, National Guard, Marine Corps and Navy as well as the Afghan National Army (ANA), and the armies of France, Romania, Canada, Mongolia and the United Kingdom.

"It was great to have all of us together who believe in the same tradition," Maj. Gilbert Timon, French army, said. "The ceremony was terrific and well organized."

The event was a great success and a memorable depiction of what a legend can do to bind generations and people of like interests even though their culture and language may be very different.

"This unique event affords us the opportunity to reflect on the commonalities we all share as a professional military force," Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Pritt, task force Commander said. "There are many more similarities than differences and everyone who attended this landmark event now shares a bond of friendship that can't be broken."



Honorable Order of Saint Barbara Honorees included Maj. Geoffery Liljenwall, Capt. Sylvia Arvizu, Sgt. Maj. Michael James, Sgt. 1st Class Gavin Bell, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Alexander Buck, and Sgt. Donald F. Ryan.

Phoenix Mentors Fighting Corruption in Police Force

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everything."

The extreme poverty in Afghanistan affects police officers and their families just as it effects all people in Afghanistan. Ensuring the survival of one's self and family is the most important thing in this culture of survival and it contributes directly to what Westerners view as corruption. Policemen in Afghanistan have been known to accept bribes from criminals, charge tolls at illegal checkpoints, and sell their equipment in order to make enough money to feed their families.

Shope says the problems with the police force can not be fixed with money alone.

"We can't just give two billion dollars in equipment to the police," Shope. "We have to train them on all the equipment techniques and maintenance and ensure that they use the equipment responsibly and maintain accountability."

The Ministry of Interior, in conjunction with coalition forces, hopes to curb corruption in the police force and shape it into an organization that can be trusted to protect and defend the people of Afghanistan and combat terrorists and

insurgents alongside the Afghan National Army.

"It's a challenge, but it's doable," Shope said. "Nothing in Afghanistan is easy or fast. We can not be in a hurry. It will not happen overnight."

At Echo Base, coalition forces are combating corruption through the use of a Transitional Integration Program (TIP). The regional training center trains new police recruits in the north, but the TIP is specifically geared toward police officers who have been working for 20 or 30 years.

"We built the Afghan Army from the ground up with a system of checks and balances in place," Dan White, DynCorps International trainer said. "With the police we are trying to reform old habits."

White believes the best way to combat corruption is through educating the upper leadership in the police force. Over the course of the five-week TIP, policemen are exposed to training in constitutional law, use of force, penal code, responding to domestic violence, policing in a democratic society, the basics of human rights, personal hygiene, and prohibitions against torture. In addition, they receive refresher courses in marksmanship,

police tactics, hand-to-hand combat and other basic policing skills.

"We can't just fire upper-level leaders because of the tribal and economic turbulence it could cause," White said. "Only time and education will fix this problem."

So far, White believes the program is working, but he emphasizes that it will take time to reform the police force.

"We can see changes," White said. "They know better now. They are educated. They know how to respond correctly. Now they need to have accountability for their actions through discipline."

The creation of an internal affairs office at the Ministry of Interior is scheduled for March 2007. White believes the formation of this entity will help tremendously.

"There's no hammer in this country," White said.

"They've got to start investigating themselves in order to stop corruption," Shope said.

Shope believes in the mission in Afghanistan and the progress he has already seen.

"You have a lot of good people here, you really do," Shope said. "Good people in bad circumstances."



Afghan National Auxiliary Police recruits fire their AK-47 assault rifles at a training site in Andar district.

Story and Photos By Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Cohen Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan

ANDAR, Afghanistan – A new program designed to bolster the Afghan National Police (ANP) is taking shape, as training sites all across Afghanistan are standing up to receive recruits for the Afghan National Auxiliary Police (ANAP) force.

The ANAP was designed to secure static checkpoints and to provide community policing. This would allow the ANP to run patrols, go on raids and track down Taliban and criminals throughout the country.

It's an Afghan government initiative, with the Ministry of Interior having overall oversight. Civilians, mostly former police officers, and military personnel from the international coalition are conducting the training.

Standing up the ANAP was necessary as a temporary initiative, officials said, until sufficient numbers of ANP are trained and equipped to meet all the threats in Afghanistan.

New ANAP officers are paid 3,500 afghani a month – about \$70. They take an oath of loyalty to the Afghan government and are committed to provide security and safety for all Afghans in their area of assignment.

Cpl. David Webb and other military trainers focus on basic military skills such as rifle marksmanship, individual movement tactics, first aid and squad tactics.

“We are teaching the ANAP these skills so they can take charge of the security situation here,” said Webb. “The

individual movement training and squad tactics will allow them to survive and maneuver on a battlefield while under fire. We are teaching them the importance of teamwork, relying on the man next to him so everyone comes home.”

The 10-day course made for long days, and the recruits had to deal with Afghanistan's harsh climate. The cold and rainy weather made for grumbles among the recruits, and with all the training being conducted outside, numb fingers and muddy clothes were also common.

Even classroom instruction was outside, with a tent canopy for protection against the elements. Most of the classroom portion was taught by Chris Keeney and Adam Lewis, civilian mentors and former policemen.

“The classroom training focused on ethics, morality and a policeman's primary job to protect and serve,” Keeney said. “It was a challenge to get the recruits to understand they are here to protect their community, not to steal or harass the people. In the past, police were feared by the public at large, but it surprised me how fast the recruits picked up the concepts of what a policeman is supposed to do -- what is right and what is wrong.”

“We set out from day one and continued to drill the concepts of honor and morality,” Lewis added. “We posed different scenarios and the recruits would have to work them out and find the right solution.”

Lewis and Keeney also instructed the trainees in the police skills they would need on the job. “Personnel search, crime scene investigation and suspect control were some of the skills we showed them,” Lewis said. “Once they

Train Auxiliary Police in Andar

detain a suspect, they will be able to safely bring them into custody. We demonstrated (that) even a small man can make a man of larger stature do what he wants, with only using one finger.”

Because of the dangerous environment these auxiliary police find themselves in, the military and police training tie together.

“They have to be able to function as policemen and soldiers,” said Webb. “The key is for them to be able to switch back and forth between the roles when the situation dictates. Whichever role they find themselves operating in, I hope they remember the most important thing is to be honorable in all they do.”

One of the police recruits stood above his peers. Mahmood was singled out on the first day of class and was appointed as the class commander.

“I want to defend my country from the Taliban; I want to see a bright future for Afghanistan,” he said. “There is a long road ahead of us, but it starts here with us training to defend our towns and villages. It is not enough to know how to use a rifle. We have to understand right and wrong; we have to gain the trust of the people.”

One objective of the training was to get the community to have a vested interest in its own security. The district sub-governor held a meeting of the town elders, or a shura, before the start of training.

“We asked the elders to send their sons to work and train as ANAP,” said Keeney. “Even though there were no additional recruits gained from the shura, we asked the village elders to see the training first-hand.”

Most of the training was conducted in and around the Andar district center. Each day, villagers came to see what type of training the men were receiving.

“We had to keep the tempo high,” Webb said. “Not only were we trying to teach these recruits a huge amount of material in a very short time, we had to show the people of Andar the police were being given effective tools to protect them. There were a few townspeople who came up to us and thanked us for helping them make their homes more secure.”

The 10 days these men spent learning policing skills is only the beginning of their training, Lewis said.

“In the short time we had with them, we imparted the basics. Their training will continue every day on the job as they are exposed to new situations.”

The ANAP will receive additional training each quarter, and by the end of their first year on the job will have the same training as the Afghan National Police.

“This is only the first step in their education and the beginning of the future security of Afghanistan,” Keeney said. “There is much more to be done, and it will be these men bringing about a secure and viable nation.”



Sgt. Nick Brodaczynsky instructs Afghan National Auxiliary Police recruits during marksmanship training.

No More “No Girls Allowed”

Story By 1st Lt. Amanda Straub
Photos by Lt. Janette Arencibia

Part One of a Two-Part Story

GARDEZ, Afghanistan – Staff Sgt. Jo Turner, Springfield, Ore., and Spc. Cheryl Ivanov, Coos Bay, Ore., have a unique opportunity to work in the “Good Old Boy’s Club” while deployed to Afghanistan. They are female combat medics deployed with Oregon’s 41st Brigade Combat Team and are attached to the Afghan National Army’s (ANA) 3rd Infantry Kandak, 1st Brigade, 203rd Corps to provide medical support during missions.

Both women earned Combat Medical Badges as a result of their work under fire. They drive armored Humvees for the embedded trainers assigned to 3rd Kandak during patrols and provide medical support to



Staff Sgt. Jo Turner and Spc. Cheryl Ivanov are two female combat medics who actually see combat.

the ANA, Afghan police, U.S. Military and civilians, ensuring that all receive the best medical care when something goes wrong.

In addition to providing medical assistance on tactical missions, Turner and Ivanov are also responsible for mentoring ANA healthcare providers and teaching classes to Kandak medics. They say because they are women, it was a challenge to earn the title and respect that comes with being an embedded trainer.

“We’re running the missions and doing the stuff, but we don’t get the credit because we have to do it subversively because we’re female,” Turner said. “I’ve been fighting that my whole life.”

Ivanov says everyone was hesitant about letting the women go on

patrols with the ANA. No one was sure how the ANA would react to having women on patrol. Even some of the U.S. Soldiers were leery about having women on patrol. However, their skills were in high demand due to the shortage of medics in Afghanistan. Now accepted into 3rd Kandak, Turner and Ivanov have become an integral part of the team.

“They stared and stared at first,” Ivanov said. “Then they saw us sleep on the ground like they did and eat their food like they did and ever since then Sergeant Turner and Specialist Ivanov have been ok.”

Master Sgt. Dan Stapleton is the senior embedded trainer in the team. He believes Turner and Ivanov have provided invaluable assistance since their incorporation into 3rd Kandak.

“I don’t think I’ve done a mission without you since you started,” Stapleton said to his medics.

From the beginning Turner and Ivanov worked hard to earn the trust and respect of the ANA Soldiers and prove their capabilities to American supervisors. The ANA were extremely hesitant to trust Turner and Ivanov or seek medical care because the

two medics are women. An unfortunate incident early in their work together secured the trust of the ANA.

An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) hit a truck full of ANA Soldiers. Their fellow Soldiers responded to the attack by quickly loading the wounded into another truck and speeding them to Khost before Turner and Ivanov could give them on the scene care.

“It was only our second time out and no body had seen what we could do,” Turner said.

Most of the men in the truck were fatally wounded, but Turner believes they could have saved at least one of the men by applying a tourniquet to his severed leg. Turner said the Soldiers killed in the attack were some



Spc. Cheryl Ivanov says she loves working with the Afghan National Army Soldiers.

of the first to befriend and support her and Ivanov which made the incident more difficult to accept. All but one of the men in the attack died of their wounds. When Turner and Ivanov learned at least one of the men could have been saved, they made it clear to the Afghan Soldiers that wounded warriors should receive treatment before being evacuated. Then the medics climbed into an armored Humvee and wept for the fallen Soldiers as if they were their own.

“When the ANA saw us crying in the Humvee, as upset as they were, they started to trust us,” Turner said. “It was a breaking point. Now they know we can do tourniquets and call for medical evacuation and they ask us to go with them. They are upset if we’re not on a mission.”



When she’s not treating patients, Staff Sgt. Jo Turner drives an armored Humvee.

Afghan Medics and Security Heal Home Country

Story and Photo By
1st Lt. Amanda Straub

MAZAR-E SHARIF, Afghanistan

- On December 20, the 209th Corps team came together in a coordinated effort to combat disease in the village of Syan Au. Embedded Trainers from 5th Kandak, 1st Brigade, worked with their ANA (Afghan National Army) counterparts to organize a medical assistance mission. It was unique because it was the first to be executed entirely by the ANA.

"This was the first one with such high ANA involvement," Capt. Kevin Ressel, embedded trainer said.

The medical assistance mission utilized ANA doctors and medics to administer treatment and medicine. ANA Soldiers kept the area secure, and coordinated and distributed humanitarian assistance items such as blankets and gloves.

"We may provide the physical aid items, but we want the ANA to provide the service," Ressel said.

Ressel said the ANA must learn to coordinate humanitarian type missions in their own country to build a solid foundation for security and democracy. Humanitarian aid missions help the local population and show the people that they can have a better life in a secure democratic society. Humanitarian missions open communication between government and civilians and provide a valuable source for intelligence gathering.

"Our intent is to help the ANA establish a relationship with the people of Afghanistan," Ressel said. "We want people to believe in the ANA. To believe they can trust them, that the ANA can secure their country."

An International Security Assistance Force team attended the medical mission as well. They provided

a Swiss female medic to treat the women in the village and additional aid items. Altogether, the team was able to treat approximately 200 villagers and provided many more with clothing, hygiene items and toys for the children. The mission reaffirmed the capabilities of the ANA and established a bond between the Soldiers and the people of Sayan Au.



An Afghan doctor treats a young boy for fever at a medical assistance mission in Sayan Au.

Assistance Revitalizes Relocated Refugees



Village elders supervise the signing of the contract for new wells in Waisal Abad.

Story By Lt. Col.
Donald
Zimmerman
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WAISAL ABAD, Afghanistan

- On 8 January 2007 Headquarters Security Support Command (HSSC), Afghan National Army, with the help of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix V

was able to meet its goal of helping the citizens of Waisal Abad, Afghanistan.

Capt. Sally Nordeen, HSSC embedded trainer, submitted a request to dig ten wells on the hillside of the village that would provide clean available drinking water. January 8th, the scope of the well project was explained to the elders of Waisal Abad and a contract was signed with Sar Ferez of Azizi Brother Construction to create the wells, which will be completed within 65 days.

The well project is the latest development in an ongoing campaign to help the people of Waisal Abad. In 2004, Brig. Gen. Razik, commander of the Security Brigade, HSSC, received a task to relocate Afghan citizens from a squatter village to a hillside south of Kabul. The citizens settled in the squatter village for a short time after returning from refugee camps in other countries. They came home to create lives for themselves and contribute to the country of Afghanistan.

Razik worked closely with the Embedded Training Team (ETT) from Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix

V (CJTF-PHX V) to address concerns of the community. He met with the village elders to identify and prioritize their most urgent needs. The elders stated that they needed medical care and clean drinking water as a majority of the over 8,000 residents were suffering from gastro-intestinal problems and water had to be carted by burro from the valley floor.

In November, Razik and the ETTs assigned to HSSC, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, conducted a three-day intensive medical assistance visit providing care to over 4,500 people in Waisal Abad. Afghan Army doctors from HSSC and American doctors from CJTF-PHX V screened the residents for medical care, dental care, optometry, veterinary care and preventative care training. Donated clothing was distributed to the citizens as well as over \$5000 of medication. Over 100 patients who needed intensive care were referred to the Cure Hospital in Kabul for follow-up treatment.

Since then, Razik and the ETTs assigned to HSSC have continued to work diligently to improve the lives of the Afghans in Waisal Abad. At the conclusion of the meeting to discuss the well project, Abdul Salam, Mullah for Waisal Abad, recited a portion of the Quran and said a prayer of thanksgiving for this much needed aid and the continuing assistance of the Afghan National Army and the American security presence.



Razik explains the well project and the Government's desire to help Waisal Abad.

Featured Patriot - Sgt. Brandon Foust

Story By 1st Lt. Cathrin Fraker
 Photo By Petty Officer 1st Class
 Cheryl Medeiros

Sgt. Brandon Foust ensures a quality product is never sacrificed for a deadline. Foust works in the Facility Engineering Office (FEO) at the Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC). The FEO is responsible for mentoring the Afghan National Army (ANA) Dept. of Public Works. He manages five civilian general labor personnel and 32 skilled civilian workers.

"Sgt. Foust oversees all of the work they do and ensures it meets a quality standard of work to provide lasting service to KMTC," Capt. Mark Shoenbeck, Garrison FEO Engineer, said.

Quality construction is not something new to Foust. At home in St. Angel, Oregon, he is a builder. Foust worked for his uncle, building quality homes since he was 14 years old. His emphasis on the value of quality was fostered by his uncle.

"I learned from him how to put quality into the building process," Foust said.

Foust joined the Army when he was 18, and spent two years on active duty as

an administration specialist before joining the Oregon Army National Guard. Prior to this deployment to Afghanistan, Foust was in the 201st Quarter Master Battalion where he was a water purification specialist.

Although Foust is not a military engineer by trade, his civilian skill-set has allowed him to excel in his position with Task Force Phoenix V. Throughout his military career, Foust has found ways to incorporate construction into his job. While he was stationed in Germany, he was tasked to build display stands for pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Foust has transitioned from small projects to much larger ones over the course of his military career.

"Currently, we have several major construction projects including two training buildings, a road project, and demolition of destroyed buildings," Foust said.

Foust is dedicated to his mission and is making a significant impact in the lives of Afghan citizens. He plans to start working in the Vocational Technical program where he'll teach the ANA specialized skills.

"I want them to learn to take the time to do a quality product, something they can be proud of," Foust said.



Sgt. Brandon Foust, engineering mentor at Kabul Military Training Center, is dedicated to sharing his passion for quality with the Afghan National Army.

"Sgt. Foust is obsessed with quality, and ensuring all work by the FEO section is completed in a lasting manner," Shoenbeck said. "He is proud of the work he does, and he mentors the contractors to take pride in the work they do. "He has developed a relationship with the contractors, where they now want to emulate the quality of work that he does."

Sound Off - What's Your Favorite DFAC Meal?



"Chicken wings. They remind me of my mom's cooking."

PVT Matthew T. Hodges, SECFOR, F2/18 HHB Kalispell, Mont.



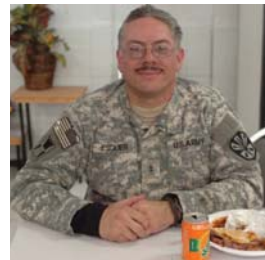
"My favorite food is the pecan pie. It is store purchased and they can't screw it up."

Chief Petty Officer Lindsey Owings, Engineering Huntsville, Texas



"I love ice cream. It's hard not to eat it every night."

COL Dan Hokanson, Chief of Staff Keizer, Ore.



"Mongolian Barbecue! And I can't wait to have Mexican food once I get home."

CW2 Richard D. Esquer, 201st corps, BMO, Temple, Ariz.



"My favorite DFAC meal is anything properly prepared and cooked."

SFC John B. McNight, J1 HHC 41st BCT Saint Helens, Ore.

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