



# OUTPOST



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## New tugboat joins APS-5 fleet in Kuwait *Namesake is Revolutionary War hero*

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**KUWAIT NAVAL BASE, Kuwait** – After a 38-day, 9,000-nautical-mile journey from Baltimore, Md., the newest member of the 2nd Bn., 401st Army Field Support Brigade, reported for duty with Army Prepositioned Stocks-5 here May 8.

The ocean-going tug, United States Army Vessel Col. Seth Warner (LT-806), will be inventoried, inspected, and preserved for storage prior to being put into the Care Of Supplies In Storage Maintenance Program. This will coincide with the official retirement and sale of another vessel, the Fuel Barge BG 6448, within the next few months.

“The arrival of the USAV Colonel Seth Warner and retirement of the Fuel Barge are both long-awaited changes and an incredible capability increase for the APS-5 Kuwait Watercraft Section,” said Lt. Col. Michael Wright, commander, 2nd Bn., 401st AFSB. “It is a great start to a new future for the APS fleet across the battalion as the theater experiences transitions over the next couple of years.”

The Col. Seth Warner is the first of two 128-foot coastal and ocean-going tugs that will be part of the equipment set at APS-5 Watercraft. The 800 series tugs are the Army’s true “beasts of burden” used for coastal and ocean towing and docking/undocking operations with large ocean vessels. The large tug is capable of towing up to five 120-foot barges loaded to their maximum weight of 733 long tons (2,200 pounds) per barge, or a 567 foot-long guided missile cruiser with a displacement 9,600 long tons.

As part of the APS-5 equipment set, the LT-806’s primary mission is to tow and maneuver the APS-5 Watercraft 115-ton floating crane to any theater of operation.

The process of integrating the LT-806 into APS-5 will take from seven to 10 days, and will require the efforts of several different agencies. More than 1,600 lines of on board spare parts



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*United States Army Vessel Col. Seth Warner (LT-806) moored in port at Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait.*

and basic issue items will be removed, inventoried, and stowed back on the vessel in a more user friendly configuration. A top-to-bottom, stem-to-stern technical inspection will be conducted on every system to ensure that all faults are identified and are repaired prior to preservation.

Preserving an Army watercraft consists of draining and changing various fluids, preserving the engines with preservative oils, seal every exterior opening, and connecting the vessel to a dehumidification unit that will circulate dry air throughout the vessel.

Once integrated into the COSIS Maintenance Program, the LT-806 will receive monthly and quarterly maintenance, and annual Dock and Sea Trials. As with every other COSIS vessel, the tug will undergo On Condition Cyclic (Depot Level) Maintenance at five-year intervals.

The tug’s namesake, Col. Seth Warner, was born in Woodbury (now Roxbury), Conn., May 6,

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*Power 6 Perspective***402nd AFSB ‘We’re doing great things’**

Since I arrived here as the commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade I have taken the opportunity to travel throughout our footprint, and am continually impressed with the work I’ve seen and extremely proud of the people who make it happen during one of the U.S. Army’s most challenging times ever. We have a tremendous mission that is already upon us, with a lot more of the ‘waterfall’ yet to come. Since the beginning of May we have received, processed, cataloged, and transported more than 70,000 pieces of rolling stock and non-rolling stock equipment, which is ahead of projections. This is great work, but we still have much, much more ahead of us.

It is critical that we stay focused

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on maintaining accountability of equipment received as we process this equipment out of our yards to destinations

around the world. In order to make this happen effectively, all agencies of the 402nd need to work together in a highly coordinated effort. This is quite a challenge for any brigade when you consider how large our footprint is geographically and how diverse our various on-going missions are.

With our theater property accountability, sustainment support efforts, Army Prepositioned Stocks, Operation Enduring Freedom support, and our Brigade Logistics Support Team and Logistical Support Element support units forward to name a few, the 402nd AFSB is on the vanguard of the president’s mission of “responsible drawdown.” This is quite a challenge, but we can meet this challenge successfully if we work together as a team. Anticipate what is needed and plan. Talk to one another and coordinate. Pay attention to suspense dates and meet them. Don’t fall behind.

It is a great honor for me personally to be a part of such a team. And it is an even greater honor to have been chosen as your commander. As commander of more than 8200 military, DA,



**Fuller**

and contracted personnel, I salute you!

Our great mission could not be possible if it were not for the dedicated and professional members of this team. But don’t let your dedication to mission prevent you from taking care of yourselves and each other. The weather is hot and will only get hotter. Many of you work outside in the heat. Continued hydration is not just a good idea — it’s a matter of life and death. The ongoing success of any unit is directly related to how attentive personnel are to safety — and safety is something I prioritize very highly. Don’t take unnecessary chances. Look out for each other.

As with any military unit, we have great people leaving us every month only to be replaced by more great people. Be quick to integrate the new faces into our unit and help them become part of the 402nd family. Teach them the “facts of life” of the 402nd. If you are new to this area and this way of life, you will soon learn that life in the desert can be draining on one’s mind, body and spirit. For this reason it’s important to stay in touch with your families and friends back home. They are our “life-lines” which sustain us over here. Have fun with what you are doing. Keep a sense of humor during the stressful times. Talk to someone if you feel overwhelmed.

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## Chaplain's Corner

## Never underestimate a father's love

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul E. Dirksmeyer  
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The lyrics to a country and western song I heard on the radio recently really caught my attention in its description of a son's recollection about his father's expressions of love. The song is titled "A Father's Love (The Only Way He Knew How)" by Bucky Covington and the lyrics are in part as follows:

*"For the longest time guess I thought he didn't give a damn*

*Hard to read, hard to please, yeah that was my old man*

*On the day I left for college, it was nothing new*

*We never had the heart to heart, there was too much to do*

*He checked the air in my tires, the belts and all the spark plug wires*

*He said, "when in hell's the last time you had this oil changed?"*

*And as I pulled out the drive, he said "be sure to call your mom sometime"*

*And I didn't hear it then, but I hear it now,*

*He was saying I love you ... the only way he knew how." (Written by Steve J. Williams, Thom Shepherd, Liz Hengber)*

I think it's a safe bet that the father would never make it as a writer for Hallmark greeting cards, but in his own way his demonstration of love for his son was obvious and

sincere. And it's also obvious that the man's father had a profound influence on him throughout his life. Think-

ing back to my own father — a self made man of the depression-era. Being WWII vintage, he was seldom one to express his love and affection in an emotional mushy kind of way. Rather, his 'love language' was to inquire about my friends, what time I'd be home, why aren't my grades higher, what am I going to do with my life, and generally reminding me to 'pull my head out of, uh, someplace.' In his own way his love for me was obvious and sincere, and he has had a profound influence on me throughout my life.

The influence of a father on a child's development can never be over-stated. Indeed psychologists are realizing that a father's influence is just as, if not more, important than a mother's (their words, not mine).

One of the most endearing stories of a father's love for his child that I've ever heard concerns the father of a man named Greg Schanep, a retired Army chaplain colonel. Although Greg was profoundly influenced by his father's love,



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the man. Before Greg was even born his father was sadly killed while in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Though his father was absent during his entire life, a remarkable, life changing event occurred to Greg when he was 40 years old.

He received a letter through a family member written by his father which he wrote to his son, and sent to Greg's mother some 62 years before Greg was even born. For 40 years of his life, Greg was completely unaware that this letter existed. Yet, through the letter, Greg was able for the first time in his life to 'hear his father's voice.' In the letter, Greg's father states: "I'd give anything in the world if I could see you and hold you in my arms, but I'm sure your sweet mother will try and explain to you why I can't just yet." The letter goes on for six pages.

Of the letter Greg says, "What I received in that letter was my father's blessing and it made my life complete." (As a side note, I strongly suggest anyone to Google Greg Schanep for some worthwhile reading of this truly remarkable man's story.) One can never overstate the importance of the influence and love a father has in his child's life. How important it is to a child for a father to communicate this.

We can never underestimate the power of simple expressions of love in a child's life.

# New Hellfire repair facility opens in Qatar

By Dustin Senger  
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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Third Army/U.S. Army Central is accelerating troop support by drastically reducing Hellfire testing and repairing delays – up to eight times faster – using an existing ammunition storage point on the Arabian Peninsula.

The Hellfire missile system forward test and repair facility opened May 1, presenting the first higher-level capabilities site in Southwest Asia. Procedures that previously took 2 years are now expected to finish within 3 months, at a fraction of the cost.

"Our readiness in theater has increased," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Brown, Hellfire product manager, during opening remarks. "We are continuing to make our Warfighters more lethal and more survivable across the entire war front."

Brown officially opened the facility with Lt. Col. Peter Butts, 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade commander. The 1-401st AFSB will coordinate Hellfire logistics. The unit previously pioneered the only Stryker battle damaged repair facility in Southwest Asia at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar.

Most defective missiles sent to the Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Ala., only need minor repairs, says Brown. Many are serviceable but faulty launchers or improper mounting procedures led to erroneously labeling them as malfunctions.

"Materiel assessments and repairs in contingency areas are a necessity for a force-projection army," said Butts. "Forward positioning maintenance capabilities and repair



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*Brian Lowe, Lockheed Martin Hellfire Missile Depot manager, speaks with U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Nickolas Tooliatos, 1st Theater Sustainment Command deputy commanding general, inside the first Hellfire missile system forward test and repair facility in Southwest Asia, May 1. Lt. Col. Michael Brown, Hellfire product manager, looks on.*

parts ensures maximum equipment availability for combat operations."

"We are here to support overseas contingency operations," says Butts, "by providing first-class, responsive logistics to satisfy Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom requirements."

Damaged products requiring repairs are often fixed within 30 minutes – sometimes sooner, according to Jonathan Hornbuckle, Hellfire missile system forward test and repair facility site lead. Launching shoes, control fins, aft plates and connector pins are sometimes bent or broken during distribution. Missiles clocking more than 1,000 hours of captive carrying time develop clouded seeker domes in sandy environments.

Brown said reported defects cost the government an average

of \$9,000 per missile in 2009, and long transit delays constantly held up re-fielding efforts.

Alternative courses of action aimed to provide a cost-savings solution by minimizing transport nodes. An expert think tank combined Army Materiel Command; Theater Sustainment Command; Army Aviation and Missile Command; and Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command.

In November 2009, Third Army approved the development of a forward test and repair facility. Two months later, fragmentary orders were published for commanders within the Central Command area of operations.

In February, a Joint Attack Munition Systems fielding team began installing, validating and

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## 402nd AFSB hosts bodybuilding competition

Story and photos by Galen Putnam  
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### JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq –

A boisterous crowd packed the Sustainer Theater here for a bodybuilding competition hosted by the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade May 8.

The event not only raised morale, but also raised funds to assist in earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

“The idea of hosting a bodybuilding competition to raise funds to support Haiti relief, interested me because it provided those serving on Joint Base Balad a morale-enhancing event that promoted the importance of physical health as well as international awareness,” said competitor Jalea’ Adeboyeku, 402nd AFSB Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Commander, who helped coordinate the event.

Ben Wilkison, 1st Battalion, 402nd AFSB, was the driving force behind the competition. A professional bodybuilder, Wilkison recruited event sponsors and helped contestants prepare for the completion by conducting a series of posing classes. He also served as the evening’s host and master of ceremonies.

The event featured 22 competitors in four categories: Women’s Figure Open Division, and men’s Light, Middle, and Heavyweight Divisions.

Eric Schmidt, Civil Engineer Squadron, 322nd Air Expeditionary Wing, was the evening’s big winner taking both the overall and middleweight titles in addition to the men’s best poser award.

Kristi Clark, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, took first place in the Women’s Division. Suzzette Lowery, a contractor with Blackhawk Management Corporation,



*Kristi Clark, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, first place, Women’s Division.*

took second place and garnered the women’s best poser award. Third place went to Jalea’ Adeboyeku, 402nd AFSB.

Samuel Edrima took first place in the Men’s Lightweight Division. Kevin Day came in second and Gabriel Cook placed third, with Robert Neilson in fourth.

In the men’s Middleweight Division Jonathan Sanders took second place, Brian Kochendorfer placed third, followed by Ron Harrison.

Steve Rombardo was the Men’s Heavyweight Division winner. Second place went to Geovanny Govea and Douglas Ssebugwawo took third.

“Competing was quite a rewarding experience,” said Adeboyeku. “Not only were we able to emphasize that personal physical excellence is achievable through a little hard work and discipline, but that it is obtainable regardless of age through good eating habits and a steady exercise regimen.”



*Eric Schmidt, Civil Engineer Squadron, 322nd Air Expeditionary Wing, winner of both the overall title and Middleweight Division, in addition to the men’s best poser award.*

The crowd was encouraged to donate their spare “pogs” to the relief effort. Pogs are issued in Iraq as change in lieu of coinage when making on-base purchases at AAFES and other facilities. Donation boxes were also placed at a number of locations on JBB. The effort raised a total of \$224.60 for the Haiti relief effort.

Several other members of the 402nd AFSB assisted with occasion including Maj. O’Neal Williams, science advisor for the Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Directorate, who delivered the opening remarks; Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Bossier, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment first sergeant and Maj. Camilla Wood, ALT-D, who coordinated backstage activities; and Lt. Col. Iola Simpson, brigade executive officer, who presented awards.

## 402nd AFSB Soldier sits in on concert 'back home'

### Soldiers participate through two-way satellite link

Story and photos by Galen Putnam  
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**Joint Base Balad, Iraq** — Soldiers stationed at Joint Base Balad, Iraq had the opportunity to spend a few hours “back home” as they participated in a live, two-way video feed of a major Memorial Day weekend music festival May 31.

The Soldiers, all from Louisiana, were on hand at 2 a.m. to watch Jason Aldean, Brooks & Dunn, and headliner Kenny Chesney perform at Louisiana State University's Tiger Stadium during the Bayou Country Superfest in Baton Rouge, La.

The Soldiers appeared on

the stadium's giant video screen and were introduced to the crowd of more than 90,000 inside the stadium between sets and were brought back onscreen to be acknowledged by Chesney, the reigning Country Music Association entertainer of the year, during his performance.

Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Bossier, first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (Front row, far left), was introduced by name and had the opportunity to greet the crowd.

“It was really nice what they did for us. Somebody paid a lot of money for the satellite time so we could be a



Participants appear on the studio monitor prior to “going live” inside Louisiana State University's Tiger Stadium during the Memorial Day weekend Bayou Country Superfest in Baton Rouge, La., May 31.

part of this,” said Bossier who hails from Lafayette, La., and is assigned to the Army Reserve's 377th Theater Support Command in New Orleans. “It was great because we could see all of the people in the stadium and they could see us. It was also nice to meet other Soldiers from Louisiana. I even met a couple from my hometown.”

“It was pretty cool. This was my first concert ever, live or televised,” said Spc. Ishiah Mouton, a Security Forces convoy tracker with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Louisiana National Guard, out of Lafayette, where he resides. “We got a standing ovation and he (Chesney) dedicated a song to us. It was great to see all the people back home showing their support for the troops.”



Soldiers stationed at Joint Base Balad, Iraq react as they appear live on the giant screen at Louisiana State University's Tiger Stadium during the Memorial Day weekend Bayou Country Superfest in Baton Rouge, La., May 31. Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Bossier, (front row, left), first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, who hails from Lafayette, La., and is with the Army Reserve's 377th Theater Support Command in New Orleans, was introduced by name and had the opportunity to greet the crowd of more than 90,000.



# JBB Memorial Day run attracts more than 1,000

## Event was 'shadow run' in conjunction with Huntsville, Ala. race

By Galen Putnam  
402nd AFSB Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq** – More than 1,000 runners showed up here on Memorial Day to participate in a run

taking place in Huntsville, Ala. Huh?

No, the runners weren't lost or misguided, they were taking part in a "shadow run" in conjunction with the 31st Annual Huntsville (Ala.) Cotton Row Run May 31.

Off-site shadow, or satellite, runs are unofficial runs supported by a sanctioned event, allowing participants to symbolically be part of the official run by providing the opportunity to participate at distant locations.

"This was my chance to run the Cotton Row Run and have the T-shirt for 2010 when I otherwise couldn't be there," said Maj. Daniel McClintock, Plans and Operations officer, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, who resides in Huntsville and helped coordinate the Joint Base Balad "shadow" run.

To help bring the runners in Iraq a little "closer to home," the Huntsville Track Club contributed 1,200 Cotton Row Run T-shirts for JBB participants.

"What impressed me was not the run as much as the support of my home town," said McClintock who has participated in the Cotton Row Run three times previously. They didn't have to show the effort they did, especially working through all of the efforts to redesign and meet the DOD requirements that were involved, but they came through. I'm glad to know that the servicemembers are remembered by the people of Huntsville."

A number of 402nd AFSB personnel participated in the run. The 402nd AFSB is the Army's largest brigade with more than 8,100 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors.



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Participants surge across the starting line at Holt Stadium as a "shadow run" version the 31st Annual Huntsville (Ala.) Cotton Row Run kicks-off on Joint Base Balad, May 31. More that 1,000 runners took part.



**Commentary:****Complacency kills — be alert, aware of surroundings**

By Delbert (Del) Powell  
402nd AFSB, Safety Specialist

“Complacency Kills,” it’s just an old rickety sign someone placed some years ago, probably when this place was really hot and under constant mortar fire. Things aren’t as intense now as they once were, but that doesn’t mean we should let our guard down. Oh yeah, we get indirect fire occasionally; but, it is usually ineffective.

The key word is “usually.” The unexpected can strike at any time. That lonely sign was placed at that location for a reason back then and still stands as a solitary reminder that we should never let our guard down: “Complacency Kills.”

I walk past that sign, to and from work, every day and it never fails to catch my attention. Since the beginning of the Iraqi War, hundreds of stories and articles have chronicled how, complacency kills. Soldiers, Marines, and reporters have written horrific stories of their encounters with complacency and the tragic outcome of letting their guard down for what seemed to be an insignificant moment of time.

This statement hit home recently, when a 107mm



rocket slammed into an occupied area nearby. I heard the distinctive bang of the impact, and felt the astonishing vibration of shockwave. It really caught my attention.

The next morning, I received reports about individuals walking outside and carrying on conversations in front of the PX as the klaxons announced an imminent indirect fire attack. Folks sat at the tables on the wooden deck between the eateries, taking no effort to take cover in the nearby concrete shelters or even to run into the main PX. Seemingly, with an air of

relaxation, they felt safe sitting under a soft target as if, “it only happens to the other guy; not me.”

Complacency is an interesting concept. Is it not being complacent to determine the threat level has decreased so much it is appropriate to ignore the shouts of others, who have taken shelter, telling you to take cover? Have we gotten into such a mindset that we think a plywood roofed wooden deck would provide us the same degree of protection as a concrete bunker or the interior of a hardened shelter?

Our leaders have put measures in place to protect us. We have the responsibility to ourselves, our fellow workers, and to our families to use them. It is our duty to watch out for our teammates, military and civilian, who share the same risks on a daily basis theatre-wide. When klaxons sound, take immediate action.

This is Iraq as we’ve never seen it before – an Iraq where kinetic combat is long gone and the focus has been on counter-insurgency. Now, we are transitioning the force. This is a time of tremendous change across the theater. Stay alert, stay focused, watch out for your teammates – and above all remember – Complacency Kills!”

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## Precision



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*Maj. O'Neal Williams, science advisor for the Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Directorate, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, machines repair parts at the 1st Battalion, 402nd AFSB Mobile Parts Hospital at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The Mobile Parts Hospital uses both traditional fabrication techniques*

*and Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machines to provide direct support to the Warfighter by machining and finishing unique repair parts. The 402nd AFSB is the Army's largest Brigade with more than 8,100 servicemembers, DoD civilians and contractors.*

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1743, and died there Dec. 26, 1784. Warner first became prominent among a group of settlers forcibly resisting claim to the area. On Nov. 27, 1771, the governor of New York offered 20 pounds British Sterling for Warner's arrest. The General Assembly declared him an outlaw in 1774. A leader of the "Green Mountain Boys" and under the officers Ethan Allen and Benedict

Arnold, Warner participated in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, New York, from the British on May 12, 1775. Warner was elected lieutenant-colonel commandant of the "Green Mountain Boys" on July 26, 1775. Participation in several other important battles preceded his appointment to brigadier general by the Vermont Assembly in 1778.



### Hellfire — From Page 4

verifying capabilities, which include testing Hellfire variants, performing external repairs and improving materiel availability.

While adhering to a 90-day turnaround cycle, future defects are estimated to cost less than \$1,000 per missile at the facility. Brown expects to save millions of dollars in transportation, testing and resetting activities, as support is extended to all services.

"We will preserve our precious tax dollars," said Brown. "By reducing test and repair cycles, reducing materiel shipping and handling times and increasing usable shelf lives."

"Hellfire missile systems are the air-to-ground precision-strike weapon of choice for Central Command," Brown said. More than 13,000 missiles have been fired since 2003 – nearly 10,000 in combat. The warheads shatter advanced armor and defeat urban point targets



Dustin Senger

*Lt. Col. Peter Butts (left), 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade commander, and Lt. Col. Michael Brown, Hellfire product manager, open the first Hellfire missile system forward test and repair facility in Southwest Asia, May 1.*

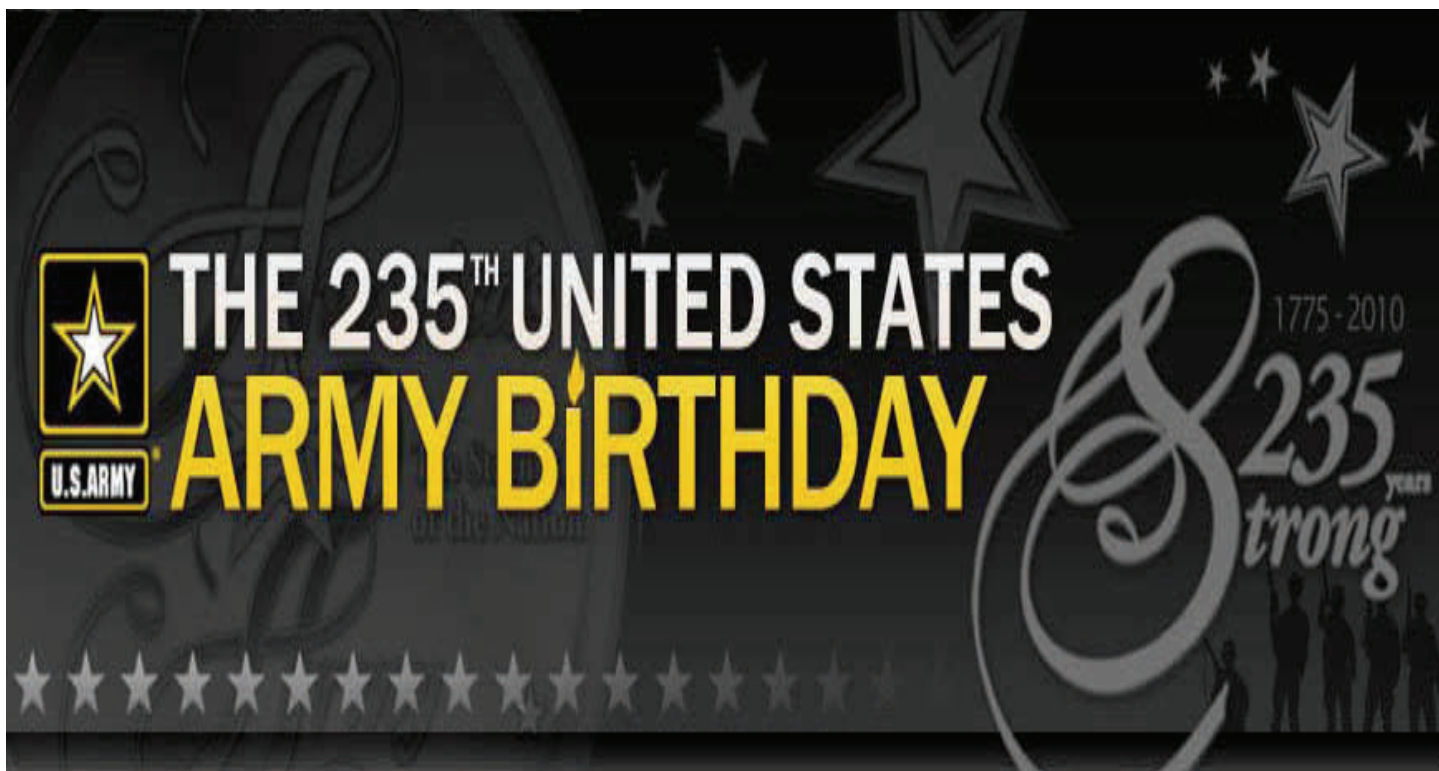
while minimizing collateral damage. Arming occurs within 150-300 meters after launch. A last-rites sonic bomb is sometimes heard prior to impact.

A Hellfire automatic target reacquisition feature contributes to the effectiveness of Apache, Cobra and Seahawk attack helicopters. The semi-active laser-guided missiles accurately engage targets

through adverse weather conditions and severe electro-optical countermeasures. Variants weigh 100-108 pounds and pack a 24-pound warhead with an effective range of five miles.

Recent evolutions in Hellfire software and design have improved battlefield tactics, techniques and procedures. Remotely operated aircrafts in Iraq and Afghanistan use the missiles to destroy insurgents within inches of their determined position.

Two unmanned aerial vehicle missions in Afghanistan strategically eliminated 16 enemy combatants Jan. 11. A Hellfire launched in the Now Zad area of Helmand province killed 13 insurgents without causing any reported civilian casualties or damage to residential compounds. The other missile hit three combatants setting up firing positions in the Nad Ali district, leaving a small hole in a compound wall.





# FROM THE FIELD

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## UNIT SPOTLIGHT: 1-33 AAB BLAST

On Forward Operating Base Falcon, the 1-3 Advise and Assist Brigade (AAB) is supported by the Army Materiel Command's Brigade Logistics Support Team (BLST). The 1-3 BLST although small in size, is big on providing world class logistical support to the Warfighter. The 1-3 BLST is comprised of the Team Chief, CW4 Parker, TACOM Logistics Assistance Representatives (LAR) Stephen Jordan, Christopher Warner and ASC Logistics Management Specialist (LMS) Larry Jones.

Chief Parker provides leadership, supervision and oversight to the BLST LARs and advises the Brigade Commander and his principal staff members on readiness performance and logistical issues. LMS Jones is responsible for improving and sustaining the readiness of materiel systems, logistics support systems as well as quality of life items to BLST personnel. He assists the BLST Chief with logistics matters affecting materiel readiness that are beyond their capability or organic resources. The LMS also assists in producing professionally written SITREPs and Quad Charts which are briefed to the USD-C Logistics Support Element (LSE) and 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) Commanders. TACOM LAR Jordan has extensive knowledge on all tactical vehicles on FOB Falcon. LAR Jordan is charged with a crucial responsibility of improving units' state of readiness by way of teaching and training the Warfighter,



1/3 BLST TEAM MEMBERS

troubleshooting vehicle systems, researching technical specifications, supporting fielding equipment, and reviewing units' 026 reports, which depict the status of non-mission capable vehicles and parts' delivery status. In the upper right photograph LAR Jordan is showing SSG Pino, B Company, 3rd BSB Maintenance Supervisor, how to check the boom wiring harness for shorts on a 10K ATLAS forklift. LAR Jordan's knowledge and expertise positively impacted the readiness rate for this critical Materiel Handling Equipment (MHE).

Improving and sustaining units' readiness level is also of vital concern for LAR Warner. As the TACOM Armaments LAR, Mr. Warner coordinates and resolves issues that involve multiple weapon systems. LAR Warner provides subject matter expert advice and resolutions to Army commanders in the field on TACOM managed equipment-related logistics issues both in garrison and while forward-deployed. He also researches, reviews and submits reports,



LAR Jordan is showing SSG Pino, B Company, 3rd BSB Maintenance Supervisor, how to check the boom wiring harness for shorts on a 10K ATLAS forklift.

using a variety of web-based systems such as C-REPS, AEPS, SDR's, QDR's and DLA websites. LAR Warner provides vital support to the Warfighter by organizing, planning, and presenting formal maintenance training from unit level through direct support level maintenance on a variety of weapon systems ranging from small arms and crew served weapons to the 120MM main gun for M1, the M242 gun for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and all self-propelled and towed artillery.

The 1-3 AAB BLST and the USD-C LSE will continue to forward project the AMC's capabilities, integration, and synchronization of all force modernization; and provide the sustaining force to improve unit readiness. The BLST is the single face to the Brigade for AMC support and issues. The BLST also works closely with the Brigade ARFORGEN Liaison to ensure an effective reset plan.

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**2-402ND S1 SHOP ONE OF MOST UNIQUE IN ARMY**

**Thomas D. Battle**  
**2-402 AFSB**

The 2-402<sup>nd</sup> AFSB Battalion S1 is one of the most unique battalion S1's in the Army. The S1 provides personnel support to the battalion tasked with the "President's own" mission of overseeing the Responsible Drawdown of Forces from Iraq. The battalion's personnel makeup consists of over 820 personnel. The S1 provides personnel support to active duty Army, Army Reserve, Air Force, Department of the Army Civilians, and Department of Defense Contractors. 2-402<sup>nd</sup> AFSB personnel are dispersed throughout 17 different areas of operation throughout Iraq and Kuwait.

You may be wondering what it takes to provide support to such a diverse organization. The answer is about as complex as the question. Fortunately, the battalion is manned by retired Army personnel/DA Civilian (Adjutant-Thomas Battle), Army Reservist (Mil HR Spec-Wanda Barron), former Airman (HR Specialist-Hilda Reyes) and DA Civilians (Jenny Shears and Cynthia Matthews). Our combined knowledge and backgrounds enable us to tackle every possible personnel issue imaginable, to include but not limited to the following:

Postal Operations/Military Evaluations/Civilian Evaluations/Military Awards/Civilian Awards/Military and Civilian Awards Ceremonies and Presentations/Military and Civilian Leaves and R&R/Daily Personnel Status Reports (Theater wide)/Inbound and Outbound Briefings/Personnel Asset Inventories/Call Forwards/In-Theater assignments/Red Cross/Equal Opportunity/Records Updates/etc.



S1 personnel are dedicated to providing optimal support to battalion personnel in order to alleviate any distractions which could impede the mission. We are the invisible forces behind the scene which keep the battalion manned and morale high. We take care of the people who "Keep it Moving". We are "Personnelist" trapped in "Loggie Heaven".

**SAFE AT HOME**

*Richard Murphy, former 402nd Army Field Support Brigade legal counsel, is greeted by his family upon his return home at the Quad Cities International Airport in Moline, Ill.*



**402ND AFSB FACILITIES EVOLVE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION****COS Kalsu, Iraq***3/3 BLST*

As an enduring base, COS Kalsu continues to grow as more personnel arrive to support the mission. AMC is actively supporting the Warfighter by providing logistics, communications, vehicle and armament experts and overseeing various sites including the Route Clearance/JERRV yard, the RPAT yard and the CREW site. The 3/3 BLST has facilitated improvements at all AMC sites over the past several months in response to changing mission requirements and the emphasis on resetting the force.

Some recent activities include improvement of all AMC areas by bringing in over 1,500 cubic meters of gravel and fill. A project to refurbish a single wide office trailer at the CREW site will result in increased office space for their program. RPAT yard operations will be enhanced by adding a wash point and an additional single wide office trailer to house more personnel. Addition of a climate controlled storage trailer for the Back Scatter program will allow them to store and protect sensitive computer equipment.

The biggest changes are happening in the AMC housing area. The AMC LSA currently contains 96 wet CHUs, and these are currently at 82% occupancy. The site is being expanded by adding 16 additional wet CHUs and one double wide day room. In addition, we are replacing all of the galvanized piping in the existing LSA with CPVC piping in order to improve water quality for tenants and decrease future O&M costs.

The 3/3 BLST will continue to ensure that AMC has the best resources and personnel while we support the drawdown and other mission requirements.

**TREASURE HUNTERS**

*The 402nd competitive force took over when the USO announced a Memorial Day scavenger hunt. Debbie Davis, Dave Leighton, Weldon Hill, and Lee Musselman, represented the 402nd AFSB, taking 1st place. The winning team won four USO folding chairs. Volunteers from the USO then BBQ'd some brats and hamburgers, all in the spirit of the men and women who have given us the freedom to enjoy this day.*



**STPE-I CAMP ARMORDILLO**

By Keith Kelley

STPE-I (Stored Theater Provided Equipment - Iraq) is located at Camp Armordillo in Baghdad. The program is managed by the 1<sup>st</sup>/402<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Support Brigade and maintained by a coalition of 48 Red River Army Depot employees, 32 Anniston Army Depot employees and 3 Tobyhanna Army Depot employees. These employees are a mixture of highly skilled integrated electronics technicians, vehicle systems mechanics, logistics and process improvement specialists, and materiel expeditors. The employees were handpicked for their expertise in their respective fields.

The mission of STPE-I is to maintain 169 combat tracked vehicles Fully Mission Capable (FMC) and sustain them at a high level of readiness. The fleet of vehicles consists of M2/M3 Bradley Fighting Vehi-

cles, M1 Abrams Tanks, M109 Paladins, M992 FASVS, and the work horse of the fleet, M88 Recovery Vehicles. Once all vehicles have been brought up to FMC level, STPE-I will transition into a Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) mode, performing services and exercising each vehicle to ensure it is ready to roll at a moment's notice. STPE-I must be ready to issue all 169 combat vehicles to immediately supply any unit in theater with a full armored combat and deterrent capability.

STPE-I lives by the Red River motto, "Building It As If Our Lives Depend On It -- Theirs Do!" The STPE-I team has accepted all challenges presented to it, overcome those challenges, and excelled at each task!

