

402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait



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402nd receives Distinguished Visitors

By Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs Office

CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT - The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) received a visit from senior Army logisticians in November 2012.

Distinguished Visitor's (DVs) consisted of: Major General John R. O'Connor, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army Forces Command; Major General Kurt J. Stein, Commanding General of 1st Sustainment Command (Theater); Brigadier General Duane A. Gamble, Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC).

The DVs were given a tour of the many warehouses and lots where Army Prepositioned Stock (APS)-5 equipment is stored.

Included in the tour were the warehouses that Brigadier General Elizabeth Austin of U.S. Army Central (ARCENT) G-4 participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 20, 2012, commemorating the beginning of the Brigade's effort to warehouse APS-5.

"This is the first time since 2002 that APS-5 equipment in Kuwait has been stored in warehouses," said Captain Luis A. Rojas, 402nd Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait (AFSBn-KU), S2-S3.



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(left) Brigadier General Duane A. Gamble, Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command and Major General Kurt J. Stein (right), Commanding General of 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) receives a tour of Army Prepositioned Stock (APS)-5 warehouse from Colonel John D. Kuenzli (center), Commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade on Nov. 15, 2012 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"Our equipment is current and relevant to today's Warfighter requirements," said Rojas as he briefed Maj. Gen. Stein.

AFSBn-KU has taken APS-5 equipment to the highest level of readiness, accountability, and maintenance to date. The goal is to place APS-5 equipment into full Care of Supplies In Storage (COSIS) and increase readiness, accountability and maintenance cost savings.

Brig. Gen. Gamble met with employees of the 402nd and subordinate units to give them an opportunity to tell what they do and to ask questions. "I really appreciate what you do for our country," said Gamble.

During the visit Brig. Gen. Gamble was given the opportunity to visit the Mine Resistant Ambush Protective (MRAP) Sustainment Facility (MSF) and the Watercraft Equipment Site-Kuwait (WES-K).

The visits presented the opportunity for the 402nd to demonstrate its motto: "Readiness Power Forward."



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

Major General John R. O'Connor (right), Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army Forces Command receives a tour of Army Prepositioned Stock (APS)-5 warehouse from Colonel John D. Kuenzli, Commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade on Nov. 14. 2012 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



Power 6 Sends..... Holiday Message



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year 402nd AFSB members and family. It's the Holiday Season again, and so I want to wish you the very best of hopes, prosperity, and wellness.

I hope you are able to take time to capture the goodness of the season, our reasons for continued hope and promise, and to share time with friends and loved ones – even if that can only be achieved over a telephone or chat.

Remember, if you are at home with friends and family, your 402nd Family is thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you again, in 2013...or sometime further down the road. If you're with your 402nd Family, we're blessed to have you, and I could not mean that with any more sincerity. While everyone is different, each and every member of this great unit brings a presence and a quality that is valued, and contributes immensely to the greater good of our unit, our mission, and our support to our Army.

I hope you can look back on 2012 for all its splendor, and all its losses, and remember the good memories with fondness and love; and the bad ones without regret, for if we look back, every year has its tough times, but each year we are still able to see sun-filled days, bright smiles from people around us, and opportunities to live and grow.

You serve a special cause, and that cause lives on in 2013, because you carry the torch that lights the way. Its been a difficult year and in fact a difficult decade, but through it all, the world still looks towards the West when they look for leadership, Freedom, and Liberty. And they can do so because of the work each and every one of you stand by, and the values and commitment that drive you in your duties and labors. And from my family to you and yours, I say thank you. Enemies with envy and spite will continue to try to erode the liberties of the world, to try to invoke their own will to suppress, but you lead on to power the Forces of Freedom to keep up the fight. And the world finds hope in you.

As we head into 2013, lets continue to move this operation and this theater to further greatness. Lets understand we are different, but those differences are a product of diversity, and diversity becomes a strength that helps us adapt to all challenges. We'll say farewell to people this year, and we'll say hello to new team mates. And through it all our diversity will continue to take on different shapes, colors, faces, and names – yet one thing will remain the same: our commitment to each other will keep us strong.

So, from my small town Midwestern America upbringing and ways, I wish you Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year; and as we prepare for the challenges of another year, I offer you the timeless words of Winston Churchill help guide us in our ways. "We are still masters of our fate. We are still captains of our souls."

POWER FORWARD!

Colonel John D. Kuenzli



Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Sustainment Facility accomplishments

By Lorenzo Evans, 402nd AFSBn-SWA, Deputy to the Commander

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait - The culmination of the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Sustainment Facility (MSF) year and contributions to the Joint Program Office (JPO) MRAP Program history were highlighted in the Department of Defense's (DoD) MRAP Transition Ceremony on Oct. 1 2012.

Vice President Joe Biden and Deputy Defense Secretary, Ash Carter recognized the tremendous accomplishments of the Army and Marine team during the ceremony where DoD transitioned lead responsibility for the joint program from Brig. Gen Frank Kelley, U.S. Marine Corps to Kevin Fahey, Program Executive Officer (PEO), Combat Support & Combat Service Support (CS&CSS).

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 was a year of continued high level interest reflected in the distinguished visitors that included Generals, Senior Executive Service, and Coalition members from our partner nations. Among the many distinguished guests to visit the MSF were: General Ann Dunwoody, Commander, Army Materiel Command; Lt. Gen. Brooks L. Bash, Joint Staff, J4; Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology); Lt. Gen. William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

The MSF conducts new production vehicle fielding, operational fleet management maintenance and re-missioned fleet heavy maintenance, survivability, and capability insertions/upgrades.



These missions are prioritized and executed in support of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Theater of Operations to provide the Warfighter with the most survivable and sustainable utility wheeled vehicle fleet available in support of counter-insurgency and stability operations.

In May of 2007, the Secretary of Defense designated the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Program as the highest priority DoD acquisition program and stated that all options to accelerate the production and fielding of the MRAP capability to the Theater should be identified, assessed, and applied where feasible. With the emphasis on the program, the MSF operation was one of high visibility

The MSF was initially established in December 2007 as the MRAP Deprocessing Facility (MDF) for MRAPs being shipped from Continental U.S. by surface to Kuwait for onward movement to Iraq and Afghanistan. From December 2007 until December

2010, Joint Logistics Integrator (JLI) Kuwait off-loaded and deprocessed vehicles in support of the War-fighter. In May of 2009, the MDF transitioned into the MSF and began its new challenge of sustainment maintenance for MRAP vehicles.

The MSF was truly

joint in nature as the vehicles processed by MSF in FY 2012 supported all four Services. In addition to vehicle maintenance actions, the facility assisted the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade in the retrograde of vehicles out of Kuwait.



Photo courtesy of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Sustainment Facility of their employees.

Qatar Battalion proudly completes Veteran's Day 5k run November 2012

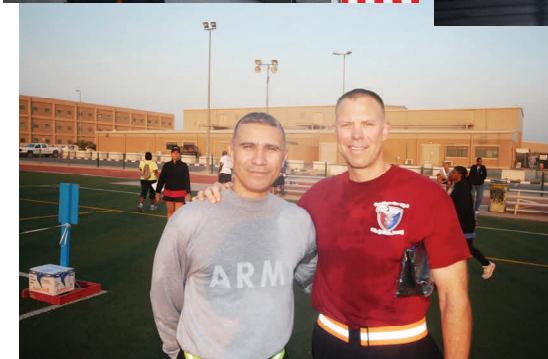


Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Belinda Winn with Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait who finished 2nd place overall females in the Half Marathon at Camp Virginia, November 2012.



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402nd enjoying Thanksgiving 2012 with good food and friends



National Native American Indian Heritage Month

By Ferdinand Carlos, 402nd AFSB EEO Manager

CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT - National American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated each year from November 1-30 to honor the many contributions and accomplishments of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Since the Revolutionary War, Native Americans and Alaska Natives have played a vital role in our country's freedom and security. They proudly serve in all departments of the United States Government today.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

The Department of Defense theme for this year's American Indian Heritage Month observance is "Serving our people, serving our nations: Native visions for future generations."

During this month's celebration, let us remember those brave Americans who had served our nation and military:

- Commander John Bennett Herrington, U.S. Navy Retired was a NASA Astronaut in 2002 and flew on the Space Shuttle Endeavor as part of STS-113, the sixteenth mission to visit the International Space Station from Nov. 23-Dec. 7, 2002. Some of the personal items CDR Herrington took with him on that mission included eagle feathers, arrow heads, and the flag of the Chickasaw Nation," contributed by DEOMI illustrator Mr. Peter Hemmer.

- Specialist Lori Piestewa, a 23-year-old Hopi Native American from Tuba City, Arizona, was the first American service woman killed in action in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was a member of the 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, Texas, ambushed near Nasiriyah, Iraq, on March 23, 2003.

- First Sergeant Pascal Cleatus Poolaw Sr. served this country through three wars, and made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

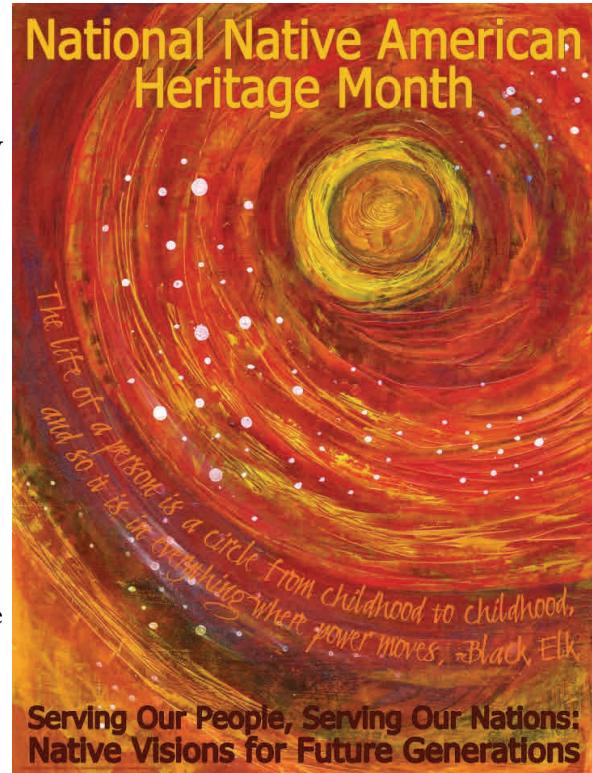
- Private First Class Chelsea Draper from Chinle, Arizona served in the Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, was inspired to join the Army by his grandfather retired Marine Sergeant Major Teddy Draper Sr., who served as a code talker during World War II.

- Charles Chibitty was presented by then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld with the Knowlton Award in recognition of his significant contribution for the military intelligence efforts.

- Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble, from Wahpeton, North Dakota, was the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the Medal of Honor. The medal was awarded on March 3, 2012, six decades after his gallant actions risking his life to save his fellow Soldiers. MSG Wilson, a member of the North Dakota National Guard found himself embroiled in some of the fiercest hand-to-hand combat of World War II on Guadalcanal.

- Ely S. Parker, a Seneca Indian, was born at Indian Falls, New York in 1828. He was a Seneca attorney, engineer and tribal diplomat and was commissioned lieutenant colonel during the American Civil War, served as adjutant to General Ulysses S. Grant. In his career, Parker rose to the rank of Brevet Brigadier General a general's rank during the war.

This month let us reflect and remember the legacy of the first Americans and let us join together in celebrating their vibrant culture and heritage. Many events are scheduled at Camp Arifjan; everyone is encouraged to show support.





Unit Ministry Team's corner... “ Friends”

By Lt. Col. Gregory Distad, 402nd AFSB Chaplain

Proverbs 17:17 “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

A corollary is from Proverbs 27:10 which says, “Thine own friend, and thy father’s friend, forsake not.” The timeless truth is that companions or friends strengthen us in our affliction.

In 1983 I was teaching in a small Bible college west of Toronto. I had just met this pretty girl, Elaine, who was a teacher in the Christian high school. So I invited her to take a trip with me to Toronto to take Evangelist Brown from our church to the Toronto airport. On the way I told Elaine and Pastor Brown about my car — a 1971 Chevrolet Kingswood station wagon. It is one of the biggest cars GM ever made.

After we dropped off the evangelist at the airport, my car died at the drop off zone. I had no towing coverage, so I called my mom and dad in Minnesota. They let me use their AAA. The car was towed to the nearest garage where it needed an alternator. However, it was a Saturday and parts stores didn’t deliver on Saturday.

I had an idea. One of my father’s friends from IBM just moved to Toronto. So I called him. He got the part and delivered it to the garage, and we were soon on our way.

You never know when you might need a friend. A friend in need is a friend indeed. So “Thine own friend and thy father’s friend forsake thou not.”

Thanksgiving is over. The first Thanksgiving in America was in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Pilgrims arrived on December 11, 1620. Even though they lost 46 of the original 102 colonists that first winter, they were thankful for the Providence of God in providing a bountiful harvest in the fall of 1621. President George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. In 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Christmas is coming. In preparation, I encourage you to Google “The Man and the Birds by Paul Harvey,” which points to the meaning of Christmas.

The 402nd Unit Ministry Team (UMT) is to nurture the living, care for the dying, and honor the dead. Consistent with that mission and mandate, the 402nd UMT conducts a weekly Bible study in the 402nd Headquarters and provides a Sunday sermon at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. During the week Chaplain Gregory Distad provides pastoral care by circulating within the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade.

Chaplain Gregory Distad may be reached at gregory.e.distad@mail.mil or 318-430-4667



Safety sends... **Holiday safety gram**

By George Evans, 402nd AFSB Safety Manager

Remember safety while at home or work. For those that will be going home for the Holidays continue to practice Safety.

Always wear seatbelts on the job and off, and never drink and drive, it's the law!

Always remember to be safe with decorations, never leave lights on unattended. Check for faulty lighting and discard if unsafe. Never overload extension cords.

Practice safety with fireplaces and other heating devices. Do regular checks to verify heating devices are in good working condition.

Have a good escape plan in your home in case of fire and make sure everyone in the house knows the plan.

Let's all think safety for the Holidays!

402nd welcomes new addition to **Engineering Section**



By Roman Bieniek, 402nd AFSB S7 Chief

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait - The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade had a new addition to the S7 Engineering Section in November 2012.

Captain Clayton J. Degenhardt is an Engineer Officer coming to the 402nd from Rock Island, Ill. Army Sustainment Command G-4 Engineering Division, where he is the Department of Logistics (DOL) Facilities Assessment Team Leader.

Cpt. Degenhardt's mission is twofold, he will be augmenting the S-7 shop and assisting with current and future construction and facilities maintenance, as well as the lead Engineer for the Army Sustainment Command's DOL Facilities Transition Team.

Cpt. Degenhardt brings to the 402nd a wealth of knowledge and experience and we are excited to have him join the Power Team.

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