

# 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait



# POWER LINE



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## 402nd issues 2-18th Field Artillery Regiment APS-5 equipment

By Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs Officer

**CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT** - In keeping with their successful reputation, the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) conducted another issue of equipment from the Army Prepositioned Stock-5 (APS-5) to the 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment (2-18 FAR) in support of U.S. Army Central Command in September 2012.

The APS-5 equipment is maintained by the 402nd AFSB Battalions in Kuwait and Qatar to meet unit requirements in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations.

The Qatar Battalion prepared most of the APS-5 equipment for issue and shipped to Kuwait prior to the draw to meet the unit's requirement.

The Kuwait Battalion received the equipment from Qatar and began preparing the equipment along with the equipment stored in Kuwait for the unit. The process was a joint effort between the two battalions to stay in sync with the units established timeline.

The Kuwait Battalion conducted a detailed preliminary briefing with the 2-18 FAR leadership to explain the process and safety procedures. In the preliminary briefing the unit leadership learned about the entire draw process including the handling and operation of the equipment, the level of inspection required and special safety considerations.

After the briefing, the unit was taken to each area where the equipment was located and the battalion experts explained the process to the 2-18th as they attentively listened.

Kuwait Battalion military personnel, Department of Army Civilians and Contracted personnel were available to answer questions for the 2-18th leaders throughout the equipment draw.

The 113th Sustainment Brigade (SB) played a key role in moving the APS-5 equipment to its final destination after the draw. Since 113th SB arrived in Kuwait, they have partnered with the 402nd to conduct four APS-5 equipment moves.

On the last day of the draw, Lieutenant General Vincent K. Brooks, Commanding General of Third Army, U.S. Army Central (USARCENT) visited the draw and spoke to the unit. "You are never alone, there is always somebody in this unit and above this unit that cares about you, no matter how lonely you feel, you are not," said Lt. Gen. Brooks.

The issue of APS-5 equipment was not anything new to the Kuwait Battalion; the only difference between this issue and previous issues was that the unit received all of their equipment from Kuwait, where other units in the past already had some of their equipment, thus another successful draw completed as the sun sets in Kuwait.



Photo by Johnnie Frazier, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

Lieutenant General Vincent K. Brooks, Commanding General of Third Army, U.S. Army Central (USARCENT) presented a coin to Staff Sergeant Randall King, Quality Assurance Maintenance Contracting Officer Representative with the 402nd Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait. Staff Sgt. King was presented the commanding general's coin for his contributions during the 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment issue of Army Pre-positioned Stock-5 on Sep. 03, 2012 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



## **Unit Ministry Team's corner...**

### **"Good Listening Leads to Right Speaking"**

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

**J**ames says, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." James is speaking to family members. That is, members of the family of God. He is speaking to everyone in the family whether a man or a woman; without regard for nationality for all are made in the image of God. He says "be quick, be nimble to hear" and be "people of the ear." Hear with the ear of the mind.

Rod Mattoon says, "We are to be teachable people. Being teachable begins with listening and God put a premium on listening to Him. Listening begins by keeping quiet and holding our tongue." Don't jump the gun to answer before understanding the issues. The word for speak used here means to talk at random without reason. It is the idea of babbling or chattering. Be slow to move towards anger. Do you have a quick temper? Are you easy to ignite? Some people struggle with this constantly. But that is not what is in mind here. "It is not an explosive outburst of anger, but an inner resentment that seethes and smolders, often unnoticed by others" (Mattoon). But sooner or later it comes out. There are visible signs of anger. It includes edginess. It includes impatience. For anger reduces our patience and tolerance for the faults, weaknesses, and limitations of others. Someone who is angry will many times demand an immediate response to his instructions or commands. He is further enraged when his instructions are not comprehended. A silently angry person will shut out the person who made him angry, and will give the silent treatment or cold shoulder. There may be poor eye contact or total avoidance of the person.

In his autobiography, *Number 1*, Billy Martin told about hunting in Texas with Mickey Mantle. Mickey had a friend who would let them hunt on his ranch. When they reached the ranch, Mickey told Billy to wait in the car while he checked in with his friend. Mantle's friend quickly gave them permission to hunt, but he asked Mickey a favor. He had a pet mule in the barn that was going blind, and he didn't have the heart to put him out of his misery. He asked Mantle to shoot the mule for him. When Mickey came back to the car, he pretended to be angry. He scowled and slammed the door. Billy asked him, "What was wrong?" Mickey said, "My friend won't let us hunt. I'm so mad at that guy," Mantle said, "I'm going out to his barn and shoot one of his mules!" Mantle drove like a maniac to the barn. Martin protested, "We can't do that!" But Mickey was adamant. "Just watch me," he shouted. When they got to the barn, Mantle jumped out of the car with his rifle, ran inside, and shot the mule. As he was leaving, though, he heard two shots, and he ran back to the car. He saw that Martin had taken out his rifle, too. "What are you doing, Martin?" he yelled. Martin yelled back, face red with anger, "We'll show that guy! I just killed two of his cows!" My friends, anger can be dangerously contagious. The Timeless Truth for Today is: "Good Listening Leads to Right Speaking" James 1.19 "My beloved brethren, let everyone of you be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."

(Source: Rod Mattoon's Treasures)

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.

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## **AFSBn-Qatar issues APS-5 equipment**



Photo by Jonald Laias, Installation Management Specialist, ASG-Qatar

**Chief Warrant Officer 3, Tanya Combs along with an ITT contractor verifies Basic Issue Items (BII) on Jun. 7, 2012 at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar for equipment that will be issued to the gaining unit using the technical manual.**

**By Captain Eric Zachariasen, 402nd AFSBn-Qatar Operations Officer**

**CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, QATAR** - In May 2012, when United States Army Central Command (USARCENT) was given permission from the Department of the Army (DA) to issue APS stocks from the Qatar site, the Army Field Support Battalion – Qatar took action to issue Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) located in Qatar.

The APS equipment was issued to the Gaining Tactical Unit (GTU) in Kuwait in accordance with the plan. An additional challenge in meeting this requirement was equipment scheduled to be issued to the GTU was still in transit from Livorno, Italy. These two transportation challenges were immediately tackled by the 402<sup>nd</sup> AFSB team to ensure equipment arrived in Kuwait allowing adequate

time for AFSBn-Kuwait to finalize enabler installations and issue the equipment.

To meet the strict timeline to issue the equipment to the GTU, the AFSBn-Qatar team simultaneously conducted supply and maintenance actions. The units supply team verified availability of requested equipment and conducted thorough Basic Issue Item (BII) and Components of End Item (COEI) inventories of equipment. Additionally, they confirmed serial numbers and quantities to be shipped ensuring accurate equipment tracking avoiding loss of accountability. Later in the process the AFSBn-Qatar Supply Section received an additional request for Prescribed Load List (PLL) and Unit Basic Load (UBL) items.

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## **THE BACKBONE!!**

### **CSM Mary K. Jackson Assumes Responsibility**

**CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT** - Command Sergeant Major Mary K. Jackson assumed responsibility as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade South West Asia (SWA) Battalion. The Change of Responsibility Ceremony was held Sep. 7, 2012 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. It was presided over by Lt. Col Michael Sauer, 402nd AFSBn-SWA Commander.

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Jackson received the saber signifying her assumption of responsibility as Senior Enlisted Advisor in the battalion and stating, "She acknowledged and respectfully accepted the charge."

Command Sgt. Maj. Jackson said, "The highlight for her is joining an awesome team with the 402nd AFSB." Her goal and focus is to provide outstanding leadership by living and supporting the seven Army Core Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage; which are the ingredients, baseline and foundation to her leadership style. She challenged the battalion by asking "How can we as a team make it better? It's simple, live and support the Army Values and keep right on your side, in doing so, you can't go wrong."

"I look forward to working with the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, DA Civilians and Contractors of the 402nd AFSBn SWA. Let's continue to be the best and work horse strong," said Jackson. **One Team, One Fight!**

## **35th CAB BLAST keeps the AH-64 Apache in the air**

By Major David Forsyth, 35th CAB BLST Chief

**CAMP BUEHRING, KUWAIT** - The 35th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Brigade Logistics Support Team (BLST) located at Camp Buehring, Kuwait has assisted the U.S. Army in surpassing 3.5 million flight hours with the AH-64 Apache. But that is just part of the mission of the 35<sup>th</sup> CAB BLST on Buehring.



**Stanley Hill, AH-64 Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) Logistics Assistance Representative (LAR), provides guidance to Specialist Brandon Shorter on the Tail Rotor Section of an AH-64 Apache in Phase Maintenance. Spec. Shorter is one of the many motivated mechanics from 3-159th Attack Reconnaissance Brigade (ARB) out of Germany who reap the benefits of the AMCOM LARs close proximity.**

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# **35th CAB BLAST keeps the AH-64 Apache in the air**

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Major David Forsyth BLST Chief and Gary Kandarczyk Logistics Management Specialist (LMS) leads the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Brigade BLST, which consists of six multifunctional Logistics Assistance Representatives (LARs). The team provides technical assistance on the two types of aircraft the AH-64 and the UH-60 Blackhawk, both currently stationed at Camp Buehring. This represents half of the team's mission as they also support the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (4-118th Infantry Battalion) in charge of running Camp Buehring's Life Support Mission.

Under the BLST concept, each active duty brigade is assigned a BLST. But the National Guard and Reserve Component Brigades do not have BLST teams assigned to them. The 35th CAB BLST is composed of members selected from different BLST teams around the Army such as Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Campbell, Ky. Over the past couple of months there has been an almost 100 percent turnover of the members on the team.

The transition was seamless as they have also recently participated in the Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) between the 29th CAB and 35th CAB. The BLST is working closely with Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) Program Manager Office, the National Guard Bureau and the Aviation Support Company (ASC) in order to fix some of the deficiencies identified during the RIP/TOA process.

The 35th CAB BLST is composed of rotary wing subject matter experts in areas such as commutations and electronics, engine and power train, fire control radar and all other aspects of the air frame. The BLST team members work behind the scenes with the Soldiers in order to provide guidance, training, and assistance during day to day operations.

The CAB BLST has generated almost \$9 million in cost savings and cost avoidance over the past six months. An amount achieved as a result of constant interaction with the aviation maintenance officers and mechanics to ensure the ordering the next higher assembly is the exception and not the standard. Additionally, the team has conducted almost 700 hours of training for approximately 330 Soldiers. The CAB BLST facilitated multiple 40 hour blocks of instruction on the Fire Control Radar (FCR), provided by AMCOM Aviation Electronics & Electrical System Training Lead, for the 29th CAB. This training was instrumental in generating 21 competent armament technicians who became capable of supporting the repair and maintenance of the FCR required for Kuwait's over water missions.

While the 35th CAB BLST's primary mission remains support of the aging AH64s and keeping the UH60s flying they continue to do a lot more to support the soldiers of the 35th CAB and the 4-118th Infantry. 35th CAB BLST LARs continue to provide world class ground and air weapon systems logistics support and training in the austere environment that Camp Buehring is known for.



*U.S. Army Photo*

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Brigade Logistics Support Team (BLST) gathered for a team photo to bid farewell to Gary Kandarczyk, Logistics Management Specialist, on Sep. 13, 2012 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait : (Back row, left to right) Gary Kandarczyk, Billy Medley, Warren Winkler, Stanley Hill, and Maj. David Forsyth; (Front row, left to right) Pete Phongharnich, Mike Krakowiak and Mark Lopez.**

# **Hispanic Heritage Month 15 SEP - 15 OCT**

By Ferdinand Carlos, 402<sup>nd</sup> AFSB EEO Manager

**CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT** - Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity for everyone to commemorate and celebrate the various contributions of Hispanics to the American society. The theme for this year is **“Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today.”**

The overall goal of this month is to increase awareness and knowledge of the Hispanic culture, diversity, and accomplishments.

On Sep. 17, 1968, Public Law 90-498 authorized the President to annually establish a week in September that includes the 15th and 16th as National Hispanic Heritage Week. Sep. 15th is Latin American Independence Day, and Sep. 16th is Mexican Independence Day. The resolution called upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such a week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. On Aug. 17, 1988, Public Law 100-402 amended Public Law 90-498 and lengthened National Hispanic Heritage Week to National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sep. 15th to Oct. 15th of every year.

Many sub-groups make-up the Hispanic/Latino ethnic and cultural group: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central and South American. Each group has its own history in the immigration story of America but they share a common bond in their language. In the 1990 Census, Hispanics were 9 percent of the United States population, with 22 million reported Hispanics. In the 2000 Census, Hispanics made up 12.5 percent of the population

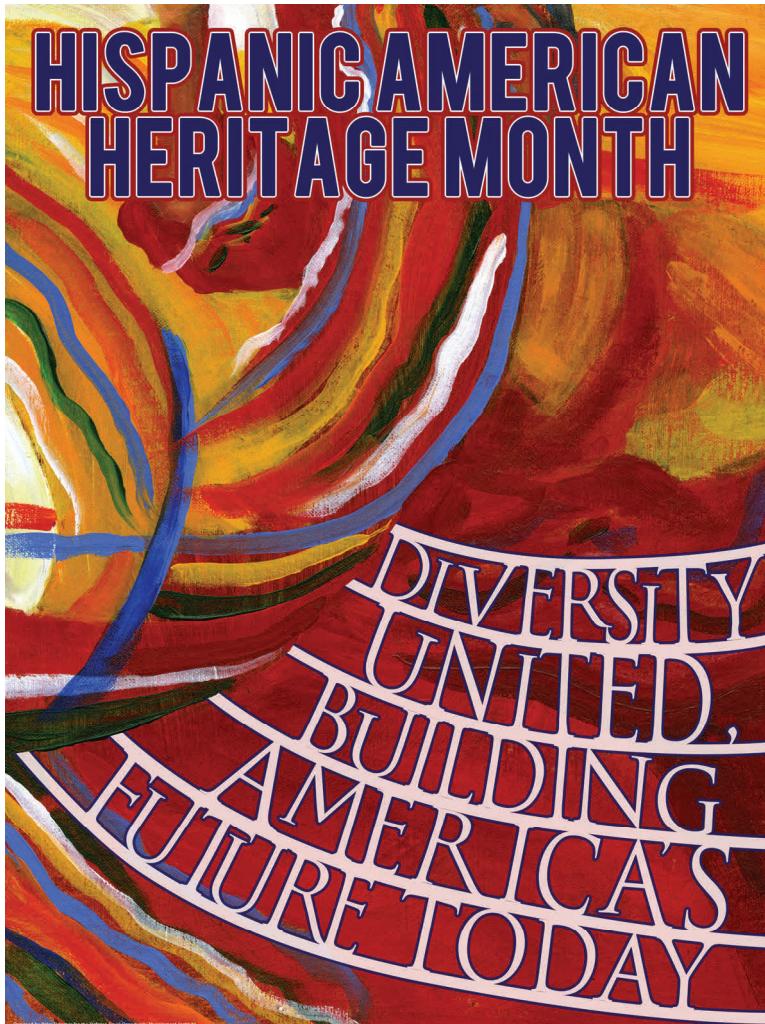
with 35 million, an increase of 58 percent. In the 2010 Census, Hispanic population rose to 50 million. That is astounding when compared to an overall population increase of only 13.2 percent.

This made Hispanics the fastest growing segment of the United States population (Bureau of Census). Hispanics have a long history of serving in the U.S. military and made significant contributions dating back to the Civil War, including 44 U.S. military members who earned the Medals of Honor (MOH), the highest military decoration a member of the U.S. military can receive. This has been a source of pride and distinction for the Hispanic community. In fact, the first Hispanic MOH recipient was given to a Union Army corporal, Cpl Joseph H. De Castro, during the Civil War in the Battle of Gettysburg (Excerpt from Hispanic Talent Memo, Feb. 16, 2010).

The most recent Hispanic Americans to receive the Medal of

Honor were Sergeant First Class Leroy Petry, born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, while serving in Afghanistan, and Specialist 4 Alfred V. Rascon, born in Chihuahua, Mexico, initially received a Silver Star but received his Medal of Honor in 2000 for his extraordinarily courageous acts on Mar. 16, 1966.

Everyone is encouraged to support the various events that are scheduled in your area in observance of Hispanic American Heritage Month.



# AFSBn-Qatar issues APS-5 equipment

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Photo by Mr. Jonald Lalas, Installation Visual Information Specialist ASG-Qatar

**ITT contractor mechanics verify mission readiness of equipment through a Technical Inspection (TI) of a vehicle on Jun. 8, 2012 at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. Once complete, the vehicle TI will be verified by AFSBn-Qatar maintenance Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs), to include a road test.**

This involved verifying over 500 small items and packing them into shelving units with drawers. Lastly, they completed the property transfer process coordinating Materiel Release Orders (MRO) through the Army Sustainment Command (ASC).

Simultaneously, the maintenance team conducted Technical Inspections (TI), Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) and road tested over 130 pieces of rolling stock and an additional 220 pieces of non-rolling stock to verify mission readiness. Additionally, the maintenance team communicated with AFSBn-Livorno as equipment was in-transit from Livorno, Italy (APS-2) to Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar (APS-5) to understand requirements for readying equipment for issue to include painting the equipment desert tan.

Often transportation is the last step in the process. Due to time constraints the AFSBn-Qatar transportation section took action from the start analyzing requirements for moving the equipment both commercially and on Army Watercraft. Upon the decision to use a commercial carrier, the equipment scheduled for movement was reviewed by the carrier and began moving to the port. This quick

action was due to the hard work and planning of the Transportation Section's proactive efforts in completing requests for movement and customs letters required by the government of Qatar. An overall highlight was zero safety incidents for a mission requiring movement of over a thousand pieces of equipment, a dust storm and temperatures well above 100 degrees.

The final step for the AFSBn-Qatar was to send the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Cook, Accountable Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 3, Tanya Combs, and the Property Book Officer, Sergeant First Class Ian Bernard to Kuwait to work with AFSBn-Kuwait and the 402<sup>nd</sup> Brigade staff to issue the APS equipment to the GTU.

## POWER LINE



### 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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**Col. John D. Kuenzli (left), Commander, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) encourages George Evans (right), 402nd AFSB Safety Manager during 3d Medical Command Resiliency Expo 5K in Aug. 2012 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.**

your body beyond its capacity. Doing so is an invitation to injury.

**Protect your Eyes:** Protective eye goggles would help prevent eye injury

**Exercise surface:** Prior to activity look for risk factors on the playing court/field such as foreign objects, towels, gym bags, etc.

**Drink water:** Proper hydration during activity is recommended. Energy drinks and coffee are not a substitute for water.

**Monitors:** Officiated games decrease the risk of injury occurrence. Enforcement of rules assists in decreasing the incidence of injury.

**Fair play and consideration of others:** The style of play by a team may increase risk of injury; the more contact involved, the higher the incidence for injury.

***Let's all think safety!***

