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Exercise Golden Cargo a success

Since 1991 Exercise Golden Cargo, a national military exercise involving Army Reserve Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians, has provided valuable training and experience in a wide variety of logistical functions.

This year Golden Cargo, held June 5-26, involved more than 500 Army Reserve Soldiers at three Army Materiel Command installations: McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Okla.; Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky. and Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Tenn.

Overall, Exercise Golden Cargo facilitates optimum integration of technical and tactical training and supports the mission simultaneously while benefiting the participating installations, the Army Reserves and the Army, said Brig. Gen. Jerry De La Cruz, Jr., commanding general, 3rd Corps Support Command.

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Brig. Gen. Jerry De La Cruz (left), commanding general of the 3rd COSCOM (CONUS) watches the fields of fire as Staff Sgt. Brian Herold, 757th Transportation Battallion, Milwaukee, mans his machine gun.

New logistics chief of multinational forces tours AFSB-SWA



U.S. Army Photo by Chuck Sprague

Brig. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey tours the engine shop where Army civilian mechanics (center) Jason Davis and Curtis Owens are rebuilding a humvee engine.

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait- The new Chief Logistics Officer for the Multinational Forces, Iraq, toured a forward repair facility (FRA) operated by the Army Field Support Brigade, Southwest Asia, here on July 23, to see the progress in operations to up-armor

and repair Army tactical vehicles.

Brig.Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey saw the process at one of several FRA facilities operating in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Qatar. Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard, Commander of the Army Forward Support Command conducted the tour.

Gainey also visited with Soldiers of the 7th Transportation Group, assigned as convoy truck drivers, taking vehicles and supplies into and out of Iraq. The Soldiers drive up-armored vehicles.

The up-armor kits were manufactured and sent to theater to counter the improvised explosive devices (IEDs), small arms fire and other munitions used against US forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Different armor sets are designed and shipped to Southwest Asia for a variety of tactical vehicles ranging from bolted-on steel plating to complete replacement of vehicle cabs with a new encapsulated armored cab. Ballistic windshields and air conditioners are also added to the vehicles. The vehicles are tested and engines and transmissions

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On the Record: Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, CG AFSC

On July 9, I had the privilege of participating in a ceremony held in Rock Island, Ill., for World War II veterans who had participated in the liberation of the Philippines.

During the ceremony, medals honoring their service were presented to more than 50 surviving veterans of the long and difficult fight to free the Philippines from Japanese occupation.

The ceremony was part of the ongoing commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. The still-proud bearing of those veterans brought to mind the valor and selflessness exemplified by America's "Greatest Generation," and also reminded me that we need to pay respect to the Americans who fought World War II while we still have time.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 16 million people served in the U.S. military during World War II. More than 405,000 of them were killed in action during the war. While about 5 million World War II veterans are still alive today, all are very advanced in age, and they are dying at a rate of about 1,100 a day.



Our World War II veterans gave all they had to defend our nation and to free millions of people from tyranny. After serving the cause of freedom, they came home to serve their communities. They protected and built the free and prosperous nation we live in today, and we owe them all an eternal debt of gratitude.

There is much we can still learn from our World War II veterans about courage and commitment; about honor and pride; about teamwork and unity; about seeing a job through to its conclusion; and about abiding values that can sustain us through the most trying of circumstances.

As long as our World War II veterans are still with us, we need to listen to them, honor them, and – above all else – thank them.

Today, a new generation of Americans is fighting against tyranny and terror in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. It is apparent that they learned the lessons passed down by the veterans who served before them, for they have shown the utmost courage and commitment in service to their nation and to the cause of freedom.

The brave Americans who serve in uniform today will be the veterans of tomorrow. They are as worthy of our respect as our World War II veterans, so we must never forget the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. Let us also salute all those who fought in Korea and Vietnam, and who guarded freedom's frontiers during the Cold War.

Though years and decades will pass, the enduring example of our veterans will continue to sustain and enlighten us. May we remember them always as heroes, and may we give them their due for all they gave us.

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AFSC Hires First Employee Under "Always A Soldier Program"

Rock Island, Ill. – Randy Morgan spent 25 years serving his country and, after a vehicle accident in Iraq, his military career came to an unexpected end...or so he thought.

As a member of 3rd Corps Support Command's Army Reserve unit in Des Moines, Morgan fought in Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. His plan was to be a reservist until the day he retired, but in late April 2003 he experienced a life-altering change.

When the Humvee he was riding in hit a crater and went airborne, Morgan sustained injuries that kept him from continuing his service as a Soldier. As a result of the accident, his civilian career as a truck driver also came to an unexpected end.

Concerned for his and his family's future, the 48-year-old Morgan was left to find a new career. Unsure about what he could do, he visited the local Veteran's Affairs representative to find out what options were available to him as a veteran. That was when he found out about the Army Materiel Command's Always a Soldier Program.

The Always a Soldier Program helps wounded veterans find jobs within AMC. This program, initiated in 2004, has been implemented at AMC major subordinate commands and activities, one of which is the Army Field Support Command (AFSC). Veterans can now receive continued support beyond active duty service.

AFSC Always a Soldier program coordinator, Denise Brown-Winchell, believes that the program is "a great way to reach out to veterans in our community. This program provides service-connected disabled veterans opportunities for employment, career advancement, job mobility, family economic well-being and great financial security."

The hardest part about this program, Brown-Winchell said, is getting the word out to the wounded veterans. "We rely heavily on the help of veteran and employment agencies in Iowa and Illinois," she said. "The veteran representatives send us resumes; then we contact the veteran and help them find a job at



U.S. Army Photo by Tony Lopez

Col. Carl J. Cartwright, Deputy Command of AFSC, swears in Randy Morgan, the first AFSC employee hired under the Always a Soldier Program.

AFSC. Their skills and qualifications are matched with the most suitable jobs.

"Our main focus under the Always a Soldier program is to support the wounded veterans in our community," she added. "We want them to realize that their sacrifice will not be forgotten."

As the first person hired by AFSC under the program, Morgan is excited to start a new career as a safety technician in the Safety and Radioactive Waste Office.

"I am so thankful for the Always a Soldier Program," Morgan said. "Everyone has been great, and I'm no longer concerned about how I am going to support my family. This is a tremendous way to support the veterans who have served our country."

For more information contact AFSC Always a Soldier Program at 309-782-0270 or go to www.alwaysasoldier.com or www.afsc.army.mil/hr/veterans/index.htm for application information.

"If we can make a difference for one wounded veteran, it's worth it!" Brown-Winchell concluded.

-- Angela Hamerlinck

AFSC lawyer named Attorney of the Year

Congratulations were in order for an AFSC lawyer who was recently named the U.S. Army Materiel Command Attorney of the Year.

David DeFrieze, an employee of the U.S. Army Field Support Command headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, was bestowed the honor mostly for his legal work with the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program, or LOGCAP.

DeFrieze deployed five times to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan to work legal issues within LOGCAP, a program designed to provide logistics, engineering and construction services and support for contingency operations worldwide through the deployment of civilian contractors.

A graduate of Illinois State University and Illinois' DePaul University Law School, DeFrieze described the award recognition as a testament to the hard work of all the attorneys working hard to support the Army's missions.

"I often describe my job as working for the world's largest law firm," DeFrieze said. "When I am working an issue, I can tap into a brain trust of attorneys throughout my organization. There are a phenomenal number of people helping to accomplish the mission."

While deployed, DeFrieze worked issues including matters of international law, status of contractors, personnel questions, negotiations, funding issues and ethics. DeFrieze said he finds his work satisfying because of the unprecedented challenges facing his client. And, working for his client is rewarding.

"I see a client who takes an oath to defend our constitution," he said. "I see a person who puts their lives on the line to defend those laws and as a lawyer I find it quite satisfying to assist someone who would put their lives on the line to defend our laws."

DeFrieze has worked for the Army for nearly 20 years. And, although some of his law school classmates went on to private practice and larger bank

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are repaired and/or replaced as required.

More than 32,000 vehicles have been up-armored and repaired since the start of the program in June 2004, returning more than \$30 million of serviceable major components to the Army's supply system here.

The Army Materiel Command has overall respon-



U.S. Army Photo by Darryl Howlett

David DeFrieze, an attorney with the Army Field Support Command, has been named the U.S. Army Materiel Command Attorney of the Year. DeFrieze was honored for his legal work with LOGCAP.

accounts, DeFrieze said he has thoroughly enjoyed his work and supporting his client.

"I think what makes me most proud about this award is knowing that someone thinks that the work I do is important to the soldiers."

DeFrieze was recognized by Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, Commanding General of AFSC, during the command's awards ceremony held at July 27. The award was officially presented to DeFrieze at the AMC Continuing Legal Education Conference in New Orleans June 9.

-- Allen Marshall, AFSC Public Communications

sibility for all the Army's pre-positioned equipment inventory and repairs and has led the effort to install the approved armor upgrades.

-- Chuck Sprague, AFSB-Iraq Public Affairs

Interns inspired by CSM Jones

Well on the way to beginning new parts in their lives, four of the Minority College Relations Team's (MCRT) interns attended "Leadership and Embracing Change" July 14, 2005 with Command Sgt. Maj. Jones as the keynote speaker.

The highest ranking enlisted woman in the United States Army spoke to the nearly full Baylor Conference Room. Her unusual but effective way of speaking kept the audience focused on her. Jones walked the aisles, stopped and said "Hello" to drowsy audience members and encouraged audience participation.

Jones even answered questions concerning the BRAC and Army recruiting using her own personal experiences. The BRAC is closing or realigning more than 100 bases that she is affiliated with. According to Jones, recruiting numbers have been increased so while the Armed Forces are meeting the old recruiting numbers they are falling short of the new ones. However, Servicemen and women are being retained at a higher rate.

In the midst of all that Jones was speaking about, she had no idea she was speaking to three college seniors and a recent college graduate who were on the way to experiencing several changes of their own. Vimlesh Kharva, Jimmeka Taylor, Shevaun Lassiter and Nazlah Hudgins are MCRT interns from all over the country who are working with the Joint Munitions Command. Kharva, Taylor and Hudgins are seniors; Lassiter a recent college graduate.

"It was good," Hudgins said. "As far as leadership, it showed me how to take initiative. It showed me you can't do everything yourself. You need help."

The senior at Albany State University in Georgia plans to attend Emory University for her Master's degree in accounting with an emphasis in real estate. She plans on earning her Ph.D., working in the corporate arena for a while and then opening her own business.

The honors student has set high goals for herself

and like many college students Hudgins is realizing that more education is required to get to where she wants to be.

Kharva, a computer science major at North Carolina A&T State University, sees things differently. He wants to go straight to work as a computer programmer after graduation. Jones' words prepared him for the workforce he will soon be entering.

"It was inspiring," Kharva said. "You can use it in life. You can use it at work. Rather than let one person fall apart, you can work as a team."

The interns complete the MCRT 10-Week Summer Contract Program August 12, 2005. After the internship, Taylor, a senior at Paine College, plans to go to graduate school. Lassiter, an honors graduate from North Carolina A&T, is entering the workforce and then going back to school for her MBA.

-- Shevaun Lassiter, AFSC Public Communications Intern



U.S. Army Photo by Tony Lopez

MCRT interns attended "Leadership and Embracing Change." Left to right: Vimlesh Kharva, Jimmeka Taylor, CSM Jones, Shevaun Lassiter, and Nazlah Hudgins.

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During the course of the McAlester exercise, about 225 Reserve Soldiers transported 2,583 short tons of munitions, conducted railroad operations, provided maintenance on convoy vehicles and loaded and unloaded various types of munitions from 150 military containers delivered by the convoys.

Two types of munitions were picked up and delivered between MCAAP, Blue Grass and Milan: 16,020 eight-inch rocket assisted projectile rounds totaling 1,424 short tons and 50,000 105mm howitzer shells totaling 1,644 short tons.

While Soldiers were gaining experience transporting munitions by military vehicles, reserve rail crews replaced 750 railroad ties and pounded in 1,500 spikes on four tracks covering a total of 3,025 feet.

Other Soldiers honed their skills by operating a train, performing the jobs of a brakeman and switchman and giving the locomotive and rail cars what is the equivalent of a 3,000-mile check up.

With all the rolling equipment, vehicles had to be repaired and maintenance performed. Almost 60 vehicles, including M915 tractor trailers and HMMWV's, were given bumper to bumper inspections replacing worn out and defective parts from flywheels and starters to batteries and tires.

There are several benefits to conducting training at MCAAP, said Brig. Gen. De La Cruz.

"Reservists get familiar with MCAAP's 'lay of the land' and the civilians get comfortable working side by side with Soldiers. Then when it comes time to do this for real, it's a seamless transition.

"Soldiers working with Department of the Army civilians is one of the concepts we envision if we have to ramp up operations at installations like MCAAP," the General said.

The second benefit of Golden Cargo, according to the General, "allows realignment of ammunition to the right locations within the Joint Munitions Command and Army Materiel Command so the munitions are at the strategic sites for its proper use."

Besides the realignment of munitions, there is also a strategic mobility purpose to this exercise.

"The maintenance of locomotives and rail cars and the maintenance and sustainment of rail lines have improved the strategic mobility in train capacity so when we do outload we have good rail lines to quickly move ammo to ports for shipment," the General said.



U.S. Army Photo by Mark Hughes

Sgt. Robert Knowles (left), 1152nd Railroad Co., Milwaukee, drives one of the 1,500 spikes railroad units used to help repair four rail tracks at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant during Exercise Golden Cargo. Assisting Sgt. Knowles is Spc. Frederick Ard, of the 1151st Railroad Co., Det 1, Milwaukee.

Due to the terrorists' attacks on September 11, 2001 and the resulting military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq, reserve training now emphasizes even more the need to integrate technical training in a tactical environment, he said.

"We train like we're going to fight. We need to understand how we live, work and train in a tactical environment. During this exercise we lived in the same type of tactical living and working conditions as we would if we were in Afghanistan or Iraq," Brig. Gen. De La Cruz explained.

The tactical aspect of Golden Cargo especially came to life with reservists working at Milan Army Ammunition Plant.

There, Reserve Soldiers conducted additional tactical training like convoy operations where they participated in a mini-convoy exercise and used pyrotechnics and blanks to simulate IEDs, Rocket Propelled grenades, and terrorist attacks on the vehicles. Soldiers were provided with realistic tactical training and an opportunity to practice convoy security, mounted and dismounted attacks, and emergency treatment and evacuation of exercise casualties.

"Our soldiers love this kind of training and want more," he said, "and we want to make this training as real and similar to combat conditions as we safely can."

-- Mark Hughes, McAlester Public Affairs