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Delaying Desert Damage

By MSG Betheny Jones, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade Public Affairs

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — It's huge. It used to be empty. And it is slowly filling up with massive pieces of equipment.

Formerly called the DDKS (Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia), the facility is now named Army Material Command Forward Facility 1, and is located within the perimeter of the MRAP Sustainment Facility (MSF). The purpose is to prevent delayed desert damage to the Army Pre-positioned Stock (APS-5) fleet.

According to CPT Megan Scavezze, Kuwait Battalion Support Operations Officer in Charge, just under 2,000 pieces of equipment is moving into the facility to be stored here in COSIS (Care of Supplies in Storage), as part of the Department of Defense's Stock Readiness Program, and is intended to maintain stored Army material in ready-for-issue (RFI) condition.

SFC Jarvis Payton, Kuwait Battalion Warehouse Operations Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, says the equipment is sent to maintenance for any needed repairs. "Once the equipment is processed for COSIS preservation and any scheduled service has been completed, they are placed inside the facility in a particular order, usually by the



Photo by MSG Jones, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

Vehicles in Maintenance Year Two are lined up inside the AMCF1 warehouse by UIC and model type.

same type of equipment, matching Unit Identification Codes (UIC), and maintenance year. In COSIS, the facility is set at prescribed temperature and humidity levels. Routine maintenance is set for 30 months or 48 months, depending on the type of equipment," said Payton.

"The 402nd AFSB and 402nd AFSBn-KU collectively came up with the cost-benefit analysis", said CPT Scavezze. According to CPT Luis Rojas, Kuwait Battalion S-2 Officer in Charge, storing the APS-5 equipment in COSIS in the

AMCF1 will save the Army over \$160 million.

"That is a 75% reduction in savings, money that can be spent elsewhere," summarized CPT Rojas.

"It takes about 30 days to move all the equipment to the AMCF-F1 site. It takes another 65 days to get it set up and in complete COSIS status," explained CPT Scavezze.

Rojas explains that they are utilizing every means possible to maximize space. "Certain types of equipment is stacked on top of

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other equipment; to not only minimize trips in the transportation process, but also to be able to put as much equipment inside, out of the elements. Of course, safety is our primary concern,” said Rojas.

As big as this facility is (666,970 square feet), it will only house a small portion of the APS-5 fleet. There are currently five warehouses on Camp Arifjan that already house APS-5 equipment, with another warehouse in the process of being renovated, and another three projected to be built. What this means, is that when future units deploy to the region, those units will be issued mission capable equipment that has been maintained and is in top condition. This is what the AFSB Kuwait Battalion does best to support the war fighter.



Photo by MSG Jones, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs

To maximize space, vehicles and small cargo trailers are stacked on Palletized Loading Systems in the AMCFF1 warehouse.



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A double-hitched Palletized Loading System carrying High Utility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles enters the AMCFF1 warehouse.

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Mobile Parts Hospital

Story and photo by Mrs. Deborah Ortiz, MPH Program Manager



MPH at the MRAP MSF

From right to left: Robert Watters, Chaulsie Ervin, and Julius Mallard

The Mobile Parts Hospital (MPH) has a history of meeting the needs of our deployed Warfighters, whether in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan. Long lead times in procuring replacement parts can reduce equipment readiness rates. This happens despite the fact that the Department of Defense maintains repair part inventories costing billions of dollars. However, the up-tempo in the early phases of conflict often results in the inventory system being unable to respond immediately to Soldier requirements. The MPH exists to offset this imbalance by producing spare parts near the point of need and reducing the time invested in the part procurement process. Soldiers no longer have to wait weeks or even months for repair parts needed in the field.

The MPH systems have been strategically located in theater to provide the “right part, at the right time, in the right quantity” to assure mission success. In fact, we are often able to respond within hours to a request for manufactured items. This

rapid manufacturing system is consistent with the Army’s strategy to, “Provide the Infrastructure and Support to Enable the Force to Fulfill its Strategic Roles and Missions.”

The MPH, a TACOM owned asset, under the direction of the ILSC’s Troop Support Group, manages the day to day operations of the program defines and directs the mission and focus of MPH in support of overseas contingency operations. Staffed by a mixture of organic and contractor machinists, the MPH systems combined have manufactured over 288,686 parts since the deployment of our first system in 2003 to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The program’s past accomplishments are many and have included prototypes such as: a water digger system designed to work in conjunction with the air digger apparatus on some route clearance vehicles; a prototype tool to remove a plastic bushing without damaging the impeller inside the bushing for a CH-47F Chinook helicopter; and a prototype mini mine roller for use down narrow paths or alleyways, to name a few.

As with all good things, and in conjunction with drawdown of forces in Southwest Asia, the MPH program is slated to come to an end. Retrograde of the program’s six systems is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2nd Quarter, FY14. Having already shuttered the systems at Sharana and Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, the MPH system at the MRAP MSF in Kuwait is next. Production rates for the program overall have dropped to less than 30% of what they were in previous years making the coordination of the drawdown of the systems necessary.

The MPH Program has proudly met its mission to provide the manufacturing solution at the point of need to assure Soldier readiness.

Going Out on Top.....The ONLY Way to Go Out !!

by Rick A. Hunt – Site Manager GDLS Stryker Battle Damage Repair Facility (BDRF)

The mission of the General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) Stryker Battle Damage Repair Facility (BDRF) in Qatar has been to receive, assess, repair and return 8 of 10 battle damaged Stryker variants back to the U.S. Army in “like new” condition. During the seven years the doors of the GDLS BDRF have been opened, it has grown from repairing one vehicle in approximately 200 days to its current standard of 6 Strykers within a 60 day time frame. Each phase of the rebuild is inspected by the GDLS QA/QC team and all retrofits are installed on the Stryker throughout the build process, ensuring the vehicle, when complete, is “like new” and, 100% ready for issue to the unit for immediate use on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. The BDRF has been in a continuous state of growth and improvement since its inception and has achieved many milestones, to include its final act; that of completion of its original mission.

The final battle damaged Strykers were presented to DCMA for acceptance in April of 2013. This completed 422 battle damaged Strykers Flat Bottom Hull (FBH) and Double V Hull (DVH) that were repaired and returned, and 80 Reset vehicles. In all, 502 “like new” Strykers have rolled through the bay doors of the BDRF without a single customer complaint or issue.

Of the 422 repaired battle damaged vehicles repaired at the BDRF, 29 FBH Strykers had been through the repair and rebuild process twice and two FBH have been repaired three times, demonstrating that not only can the GDLS BDRF team in Qatar step up to any challenge, but also that the Stryker is a remarkable, world-class combat vehicle that simply keeps coming back. Since the inception of the DVH, an additional two have come through



the BDRF twice.

From a personnel stand-point, BDRF employees have managed to demonstrate, in spite of 72 hour (often more) weeks, to form softball, basketball and soccer teams, playing against other contractor, expatriate and USG personnel. Four have completed Bachelor degrees and two have completed Associates degrees during their assignments. This sense of mission has given this site an extremely high retention rate (142 employee contract extensions in the last 4.5 years), many extending multiple times. This extension rate has allowed the BDRF to enjoy the retention of the vast institutional knowledge gained from working 100% of the vehicle.

There is a phenomenal amount of pride associated with being a member of the Qatar BDRF team. The work is tough, the hours long but there is a delightful sense of purpose, upon receipt of battle damaged vehicles and pure satisfaction upon returning a hand-built (the BDRF is not an automated facility) factory-new Stryker back to the Soldier, the ultimate customer. Nearly 1,500 visitors have toured the BDRF in the past 30 months, ranging from Lieutenant Generals to visiting USO/MWR celebrities. In March of 2013, the Qatar BDRF was notified that the outstanding work of these professional men and women of the GDLS BDRF, as well as the contracted foreign nationals of KBM (Khalid bin Mohamed) Inc., resulted in the selection of the prestigious General Dynamics Manufacturing Excellence Award.

The mission of the GDLS BDRF may be complete, but BDRF personnel will be able to depart knowing the satisfaction of a job well done and will be able to communicate the vast amount of lessons learned to other GDLS personnel and programs.

Please tip one final “HATS OFF!!” to the GDLS BDRF Team in Qatar for their professionalism, dedication and service to the finest customer in the world; the United States Army. Job Well Done!!

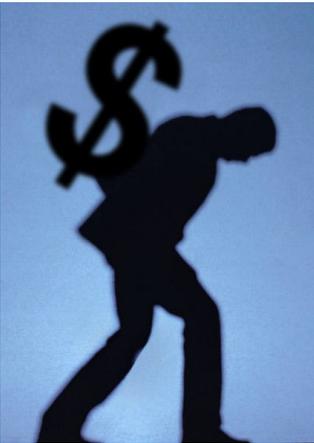


Avoiding a Money Trap

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

Recently my 22 year old daughter, a college graduate, bought her first car. She ended up getting a 1998 Buick Regal with 106,000 miles on it for less than \$3,000. My wife brought \$3,300 in cash to the dealer to cover taxes, title, and registration. Now our daughter is going to pay us back. We are not concerned about it. As a matter of course, however, we do not want to cover someone else's debt. That is because we may end up picking up the tab.

Proverbs chapter 6 says, "My son, if thou be surety for thy friend . . ." That is, if you have cosigned a loan or pledged to cover someone's debt, you just walked into a trap. If a wild animal gets stuck in a trap, the animal will immediately struggle to get free. So likewise if you have covered someone's debt, do not go to bed until you have delivered yourself from the trap.



It has been said that the best way to lose a friend is to loan him money. It's true. Money causes all kinds of tension and hassles. Maybe that's why Jesus taught us to give—not to loan (Matthew 10:8). One man said, "I have hauled sand, and carried salt, but nothing is heavier than debt."



The admonition in the Book of Proverbs is to pay one's own debt and not become a creditor who may in turn lose everything based on bad loans.

"If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take thy bed from under thee?" (Proverbs 22:27).

This instruction is fatherly advice to a son where Solomon says, "My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, (cosigned) . . . Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself. Go, humble thyself. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter" (Proverbs 6:1,3,5).

That's Part of How God's World Works.

The 402nd Unit Ministry Team (UMT) is here 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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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

By Patty Vyncke, 402nd AFSB EEO Manager

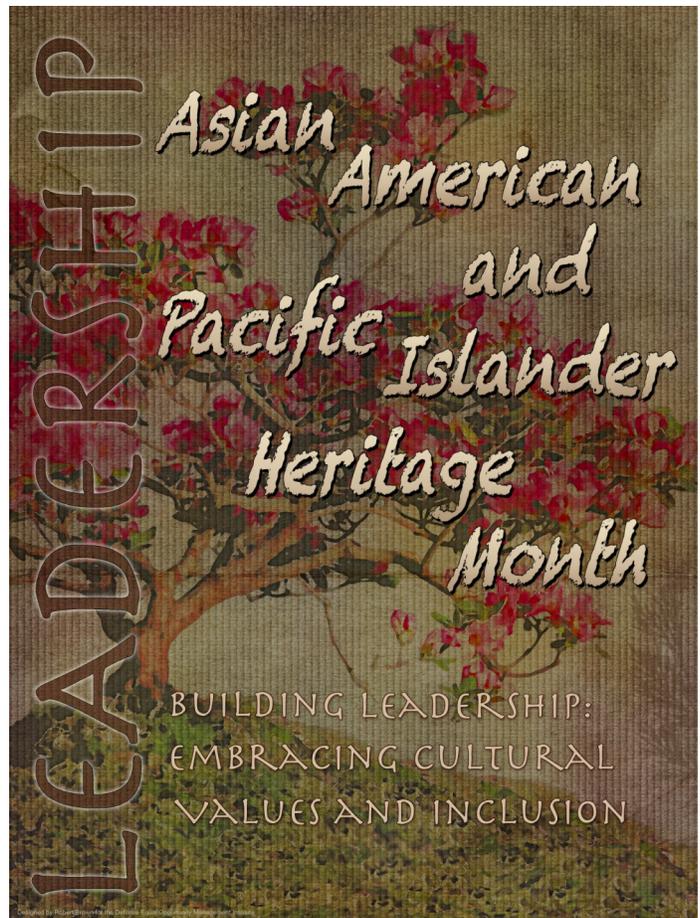
National Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders living in the U.S. This year's theme is: "Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion". May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. I've conducted a little research and found that Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island). Asian American Pacific Islanders represent over 30 countries and ethnic groups that speak more than 100 different languages. The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is conducting outreach efforts to include all Pacific Islander Americans.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental rail-road on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, a House resolution was introduced that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, a similar bill was introduced in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law. President Barack Obama recently reiterated this declaration. Asian/Pacific American Heritage is recognized to promote Asian/Pacific American accomplishments and heritages through awareness, education and celebration.

Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion should be an integral part of our lives, as we all have varying cultural backgrounds.

To learn more about Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month you can visit the web site hosted by the Library of Congress: <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/>.



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Over 40 and Going Strong

By Solomon Palmer, 402nd AFSB S-2

Photos by MSG Betheny Jones, 402nd AFSB Public Affairs



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First Row: MAJ Toy "I'm Good" Frasier, Mr. Robert "Too Cool" Thompson, LTC James "The Relief Man" Rasco, Mr. James "Down and Out" Curry, Mr. Ronald "Below the Rim" Wilson

Second Row: Mr. Marvin "The Warrior" Anderson, LTC Michael "Multifunctional" Alsbrook, Mr. Chris "212" Miller, LTC Scott "Put Me In Coach" Reed, Mr. Jean "The Silent Assassin" Davis, Mr. David "The Giggler" Tremble

Third Row: Coach Solomon "I Should have Played" Palmer

Not pictured: MSG Willie "The Ticket Man" Robinson, MAJ Keith "Forward" Jones

The BDE recently formed an "Over 40" basketball team and 14 members signed up. The first game was held on 5 June at the Zone 1 Gym.

Even though the team had never played together, and only had a short warm up period, they proceeded to blow the opposing team out of the water on their first game with a score of 41-4.

Subsequent games weren't quite as exhilarating; however, the team had a great experience. Key players were Lt. Col. Alsbrook, Maj. Toy Frazier, and Mr. Thompson, according to Coach Solomon Palmer.

"This was the perfect opportunity to build team cohesion outside the work place. I look for-

ward to entering future competitions with the "Icy Hot Ballers," said Palmer.

The season lasted from 5 to 9 June, with games on Mondays and Thursday. The team appreciates the support the unit showed.



Members of the 402nd AFSB came out to support the team and watched with avid attention.



Maj. Jones goes for a shot while the opposing team looks on.



Jean Davis tries to get the ball while Lt. Col. Alsbrook and Master Sgt. Robinson play defense.



Lt. Col. Alsbrook goes in for a layup while Chris Miller watches.



Lt. Col. Reed prepares to pass while Maj. Frasier stands ready to assist.

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Safety - It's for EVERYONE!

By SSG Dario Maldonado, 402nd AFSB Safety

Everyone should make sure they are visible from the sides. This is extremely important for your most vulnerable time when you are crossing streets and your side faces the approaching traffic.

Many running vests only have reflective material on the front and back. Plastic, vinyl reflectors, also known as PVC, is better than other materials because they do not lose visibility when wet. PVC reflectors will also stay cleaner and will not be blocked by dirt. Many reflective vests and belts are made with non vinyl reflective material that has great visibility when new but after some wear and tear or in the rain, when you need it most, it loses reflectivity.

Do not rely only on your reflective gear to keep you safe. Always obey all traffic safety rules. Don't make the mistake of crossing a road unsafely and relying on your reflectors or lights. Reflectors will only light up when a light is shining on them. For the best visibility at all times, including dawn and dusk, use reflectors that have bright colors like lime and orange.

Walking in the street while wearing headphones can be a deadly distraction. While people wearing headphones may have their eyes on the road, unlike people who are distracted by texting or talking on their cell phones, they're missing out on certain sounds that indicate danger. According to the AR 385-10 nobody is allowed to wear headphones while conducting operations inside a military installation. This includes any federal employees and contractors as



Wear of Reflective Belt and Headphones

USARCENT Policy Memorandum OPL PROT 04

References:

- a. AR 385-10, Army Safety Program
- b. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia
- c. US Army Central Standards Book



Wear of reflective belts or vests is required at all times, regardless of uniform, during hours of darkness or limited visibility. Wear belts either around the waist or diagonally over the shoulder.

Headphones and/or earbuds are only authorized inside of gymnasiums, workout facilities, living quarters, or on camp running tracks.

The wear of headphones or earbuds is NOT authorized at all in duty uniform while outdoors.

The wear of headphones or earbuds is NOT authorized in PT uniform while outdoors except on running tracks or inside MWR facilities.

This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned, attached, or on temporary duty to (or otherwise serving in support of) ASG-Kuwait Camps. The term "civilian personnel" includes all above described Army, Department of Defense, and any other US government employees to include contractors. See above references.

well. The ARCENT handbook will tell you that you can only wear them at the gym and in closed tracks.

Now you know some tips to keep yourself safe and to make sure you can go back home the same way you came. **"BE SAFE"**.