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2D SIGNAL BRIGADE NEWSLETTER "BRIGADE OF EXCELLENCE"



CSM Patrick Brooks and COL Mitchell Kilgo inside the Wiesbaden Kurhaus for the 2011 Cyber Ball.



CSM Patrick Brooks leading the formation during a Brigade Enlisted Run.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27-30	Training Holidays
May 30	Memorial Day
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June 17-20	Training Holidays

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MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE COMMAND TEAM



COL Mitchell L. Kilgo CSM Patrick Brooks

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family,

I am grateful to have a moment to reflect upon the progress we've made so far this Spring, and to anticipate the many wonderful things on the way this Summer, also known as PCS season.

Change is upon us not only in the seasons, but organizational changes as well. First, let's welcome BG Robert S. Ferrell, the soon-to-be commander of our next higher headquarters, 5th Signal Command, by showing him that we live up to our moniker, the Brigade of Excellence. As a previous commander of this brigade, let's welcome him home and also show him the cutting-edge progress we make on a daily basis.

Congratulations to COL Jimmy "Big Time" Hall, who was recently selected to take command of the brigade. Several of the next Battalion Commanders and Command Sergeant Majors were also selected. Congratulations to MAJ(P) Joyce Lugin and CSM Harry Mercado selected to the 39th, LTC Corey Brumsey and CSM Charles Miller, the 43d, MAJ(P) David Lambrecht and SGM Nathaniel Jett, the 52d, MAJ(P) Nathan Bollinger and CSM Christopher Riley, the 102d, and of course, LTC Kevin Romano and LTC Wendy Rivers, who will take command of the 509th and 69th respectively this June.

It seems like the summer weather is already here, at least in the Wiesbaden area. Let's be mindful of summer safety concerns for our Soldiers as well as our own families. Barbeques, swimming, and outdoor activities can be relaxing recreational activities, as long as we mitigate the risks. I am proud of everyone, keep doing what you do and striving for better.

COL Mitchell L. Kilgo
Brigade of Excellence



CSM Patrick Brooks, center, with the Brigade NCO and Soldier of the Year Competitors. Congratulations to SSG Metheny and PFC Novoa, the Brigade NCO and Soldier of the Year winners, respectively.



Left to right: CSM George, LTC Vitt, CSM Daniel, LTC Aslakson, CSM Brooks, COL Kilgo, LTC Lightfoot, CSM Miller, LTC Wells, CSM Warren, and LTC Demko.



2D SIGNAL BRIGADE PHOTOS



The formation at the commencement of the Brigade Enlisted Run.



Front Row: CPT Billingsley, Mrs. Billingsley, Second row from left to right: CPT Lokodi, Mrs. Lokodi, CPT Correa, MAJ Magnotto, Mrs. Kilgo, COL Kilgo, Mrs. Thompson, MAJ Thompson



MESSAGE FROM THE 6981ST CIVILIAN SUPPORT GROUP



Hello Members, Friends, and Family of the 6981st,

The past two months have been focused on training events besides our normal business: network installation and cable repair.

Based on the recommendations and lessons learned from the DA-AAME evaluation in February we formulated additional changes to the existing maintenance and logistics areas to further improve the already well set up processes. One of those results will lead to a new set up of the outdoor storage in terms of a layout which will be organized by rows and lines and documented on a schedule that makes it easy to locate materials on this area without working there day by day or even being familiar with the area at all.

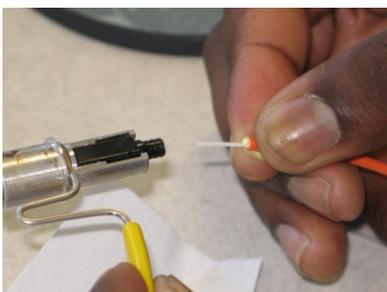
We also opened our confined space entrée training man hole to include safety trainings for this purpose in our training schedule. Mr. "Safety Jim" Speelman trained several members of the unit in a first course to enable us to provide this training to our co-workers and colleagues and to be able to use the safety equipment in the right way. And again, we provided FO cable training to

Soldiers of the 44th Signal BN at Schweinfurt. This kind of training gives them a chance to improve already learned skills or to learn that kind of work from basic to a higher skill. The training includes theory lessons about safety rules, fiber cable types, different color codes, understanding of test results, and hands on training for fiber cable termination (hot melt), splicing (fusion splice) and testing (OTDR).

In April the winners and runner ups for the DA-AAME competition FY10 were announced and we were selected as winner



Mr. Menge does a visual check of the surface of the hot melt connector.



Terminating a fiber cable with hot melt connectors.



Polishing the surface of the mounted connector.

in the category TDA small – All others. As I always emphasize that this is a team effort, I like to say thank you to all involved inside the 6981st as well as to all supporters in our higher HQ's, 2D Signal Brigade. Your help and support is very much appreciated!

We connect!

Gerd Drechsler



Upper Left and Above: Mr. "Safety Jim" Speelman explains and teaches Mr. Ullmer and Mr. Menge in the set up of the confined space entrée equipment.



Mr. Ullmer is now able to "rescue" Mr. Menge.



MESSAGE FROM THE 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Rodney L. Lightfoot

CSM Charles Miller

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family, Greetings and Happy New Year!!

During the months of March through May, 2011 the 39th Signal Battalion has been busy with multiple training and inspection events as well as the inaugural Cyber Ball.

Training kicked off in mid March at the battalion level in order to qualify assistant instructors in Master Resilience Training. The following week, several Soldiers attended the Digital Training Management System Users course at Chièvres Air Base. From April 18th-29th, multiple Soldiers took part in an Ammo Handlers course, a Unit Prevention Leader course and a Combat Life Saver course leading to seven, four and nine Soldiers respectively becoming trained in these areas. SFC Gantt and Mr. Regis attended the COMSEC Inspectors course in Stuttgart, Germany where Mr. Regis was recognized as the Honor Gradu-

ate. Mr. Fish also attended the same course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona where he, too, was recognized as Honor Graduate.

During this same period, several Soldiers were sent to Poland in support of the "Patriots to Poland" and "Bagram IX" exercises. On March 16th, 25 Soldiers participated in and completed a 12-mile Ruck March in less than three and a half hours. 128th Signal Company conducted an Army Physical Fitness Test on April 20th.

39TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

CYBER BALL

WIESBADEN, Germany (Apr. 22, 2011) – Soldiers, Family members, and Civilians of 5th Signal Command and the Wiesbaden Community gathered at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus for the Cyber Ball. The Ball's theme was Strong Beginnings, which refers to 5th Signal Command's welcome to and the start of Cyber in the Wiesbaden area. The Ball was the final event of week-long activities during Cyber Regimental Week. The 39th Signal Battalion had 33 Soldiers attend this historic event. This event marks the first ever Cyber Ball. During the Cyber Ball, 1SG Doug Foster and 1SG Keith Greene were presented the prestigious Signal Corps Regimental Association Award, the Bronze Order of Mercury.

PROMOTIONS

SPC to SGT Faux



Left: 1SG Greene and 1SG Foster receiving the Signal Corps Regimental Association Award, the Bronze Order of Mercury



39TH SIGNAL BATTALION HIGHLIGHTS: 128TH SIGNAL COMPANY

128TH SIGNAL COMPANY

128th Signal Company performed well during its many inspections during this timeframe and was subsequently awarded the FY2010 Department of the Army Runner-Up Award for Maintenance Excellence for exceptional maintenance support in its Commander's Liaison Cell (CLC), COMSEC Logistics Support Facility, Arms Room, and CBRN Room. PFC Hastry, from the CLC, was selected to represent the Company and NETCOM in May, 2011 at the Combined Logistics Excellence Awards in Washington, D.C. The Menwith Hill Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) was awarded the DISA DSCS Site of the Year FY10. Mr. Ron Clay, site manager, said after winning such a high level award, "...it's all about the team we have here at Menwith Hill, they put forth 110 percent effort every day and I am so proud of their achievements."

MESSAGE FROM THE 128TH SIGNAL

COMPANY COMMANDER

The Bulldawgs of 128th during this past quarter have been engaged since day one ensuring mission success through realistic job and physical training, mental exertion, community events and inspections. As the Company Commander, 1SG Foster and I could not be more proud of an organization that exudes "Honor and Loyalty" in everything we do. "Hats off" to Mr. Ron Clay and crew at Menwith Hill who continually set the bar in the Satellite Communications field. Whether our Soldiers and Civilians are engaged at Department of the Army level competitions, such as the AAME, or passing No-Fail COMSEC and NC2 inspections, the 128th Signal Company is and will continue to be mission ready 24/7/365. Also I would like to give a congratulations to our very own PFC Novoa for winning Soldier of the Year for 2d Signal Brigade. Her achievement is a testament to her hard work and dedication to the mission she performs on a daily basis.



Above: 128th Signal Company Soldiers at this year's Cyber Ball held in Wiesbaden, Germany. Guest Speaker was LTG Hernandez, Commander of Army CYBER Command.

Below: April, 2011's FRG meeting was an EGGstravagantaztic event where unit children participated in a Scavenger Hunt, an Egg Hunt and various art and craft events such as egg painting and coloring.





39TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DAY

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DAY

“39th Signal Battalion hosted the BENELUX Motorcycle Safety Day on 29 April 2011 on Daumerie and Chievres Airbase. This was a multi-national event, which was open to all civilians and service members of the SHAPE/Chievres area. The event was planned and executed by Mr. Tony Greco, SFC Graham



SSG Bissonnette also had the drunk goggles and tricycles where riders would do a slalom on the tricycles with the goggles on. After about 2 hours on the course the local police escorted all of the riders on a 2 hour group ride around the SHAPE and Chievres communities. The event concluded with closing remarks by CSM Charles Miller, and the presentation of the BN coin to Monsieur Frederic Van Belle of the Local Police Academy.”



react to a hazard and execute necessary evasive maneuvers. Upon completion of the classroom training, the riders rode together from Daumerie to the Motorcycle Safety course on Chievres Air Base. MWR was on site to provide lunch prior to the hands-on course. The skills course was set up by the local police and they served as rider coaches for the obstacles. To keep the riders from becoming bored while waiting to execute the skills course, 39th Signal Battalion had a secondary “fun” course in which they taught riders how to push-start their motorcycles. They also conducted a “slow drag” where each rider was timed to see who could ride the slowest between two points without putting their feet down.

Wuepper, and SFC Jared Dowland. They collaborated with the local and Federal Police to conduct safety classes covering the Laws of Riding in Belgium, Personal Protective Equipment in Europe, and Riding in the UK. Their classroom was also equipped with a motorcycle simulator to give riders and non-riders scenarios, which they would be required to



Above: SPC Guytan operating the motorcycle simulator receiving instruction from the Belgian Federal Police

Below: Left: SFC Dowland and CSM Miller on the tricycle obstacle lane



Right: Mr. Greco and SFC Wuepper giving guidance to a rider





MESSAGE FROM THE 43D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC John M. Demko

CSM Travis L. Cherry

Greetings from the Soldiers and Civilians of the 43D—Always Professional Signal Battalion.

The 43D Signal Battalion continues to stay on the grind of exercises and missions throughout the theater. The Battalion maintained a significant presence in Austere Challenge '11 as LTC Demko and the CCP Team brilliantly supported the USAREUR Headquarters as they simulated a "real time" deployment situation. The CCP Team received numerous accolades from the USAREUR G6 for their

service and professionalism during the exercise.

The 11th Signal Detachment has also made great strides as they continue to turn in equipment as they deactivate. The Detachment with a rich history since February 1944, will close its doors around October 2011. They will continue to transition remaining Soldiers, missions, and equipment to other units in the Army.

The Battalion will welcome back 1LT Jonathan Azbill as he returns from Kosovo. He was attached to 509th Signal Battalion in support of the network at KFOR. 1LT Azbill has been highly regarded as an asset to the Team in the area.

Lastly, the Battalion will say goodbye to the Company Commander of the 181st Signal Company. CPT Anthony Cato will relinquish command to CPT Darnell Reed. CPT Cato has continued to lead the 181st Sig Co. to a pyramid of success which has attributed to his being selected for a second company command as the Company Commander of HHC, 7th Signal Brigade. CPT Cato will lead the Company as they transition and move to Schweinfurt, Germany. CPT Reed has been with the 43D Signal Battalion for approximately 8 months as the Assistant S3 and welcomes the challenge of command.

The Command Sergeant Major and I would like to wish a safe summer to all Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families!

—Always Professional
LTC John M. Demko
Battalion Commander

43D SIGNAL BATTALION AWARDS, PROMOTIONS, BIRTHDAYS

Awards:

- PFC Rodriguez, Ray - AAM
SPC Thornburg, Matthew - AAM
SPC Burger, Tyler - AAM
SPC Wyatt, Jared - AAM
SGT Johnson, Bud - AAM
SPC Ortiz, Luis - ARCOM
SGT Smith, Erick - ARCOM
CW2 Millsap, John - ARCOM
MAJ Brown, Andre - MSM
MAJ Nagy, Jason - MSM
CW2 Coker, Charles - MSM

Promotions:

- Mann, Jonathan K. SPC 181st
Rozzelle, Kyre X SPC 181st
Koehn, Christopher PFC 181st
Howell, Matthew J. SPC 11th
Walker, Charles SPC 11th
Johnson, Sawanna SPC HHD
Harrish, Josh SPC HHD
Arnold, William S. SPC HHD

Birthdays—April

- SPCP Dillon, Travis 02-Apr
PFC Cottrill, Amber 05-Apr
SPC Thornburg, Matthew 06-Apr
PFC Bacaylan, David 06-Apr
SSG Robertson, Aaron 08-Apr
SSG Gray, Deonzie 09-Apr
SFC McDermott, David 09-Apr
SPC Davidson, Keyvun 15-Apr
SGTP Phillip, Tyrone 16-Apr
PFC McClanahan-evans, Jessie 19-Apr
SSGP Tidwell, Kenneth 20-Apr
SPC Johnson, Sawanna 25-Apr
SFC Henry, Brice 29-Apr
CW2 Smedley, Robert 30-Apr

Birthdays—May

- SGT Howard, Jon 02-May
PFC Walker, Michael 02-May
SPCP Lucio, Bella 02-May
PFC Walker, Michael 02-May
SGT Freeth, Michael 05-May
SSG Osborne, Otis Jr. 05-May
SGTP Dennis, James 07-May
SPC Howell, Matthew 13-May
SGT Martin, Anthony 13-May
SPC Bryce, Charles 16-May
PFC Roush, Robert 17-May
SPCP Vining, Alexander 17-May
SPC Reinke, Kelsey 19-May
SFC Wurm, Christopher 23-May
SPCP Anderson, Sean 25-May
PV2 Everett, Brytani 27-May
SPC Smith, Joseph 27-May
SFC Moore, Kenya 30-May



43D SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: RENEGADE DEFENSE FTX

As force protection measures continue to raise awareness due to increased potential threats within Germany, the 181st Signal Company remains vigilant. From the 23rd – 25th of March 2011, the 181st Signal Company executed their first company Field Training Exercise (FTX) in support of defense operations and real world Force Protection mission at the Media Gateway Facility in Landstuhl (MGF-L).

Renegade Defense FTX validated that the company was capable of operating while deployed in support of Force Protection operations and simultaneously executing the company's overall mission. The 181st Signal Company maximized training opportunities through the coordination of \$150,000 worth of assets with sister units and outside agencies in support of Renegade Defense.

On March 23rd, 1st, 2nd Platoon, and elements of the Headquarters Platoon, located in Heidelberg and the surrounding areas of Kaiserslautern, joined 3rd Platoon at

the Media Gateway Facility in Landstuhl. Upon arrival, the Soldiers from the geographically separated company consolidated efforts and instituted life support requirements. The Company Command Post was established to include voice and data capabilities to support command and control during the FTX.

Defense operations were conducted on March 24th as the three platoons conducted a tactical movement, occupied an area of responsibility, and established a Platoon Command Post. Once communication capabilities were established, the platoons focused on security by establishing Tactical Check Points and Observation Posts and conducted logistical resupply missions. The 181st Signal Company First Sergeant stated, "The company did an excellent job as the platoons responded to a variety of challenging scenarios with appropriate lethal and non-lethal measures which produced positive effects."

The morning of March 25th, the 181st Signal Company conducted a team building competition involving teams of Soldiers who participated in a demanding confidence course. The course consisted of several challenging events that tested the Soldiers' physically and mentally, and it tested their ability to engage targets with paintball guns.

Concluding defense operations, the confidence course, equipment breakdown, and area detail the Soldiers of the 181st Signal Company closed out the successful FTX with a BBQ joined by family members.

CPT Cato, the 181st Signal Company Commander stated, "The FTX was an outstanding training event. The training validated the company Headquarters' ability to provide command and control during defense operations and the sustainment of company operations from a deployed location."



Above: Renegade Defense Exercise Participants



43D SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: RENEGADE DEFENSE FTX



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MESSAGE FROM THE 52D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Robert A. Vitt CSM Mark A. George

Dear Members, Friends and Families of the 52nd Signal Battalion,

"MacArthur's Own" continues to march on at a quick pace. We have been very active over the past few months as our mission continues to grow. We have solidified our teams that are supporting U.S. Africa Command and U.S. European Command and we are now responsible for managing all IT services for both COCOMs. Our work with the COCOMs is setting the stage for the Joint Enterprise Network (JEN) that will be coming online in the next few months. The JEN is the future of DOD network provisioning and our Soldiers and civilians are at the center of this effort that will consolidate

PROMOTIONS:

- 31 Mar 2011: PFC Moore, Gregory to SPC
1 Apr 2011: PFC Angel, Miguel to SPC
7 Apr 2011: PFC Anderson, Jonathan to SPC
7Apr 2011: PFC Hilliard, Ongela to SPC
15 Apr 2011: PFC Hart, Brandon to SPC
1 May 2011: PFC Wright, Joshua to SPC
2 May 2011: PFC Benton, Ramon to SPC
8 May 2011: PV1 Jimenez, Sean to PV2
14 May 2011: PFC House, Benjamin to SPC

RECENT EVENTS:

- 2 April: Spring Fling BBQ fundraiser for Nijmegen
16 April: German Shooting Badge Range
18-22 April: Cyber Week
28 April: Day of Remembrance playing of Schindlers List
3 May: Day of Remembrance trip to Dachau
9-13 May: Company WTX

networks, making them more robust, less expensive to run and more defendable.

In addition to our work here in Stuttgart and Garmisch we now also have a presence in Djibouti, Africa as we have taken on the mission of managing the networks for the Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa. CW2 Fuentes returned from a four month tour in Djibouti setting up this mission. She did an outstanding job getting this mission off the ground. Mike Kelly, a recent addition to our team for AFRICOM, is now on the ground in Djibouti continuing the good work started by CW2 Fuentes. This mission will continue to grow and in fact in a few weeks we are sending some of our "cable dogs" down to the Horn of Africa in order to clear a back log of needed network installs.

This last quarter also saw the Battalion host a world class NCO induction ceremony that saw the induction of NCOs from across the Stuttgart military community. To highlight the increasingly joint nature of our business we were honored to have as our guest speaker, Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer Roy M. Madlocks, Jr. the senior enlisted advisor for U.S. European Command.



1SG Tawnia Valdez giving Women's History Speech

ARRIVALS

- SSG Foster, David arrived 2 Feb
SPC Sleister, Christopher arrived 9 Feb
SPC Coleman, Trenun arrived 10 Feb
SGT Gonzalez, Mikela arrived 5 Mar
SPC Haslage, Elijah arrived 15 Mar
SSG Morpew, Steven arrived 15 Mar
SPC Morpew, Monica arrived 9 Apr
SGT Ramos, Ramon arrived 10 May

The summer months are upon us and it is indeed my hope that all of you are able to enjoy the summer and see a bit of Germany and Europe. I would ask that you take a moment to think about your safety and that of your families. The summer offers fantastic opportunities to see Europe and learn more about the cultures that surround us. So please, be careful, drive safely, pay attention to your surroundings and enjoy yourselves.

As Memorial Day approaches and everyone prepares for the rounds of Barbeques or holiday trips I would also ask that everyone take a moment to reflect on the incredible sacrifices by those who have gone before us. Their collective sacrifices over our history provide the shoulders we stand on today. We owe them a great debt.

As always, I am absolutely amazed at the quality of people in this battalion and the work you do on a daily basis. Thank you for what you do. It does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

"We Transmit"

REENLISTMENTS:

- 11 Mar- SSG Bravante, BrianCarlo
25 Mar- SPC Wellman, James
18 Apr- SPC Cullens, Treyveon

BIRTHDAYS:

- April:
15- PFC Benton, Ramon
17- SPC Ewen, Kenneth
21- SFC Coefield, Paul
23- LTC Vitt, Robert

May:

- 2- SSG Cooney, Corey
4- MSG Alcendor, Fredrick
7- SPC Thomas, Damon
7- PFC Whitfield, Eric
7- PFC Montane, Anthony
15- SSG Bravante, Briancarlo
20- SSG Archer, Randy
22- SSG Jenkins, Ean
23- PFC Rogers, Tyler
24- MAJ Perry, Kristy
28- SGT Hert, Brandon
29- SPC Lucas, Anthony
30- 1SG Valdez, Tawnia
31- SFC McMahon, Jared



52D SIGNAL BATTALION PHOTOS



Above: Representatives of the 52d Signal Battalion at the 2011 Cyber Ball
Below: SPC Cullens' reenlistment ceremony.



Above: Soldiers Participating in the 2011



Left and Right: Scenes of camaraderie during the Battalion FTX.





102D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Eric E. Aslakson

CSM Robert A. Daniel, Jr.

Teammates, families, and friends of the 102nd,

First, as your command team, we want to thank you for your continued efforts to improve yourself, your team, and your community. Over the past couple months we have accomplished some significant things and have been duly recognized for those efforts. For example, we cut ribbons on two significant infrastructure improvement projects in our area of responsibility, our battalion team won the 5th Signal Command Regimental Week combatives tournament, and we co-hosted a successful golf tournament that raised thousands of dollars to support college scholarships for our DoDDS high school students. We also celebrated significant selections for promotion and honored several teammates for personal service and achievements. We also congratulated ourselves and the US Army

Garrison in Wiesbaden for recently receiving the Commander's in Chief Annual Award for Installation Excellence. But more importantly, we want to take this opportunity to recognize the unsung, diligent, day-to-day work in support of each other and our mission. Whether going that extra step to complete a trouble ticket on time, ensuring the documentation supporting a personnel action was straight, or completing maintenance of our vehicle fleet to standard, you make this organization a success. Thank you.

Second, we are blessed to work and play in two of the best, most historic, military communities in Germany - Wiesbaden and Baumholder. As you immerse yourself in local history and culture, please take a few moments to remember and reflect upon one of the most significant, defining events in our American history. In April we commemorated the 150-year anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. In special reenactments, memorials, and tributes over the next few years, we will recognize the tremendous devastation and sacrifice of the four bloodiest years in American history. The Civil War ended the cancer of institutionalized slavery in America and set the conditions to achieve the American ideal

of liberty and equality. We are carrying forth that tradition.

Finally, as we celebrate Memorial Day and transition into summer, we ask that you stay mindful and deliberate about safety and force protection. According to the Army Safety Center, "Summer is a very dangerous time of the year for the Army with notable increases in off-duty accidental fatalities." Spend the time and review the *Safe Summer Campaign* material on the Army's Safety Center website (<https://safety.army.mil>). There are interactive games and material for the whole family, and a wealth of safety information about a variety of summer activities. Also, be conscious of your surroundings, be smart in your choice of locations and activities, and maintain a low profile. Fully enjoy what summer in beautiful Germany has to offer, but take care of yourself and each other, and stay a happy, healthy, and productive member of the 102nd team.

Net Ready!

LTC Eric Aslakson, CSM Robert Daniel

102D SIGNAL BATTALION SOLDIERS RECOGNIZED BY INSCOM



Colonel Dennis O'Brien, the CIO/G6 and Director, US Army Signal Activity, Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, presents coins of excellence to SPC Eric Rigdon (left) and PFC Tyler Lance (right) for outstanding support provided to the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade and other strategic intelligence organizations at the Dagger Complex in Darmstadt, Germany.





WIESBADEN ARMY AIRFIELD NETWORK CUTOVER CEREMONY 6 MAY 2011



I3MP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – March 2011

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP) executed a new build out for IT and communication infrastructure and facilities. Nearly \$15 million dollars was invested into the community resulting in the vast improvement for network and communication connectivity. This project was Government engineered and contractor implemented by AT&T Government Solutions with German Sub-contractor Wiegand Bau.

The result of this project ensured network protection with solid redundancy for more than 11,000 users on Wiesbaden Army Airfield (WAAF). This infrastructure build out ultimately supports USAREUR's Global Restructuring and Rebased of their HQs and the V Corps transition and integration into the WAAF Community.



Above: The Ribbon Cutting received outstanding support from 5th TSC and Garrison leadership. COL Kilgo, CDR 2nd Sig BDE, COL Dill Garrison CDR, and CSM Prince Garrison CSM pictured in foreground.

Below: LTC Aslakson, 102nd SIG Bn Cdr remarks on how the WAAF I3MP Project of this size and scope and the subsequent total teaming effort of all stakeholders ultimately facilitate and enable Mission Command for the community and USAREUR.



**NET
READY!**

This project delivered some unique capabilities to Wiesbaden Army Airfield:

- 11,000 users migrated
- 203 End User Buildings connected
- 210 switches installed
- 12.5 kilometers of trenching
- 58 Maintenance holes emplaced
- 8 Hand holes emplaced
- IPv6 capability
- 10Gb Ethernet capability for MCN/ADN node
- equipment with connection to IP Gateway
- SIPR connectivity to Battalion

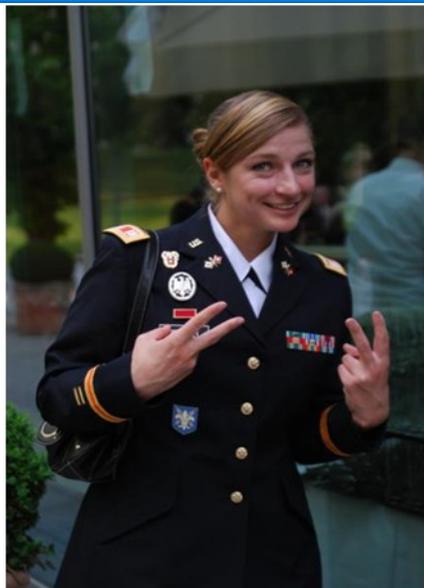
The contract was awarded to AT&T on October 15th 2009 for \$14.9 million.

From left to right: 102nd Network Soldier; Al Adams, I3MP Project Leader; John Klebonis, VP for AT&T Gov Solutions; LTC Aslakson, CDR, 102nd Sig Bn; MAJ Troyer, Assistant Product Manager I3MP; Jerry Havins, AT&T Project Leader; 102nd Network Soldier





102D SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS: CYBER BALL AND GOLF TOURNAMENT



Above : Left: SPC Saldarriaga, Middle: CPT Killian, Right: Mr. Ellersick



Left: From Left to Right – CHP Cooper/CSM Daniel/LTC Aslakson/Mr. Peralta enjoy a day on the course, while raising money for a good cause.



Above: From Left to Right – LTC Aslakson/Mrs. Aslakson/Mrs. Daniel/CSM Daniel

Left: **Winning Soldier Team:** From Left to Right – SFC Breese/SFC Mckenzie/SFC Manke/1LT Wilson



102D SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS: COMBATIVES TOURNAMENT



MAJ Byrd captures his opponent's back and attempts a submission hold.



From Left to Right – CSM Daniel/CSM Brooks/SPC Moffett/SPC Ruland/ MAJ Byrd/PFC Morgan/PFC Holliday/CSM Washington/LTC Aslakson

Right: SPC Gutierrez enjoys himself during a unit bowling function

Combatives & Cyber-Bowling



Above: PV2 McKire demonstrates how to throw a strike.



Left: SPC Hoyos garners extra luck by bowling with the Signal-colored ball.





509TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC G. Shawn Wells CSM Brian W. Warren

The 509th held great events during the last quarter that have emphasized unit cohesion as well as family involvement. On April 6th the 509th FRG gathered to play games and to spend time with family and friends. The event had a turnout of over 75 people with games including an Easter egg hunt and an egg on the spoon race. The games pitted the parents against the kids in several events with the kids coming out on top. The event included a visit from the Easter bunny himself. He came by to hand out bas-

kets and take pictures with the kids. Overall it was a fantastic day that fostered a sense of community within the unit and boosted the esprit de corps.

The 28th of April saw a much younger crowd in the 509th training areas with children accompanying their parents to work as part of a school project. The kids happened to be there for NBC training and had the opportunity to don a protective mask and all of the MOPP gear. SFC Medrano said "It was a great opportunity for the kids to see what their parents do as part of their jobs."

A chili cook-off was held during lunch on April 29th. Three volunteers cooked chili and put their reputations on the line with the competition. All of the participants voted on the chili and with the votes tallied SFC Medrano's chili won the contest. These three events were fun activities to celebrate the return of Spring while increasing morale and cohesion within the unit, as well as incorporating the 509th families.



SFC Taylor helps her daughter find Easter eggs.



Above: Soldiers and kids pose with their eggs and spoons prior to the relay race.



SSG Aguilar helps his daughter with the egg on the spoon race.



SGT Hurd demonstrates the proper wear of the MOPP suit during bring your kids to work day.



Above: LT Durden and SPC Gardner discuss the finer points of each chili entry.

509TH SIGNAL BATTALION BIRTHDAYS, PROMOTIONS, ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries:

- SFC Jimenez 28 Apr
- CSM Warren 10 May
- SPC Johnson 13 May
- CPT Cottrell 17 May

Promotions:

- SPC Skinner 1 May

Birthdays:

- SFC Leggett 8 Apr
- SFC Medrano 19 Apr
- SPC Ripley 21 Apr
- MAJ Kittinger 30 Apr
- SSG Gardner 24 May
- SGT Dziesinski 25 May



509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: ATLAS DROP 11

Uganda, Africa. 509th Signal Battalion Supports USARAF in the execution of Atlas Drop 11

From 3-23 April 2011, SGT Matthew Rodgers and SPC Delarenta Hawkins of the 509th Signal Battalion, Expeditionary Signal Team traveled to Uganda Africa in support of Operation Atlas Drop 11. Their mission was to provide robust C4I reach back capabilities for customers throughout the exercise.

Working hand in hand with the Uganda People's Defense (UPD) Forces, US Army Soldiers conducted a series of training exercises designed to train The UPD in the use of Low-Cost, Low Altitude, Copter Box and free-drop aerial resupply systems.

The initial site survey was conducted by SFC Jimmy Jimenez of the 509th Signal Battalion. As a graduate of the Special Operations Radio Operators Course (SOROC), his unique training provided valuable insight concerning challenges and solutions that could arise during the mission.

"...It was amazing to see how the Ugandan's live and their culture," stated SFC Jimenez. "Also it was a great experience with the Ugandan military counterparts in preparation

Below: Members of the Uganda People's Defense Forces and members U.S. Army Africa wait for a supply drop during USARAF's Atlas Drop 11 exercise at Drop Zone White in Uganda. Members of the 509th Signal Battalion EST were deployed to Uganda in support of the important multinational training exercise. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Utah Army National Guard



communications equipment that we utilized. They didn't use their radios to their full capabilities as we do though."

SGT Rodgers and SPC Hawkins provided NIPR, SIPR, data, and voice services in support of US Army Africa (USARAF) as well as members of the Georgia National Guard through the use of a PACSTAR 4100 Initial Entry Package operating routed through a SIPR/NIPR Access Point (SNAP). In addition, they provided on demand Help Desk service and support to all US Forces on ground. The mission was an outstanding

success, and these Soldiers gained additional experience of working with a foreign military in an austere environment. "Our Soldiers have had the opportunity to learn and to develop friendships and partnerships with the Soldiers they've worked with here from the UPDF," said MG David R. Hogg, Commander USARAF. "For us, that is absolutely invaluable. ... This has been a successful exercise. A lot of work, but it was well worth it."

The 509th Signal Battalion is proud of the hard work that our Soldiers put forth in support of this important operation and welcomes them home with pride from a successful mission.

509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: UPGRADES TO WIDE AREA NETWORK

Network Enterprise Center (NEC) Vicenza successfully implemented major upgrades of A-NIPR and A-SIPR Wide Area Network (WAN) architectures, providing a three-fold bandwidth increase between Italy and the Central-European region. The networking initiative expanded bandwidth, reconfigured Internet Protocol (IP) routing to enhance traffic efficiency and integrated communications capabilities to the new Army installation at Dal Molin. The technology initiative was conceived, developed and implemented leveraging organic NEC resources resulting in significant cost avoidance to U.S. taxpayers in engineering and equipment expenses. The data networking enhancement prepares the Italy region for enterprise e-mail migration, U.S. Army Africa transformation and 173d

Airborne Brigade Combat Team reunification. Additionally, the topology is operationally capable of providing a robust, high-availability, networked solution in support of NETCOM data center consolidation and unified communications initiatives. This successful endeavor is testament to the creativity and resourcefulness needed to meet future challenges amid stringent budgetary constraints. We extend a special thank you to DISA-E, the E-TNOSC and 52nd Signal Battalion for outstanding assistance during the upgrades. This team accomplishment embodies the 2nd Signal Brigade motto "The Brigade of Excellence" and Battalion's motto "Guardians of the Spectrum".



MESSAGE FROM THE HHC COMMAND TEAM



CPT Sirena Sias



1SG Jessie Davis

and welcome Mrs. Shauna Davis, the new FRG leader on board. I encourage everyone to get involved in the FRG, as a way to have fun and strengthen our ties as a unit family.

Special Congratulations to proud parent SFC Jose Garcia, whose son Kenyatta was recognized for his athletic achievements in a recent Stars and Stripes Article. You can read about it here: <http://www.stripes.com/sports/there-s-not-much-hill-can-t-do-on-track-1.142673>

We hope everyone enjoys the wonderful spring weather and takes advantage of the great travelling opportunities here in the heart of Europe. Always be safe and stay positive.

Sirena Sias
CPT, SC
Commanding

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family of HHC,

Summer is on the horizon and with it many great opportunities for travel and also many safety concerns. Let's be careful about how we drive motorcycles, how we barbeque, how we consume alcohol and so forth. Responsibility, mitigation, and moderation are key ingredients to a fun and safe time.

Congratulations to PFC Arista, CPL Gonzalez and CH MAJ Covey on their recent promotions.

We want to thank Mrs. Lindsey Lokodi for her efforts as the FRG Leader

Birthdays

April:

- PFC Williams 2 April
- SPC Mota 4 April
- SGT Wheeler 6 April
- SFC Garcia, Jose 13 April
- SFC Blundell 15 April
- SGT Williams 19 April
- CSM Brooks 29 April

May:

- CPT Billingsley 1 May
- SPC Collins 5 May
- MSG Batchelor 9 May
- SGT Davis 13 May
- SFC Powell 14 May
- SFC Vasquez 15 May
- SPC Santiago 19 May
- SGT Marsland 20 May
- SGT Skiles 30 May



CPT Sias presents PFC Arista with her certificate of promotion.

Right: Wiesbaden Senior Kenyatta Hill has excelled in track and field as well as football. He recently accepted an offer to play football for Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio this fall. Photo by MICHAEL ABRAMS/ STARS AND STRIPES



Below: HHC, 2d Signal Brigade outside of their headquarters building





HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE—CIVILIAN OFFSITE

2D Signal Brigade Headquarters' Civilian Work Force Adds Team Building Exercises to Its Civilian Employee Education and Information Forum

Last year, as an improvement process, 2d Signal Brigade Headquarters started a monthly Civilian Employee Education and Information Forum. The forum has been a great success keeping the work force updated and main stream of important issues, as well as educating everyone on each staff section and their role in the Brigade Mission.

On 13 May, 2001, the Civilian Forum went to the next level by introducing Team Building exercises to its' agenda. The first Team Building Exercise



(Left to Right) Rudy Hadwig (S8), Andrea Schweig (S8), Jack Savino (S4), Peter Hoffmann (S4), Safety Jim, Michel Brand (S4), Stephanie Gibson (S8), Doris Brachmann (HR), Linda Garnish (HR), Shelton Thompson (S3), Doug Dryburgh (S4), Liz Gherler (Cmd Group), Bill Bravo (S4), John Baltich (Civ DBC) all vote to upgrade the Drasene's with "Big Cheeks" bicycle seats.



Rudy Hadwig (S8), Stephanie Gibson (S8) and Liz Gherler (Cmd Gp) enjoy peddling the Drasene along the 20 Km abandon Railway

(planned and executed by the HR, S1, Command Group and Safety Staffs) was conducted as a self paid (13 Euro each), off-site outing that incorporated the Summer Safety Briefing, a 20 km long, bicycle powered "Railroad Motor Car" course and with two problem solving exercises which required removing the "Drasene" off the railroad track to solve. All agreed, it was a demanding yet, outstanding exercise that teamed everyone outside their norm sphere, invigorated communications and team work and enhanced our operational skills. Everyone voted to invest in "Big Cheeks" Bicycle Seats company stock.

Safety Jim recaps on the Summer Safety Risks and countermeasures as part of the Morning Safety Briefing





HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE—PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS



CSM Patrick Brooks presents Ms. Michelle Stosich a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding Family Advocacy support to the 2d Signal Brigade.



COL Mitchell Kilgo and CSM Patrick Brooks congratulate CPL Christian Gonzalez and Mrs. Gonzalez on his appointment to Corporal.



MSG Charlie Sanders (left) and MSG Andre Greene (right) discuss the finer points of running the network outside of the headquarters building Wiesbaden Army Airfield.



SFC Cheryl Powell (left) and Mr. Darnell Rambert (right) all gussied up for the CyberBall.