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Small Civil Affairs Teams Take On Big Community Missions

By SFC Clarence Kugler, 478th Civil Affairs PAO

The 478th Civil Affairs Battalion from Miami, FL arrived in Baghdad on 4 February to replace the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion from Greensboro, NC. The 478th Battalion Commander, LTC Wilfredo Rosario said, "We have civil affairs teams throughout the Baghdad area that are focusing on the problems of the citizens in the various neighborhoods in the city. We are working with the neighborhood advisory councils and the district advisory councils to find solutions to the problems."

Team leader CPT Mathew Pederson from Orlando, FL heads a six-man civil affairs team working in the Karkh District. Pederson noted, "Our team has had a real advantage because we were able to train with the 1st Cavalry Division, the unit we will be supporting here, in Louisiana and in Texas before our arrival." He added, "Those prior deployments gave us confidence in our own team and the unit we will be supporting. We don't have to build relationships from scratch."

Karkh District Team Sergeant, SFC Martin DuMond from Miami, FL said, "Our team is made up of two policemen, a court employee, a hospital case manager, a university student majoring in commercial recreation and a small business owner who manufactures artificial limbs and leg braces. The diversity of our backgrounds allows us to view problems from different angles and to see different solutions to problems." He added, "We feel we are making a positive impact on the lives of the Iraqi people"

SGT Christopher Cummings of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is working on assessing the medical facilities within Karkh and the possible restoration of a children's hospital.

SGT Jose Villafana of Gainesville, FL is working with the neighborhood advisory council at Al-Shawaf Park in the Salhiya neighborhood in restoring the park. The new park will have a playground, basketball court, and benches "Like parents everywhere, the local citizens want a place that is safe and clean for their children to play," said Villafana.

SGT Gilbert Cuellar of Amarillo, TX is working with the Director General of public transportation. He is leading an effort to clean up the Al-Alawee bus station and provide greater security to the passengers.

CPT Pederson said, "We are a small team but we think we are doing big things. We look forward to the civil affairs challenges in the future." 

Association Winter Board Meeting

Lots of Stars, but it was the NCOs that Sounded Off

This year's Association winter board meeting was one that the "the stars fell on". The fifth floor conference room at the ROA national headquarters building was filled for the meeting. There was standing room only at times. Sixteen general officers and over 40 colonels attended. Many Washington area Association members came. USACAPOC and the JFK Special Warfare Center and School were well represented. President Tom Matthews opened the meeting with wide ranging comments on a number of Civil Affairs and Civil Affairs Association issues. He began by saying associations exercised power and influence based on three factors: their membership, money, and political clout. He said that the Association was facing challenges to its power and influence as a result of the deployment of most of our Civil Affairs Soldiers, and our resulting lower membership

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Kids, Chaos & Computers

by SGT Vance Dunbar, 358th Civil Affairs Brigade

The 358th CA Team-A obtained funding through the US Government Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), in Baghdad in order to build Internet Computer Learning Center's in Muthanna and Dhi-Qhar Provinces. The CAT-A helped the departments establish a "train-the-trainer" program for lower education teachers. Their training will include a sister schools concept of bringing international educators and students together via the internet. The Iraqi participants will be given an email account, affording them the opportunity to communicate with other schools.

During their assessment visits the team found a wide disparity in the quality of the schools, from mud huts with free ranging sheep in the courtyard, to three-story complexes with basketball courts and playgrounds. Regardless of the construction or location, the team found many of the schools are lacking such basic supplies as desks, chairs, and books, as well as electricity. Most schools were damaged by years of neglect and looters. The Saddam Feyhadeen used some schools as base camps during the beginning of the war and those schools suffered direct hits.

The 358th working with War Child, a network of independent organizations working to provide HA to war affected children created Save-A-School. It is a web site, www.iraqschools.org, containing a fact sheet, thumbnail

sketch data and photographs of various schools, as well as information on how to make donations. The HOC also partnered with War Child to facilitate the actual receipt and distribution of money and goods. The program is still in the initial phases of development, and needs further work and assistance. Iraq is years behind the modern world. They have the will, but lack the means. We cannot rebuild Iraq for them, but we can help one school at a time. 

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and dues payments. On a positive note he reflected on the great importance of and the high acclaim received by Civil Affairs units and Soldiers as a result of operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Throughout his keynote opening comments, President Matthews mentioned that the Civil Affairs Association had the responsibility to speak out where Civil Affairs Soldiers or force structure were involved or affected. He concluded by saying that there was also an important balance required to keep good relations with others, while at the same time speaking out on Civil Affairs issues.

Finances and fund raising were issues discussed by President Matthews and Secretary Treasurer Wilkie. With membership down because of deployments, Association operations were cash flow negative in 2003. The budget approved for 2004 calls for an improvement in both membership and dues receipts. Nevertheless, the expectation is that the year will again be a financially difficult one, and slightly cash flow negative.

Many Board members gathered in committee meetings on Friday afternoon before the Saturday board meeting. On Friday the committees considered the programs they are

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416th CA Bn's Transfer of Authority Ceremony with the 431st CA Bn

by LTC Charles Hutt

On Monday, 23 February 2004, the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion was officially relieved in place by the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion at Camp Freedom, located in Mosul, Iraq. Led by LTC Friedbert Humphrey, the 431st had been in Mosul since the summer of 2003 after successfully completing civil military operations in Baghdad with other coalition forces.

The opening speech was given by Brigadier General Carter Ham, Task Force Olympia's Commanding Officer. "It is a true accomplishment to see that things are better now in northern Iraq because of the efforts of the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion. I am confident that the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion will continue in this great tradition." BG Ham congratulated the 431st on their success and challenged the 416th to improve the conditions of the Nineveh Province.

The 416th Civil Affairs Battalion will be responsible for many missions during their tour in Iraq. Its primary task will be assisting the local citizens of Mosul, Irbil, and Duhuk rebuild their government's infrastructure for the purpose of creating a stable and secure Iraqi Nation. The battalion is primarily organized into government support teams that perform missions in areas such as health, education, safety, legal and government. Soldiers are highly qualified; with members holding civilian occupations such as medical physicians, lawyers, police officers, and public officials. 

Kuwait-Iraq Cardiology Symposium

by Major Philip A. Govia, 358th Civil Affairs Brigade

The Kuwait Humanitarian Operations Center (HOC) sponsored a joint Kuwait and Iraq Cardiology Symposium. Conducted at the Islamic Medical Center, in Kuwait City, Kuwait in January, the theme for the conference was "Kuwait-Iraq Partners in Health/Vision for the Future." Eighty Iraqi Cardiologists attended the conference. It was the first symposium by cardiologists for cardiologists between the two nations in 15 years. Kuwait is the leading Arab nation assisting the US and Coalition Forces in reconstructing Iraq.

The 358th Civil Affairs Brigade Public Health Team, from Norristown PA, assigned to the HOC, made the conference possible and contributed to the success of the symposium. The 358th civil-military warrior-diplomats work at every staff level and office of this strategic-national level assignment, to include the HOC Administration, Public Health Team, Embassy Team, and the Ministry Team. The 358th / HOC Public Health Team Chief, Colonel Michael V. Canale, MD and his staff (LTC Lewis H. Adams, LTC Robert W. Wesler, MAJ Yvonne Bivens, and Mohammad Ai-Saffer, a representative from the Kuwait Ministry of Health) developed the cardiology symposium, presented it to the Kuwait Ministry of Health via the HOC and was given approval from the highest levels of the Kuwaiti Government.

Major General Stephan Speakes, the Deputy Commander of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), Brigadier Generals David N. Blackledge, Commander of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command (CACOM) and Dean G. Sienko, the 804th Medical Brigade Commander addressed the importance of Coalition Forces continued participation in the exchange of knowledge in the medical field between Kuwait and Iraq. They thanked the State of Kuwait, the HOC and the Coalition military personnel involved in the symposium for their efforts and hard work to help the Iraqi people.

The Kuwait HOC is the primary international and interagency policy making and coordinating body that seeks to achieve unity of effort among all participants in large Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) Operations. The HOC facilitates and coordinates all aspects of humanitarian organizations assisting the people of Iraq. It has a fully integrated staff represented by the Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Poland and

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321st CA BDE opens Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters

On 1 Dec the Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team headquarters officially opened for business. The headquarters serves the provinces of Herat, Farah, Ghowr, and Badghis, a potential clientele of 3 million. Commanded and supported by Combined Task Force 180, the PRT aims to make a real difference in the lives of the people in the region by setting conditions for stabilization, security, and reconstruction.

“The PRT is one tool in our kit to facilitate the reconstruction process,” said LTC John Lineweaver, the Herat team commander and a Civil Affairs officer from the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade in Texas. Civil affairs teams patrol the region, visiting towns, brokering productive relationships between people, the government, and various aid organizations to encourage reconstruction. With the PRT’s assistance, local laborers are hired to repave roads, rebuild bridges, repair schools and clinics, and drill wells. Such projects re-establish an infrastructure seriously damaged by years of war while benefiting the economy.

PRTs are designed to operate in remote areas where other non-governmental organizations traditionally have no presence, creating a safer environment that encourages the NGOs to expand their operations – extending the reach of the national government and directly benefiting local populations. LTC Lineweaver’s long-term goal includes establishing “safe houses” in each province, places where his teams can live and work for a week or two at a time. “It’s kind of a hub-and-spoke concept,” he

said, “with the headquarters at the center and the safe houses extending PRT capability into the outer regions.”

Herat itself is a sensible location for the western PRT. Many NGOs are headquartered there. The town has an airport and logistic support is available. 

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responsible for. As a result a number of specific suggestions and proposals were then presented at the Saturday meeting. See other articles in this issue for a discussion of many of these issues. It was during the discussion of proposed bylaws changes that the NCOs sounded off. This happened when the change to add a Vice President for Enlisted Affairs was being discussed. The initial proposal did not specifically say that this vice president would be an enlisted person. Directors Epperson and VanSant spoke up saying that the bylaws change must also require that this vice president be an enlisted person. This requirement was included in the change that was approved by the Board.

The constructive environment of the Association’s board meetings was demonstrated by the fact our NCOs feel comfortable speaking up when they are moved to do so, even with a room full of high ranking officers. Other articles in this issue have reports on the Board meeting. (DAW) 

Soldiers representing their respective PSYOP and Civil Affairs AIT classes prepare to decide which class is first to receive its Corps crest. This was during the festivities that followed a steak dinner at the conclusion of their AIT courses. (S&S photo)



Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team Continues Efforts in Petaw

Civil affairs Soldiers from the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas, working as part of the Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team continued to make their good intentions known as they ventured to Petaw Village on Dec. 15.

“Today’s mission was to go back to Petaw Village, talk to the villagers and follow up on a well project,” said Lt. Col. Mark Schnur, Ghazni team

commander. “The well project that had been approved for the area was one of the major reasons for the visit,” he said. “The area had been greatly affected by the lack of water, which is evident in the lack of agriculture and the overwhelming amount of stomach problems experienced by villagers throughout the area.”

“We would like to start by helping Petaw as much as we can and then hopefully we can help more villages later,” said Capt. Dan Verich, Ghazni team operations officer with the 321st CA Bde. “We can only help one village at a time and we will try to help more as we build the PRT and become more operational.” In addition to the well, troops discussed the role they hope to play in Ghazni District. “One of the main objectives of the Ghazni PRT is to help with stability and security,” said Verich to the elders. Verich assured the elders that the team will do their best to offer the area a secure, friendly, and terrorist-free environment so they can take their minds off defending themselves and work on building a peaceful area. 

From the Chief, Army Reserve

Army Reserve Soldier no longer “reservist”

As a daily indicator of the gravity of the moment -- Soldiers in an Army at War serving a Nation at War, we will abolish the word “reservist” from our lexicon. In all communications, official or unofficial, use “Army Reserve Soldier.” It is a mark of respect and distinction. Whenever the media, external sources or organizations use the word “reservist,” step up to the plate and politely ask them to change too. Soldiering is, as our previous Chief of Staff described it, “an affair of the heart”. Our Soldiers and their families, and certainly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, know this. The word Soldier distinguishes an individual’s service and sacrifice and the continuation of that honorable tradition by those of us still serving. Thank you for your service. God Bless you, your family, and God Bless America. 

Change of Command at the 351st

Brig. Gen. Mike Kuehr completed his service as commander of the 351st Civil Affairs Command on Saturday, 6 March 2004. The new commander is Col. John F. McNeill. Col McNeill has broad Civil Affairs leadership experience which includes service as Deputy Commander of the 350th Civil Affairs Command, G-3 of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, and Commander of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade. His Civil Affairs deployments include Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Uphold Democracy, Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Earlier in his Army career his active duty service included JAG and Staff Judge Advocate service at Ft Bragg with Special Operations units.

Col McNeill is a graduate of the Citadel, Wake Forest Law School, and has an LLM in Taxation from the University of Miami. He is a partner in the law firm of Haines and McNeill in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. 

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other Coalition countries. The HOC has considerable subject matter expertise in the fields of civil affairs, public health, logistics, transportation, engineering and extensive Kuwaiti ministerial experience. Kuwait ministries represented at the HOC include the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Health, Interior and Information. 

News From the 352nd

Baghdad Job Fair

Soldiers of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command and the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, from Riverdale, Md., coordinated a job fair on 9 December at the Baghdad Convention Center. The units have been given the mission to manage the Iraqi Assistance Center. As part of that mission civil affairs soldiers help Iraqis with medical issues, search for family members who may be detainees, and assist them in finding jobs.

“In preparation for the job fair, we had firm commitments from human resource staffing coordinators from Titan, Proctor and Gamble, USAID and Bechtel,” said Lt. Col. Vanetta Ratcliffe, economy and commerce team chief with the 354th Civil Affairs

Brigade, “Some 450 invitational flyers were passed out or e-mailed to prospective employees, to include Baghdad University. We expected about 200 participants.”

”The job fair included two workshops: how to prepare a western-style resume and how to conduct oneself in a job interview. Afterward, hiring organizations gave a 15-20 minute overview of their company, followed by a networking session,” said Ratcliffe. During the fair, companies provided copies of the positions available, application forms and face-to-face discussions with potential candidates. Approximately 350 jobs were posted at the fair.

Jobs give people a sense of worth, self-respect, a way to support their families and an active role in the reconstruction of their own nation,” said Col. Scott Brennan, director of the 352nd CACOM. “A person who is employed is much less likely to take their frustrations and aggravations out on coalition forces or on the Iraqi public.” 



Chief of the Civil Affairs Corps, Maj. Gen. Berkman, congratulates honor grad Capt. Kornegay of the 350th Civil Affairs Command. This was at the Civil Affairs Corps Crest pinning ceremony for officers who had completed the Civil Affairs course at Ft Bragg. (S&S photo)

TOA Complete

LTC Hugh Van Roosen

On 25 February the 402 Civil Affairs conducted a Transfer of Authority ceremony in Ba'Qubah, Iraq. At that ceremony the soldiers also received the 4th Division combat patch. According to LTC Van Roosen, "...That means that we successfully completed our mission here. What remains is the administration and logistics, the convoy south, the flight west, more logistics at Ft. Bragg, then the flight home."

Approximately 55 soldiers of the 402d Civil Affairs Battalion, US Army Reserve, returned to Western New York, and their home station of Tonawanda, on January 23, 2004, from extensive service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 402d Civil Affairs Battalion was called to active duty 13 December 2002 and deployed overseas in mid-January 2003, two months before the war in Iraq began.

On 21 March 2003, the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion from Tonawanda, NY was the first CA battalion to enter Iraq. CA soldiers conducted populace and resource control and humanitarian assistance in direct support of combat operations. After the combat phase, the Battalion shouldered the dual mission of support to post-hostility stability and security operations to British and U.S. Marine forces and performed Civil Affairs Government Support Team functions to restore public services, rebuild public administration and reconstruct public infrastructure.

"We're soldiering on", says the Battalion's Commander, LTC Christopher Holshek, "for us, winning is helping to secure the victory so hard-earned by many".

The remainder of the 402d's soldiers are expected home by April. 

Maj. Gen. Berkman presents a plaque honoring Col. Bill Swarm to Sgt. Juneman who is representing the Fort Bragg Schoolhouse. A plaque honoring Col. Nobleman was also presented to the school at this time. (S&S photo)

Baghdad Playground Project

Soldiers from the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, from Greensboro, N.C., officially initiated a major park-renovation project in Baghdad Jan 29. The project, worth a total of \$165,000 in grants, funds and private donations, will include the restoration of a historic fountain with a surrounding flower garden area, the construction of a 500-seat soccer stadium for intramural teams, the filling of a pond that has been neglected for years and the development of a playground area with accompanying walkways.

According to Capt. Richard Cote, 422nd CA team leader, the CA team wanted to erase the negative memories associated with the area, a former mass gravesite of Fedayeen soldiers buried during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 422nd cleared the area and turned the bodies over to the International Red Cross/Crescent for identification and family notification.

"We are trying to get (the park) back to the original way it was, 10 to 15 years ago," said Cote. The project will take two to three months to complete, starting with the clearing of war debris that has accumulated around the area, he said. The stadium will include additions such as concrete benches, and restrooms and showers for the teams. Approximately 50 to 60 Iraqis will be taking part in the expansion.

"This is strictly an Iraqi project," said Cote. "422nd is just coordinating it and giving the Iraqis the appropriate funding to help them do it. Our goal is to put local Iraqis back to work." 



304 CA Bde Serves at Division Level

by COL Gary Beard

In August the 304th CA Brigade from Philadelphia, PA deployed to Iraq to support the 82d Abn Div. COL Gary Beard, Commander, said, "Doctrinally, a CA Bde supports a Corps level activity so we had learning pains working the division. Neither entity was familiar with each other nor was our mission clear cut. We arrived onto a stark landscape in relation to civil-military operations. However, the 304th developed several initiatives that made Al Anbar province a better place than it was in August."

The 304th, working with the division, created a veterans group similar to the VA in the states, established a jobs/employment program that employed over 10,000 local citizens, and created a police academy to enhance the current police force. Additionally, the 304th tackled education issues, health issues, and most of all financial issues. According to COL Beard, "This was a new era where the finance director general of Al Anbar had freedom to work. In the past, he relied on Baghdad for guidance and permission to make payrolls or pay for expenditures. Now, he and the local board make the tough decisions. Meanwhile, we took on the huge issue of getting the governance established along with [Coalition Provisional Authority] CPA. This was tough as well but we did make some inroads."

Recently developments in Iraq changed their focus from caucuses to another method of representation which their successor unit will deal with.

COL Beard concluded, "I believe a CA Brigade should support a division once it settles into a location as the 82d did. The needs of the community and the responsibilities of the division become operational as well as tactical, and the CA Brigade can cover the operational level activities."



As of this writing, the soldiers of the 304th CA Bde have earned "tons of Bronze Stars and too many Purple Hearts. Kudos on all their accomplishments." 

Art for Baghdad

Maj. Peter Buotte of the 411 th Civil Affairs Battalion proposes to melt some of the sculptures of Saddam Hussein. His proposal to the Iraqi Ministry of Culture is to melt some of the existing sculptures of Saddam and use the metal for new art by Iraqi artist.. Artist will compete in a Ministry of Art and Culture competition for commissions for the new art. In addition to this art project, Maj. Buotte has worked to rebuild schools in Baghdad. He has helped developed plans to replace or repair plumbing and electrical systems in the schools, and to repair building structures. He says that the more than 10,000 schools in Iraq were found by Civil Affairs survey teams to be in poor condition and suffering from years of neglect. Current work will get most of them open this school year.

Major Buotte was an art teacher in New York City. He will complete his master's in art education at the University of Maine after return from Iraq. (From *U of Maine Alumni Magazine*, Winter 2004) (DAW) 

Awards ceremony at 352 nd Civil Affairs Command. Col. Frame, left, received the Bronze Star with "V" device for action in Baghdad. On their retirement from the Army, Col. Stewart, center, and Brig. Gen. Kern stand with their wives after receiving the Legion of Merit. Stewart sons stand behind and on either side of their dad. (S&S photo)

Around the Army

It's official...

The nation is at war and will be for the foreseeable future. As an expeditionary army, our soldiers' commitment to fight and win our nation's war, at home and abroad, is best exemplified by permanently wearing the U.S. flag insignia on the utility uniforms. Additionally, wearing the U.S. flag permanently also reduces the impact of sewing and removing the U.S. flag insignia on uniforms.

To this effect, the current policy of deployed soldiers wearing the U.S. flag on utility uniforms is expanded to include all soldiers throughout the force regardless of deployment status.

The intent of this policy is for all soldiers to proudly wear the U.S. flag insignia on utility uniforms: (BDUs, desert BDUs, the maternity BDU, the cold weather coat (field jacket), aircrew battle dress uniform, and the combat vehicle crewman uniform and jacket (cold weather).

DA message, Subject: Wear of the Reverse Side Full Color U.S. Flag Cloth states that Leaders must ensure compliance with the policy change. The U.S. flag is to be sewn 1/2 inch below the right shoulder seam of the utility uniform. When the shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service (SSI-FWTS) is worn on the right shoulder of the utility uniform, the U.S. flag insignia is placed 1/8 inch below the SSI-FWTS.

The memorandum states that procurement and attachment for enlisted soldiers will be at government expense using OMA funds. The U.S. flag procurement and attachment on BDUs and cold weather coat for officer soldiers will be at the expense of the individual. The U.S. flag procurement and attachment on DBDU, maternity BDU, aircrew BDU, and the combat vehicle crewman uniform and jacket, cold weather for enlisted and officer soldiers will be at government expense, using OMA funds based on CTA-50-900 allocations.

The new policy is in effect upon the commanders' ability to procure the insignias and allocate funds, and the operational tempo due to upcoming deployments/re-deployments; however, mandatory wear date of the U.S. flag insignia on the uniforms listed above is NLT 1 OCT 05.

All other provisions of AR 670-1, paragraph 28-18(b), and c(2) (Wear of Full-Color U.S. Flag Cloth Replica) will remain unchanged. The above stated changes will be included in the next revision to AR 670-1.

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Guidance from OCSA

The OCSA announced that GEN Schoomaker directed that "soldier" will be spelled with a capital 'S' in all official correspondence (i.e. letters, memos, etc.) but spelled with a lower-case 's' on all official DA Forms (i.e. NCOERs, OERs, Award Recommendations, Requests for Personnel Actions, etc.).

Additionally, "The Army..." will be spelled "...the Army..." (no longer capitalizing the "T" in the word "the" within a sentence). This applies to all written uses of "the Army."

TRADOC Headquarters stated that they never received anything in writing, but that the guidance came down from OCSA via a FONECON, and believe CSA put it out verbally at one of his initial 4-Star conferences/meetings. OCSA states that this applies only to correspondence (not NCOERs). POCs in CSA's office are SSG Donna Laverty or MSG ElHaj @ 703 697-9412. 

Gold Day at USMA

Don't miss this golf day at the West Point Course. Mark May 17 on your calendar.

Association Director Rich Slavin is again organizing this golf day to benefit the Family Readiness Groups of our deployed units. Last year he raised over \$5000 to support our Soldiers' families. Rich needs corporate sponsors that can contribute cash, door and raffle prizes, or be a hole sponsor.

The formal announcement giving registration details is now available. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact Rich by email at: rms@combineddbl.com. 

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Association Co-Sponsors Post Conflict Stabilization and Reconstruction Symposium

A symposium on post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction was co-sponsored by the Association. It was on the Saturday afternoon of its 24 January Board meeting, and held at the ROA Building. Other sponsors were the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) and the Reserve Officers Association. The Honorable Albert Zapanta, Chairman of the RFPB, was the opening speaker. The two themes discussed by symposium speakers were: recent operations in Iraq as related to stabilization and the role of Reserve Forces, and new force structure ideas related to stabilization and reconstruction operations. Symposium speakers and their topics were:

- Dr. James Carafano, the Heritage Foundation. A historical review of Civil Affairs Operations
- Ross Wherry, US AID. Interagency Activities and the Reserve Force
- Lt. Gen James Helmly, Chief of Army Reserve. USAR in Stabilization Operations
- Maj. Gen. Herbert Altshuler. A USACAPOC Perspective
- Dr. Michael Baranick, National Defense University. A New Organizational Structure for Stability and Reconstruction Operations

A panel of four Army Civil Affairs officers and one civilian gave their response to the proposals made by the five speakers. This panel was moderated by Lt. Col (P) Ferdinand Irizarry from JFKSWCS, Ft. Bragg. Panel members were Brig. Gen. Kern, former commander of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command; Lt. Col Warmack, Commander of the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion, Ft. Bragg; Lt. Col. Wilsey, JFKSWCS ; and Mr. Jeff Kojac, International Fellow, CSIS.

The intent of the symposium was to be a forum for presentation of ideas about the role of Reserve Forces, and specifically Reserve Civil Affairs forces in the recent stability and reconstruction operations in Iraq. A presentation center piece was the proposal from the NDU for a new military unit type, a multi-service Stabilization and Reconstruction Division. Among many other things, the NDU proposal called for a major shift of Civil Affairs troop strength from the Reserve to the Active Component.

Col. Jim Carr and Lt. Col Bob Fiedler, both former members of Army Reserve Civil Affairs units, developed this symposium for the RFPB. (DAW) 

The Future of the Reserve Component

The Reserve Forces Policy Board and other Department of Defense organizations are now preparing for a Conference on 18 and 19 May 2004. This gathering will feature leaders in the US defense community who will present their views of the US Reserve force of the future. This conference will be at the National Defense University in Washington, DC.

The conference theme is: “Strategic Challenges for the Reserve Component: Leading from the Future”. Invited speakers include: Gen. Bryan Brown, Commander of the US Special Operations Command; Andy Natsios, Director of the US Agency for International Development; Dr. David Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Thomas Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; John Hamre, Former Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Adm. Arthur Cebroski. Albert Zapanta, Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board is leading the organization for this Conference and will also be a speaker. The Association website will have information on the Conference when it is available. (DAW) 

Board Approves Enlisted Vice President

The Board approved two amendments to the Association's By-Laws at the January meeting. One calls for one Association Vice President to be an enlisted person. The other adds a second way that annual election ballots can be sent to members, and members can vote. The voting amendment allows the continuation of the present system which uses the US Mail. As an alternative, the amendment allows the Executive Committee of the Association to approve an election process which uses an electronic means to send ballots and to receive member votes. The amendment says that the electronic voting process "must incorporate procedures that preserve the secrecy of the ballot".

A fourth Vice President was added to the three that the Association already had. The By-Laws amendment says: "...the Fourth Vice President shall be an active member of The Association who is currently serving or who has retired as an enlisted person in the armed forces of the United States and who shall be responsible for the enlisted affairs of The Association". During the Board's consideration of this amendment, the enlisted Directors took a "hard-line" position that the amendment must say that the Vice President responsible for enlisted affairs must be an enlisted person. (DAW) 

Col. Ihor Husar and his wife flank 352 nd Family Readiness Group leader, Maj. Coleman. Employees at Ms. Husar's company, Concentra Preferred Systems of Rockville, Maryland, contributed Christmas gifts, food, and family necessities for families of deployed Soldiers. (S&S photo)



Commanders, Your Help Is Needed

I recently sent a letter to all unit commanders asking for help. Help is needed to solicit membership in the Civil Affairs Association. Historically the Association has asked commanders to appoint a unit member to solicit membership. Dues that are collected and member information is gathered at the unit and then sent to me.

During the recent months we have maintained membership in the Association for our deployed Soldiers even though their dues payment had expired. Now that many have returned from this deployment, it is important that their Association membership be renewed.

One method commanders can use to facilitate Association membership solicitation is to have a Chapter of the Civil Affairs Association for their unit. A unit chapter officer can solicit membership dues for the Association. In addition to solicitation of dues for the Association, a unit chapter of the Association is useful to organize and handle the finances for unit social events and other unofficial activities. (DAW) 

2004 World Wide Civil Affairs Conference 17 - 20 June

Maj. Gen. Buz Altshuler, commander of USACAPOC, and Maj. Gen. Tom Matthews, President of the Civil Affairs Association, recently announced the date and location for the 2004 World Wide Civil Affairs Conference. The location is Raleigh, North Carolina at the Raleigh North Hilton Hotel. The conference will begin on the evening of Thursday, 17 June.

Conference sessions will be on Friday and Saturday, 18 and 19 June. John Geiger, the Association's Conference Committee Chairman, has discussed initial conference planning with the USACAPOC staff at Ft. Bragg. It will be late March before the USACAPOC - Civil Affairs Association Conference team will be fully manned. About this same time more information about the conference will be on the Association's Website, www.civilaffairsassoc.org.

The Association will organize the programs for the Friday and Saturday luncheons. It will also plan the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. Among the luncheon activities will be the recognition of the Army Civil Affairs Soldier, NCO, and Junior Officer of the Year, and the recognition of their Marine Corps counterparts. Unit commanders are encouraged to nominate through their command channels their selected Soldier, NCO, and Junior Officer candidates. Historically the keynote speakers at this conference have been the top military and civilian leaders in the Special Operations and Civil Affairs communities. This is expected again this year. Make your plans now to be in Raleigh this June.

Meet Our New Editor, Major Vincent Carlisle

Major Vincent Carlisle has been chosen as the Editor of the Scroll and Sword. Vincent is an AGR officer on the staff at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth. His credentials are wide and deep. He has a Bachelor's degree in Russian Studies and a Master's in Public Administration. He is conversational in German and Russian. His military schooling includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Civil Affairs and the Psychological Operations Officer Courses, and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Vincent's military service began in Infantry as a platoon leader and company commander. He then was in the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion. He was in Korea as an Infantry leader, and served in the Balkans with the 96th. Early in his service as an AGR officer Vincent was a Civil Military Operations Officer at the United States Southern Command. Before going to Leavenworth he taught in the Civil Affairs School at Ft. Bragg.

Ms. Carlisle is a former Army pilot who now flies for a commercial airline. The Carlises have one son.

Send mail for the *Scroll and Sword* to: Major Vincent Carlisle, 31 Rose Loop, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027. His e-mail address is vcarlisle@kc.rr.com. (DAW) 

Maj. Gen. Altshuler Shares His Vision

The Commander of USACAPOC, Maj. Gen Buz Altshuler, briefed the Association Board at the January meeting. He shared what he said was his vision of the future of Army Civil Affairs. Major Leo Ruth from the USACAPOC staff made a portion of this presentation.

Gen. Altshuler began by telling where the Army was today. The Army's authorized Civil Affairs strength is 6514 Soldiers. 6220 of these are in the Army Reserve. 294 Civil Affairs Soldiers are in the Active Component. Future Civil Affairs units will perform three types of operations: Humanitarian Assistance / Humanitarian Civic Assistance (HA/HCA), Populace and Resources Control (PRC), and Support to Civil Administration (SCA). In the Civil Affairs unit of the future these operations will be done by Soldiers organized into six groupings of functional specialist. These are:

- Rule of Law: Public Safety and International Law
- Economic Stability: Economic Development, Civilian Supply, and Food and Agriculture
- Infrastructure: Public Transportation, Public Works and Utilities, Arts, and Monuments, and Public Communication,
- Governance: Public Administration and Emergency Services
- Public Health and Welfare: Public Health, Cultural Relations, and Environmental Management
- Education and Public Information: Public Education and Civil Information

Though this number and alignment of the functional specialties are changed from the past, Gen Altshuler says his Soldiers will continue to have the Civil Affairs missions and capabilities they have had in the past. The USACAPOC commander said that over time the number of Civil Affairs Soldiers and units will increase. The number of Active Component (AC) Soldiers will more than double. The number of AC battalions will increase from one to a total of four. A program now in progress to increase the number of Reserve Component (RC) Civil Affairs units is adding four battalions. Battalions have already been added in Ohio and in Texas. This year a new battalion was activated in Arizona. Next year one will start up in Utah. The number of RC Civil Affairs Soldiers is being increased by eleven hundred. Gen. Altshuler summarized plans for the future as follows. He said that:

- Proposed Civil Affairs growth aligns with Future Force concepts.
- The proposed force structure adds capability, not overhead.
- There is Standardization of forces.
- Proposed Reserve Component force structure increases

enable the command to comply with SECDEF's Rebalance goal.

- Proposed Active Component growth provides short notice Civil Affairs support to the Regional Combatant Commanders.

The changes planned for the future will certainly be a topic of great interest at the World Wide Civil Affairs Conference scheduled for June 2004.



Soldier, NCO, and Junior Officer of the Year

During the World Wide Civil Affairs Conference (WWCAC) the Civil Affairs Association will recognize the persons chosen as the Soldier, NCO, and Junior Officer of the Year for Army Civil Affairs units and for the Marine Corps Civil Affairs Groups. Army units should send nominations for these awards through command channels to USACAPOC. Marine units should send their nominations directly to Al Grupper, Adjutant of the Civil Affairs Corps. Winners will be selected by the Civil Affairs Corps Awards Committee and notified in time to make arrangements to attend the 2004 WWCAC.

Nominees will be evaluated on the following personal and professional attributes:

1. Competence in the technical aspects of Civil Affairs,
2. Skilled as a leader and in interpersonal communication,
3. Ability to accomplish assigned missions,
4. Professionalism and support of esprit de corps within the Civil Affairs Corps,
5. Dedication to the high ideals of the U. S. Army.

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Civil Affairs Corps Update- 2004

Colonel Joseph P. Kirlin III

The Civil Affairs Corps/Regimental committee held its semi-annual meeting in Washington D.C on January 23, 2004. In keeping with the Mission of the Corps to promote the Army's Traditions and Espirit De Corps, the Committee nominated and approved the appointment of Colonel (Ret.) Herman Frankel as the Honorary Colonel of the Corps. Colonel Frankel has contributed significantly to Civil Affairs over the last 60 years both as an active duty soldier during World War II, as a member of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command and as Commander of the 354th CA Brigade. He replaces Colonel (ret)Kalman Oravetz , who will become Colonel Emeritus, at the June Conference in Raleigh. MG Berkman

and the members of the committee thanked Colonel Oravetz for his service and his ongoing contributions to the Corps. A changing of the colors will take place at the conference.

The Committee also approved 2 additional nominations for the Corps recognition program, MG (ret) William Berkman and Colonel (ret.)Kalman Oravetz. This program was instituted last year at Ft. Bragg, the Regimental Home base, in keeping with the Military tradition of honoring soldiers who have contributed to Civil Affairs in an outstanding manner. A ceremony is planned for the June Worldwide Conference.

Colonel Al Grupper's, Adjutant's report was presented, which highlighted the fact that 5336 soldiers have affiliated with the Corps since its beginning and soldiers continue to affiliate upon graduation from the respective CA and enlisted courses at Ft. Bragg. LTC Curtis Boyd was recognized for his contributions to the Corps and his role at the Special Warfare Training Battalion, Ft. Bragg, NC, in affiliating soldiers through the Rite of Passage ceremony. The Corps will continue to assist in providing speakers for the graduating classes. It will also work on a Corps brochure, providing information about the CA Corps to be presented to soldiers upon graduation from the CA courses.

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In addition to having displayed the personal and professional attributes listed above, nominees must meet appropriate military height and weight standards, have passed the Physical Fitness Test within the past six months, and possess the military occupational specialty for their assigned position in their Civil Affairs unit.

Each nomination package must include the full name, rank, and assigned unit of the nominee, plus a narrative description of a nominee's specific and recent Civil Affairs mission accomplishments relative to the selection criteria listed above. The narrative describing a nominee's actions and activities may also include a description of the nominee's non-military accomplishments such as activities in their civilian community. (DAW) 

The Corps individual Soldier Awards program will continue to recognize, the CA soldier, Non Commissioned Officer, and Junior Officer of the year. The Corp Adjutant will work closely with USACAPOC and SWC in contacting CA units and Training Brigades. The Civil Affairs Marine Corps units will also be solicited. Unit Commanders' submission of nominations are greatly appreciated . This year's nominations will be for 2003 and 2004, so timely submission is critical. The Committee also approved Distinguished unit citations for all units who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Nominations for Distinguished members of the Corps and Honorary members of the Corps should be submitted to Colonel Al Grupper, 19 Heathwood Drive, East Windsor, New Jersey, 08520.

In order to give active component soldiers the opportunity to participate in Corps activities the Committee voted to change the name of the Corps from the USAR Civil Affairs Corps to the US Army Civil Affairs Corps. A sub committee was appointed to work with the Regimental home at Ft. Bragg to make this change. The next Corps meeting is scheduled at the CA Worlwide Conference in June. 

Civil Affairs ASI's

Extracted from DA Pam 611-21, dtd 31 Mar 99, Table 4-3, page 55-57
Code: 5Y
Title: *Civil Defense Officer Proponent: USAJFKSWCS*

a. Description of positions. Identifies positions requiring analysis, planning, implementation, and management of indigenous emergency service assets in the preparation for or conduct of civil defense or disaster relief operations.

b. Qualifications. Requires the completion of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nonresident instruction courses HS-1, Emergency Program Manager; HS-2, Emergency Preparedness, USA; HS-3, Radiological Emergency Management; HS-4, Preparedness Planning for a Nuclear Crisis; HS-5, Hazardous Materials: A Citizen's Orientation; and HS-7, A Citizen's Guide to Disaster Assistance; or, equivalent experience as a regional Civil Defense Director; or, certification as a Red Cross Disaster Relief Manager.

c. Restrictions. For use with AOC 38A only.

Note from the editor: There are 11 ASIs, each issue we will highlight one ASI and list the qualifications. If you do not have an ASI designated, I highly recommend you find a relevant ASI and invest the time and effort toward achieving an ASI. 

From the Office of CA Special Operations Proponency

By MAJ Mike Karabas

Just wanted to keep everyone up to date on some of the required readings. Below are two from the required reading list, that I highly recommend. If you have not already read these, then I suggest buying or borrowing them and invest the time in your professional development.

Daughtery, William E. and Janowitz, Morris. A Fisher, Roger and William Ury. Getting to Yes: Negotiating to Agreement Without Giving In. New York: Penguin, 1991.

Friedman, Thomas L. The Lexus on the Olive Tree. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1999.

In light of current events there are two from the recommended reading list that I feel are worth the time and effort.

Campen, Alan D. Douglas H. Dearth, and R. Thomas Godden. Cyberwar: Security, Strategy and Conflict in the Information Age

Hunt, I.L. American Military Government in Occupied Germany 1918 – 1920. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1943.

Each month we plan to highlight several selections from both the CA required and recommended reading list. If you have read any of the books from either list and would like to offer reviews, please e-mail the editor. 

55th Annual Conference of the Civil Affairs Association

17 - 19 June 2004, Raleigh, North Carolina

Dates for this year's Civil Affairs conference are 17 - 19 June 2004. The location is the Raleigh North Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina. More information will be in a follow-up issue of the Scroll and Sword which you will receive soon. To register for the conference and for more information go to the conference website: <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/usacapoc/cawc>

Civil affairs Soldier Killed in Iraq

U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (USASOC News Service, Feb. 17, 2004)—A civil affairs Soldier was killed Feb. 16 in Baqubah, Iraq, when the vehicle she was driving was attacked.

Pfc. Nichole M. Frye, 19, a civil affairs specialist assigned to the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, based in Kalamazoo, Mich., was fatally wounded when an improvised explosive device struck her vehicle. Four other members of her unit were wounded in the attack.

The incident is currently under investigation.

Frye was a resident of Lena, Wis., and in civilian life worked as a waitress.

She joined the Army in April 2002 and trained to be a civil affairs specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Her first unit of assignment was the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion, in Green Bay, Wis. She was transferred to the 415th CA Bn. prior to deploying to Iraq in January 2004.

Her awards include the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Frye had planned to attend Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay to become a firefighter after returning from her deployment to Iraq.

She is survived by her parents, Lisa and James Frye, her sister, Crystal and her brother, William, all of Oconto, Wisconsin. 

Three Special Operations Soldiers Killed in Afghanistan

U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (USASOC News Service, Jan. 31, 2004)—Three Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) were killed Jan. 29 when a weapons cache exploded near Ghazni, Afghanistan, leaving seven service members dead and one missing during a combat patrol.

Among those killed were:

Spc. Adam G. Kinser, 21, 304th Psychological Operations Company, Sacramento, Calif.

Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Mancini, 43, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Sgt. Danton K. Seitsinger, 29, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, Broken Arrow, Okla.

A native of Rio Vista, Calif., Kinser graduated from Rio Vista High School and joined the Army Reserve in December 2000. In December 2001, Kinser graduated from the Psychological Operations Specialist Course, taught by the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Kinser is survived by his wife, Tiffany, of Sacramento, and his father, Paul E. Kinser, of Rio Vista.

Mancini, a civil affairs specialist from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., graduated from Lincoln High School in Providence, R.I., in 1979 and later earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

A police officer in Davie, Fla., during civilian life, Mancini began his military career in the Army Reserve in March 1981 and later served with the Army National Guard. In 2000, he transferred from the Guard's 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he served as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant, back to the Army Reserve in the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Mancini is survived by his parents, John and Erika Mancini, of Lincoln, R.I., and his children, Mikel, Sara and Kristen, of Fort Lauderdale.

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January 17, 2004

The Editor
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Dear Sir:

After reading the Winter 2003 edition of the newsletter, I could think of a number of things for which to be thankful.

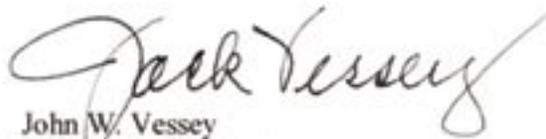
First: Thanks to all the Civil Affairs soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Second: Very special thanks to the officers and soldiers of the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion for the great work they did supporting the 3rd Division. What a great story!

Third: Thanks to you for publishing the reports of the actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Fourth: Thanks to the Civil Affairs stalwarts from an earlier era, people like Bill Berkman and Eli Nobleman who, 25-30 years ago, worked hard to convince us to keep a viable Civil Affairs structure in the force.

Sincerely,



John W. Vessey
General, USA (Ret.)

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Earlier this year the Secretary Treasurer of the Association received this letter from Brig. Gen. Blackledge, Commander of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command. Shortly after he wrote this letter, and only days before he was scheduled to return from Baghdad, Gen. Blackledge was wounded in an ambush. He is now home and doing well following treatment in Germany and at Walter Reed.

Dear Dennis and Deloise,

I sincerely thank you both for being such great supporters of our wonderful Civil Affairs soldiers here in Iraq. Your "care packages" have been both a morale booster and a source of much-appreciated items that are in short supply. I'd also like to thank you for the wonderful work you've done in telling the Civil Affairs story in the numerous articles you've written for the Civil Affairs Journal Sword and Scroll. We very much appreciated the shipment of journals you forwarded to us.

I can report that the Civil Affairs soldiers assigned to the various units that fall under the 352nd Civil Affairs Command have done a truly amazing job. I am constantly in awe of their capabilities, ingenuity, and dedication as I travel throughout the country to visit them at their base camps, ride with them on missions, and see the results of their projects. As you surely understand, our CA soldiers are some of the most exposed and vulnerable forces to enemy activity since our job is to get up close and personal with the local populace. Our casualty rates reflect this reality, yet we all understand that our mission is critical to the Coalition's ability to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. As one brigade commander from the 82nd Airborne Division told me in confidence during one of my visits to the CA unit supporting him "My airborne troopers are impressed with the bravery of your CA soldiers. Your guys get hit time after time, yet they still go out every day to conduct their missions." By the way, the humvee belonging to that CA company's first sergeant has three "bombs" painted on the back to indicate the number of IEDs (improvised explosive devices) he's been hit with while out on missions.

The CA soldiers working at the operational and policy levels of both Combined Joint Task Force 7 and the Coalition Provisional Authority are also making a significant contribution to our efforts here. As one of the senior ambassadors at CPA asked me, "Where do you get these people? Every single one of them is just superb. They are not only skilled, but have a great attitude, do not let the bureaucracy deter them from getting things done, and work tirelessly long hours. We (CPA) could not function without them." The Deputy Commanding General of CJTF-7, MG Wojdakowski, commented to me the other day that when he reads the Civil-Military Operations slide every morning at the Tactical Update Assessment briefing (the slide that lists the major CMO accomplishments in each sector of the country for the previous 24 hours), he's just amazed at how much can be done when you have a skilled group of soldiers dedicated to, and focused on, civil-military operations.

You can be justly proud of the Civil Affairs soldiers fighting this war and, more importantly, winning the peace. You can also take great pride in knowing that you were, and continue to be, a part of the institution that produced these fine units and superb men and women. Again, thank you for your continued support to our soldiers and thank you for your service to our great nation.

Sincerely,

DAVID N. BLACKLEDGE
Brigadier General, US Army
Commander, 352nd CA Command

Why I Support the Civil Affairs Association

George VanSant, a Director of the Association who is also the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Civil Affairs Corps, recently told why he supports the Civil Affairs Association. He did this in the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion newsletter. Here's what George said: "In conclusion, I am often asked why do I support the Civil Affairs Association. After pondering this issue the answer is simple: It is the only venue that the troops in the field have to reach out and provide challenges to a significant audience of senior officers. Where else can you find the Chief of the Army Reserve and several of his predecessors or for that matter the CAPOC commander and his predecessors in one room and available for serious discussion? The Civil Affairs Association is your mouthpiece. If the proposition has merit it can be candidly discussed during the Association meetings and has the potential of being favorable considered, often a lot sooner than later. The Association is your conduit to the upper reaches of the Military or to our Civilian leadership. Support it!, It supports you!!"

George wrote this comment shortly after the Association's January 2004 Board meeting. The persons he mentions attended that meeting, as is usual at the Association's conferences and board meetings. Over its history the Association has maintained contact and two way communications with our country's top military and civilian leaders. In this way it has supported our Civil Affairs Soldiers and been an advocate for a strong US Civil Affairs capability. 

Strong Life Member Support Continues

Our Association continues to be blessed by those who have become a new Life Member or have made a Life Member installment payment. In a large part their dues payments have provided the funds to keep the Association financially afloat during this time when so many of our members are deployed overseas. A special thanks goes to the following who have become a Life Member or made an installment payment since the last issue of the Scroll and Sword:

Curtis Anderson, William Agosti, Gideon Ben-Horan, David Besshom, William Cave, Robert Derr, George Deuel, Gilbert Doan, Robert Doran, Stephen Epstein, Vincent Foulk, Robert Frame, Barry Gaertner, Christopher Ginther, William Grocott, Brian Hamilton, Arthur Hass, Kent Lynam, David Lyles, Donald Martin, Anthony Mei, James Meloy, Daniel Merryfield, James Owens, Mayra Quinonesseda, Russell Reiling, William Robbins, Terry Rumph, Robert Scherer, Rob Schultheis, Margo Sheridan, Judy Smith, Robert M Smith, Melanie Walker, and Park Wollam.

Life Members receive a Life Member Certificate signed by the Association President and Secretary Treasurer, plus the Association Gold Life Member Coin. (DAW)

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Seitsinger, a native of Oklahoma City, joined the Army Reserve in August 2000 after serving more than six years with the Marine Corps as a mortarman. Seitsinger was a graduate of both the Civil Affairs Specialist Course at Fort Bragg and the Primary Leadership Development Course.

Seitsinger is survived by his parents, Daniel and Jo Seitsinger, and his sister, Karla, of Oklahoma City.

Spc. Charles E. Bush Jr., a food service specialist assigned to the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, Tonawanda, N.Y., was mortally wounded Dec. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated as his team was traveling in a convoy from Baqubah, Iraq, to Balad. 

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