



# Task Force AVCRAD News



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### TAMP Leadership:

#### TAMP Commander



**COL James G. Young**

#### TAMP Command

#### Sergeant Major



**CSM Johnny F. Williams**

### TAMP Key Leaders:

LTC Richard P. Poole  
Commander - TAMP Iraq

LTC Clarence S. Kelly Jr.  
Commander - TAMP Afghanistan

LTC David W. Williams  
TAMP Executive Officer

CPT Raleigh J. Murphy  
HHC Commander

ISG Jeffrey A. McTeague  
HHC First Sergeant

MSG Darryn W. Allen  
NCOIC - TAMP Iraq

MSG David E. Biggerstaff  
NCOIC - TAMP Afghanistan

## Gen (Ret) Colin Powell Visits Servicemembers in Kuwait



General (Ret) Colin L. Powell, the 65th United States Secretary of State, made a surprise visit Sunday (18 Nov 07) to Troops stationed in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Mr. Powell was greeted by the thunderous applause of hundreds of servicemembers. In his remarks, Gen Powell told Troops that he was proud to have served as a Soldier and that in June he would be celebrating fifty years from when he began his service in the military as a second lieutenant. Mr. Powell ended his motivational speech by telling those in the room, "There is no generation greater than the one I am looking at right now! Keep doing what you are doing, God Bless you, thank you for all that you do!"

(Excerpt from Third Army PAO News Release)

## Command Sergeant Major's Corner - CSM Johnny Williams

Can you believe that it is Fall? Look at the foliage changing colors, isn't Mother Nature.....sorry, I had a dream. I do not think that there will be many seasonal color changes here in the desert. Anyway, I can not believe that Thanksgiving is already here. Did you know that there are only 35 shopping days till Christmas? What is even more interesting is that we will soon complete 4 months of this mobilization. Everyday that passes is one day closer to end of mission and home.

With the traditional family Holidays approaching I wanted an opportunity to say "Thank You". This will be the hardest part of the tour to endure, just by the nature of the tradition of this time of year. Being with family and friends at gatherings of celebration of thanks and giving. There is no greater gift than to sacrifice ones self for the betterment of someone else, to include those that believe what we are doing is wrong. As for the few who wear the uniform, we know that the freedoms that all enjoy came at a cost of sacrifice by someone in a military uniform.

I want to thank each of you for your service, duty and sacrifice to your nation, family and community. We have the freedoms to celebrate these Holidays because of men and women like you. I wish for all to have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!! And remember we will be home for the next year's celebrations.

We should not mourn the death of a soldier, we should thank God that such men and women lived!

CSM Johnny F. Williams

# FRG Monthly Update

## TAMP AFGHANISTAN UPDATE



CW2 Mike “Grayfox” Gray advises SSG Rick Consdorf, SGT Jonathan Malone, and SPC Robert Johnson on the procedures for a structural repair on the CH-47 Chinook ramp.



Senior Structural repairers SSG Rick Consdorf and SGT Jonathan Malone waste no time and go to work on the ramp repair as sheet metal apprentice SPC Robert Johnson looks, listens, and learns.

## (MWR) Morale, Recreation, and Welfare



The dedicated “AVCRITTERS” of TF AVCRAD (in green) get set to run an offensive play during the first flag football game of the season.

The Soldiers of Task Force AVCRAD work extremely hard maintaining aircraft, providing logistical support, and generally contributing to the overall war effort. The work days are long and demanding. Free time can be limited and scarce. When the opportunity for free time does present itself, TF AVCRAD Soldiers have participated in several MWR functions. We have a respectable softball team, a flag football team, a newly formed basketball team, and an ongoing chess tournament.

Camp Arifjan also has 3 gymnasiums, a swimming pool, a movie theater, and a community center.

All MWR facilities and functions are the Army's way of taking care of Soldiers.

## Hot Wheels

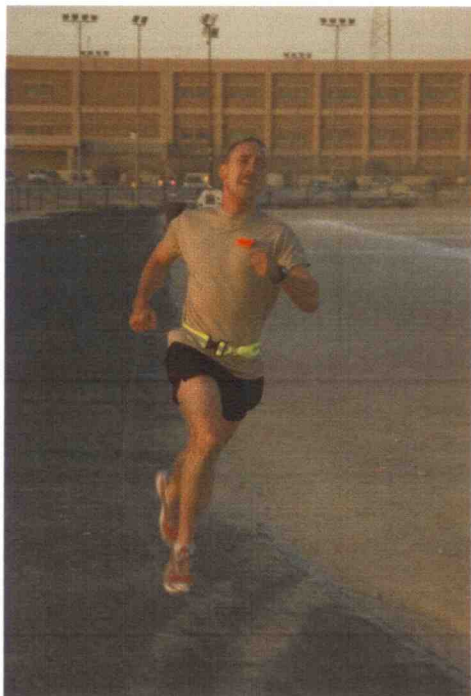


SGT Rim Sabir navigates her Polaris through the sands of Camp Arifjan.

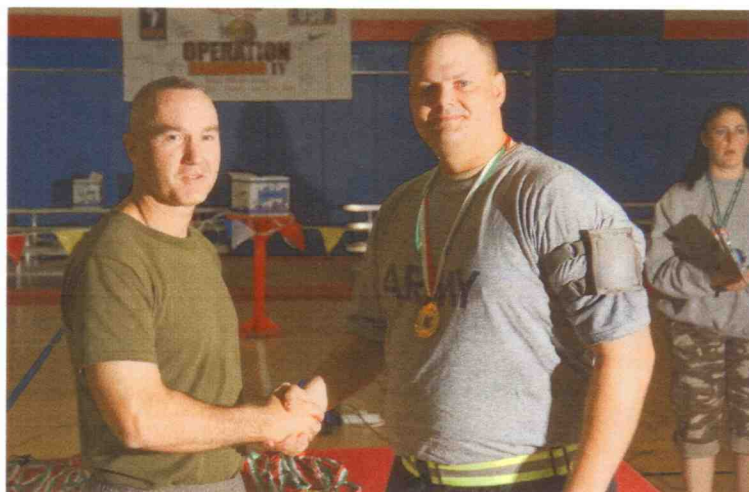
The Polaris Utility Vehicles are the prime source of transportation for the majority of Soldiers assigned to Task Force AVCRAD.

SGT Sabir is the Executive Assistant for the TF Commander and her job requires her to be able to get anywhere, anytime, in any climate.

### 3 Time Champion - SGT Christopher McDermott Wins Again



### SGT Edwin Rogers "Steps" Up to the Task



#### Good, Better, Best.

SGT Chris McDermott will not rest, until his good is better, and his better is best.

SGT Edwin Rogers (above) is congratulated and awarded a medal for finishing first overall in the "Walker" category. SGT Rogers has a reputation in the AVCRAD of being a few steps ahead of the crowd, and he proved it on 10 Nov 07 during the USMC Birthday 5K race held at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

SGT Chris McDermott (above left) crosses the finish first at the USMC Birthday 5K run. SGT McDermott completed the race in 17 minutes and 17 seconds for his 3rd straight 5K victory. SGT McDermott has improved his finish times each race. Notice that there are no other runners in the picture.....the next best finisher and the rest of the pack were far behind.

## Focus on Families



**SFC Danny Bond and Family**

*"Family is the foundational building block of all of which we are about. It helps mold us, shapes our value system, and helps to center the universe. Family is that which gives us the feeling of connectedness."*

David G. White – Deputy Chief, Well-Being Division

*"We must ensure each Soldier is equipped and trained to fight and win. We must also provide for our families. We will not be successful if we fail to care for our loved ones waiting for their Soldiers to return. We must fight for their healthcare, children, housing, and Well-Being with the same vigor we fight with on the battlefield. They deserve nothing less."*

SMA Kenneth O. Preston – Sergeant Major of the Army

#### Web Site of the Month:

1108th AVCRAD FRG Homepage:  
[www.1108.homestead.com](http://www.1108.homestead.com)

*"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."*

Theodore Hesburgh