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**WELCOME 2008**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## WEATHER REPORT

### DAILY HI TEMP:

58.5 (average)

### DAILY LOW TEMP:

38.4 (average)

### RAINFALL AMT:

1.23 inches



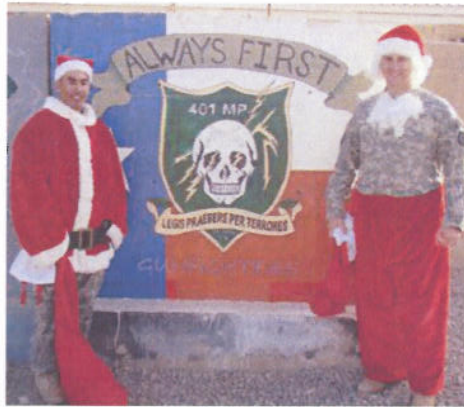
# GUNFIGHTER 6 SENDS

CPT RUDY A. SANDOVAL



It's a new year; we've passed the half-way mark, and every Gunfighter remains motivated, intuitive, and more dynamic than ever before.

First let me say Happy Holidays to all of our Gunfighters and Gunfighter Families who continue to support us each and every day! This past month absolutely flew by and we can only hope the coming months do the same. As I go out each and every day to visit our police stations I am overcome with a feeling of pride as I see the Soldier's performing their duties day in and day out maximizing their capabilities and continually striving to enhance their stations with the ultimate goal of one day handing over the station to the Iraqi Police for independent operations. Additionally, the Soldier's each portray the highest sense of professionalism as



**Santa Claus 6 and 7...** Well actually Gunfighter 6 and 7 - are seen posing in their Santa outfits on Christmas day in-front of the Gunfighter sign.

evident by the accolades we receive consistently from senior officers and NCOs not only within the Battalion but from other units as well.

First Sergeant and I send many thanks to all the to all of you who sent the company stockings, cards and gifts for the Soldiers during this holiday season. I wish you could have seen the looks on the Soldiers faces as First Sergeant Flom and I handed out the stockings, cards, and gifts to the Soldiers...of course many of their smiles and light hearted laughs were a direct result of how First Sergeant and I dressed in order to hand out the gifts as you can see by the picture. It's all in good fun and we do our job for the Soldier's to support the Soldier's!!

*See CDR...Continued on PG9*

# GUNFIGHTER 7 SENDS

ISG BRIAN A. FLOM



**WE WILL BE HOME THIS YEAR!!!!!!** Yes, that is right, with 2007 in the rear view mirror; we can now say that we will be home this year. It is amazing to sit back and wonder where the year went. Now, here we are, 2008. So to everyone I want to first wish you a Happy New Year. The month of December flew by, with the Gunfighters continuing to do great things (of course you didn't need me to tell you that).

I have been able to continue rolling out to the IP Stations with the squads and must say that our squad leaders are nothing but professionals. I refer to them all as the company "money makers" for a reason. They are the ones that are out there on a daily basis that affect not only our Soldiers on the ground, but their hard work and dedication is reflected at the strategic level as well. They are out there daily maneuvering in an ever changing

battlefield and bringing our Soldiers home safely. That is why I call them the company "money makers". They are the ones who earn the money for the company. So, this month, to them I say thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.



The holidays came and went with the Soldiers taking part in various activities throughout the day. Those ranged from playing sports, to eating a full Christmas dinner in the dining facility. Soldiers from the Headquarters Platoon were treated to a delicious barbecue by their Platoon Sergeant. In addition the Commander and I put on various pieces of a Santa Claus outfit and greeted every Soldier that was here with holiday wishes, as well as giving out gift filled stockings and various other thoughtful gifts that were sent from back home. All in all, it was a good day considering that we could not be with our families back home....but rest easy knowing that we were all here as a family.

I want to congratulate CPL Jennings and PFC Scott-Lee who did an outstanding job at the December Soldier of the Month Board, which resulted in

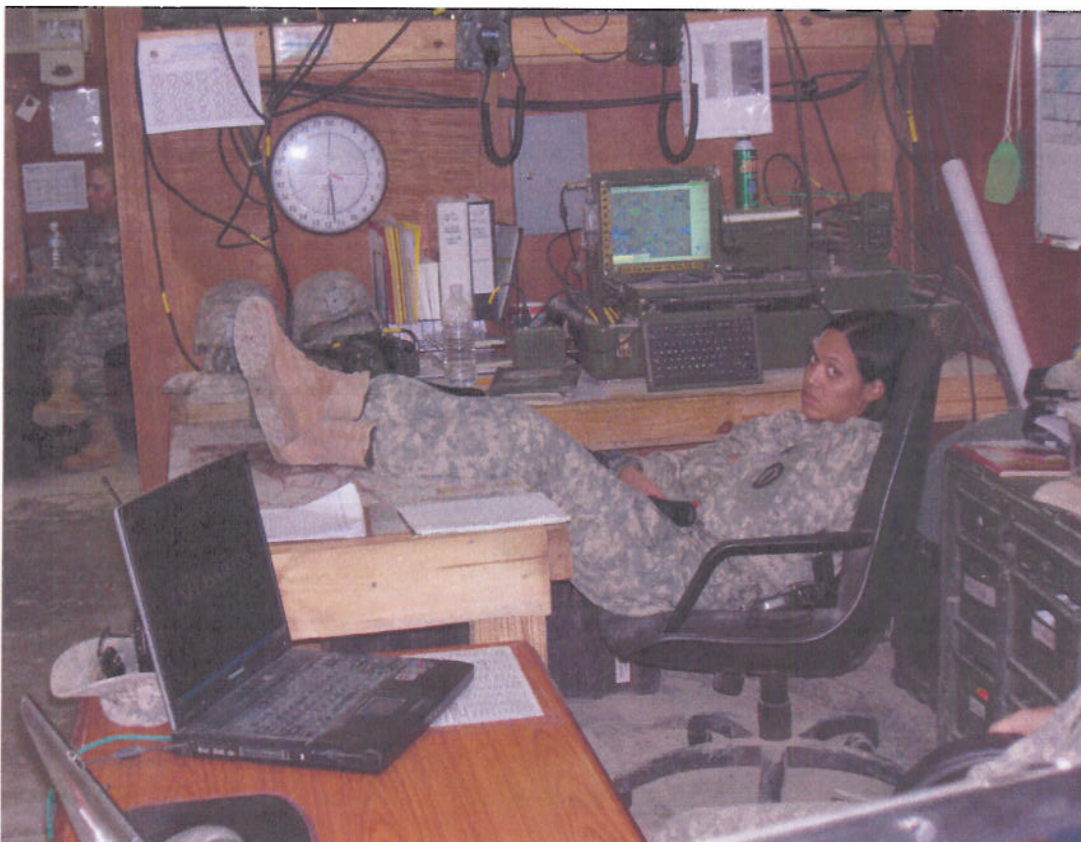
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# OPERATIONS

The 401<sup>st</sup> Operations Cell continues to perform above and beyond what is expected from them this deployment. The Operations Cell is once again guided by MSG Keene with his return from R&R, (which as we all know was not a long enough break for either side). JOKING! MSG Fleser, SFC Williams, and SGT Thompson, are working shift work of 8 hour days instead of 12 hour days, this is a better schedule for all. They are joined by SPC Andersen, SPC True and SPC Perez as the RTOs. This month SPC True will be going on leave and will have his shift covered by SPC Phangsang. SSG Kriska has been busy running the PTT mission, MSG Fleser says better him than me. SSG Hughes continues to work as the BDE LNO with 2-101 ABN; they recently had a change of brigades, so he had his work cut out for him during the Transfer of Authority. Overall the Operations Cell is in high hopes. We continue to rely on each other, especially with the holiday season upon us.



**Above...**SGT Thompson the intelligence NCO is seen at his work station during his shift. **Below...**SPC Andersen takes a minute to relax during a long shift in the TOC.



## GUNFIGHTER GAZETTE

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# 1st PLATOON

## The WARFIGHTER times

PLATOON LEADER: ILT LYNCH

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SMITH



Always First, Warfighters! Soldiers of the First Platoon Warfighters have undergone several changes in the past month, as well as making many accomplishments. Sergeant First Class Smith is one of those changes as he is now the Warfighter Platoon Sergeant. We also welcome Staff Sergeant Kari Adams, squad leader, and Sergeant Ayers, team leader, as the newest members of the Warfighter team. The Warfighter platoon continued to aide the Iraqi Police and the local civilians in our area. While conducting our PTT mission at one of our police stations, a civilian came to the station asking for help for his son. The father approached Corporal Butler and showed him his son who was born with a birth defect known as gastroschisis, which caused his intestines to grow outside his body. After seeing the severity, Corporal Butler immediately notified his leadership. After a flurry of e-mails and telephone calls, the child's family received medical help to include providing a wheelchair, as well as an appointment for advanced medical treatment. The work of the First Platoon Warfighters is constant, and the Warfighters are proud of the goals that they have accomplished. Until next time, Warfighters out!

SPC Ian Nielson: "I'm having a pretty fun time here in Iraq. I can't wait until things calm down and I can bring my family here on vacation. The weather's really nice now that it's getting colder."



PFC Tiffany Rivers: "To everyone back home, I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And don't wreck my car, Alannah."



**LEFT:** CPL Butler stands with MNC-I Commander LTC Odierno during CPL Butler's reenlistment ceremony. **RIGHT:** CPL Butler and PFC Suurmeier at AL-Faw Palace.



**LEFT:** PFC Dennis conducts checks on his turret during weekly maintenance. **RIGHT:** SGT Adams takes a minute out before mission.





# 2nd PLATOON

The PUNISHER corner

PLATOON LEADER: ILT MARTINEZ  
 PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SENIOR

Happy Holiday's Punisher Family,

The platoon would like to wish everyone back home a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This month has been a great month for the Punishers. We have had a lot of changes and a lot of accomplishments. We have had SFC Senior signing in as the Platoon Sergeant (PUNISHER 7) and SGT Barnum taking charge of second squad (Punisher 2). They have fit into the Punisher family like Santa in his suit. We finally opened our station, Aqur Kuf, to quite a bit of media and celebration. All the Soldiers continue to do their best at their mission with no issue despite the long days. We will be on mission for Christmas and New Years but we will be back in time for some Holiday feasts. The platoon and I would like to send a special thank you to Jenny Lynch, the FRG, and all the other folks that spent so much time coordinating and making the stockings for us. We have had to put together a special detail just to pick up all the mail and boxes we have been receiving. This really shows the Soldiers how much you all are thinking of us and believe me it is truly appreciated by all of us. As we approach the half way point in this deployment you can actually see all the progress that has been made since we arrived here in country. You and your Soldier's sacrifices represent some of the best qualities of the American tradition. Happy Holiday's and God bless.

**PFC Sean Weger, 3rd squad...** "Hey family Happy Holidays! I miss you guys and I love you Brandie Bear!"



**PFC Szynalski, 3rd squad...** "Hey Baby! Happy Anniversary. I love you."  
 -Vince



**LEFT:** Soldier's from 3rd squad assist the IPs at their station in planning a patrol. **RIGHT:** SGT Bell and SPC Kulp show some goodies they got from the holiday.



**LEFT:** PFC Jauhal enjoys some mutual interest with a local Iraqi boy. **RIGHT:** SGT Bell from 1st squad organizes a project with IP's at his station.



# 3rd PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER: 2LT WALTER

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC DECKER

## A HOOLIGAN REPORT

As the holidays approach, the Soldiers of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon continue to work tirelessly with their Iraqi Police counterparts ensuring they are trained properly with the help of their International Police Advisor (IPA). 2<sup>nd</sup> Squad met the new volunteer security force in their district, known as Concerned Citizens, who were trained by C Co 1-64<sup>th</sup> Armor to assist in the security of the Khadra district. 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad conducted a community police event in the Yarmouk district with the help of Yarmouk Patrol Police, by delivering Beanie Babies to children. The holidays are a time to spend with family and friends and even though the Hooligan platoon is away from their families in the states we are supporting one another here. To all our family and friends we wish you a "HAPPY HOLIDAYS".

SPC Justin Henckel (2<sup>nd</sup> Squad) – "HI EVERYONE!!"



LEFT: PFC Topper sits with "Santa"...aka SPC Jones.



LEFT: Soldiers from 2nd squad are seen out in their sector talking to local civilians. RIGHT: SSG Watts, 3rd squad leader is seen giving some candy to local children.



LEFT: SGT Holland is seen giving a child a new toy at his police station. RIGHT: SGT Fennwald and SPC Jones are seen joking around on Christmas day.





## FROM THE HORSE: A WORKHORSE report

PLATOON SERGEANT:  
SSG GARTH JOHNSON

The 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company Headquarters Platoon "WORKHORSE" has a group of four Soldiers that are always tasked with multiple jobs for the Gunfighters and who never complain while completing every task.

The first two include the arms room team – SPC Phangsang and SPC True. These two Soldiers keep the Gunfighters' entire weapons inventory mission ready; from quick fixes to major repairs of night vision devices, scopes, and the weapon systems they do it all! At the end of the day they keep the Soldiers of the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company combat ready and ready for action.

The other two Soldiers are SPC Anderson and SPC Allen. A team from the motor pool self proclaimed "Team Rhino" a part of Workhorse Maintenance Inc. These two Soldiers have installed a device called the rhino to the entire 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company vehicle fleet giving the Soldiers a secure feeling on their daily missions in the streets of Baghdad. They also help the rest of the motor pool turn out two squads a day in a grueling maintenance schedule.

The Workhorse family bids a fond farewell to the Company's Executive Officer CPT Melinda Musgrave "THE MA'AM". Thank you for all of your guidance; wisdom and your cunning knack to make this a bearable place, you will truly be missed from the workhorse family and as always "Support This".

***Ma'am Good luck in all your future endeavors.***

***From your Workhorse Family***

**C-Wire fun...**SGT Mogos and SSG Johnson are seen transporting C-Wire in the green zone.



**Hand Receipts...**CPT Sandoval is seen with supply clerk PFC Johnson reviewing some supply information.



**Maintenance...**SPC Allen and SPC Anderson are seen double-teaming a truck in need of some repairs.



# the SOLDIERS corner



**LEFT:** SPC Andersen and SPC Doster pose for a picture just before the December company muster. **RIGHT:** Some of the Gunfighters in formation before receiving awards.



**LEFT:** Santa...wait CPT Sandoval returns to the TOC after playing Santa Claus and distributing stockings from the FRG. **RIGHT:** HQ platoon patiently awaits the muster.



**LEFT:** Newly promoted SGT Lowe addresses the company for the first time as a Non-Commissioned Officer. **RIGHT:** The Congratulatory line, Soldier's congratulate their peers on their awards and promotions.



**LEFT:** Newly promoted SGT Wathen salutes the commander as he is given his certificate of promotion. **RIGHT:** SGT Harris promotes PFC Taranti to SPC and SGT Womack promotes PFC Turner to SPC.





# CONGRATULATIONS GUNFIGHTERS

## DECEMBER PROMOTIONS:

### To Staff Sergeant

SGT Jeffery Polette

### To Sergeant:

CPL Ericka Schlueter

CPL Joshua Nichol

CPL Rebecca Kluthe

SPC Daniel Fennewald

SPC Paul Mancino

## BIRTHDAYS

SPC Anderson, S.

CPL Butler

PFC Douthitt

SPC Kemnitz

SPC Morgan, A.

PFC Nutter

SGT Parsons

SPC Polanco

PFC Scott-Lee

PFC Steffey

PFC Szynalski



*"Demonstrate Lawfulness  
Throughout the World"*

### HERO OF THE MONTH:

SPC Justin W. Henchel

### SUSTAINER OF THE MONTH:

PFC Dennis Anton

### SOLDIER OF THE MONTH:

PFC Bryan A. Scott-Lee

### NCO OF THE MONTH:

CPL Danielle R. Jennings

## DECEMBER AWARDS

### Purple Heart:

SPC Paul A. Mancino

SGT Hulbert L. Parsons

SGT Donald S. Womack

### Combat Action Badge:

CPL Joel W. Hastings

### AAM:

SPC Jason VanHoose (RD)

### MOVSM:

SGT John Dorsey (RD)

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The support that each of you give the company is extraordinary to say the least and allows each of us to focus on the mission at hand knowing you're supporting us from home. Should any of you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail MSG Arceneaux, First Sergeant Flom or I at any time.

CPT Rudy Sandoval

Gunfighter 6

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them being selected as the NCO and Soldier of the Month for December. The competition will heat up a little in January as we conduct the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter competition.

I have had the honor of corresponding with some of the families back home, and continue to extend the invite to contact me or my Rear Detachment Commander with anything that we may be able to help you with, no matter how small or large it may seem. Thank you to everyone back home who helped make the holidays a special one and for your continued support. Until next time.....



# Kid's Corral

## Color the Pictures

### Cracker Cookies

Ingredients:

1-2 boxes wheat thins

1 large jar of creamy peanut butter

2-3 bags chocolate candy melts



Make peanut butter sandwiches with the wheat thins. Have an adult help you melt the chocolate according to the package instructions. Set out a piece of wax paper. Then dunk the sandwiches into the chocolate and set them on the wax paper to cool. When cool they are ready to eat!

ENJOY!

#### FRG Fund

#### "Dollars and Cents"

- Beginning - \$1435.51
  - Expenses - \$1343.61
  - Income - \$1606.63
  - Current - \$1698.53
  - Budget Items - None scheduled
- \*\* Amounts taken from annual audit completed 15 January 2008

Cathy Keene

Treasurer

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 TNA Wrestling	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Day	22 FT Hood Tax center	23 FRG meeting	24	25 Monster trucks	26 Spouse retreat
27 Spouse retreat	28	29	30	31		

9- TNA Wrestling, Assembly Hall@ Killeen Expo Center 7-10 pm

21- Martin Luther King day

22- Ft Hood Tax center opens

23- FRG Meeting, McDonald's @ Stan Schlueter 6.30pm ( FRG will NOT pay for your meal)

25-26 -Monster Trucks, Main Arena@ Killeen Expo Center

26-27 - Deployed Spouse Retreat at Lampasas, TX sponsored by Tyson's Corner Retreat Center and the Ft. Hood Chaplains Office; contact Amanda Arceneaux for more information

## Central Texas Bed & Breakfast's (B&B) show their support for the troops:

Central Texas B&B's have joined together to support returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their Spouses by donating 1 or 2 night Couple's Getaways at their establishments. Each proprietor is thankful for our service and sacrifice and feels honored to recognize our service, and this program is an exceptional way of showing it.

During my mid-tour leave my wife, Silvia, and I had the opportunity to take advantage of this program and found it to be very relaxing. We stayed at the Las Brisas Farm which is one of many participating B&B's situated in the countryside outside of Fayetteville, TX a two and a half hour drive from Ft. Hood. This establishment was very peaceful with comfortable accommodations, and very friendly hosts, Kathy & Eldon. The surrounding community was friendly as well, and in addition to our stay at the B&B we were treated to a complimentary meal at a local restaurant, Pasquale's. As well as an outstanding homemade breakfast consisting of quiche, yogurt, and fresh squeezed orange juice. Services and accommodations may vary between establishments but if nothing else this program will give you a chance to spend some time with your Spouse in a soothing environment with few distractions. As a side note I was informed that the pond which is on-site at Las Brisas Farm will be stocked with bass by summer of this year.

More information on this program can be found at <http://www.texasveteranproject.org/>.

SPC Aaron DeTinne

2nd PLT, "Punishers", 401 MP Company

### January Spouse Getaway:

The retreat is on January 26 and 27th. A chance for us spouses to get away from all the daily headaches and just enjoy some time for our own and with other spouses at no expense to us. If you do not wish or can't stay overnight, you don't have to. You can just go home and come the back the next morning. The kids will be taken care of and they will have a blast. Children 3 and under will be going to the church next to the hotel. Children 4 and up will go with the parents.

Don't let this opportunity slip you by. Give yourself, and your kids, a fun couple of days. And if not this month maybe the next one.

If interested please give Amanda Arceneaux a call @ 254-368-6960

