

# Gunfighter Gazette



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## CONGRATULATIONS

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## NCO & SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER

### WEATHER REPORT

#### DAILY HI TEMP:

62.8 (average)

#### DAILY LOW TEMP:

49.6 (average)

#### RAINFALL AMT:

1.03 inches

SGT Michael Purser hails from Charlotte, North Carolina and completed Advanced Individual Training at B. Co 787 MP BN, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He was formally in the Infantry before switching MOS to Military Police. His deployments include: OIF 07-09.

Currently SGT Purser serves as squad leader of 1st squad 2nd platoon.

CPL Christina Andersen hails from Orlando, Florida and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri from A Co. 787 MP BN.

She reported to the 401st MP CO in August of 2003 and has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom 1, 04-06, and most recently 07-09.

Currently CPL Andersen serves as a team leader of C Team, 3rd PLT 3rd SQD.

SGT MICHAEL  
PURSER

CPL CHRISTINA  
ANDERSEN



# GUNFIGHTER 6 SENDS

CPT RUDY A. SANDOVAL



Gunfighter Families and Friends, this month has absolutely flown by and the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers in the 401<sup>st</sup> are performing valiantly. Our mission focus has shifted recently as we were given the awesome responsibility of standing up new Iraqi Police stations across the district. Many of you may have read recently about the expansion in Baghdad and the push to put more Iraqi Security Forces on the streets to secure it. We have now become directly involved in this expansion which strives to have these forces secure themselves and their cities.

Second platoon, Punishers!, felt the heat of opening up new stations in their district in November and December and did a phenomenal job! Their stations now run nearly independently with aid from the squads



The commander's mighty security squad takes time to pose for a picture. "You guys are awesome!" -GF6

but have overall improved over 200% since the stations opened. And now it's up to the Warfighters and Hooligans to train, equip, and integrate the new Iraqi Police recruits into new stations. Since the start of operations to open these stations the platoons have taken hold of this responsibility and run with it impressing numerous unit commanders with their adaptability and passion to successfully open the stations. We have also heavily involved the headquarters platoon, Workhorse!, to assist with this mission to assist us in transporting and ordering required equipment to make this a success.

We continue to feel the positive impacts of all the support each of you continues to give us from the...

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# GUNFIGHTER 7 SENDS

ISG BRIAN A. FLOM



Hello again to everyone back home. February finds the Soldiers of the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company doing well and busy as can be. We find our Soldiers getting more involved with the Iraqi Police on a daily basis, as we push out to the Joint Security Stations in sector and spend countless hours providing quality training and mentorship to our Iraqi counterparts. There is no doubt in my mind that we are making a difference in helping to establish a professional and legitimate security force.

I am pleased to announce the winner of the 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company Soldier and NCO of the Quarter. Congratulations to CPL Andersen and SGT Purser for being selected as the winners for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 08. They endured a competition that was both physically and mentally demanding. As a reward for their efforts they received a nice prize

package in addition to being awarded with Army Achievement Medals. I wish them luck in future competitions. Additionally, I would like to congratulate PFC Johnson and SGT Nichol for being selected as the Soldier/NCO of the Month for February. Let's see if they have what it takes to win the next board. Last, we presented the Commander's Cup to the Punisher's of Second Platoon for winning the flag football championship. In next month's newsletter I will announce the winner of the volleyball competition going on now.

Well, every month I like to thank people that are making a difference while we are here. In the past, I had put the spotlight on the support Soldiers and the squad leaders. This month, I want to focus on the families who are at home supporting their Soldier in harm's way. When you look at their demographics, they are the same as what we see here. They are a Soldier's father or mother, husband or wife, brother or sister, and son or daughter. This can go on and on.

But the families are often the unsung heroes. They are the ones who not only support their loved one, but keep the home front going as well. Whether they are reacting to leaking water pipes, vehicle problems, or sick children, they are doing whatever it takes to put their Soldiers mind at ease. With that being said, I want to extend my personal thanks to all of the loved ones that continue to support our Soldiers and allow us to focus on the task at hand and return home to you. Words cannot possibly express what you mean to us here, but for now, I extend to you a heartfelt thank you.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if there is something I can help you with from here.

Respectfully Yours,  
ISG Brian A. Flom  
Gunfighter 7



MSG JEREMY KEENE

# OPERATIONS

Well it is time for another change to take place in Iraq. We are preparing for the opening of four new Iraqi Police stations in the Mansour District. This will mean the Gunfighters will have to put forth the maximum effort into these stations to ensure they get started on the right foot. Good luck to the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon "Warfighters" and 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon "Hooligans", they are going to be busy. We will have also had to say goodbye to another member of Operations. CPL Andersen is now part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon "Hooligans" and I am sure she will do a great job. Taking her place in the Tactical Operations Center as a Radio Telephone Operator (RTO), is SPC Doster. He really likes his new job as the RTO and is a great asset to the section. As for everyone else, we are doing fine and are getting settled in for the last five months of the deployment. We are all ready to get back home to loved ones.



**I have called you here to tell you something important...SSG Hughes**



**Who has the better mustache? SPC Phangsang and CPL Andersen on her last day as RTO before moving to 3rd platoon as a team leader. Congratulations on your promotion.**

**NOTE: PHOTO CURTOSY: MSG KEENE**

## GUNFIGHTER GAZETTE

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# 1st PLATOON

The GHOST Advanced WF times

PLATOON LEADER: ILT LYNCH

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SMITH



First platoon this month has been working diligently at improving the Iraqi Police. SSG Adams and SSG Teklinski (Seen directly below) are shown moving supplies, improving the administration and logistical areas at Ghazalia local and patrol stations. This month Soldiers were given the chance to put their training to the test as they taught classes to the entire platoon for refresher training. SGT Nichol and PFC Milner represented the platoon this month at the NCO and Soldier of the month boards. SGT Nichol went on to win this month's board while PFC Scott-Lee will go to the Battalion Soldier of the quarter board to represent the company. Your Soldiers are working extra hard as we round the corner and start heading towards the finish line of this deployment.

GHOST 7, Out!!

**PFC Charles Dennis, 1st SQD:** "To mom and mamma: I love and miss you very much. 10 down and 5 to go"







# 2nd PLATOON

The PUNISHER corner

PLATOON LEADER: ILT MARTINEZ  
PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC SENIOR

Hello Punisher Family,

Good news!! We have completed another month. The Punishers have been busy as usual keeping the Abu Ghraib Police District moving forward. In the last nine months we have seen our district grow from 150 Iraqi Police (IP), with a lot of areas not receiving police covered, to a district that can now patrol their entire area with more than 1500 Iraqi Police. All these IP were trained by your loved ones. We have a new addition to the Punisher family, SGT Purser, from 1<sup>st</sup> platoon, is now the squad leader for 1<sup>st</sup> squad replacing SSG Nuewirth who is now in operations. I'm glad we received new reenlistment t-shirts and pens because we were able to persuade SGT Bell, SPC Prankienas, SPC Womack and SGT Parker into re-enlisting. They said it was for the t-shirt but I think they kind of like this "Army thing". I would like to thank everyone for sending Valentine's Day boxes. Ya'lls continued support really is a morale boost. God Bless!

Punisher 6 OUT

**PS: Since it didn't make the special edition; Happy Valentine's Day to my wife, Mia and daughter, Maddy.**

**SGT Jonathan Puckett, 1st SQD: "Guitar Hero."**



**LEFT:** ILT Martinez is seen hard at work with a map of the Gunfighter battle space.



**LEFT:** Soldiers of 3rd squad are seen on a recon mission to a Fallujah base.

**RIGHT:** SGT Cruz and SPC Nutter are seen at Aqur Kuf LPS training Iraqi Police.





# 3rd PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER: 2LT WALTER

PLATOON SERGEANT: SFC DECKER

## A HOOLIGAN REPORT

Another month has come to an end for the Soldiers of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon. During this month, the platoon has picked up a mission of setting up and establishing three new Iraqi Police Stations within our area and with that, comes the task of training all the new recruits for the stations. 2<sup>nd</sup> Squad has been tasked with moving between two IP stations and conducting training at both for up to 12 hours a day. 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad has been split in two, and are spending five days a week living and working at local Joint Security Stations (JSS) within our area. Both squads are working side by side with the Infantry companies either directly at the stations or at the JSS to help ensure that the new recruits are receiving the best training possible. 1<sup>st</sup> Squad is continuing on with their commanders escort mission, they have continuously been logging more miles on the roadways of Baghdad than any other squad with in the company. Not only are the Iraqi Police recruits learning basic police survival skills, but the Soldiers from 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon are learning valuable lessons on how to teach other police but they are also learning about the Iraqi people in general with their daily interactions. The months are passing by faster and faster, before we know it, the Soldiers will be reunited with their families. From all of the Soldiers of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Thank You for all of your

**SPC Topper:**  
“A year and a half ago, who would have thought that I would be teaching Iraqi police how to assemble and disassemble their rifles.”



**LEFT:** 2LT Walter, PFC Gatewood, SPC Ruscio and SPC Henckel take a break. **RIGHT:** SGT Womack and PFC Moore conduct training at their police station.



**LEFT:** SGT Holland is seen with his IP commander organizing recruits. **RIGHT:** PFC Hare and IPA “Scooter” taking a moment from training IPs.







# FROM THE HORSE: A WORKHORSE report

PLATOON SERGEANT:  
SSG GARTH JOHNSON

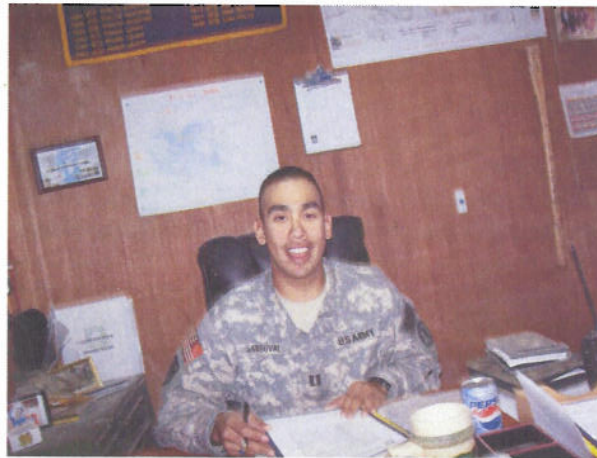
We are now on the down hill slide and getting closer to go home, but the work is never done. The HQ Platoon is working harder than ever waking up early and going to bed late to assure that the Military Police have vehicles to drive and a way to talk to Gunfighter Mike. Doing missions on and off the FOB; doing what supporters do. This has been shown repeatedly with the motor pool and the communications sections. Back in September the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence selected by FORSCOM (Medium category) and receiving awards for this accomplishment this was a job well done. The communications section is constantly setting up re-trans sites to help the Gunfighters talk to Gunfighter Mike and various combat units. The supply and DFAC sections continual get the supply and Class I the unit needs for missions. The unit armor SPC Phangsang is always fixing weapons to keep the unit at 100% weapons ready with the help of SPC True. This is some of what the Headquarters Platoon does for the line platoons to make their life at the Iraqi Police Station a little more bearable.

The Workhorse family would like to take this time to welcome the newest member to the family. 1LT Aicha Williamson, the Company's Executive Officer, aka "Gunfighter 5". Ma'am the Workhorse family welcomes you and looks forward to working with you.

**Delivering the equipment...**SGT Ament and SGT Grounds seen on an equipment drop mission.



**At the desk...**CPT Sandoval is seen busy at work behind his desk.



**Crazy times...**SGT Breese takes a moment out of his chaotic day for a crazy moment.



**In the battle space...**Peace Keeper 7 (CSM Palmer) 716 MP CSM, Vigilant 7 (CSM McPherson) 18 MP BDE CSM, SGT Fennewald and Gunfighter 7 (1SG Flom) seen on a visit to the GF AO.



# — the SOLDIERS corner —



**LEFT:** PFC Moriah Johnson, the Soldier of the month for February 2008. **RIGHT:** SFC Smith flexing up for the camera just before a formation.



**LEFT:** SFC Senior, 2nd PLT PSG is seen inspecting sensitive items after a 3rd squad mission. **RIGHT:** SSG Lucas, 2nd platoon 3rd squad leader is seen dismantling his equipment after a long mission.



**LEFT:** SGT Woods, B Team LDR of 3rd squad 2nd PLT is seen preparing to roll-out on a mission. **RIGHT:** SGT Parker hands SPC Prankienas the Commanders Cup for earning a MVP status during the flag football competition.



**LEFT:** SGT Purser and SPC Andersen the NCO & Soldier of the quarter. **RIGHT:** Soldiers are seen listening to the inside scoop from LTC Rangel. LTC Rangel visited the 401st and discussed the upcoming re-deployment.





FEBRUARY 2008

# CONGRATULATIONS GUNFIGHTERS

## FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS:

### TO Staff Sergeant:

SGT Abigail Moreland

### TO Sergeant:

CPL Mary E. Schultz

### TO Specialist:

PFC Joshua A. Nutter

PFC Bryan A. Scott-Lee

PFC Nathan L. Topper

### *CDR...Continued from page 2*

home front and thank you immensely for what you do there in order for each us to concentrate on what we're doing here...you're the greatest! We continue to count down the months until we're back home enjoying your company once again!

Gunfighter 6

CPT Rudy Sandoval

## BIRTHDAYS

CPL Hastings

PFC Jelks

SPC Nielson

PFC Suurmeier

SPC Teague

SGT Parker

SGT Puckett

SGT Woods

SPC Womack

SPC Henckel

SGT Holland

SSG Kriska



*"Demonstrate Lawfulness  
Throughout the World"*

## FEBRUARY AWARDS:

### Army Commendation Medal:

SSG Moreland

### Army Achievement Medal:

SGT Breese

SPC Doster

SPC Anderson

SPC Overton

### HERO OF THE MONTH:

PFC Hare

### SUSTAINER OF THE MONTH:

SPC Overton

### SOLDIER OF THE MONTH:

PFC Moriah Johnson

### NCO of THE MONTH:

SGT Joshua Nichol





# Kid's Corral

## Jeweled Easter Eggs

What you'll need:

- Boiled eggs
- Glitter paint with tip (on bottle)
- Flat sided jewels in multiple colors and sizes
- Egg cartons, empty
- Tweezers, optional



FRG Fund	
"Dollars and Cents"	
• Beginning -	\$1698.53
• Expenses -	\$0
• Income—	\$110.76
• Current -	\$1809.29
• Budget Items -	None scheduled
Cathy Keene	
Treasurer	

You will need to only decorate only one side of the egg at a time. Let dry either on egg cartons turned upside down or a cooling rack. Decorate other side when first side is dry.

At the top if the egg, make a scalloped circular design with the glitter paint, if desired . Make sure there is a puddle of paint on the top. Place a jewel on the top of the egg in the puddle of paint.

Repeat as many times as desired around the egg. Reminder, if this egg is not on a stick, you will need to leave one side empty until it is dry.

Place on a decorative plate, an Easter basket, or make an arrangement for your table.

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## MARCH 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Egg hunt	15 Easter Fest
16	17 St. Patty's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 14 MAR– Flashlight Egg Hunt @ BLORA, activities kickoff at 6pm and egg hunt starts at 8.30 pm
- 15 MAR– Apache Arts & Crafts Easter Fest, 11am-4pm, Bldg 2337, 761th Tank Battalion and 62nd
- 17 Mar– St.Patrick's Day
- 17 MAR– Begin Spring Break
- 23 MAR– Easter
- 23 MAR– Easter Sunday Brunch, Ft. Hood Catering & Conference Center, 11am-1pm and 2-4pm
- 29 MAR– FRG Meeting, Oveta Culp Building, 11am till noon is a potluck and 12-2pm Actual Meeting



# Rear Detachment Commander—Round Up

## MSG Arceneaux

Now that we have started the planning on the FRG side of the house, I need to recognize some of the unsung heroes that assist me in my mission of operating a Rear Detachment that supports the unit and the Families. No one truly volunteers to be on the Rear Detachment because we joined to be in the fight. But no one comprehends the amount of work required to sustain and prepare for the unit's return than my Soldiers here at Fort Hood with me.

SGT Heather Bass, a mechanic by choice, works endlessly as my second in command or Rear Detachment NCOIC. She truly makes it easy for me to attend to the various meetings and functions that I do as a Commander that reports to a higher headquarters. She has been a quick learner and is often times reminding me of things that must be done and has put this Company ahead of the power curve as it pertains to Individual and Unit Training (yes we still have requirements that we maintain here). Not bad for a Mechanic that has been wearing her NCO stripes

for less than four months who is operating like a seasoned Operations NCO (watch out MSG Keene and MSG Fleser).

Keeping me out of hot water (or getting me into more trouble) in the wonderful world of supply is SPC Jeremy Daniels. He has completed several courses that have taught him how to operate as a Supply Specialist but he still yearns to be an MP, which he signed up for. His understanding of supply procedures have been instrumental in keeping the unit on pace with supply actions. His job becomes more critical now as we prepare to receive the unit and ensure there is enough items in stock to run the operations of a full unit until a hand-off is made with the "real" Supply Specialists.

Last but not least is PFC Jason Green, whose selection for the Rear Detachment was made for him by the "bad guys" in Iraq. PFC Green now pulls triple duty. His first job is recovery as a Wounded Warrior and then the two jobs he has assigned here,

Administration and the Arms Room. As an Administrative Specialist he is slowly learning the art of memorandums (more red pens from supply, please) and as a Soldier is learning the importance and relevancy of actions that go straight to the heart of all Soldiers; finance, awards and promotions. Shortly he will attend the Unit Armorers Course and assume responsibility of the reactivation of the Arms Room and be a key player in the speed with which we can transition your Soldiers from the Airfield to the Gym for reunion (no pressure there, huh, Green?).

All told, it takes a team effort and I am thankful that these Soldiers have been willing and dedicated enough to tackle their individual responsibilities and make them their own. They take great pride in their work and take their knocks from me along the way but keep stepping up to the task and ask for more. Thank you very much for all that you guys do to make this job seem effortless on my part but most importantly fun and a pleasure to come to every day.

## Gunfighter Spouse Recognized by BDE Commander



On 25 February 2008, Silvia Detinne (R), wife of SPC Detinne, was recognized by COL Huey, 89th MP Brigade Commander (Center), and CSM Ashford, 89th MP Brigade Command Sergeant Major (L), as Volunteer of the Quarter at the Brigade Steering Committee meeting. Silvia Detinne was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the 89th MP Brigade and a free one-year membership to the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) for her hard work and dedication volunteering as the Editor of the Gunfighter Gazette. **The Gunfighter Gazette has also been recognized in Iraq by the 716th MP Battalion (higher headquarters for the 401st MP Company) as the best in the battalion.**