

# 'Keeping Tabs'

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## Getting Down to Business



Members of SECFOR Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry (Company B, Fighting 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry from Bayshore) pose for a group shot at Forward Operating Base Blackhorse having just completed a Transfer of Authority ceremony with their departing comrades from the SC ARNG. Below, a similar ceremony was held at Camp Phoenix for Headquarters Company 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team with CPT Eric Killoran and 1SG Chris Olmsted.

Following their arrival in Afghanistan, members of the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team immediately began the process of learning from the Soldiers they would be replacing. The "battle hand-off" process is taking place between members of the brigade headquarters staff, the Security Force and Logistical Task Force Battalions, the Training Assistance Group and the Embedded Training Teams.



Engaging in a Humanitarian Assistance operation is one of the most important efforts task force members get.

Coalition forces work with Afghan National Police and Army to provide food, clothing and medical help to the poor. These "HA drops" are deeply appreciated by the people and a great opportunity for the Soldiers. It's part of the mission to train and mentor the Afghan National Security forces so that the people come to trust their government and to help it protect and support its people.



### Humanitarian Assistance Operation

Task Force Phoenix members conducted a Humanitarian Assistance project in a village not far from Kabul on 22 April and served hundreds of people, including children, women and men. At left, Public Affairs Officer MAJ Kathy Oliver poses with a new friend. The photo was taken by another Afghan child who just wanted to try his hand with a camera. Below left, men line up with sons to enter the courtyard where medical screenings were being done and personal hygiene and medicines were distributed. Center, an Afghan Police Officer escorts an elderly woman to the next courtyard where women received care.



Below, new Afghan National Army recruits march back from training at the Kabul Military Training Center. The country is rebuilding itself after decades of war and misery. Recruits display an enthusiasm and determination to defeat a Taliban threat for their country's future.



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