

'Keeping Tabs'

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27th Brigade Combat Team --- Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII

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Mission-focus on the tasks at hand

KABUL, Afghanistan – It has been a full month since authority for Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix was passed to the 27th Brigade Combat Team and the focus is all business. Embedded Training Teams are “down range.” The Security Force and Logistical Task Force battalions are engaged in their missions. The task force headquarters and its sections are immersed in planning, managing and controlling. Each day is a combination of routine and new challenges. Convoys, meetings, support operations and more -- Afghanistan is a combat zone and each Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine assigned has to maintain “situational awareness” as they perform their duty and complete the tasks assigned them. For them, it is just another day as an American service member.



Above, the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix Finance Officer, Lt. Col. Andrew Stewart from Latham, coordinates with Sgt. Nicholas Prietti from Syracuse as they prepare to depart in a convoy from Camp Phoenix. Standing in the background is Capt. Michael Senus from Buffalo. Below left Specialist Edward Nickels from Hamlin, lubricates the front end of an M1151 Uparmored Humvee in the maintenance shop. At right, Specialist Eugene Corbett, from Webster, works on a humvee ball joint.





Humanitarian Assistance

Sergeant Lorrie Cartier (top) from Plattsburgh and Warrant Officer Priscilla Burnah (lower left) from Waterford participate in a Humanitarian Assistance mission in an Afghan village to provide families, including women and children, medical screenings, drugs, vitamins and other aid. The operations are complex because security and close coordination with local leaders and the Afghan National Army and Police is essential.



Training for Afghan Non Commissioned Officers...

At left, Task Force Command Sergeant Major David Piwowarski from Buffalo coaches an Afghan interpreter during "beam-hit" training while at right two Afghan National Army soldiers get familiar with a U.S. M240B machinegun. It was part of the schedule for the Afghan National Army Sergeants Major Training Center held last week at the Kabul Military Training Seminar.

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