

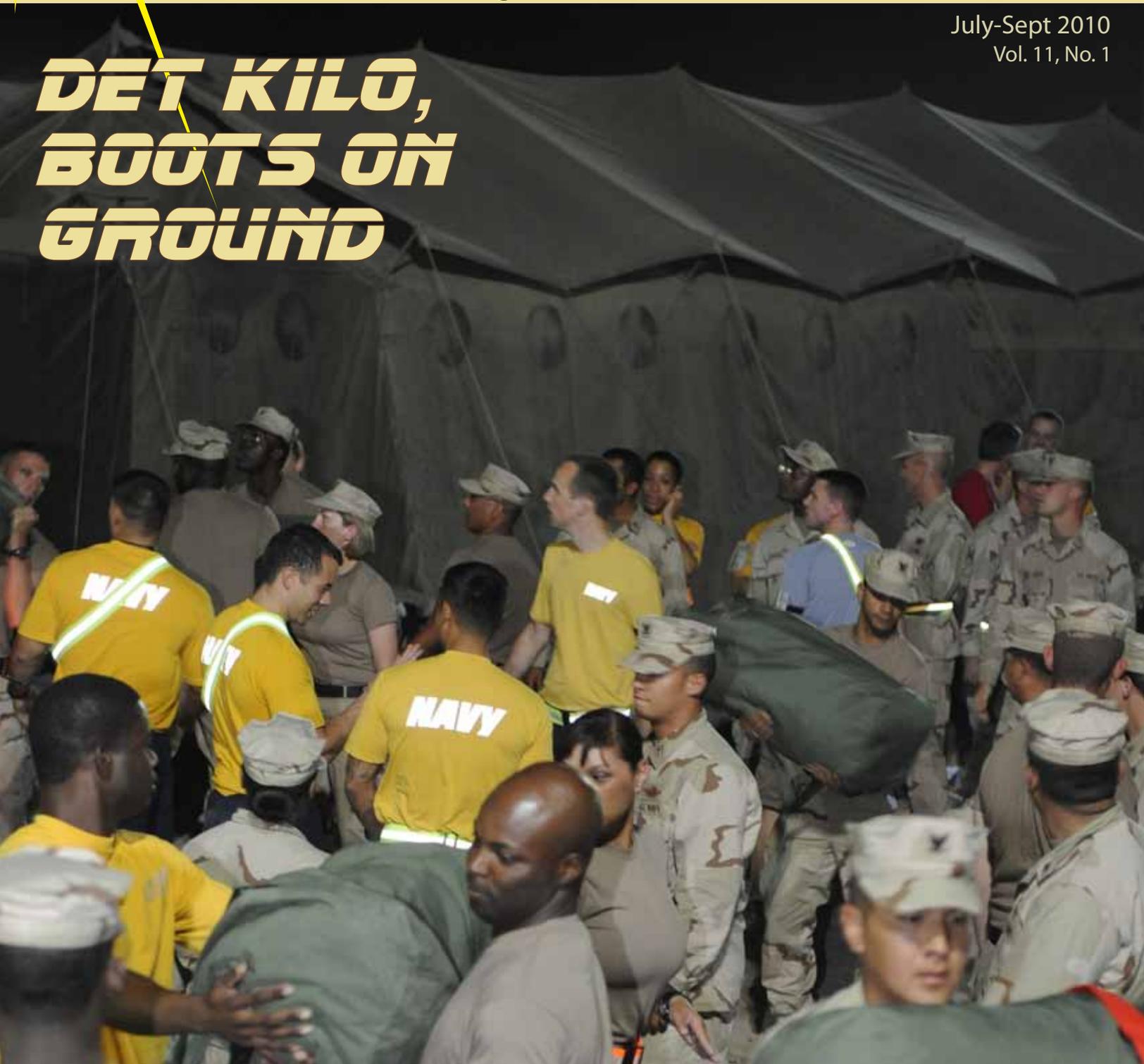
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Editor's Note

We've arrived! Det Kilo is in the house! And welcome to Det Kilo's very first issue of *Desert Warriors*. By now we've all settled into our new Kuwait grooves, adjusted to the heat and are seriously pursuing the three (or more!) goals we set for ourselves upon our arrival.

Our MWR team has gotten us off to a great start with many fun and exciting events in the short time we've been here, with much more to come! Same for our various sports teams where it's been great to see everyone turn out to support our teams, win or lose.

This first Det Kilo issue of *Desert Warriors* will mainly be to play catch up. It should've been Juliet's final issue, hence the three month span on the cover. But I hope to grow it into a monthly newsletter. There's certainly enough going on here to warrant a monthly newsletter.

One thing I plan to continue is the fun caption contest started by my predecessor, MC1 Blachly. On the back cover you'll find the "winners" of the previous contest as well as a brand new picture for you to try captioning, so hone those funny bones and let's see what you've got! The prize? Bragging rights!

I'll be making some other changes and coming up with new features for future issues, so watch your emails for them. I'll be looking for more input from all of you, from personal profiles to scholarly medical articles. Some will be fun, some will be exciting, but above all, they'll be informative for you, your family and your command back home.

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CO's Call

Capt. Ken Iverson

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Warriors, families, parent commands and friends of EMFK,

Greetings from the sunny Kuwaiti desert where it is nice to be past those summer highs!

EMFK said good-bye to Juliet and welcomed Kilo in mid August. It is so unlike traditional MTFs to see greater than 90% of the staff sweep in and out with about three days of turnover. Juliet was well prepared to turnover and Kilo successfully accepted the challenge of taking the reigns. Juliet finished a great tour, delivering outstanding medical care and making significant process changes along the way. Each member should be proud of their excellent accomplishments, and I am certain that they are looking back with the feeling of the satisfaction of

a job well done. Congratulations Juliet on an outstanding tour!

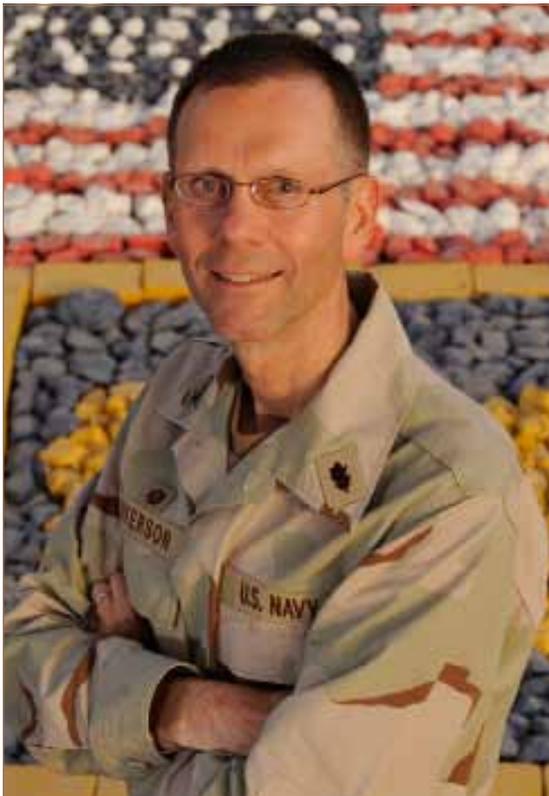
Kilo has been hard at it a bit over two months and they are off to an incredible start. I marvel at the many new initiatives that are making a positive difference around EMFK. Kilo is diverse, coming from over 60 different commands. This diversity and fresh way of looking at and doing things creates an environment that is energized for change.

Kilo is providing tremendous patient care and their teamwork has been impressive. The manner in which the teams have worked together as they have addressed serious trauma and complex medical cases makes it hard to believe they have been together such a short period of time. They have patiently drilled as we have exercised numerous mass casualty events, the first of which occurred on the second day of turnover. Thanks to the Emergency Management Committee for their hard work in our mass casualty, readiness training. Patient safety is a high priority and thanks to an energetic team of instructors, TeamSTEPPS training is well underway as part of our Saturday training. The Executive Committee of the Professional Staff has instituted bi-weekly Professional Staff meetings in the evenings to disseminate information and conduct business and the Wardroom is off to an aggressive start also with bi-weekly evening events. The most recent was a Fake Wine and Fake Cheese Hail and Farewell. With General Order Number 1B compliant Alcohol free wines, what could be more appropriate than magnificent cheese spreads

and Velveta (we did actually have some excellent aged cheeses as well)? We have had some outstanding gatherings in remembrance of September 11, 2001 and also of POW/MIA Day. Thanks to the great staff that planned and orchestrated these memorable events. EMFK went live this week on Facebook with 40 albums of photos. What a great tool to aid in communication; connect with past, present and future deployers; and to remember significant events. Thanks to the great staff for rolling out a top notch format. Our MWR Committee also has planned a rigorous schedule of events to include pool parties, barbeques, bean guessing contests and for the month of October, a moustache growing contest—please look for photos on Facebook at October's end. Apparently even the fairer gender will be able to participate in some fashion with paste on and draw on versions! Some areas have received new paint, and there is a plan to complete a joint forces mural on the long wall of our largest waiting room at the Troop Medical Clinic. Additionally, a plan is in place to repaint the helo pad this weekend. Thanks to all for the great creativity and teamwork.

I'd like to thank each of the family members, commands and friends back home of the members of the Kilo detachment. You all have sacrificed in their absence, and for this I want you to know that I am most grateful. I know they are missing you. I am very proud of their accomplishments as you should be. They are serving enthusiastically, professionally and nobly. Thank you all for your continued support.

BZ and thanks to Kilo as you continue to "make a difference!"



Shipmates,

Transitions are times of great challenge and opportunity. Never is it more evident than the complete turnover of the Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait staff twice a year. The turnover from Juliet Det to Kilo Det was accomplished successfully due in large part to great preparation on Juliet's end for their incoming relief, coupled with Kilo's enthusiasm and motivation to assume the mission and put their stamp on the command.

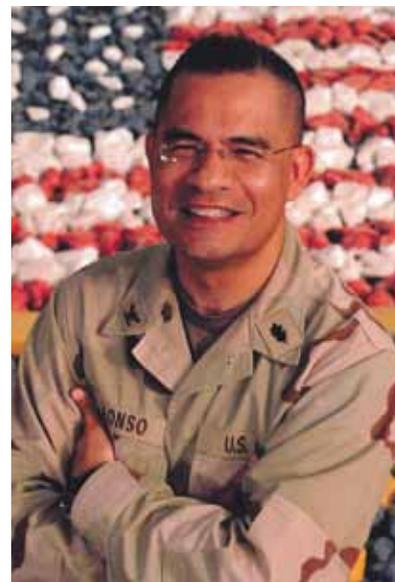
Thank you Juliet for accomplishing the mission with great professionalism and spirit. The inroads and ties you forged with the host-nation medical infrastructure, positive relationship-building with our Army counterparts, massive support to the MMU Role III hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and the positive team spirit you brought to the task are your legacies from this very successful deployment. You set the bar high and accomplished the task of improving on the foundation India Det left you, paving the way for continued improvements under Kilo's watch. You should look back on this deployment with a great sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction. Fair winds and following seas to you all!

Kilo, you have come out of the gate driving like a Kuwaiti!! The steady deluge of innovations and process improvements has been inspiring! Coming aboard with a "can-do" attitude, you continually amaze me with the breadth and depth of your experience and expertise in all clinical, administrative, readiness, and professional realms. Many programs have been turbo-charged to the next level, building the bridge to Lima, the final Navy detachment, and to the eventual turnover to the Army in late 2011. Keep up the pace for this six-month sprint and you will leave an enduring legacy as well, letting the Navy and Army medical team know Kilo was here!

Remember our challenge to you for improvement in the professional, personal, and command areas. Keep close contact with your families and loved ones. Keep your parent commands up to date on your activities and accomplishments. And most of all, add to the storehouse of memories and relationships that mark your true successes! You are surrounded by some of the Navy's finest shipmates with whom you could ever hope to serve. The opportunities to add to your collection of sea stories in this Army/Navy environment will be legion. Just keep your eyes peeled, your ears open, and your sense of humor in high gear and you will enjoy this deployment like no other! As your XO, I look forward to sharing this journey, watching you take EMFK to the next level, and celebrating another successful deployment by the Navy team!

XO's MEMO

Capt. Robert Alonso



CMC SPOT

HMCM Thomas Countryman



Shipmates...

First, please let me say goodbye to Juliet Det. You have made yourselves proud and can leave here knowing that you have accomplished your mission. Thanks so much for a wonderful turnover and preparing your reliefs for SUCCESS! Job well done.

Hello Kilo!! By the time this article hits the streets, you will simply be EMFK. One TEAM, One FIGHT, One FAMILY. I've been impressed with this group from the first day they arrived. Eager, ready, confident and prepared. As we move into our future, we will go forth knowing that our mission is expeditionary in focus, training and action. We are ready to take EMFK to the TIP of the SPEAR and you are at the forefront of this movement! Our mission will evolve into a training focused, preparedness based group of war fighters that will set the standard future medical detachment will EMULATE. Your families should be (Will be!) proud of what you accomplish here both personally and professionally. As your CMC, it is my job to help you personal and professional growth while you are here.

Let's make every day a learning day! Shipmates, I look forward to taking EMFK to the next level with you.. Remember that my door is always open... GO NAVY!!!

EMFK Remembers 9/11

On September 11th, EMFK participated in several 9/11 Remembrance tributes, including a basewide 9.11K run, a flag raising ceremony and a somber memorial ceremony on the quarterdeck.



EMF-K DET KILO COMPLETES PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Bill Gowdy

CAMP PENDLETON, CA (NNS) — The medical personnel, Hospital Corpsmen and support personnel of Expeditionary Medical Facility - Kuwait (EMF-K), Det Kilo, completed their pre-deployment training at Naval Expeditionary



Medical Training Institute (NEMTI) at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on August 4, 2010.

The training is one of the steps the nearly 200 members of Det Kilo must complete before they arrive in

Kuwait to relieve Det Juliet.

“The training this time was much more organized and focused than in the past,” said Capt. Kevin Kennedy, Det Kilo’s student Officer in Charge, who had previously attended the training four years ago. “The training is extremely valuable and will prepare our team for the environment and tasks we may face once we deploy.”



NEMTI’s training focused on the medical aspects of deploying to a forward field medical facility and covered such topics as trauma care, patient transport and setting up and breaking down a portable field hospital.

“This training gave me a greater appreciation of what our fellow service members are facing daily in Afghani-



stan and Iraq,” said Lt. Cmdr. Jason Penny-packer, a Medical Corps officer. “But the best aspect of the training at NEMTI has been the team building and the speed and strength with which our Det Kilo team bonded as

a unit.”

The training also covered aspects unique to war-time deployment to the CENTCOM (US Central Command) Area of Responsibility or AOR, such as weapons qualifications, IED (Improvised Explosive Device) avoidance, land navigation, convoy fundamentals and basic language training.



The most intense phase of training was the Tactical Combat Casualty Course or “TCCC.” TCCC taught the skills necessary for Care Under Fire, Tactical Field Care and Tactical Evacuation Care, culminating in a FINEX (Final Exercise) during which selected Medical Service Corps officers, corpsmen and non-medical students individually had to successfully accomplish five rescue medical tasks under simulated battle conditions.



pressure of working under battle conditions.”

Hospital Corpsman First Class Robert Mowry said, “The TCCC curriculum we were presented was outstanding. I was really impressed by the FINEX and how it was designed and executed. It was representative of the

This NEMTI class was unique, not only because it was the largest class ever, but because it was the first time



the course ran three weeks. It was also the first time they incorporated several new training evolutions such as the HEAT (HMMWV or "Humvee" Egress Assistance Trainer) which simulated a Humvee roll-over, to

teach students what to do and how to exit their vehicle in the event of a mishap.

Of the HEAT experience, Medical Service Corps Lt. Cmdr. Marrie Read said, "It was a blast! Wearing our body armor and mock weapons it was much more strenuous than it looked. But now I know I can get out of a Humvee – even if it's upside down – if I had to."



But the training wasn't just for medical personnel. All non-medical personnel assigned to Det Kilo had to complete the training as well. Det Kilo has a Chaplain, Culinary Specialists, Masters-at-Arms and sailors from a dozen other rates.

Senior Chief Yeoman Augustine Cooper, the student Senior Enlisted Leader said, "Even though I'm not a corps-

man, I'm glad I've had this training because if the need ever arose, I now know I could save a shipmate's life."

"I thought the training we received was an eye-opening experience," said Ens. Emily Brown, a Nurse Corps officer. "The training prepared us for Kuwait and if we need to go forward into Afghanistan as well. But more importantly it was a fantastic team-building experience. I'm looking forward to working with this crew for the next six months in Kuwait."

Det Kilo completed their training with high marks from the NEMTI staff. "The staff and I were very impressed by how quickly this group came together and melded as a cohesive unit," said NEMTI Officer in Charge, Capt. Thomas J. Sawyer. "Their enthusiasm and sense of purpose has impressed us all and enhanced the entire course of instruction."



Det Kilo student Hospital Corpsman Second Class Krystal Way summed up the NEMTI experience saying, "I came into this training not knowing what we'd be doing in country, but now I feel fully prepared and trained to do my job in Kuwait and I can't wait to get there!"

The next stop for Det Kilo is the transit to Kuwait where the nearly 200 personnel will take over responsibility from Det Juliet. Det Juliet has been in theatre since January.

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Expeditionary Medical Facility Conducts Mass Casualty Drill



By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Bill Gowdy, EMF-K PAO

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait (NNS) — Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait (EMF-K) held a mass casualty drill Aug. 10 as part of turnover from detachment juliet to kilo.

According to Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Tom Countryman, EMF-K's senior enlisted leader, "The purpose of today's drill is to ensure det kilo understands the process for patient flow during a mass casualty."

The drill simulated a bus wreck which, according to Countryman, "is typical of what we see here at EMF-K. Most of the actual mass casualty incidents we receive come from the areas immediately surrounding Camp Arifjan."

Patients in the drill had their injuries assessed by EMF-K medical personnel and were routed from casualty receiving to the operating room and finally to the hospital ward for recovery and the monitoring of their conditions. The drill gave det kilo their first experience of what being at a forward deployed expeditionary medical unit is all about.

The mass casualty drill is one of the important steps in the turnover from det juliet to det kilo. Countryman stresses, "It's vitally important that everyone understands their places in a mass casualty that is centric to EMF-K. Not just for the medics but for all the non-medical personnel as well."

"I thought it was a great way for the det kilo medical team to assess how well we're able to respond to a mass drill," said U.S. Navy Lt. Ben Crowley, who acted as triage officer during the drill.

"The drill with the new det kilo personnel tested our ability to work as a team to respond to a mass casualty event. I think it went superbly. Part of the learning experience was the personnel from [det] juliet mentoring the kilo team through the process as we transition in and they prepare to depart," said U.S. Navy Cmdr. Dale Ramirez, EMF-K's director of nursing services.

Det juliet's presence was an important facet of the evolution according to Crowley. "It was clear that det juliet was experienced and polished. They provided positive input for us so we can improve during our deployment to EMF-K."

"Teamwork, professionalism and a timely response were clearly demonstrated by all participants," said Ramirez,

Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait provides forward, responsive, quality, expeditionary medical care to coalition military forces, returning ready forces to the fight within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

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Expeditionary Medical Force Passes the Reins

(CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait) – August 12, 2010 – The doctors, dentists, nurses, Hospital Corpsmen and support personnel of Expeditionary Medical Force – Kuwait (EMF-K), Detachment Kilo, assumed the duties as one of the Navy's only forward deployed level III medical facilities in the CENTCOM AOR from Detachment Juliet on Aug. 12, 2010.

At Det Juliet's farewell dinner, EMF-K Commanding Officer, Capt. Kenneth Iverson said, "While we always hate to see people go, Juliet has done a remarkable job. But Kilo is here now and it's their turn. And so far they've impressed us by jumping right in and taking over EMF-K much more rapidly than expected. We're glad to have them here!"

Det Juliet accomplished many things during their tour, including seamlessly integrating with their Army counterparts both here in Arifjan and at the outlying camp Troop Medical Clinics (TMCs).

EMF-K Command Master Chief, Tom Countryman said, "Particularly impressive was the performance at outlying Camps such as Buehring and Virginia where our Navy corpsmen worked in a unique combined medical staff environment with Army medics, delivering exceptional medical and dental care to coalition military personnel coming from and going to Afghanistan and Iraq."

The unique working environment of a forward-deployed medical unit also required many to work outside their comfort zone or normal job to learn other specialties and gave many corpsmen a chance to go forward into Afghanistan to augment medical facilities there.

While Det Juliet is ready to go home, some will leave with heavy hearts.

Personnel Specialist First Class Leonard Bell said, "Our crew came together extremely well. So many things went on to make it a great experience, like MWR and our sports teams and events. This is my last deployment of my career, and I'm going to miss it and my Det Juliet shipmates. It's been fun and I thank God for my experience."

Now it is Det Kilo's turn. And their deployment will keep them from friends and family over the year-end holiday period from Halloween to New Years Day.

Culinary Specialist Third Class Brittany Hamilton tries not to think about missing her family over the holidays. "The holidays are a time to be with your family, and I know I will be missing mine and they'll miss me. But our det is already growing into its own family of sorts and that will get us through the holidays. The experience will make us more humble when we do get home," she said.

Hospital Corpsman First Class Maria Decena said, "I'm going to miss my husband and daughter terribly when the holidays come, but I have my secondary family here in Det Kilo. We've grown into a close family already, especially through the IA (Individual Augmentee) training process in particular."

Many Det Kilo personnel will miss major family events such as birthdays and anniversaries. And even the birth of a first child.

LCDR Jason Pennypacker, Det Kilo's radiologist, will be watching the birth of his first child via webcam.

"I'm disappointed I'm going to miss it in person. But when it came down to 'what is more important' – missing the first few months rather than doing it [deploying] when they're old enough to see you leave and not understand that daddy is deploying, well, it was an easier choice. Plus getting to meet my son for the first time will be new and exciting. It won't be real until I'm holding my new son," he said.

Det Kilo is excited by the opportunities that await them and they are looking forward to their time at EMF-Kuwait, including duties at several outlying medical clinics in direct support of our soldiers, sailors, airman and marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hospital Corpsman First Class Octave Dealminana, a pharmacy technician with Det Kilo, summed it up best when he said, "I'm happy to be here, living the dream and supporting my country and fellow service members."

EMFK TAKES A RIDE IN AN MRAAP



ON SEPT 4, 2010, THE DOCTORS, NURSES, CORPSMEN AND OTHER STAFF OF EMFK EMBARKED ON AN MRAP MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLE AND A TOUR OF U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND AT CAMP ARIFJAN.



EMFK Promotes Two to CPO

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait (NNS) – Two sailors from Naval Expeditionary Facility Kuwait (EMFK) were among the 31 CPOs pinned during a ceremony at the Camp Arifjan Zone 1 chapel on, Sept. 16. Promoted to their new rank were Chief Hospital Corpsman Trenton Williams and Chief Hospital Corpsman Manolito Batayola.

Guest speaker, Rear Adm. Thomas C. Traaen, Director Central Command, Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Camp Arifjan, spoke to the new chiefs and the guests in attendance about his impression of the chief's mess and how they stand out on this base, predominantly staffed by Army personnel.

"Among all the services only the U. S. Navy places such significance on enlisted leadership. The Navy Chief Petty officer is both a technical expert and a leader for his or her sailors," Traaen said.



The 31 sailors pinned, including one U.S. Coast Guard Chief, represent ten different Commands assigned to bases throughout Kuwait. Most of these sailors are on Individual Augmentee (IA) or Global War On Terror Support Assignment (GSA) tours.

The new chiefs were thrilled to finally get their anchors after more than four grueling weeks of transition training.

Chief Hospital Corpsman Trenton Williams of EMFK said of the transition process, "It was interesting to find out how much I didn't know or thought I knew. The experience was physically challenging because I quickly realized I wasn't as 'in shape' as I thought it was. But the toughest aspect was for so many gung-ho individuals, most of whom were LPOs in charge of their own teams at their home commands, to work as part of a

team and allow another to take charge of the various evolutions we had to go through."

During the ceremony, each of the new chiefs marched through sideboys as they were "rung aboard" and welcomed into the chief's mess.

Being forward deployed to the U.S. Central Command (CENT-COM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) meant family members could not be present to pin their loved one's anchors to their collars as is traditionally done.

In regards to his family missing the ceremony due to the operational restrictions, Williams said, "It was a little disappointing not to have my mother here to pin me because I really wanted her to see me with anchors on. But she'll have the pictures and other CPO memorabilia to cherish. And she'll get to see me in my khakis when we get home next year."

Once all the chiefs were pinned, they closed the ceremony with a rousingly robust rendition of "Anchors Aweigh," the US Navy's official song.

The chief petty officer rank was established by the Navy on April 1, 1893. Chief petty officers are expected to act as both technical experts and naval leaders.

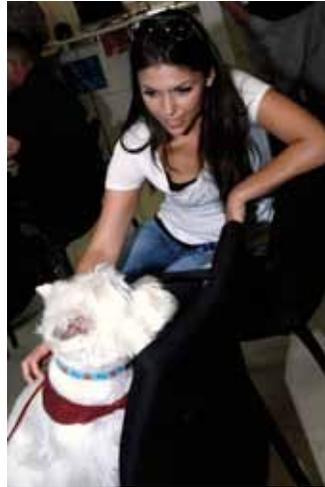
For more information about the traditions and rank of the chief petty officer, visit www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq46-1.htm.



Celebrity VIPs Visit EMFK!



EMFK Has been fortunate to have been visited by several celebrities since Det Kilo arrived in August. Clockwise (from top left): The Scramen-to Kings Dancers take an interest in HN Fernandez; **Bachelorette** star DeAnna Pappas takes an interest in Lance the therapy dog; Aaron Lewis of Staind chills with the nursing staff; **The Unit** stars Dennis Haysbert and Robert Patrick greet the DFA and BM2 Garcia; LT Felder "steps up" to greet Hall-of-Fame pitcher Randy Johnson.



Thirteen From EMFK Complete SHARP Training



Thirteen sailors from EMFK were among the 73 personnel who graduated from the Army's week-long SHARP (Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention) program at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait on September 25, 2010. The SHARP program is the Army equivalent to the Navy's SAPR (Sexual Assault Prevention & Response).

Cmdr. Debra Williams, class leader for the Navy students said, "The best part of the course was the value of the training and information. I especially enjoyed getting to know the participants from the other services.

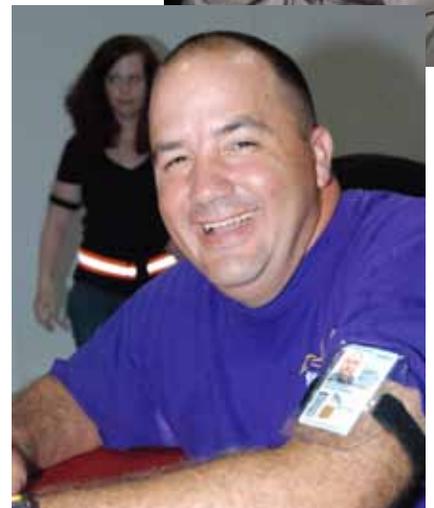
Williams, as a DSARC (Deployed Sexual Assault Response Coordinator), also taught the half day of Medical Advocacy. "Many students had never seen a SAECK (Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit) that is utilized by the Sexual Assault Nurse/Medical Examiner (SANE) or never understood why the exam can take hours," she said. "That clarified their role as an advocate in the program."

Topics covered included Sexual Assault Myths, Unrestricted and Restricted Reporting Options, Confidentiality, Victimology, Crisis Intervention, Medical Advocacy, the Criminal Justice Process, UVA Roles and Limitations and much more. Role plays were utilized throughout most of the course to facilitate learning and provide experience in dealing with the process of advocacy in a variety of scenarios.

All participants were honored at a graduation and certification ceremony, something the Army does that the Navy does not. Williams was very proud of EMFK's students during the course. "They were professional and exemplary in their role plays. We had a variety of ranks represented. I had pushed to have a cadre of UVA's that were there because they have a desire and the maturity to serve in this capacity," she said.

EMFK SHARP graduates: (front row, L to R) Cmdr Debra Williams, HM3 Alike Okwuosa and HM3 Melonie Fiesta. (second row): Lt. Cdr. Marrie Read, HM2 Krystal Way, HM1 Randi Acheson, HM1 Angenetta Shelton, HM2 Tenisha Maynard and Lt. Sarah Ledford. (back row): HM1 David Rowley, HN Brian Harrison, YN2 Viridiana Ramirez, HM1 Jazmin Davis and HM3 Elizabeth Green.

Around & About



EMFK



SAILORS ARE SAYING...

How has your EMFKuwait experience lived up to your expectations so far?

LCDR Brian Parton: "Coming here from the desert (29 Palms), I never thought it would get as hot as it did this summer. It has been great to work with some old friends from previous commands, and to make several new ones. The family I have at EMFK are making it easier to cope with being away from my family at home."



HM2 Sheena Ancho: "I was here before with Det Golf and the quality of life since then is better. Free laundry, the pool and DFAC (Dining Facility) are definite improvements. Best of all the hospital is now a building instead of a cluster of tents. And I'm really enjoying the volunteer opportunities we're receiving."

HM1 Robert Mowry: "After 18 years serving it still fascinates me to see a group of strangers come together in true Navy fashion, forming a family and accomplishing a mission with limited staffing and resources and continually exceeding patient care expectations."



HM2 Tenisha Maynard: "I knew what to expect because I was here with Det Foxtrot. But the QOL (Quality of Life) is better now. The I-bay only had sheets hanging between racks instead of hard cubicles like now. I also like the opportunities the chain of command offers such as the LPN Program preparations for our professional development."

CDR Linda Youberg: "It's lived up to my expectations - I expected it to be hot and it has been! I'm really enjoying the wood shop and I've never been a 'wood shop' type person before."



Desert Warriors Caption Contest



Do you have what it takes?

Does this photo speak to you?

Then speak for this photo!

Write down the best caption you can think of, and e-mail it to the Desert Warriors staff.

Winners will be published in the next edition of Desert Warriors, and will receive the adoration and admiration of all hands here at EMFK.

E-mail submissions to:

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Last Issue's Winners

Capt. Kevin Mears: "Runners, Lay in your Stains."

Kevin Parry: "It's not how you ran the race of life, but that you ran at all."

Richard Gerda: "Eeeek! A spider!!!"

Lars Kabutnik: "PS1 Bell demonstrates a new blended dance & track and field event called the baton shuffle."

