

1. *Is it the Dress Code?* - Black Hawk crew chief Sgt. Jason Kennedy, native of St. Louis, Mo., faces out the window of his aircraft during a mission near Baghdad, Jan. 12. Assigned to A Company, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Kennedy and other Black Hawk crews transport military and civilian VIPs between U.S. bases around Iraq. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

2. *The commute?* - U.S. Army paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division, land on Sicily drop zone, Dec. 11, 2010 during Operation Toy Drop, at Fort Bragg, N.C. The event is hosted by the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) and supported by Fort Bragg's XVIII Airborne Corps and Pope Air Force Base's 43rd Airlift Wing. Organizers estimate that more than 3,000 soldiers will donate a toy for a lottery ticket and the chance to jump under an international jumpmaster in order to earn their foreign jump wings. The operation gives soldiers and airmen the opportunity to help local families in need over the holidays while boosting moral and incorporating valuable training. Since its inception, Operation Toy Drop has collected and distributed more than 30,000 toys for families of soldiers and orphanages in the local community. U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Concepcion, U.S. Air Force. (Released) – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

3. *Was it so you could hit the target?* - Soldiers from the from the 301st Tactical PSYOP Company conduct weapons familiarization with the 240B machine gun on Edwards Air Force Base on January 21, 2011. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

4. *The travel?* - A Soldier exits a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in the village of Darrah-I-Bum, Badghis Province, Afghanistan Jan. 5, 2011. The Soldier was part of a cadre of personnel accompanying the International Security Assistance Force Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill on a visit to the Marines, sailors, and Soldiers of Special Operations Task Force-West living and working in Darrah-I-Bum. (U.S. Marine photo/Sgt. Brian Kester) – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

5. *To meet new and interesting people?* - Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul, Shinkay Detachment Team Lead Maj. Trever Nehls is given a turban by new Shinkay District Gov. Barat Khan during a shura, or meeting, in Shinkay district, Zabul province, Afghanistan, Jan. 6. The Zabul Deputy Gov. Gulab Shah was on hand at the shura to discuss issues and officially announce the appointment of a new district governor. U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

6. *The chance to help others in need?* - Sgt. Heather Blake, who serves as a medic with Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan, listens to the heartbeat of a small boy at the free clinic at Bagram Airfields Korean Hospital Jan. 29. The event included medical personnel from Afghanistan, Korea, United Arab Emirates, the U.S. Army and Army Reserve and U.S. Navy who treated more than 200 patients. U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Katryn McCalment– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

7. *The heat of action?* - Airmen, Soldiers, U.S. civilians and local Afghans from Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul celebrate New Year's Eve around a bonfire at Forward Operating Base Smart, Afghanistan.

(U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson)(Released) – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

8. *The office supplies?* - A 120mm mortar round flies out of the tube as U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ramey J. Brown (left), a section sergeant from Marshville, N.C., Spc. Tyler L. Dillon (center), a team leader from Williamstown, W. Va., and Pvt. Gabriel C. Fields (right), from Fort Worth, Texas, all mortarmen assigned to Troop C, 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Bandits, take cover while at Observation Post Mustang in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province on Jan. 26. "It gets pretty intense sometimes when firing, especially if a firefight is going on," said Dillon. Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell, 210th MPAD– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

9. *Is it your co-workers?* - (Left) Gen. James D. Thurman, U.S. Army Forces Command, commanding general, walks with Col. Erik Peterson, International Security Assistance Force - Regional Command South and 10th Mountain Division chief of staff, from his helicopter on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Jan. 12, after a day of visiting various units in southern Afghanistan. The purpose of his trip was to see various units and discuss matters related to pre-deployment training. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Edward A. Garibay, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

10. *The prestige?* - U.S. Army Pfc. Kevin March kneels atop a cliff overlooking the Arghandab River valley to provide security for his squad as they climb up the cliff from the valley below in the Arghandab district, Afghanistan, Jan. 31, 2011. March is assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's Company C., 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Breanne Pye– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

11. *The office view?* - U.S. Army Spc. Jamus Grandstrom of Reading, Pa., and Spc. Daniel Collazo of Newport, Va., Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, run communications equipment from a sandbag bunker in the Daymirdad District Center, Wardak province, Afghanistan, Jan. 9, 2011. U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Sean P. Casey– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

12. *Do you do it for the kids?* - Pfc. Ryan Todd, infantryman, Company A, 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, holds his fist out for an Afghan child to bump it, Jan. 9, during the construction of a new combat outpost in the Lowy Manarah village in the Arghandab district, Kandahar province, Afghanistan. U.S. Army Photo by Pfc. Nathan Thome– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

13. *The nightlife?* - Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division ride in a C-130 Hercules during an air transport mission in support of Operation New Dawn. A C-130 crew from the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron transported the Soldiers out of Iraq on the first leg of their return trip home after completing their deployment. U.S. Air Force Photo/ Master Sgt. Adrian Cadiz– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

14. *Are you aimed at career advancement?* - U.S. Army Spc. Michael Scarsbrook, an infantryman with Company C, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force Ironman, from Iowa Falls, Iowa, looks down on a spot in Tupac Jan. 21, where his unit had been attacked by an improvised explosive device

two days earlier. TF Ironman is a part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls. Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Matson, Task Force Red Bulls Public Affairs— photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

15. *Was it so you could go the distance?* - Spc. Jeremy Burton, armored crewman, assigned to 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company C., 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, lays in the prone position on cliff overlooking the Arghandab River Valley Jan. 31, to provide security for his squad as they climb up the cliff from the valley below. Burton, a native of Birmingham, Ala., was conducting a foot patrol with his squad to search orchards throughout the district and interact with the local population. During their foot patrols, 2nd squad must maneuver their way through the Arghandabs many obstacles, including: farmer-built mud walls, irrigation canals, densely populated orchards, foot-wide pathways through long stretches of boggy flats and even a 30-foot-tall wall they must climb during their patrol. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

16. *Maybe because of your viewpoint?* - An Iraqi soldier's goggles catch the reflection of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Murphy, left, as he instructs Iraqi soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 11th Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division, on individual movement techniques at the Ghuzlani Warrior Training Center, Feb 2. Murphy and fellow Soldiers of 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, run Iraqi battalions through 25-day training cycles at the GWTC in order to teach them collective unit-level warfighting drills in order to bolster IA independence on national defense operations. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Shawn Miller) – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

17. *Or because you can see what others can't.* - Army Spc. Christopher Keefe, Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul, scans his area of responsibility as he secures an area near a bridge construction site in the Zabul province of Afghanistan. Members from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were on hand to inspect the progress and quality of several bridges being built in the area. The PRT consists of members from the Air Force, Army and civilian agencies. Keefe is deployed from the 181st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Army National Guard. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

18. *Was it based on faith?* - Local natives and Soldiers from the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade join hands in prayer during the Alaska Native Federation Pot Latch held in Hangar 1 at Fort Wainwright, Jan. 25. The event honored and bid farewell to Soldiers of the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment and C Company, 1st Battalion, 52 Aviation Regiment who will be deploying to the Middle East next month. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

19. *Or maybe your family?* – A little girl holds a flag in a stroller. Photo from www.facebook.com/myarmyreserve

20. *And nothing beats the company car.* - U.S. Army Sgt. Alex Marsh, Mad Dog Troop, 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment from Vilseck, Germany, provides security for a Human Terrain Team in front of a Stryker armored vehicle in a village near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, April 3. HTTs are composed of military and civilian personnel that interact with the local populace to gain knowledge, so they may aid in creating a stable environment and learn on how to conduct future military and humanitarian operations. – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

21. *There are so many reasons to go Army Strong* - U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Hector Hoyas (right), an aerial delivery field service department instructor, and Air Force Senior Airman Matthew Phillips, turn away from the rotor wash as a Nevada National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter takes off with a Humvee at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during sling-load training on April 15, 2011. DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth, U.S. Air Force. (Released) – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

22. *No matter what reason you chose to serve* - A U.S. Army Special Forces Soldier, with Special Operations Task Force South, scans the horizon for enemy activity in Shah Wali Kot District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan during a clearing operation Feb. 8, 2011 alongside Afghan Commandos from 2nd Company, 3rd Commando Kandak. The commandos, along with District Chief of Police, Bacha Khan, detained 20 suspected insurgents for questioning. The partnered units also found 80 pounds of homemade explosives and various improvised explosive device making components on the operation. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy D. Crisp)(Released). – photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011

23. *We, as a country, are so thankful that you DID.* - A U.S. Army noncommissioned officer prepares to lower the American flag during a transfer-of-authority ceremony at Observation Post Mace, as U.S. and Afghan National Army troops look on Kunar province, Afghanistan, Dec. 21, 2010. The soldiers are assigned to the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. OP Mace is the northernmost observation post in Afghanistan's Kunar province, which borders Pakistan. U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Peter Shinn– photo on U.S. Army Facebook Feature Photos 2011