

Soldiers Display Talent

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Many Soldiers of B Battery possess talents that have benefited from the work at the Blackjack tactical site. These talents make “Bravo” Soldiers some of the best in the Army.

Using their knowledge of computer programming skills, Sgt. Thomas Kramer and Sgt. Chad Puterbaugh both communications specialists, developed computer programs that significantly streamlined the battery’s process of sending and receiving tactical information.

Spc. Edwin Rodriguez, a communications specialist, is an avid carpenter in his downtime. He created tables, chairs, and more out of old wooden pallets. From the launcher platoon, Sgt. Zackary Perez has shown off his artistic abilities as he has drawn doodles and scripted mottos on some of Rodriguez’s wood works, including the “Battery Hot Crew Table.” His talent has been noticed, and he is often sought out for his artwork.

Bravo mechanics work hard at maintaining the battery’s equipment, working on vehicle services, hanging parts received on vehicles, and fixing faults; it’s all in a day’s work for Staff Sgt. Christopher Holden, the battery motor sergeant, and mechanics Spc. Michael Cochran, Spc. Mark Johnson, Spc. Stanley Aikens, Spc. Aaron Morton and Spc. Joshua Sanchez.

System maintainers also found themselves constantly on the equipment as they worked long hours troubleshooting and fixing faults on the battery’s AMD equipment. The system maintainers are made up of Sgt. William Holley, Spc. Marcelo Honesto, Spc. Kevin “Vick” Gron, Spc. Charles Chesbro, Sgt. Andres Sierra, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert McBroom, who leads the section.