



Members of the 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery (1-62 ADA) Regiment, along with members of the Jordanian army's 2nd ADA Group pose for a photograph following a Jordanian Vulcan live fire exercise/ demonstration.

Jordanian Steel - On Target

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SOUTHWEST ASIA (December 2013) – Recently some members of the 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery (1-62 ADA) Regiment were invited to a Jordanian Vulcan Live Fire exercise hosted by the Jordanian 2nd ADA Group.

The Vulcan weapon system is a belt-fed, anti-aircraft or ground system capable of firing 7200 rounds per minute with high precision.

The system was used by the U.S. Army as an air defense asset mounted on an armored vehicle; however, the Vulcan became a superior ground support weapon in Panama during Operation Just Cause. The U.S. Avenger and Linebacker systems replaced the Vulcan in 1994, but Vulcan systems are still heavily relied upon by many other countries.

Upon seeing the Vulcan system for the first time Capt. David Lettrich stated, "The system's ability to engage a variety of targets with such a high rate of fire is a tremendous asset."

Vulcan live fires are conducted on an annual basis and are a culminating event which validates the training readiness of a Jordanian Vulcan unit.

During the live fire exercise, the Jordanian gunners fired at ground targets ranging from 200 meters to 700 meters using controlled bursts. The Jordanian's then used mortars to fire illumination flares into the sky as aerial targets. Once the flares were spotted, the gunner quickly engaged the target. One Jordanian soldier destroyed the target at 1500 meters, which received laudatory praise from everyone on the site.

"Acquiring such a small target in the sky is extremely difficult and requires great training to be proficient," stated Sgt. Maj. Christopher Moore, the battalion operations sergeant major.

U.S. and Jordanian armed forces integration and partnership will further develop the 2nd ADA Group's ability to conduct a multitude of air and missile defense (AMD) operations in combined environments.

Members of 1-62 ADA are thankful for the joint forces partnership with their Jordanian counterparts and look forward to continuing the intra-theater cooperation.



During a Jordanian Vulcan live fire exercise and demonstration, invited guests from 1-62 ADA witnessed soldiers assigned to the Jordanian army's 2nd ADA Group engage an illuminated flare demonstrating superior accuracy."