



AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE – August 2013

[ZOMBIE KILLERS: SMDC'S LOW-COST TARGETS SAVE MONEY](#)

(ASC.Army.Mil/29 Aug. 2013) By Jason B. Cutshaw

Redstone Arsenal, Ala. – The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) is turning the old into the new, saving the Army testing funds and providing capabilities by using low-cost targets during missile defense testing—with Zombies. The USASMDC/ARSTRAT Technical Center has developed a realistic threat ballistic target called 'Zombie' for use in testing the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 Missile Segment Enhancement (PAC-3 MSE), advanced missile defense systems. Zombie uses government-owned material components that have reached the end of their useful lives and are subject to consideration for demilitarization. Using this government hardware instead of demilitarizing it ultimately saves taxpayer dollars.

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[S.C. GUARDSMEN TRAIN TO PROTECT SKIES OVER NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION](#)

(Dvids/26 August 2013)

By Capt. Kevin W. Lockett, 5th Armored Brigade, Division West Public

Anderson, S.C. – The 1st Battalion, 362nd Air Defense Artillery (1-362 ADA), Task Force Renegade, 5th Armored Brigade, initiated the road to war with an initial assessment to validate a South Carolina Army National Guard (ARNG) Air Defense Artillery (ADA) unit for their National Capital Region (NCR) mission. Their sister unit, 2-263 ADA Regiment will ultimately work alongside other State and Department of Defense (DoD) agencies to protect, deter and prevent airborne threats from entering the NCR mission area.

The initial assessment is the first in a series of pre-mobilization readiness exercises and evaluations that will occur over the next 12 months, preparing the Soldiers for their crucial NCR role in support of "Operation Noble Eagle". Trainers from Task Force Renegade have been tasked to ensure the unit is mission-ready, and began their training partnership with the Guardsmen in August 2013. The initial assessment is merely the beginning of things to come and sets the tone for future training assessment visits.

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[BRAVO BATTERY MAINTENANCE TEAM VITAL TO 3-2 AD MISSION SUCCESS](#)

(Dvids/27 August 2013)

By 2st Lt. Lenora Earley, 3-2 ADA Public Affairs, 10th AAMDC

Gaziantep, Turkey – With all the pieces involved in running a Patriot missile battery within the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery (3-2 ADA) Regiment, a lot of responsibility must be shared among all unit members to ensure the accomplishment of the mission. A battery must work as a team to get the job done every day, from picking up meals at the barracks and transporting them to the tactical site for the crews on shift, to turning wrenches and ensuring equipment can run around the clock. Some areas of responsibility are heavier than others in terms of work load and hours spent completing tasks, but all areas are vital to the unit's success.

One section in particular is known for long hours and a never ending to-do list: the battery maintenance section. Headed by CW2 Robert McBroom, the battery maintenance section works continuously to ensure Bravo Battery's equipment is fully maintained and functional at all times. Without their hard work and commitment, Bravo Battery's mission in Gaziantep, Turkey, would be impossible.

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[ISRAEL READIES HOMEFRONT FOR POSSIBLE SYRIAN ATTACK](#)

(Israel Hayom Newsletter/27 August 2013)

By Gideon Allon, Hili Yacobi, Daniel Siryoti, Yael Branovsky, Nitzi Yaakov and Israel Hayom Staff

• Patriot anti-missile batteries in Haifa put on alert • Netanyahu convenes security cabinet • Israeli Defense Force (IDF) announces major drill on Golan Heights • Education Minister Shay Piron: School system ready for any deterioration of security situation.

With U.S.-led military action in Syria potentially imminent, the Knesset Home Front Preparedness Subcommittee will hold a special meeting to examine the home front's readiness for a Syrian attack against Israel.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a surprise meeting of the security cabinet, apparently to discuss Syria, Army Radio reported. Also on Tuesday, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) began a pre-planned two-day drill in the Golan Heights involving security and emergency forces. The IDF said area residents might hear the sounds of gunfire and explosions.

In light of the situation in Syria, there has been a marked increase in demand by Israelis for gas masks. The Israel Postal Company has been in charge of distributing gas mask kits since February 2010. According to its data, 5 million Israelis have received their gas masks.

Meanwhile, Patriot anti-missile batteries in Haifa have been put on alert and aimed toward the north. During the First Gulf War in 1991, Patriot missile batteries in Israel were used to intercept Scud missiles fired by Iraq. The Patriot system is part of Israel's multi-layered aerial defense network, which also includes the Iron Dome, among other components.

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[POLAND AND AMERICA NEED A FRESH START](#)

(The National Interest/26 August 2013)

By James W. Carden (*Carden served as an advisor to the US-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission at the State Department from 2011-2012.*)

One of the more troubling tendencies of the Obama administration's foreign policy has been its inability to realize that policy choices made with regard to one part of the world have consequences for its policies toward other parts. From the outset, it has shown a conspicuous lack of concern for the largest and most important member of the Visegrad Group, and what policy it can be said to have had towards Poland has been characterized by stale thinking and a lack of a coherent vision for the future.

The U.S.-Polish relationship got off to a rocky start in 2009 and never seemed to regain its footing. The first sign that Poland was to be on the administration's 'pay no mind' list was the announcement that the Bush-era agreement to place a missile defense 'third site' in Poland was to be replaced with a European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA), which put off placement of interceptors in Poland until 2018. Adding to the Poles' consternation was the fact that this was announced on 17 September, the seventieth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland. But aside from verbal miscues and diplomatic squabbles, the administration has continued to make strategic decisions that, perhaps unintentionally, send the message that when it comes to America's commitment to NATO, its Eastern partners may well be on their own.

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[EYES ON SYRIAN BORDER, US TROOPS STAND READY TO DEFEND TURKEY'S SKIES](#)

(Stars and Stripes/24 August 2013)

By John Vandiver

Gaziantep, Turkey — Inside his cramped command post perched high above this southern Turkish city, 1st Lt. Brandon Burgess keeps a steady eye on the radar, looking for anything soaring high and fast. He, is known as the "button pusher," the guy who will release multimillion-dollar Patriot missiles into the sky should anything come screeching overhead from war-ravaged Syria.

"It's a huge responsibility. I'm in there defending the sky," said Burgess, a tactical control officer with Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery (C/3-2 ADA), located less than 80 miles from Aleppo, a major hot spot in Syria's bloody civil war.

It has been eight months since two Patriot missile batteries from 3-2 ADA deployed to Turkey from Fort Sill, Okla., as part of a NATO effort to defend Turkish airspace from potential missile strikes from Syria, which is embroiled in a 2½-year-old conflict.

Last year, Turkey called on NATO to send anti-missile Patriot batteries to help protect its airspace after a spate of cross-border shelling from Syria. The U.S., Germany and the Netherlands obliged, with each nation sending two batteries to protect the air above about 3.5 million people in southern Turkey.

Now, NATO must decide whether it will continue with the mission and determine who will man it.

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BATAAN SURVIVOR VISITS 311TH EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

(Dvids/23 August 2013)

By 1st Lt. Fernando Ocoa, 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Los Angeles, Calif. – Harry Corre, a Bataan Death March survivor, visited the 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command at the West Los Angeles U.S. Army Reserve Center on 21 August 2013 to recount his experiences, and assist and advise veterans. Corre, 90, was a former prisoner of war who was captured by the Japanese during the Battle of Bataan in 1942 when he was a 19-year-old Army corporal serving in the 59th Coast Artillery Regiment. *(To read the complete article, click on the hyperlinked title above.)*



FORT BLISS NEWSPAPER CHANGES NAME FROM MONITOR TO BUGLE

(KVIA.com/5 August 2013) Transcript of Broadcast by KVIA newscasters

El Paso, Texas – The Fort Bliss Monitor has become the Bugle.

"On 1 August 2013, in conjunction with my State of the Military Address to the El Paso community at the Fort Bliss Centennial Club, we will roll out the first issue of The Fort Bliss Bugle complete with a fresh design," Fort Bliss Maj. Gen. Sean MacFarland wrote in his column.

"Until its displacement by electronics, the bugle was essential to all military communication, both in garrison and in the field. From 1849, when this

installation was built, until the early part of the 20th century, the life of a Soldier on Fort Bliss was regulated by bugle calls; breakfast, lunch, dinner, sick call, church service and training were all announced by the sound of a bugle. We've obviously advanced our ability to communicate," MacFarland wrote. "Although we still use bugle calls for ceremonies, we now can also communicate with secure radios, the Internet, TV, cell phones and video-conferences. It's important, however, to recall the great history of Fort Bliss and the Army as we move toward the future. So, we'll continue using The Bugle to communicate with you about important issues on Fort Bliss and in El Paso."

The weekly newspaper can be read online at www.fortblissbugle.com.

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