

'Keeping Tabs'

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Rainbow Division commander visits CJTF-Phoenix

CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN –

The commanding general of the 42nd Infantry Division (Rainbow) came to Afghanistan 25 and 26 September to visit CJTF-Phoenix VII.

Brigadier General Paul Genereux was accompanied by division Command Sergeant Major Richard Fearnside to see members of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which falls under the 42nd back in New York. The trip was part of the Joint Monthly Access for Reserve Components (JMARC) program, which supports visits for reserve component leaders to federally deployed units serving inside a theater of operations.

"I am very proud of all of you," said General Genereux. "You are doing a terrific job and the work you are doing here to train the Afghan Army and Police is vital. It is terrific mission and you are doing it well," he said.

The general visited troops at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, at Camp Blackhorse at the Pol-e-charki Afghan reservation and Camp Alamo co-located at the Kabul Military Training Center before heading back to Bagram for his return flight. The Rainbow Division commander got the chance to see Soldiers that he has served with over the years as well as greeting the next generation of Guard men and women serving at the leading edge of the Global War on Terror. In 2005, Brig. Gen. Genereux served as the deputy commanding general of the 42nd Infantry Division, New York National Guard when it was deployed to Iraq. Some of the Soldiers who served with the 42nd then are now serving in CJTF-Phoenix.

"We are looking forward to your return and are making plans for some special programs for you and your families," he said. "You are three months out. Keep your focus. Stay safe. You have been given a tough mission but you are doing it. We are proud of you. Keep up the good work," he added.



Brigadier General Paul Genereux promotes Master Sergeant Michael Hartzel from Schoharie to the rank of Sergeant Major during the general's visit to Camp Alamo, Kabul, Afghanistan.



Putting back the pack

The engine of a “Cougar” Mine Resistant Ambush Protected armored vehicle is re-installed following preventive repairs at the Camp Phoenix maintenance shop. From the left to right are Seaman Paul Zani USN, SFC Charles Harwood, Capt Chad Sitzmann USAF and CW2 Clifton Betron. Capt Sitzman works at Afghan Regional Integrated Security Command-East in Gardez and brought the vehicle to Camp Phoenix for service. In the photo at the left, service members at Camp Phoenix complete applications for absentee ballots at a table set up outside the base dining facility. LTC Theresa Vancort, at the far end of the table has been serving as the task force project officer for absentee ballots.

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