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MECHANICS SET
UP SHOP FOR U.S.
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PROTECTION



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SECURUS - Latin root word for security. Meaning safe, secure, free from care, unworried, unconcerned. The opposite of Securus is SECUS - wrongly, badly, not as one would wish.

SECURUS is also the name of the official Command Information newsletter for Operation Jump Start – Arizona.

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Thank You



The mission of the Border Patrol has never been more critical than it is today. Our men and women are charged with protecting the front lines of this great Nation from terrorists and weapons of terror and we welcome the assistance from our National Guard.

National Guard troops sent to the four Southwest border states are having a very positive impact and I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication that you have demonstrated in the relatively short time Operation Jump Start has been operational.

The National Guard has contributed to over 1,200 alien apprehensions and helped seize over 12,200 pounds of marijuana thus far and I have every reason to expect those statistics to grow rapidly.

The National Guard engineering and technology support have been tremendous force multipliers that have helped expand the enforcement capacity of the Border Patrol.

The Border Patrol has received various forms of support from the National Guard and Reserve for over two decades and we are proud to work side by side with this unique workforce that offers so much to the defense of our Nation.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Nicley
Chief Patrol Agent



**Brig. Gen.
Matthew J. Whittington
JTF Commander**

Brigadier General Whittington has served in the capacity of Commander for the Operation Jump Start – Joint Task Force – AZ – Southwest Border Mission since its inception in early May. He has been an integral part of the successful leadership of this vital support mission to the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP).

Whittington's time with Operation Jump Start is soon coming to an end. He has provided strong leadership and guidance. His input and leadership will be missed.

Effective September 3, 2006, he will turn over command of the OJS-JTF AZ to Brigadier General Ulay Littleton of the Arizona Air Guard.

“It does not matter how slowly you go, so long as you do not stop” - Confucius

Since the President of the United States publicly announced in May 2006 that up to 6000 National Guard Troops would be stationed along the border, we have staffed, planned and deployed in a very hasty method over 2000 Guardsmen. I commend you on your efforts as this task was not easy by any means. We established five Task Forces each operating a specific mission for the United States Customs and Border Protection. This too was not a normal process for established military tasks forces, but it was the right method to ensure that the requirements of the customer were met.

The quote reflects the guidance from the Adjutant General of the Arizona National Guard and what other leaders have discussed that we are not worried about numbers. We can infer from this quote that safety is the first and foremost activity for your soldiers and airmen. It can imply that we are not worried about the numbers along the border but the capabilities that the National Guard brings to the fight. It can imply that we are a force to be reckoned, that we are dedicated to the mission at hand, that we will support the mission to our fullest.

I have faith in our Guardsmen from all over the Nation and Territories as we pursue the mission to support the Border Patrol. This is a two year venture, as we move slowly and steady, but the quote states we do not stop. No different than the tortoise and the hare, slow and steady no need to rush to failure as stated in many briefings. As leaders we stay focused on our soldiers and airmen; make sure their safety is on our minds all day everyday until mission complete. The dedication and devotion to meet the mission is solid, I commend you on your efforts as we move through challenging times. Go slow and don't stop as again we are called to support our Nation, State and Community.

**Donald L. Wodash Sr.
Col. Deputy Commander**



**Col. Donald L. Wodash
JTF Deputy Commander**



GUARDSMEN SHARE KNOWLEDGE

By Staff Sgt. Seth Israel

TUCSON, Ariz. – In mid July, mechanics from the Wisconsin National Guard deployed to Arizona in support of Operation Jump Start. Several members were assigned to the Tucson Sector garage shop. Their mission is to assist in the maintenance and repair of the Border Patrol fleet.

This is not a typical mission. There are hundreds of vehicles

constantly being driven in some of the most extreme conditions in the United States. Arizona desert temperatures exceed 115 degrees; the border is made up of largely undeveloped roads and terrains that require border patrol agents to use their tactical driving skills daily.

“Routine maintenance is anything but routine,” says Pfc. An-

Photo by Spc. Samuel Castro



◀ Standing proud in front of a new Border Patrol 2006 Dodge Charger
Left to right- SGT Ruben Fierrus, SPC Kevin Nichols, PFC Anthony Masucci and SGT James Davis.
“Oh yeah it has a Hemmi.”

pairs and maintenance. With a little direction and a whole lot of support the men went to work on day one.”

The pay off has been instant. The garage was able to release five agents back into the field and the ‘mean time for repair’ has been reduced.

“I had just come back from a tour in Kuwait. My unit performed convoy missions into Iraq. When I came back to the states, I was not ready to leave the friendships and the importance of wearing the uniform,” said SGT James Davis, who calls Caledonia Wisc., his home.

“I was home for only seven months when I heard about the volunteer border mission to Arizona. I am experienced with heat and hazard conditions so I figured I would be able to quickly adapt. So far the heat has been comparable, but I am happy to say the conditions are anything but hazardous. The morale is very high in this shop. We are like a family down here. The Arizona Guardsmen watch out for us and the border patrol goes out of their way to ensure we have what is needed to complete the mission,” Davis said.

Everyone is participating in the change at the Tucson Sector garage. The garage shop consist of patrol agents, guardsmen and contractors. Current facilities consist of 18,000 sq. ft. and the new Tucson Sector facilities will be 60,000 sq. ft. It will soon open in late September, 2006. 🌸

& gain friendship with border personnel

thony Masucci. “We get a truck in the shop and I would say that it is in need of extreme repair — I quickly learned that every repair is extreme.”

From day one of their mission, a positive impact to the Tucson garage was felt immediately. Unlike most of the agents that are assigned to the garage, guardsmen come trained and ready to hit

the ground running.

“These guys are incredible. They are motivated and are willing to share the knowledge of what they have learned through their years of service,” said Keith Moyer, supervisory transportation operations specialist.

“I am usually faced with the large task of ‘training’ before I allow agents into the bay to start re-

PULLING HER WEIGHT

By Staff Sgt. Seth Israel

MARANA, Ariz. - Not every day will your daughter call you and explain that she is leaving for the border in less than two weeks. "Take care of the dogs, fish and don't forget to lock up the house — I will be back in two years."

But that is somewhat how it went for Pfc. Carrie Bearce, a resident of Elkhorn Wisc., and she has not looked back yet.

"I spent my annual training down in Douglas, Ariz. with the 724th ENG Bn from the Wisconsin Guard this past December and I absolutely loved it. So when I heard about the border mission, I knew I had to be a part of it," said Bearce.

In July, Bearce deployed with a group of 200 guardsmen from Wisconsin to Arizona. Most are assigned to TF Sidewinder as duration staff.

Because of the much needed skill set of truck driver, Bearce was assigned to TF Raven to help with the aviation mission.

"I am certified in most five ton vehicles. So I am cross training to learn refueling. I am driving a HEMTT Fueller around the southern part of Arizona. I will primarily be refueling OH-58s which are observation helicopters," explains Bearce.

The word HEMTT (pronounced hemit) is common Army jargon for Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck - HEMTT. Typically, such trucks weigh in well over five tons.

"You cannot underestimate

Bearce's small frame. She knows her way around these vehicles extremely well and approaches this mission full throttle," explains Sgt. James Carter who is both her mentor and co-worker.

"After being in the service for a number of years my family still can't get over the fact that a 110 pound female is able to move so much vehicle around," said Bearce.

"I am just happy that I have been given this chance to learn something new and see this beautiful state." 🇺🇸





Photo by: Spc. Samuel Castro



GOVERNORS VISIT TROOPS

Governors Janet Napolitano of Arizona and Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius visit with members of Task Force Sidewinder-Yuma Sector. Governor Napolitano expressed her gratitude to members of the task force and Border Patrol. Both Governors made themselves available for photo opportunity afterwards.

Photographed by: MSgt Christopher De Ruiz

WELCOME TO ARIZONA

Nebraska Guardsmen deploy to Arizona for Operation Jump Start. Volunteers assigned to Task Force Raven receive an initial mission brief from the Commander— Col. Patrick McCarville

Photographed by: Spc. Samuel Castro



QUALITY WORK

Sgt. James Davis and his supervisor, Keith Moyer, Transportation Operations Specialist, troubleshoots the brake system of a CBP SUV

Photographed by: Spc. Samuel Castro



HALF EMPTY — HALF FULL

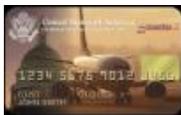
As part of the in-processing procedures, MSgt Edward Mafnas covers the policies and procedures of a Urinalysis with Sgt. Randell McCray with the 981st Transportation Company.

Photographed by: Spc. Samuel Castro

TUCSON SECTOR New facilities for CBP, outside of Swan gate at Davis-Monthan AFB, will be operational before the end of year 2006

Photographed by: Spc. Samuel Castro





The Government Travel Card (GTC) can only be activated by your TF Commander, OIC, Sector CSM, and NCOIC, or designated individual authorized by the TF Commander.

The use of the GTC is for service members that are on TDY and have official orders with the appropriate remarks. If you are not sure it is an appropriate expense, please get with your chain of command to ensure you are in compliance with regulations.

Army TDY orders issues check with your S-1, this will ensure use of the GTC is in accordance with regulations and policies.

Air orders (amendments, TDY, revocations) check with TSgt Delaney (602) 629-4925. This will ensure use of the GTC is in accordance with regulations and policies.

You can set up a profile with BofA to monitor your account. The URL is:



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A CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE: As we think about the long days we will be working on Operation Jump Start, I thought it would be a good idea to give a dose of motivation to continue living a healthy life. Here are some motivational tips.

- Did you know that walking 5 miles a day can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.
- My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where she is.
- I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there
- I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

We all know we need to take care of our bodies. With the extreme heat, if we are not in good shape and do not hydrate well, we can suffer damage. With long hours and the need for endurance, we need to make sure we monitor our sleeping patterns. When placed under stress, our bodies demand correct nutrition and in the right amounts. OJS is a challenging environment for every person.

In the same way that we care for our bodies, we also need to look after our mental, emotional and spiritual welfare. There is a balance that is necessary if we are going to be successful. If we don't achieve balance, then we know that something in our life is unsteady. Strive to take care of all facets of your life. Each is important.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: *"We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it."*

– Abraham Lincoln

Chaplain support is available for all personnel working on Operation Jump Start. As service times are available, they will be posted. If you need to speak with a chaplain, please call 602-629-4805.

Be safe and our prayers are with you all.

CH (Col.) Daniel J. Butler

OJS ARIZONA

Operation Jump Start Arizona — consists of six Task Forces.

Each Task Force has a unique mission to accomplish. The following is how we are structured with a synopsis of each of their respective missions.

Please note as the needs of Operation Jump Start evolve, so will the mission of each Task Force.

TF Arizona Border

BG Matthew J. Whittington – JTF Commander
COL Donald L. Wodash – Deputy Commander
CSM James Elifritz

Mission:

To stand up the Joint Task Force, to coordinate request from US CBP and provide sustainment for the deployed Guardsmen.

TF Diamondback

COL James Cobb – Commander
CSM Armando Rascon

Mission:

To Command and Control all engineer assets assigned to the state to support border infrastructure projects; coordinating with the SWB Engineer Coordination Team.

TF Raven

COL Patrick McCarville – Commander
CSM Calvin Monroe

Mission:

Command and Control of all aviation assets in the state. Coordinate with Air Boss from CBP to receive mission and priorities.

TF Maverick

COL Debra Spear – Commander
CSM Robert Tatum

Mission:

Provide logistical support to JTF-AZ by establishing FOBs and FLEs to minimize the logistical impact to supported units.

TF Sidewinder

MAJ Paul Babeu – Commander
CSM David Austin
Tucson Sector

CCMS Daniel Lawrence
Yuma Sector

Mission:

Relieves CBP agents by providing guardsmen for administrative duties within CBP stations.

TF Gila

MAJ John Hoefert – Commander

Mission:

To provide CBP Early Identification Teams (EIT) to detect Undocumented Aliens (UDAs) from Mexico; supporting both the Tucson and Yuma sector.



MAJOR CHRISTOPHER EMMONS
Deputy Commander
TF SIDEWINDER

Since we began Operation Jump Start, our actions and accomplishments have been under constant examination - "in the fishbowl."

Local, national and even international media outlets have been scrambling for stories about our missions, accomplishments and possible failures. The positive media coverage we have received is a direct result of your hard work.

The bottom line is that Operation Jump Start is having a positive effect on the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) mission - keep up the great work!!

It is always good to remember, in spite of all the positive work that has been taking place, one fumble can create a negative image for the media and our citizens that we defend. Thus, while on the Border Mission, keep the following guidance in mind:

- Does my conduct pass the "headline test?" Would I want my family to read about it in tomorrow's paper?
- Do my actions and words bring credit to the Arizona National Guard? How about my co-workers actions and words?
- Do my actions follow the mission guidance - "support for CBP - not enforcement."
- Be aware of your surroundings and maintain a personal reliability program.

These are a few thoughts to consider as we push forward with this much needed mission and most importantly "be proud of yourself and this mission - together we are making a difference!"

A JUMP START WEBSITE HIGHLIGHT

SAFETY IS PRIORITY ONE

If there is one theme that needs to resonate throughout the tenure of Operation Jump Start (OJS) - it is SAFETY. Due to the complexity of the mission coupled with the many moving pieces of OJS, accidents almost seem inevitable.

However, know this very interesting fact — “we are not at war with Mexico! There is no absolute reason to put yourself in harms way for the sake of the mission.”

With the right attitude, the proper situational awareness, and the incessant reminder on the importance of safety awareness, we can limit the number of safety incidents.

Hence, we will prolong the longevity of our equipment, and more importantly, the survivability of our soldiers and airmen. Regardless of rank, age, or experience, the practice and adherence to safety guidelines is everybody’s responsibility.

If we take the extra minute or two to review the hazards in our environment, we can forestall the occurrence of mishaps, which will consequently save us from the extra burdens resulting from a safety mishap.

No matter how trivial or routine a task may seem, if we put safety in the forefront of our minds and adopt various safety measures we will be protecting not only ourselves but also those around us.

There is no doubt, the austere conditions of the Arizona desert along with the nature of Operation Jump Start create a challenging environment. With the tools of composite risk management, the buddy system, safety consciousness, safety briefings, and general common sense, we can transcend the various risks and hazards to attain mission accomplishment.

From the soldiers and airmen on the ground to their respected leaders, every-

body plays an integral role when it comes to safety.

It is up to leaders to evaluate the nature of a task, the hazards, and their subordinates’ skills, training, and experience before a specific task is performed. In addition, leaders must continually foster an atmosphere of safety that underscores the practice of safety in garrison, in the field, and on and off duty.

Our most precious resource is our subordinate soldiers and airmen, and as leaders, we owe them a safe working environment. After all, without soldiers and airmen, we do not have a mission. We must remain steadfast and vigilant in promoting safety as our first line of defense.

On the other hand, it is up to the soldiers and airmen to freely notify their chain of command (COC) of any safety concerns. For example, if an individual does not feel comfortable performing a certain task due to a safety concern or inadequate training, that individual has a right to bring it to the attention of his/her COC.

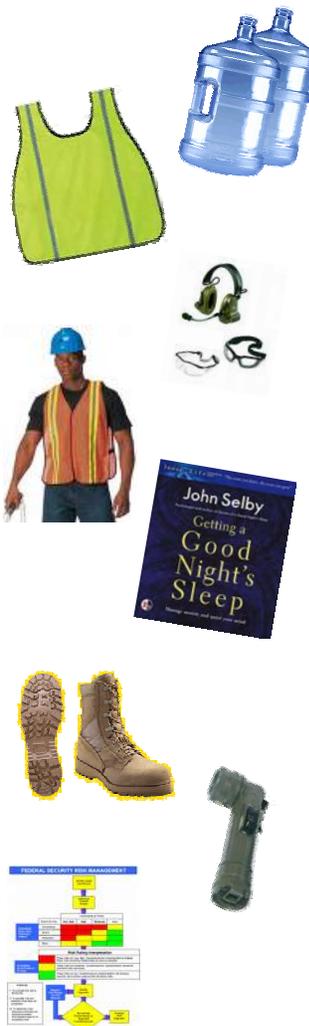
The soldiers of OJS are doing extraordinary things along the Arizona border that are going to have historical significance. After only two months, guardsmen from across the United States have provided incredible support and relief to the Border Patrol and have accomplished distinguished feats.

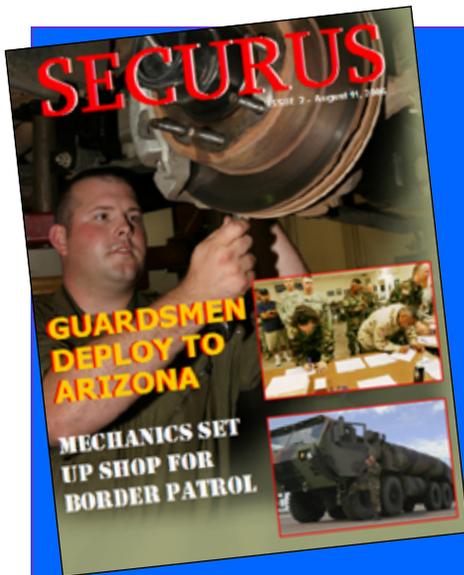
With much more work ahead, we must keep safety as our vanguard for all operations. We can never overemphasize the importance and relevance of safety in all operations.

The Safety Office is available for all your safety and occupational health needs, this includes hypothetical questions, training, guidance and onsite inspections — so do not hesitate to reach us at **(602) 267-2945/2772.** 🌸



Capt. David Church
Ground Safety Officer
TF- AZ Border





Front Cover: Sgt. James Davis repairs brake system of a CBP SUV.

Insert: Pfc. Kerri Gray and SFC Rod Duwala sign the many required papers during a July SRP.

Insert: Pfc Carrie Bearce pose next to a HEMMT refueler on the Marana air station flight line.

We would like to here from you; send us your photos and if you would like us to highlight your unit or individuals, send us an email: securus.jumpstart@gmail.com

OJS MEDIA GUIDELINES



Here are media interview guidelines WHEN APPROVED through your chain of command.

1. You are a representative of the military when you are in uniform
2. Your message is going to the American Public
3. Take a moment to think before you answer a question
4. Do not lie or shade the truth
5. Do not argue or get mad
6. Radio and TV crews are looking for 10-15 second sound bites.
7. Avoid jargon and acronyms when possible
8. It is better to say "I don't know" then to make up an answer
9. Don't reinforce negative or untrue statements by repeating them
10. Only speak about topics you have direct knowledge of
11. Maintain eye contact with the reporter, not the camera
12. Everything you say is on the record

If you have questions or need assistance with media please email or call the Arizona State Public Affairs Office at:

Office: 602-267-2550
 Cell: 602-206-7659
 Major Paul Aguirre
paul.aguirre@us.army.mil

ISSUES & ANSWERS

Why are we performing this mission?

Last year, 512,000 Undocumented Aliens (UDAs) were apprehended in the Tucson Sector alone. This is only a fraction of those who actually made it north into the United States. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is overwhelmed and needs immediate support, until they can recruit, hire and train 6,000 Federal Border Patrol Agents, it is up to the National Guard to assist and relieve them of the those duties that prevent them from performing those core tasks that can prevent UDAs crossing into the United States.



Where is my mechanic tool box/set, so I can fix these CBP vehicles?

All supplies have been ordered and are being tracked. I have made tracked documentation and placed highest priority to immediately resource these past due tool sets. Monies have been transferred from National Guard Bureau and funding is available for PPE and all tools/equipment required to perform our mission.

If an accident or incident occurs on and/or off duty, what is the reporting requirement?

Immediately notify your Chain of Command regardless of the time of day. We are all active duty and your leaders must be aware of any situations 24/7. If you think it may be of interest, just report it forward – let other soldiers/leaders know.

I want to show CBP how high speed and valuable I am, why can't I help with other missions?

First and foremost, Operation Jump Start personnel are not law enforcement and therefore we are restricted to certain duties. Our leadership has made careful decisions about our approved missions and does not have the legal authority to go outside our approved mission. Many soldiers have "innocently" volunteered to be helpful for other task somewhat sensitive tasks. Perform your assigned mission and be sure to inform your Chain of Command if someone is asking you to do something that is outside our limited military scope.

Why do I have to attend drill....can't I just take a day off?

All soldiers on Operation Jump Start (OJS) must fulfill their obligation to their M-day unit. You must be successful in meeting your commitment to your sponsor unit in order to maintain your status with OJS. You must attend drill, since our priority is to maintain our MOS proficiency. Your unit owns all actions for schools, promotions, APFT, weapons qualification and other personnel actions. Some soldiers have already tried the game over not showing up to drill or say they are "working the mission and can't come to drill." Don't play one against the other here, trust me – we will find out and the fun is over. If you are unsure how and where you will perform your drill – immediately inform your Chain of Command.

A soldier/airmen friend of mine wants to be a part of OJS, who do they sign up with?

You must notify your command, since their support of your involvement in this mission is required and can be pulled by them. You or your command will simply e-mail us the name, home of record, DOB, MOS and desired tour length. The longer a service member volunteers, the more possibilities for assignment are available to them, this is due to the return on investment with a service member's experience as a result of a longer commitment to our mission.

Remember- extreme value is being added by our direct support to CBP. More and more Federal Agents are free to perform direct law enforcement duties. Be proud of this fact and always maintain your professionalism, focus on your assigned task and always share information and issues with your Chain of Command.

Best, Major Paul Babeu
 Commander, TF Sidewinder