

‘Keeping Tabs’

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Building relationships and trust

POL-E-CHARKI AFGHAN ARMY CAMP, KABUL PROVINCE – One of the first things members of Embedded Training Teams (ETTs) seek to accomplish is to build a relationship with the Afghan National Army units they support and mentor. As the Afghan Army grows more mentors are needed and mentoring teams are created. A new team for “Charlie” Kandak, assigned to the 2nd Brigade 207th Corps was recently organized and members of the team went to see the unit’s leaders for the first time at the Pol-e-charki Afghan National Army Base in Kabul Province and east of the city. Using a “train the trainer” approach, embedded trainers work with Afghan NCOs and officers to develop their leadership skills and they in turn run their Afghan units and train their soldiers. This is the way the Afghan National Army is being built from the ground up.



Ssg Modesto Oliva from Brooklyn, a member of an ETT with Afghan Regional Integrated Security Command-Kabul shows a way to train Soldiers how to maintain a firm firing stance by placing a small rock on the barrel of an AK-47 Assault Rifle.





How to help the Afghan people

Frequently asked questions are: “How can we help? What can we send?” Most Soldiers say they have everything they need but say it would be great to get more things to hand out to the Afghan people, especially to the children. Family readiness groups, schools, youth and civic organizations, churches and interested individuals at home are collecting materials, creating care packages and sending them to us by U.S. mail. Here, the donated items are sorted, organized and stored in metal storage containers for the next humanitarian assistance mission. We can’t take cash or anything that has a religious message or icon. But for those who are interested here is a list of things that are needed and appreciated.

School Supplies

Pads of paper
Pens
Markers
Student back packs
Bound notebooks

Clothing

New children’s’ shirts
New children’s’ trousers
New children’s footwear
New little girl dresses
New winter coats, gloves

Infant Care

Diapers
Formula
Baby powder
Baby wipes
Small blankets

Personal items

First Aid Kits
Pump soap
Combs
Small mirrors
Nail clippers

This is not a complete list but covers popular items. If you don’t already have a name to mail them to, you can send them to me: Paul Fanning, HHC 27th BCT, Camp Phoenix, APO AE 09320

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