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Thanksgiving in Kabul

CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL – Thanksgiving at Camp Phoenix was celebrated with all the enthusiasm that Americans come to expect. The day began with more than 180 runners at the Camp Phoenix track before the sun was up for a “Turkey Trot” fun run that shadowed an event in Austin, TX. The runners worked up an appetite for a tremendous feast which began at noon. The dining facility came alive with festive displays including Native American teepees, horn-a-plenties and pilgrims. The menu included roast turkey (of course!), prime rib, baked ham, corn bread stuffing, vegetables and full salad bar.



Top photo, CSM Don Cooper from Buffalo and 1SG James Meltz from Cropseyville take a turn serving. At right, runners in the second heat lean forward for the Camp Phoenix Turkey Trot. The temperature was in the 30s.





Thanksgiving cheer included the fully decorated dining facility and a dance on Saturday night in the post PX building and MWR Center. It was a Thanksgiving that will be remembered.



Soldier awards

SPC Diana Smith from Candor and SPC Sherman Chao from Buffalo received Army Achievement Medals during a ceremony on the day after Thanksgiving for Headquarters Company and Company C of the 427th Brigade Support Battalion. SPC Chao also received the Combat Medic Badge for his service.

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