

Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Wilkes exemplifies American Military Forces

[Editor's Note: Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Wilkes is the son of Douglas Wilkes of Silver, Texas.

I realize for those who do not have a military background that the following article may be a little difficult to understand. However, I am proud to be represented in the military by such a fine and capable man with ties to our county.]

**FUEL/WATER PLATOON
SERGEANT
JEFFREY W. WILKES
A CO, 115TH BSB,
1BCT, 1CD**

Sergeant First Class Wilkes joined the United States Army on 3 August 1995 as a 77F (now 92F) Petroleum Supply Specialist.

SFC Wilkes has held the following leadership positions including Team Leader, Squad Leader, Training NCO, Petroleum Inventory NCO, Arctic Light Infantry Course (ALIT) Instructor, Section Chief, and Platoon Sergeant.

SFC Wilkes career includes the following military and civilian education: PLDC, BNCOC, Battle Staff, Combative level 1, ALIT Course, Combat Life Saver Course, TC-AIMS II functional user Course, Unit Movement Officer Course, Equal Opportunity Leader Course, Unit Victim Advocate Course, USAF Airlift Planner Course, Hazmat Certifier Course, Unit Armorer Course, Contracting Officer Representative Course, SSD LEVELS 1,3,4, and Unit Safety Course. SFC Wilkes has an associate degree in General Studies from Central Texas College, and is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Health care Administration.

SFC Wilkes previous assignments include: 123rd MSB Dexheim Germany, 1/7 CAV Fort Hood, Texas, 53rd QM CO, Fort Hood, Texas, 151 Aviation K-16, Seoul, Korea, 151 Aviation Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 528th QM CO, Fort Lewis Washington, and 115th BSB, Fort Hood, Texas.

His Deployments include: Operation Joint Endeavor, Bosnia, March 96-December 96, Operation Iraqi Freedom, April 03-April 04, Operation New Dawn, July 11-July 12.

SFC Wilkes awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Nato Ribbon, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 campaign Stars), Korea Defense Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Developmental Ribbon

(w/ numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (w/numeral 6) award, NATO medal, and Drivers/Mechanic Badge.

He is married to Leticia Wilkes, and they have three children Clint Wilkes of Lexington Kentucky, Daylon, and Rainy Wilkes of Belton, Texas.

Sergeant First Class Jeffrey Wilkes, United States Army, distinguished himself by providing exceptionally meritorious service, professional conduct, and dedicated support to the United States Army while serving as the Combat Logistic Patrol II (CLP II) Platoon Sergeant, and Quick Reaction Force (QRF) NCOIC for Alpha Company, 115th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, COS Kalsu, from 11 July 2011 to 31 December 2011 during OPERATION NEW DAWN (OND) 11-12. SFC Wilkes outstanding performance and congenital ability to lead Soldiers directly contributed to the overall mission success of Alpha Company and the 115th BSB. Under his leadership and influence, CLP II completed over 25 Combat Logistics Patrols, accumulating over 5,000 miles, moving in excess of 200 pieces of Rolling Stock with zero loss of equipment or Soldier injury.

As QRF NCOIC, Wilkes established Standard Operating Procedures, Tactics Techniques and Procedures, and the edification of multiple operating systems which directly impacted and decreased response time to over 50 Indirect Fire Attacks, the identification of numerous Points of Impact, and intermediate patrols across the COS Kalsu, Iraq immediate Area of Operation.

SFC Wilkes ability to execute many potentially detrimental tasks flawlessly was proven during his tenure as Contracting Officer Representative for LOGCAP III site A.14.O Class III retail (non-capitalized) where his meticulous scrutiny ensured prompt and accurate training, reporting, and management of 2 Third Country Nationals (Pakistani), 6 Local Nationals (Iraqi), and 8 Ex-Patriots (American), and the issue and receipt of over 40,000 gallons of MO-GAS, 3,000,000 gallons of JP-8, and 30,000 gallons of Diesel fuels, in a 6 month period. Also, as Senior

Petroleum Supply Specialist in the Brigade, Wilkes maintained over watch and quantity/quality control for the COS Kalsu, Iraq Bulk Fuel Farm, which supplied over 4,000,000 gallons of JP-8 to various units on COS Kalsu, Iraq, the lifeline of support and victory in the region.

SFC Wilkes was the Subject Matter Expert and Range Safety Officer for complex M4 assault rifle, and M240 machine gun, to include mounted live fire ranges, held at COS Kalsu, Iraq, often working hand in hand with Special Forces and Ugandan Triple Canopy personnel to provide cross-training and weapon familiarization to build a strong working relationship with multinational support elements. He improved the efficacy of the unit by developing and mentoring 1 Officer and 9 Non-Commissioned Officers, 20 Soldiers, by maintaining discipline, ingraining professionalism, and teaching to live the Warrior Ethos. He personally ensured that every individual Soldier under his instruction knew their place in the operational picture, leader tasks were taught down to the lowest level, with an emphasis on Soldier development.

During OND 11-12, he had 5 Soldiers gain Promotable Status, and 2 NCO's. Every leader in his Platoon, to include his Platoon Leader earned the auspicious Order of the Spur from 115th BSB, fostering a deep 1st Cavalry tradition.

Sergeant First Class Jeffrey W. Wilkes' actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon him, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, United States Division-Central and the United States Army.

... Tea Party Meeting

(Continued from page 1) Although never ratified, President Bill Clinton began implementing the treaty through federal agency regulations. These regulations affect Americans today.

• Voter Registration Lists & a Get Out the Vote Campaign - Ideas were discussed on how to energize and educate voters prior to the November election.

The next Coke County Tea Party meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7.



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Bronte Volunteer Fire Department part of fundraiser

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is taking part in a raffle for a John Deere Gator. Tickets may be purchased from any Bronte firefighter or at the First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte.

The drawing will be held during the Ranch Rodeo August 25 at the Spur Arena in San Angelo. Area departments are selling tickets and the Bronte VFD will be able to keep all money from tickets they are able to sell.

Mountain Creek has student summer program

Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee has a summer membership for junior high and high school students in Coke County. The goal of this program is to encourage more youth to play golf.

For more information, contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317. You may also email them at mountaincreekgc@wtxs.net. Please put "Student Golf Ms" in subject line of the email.

Junior Golf Clinics to be held in Bronte

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is hosting five junior golf clinics at the course in Bronte. The remaining clinics will be held July 25 and August 1. They will begin at 9 am and end at

10:30 am. Clubs and balls will be furnished if needed. For more information, call (325) 473-2036.

Ladies Water Aerobics held in Bronte

The Water Aerobics are being held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6 pm at the Bronte swimming pool.

Come and join these ladies as they have fun and improve their body. Don't worry about your figure. You're all beautiful.

Thursday night Scrambles being held in Bronte

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club's Thursday night Scrambles are held each Thursday at 6 pm at the course in Bronte.

For more information, call (325) 473-2036.

Ladies Golf Night set for Robert Lee

Ladies Golf Night Out will be held at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee at 6 pm each Tuesday evening through Tuesday, July 31.

Some members will be available for instruction. Whether you're brand new to the game of golf or just starting to play again, this program is perfect for you. It is a program aimed at helping women learn the game in a non-intimidating and fun atmosphere. Please, no minors.

For more information, contact Tracy Allen at (432) 556-8379 or Natalie Clawson at (325) 650-8424.

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