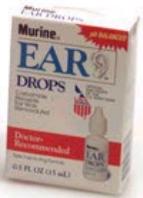




# Infantry News



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**E**ar wax seems to be one of the delays for the medical screening stations during the deployment preparation. If you were one of the individuals NOT fitted with ear plugs due to ear wax build up, you need to see your doctor or visit your local drug store and get some ear wax removal drops. The drops can be purchased as a kit or as ear drops alone. The price ranges from \$4.50 to \$6.50 for the kit.

## Family to Attend March Drill

**F**amily preparedness is a major focus this next drill. Your spouse, significant other, parents, etc. are encouraged to attend the briefings on Saturday. This is not a drill for children. If at all possible, please try to get child care for your children so that your family can focus on the briefings. The briefings will cover health, financial and support benefits for the family and what the soldiers family has to expect while we are deployed. Family members are encouraged to arrive at the armory at 0800 on Saturday. Briefings will last approximately 6 hours. Lunch will be provided. If you have family attending that you were not aware of last drill, contact your chain of command to inform them of the additional headcount to ensure that there is enough

## Preparation for Deployment

### Items you need to bring to drill

lunch for everyone.

### Documents Ready?

**D**id you have everything you needed for processing last drill? It is not over yet. Here is a quick checklist of items to make sure you do not forget anything over the next drill. We will continue the deployment preparation. Many of the stations will be revisited to ensure the accuracy of the information. We do not want any soldier to go unprepared or have hardship while we are deployed. Assist the unit in this task.

*Do not worry, all original certificates will be returned to you. The originals are required to initiate paperwork, passports, insurance, etc.*

- BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF CHILDREN
- ORIGINAL MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES
- ORIGINAL DIVORCE DECREE ON BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE
- ADOPTION CERTIFICATE FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN
- MEDICAL RECORDS FOR CHILDREN INCAPABLE OF SELF SUPPORT OVER THE AGE OF 21
- STEP-CHILDREN BIRTH CERTIFICATES
- CERTIFIED LETTER FROM

SCHOOL OF CHILDREN OVER 18 ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

- COPY OF COURT ORDER ESTABLISHING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS (IF REQUIRED)
- DEPOSIT SLIPS OR CHECK TO VERIFY DIRECT DEPOSIT
- COPY OF MORTGAGE
- COPY OF INSURANCE
- COPY OF TAXES
- GLASSES
- MEDICAL CIVILIAN RECORDS
- PRESCRIPTIONS FOR MEDICINE
- NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
- FAMILY CARE PLAN

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### Preparation for Deployment Continued

- RECORDS ON FAMILY MEMBERS WITH HANDICAPS
- ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND VISA
- COMPLETED DD FORM 1172

## Unit Web Site

<http://www.il-arng.ngb.army.mil/a-1-178/>  
or  
<http://doim-il.ngb.army.mil/a-1-178>

Last Thursday the Army Guard held the first web authors meeting. Many topics were discussed regarding the deployment. The state is working on configuring the state server for chat room capabilities and other features for on line real time connectivity to your family and friends while deployed. Check the unit web site for updates. If you have questions regarding the site, you can contact 1LT Butte at jbutte@mc.net

## Buying Gear?

Many of you own your own military equipment. It becomes really handy for deployments like this. Before you spend your money however, did you know the unit is working on getting you some of this gear? Soldiers will be issued the following:

- Additional duffel bags
- Cold Weather PolyPropolene Shirt and Trousers
- Sunglasses
- Sand, Wind, Dust Goggles

Talk with your platoon members about what gear you plan to bring. Begin planning on sharing some pieces of equipment. The company will probably not need 130 irons or sets of hair clippers. At most you may need one set per squad. After the unit recon to Kuwait is com-



**Remember:**  
These drill dates and training areas are subject to change.

## New Drill Dates

DATE	TRAINING EVENT
11-12 MAR	Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
25-26 MAR	Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
8-9 APR	Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
29-30 APR	Soldier Readiness Planning (SRP)
6-7 MAY	Final Preparation Before Deployment Report for Deployment
13 MAY	Report for Deployment
10-11 JUN	RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT
7 JUL	RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT
8-23 JUL	RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT
12-13 AUG	RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT
16-17 SEP	RESCHEDULED DUE TO DEPLOYMENT

pleted at the end of March a recommended packing list will be published. This will allow you to begin preparing and purchasing additional recommended items that other units found useful.

## Desert Survival

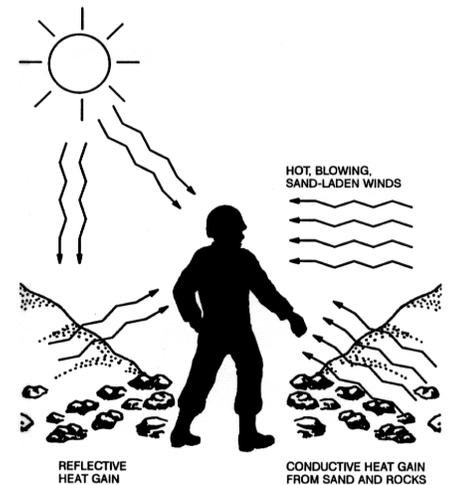
Desert survival is not a topic that gets covered a lot at a normal drill. The next few newsletters will cover a few topics on preparing you for this harsh environment. Not being aware of the environment is like leaving on a vacation in the car without taking a map. Sooner or later you are bound to get somewhere you do not want to be. It is only March and Kuwait is already beginning to get warm.

**Kuwait:**  
Partly Cloudy  
Temp: 86°F  
Heat Index: 86°F  
Wind: from the East at 15

intense sunlight and heat are present in all arid areas. Air temperatures can rise as high as 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) during the day. Heat gain can result from direct sunlight, hot blowing winds, reflective heat (the sun's rays bouncing off the sand), and conductive heat from direct contact with the desert sand and rock.

The temperature of desert sand and rock averages 16 to 22 degrees C (30-40 degrees F) more than the air. For example, when the air temperature is 43 degrees C (110 degrees F) the sand temperature may be 60 degrees C (140 degrees F).

Intense sunlight and heat increases the body's need for water. To conserve your body fluids and energy, you will



need shelter to reduce your exposure to the heat of the day.

Radios and sensitive equipment exposed to direct intense sunlight may malfunction.

*See more tips in the next newsletter!*



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