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Time Magazine selects American Soldier as Person of the Year

Three 1st Armored Division soldiers -- Sgt. Ronald Buxton, Spc. Billie Grimes and Sgt. Marquette Whiteside -- grace the cover of Monday's Time magazine. They represent "The American Soldier" -- all men and women in uniform -- who have been chosen as Time's 2003 Person of the Year.

"For uncommon skills and service, for the choices each one of them has made and the ones still ahead, for the challenge of defending not only our freedoms but those barely stirring half a world away, the American soldier is Time's Person of the Year," editor-at-large Nancy Gibbs wrote in the opening essay of the magazine.

The magazine cover is a "fitting tribute to these young men and women who have volunteered to serve their country and are over there doing a superb job," Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers said on CNN's "Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer" Dec. 21.

From an American Forces Press Service news article

Repair success for Air Force radio sparks more workload

A demonstrated ability to overhaul the AN/ARC-186 Radio Set, a small, lightweight radio used in helicopters and shelters for air-to-air and air-to-ground communications, has earned more work for Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Technicians began repairing and testing the radio in January, working on a 50-radio program for the U.S. Air Force's Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (ALC), Ga.

"Warner Robins-ALC contacted us to ask about our repair capabilities on the ARC-186 in order to establish a second source of repair to supplement their current workload requirements," said James Walters, an electronics mechanic leader in the Airborne Communications/Instruments Division, Avionics-Intelligence Electronics Warfare Systems Directorate.

The Air Force was satisfied with Tobyhanna's projected quantities per month and established a repair program at Tobyhanna.

"Because of the success of the original program, Warner Robins-ALC increased program authorizations and we received an additional quantity of units to repair for FY-03 [Fiscal Year 2003]," said Dave Shuleski, division chief.

Volunteers in Kuwait

AMC personnel tell their story

Susan Morris

"Can I transfer to Kuwait permanently?"

That is what Susan Morris is thinking after completing a 179-day tour providing administrative support to AMC's Logistics Support Element-Southwest Asia. She has perhaps taken the first step by volunteering for a follow-on deployment to begin in January 2004.

Morris is the administrative support specialist for the AMC Logistics Assistance Office at Fort Rucker, Ala. She has been a federal employee for more than 23 years, with the last 19 of those years at Fort Rucker.

She had personal reasons for wanting to deploy. Two of her children are in the military or married to someone in the military. Also, she wanted to learn more about AMC's support to the deployed Army. Finally, she was not worried about the desert environment. Her father was career Air Force and she lived for more than four years at an Air Force base in the Libyan Desert.

Susan acts as the AMC greeter in Kuwait. She is often the first to meet the new people. She conducts the welcome briefing and sees all the normal worries and concerns from the new arrivals. "I try and calm them down and let them know that I am here to help them." She plans recreation activities, prepares memos, handles the mail, and does in and out processing.