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ESPN salute to veterans and troops includes 2SCR .

Zabul, Afghanistan- On Nov. 11th, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment celebrated Veterans' Day by participating in ESPN's weeklong salute to Veteran's Day.

ESPN conducted two interviews with 2SCR Troopers in Afghanistan from Grafenwoehr, Germany, which included the 75th Colonel of the Regiment, Col. James R. Blackburn, and the Regimental Judge Advocate, Maj. Patricia K. Hinshaw.

Maj. Hinshaw did a joint broadcast interview with her husband, Keith Matiskella, and son Finn. ESPN wanted to highlight them because of their recent accomplishments.

Both Majors ran the Army Ten Miler- one in Washington D.C. and one at FOB Lagman, Afghanistan. While Keith finished the Army Ten Miler at an impressive time of 51:31, Paty said that she definitely ran a harder race.

FOB Lagman is over 5,000 feet in elevation, with steep hills and large gravel rocks that riddled the course. ESPN also asked Paty what she would like to say to Keith and Finn.

“I miss you so much and I can’t wait to see you. This is hard being apart, but it is well worth it. We are doing good things in Afghanistan. I just look forward to coming home again,” she said.

Col. Blackburn thanked Josh, the host for ESPN, and expressed thanks from the frontier of freedom and said that it's significant for us to share this day with Grafenwoehr and Vilseck and more significantly to share with our families.

Col. Blackburn ended the interview with two things that expressed how he and the Regiment felt.

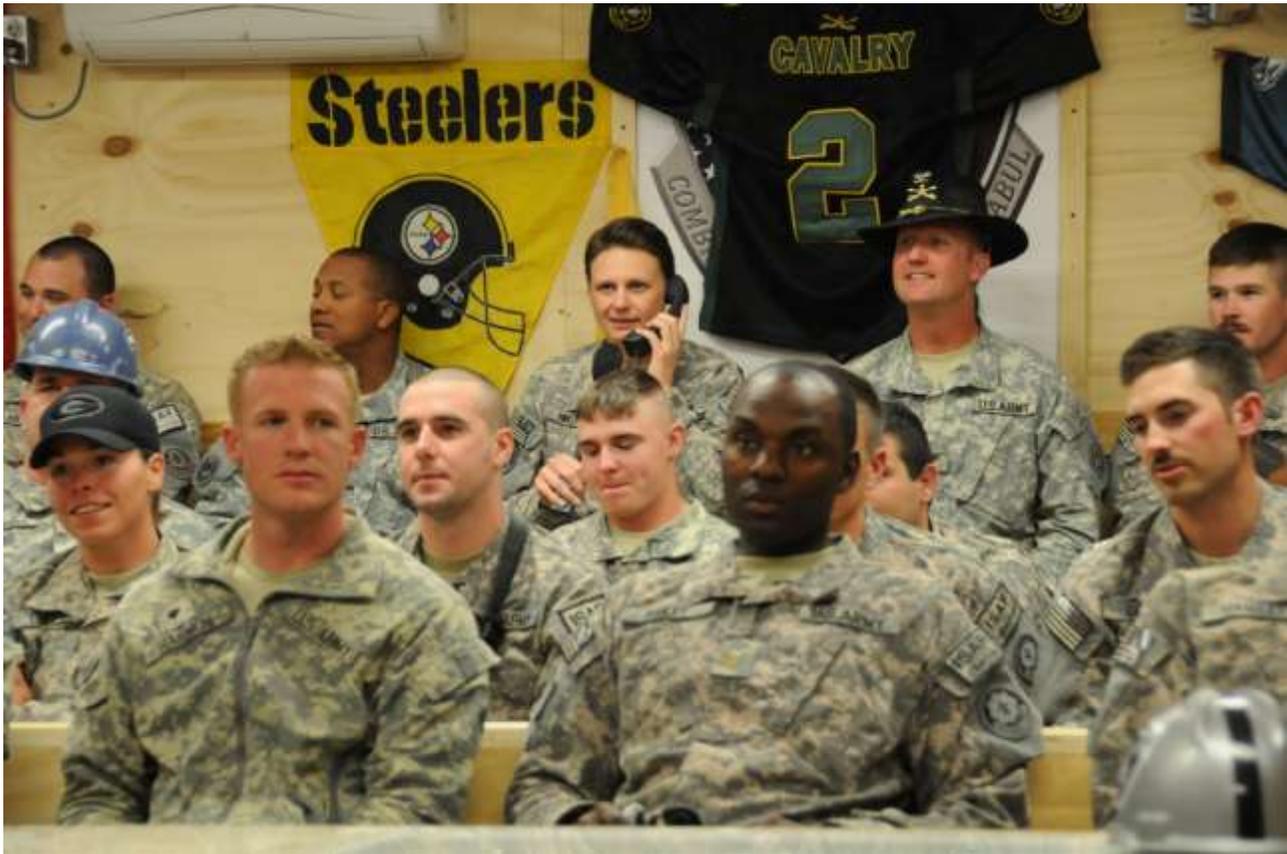
Blackburn said, “I have two things to say, first I’d like to say that Vilseck is our source of strength... and we derive all our strength from them. I hope you take strength from each other because we are certainly stealing our fair share from you.”

To put a sports spin on things, Col. Blackburn donned his Cavalry Stetson pointed at the camera and said, “The next thing is, I know that Kurt Herbstreit and Coach Corso they love to make predictions on college game day, and we are going to make a prediction right now. We are going to predict that this team, your 2nd Regiment of Dragoons, is a winning team 365 days a year. Take that Kurt.”



Photo taken by Maj. Robert Hoover

Troopers of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment anxiously wait for the ESPN interviews.



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Maj. Paty Hinshaw conducts her interview to ESPN while Col. James R. Blackburn and members of 2SCR and the Provincial Reconstruction Team enjoy the show.