

CTSC-A Update Depicts Live-Fire Exercises, Aid and Clean Water Efforts

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Earlier today, VFW received the updates and photos below from the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A). The CSTC-A, in conjunction with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA), the International Security Assistance Force Afghanistan (ISAF) and the International Community, and nested with the US Forces - Afghanistan Commander's intent, plans, programs and implements the generation and development of the Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) in order to enable GIROA to achieve security and stability in Afghanistan.

Field Artillery Live Fire Exercise

- The field artillery company of the 203rd Corps concluded an intensive five-week training program with a live-fire exercise.
- During the five-day live-fire exercise, the Afghan National Army company shot 322 rounds of high explosive artillery shells safely and on target.
- The training and experience increases sustainable capacity and capability of the Afghan National Security Force.

Afghan National Army Provides Aid to Families of Slain Soldiers•Soldiers from Afghan National Army (ANA) 207th Corps delivered 1,500kg of food and bottles of cooking oil to the families of martyred soldiers in Shaydaye.

- This mission was the first collaboration between the Corp's ANA Religious and Cultural Affairs officer and Civil-Military Affairs officer. The ANA soldiers distributed rice, beans, flour and cooking oil to families of soldiers who have been killed by insurgents.
- By providing for those soldier's families who have been killed in combat, the ANA inspires confidence in its soldiers that their families will be taken care of should they die in service.

New Water Well Provides Clean Drinking Water

- A new deep well is providing clean, safe drinking water for citizens of Char Bolak District in Balkh Province.

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- The new well and its pump will be maintained and fueled by the Afghan National Police.
- The project is designed to build support for the Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as well as to reduce water-borne illness in the village.