

Teaching English to a room full of Pashtuspeaking Afghan children may have its challenges, but Hamtramck native Spc. Gamei Kwong was focused on the long-term benefits. Kwong, who hopes to become a second-grade teacher, joined the Army Reserve in 2009 as a civil affairs specialist and currently serves in the 414th Civil Affairs Battalion in Southfield. In 2013, Kwong was among the civil affairs Soldiers who deployed to Afghanistan to positively impact lives and local communities.



- MI CAPABILITIES
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- MILITARY POLICE
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- TRAINING SUPPORT



Civil affairs units are the commander's link to civil authorities in the area of operations, interfacing with and providing expertise to the host nation government. Army Reserve civil affairs Soldiers are particularly suited for this mission since a majority are employed in areas such as law enforcement, engineering, education, medicine, law, banking and public administration.



Grand Rapids hosts the 301st Quartermaster Company, which specializes in purifying potable water. They put their skills to use during the 2014 Quartermaster Liquid Logistics Exercise, the first ever multi-component, multi-service, multi-echelon, multi-functional exercise, providing life support for more than 1,000 Soldiers. The 301st can produce up to 98,000 gallons of water a day using Tactical Water Purification Systems, making them a valuable asset in the homeland if called upon for Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

BY THE NUMBERS 2015

\$188,427,747
ECONOMIC IMPACT

2,276
NON-DOD JOBS SUPPORTED

\$59,043,296
NON-DOD WAGES

\$121,427,866
DOLLARS SPENT

\$62,940,497
TOTAL MIL PAYROLL

\$8,933,569
TOTAL CIV PAYROLL

SEQUESTRATION IMPACT FY 16

-\$4.1 Million
STATEWIDE

The 301st Quartermaster Company in Grand Rapids specializes in purifying potable water and is capable of producing up to 98,000 gallons of water a day.

OPPOSITE PAGE

LEFT: Flint native Spc. Michael Schmidt, a civil affairs specialist, talks to local Afghan boys during English class at Forward Operating Base Finley-Shields, Afghanistan. (Photo by Sgt. Jon Heinrich)

CENTER: Hamtramck native Spc. Gamei Kwong, a civil affairs specialist with the 441st Civil Affairs Battalion, grades schoolwork done by Afghan girls at Forward Operating Base Finley-Shields. (Photo by Sgt. Jon Heinrich)

TOP RIGHT: Water purification specialists with the 301st Quartermaster Company based in Grand Rapids check the quality of water before it enters their Tactical Water Purification System during a training exercise. (Photo by Sgt. Dalton Smith)

21 FACILITIES	69 UNITS/DETS	3,571 SOLDIERS	102 CIVILIANS
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