



## Advocate training held at Victory

### Mobile team giving sexual assault victims more options

**Spc. Mary Rose**  
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A Department of the Army-directed mobile training team taught sexual assault awareness to more than 200 Soldiers at Camp Victory's Sports Oasis Dining Facility in early June.

Training the Soldiers to become either unit victim advocates or sexual assault response coordinators, the multi-disciplinary team -- made up of specialists from legal, medical, personnel and investigative fields -- qualifies Soldiers to assist and be companions for sexual assault victims while they go through the medical, legal and investigation process after an assault. Students were also trained to be familiar with local medical processes, so they can give assault victims a general idea of procedures they will go through if an assault should occur.

The Army has always had a program in place to deal with individual assault cases, but the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is the first open forum to give everyone a standard way of dealing with a situation, said Lt. Col. Mary Dooley-Bernard, Family Advocacy Program Manager, U.S. Army Morale Welfare and Recreation.

The program allows the UVA- and SARC-trained Soldiers to give information and referrals to provide the necessary support to a victim, said Dooley-Bernard.

"They are not counselors or therapists," Dooley-Bernard said, "but they do need to have the information to provide those resources to that victim."

At least two Soldiers from each U.S. Army battalion-level unit in Iraq attended the course, qualifying them to be UVAs. Also, one Soldier from each brigade-size element qualified to become a SARC.



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**Maj. Carla Reed (far right), instructor, Department of the Army, teaches a room full of Soldiers about policies, definitions, confidentiality and data collection requirements during a Department of Defense-directed seminar to train unit victim advocates and sexual assault response coordinators for each battalion throughout the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. The training was held June 3 at the Camp Victory, Iraq, Sports Oasis dining facility.**

If assaults occur victims have many options, but by going to SARC-trained Soldiers in their units they have the opportunity to keep their situations private. Victims are offered UVAs as companions to assist them with questions about medical and legal support without investigations being opened, said Sgt. 1st Class Dean Sizemore, Task Force Dragon SARC, Multi-National Corps - Iraq.

"Everything that is told to Soldiers who have been trained as SARCs or UVAs is confidential," Sizemore said. "They are protected by the Department of the Army policy covering the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program."

SARC training is more in-depth training than UVA training, allowing SARCs to become program trainers themselves. The SARCs will be able to train their replacements using the train-the-trainer approach, Dooley-Bernard said.

"It is an important and informative class. It teaches us how to react

to victims and let them know that they won't get shoved under the carpet," said Staff Sgt. Regina Patton, UVA, Task Force Dragon, Multi-National Corps - Iraq.

Not just anyone can become UVAs or SARCs. There is selection criteria to become unit advocates. Commanders look for Soldiers in their units who are responsible and who want to fill the positions, Dooley-Bernard said.

The training is not only for the Army, it is a Department of Defense initiative.

"All military services will have some type of advocates," Dooley-Bernard said. "Each branch of service will have different policies covering its programs, but they will all have an advocacy program."

All together, the mobile team trained 500 Soldiers throughout the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater. Because of the newly-qualified Soldiers, sexual assault victims in Iraq now have the opportunity to seek assistance and care in private.

## Dragon mailroom keeps goods delivered

**Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp**  
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One of the five major morale boosters in the military is mail, and that's why troops at the Task Force Dragon mailroom here ensure that mail is distributed seven days a week.

"Mail puts a smile on everyone's face," said Staff Sgt. Roy L. Turner, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Camp Victory mailroom.

Receiving mail for Soldiers is important explained Turner, but there are some do's and don'ts to making sure he and his crew can get the mail delivered.

"Soldiers need to make sure they use the correct address for their unit or section," Turner said. "Soldiers don't need to be creative and make up their own address. All this does is slow down the possibility of the Soldier getting mail."

Soldiers should also check with their section mail clerk to make sure they are using the correct address, said Turner, who is with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Soldiers at the mailroom go

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**Packages wait to be picked up at the Camp Victory mailroom.**

## Chaplain's Corner

Thoughts from Multi-National Corps - Iraq's Chaplain's Office

### Don't forget the little ones

Your successful hardship tour is largely dependent upon the home-front preparation you made prior to your departure and the efforts you can make right now.

Whenever a Soldier leaves home ill prepared for an absence, troubles ordinarily follow.

Please take a few moments to look over the following checklist and share it with your spouse or the guardian of your children. Both you and your little ones can be spared much heartache if you implement one or several of the following:

- **Birthday Cards** - Pick out a card for each and be sure to personally sign it. Send the cards well in advance to your spouse or your children's guardian so that no birthday will be missed by you.
- **Bedtime Tape Recordings** - Select several favorite storybooks, Bible stories, bedtime songs, religious songs, poetry or whatever your little ones enjoy. Tape your voice reading or singing them aloud. (My little ones fall asleep nightly listening to their "daddy tape.")
- **Meal with each Child** - Prior to your departure or during your mid-tour leave, separately take each child to eat at a restaurant of his, or her, choice. The breakfast or lunch meals work best. You will help them to understand how special they are to you.
- **Map Orientation** - Post a map of the world, and indicate where you will be located. Describe in general terms where you are and what you are doing. Point out the neighboring nations and talk about the language, customs and religion of the children in the region. If you are a Soldier of prayer, list specific concerns you have for which they might pray. Children love to pray for specific, concrete requests.
- **Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!** - Send pictures by hard copy or by e-mail showing you at work and at play. Children are concrete thinkers and they love to look at real life. They want to know where you sleep, where you eat and where you work. They want to make sure that Mommy or Daddy is okay. The more meaningful information they have, the more content they will be. They love to see your smile.
- **Don't delay and "don't forget the little ones."** Much of your family's happiness depends upon your timely efforts. Act upon these suggestions today.

## MAIL



photo by Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp/MNC-I PAO

**Spc. Brandie Luna, postal clerk, Task Force Dragon, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., hands off a package to a Soldier June 20 at the Camp Victory mailroom.**

to the Camp Victory post office in Area 51 to pick up mail during the middle of the day, and it can sometimes take two to three trips in their five-ton truck in order to stock the mailroom. That is why it is important for Soldiers picking up packages to come at the designated times, which are from 8 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m., Turner said.

"The reason for the gap in time is that we pick up the mail from Area 51, and this can take us anywhere from two to two-and-a-half hours to pick up," Turner said. "It takes us another two hours to disperse it at the mailroom."

A good majority of the items to come off the trucks are packages, said Pfc. Carlos M. Millan, postal clerk, HHC, XVIII Airborne Corps.

"We see all kinds of packages," Millan said. "The heaviest items are the magazines and books." The mailroom Soldiers get their share of weird stuff also.

"One time we got a package that was all liquid," Millan said. "Once we felt the package, we said, 'Oh (shoot), what the heck is this?'"

Whether it's a package that is all liquid or a five-foot box with a bicycle in it, the mailroom can handle it. However, there is a process a Soldier must go through before picking up his package.

Sometime a Soldier may have to sign a pink slip -- known as Postal Service Form 3849 -- in order to receive his package, Turner said.

"It tells whether (the package or piece of mail) is insured, registered or express mail; and it gives the date/time group. It contains not only who it came from, but who it is going to," Turner said.

A Soldier who gets the pink slip needs to fill out the back, bring his identification and come to the mailroom during the designated times to pick up his package. He can also sign the form and give it to his mail clerk to pick up, Turner said.

If packages are not picked up after 15 days, the clerks at the mailroom have no choice but to send them back. "If a Soldier is going on leave, he needs to let us or his mail clerk know," said Spc. Brandie Luna, postal clerk, Task Force Dragon. "That way we know that this person is gone and we will hold his mail until he gets back."

"If a Soldier wishes to forward his mail while he is on leave, he needs to inform us," Luna said. "We'll leave a note saying, 'Spc. Such-and-Such; at home on leave; forward his mail to this address.'"

Sometimes a Soldier can receive an unwanted or anonymous package, or one that doesn't belong to him. When this happens, he needs to tell the troops at the mailroom.

"If a Soldier gets anonymous or unwanted mail, he doesn't have to receive it," Turner said. "He needs to return it to us and we will write 'refused to accept' and we'll send it back."

If the mail isn't yours, don't open it, Turner said.

"A Soldier can't use the excuse that the mail was given to him and then just open it," Turner said. "It is a federal crime to open someone else's mail. Return it to the mail clerk."

Although various postal applications apply at the mailroom located at building 27C, there is one misconception Soldiers have, and that concerns sending mail.

"This isn't the place to send mail," Turner said. "Soldiers can give us regular free mail to send -- like a personal letter -- but we can't mail packages, and we cannot send boxes. Soldiers need to go to the post office to ship these items."

For more information regarding postal and mailroom operations, e-mail Turner at roy.turner@iraq.centcom.mil, or call the Task Force Dragon mailroom at DSN: 318-822-1401.

# Voices of Victory: What's your favorite thing about celebrating Independence Day?



**"The fireworks, barbecues and family get-togethers."**

Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Robinson, signal NCO, Electronic Warfare Coordination Center, Multi-National Corps - Iraq



**"Reflecting on the sacrifices others made so we can have the freedoms that we now enjoy."**

Kathleen Crawford, safety manager, Multi-National Corps - Iraq



**"Getting together with family and blowing stuff up."**

Maj. Rich Graham, Information Operations officer, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force

## Operating Hours

### Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

### Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

### Shoppette

Open 24 Hours

### Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

### Chapel

#### Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel Service Noon  
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.  
Episcopal 4 p.m.  
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

#### Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

### Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

#### Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.

### Post Office Hours

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Golby Troop Medical Clinic

#### Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

#### Dental Sick call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

#### Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

#### Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

#### Pharmacy:

Over the counter prescription refills  
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

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## MNC-I Courts Martial results

February 14 - A private, 35th Signal Brigade, was convicted by a special court-martial of wrongful possession of Diazepam and false official statement. Sentence: Confinement for six months and discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

February 15 - A private (E-2), 18th Military Police Brigade, was convicted by a special court-martial of disrespect toward a commissioned officer, disobeying a lawful order, violating General Order 1A, assault, drunk and disorderly and communicating a threat. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, confinement for three months and discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

February 21 - A specialist, 1st Corps Support Command, was convicted by a special court-martial of communicating indecent language to a minor and wrongfully depositing U.S. mails and letters containing obscene matters. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 11 months and discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

March 24 - A private first class, 42nd Military Police Brigade, was convicted by a general court-martial of involuntary manslaughter. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for six months and discharged with a bad conduct discharge.

March 28 - A sergeant, 1st Corps Support Command, was convicted by a special court-martial of conspiracy to steal mail, stealing mail matter, receiving stolen property and violating General Order 1A. Sentence: Reduced to E-1, confinement for five months and discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.

## Victory MWR Events June 28 - July 4

**Today:** Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Nine-ball at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Kajukenbo from 9 - 10:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

**Thursday:** Country night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Ping Pong at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Kajukenbo from 9 - 10:30 p.m.; Bench Press competition at 7 p.m.

**Friday:** Halo at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Latin night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m.

and from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Saturday:** Reggae and hip-hop night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Dominoes at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

**Sunday:** Ping Pong at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Eight-ball Tournament at 3 p.m. and Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Fencing practice from 9 - 11 a.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Kajukenbo from 9 - 9:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Dominoes at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Halo at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; Classes at the Gym: Aerobics 5 - 6:30 a.m. and from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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