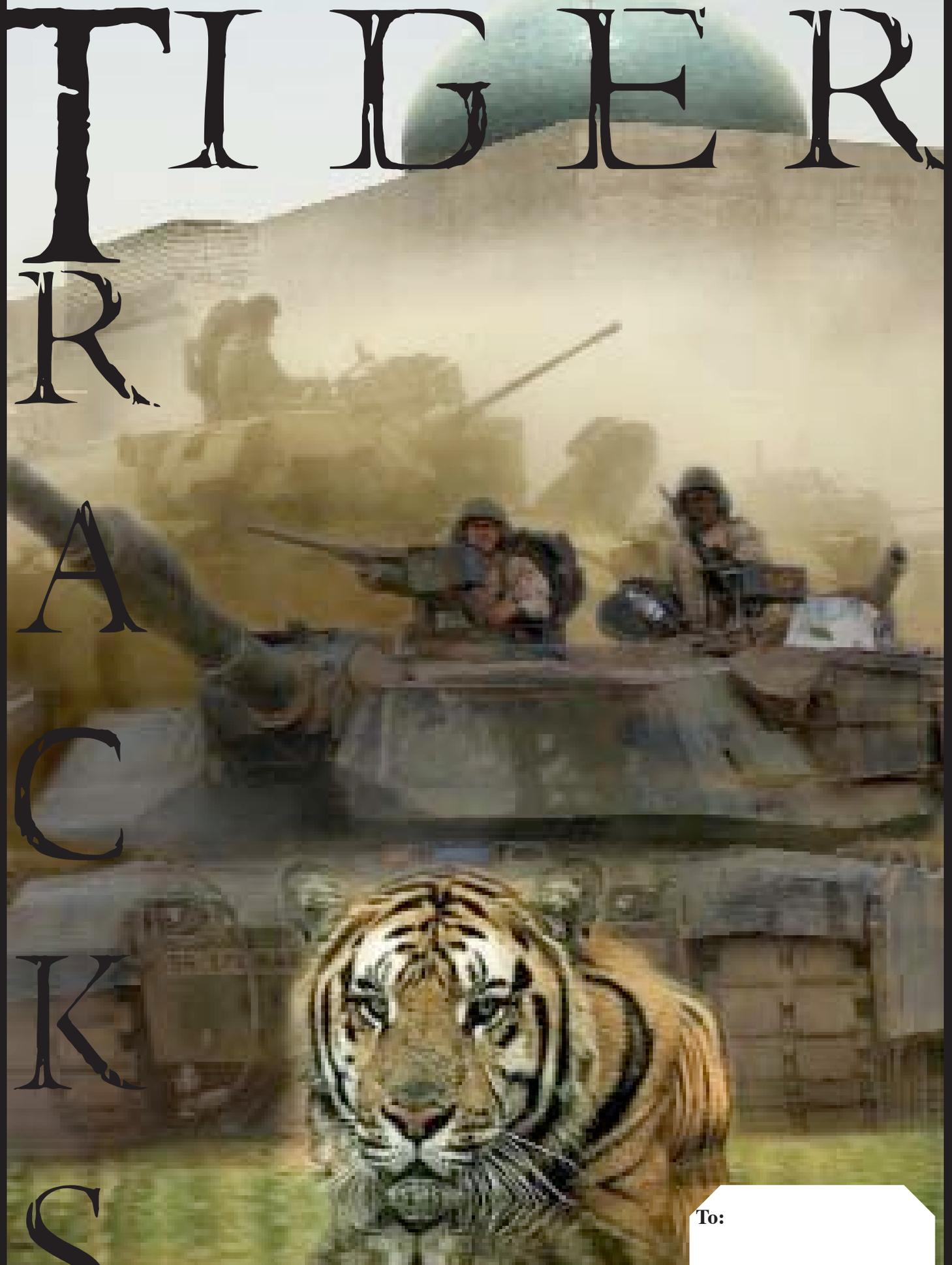


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# TO THE FAMILIES AND TROOPS

**BG John Basilica, Jr.**  
256 BCT Commander



The Tiger Brigade continues to apply constant pressure on insurgent cells across the zone. Enemy attacks have been largely ineffective and our offensive actions have had a disruptive effect.

We must maintain this offensive posture and continue to assist our

Iraqi partners in their efforts to assume a greater share of the security mission. This issue of the Tiger Tracks has several stories which cover the success of these offensive operations.

These stories also highlight the tremendous courage and tactical competence of the 256th BCT as it makes a positive difference everyday for the Iraqi people.

Also in this issue is a story about another first for the 1st IA Brigade; the graduation of its first class from an NCO

Leadership Academy. The development of a professional NCO Corps is critical to the long term success of their Army. They have taken ownership of the concept and the process. This is another very positive development.

Planning has begun for the re-deployment of the 256th BCT. Much of the work is focused on the long lead time tasks in the logistics and personnel areas. This is a necessary and prudent part of the deployment experience and it is proceeding on schedule. As firm re-deployment information and time tables become available, I will make that available to soldiers and their families. However, this is not a reason to lose focus on our mission and especially on force protection. In fact, it is more important than ever to remain vigilant and avoid complacency. Complacency kills, and there is no place for it in the 256th BCT.

Similarly, I would ask every Soldier in the BCT to renew their focus on security of sensitive items. It is imperative that we secure our weapons, night vision devices, communications gear, ammunition, protective equipment, vehicles and classified materials. Our continued success depends on it.

**TIGER BRIGADE!**

**Editor's Note:**

Dear Soldiers and Families,

I would like to get more feedback from all of you. What do you want to see more or less of in the *Tiger Tracks*? Please remember this publication is yours. If you have photos, story ideas, or even your own submissions, please feel free to email them to us or bring them by the PRO office. Please keep in mind, that not all submissions will be printed, but we will showcase as much of your work as possible. I know Soldiers would like to see pictures and submissions from their families, as much as families need to know what is happening with their Soldiers.

1Lt. Taysha Deaton  
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**CSM James Mays**  
256 BCT Sergeant Major



Soldiers and families of the Tiger Brigade, we are making history everyday and working hand in hand with the Iraqi Army. You are making a difference in this country and taking the time to train and mentor these Soldiers even with the language barrier.

We are spending time training the NCOs to be good leaders, and what it is all about is making sure they do the correct thing. With that being said, I'm proud of each and every one of you and the job you are doing. Keep it up!

Leaders, you must focus on the correct uniform and safety standard for your unit. I have been seeing that some leaders have been slipping in their duties, regarding these areas. We must, at all times, keep pushing for safety and one standard from the Soldiers. As NCOs, do not accept anything less from your Soldiers.

Help me help you in this matter. As leaders you

must get out and walk the pad, go to the motor pool, the DFAC, and anyplace your Soldiers may be. Check their sensitive items serial numbers daily. Pay attention to your leadership duties.

--Tiger 7

**Lt. Col. Robert Baker, Jr**  
**256 BCT Chaplain**

Patriotism, fireworks, barbeque, mom and apple pie (with a little ice cream on top.) These are some of the things I think of when thinking about the 4th of July. As a country, we are about to celebrate our 229th anniversary. We get so involved in the celebrations that we forget what this holiday is really about. It is about sacrifice, good citizenship, saluting the flag, war, the death of some Soldiers and Soldiers who will carry permanent scars—both physical and emotional—for the rest of their lives.

But, this day also has spiritual roots. The United States was founded upon Christian principles, in spite what political organizations and some media outlets may say. All the signers of the Declaration of Independence believed in THE LORD GOD AND THE SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. Like us, some of them

were more zealous than others.

Patriots such as Patrick Henry, in his famous utterance of "Give me liberty or give me death," remind us that freedom and liberty must always be guarded, and sometimes it means going to war to preserve what we have. We are familiar with only a small portion of Mr. Henry's quote. If we read the rest of the speech he made that day, we could clearly see that our early patriots founded our country upon Christian principles, and a personal belief in Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lord's.

I challenge Americans who are in the good old U.S.A., as you enjoy this upcoming holiday to take a little time on July 4th to remember past and present patriots. May God Bless You and Yours as we all celebrate this great holiday.

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## Chaplain Baker's Day

**Sgt. Thomas Benoit**

On Sept. 28, 1949, a child was born in Stonewall, La., with a type of bone cancer never cured by doctors.

He was unable to walk and his skeleton could not support his body. His parents carried him around on a pillow for the first two-and-a-half years of his life, until the day he became a part of medical history.

Destined for great things since birth, Lt. Col. Robert S. Baker survived, and now serves as chaplain for the 256th Brigade Combat Team.

In honor of Chaplain Baker, Brig. Gen. John Basilica Jr., from Baton Rouge, La., commander of the 256th BCT, officially made Father's Day "Chaplain Robert S. Baker Jr. Day."

His parishioners surprised Baker at a noon mass held at the Tigerland Chapel on Camp Liberty.

During the service, they gave him several gifts. Staff Sgt. Natasha L. McZeal with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 256th, read a letter from home written by Mrs. Baker that depicted the life of her son.

The highlight of the ceremony came when Capt. Samuel James, an ordained minister and youth pastor for the Elm Grove Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La., washed Baker's feet.

The ritualistic washing of the feet dates back to biblical time when Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the last supper. It has become one the highest honors given to members of the cloth. It is not given freely; therefore, it is rarely witnessed.

It was an event that left Baker openly weeping and very emotional.

"It is a humbling experience and an honor to perform the ritual," said, James.

The 256th also showed a video presentation which paid tribute to Baker's life.

Five father-and-son teams from the 256th BCT also celebrated this Father's Day at the Tiger Den Dining Facility. The staff prepared a special meal and a cake fit for the occasion.

On this day, in this combat zone, war stories were not told. The families only brought up childhood memories, and some sent those around the table laughing.

"I was the only child in my neighborhood who had to pay an electricity bill," said Sgt. Peter Moss, from Anacoco, La., with B Company, 199th Forward Support Group, 256th.

"It was fitting punishment for leaving the lights on in the house," came the quick rebuttal from his father, Master Sgt. John Moss from Leesville, La., with HHC, 256th.

Several years ago, Peter asked John what he wanted for Father's Day.

"All I want is for you to cook a meal for me—that's it," John told him.

Ever since, Peter continues to ask the same question with the same response from John. Without fail, Peter buys a gift for his father every year instead of making him dinner.

"Again this year, here in Iraq, Peter dodges cooking for me again," said John.

## Iraq and U.S. forces capture significant targets



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jorge Rodriguez

**Iraqi Army Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade, searching a house in the Ghazaliya district with the assistance of 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment.**

**By Spc. Erin Robicheaux**

Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade continue to step up to the plate to ensure for a safer, more secure way of life for the Iraqi people. During the past several days, with assistance from 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, the Soldiers conducted a series of cordon and search missions in the Ghazaliya and Bachira districts of Baghdad, in order to neutralize the insurgency. Since June 20, they captured 27 insurgents and confiscated materials used for acts

against Iraqi and Coalitions Forces.

The detainees captured were significant targets, and included one man suspected of shooting a Soldier from 1-156th AR just one week ago. The 2-1 IA also arrested a known financier and weapon supplier, and two men who physically conducted improvised explosive device, or IED, attacks against Iraqi Security Forces and US Soldiers.

Capt. Randy Green, from Bossier City, La., the senior advisor for the 2-1 IA, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-156th AR, said the Soldiers of 2-1 displayed strength and independence throughout the past several missions, as well as during previous cordon and searches.

"They conducted excellent operations, and the missions were well planned and executed," he said.

The 2-1 IA was initially trained by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and the 1-156th AR continues the training.

"We conduct close quarter combat drills, maneuvers, things like that," said Green.

The training paid off for the 2-1 over the last few days. Their operations went smoothly and the targets did not put up a fight. According to Green, they just gave up.

"They were caught and they knew it," he said.

## CIVIL AFFAIRS, 199TH FSB DELIVER TONS OF SUPPLIES TO THE COMMUNITY

**By Spc. Erin Robicheaux**

On June 25 the 256th Brigade Combat Team Civil Affairs, and 199th Forward Support Battalion, 256th BCT, collaborated efforts and brought 15 tons of food, two tons of school supplies, and over 2000 beanie babies to the lower income population of the Khadamiyah area in Baghdad. The items were gifts from the Association of Korean Americans and Operation Iraqi Children. The local Government Information Center connected the Soldiers with various charity organizations to help distribute the supplies to citizens of Khadamiyah and Sadr City.

Maj. Adam Shilling from Denham Springs, La., 256th BCT civil affairs officer, said the food packs are designed for emergency situations, and he wanted to make sure the less fortunate citizens in the district were taken care of in case one should arise.

"Each pack weighs five tons and includes rice, beans, spaghetti, cooking oil, noodles, and canned goods," he said.

It took about a week to coordinate the project, and Shilling said Soldiers from A Company, 199th FSB picked up the supplies and took them out to the site, and escorted the convoy for the operation.

First Sgt. Gilbert Matthews, senior enlisted non-commissioned officer for A Co. 199th FSB, from Breaux Bridge, La., said his Soldiers were very excited about the mission and it all ran smoothly.

"Everything went well. It was a large task, but we made it happen," he said.

The 199th is no stranger to missions of this kind. As a support battalion, it is their job to ensure Soldiers in other camps who fall under the 256th BCT receive the necessary supplies to keep daily operations functional.

"We're always bringing the basic necessities, such as water, food, and basically anything that needs to be hauled to other sites," claimed Matthews.

Staff Sgt. Michael Gaudet, from Lafayette, La., a non-commissioned officer for the 256th BCT civil affairs team, said the reaction of a female manager of the GIC stood out among all others.

"Whenever she saw all of the food, she could barely talk. She kept saying, 'my heart, my heart!'" he said.

Once she saw the school supplies and how the Soldiers were helping the children in the area, she could not contain herself.

"We brought her outside and showed her all of the school supplies, and she actually cried," said Gaudet.

June 30, 2005



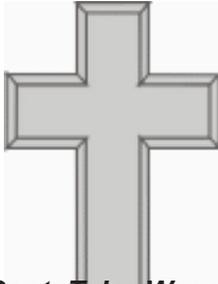
Dear Ms. Sharon,

On behalf of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, we want to express our happiness at hearing of your new family addition, Kristian Engeldrum. We are especially excited, since it was Christian's wish to have a daughter.

Your husband, and Kristian's father, is on our minds and in our hearts everyday, as we continue the mission that he began. Please know that we all feel protective of Kristian and are ready to help you ensure that she knows how exceptional her father was, and how strong his memory remains. She is his legacy, and comes from very noble roots. Thank you for your continued support and sacrifice and as always, you remain in our prayers.

Very Respectfully,

John Basilica, Jr.  
Brigadier General, U.S.  
Army  
Commanding



## Baptism Sunday in Tigerland

**Capt. Tyler Wagenmaker**  
**1-156th AR, Chaplain**

There's so much activity outside the wire on Sunday afternoons in Iraq, and on a recent Sunday afternoon it was easy not notice a congregation of people at the Tiger Chapel for a unique get-together. It wasn't a typical Sunday worship service; rather, it was the second baptism service that was held by the Unit Ministry Teams of the 256th BCT. I say "not typical" because it was a gathering of Christians there to witness the baptism of fellow soldiers.

Baptism has different nuances for different Christian denominations. The Baptists hold to an understanding of it a bit different than the Roman Catholics who hold to a different understanding of it than the Lutherans, who hold to...you get the idea. But together on that Sunday afternoon, Christians of different backgrounds gathered to witness newly-professed Christians receive the mark of water, signaling to all present that they are followers of Jesus Christ. In the life of the Christian church, this is reason for rejoicing.

Many soldiers had different goals coming to Iraq for this deployment. I'm not sure what your goal was. Maybe it was to save up money for a down-payment on a house. Perhaps it was to get in better physical shape. But a Baptism service like the one held at the Tiger Chapel on a recent Sunday afternoon is another reminder that a noble and worthy goal for soldiers in this war zone is that of spiritual growth...even the start of a new journey down Jesus' pathway. For that reason, Soldiers like those who underwent baptism can testify that this time of testing away from home has, for them, turned into a life-long blessing.

# Iraqi Army leaders graduate from historic course



**Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Rachal in the classroom with the NCO Academy students.**



**A Soldier from 2-1 Iraqi Army Brigade receives a diploma and congratulations from Command Sgts. Maj. James Mays, William Grant, Hassan Abid Khadim and IALTC instructor, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Rachal.**

**By Spc. Erin Robicheaux**

In another sign of the growing strength of the Iraqi Army, Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade graduated from the first organized Iraqi Army Leadership Training Course at Forward Operating Base Justice.

"This is just another important step forward and another first for this outstanding Iraqi Brigade," said Brig. Gen. John Basilica, Jr., commander of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "The development of a professional noncommissioned officer corps is critical to the combat readiness of the unit.

"This is the first of many courses that will be conducted to train the NCOs of the 1st Iraqi Army Brigade," Basilica added. "What is especially important is the cadre duties were also shared by the Iraqis and thus their ownership of this program is established from the beginning."

Sgt. Nihad Hifdhly Abdlameer was a school teacher before he joined the Iraqi Army and said his experience in the field allowed him to teach Soldiers, but until this course he did not know how to lead them.

"When I taught at the school, I was very firm with the students, but after this course I understand that getting to know your students and Soldiers and spending time with them is a good thing," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Rachal with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 256th BCT, the senior instructor and coordinator for the seven-day leadership training class, said he was not quite sure what to expect at the beginning of the course. "I had a lot of anxiety before it started and I was unsure of how it would go. I had people tell me that the Soldiers wouldn't show up at all or that

they would leave the first time I gave them a 15-minute break, but that just didn't happen."

As an instructor at the U.S. Army's Primary Leadership Development Course in his home state of Louisiana, the Alexandria native has seven years of leadership training to his credit. This, however, was his most rewarding experience. He said the focus of this training was not to teach certain Soldiering functions, but rather, to teach the importance of ensuring the functions get done.

"Leadership is the main focus, and the goal was to make sure these new Iraqi Army leaders understand how crucial it is that tasks are accomplished," he said.

The NCOs sat through a series of classes centered on vital military skills like map reading and physical fitness and its importance to leadership.

Rachal said he wanted these leaders to understand that how they feel as people will affect the Soldiers they lead. He claimed it was about more than leadership—it was about them as people, their values, their norms, and how what they believe in will relate to their relationships with their Soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mustafa Jamal Shareef, senior NCO for the 2-1 IA, worked hand-in-hand with Rachal throughout the duration of the course and will take over after Rachal goes back to the U.S. Mustafa said his Soldiers have come far and will need the leadership skills they acquired as a result of this training. "They're not Soldiers, they're NCOs and they need more experience leading Soldiers."

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# A SNIPER'S BULLET

*Sgt. Jason Glasscock points to the spot where the sniper's bullet was stopped by his body armor.*

*By Spc. Erin Robicheaux*

When Sgt. Jason Glasscock dressed in his body armor on June 15 for a route clearance mission in an M1A1 Abrams tank with his unit, C Company, 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, chances are he wasn't thinking that this was the day he would get a second chance at life.

Hours later, his gunner was screaming, "Glasscock's been shot! Glasscock's been shot!"

The crew was at a stand-still for close to an hour-and-a-half when Glasscock stood up in the turret to grab some gear from the outside of the tank. The next thing he knew, someone shot him in the ribs, just below his chest. He said almost before he felt it, he heard a loud noise that sounded like a baseball hitting a catcher's mitt. It knocked him backwards and he felt a sharp pain, like someone jammed him in the ribs with a lead pipe. Just as quickly as it happened, his instincts, as well as those of his crew kicked in.

"My gut reaction was to get down (in the turret) and I tried to grab the charging handle on my 50-cal. The gunner heard the shot and turned around to help me," he said.

Glasscock said his arms and legs went numb as he came down from the turret, probably from the sudden shock of getting hit. They took off his vest and pulled up his shirt to see how far the bullet went in. He wasn't bleeding, but there was a huge bruise, and he said the impact rubbed his skin raw.

"I just let out a huge sigh of relief," said Glasscock. The bullet penetrated two ammunition magazines

and went deep into his vest, but did not break through. It was embedded so deep into the body armor that Glasscock could feel it through the inside panel, closest to his body.

Once they saw he was okay, the Soldiers scanned the area to see if the sniper was still out there, and used the vest to try to determine a general idea of where the shot came from. Reinforcements came on the scene and searched the area, while Glasscock and the tank crew pulled security for the dismounts. They never saw the sniper.

After they arrived safely back at the base, doctors evaluated him and put him on light duty for a week, just as a precaution. Glasscock was not happy.

"I want to be out there," he said.

The plate in his vest was damaged and though it disintegrated the round, he does not want his fellow Soldiers to carry a false sense of confidence with the vest and become complacent.

"It obviously works, but it doesn't make you Superman," he said.

Glasscock broke the news to his father the next day. He said he found it easy to talk to his father about his experience because he is a Desert Storm veteran. When he told him what happened, Glasscock tried to break the news in as light a manner as possible.

"I told him if he gets a call from the Department of the Army, not to worry about it, that I'd been shot but I was alright," he said.

Glasscock said his father instinctively knew it was the vest that stopped the bullet.

# Early-morning raids ....

By *Spc. Erin Robicheaux*

Iraqi Soldiers and Coalition Forces, working together and independently, captured 11 known terrorists in a series of early-morning raids in central and west Baghdad June 17. One other terror suspect was also taken into custody. The largest operation was conducted by Iraqi Army Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division shortly after midnight in Abu Ghraib. Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, attached to the 256 Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, assisted as a quick reaction force.

Three hours after the raid began, the Iraqi Soldiers had detained and positively identified two terror cell leaders, a safe house owner, a former Ba'ath party member, and a man wanted for kidnapping and murdering Iraqi Soldiers, Police and civilians.

The Iraqi Soldiers also apprehended a major criminal in the Abu Ghraib district, three lesser criminals and a man believed to have participated in an attack on an Iraqi Police station in the area. All of the men were taken into custody for questioning.

Capt. James Alexander, current operations officer for 2-130th Inf., from Columbus, Ohio, said the 3-1-6 IA were in and out of the area in one hour and in the end the mission was well planned and executed.

"They moved onto target accurately, with deliberate and precise actions, and they knew what they were going after," said Alexander.

In another early-morning operation, Iraqi Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Brigade, seized a known member and financier of a foreign terror cell in the Harbiya district of central Baghdad. The man is also thought to have killed religious leaders in Baghdad's International Zone. Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th BCT, provided a search team and security on the outer cordon.

Staff Sgt. Dan Davis, from Shreveport, La., is a patrol leader with B Company, 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, attached to 2-156th Inf., said the unit provided a protective circle around the perimeter while the 2-1 IA Bde. interacted with the people. He explained that the Iraqi people have grown to respect their own Army

and would rather see them than foreign forces.

"You could see the confidence in the Iraqi Soldiers. Once they realized the detainee was a target, they executed deliberately," said Davis.

When they successfully captured a target; Davis and his Soldiers could see the positive attitudes and motivation in their faces.

"These Iraqi Army Soldiers are our new heroes." said Davis. "They are patriots of Iraq who decided enough was enough."

Later, around 3 a.m. Task Force Baghdad Soldiers conducted another raid to capture members of a known terror cell in the Khadra district of central Baghdad. One member of the cell was killed, and the Soldiers took another member into custody for questioning. They also recovered a weapons cache.

"We are gaining the initiative by keeping the upper hand, which will ensure the enemy remains off-balance. Iraq's armed forces are well underway to taking the lead in defeating the insurgency," said Maj. William Borel, a native of Metairie, La., 256th BCT chief of current operations.

## Enemy fails in second attack on MCU

Iraqi Security and Coalition Forces disrupted an attack against the Baghdad Major Crimes Unit on the evening of June 22, resulting in the capture of 13 terrorists. One Iraqi Policeman and five Iraqi Soldiers were wounded in the failed attack.

A patrol from the 36th Engineer Group, 3rd Infantry Division disrupted a blocking position being established by terrorists at 7:15 p.m. Elements of 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div. quickly secured the site and drove the AIF from the area.

At about the same time, elements of 4th Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade, and 3rd Battalion, 156th Inf., and 1st Battalion, 69th Inf. Regiment, both of the 256th BCT, interdicted a mortar team and squad-sized elements of terrorists moving towards the MCU from the west and south.

Within 30 minutes, Iraqi and Coalition Forces gained the upper hand and forced the terrorists to give up. Sweeps of the area captured terrorists trying to flee from their foiled attack.

Earlier, sources told 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division officials of a planned attack against the MCU, which was immediately reported to Coalition and ISF patrols in the vicinity.

This is the second failed attempt by terrorists against the MCU. On May 29, Iraqi Police successfully defended their complex during the first attack.

"Iraqi Security Forces continue to demonstrate their courage and ability to gain control of their own security and to protect critical facilities by working together as a combined team," said Brig. Gen. John Basilica, Jr., commander of the 256th BCT.

# Tiger Brigade welcomes Soldiers from 2-130th Inf. and 1-11th ACR

The 256th Brigade Combat Team welcomed two new additions to the Tiger Brigade family. Though the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry and 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment have only been with us for one month, they already successfully won battles in the war on terrorism. This is no surprise, considering the lineage of their units.

The 130th can cite many successes and significant moments in time, including participation in the War of 1812 as the Illinois Militia, serving under Maj. Zachary Taylor, later the President of the United States. For their service, the 130th received their oldest battle streamer.

In addition to serving under such military icons as Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Gen. William T. Sherman in the Civil War, the 130th became part of the history of the United States, when two companies, C and K, received the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance of duty in an armed conflict with the enemy, for their successful campaign in Morotai Island and the Philippines in 1944-45. They also served in Germany and Italy from January to August 2002, as a result of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

The 2-130th Infantry made history in the summer of 2004, when the nation of Bulgaria, a former Soviet Block Nation, was accepted into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The 2-130th Infantry became the first United States Soldiers to train in Bulgaria. Operation BUL-

WARK was conducted from July 23, to August 14, 2004. Presently, the battalion is mobilized in Baghdad, Iraq, under the 256th Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. They are under the command of Lt. Col. Mark C. Jackson and CSM Gary M. Fulk. The 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment was the force that all units were measured against for the past decade, at the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, Cal., as the opposing force (OPFOR) in exercises designed to train Army battalion and brigade task forces in tactical and operational level skills in near-combat conditions. The Squadron continued to serve as the Army's "best-trained mechanized force in the world" until it was placed on orders to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

On February 1, 2005, 1st Squadron deployed task organized with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, B Troop, C Troop, F Troop and G Troop 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment to Baghdad, Iraq as part of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armor Division for three months and then reassigned to 256th Brigade Combat Team (Louisiana Army National Guard). During the Squadron's tenure in Iraq, it has been successful in securing over 400 square kilometers of Baghdad, protecting 2.1 million people, bringing essential services and facilities to the Iraqi populace, cultivating a local government and bringing numerous terrorists to justice.



## BE SAFE AND NEVER WALK ALONE!

*A message from the 256th Equal Opportunity Officer, Capt. Samantha Wade*

The 256th Infantry Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is Capt. Samantha Wade, 242-4936/4774 (day shift or night shift). Sexual Assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Army. It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army's ability to work effectively as a team. The Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPRP) reinforce the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that focuses on education, prevention, integrated victim support, rapid reporting, thorough investigation, appropriate action, and follow-up. Army policy promotes sensitive care for the victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes. Restricted reporting and unrestricted reporting gives the victim choices when reporting the offense. Restricted reporting

allows sexual assault victims the confidentiality to disclose the details of the their assault to specially identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process. Only the SARC, healthcare provider, or chaplain will be notified under the restricted reporting. Unrestricted reporting allows sexual assault victims who are sexually assaulted medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the allegation should use current reporting channel (eg.. SARC, chaplain, UVA, chain of command, CID, and JAG). Unit Victim Advocates (UVAs) will provide quality support and assurance to rape/sexual assault victims. UVAs will ensure sexual assault victims acknowledge in writing the victim reporting preference statement to ensure assault victims understand restricted/unrestricted reporting. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army values and the Warrior Ethos. The 256th Infantry Brigade has 23 trained UVAs and two brigade trained Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) available if needed. This Brigade is over 80% Sexual Assault trained and will be 100% by 10 July 2005.

# Iraqi & American



***Iraqi Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade during a cordon and search mission in the Ghazaliya and Bachria districts from June 20 to June 25.***

From June 20 to June 25, 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade, Iraqi Intervention Forces, and elements of the 256th Brigade Combat Team including 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, and 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, conducted a series of cordon and search missions throughout the Baghdad area. A total of 31 suspected insurgents were captured as a result of the operation.

In addition, 2-1 IA confiscated weapons and contraband including two AK-47s, ten ammunition magazines, a cell phone, and a large amount of coalition materials. The mission was intended to deny insurgents in

## **Citizens step up to help Coalition Forces**

Iraqi Soldiers, acting on tips from Iraqi citizens, captured 21 terror suspects during operations in central and west Baghdad June 27.

Shortly after 5 p.m., an Iraqi citizen walked up to Soldiers from the 5th Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade and told them he had seen men responsible for an ambush on Coalition Forces hiding in a mosque in central Baghdad.

Soldiers from Headquarters Co. 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th Combat Team cordoned off the area while the Iraqi Army unit entered the mosque. The Iraqi Soldiers found two AK-47 assault rifles and three magazines inside. The source then led the Soldiers to a nearby café, where they detained 16 suspected terrorists. The detainees were taken into custody for questioning.

## **forces find success in joint operations**

known hostile areas from attacking IA and coalition forces.

Maj. William Rachal from New Iberia, La., operations officer for 1-156th AR, participated in several missions with the 2-1 IA and said they progress exponentially each time.

"With each operation it is impressive to see the remarkable improvement of the IA as they develop their own intelligence, plan their own operations, execute, and follow up with continuous operations exploiting information obtained from the previous one," said Rachal.

The passage of time also serves to instill a growing confidence throughout the citizens of Iraq, in that of their armed forces.

"The civilian population was extremely receptive of the Iraqi Army conducting operations in their neighborhoods," explained Rachal, "They seem to have a great deal of pride, and the population as a whole is eager to support them."

According to officials, this operation showcased the 2-1 IA's growth as a team. With the recent graduation of ten Soldiers from the Iraqi Army Leadership Training Course, an academy for non-commissioned officers, the need for formal NCO professional development was recognized and is being incorporated.

At around 9 p.m., another Iraqi citizen told Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade that men responsible for attacking a 2-156th Inf. patrol were hiding in a house in the Harbiya district of west Baghdad. The Iraqi Soldiers raided the house and seized five terror suspects with the assistance of 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment.

"Iraqi citizens continue to come forward with tips on the whereabouts of insurgents and locations of weapons caches," said Lt. Col. Michael Pryor, 256th operations officer. "The people have confidence in their Army and Police forces- both are continuing to become stronger everyday."

Coalition Forces also raided a target in west Abu Ghraib and took in two more terror suspects.

## A Message from LAARNG Assistant Adjutant General

Dear Veterans of the 256 BCT,

You, the Veterans of Louisiana, are an elite and special group who have been asked to serve your country during a most complex, dangerous and difficult time in our nation's history. Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Forces service members from Louisiana have answered the call to defend our nation's freedom at home and around the world. Like your forefathers, your commitment to duty, dedication and courage is inspiring.

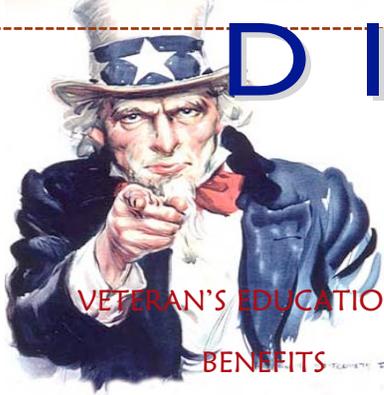
You have achieved the honor of taking your place among "The Greatest Generation," of WWII veterans, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the "Cold War", and now Iraq and Afghanistan. Duty, honor and country is your watchword. We at the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (all veterans) are committed to you. Louisiana's veterans deserve the highest praise and we are commit-

ted to ensuring that Louisiana veterans receive the benefits they so justly deserve. Our plan is to serve you by publishing a periodic newsletter on all Veterans Benefits which will be included in the 256th "Tiger Brigade" newspaper. We will cover the spectrum of pension compensation, healthcare, education, memorial Affairs and much more information that will be of benefit to you.

Thank you for your service to our nation and the sacrifice you and your family have endured on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Hunt Downer  
BG, LAARNG  
Assistant Adjutant General Army



## DID YOU KNOW

This educational entitlement provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans. You may use this education entitlement program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

### Eligibility Requirements

You may be an eligible veteran if you have an honorable discharge,

and you have a High School Diploma or GED or, in some cases 12 hours of college credit, and you meet the requirements of one of the categories below:

### CATEGORY I

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for first 12 months
- Continuously served for 3 years, or 2 years if that is what you first enlist-

ed for, or 2 years if you entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years ("2 by 4" Program)

### CATEGORY II

- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
- Served at least 1 day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88, (or 6/30/87 if you entered Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years)
- On 12/31/89, you had entitlement left from Vietnam Era GI Bill

### CATEGORY III

- Not eligible for MGIB under Category I or II
- On active duty on 9/30/90 and separated involuntarily after 2/2/91,
- OR involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93,
- OR voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
- Before separation, you had military pay reduced by \$1200

VA education benefits are authorized to veterans and qualified dependents under specific chapters of Title 38, US Code. Eligibility for benefits can only be determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, except with individuals eligible for Chapter 30 or Chapter 1606, Department of Defense determines eligibility. Benefits can be received from only 1 VA educational chapter at a time, even if there is eligibility under multiple chapters. Before benefits can be received the program will need to be approved by the LA State Approving Agency, which is part of the LA Department of Veterans Affairs. The following is a listing of the various chapters and their general eligibility requirements:

**MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 30)**

*More to follow.*

**LOCAL MUSICIANS SUPPORT THEIR SOLDIERS**

**4th of July**  
**Rock the District**  
Located in the Red River District

The Rock Pines 7.00	DeArmond 5.00
7.00 (Amor)	Tight Monkey 7.00
Second None 2.00	Reflections Burn 3.00
Similia 3.00	Systemic 4.00
Overdrive 1.00	Wes Jeans 10.00
Southcore 5.00	
Merlin 6.00	

ShellBorn Productions, LLC.

“What is very important to us is the fact that we support our community and make a small difference,” Through the good and the bad, the Northwest Louisiana cities of Shreveport and Bossier City made it a point to support their hometown Soldiers. The music community, in particular, threw several events in the Soldiers’ absences to benefit them and their families, from organizing free concerts before the departure of the 256th BCT, to raising money for much needed care packages after the deployment was in effect.

Following the traditions of the past, Tanya Shelton and Chris Osborn, of ShelBorn Music Productions are organizing a July 4th concert event larger than any before. It is called “Rock the District,” referring to Shreveport’s newly developed Riverfront District. A maze of sprawling contemporary structures, the area is home to dozens of unique shops and entertainment venues located just feet from the Red River.

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Having shared the stage with such acts as STAIN'D, GODSMACK, THURSDAY, SALIVA, FLAW, YEAR OF THE RABBIT, SOIL, L.A. GUNS, HOWLING FOR SOUP, DEATH BY STERIO, JOSH TODD, PAPA ROACH, LICKERSTICK, and many others...THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY is one of Louisiana's Premier Rock Bands

With songs from their latest CD, Welcome to the Show, in regular play on Radio Stations across the State, their unrelenting progress can be helped by fans ACROSS THE WORLD. Join us in supporting some Louisiana Musicians in their quest for Greatness. Just visit them at  
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The American Tragedy has performed at such notable venues as Farmclub on USA Network, House of Blues New Orleans, The Whisky A Go-Go in Los Angeles, CA, The Mason Jar Phoenix, The Milk Bar in San Francisco, CA, The Big Fish Pub in Tempe, AZ, Classic Rock Cafe in Oklahoma City, Fitzgerald's in Houston, TX, Howlin' Wolf in New Orleans, Tipitina's in New Orleans... the list goes on and on! As a result, Tragedy has sold over 8,000 cds from touring alone

www.myspace.com/theamericantragedy  
www.sonibids.com/theamericantragedy  
www.purevolume.com/theamericantragedy



the american tragedy

Festivities at Rock the District will include live music, food and fun, and face-painting for the kids. The headliner will be Ice House recording artist Wes Jeans, with several up-and-coming local bands opening the show. The music styles vary from Southern Alternative, Classic Rock, and Southern Blues.

Shelton said the local musicians are doing this to contribute to the cause and to support their local service men and women.

Several major local businesses jumped at the chance to support he event, including G&G Distribution, Eagle Distributing, 98 Rocks, Sand Box Recording Studios, StonePie Productions, Mako Designs, and

Photography by Bre. The turnout is expected to be enormous, according to organizers, and will significantly help the 1-156th AR FRG in Family Reunion Day, which will be held one to two months after the Soldiers return.

“What is very important to us is the fact that we support our community and make a small difference,” Shelton said.

“All of these musicians and volunteers are participating for free, and partial proceeds from the event will go to the 1-156th AR Family Readiness Group.” The 1-156th AR FRG is organizing a Family Reunion Day at the Hirsch Coliseum, shortly after the Soldiers return.

**Future Leaders of Iraq** *Continued from Page 7...*

Mustafa also said they are learning the value of leadership and beginning to respect the responsibility that comes with the title.

“They have learned they have special tasks that go with being leaders, and one of them is taking care of their Soldiers,” he said. “They must take care of their Soldiers.”

Rachal said the Iraqi Soldiers were a little hesitant at the beginning of the course and not quite sure what to expect. Toward the end of the week, however, their personalities shined through.

“They’re no different from American Soldiers at all. We had the class clown, we had the guy who liked to sleep in class, the guy who always made sure the class was doing what they were supposed to be; we had the smart guy; I even had a guy who couldn’t read or write, and now he can read at least part of the NCO Creed,” beamed Rachal.

The Iraqi Soldiers come to their base camp in civilian clothes and change into their military uniforms once they are safely behind the walls. Threats are made on their lives and the lives of their family members every day. Once, one of the Soldiers took two buses and caught a ride to the base, which made him a few minutes late for class. Rachal said this only instilled his appreciation for what these Soldiers are doing for their country.

“Every one of these Soldiers has been shot or shot at. Could you imagine having to come to work as a Soldier in your civilian clothes because of the threat that someone would kill you or your family if they knew that you defended your country for a living?” he mused. “These Soldiers and their families could be killed, but they do it anyway.”

Rachal said the anxiety he had at the beginning of the course was put to rest by the end of the seven days.

“It went really well and this class set the bar high for those who will follow after them.” he said.

Amazed that two countries so far apart in both geography and ideals could be quite the same when it came to the outlook of their Soldiers, Rachal said,

“We’re not all that different, we just speak two different languages.”

# CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THOSE BACK HOME

"Happy 4th of July Daddy!" The children of Master Sgt. John Bonin, HHC 3-156, Isabella, Gracanne, Jude, and Eden, send their father a big holiday greeting.



Staff Sgt. Darby Quinn,

We love you and are so proud of you. You are our hero! Counting down the days until we are able to be a family again....



Love,  
Cammi, Carli  
and Canaan Quinn

"I've learned that: goodbyes will always hurt, pictures can never replace being there, memories forget the hard times, words can never replace feelings, and heroes often go unsung"

~Author Unknown  
Spc. John Coffman,

You are our hero. We love and miss you and pray for your safe return.

Love always,  
Your wife and kids



## Congratulations

To Karlene and Staff Sgt. Louis Nicolosi for the birth of their baby girl Victoria Nicolosi  
Born: June 2, 2005  
Weight: 5lbs 15oz



To April and Spc. Jeremy Smith for the birth of their baby boy Kades Smith  
Born: on June 10, 2005  
Weight: 8lbs 7.2 oz



# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

## May Freedom Ring

~A Memorial to our veterans~

The freedom we share in the USA  
 The liberties and justice, which exist today  
 Are results of our Country's fighting men  
 For our freedom and rights, they will defend  
 In seventeen hundred seventy five  
 This fighting force did come alive  
 Protecting all across the land  
 Every Woman, Child and Man  
 For many wars these men have fought  
 In the jungles and across the seas  
 Giving their all, when giving the call  
 For the freedom of you and me  
 Each day is Independence Day and I would like to say  
 I'm proud to be an American, and live in the USA  
 I thank you Lord for allowing me  
 freedom and Democracy  
 Protect our Country's fighting men,  
 For our liberties, they do defend  
 May Freedom Ring throughout the land  
 For every Woman, child and Man  
 Keep our Soldiers safe 'O' Lord I pray  
 May our freedoms remain, which exist today!

*Dedicated to our veterans the fallen and the living  
 The true unseen heroes.*

--Len Wiggins



Sisters of Sgt. Warren Murphy's luncheon at Ft. Hood for the unveiling of a memorial to honor the fallen Soldiers.



The Family Readiness Group of "Charlie Rock," C Co., 3-156th, wishes their Soldiers a Happy 4th of July!

Sons of Sgt. 1st Class Kurt Comeaux, who was killed in December with 6 other members of the Blacksheep, and their new friends.



The Family Readiness Group of "Charlie Rock," C Co., 3-156th, came together for food and fun for their Spring Fling Picnic.



O'Malley wants to wish a Happy July 4th to her "daddy," Capt. Vaughn Leatherwood of 1-141 FA.

# Soldiers hold volleyball classic in honor of fallen brother

By Sgt. 1st Class Gerald H. Giles  
Task Force Geronimo

On June 24-26 Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, "Task Force Geronimo," 256th Brigade Combat Team hosted the first Sgt Seth Trahan Volleyball Classic in Baghdad. Seven teams throughout the battalion participated in the event, which was planned and coordinated by Sgt 1st Class Gerald Giles from Bossier City, La., and Spc. Chris Thibodeaux from Iota, La.

The tournament was in memory of Sgt. Seth Trahan, from Crowley, La., who was killed while on a dismounted patrol with his unit, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry. "Charlie Rock," as C Co. 3-156th is known, is attached to 1-156th AR. Soldiers of the unit, including Trahan encountered an improvised explosive device on this patrol, and Trahan lost his life.

The classic was based on a double elimination bracket, and allowed for a team to lose and still come out the winners. The team, "Big Nasty," or the 1-156th AR Medics, advanced to the final slot in the winner's bracket after beating the "Supporters," made up of Soldiers from the support platoon for the battalion.

The first team eliminated was "Tanker's Nightmare," the mechanics of Task Force Geronimo. Members of the battalion joked that the mechanics must have been ready to get back into the motor pool and get to work, since they were the first to go.

The "American Sand Jockeys" were the next victims taken. Comprised of battalion staff members and senior enlisted Soldiers, they lost their chance at the championship after a valiant effort. Fellow Soldiers said they "tried hard, but need to stay on their horses next time."

The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Thomas



Plunkett, from New Orleans, La., headed up the team, "Higher Hitters." After losing their first game, the team had to play "Big Nasty," which turned out to be just that for the Hitters—nasty. They moved to the loser's bracket after the loss, but won the next game, eliminating the "American Sand Jockeys."

The Hitters came up against Capt. Michael Hicks, from Shreveport, La., and 1st Sgt. Albert VanZant, from Ft. Mill, S.C., chain of command for A Co. 1-156th AR, and the Soldiers of "Dragoon." The game pushed Dragoon on top after eliminating the Hitters from the tournament. They lost their first game to the Supporters in the first round of the classic, and history repeated itself when they were once again defeated by the Hitters, and eliminated from the tournament.

"Charlie Rock" for the tournament, beat the "American Sand Jockeys" during the first round play, but in the end, the Supporters proved to be too much for them.

Soldiers said it was a Cinderella story for the Supporters and they came back to win the tournament. They beat Big Nasty twice and battled back from two losses to the medics.

The support from the Soldiers of TF Geronimo was awesome and the classic proved to build great Esprit De Corps among the Soldiers.

## New Scholarship

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The Horatio Alger Military Scholarship was launched last week and is reported to be the first national scholarship specific specifically for Afghanistan and Iraq war veterans. The Horatio Alger Association will distribute a total of \$10 million in scholarships to honorably discharged American veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. To be eligible, veterans must have served in Afghanistan or Iraq in 2001 or later and must demonstrate U.S. citizenship, financial need, and the intent to pursue bachelor's degrees.

The deadline for applications is September 1. Stars and Stripes reports that the \$5,000 scholarships are to be paid directly to the schools in \$1,250 increments over four years. More information on the scholarships, including an online application, is available at: [www.horatioalder.com](http://www.horatioalder.com)

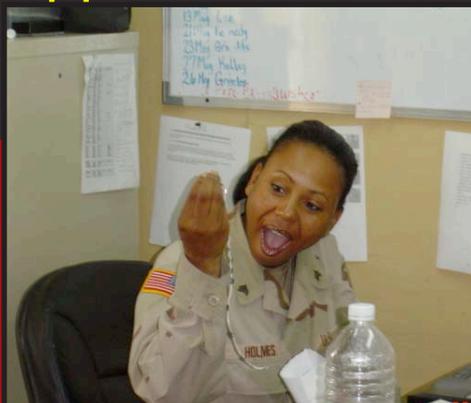
# INSIDE THE WIRE



CW2 William Solmo gets a break away as Staff Sgt. Bryan Kershaw attempts to track him down. TF I-69th hoop it under the hot sun.



It's not exactly Saks 5th Avenue, but that doesn't stop Soldiers from spending their money.



Sgt. Amanda Holmes from 256th MI Co., admiring her surprise birthday present.

Even in Iraq, Soldiers of 3-156th Inf. Bn. still find a way to enjoy America's favorite pastime.



# Justice Reigns in Tigerland

## Court Martials

1. Pvt. Emily Hamilton, HHC 1088th Eng. Bn. – Convicted of one specification of failure to report under Article 86, one specification of making a false official statement under Article 107, one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance (Hashish), one specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance (Hashish) and one specification of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance (Valium), all violations of Article 112a. Sentenced to reduction from E-3 to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for one year in a military detention facility and a bad conduct discharge.
2. Capt. Joseph Biagas, HHC 1088th Eng. Bn. - Convicted of two specifications of violating a lawful regulation (inappropriate sexual relationship with an enlisted person) under Article 92, one specification of making a false official statement under Article 107, one specification of wrongful disposition of military property (government cell phone) under Article 108, two specifications of adultery under Article 134, and one specification of fraternization under Article 134. Sentenced to dismissal, forfeiture of \$3,000 per month for six months, and six months confinement in a military detention facility.
3. Pvt. Michael Boudreaux, C Co., 1088th Eng. Bn. - Convicted of three specifications of wrongful possession of a controlled substance (Valium, Xanax, and Hashish) under Article 112a, and two specifications of violation of general order number one (possession of alcohol and pornography). Sentenced to reduction from E-5 to E-1, forfeiture of \$863 per month for seven months, confinement for seven months in a military detention facility, and a bad conduct discharge.
4. Spc. Patrick L. Bryant, B Co., 1-156th AR - Convicted of two specifications of violation of general order number two (improper relationship with local national and cohabitating with a local national) in violation of Article 92 and two specifications of dereliction of duty (failing to safeguard weapon and classified documents) in violation of Article 92. Sentenced to reduction from E-7 to E-4, forfeiture of \$300 per month for six months, and confinement for six months in a military detention facility.
5. Pvt. Ryan A. Leblanc, HHC 256th BCT - Convicted of one specification of Article 86, absent without leave and two specifications of Article 112a, controlled substances. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-2, forfeiture of \$1,130 pay, and confinement for 30 days in a military detention facility.
6. Pvt. Jamie L. Ledoux, HHC 256th BCT - One specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance and one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-2, forfeiture of \$1,075 pay, and confinement for 25 days in a military detention facility.
7. Pfc. Klairone Coleman, A Co., 1-156th AR – One specification of AWOL, Article 86. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-3 and forfeiture of \$847 for one month.
8. Pfc. Paul Dickerson, HHC 1-156th AR – One specification of violation of general order number one (alcohol) and one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), Article 112a. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-3 and confinement for ten days in a military detention facility.
9. Pvt. Larry Alston, Jr., B Battery, 1-141st FA – One specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana). Sentenced to reduction from E-3 to E-1, forfeiture of \$411 for one month, and confinement for 30 days in a military detention facility.
10. Pvt. Shaun Thompson, HHC 1-156th AR – One specification of violation of general order number one. Sentenced to reduction from E-3 to E-1, forfeiture of 2/3 pay per month for one month, and confinement for 21 days in a military detention facility.
11. Pfc. Dennis Linton, HHC 1-141st FA – One specification of AWOL, Article 86. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-3, forfeiture of 2/3 of one's months pay, and confinement for 30 days in a military detention facility.
12. Pvt. Terrance J. Tieucl, HHC 199th FSB – One specification of disrespect toward a commissioned officer under Article 89, three specifications of disobeying a lawful command of a commissioned officer under Article 90, one specification of disobeying a lawful order of a NCO under Article 91, and one specification of dereliction of duty under Article 92. Sentenced to reduction from E-3 to E-1, forfeiture of \$815.00 pay, and confinement for 30 days in a military detention facility.
14. Pfc. Phillip Hernandez, A Co., 1088th Eng. Bn. – one specification of AWOL under Article 86 and three specifications of disrespect to an NCO under Article 91. Sentenced to forfeiture of \$961.09 and confinement for 15 days in a military detention facility.
15. Pvt. Vincent E. George, A Co., 1088th Eng. Bn. – one specification of missing movement under Article 87, one specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance under Article 112a, one specification of disobeying an NCO under Article 92. Sentenced to reduction from E-4 to E-2, forfeiture of \$913.77 and confinement for 30 days in a military detention facility.

FAMILIES IN THE TIGER BRIGADE



Reese and Ross Baumann, twins from Oak Creek, Wis., of B Battery, 126th FA, attached to 1-141st FA

Uriel and Felipe Mayorga, from Milwaukee, Wis., are brothers serving together with B Battery, 126th FA, attached to 1-141st FA.



Specialists Gerald Bryant and Detrick Jenkins, both from Shreveport, are cousins with HHC 1-156th AR.



Sgt. Michael Benefield of 1-141st FA, attached to TF 1-69th Inf. Bn. for fire support, with his brother, David Benefield, an employee of Radiance Technologies.



