



Camp Victory remembers 9-11 terror victims

Story, photo by Pfc. Matthew Clifton

MNC-I PAO

More than 200 American and Coalition service members and civilians remembered the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S. with a ceremony held Sunday in the Al-Faw Palace ballroom on Camp Victory.

The ceremony began with the lighting of a candle for remembrance by Lt. Col. Thomas MacGregor, chaplain, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

"We are here today with the specific purpose of honoring the memory of those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001," MacGregor said. "Since the attack, America and the world have never been the same."

MacGregor's opening speech was followed by a slideshow titled "September 11, 2001: A Review in Pictures," which was accompanied by music from the 3rd Infantry Division Band Brass Ensemble.

A first-hand account of the attack on the Pentagon was then given by Lt. Col. Charles Gabrielson, commander, 327th Signal Battalion, 35th Sig. Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"That day started just like any other day in the Pentagon," Gabrielson said. "When the first aircraft hit the World Trade Center we all thought it was a small plane that was lost, but after the second one hit we knew it had to be a terrorist act."

"As we were trying to figure out what exactly had happened, the airplane hit the Pentagon," Gabrielson continued. "You could feel and hear the explosion, and it seemed to last forever."

Following Gabrielson's emotional speech,



Camp Victory firefighters fold the U.S. flag during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sunday in the Al-Faw Palace ballroom at Camp Victory, Iraq.

firefighters from the Camp Victory Fire Department raised an American flag while The Hard Corps Chorale sang "Mansions of the Lord."

A second candle, a candle of reflection, was then lit by Col. Lilton Marks, chaplain, Multi-National Force-Iraq. British Maj. Gen. Nicholas Parker, deputy commander, MNC-I, then gave a speech emphasizing the importance of our commitment to Iraq.

"We are standing at the very heart of the United States of America's extraordinary commitment to the peace of the world," Parker said. "All of us who watched in hor-

ror as the events unfolded in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington -- we all became Americans as part of an extraordinary wave of sympathy that I am certain remains just as strong today as it was then."

Parker's speech gave way to the Hard Corps Chorale's singing of "The Armed Forces Hymn" while a slideshow of the war in Iraq was presented.

A third and final candle was lit for reflection by Air Force Maj. James D. Tims, chaplain, MNC-I, and was followed by a closing prayer and song from The Protestant Praise Team.

Have insurgents invaded your military computer system?

Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp

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Prevent, Detect and Respond. These three words apply to something potentially devastating if not handled properly: the Department of Defense computers that service members use every day.

With operational security concerns and the ever-present threats of hacking and viruses, computer security is everyone's responsibility in a deployed

environment, said Air Force Capt. Oscar J. Ahumada, chief of Information Assurance at Camp Victory.

"The threat from terrorists or somebody hacking into our computers is a real threat," Ahumada said. "The threat runs anywhere from a disorganized hacker to organized crime, all the way to state-sponsored terrorists. These are no-kidding forms of computer hacking engaged at getting DOD information."

Minimizing the threat begins with prevention.

"This includes locking computers to prevent unauthorized access and checking files that are downloaded," Ahumada said. "The downloaded files should be checked for viruses by right clicking on the mouse and running a virus scan."

These measures are helpful, but not always fool-proof. That is where the second part of the three key words -- detection -- comes in. Troops should be

mindful of out-of-the-ordinary happenings with their computers, Ahumada said.

"If a computer is running slower than normal, or if the hard drive grinds for hours and hours, usually that is a sign something is wrong," he said.

When something like that happens, immediate action should be taken by responding to the first line of defense, the section information manage-

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Holiday Greetings

Holiday greetings teams will be on and around Camp Victory Monday through Sept. 22 to record and collect messages from deployed service members to their friends and families back home to play during the holidays.

Say hello to mom and dad, husband or wife, hometown, etc.

Monday: Camp Victory Shoppette and Sports Oasis Dining Facility

Sept. 20: Camps Stryker and Slayer

Sept. 21-22: Camp Liberty Main Post Exchange

Daily hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tell someone back home you're thinking of them during the holidays!



Blogs can harm Soldiers, security

Senior Airman Chawntain Sloan
MNC-I PAO

Blogs, online journals, personal Webs -- no matter what they're called, they seem to be gaining popularity with service members theater-wide who want to share exciting moments from their deployed life with family, friends and coworkers back home.

What some Soldiers may not realize is that they may be giving loved ones and the rest of the online world an inside peek at more than just everyday life in the desert.

According to a recent Department of the Army message from the chief and vice chief of staff of the Army, individuals who violate operational security by posting sensitive information like photos depicting weapons system vulnerabilities and tactics, techniques and procedures on publicly accessible domains "needlessly place lives at risk and degrade the effectiveness of our operations."

In the interest of safeguarding sensitive information, Lt. Gen. John Vines, Multi-National Corps - Iraq commanding general, established the "Unit and Soldier Owned and Maintained Web Sites Policy" that applies to all U.S. service members, Department of Defense employees and contract civilians assigned to or working for MNC - I.

"It is necessary to have this (Web site policy) in order to make it clear to Soldiers that they need to think before they post," said Maj. Thomas Biggerstaff, Multi-National Corps - Iraq Information Systems Division deputy. "Bragging about missions they were on and how they raided a house and so forth is fuel for the anti-Iraqi forces. Not only that, but photos of where they are and how their equipment looked after an event could provide information to the AIF."

While the Department of the Army message states that the Headquarters Department of the Army G-2 and the OPSEC support element are currently forming a mobile training team and developing a training module to educate Soldiers, the Web site policy established April 6, 2005, aims at deterring potential violators by requiring MNC-I personnel to register their Web-based log or personal

Web site with their unit chain of command. "Registration consists of providing the command with the URL where the Web page is located; the name of the Webmaster who puts the information on the site; the hosting company that hosts the actual server; the (individual's) name, unit, telephone number and e-mail address; and anything else the unit commander may ask of the (individual)," said Biggerstaff.

The unit chains of command are initially responsible for reviewing the sites for information deemed as "prohibited" on a periodic basis, but they also provide lists of the registered sites to MNC - I, who screen them as well, said Biggerstaff.

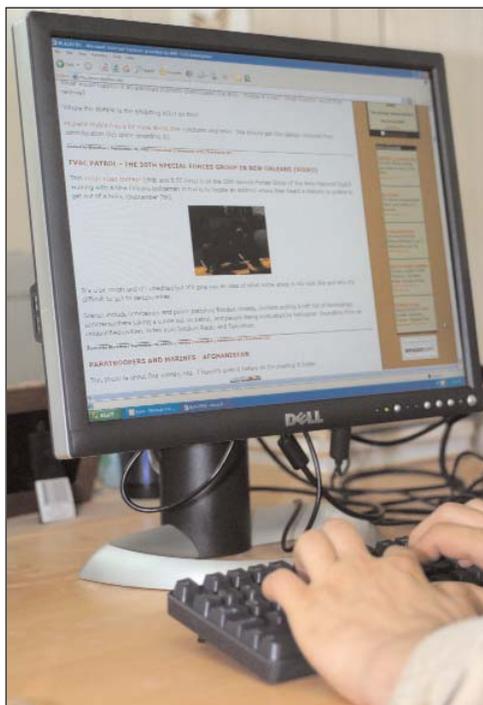
According to the policy, prohibited information is defined as information that is generally not released to the public because it has been categorized as classified, For Official Use Only or Privacy Act information.

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ment officer.

"The IMO can go to the help desk for assistance," Ahumada said.

"Also, each installation has an Information Assurance office that can respond to a lot of technical issues with the computers. Individuals should not do any technical work with the computers themselves," he added.

Causing a lot of technical issues with DOD computers in theater is the P2P, or point to point software, such as music and video downloading platforms, according to Edward E. Ngwu, the IA manager for Camp Victory.

"Downloading music or videos puts holes in computer security, which can allow viruses

and a variety of other things to get in," said Ngwu, a Houston native.

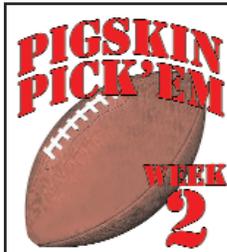
Camp Victory's computer security program blocks certain Web sites to prevent these types of openings, he said.

"It's a DOD network, and management wants the network to be used for DOD purposes," said Wallace L. Davis, who is also with Camp Victory's IA office.

"Downloading music is bandwidth-intensive and saturates the network," Davis said. "That slows things down for everyone else and presents a security risk to our network."

For more information regarding computer security and prevention, service members should contact their section IMO.

Correction: In a story in the Sept. 6 issue of the *Victory Weekly* under the headline "Buffalo roams military supply routes, protects from IEDs," a source was quoted saying the Buffalo armored personnel carrier is a South African vehicle when in fact it is produced in the U.S. by Force Protection, Inc., of South Carolina.



SSG St. Clair



PFC Clifton



PFC Ramirez

This Week's Picks

Schedule

Steelers at Texans
Lions at Bears
Vikings at Bengals
Jaguars at Colts
Ravens at Titans
Patriots at Panthers
Bills at Buccaneers
49ers at Eagles
Rams at Cardinals
Falcons at Seahawks
Dolphins at Jets
Browns at Packers
Chargers at Broncos
Chiefs at Raiders
Giants at Saints
Redskins at Cowboys

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Last Week's Results:
Overall:

8 - 8
8 - 8

7 - 9
7 - 9

12 - 4
12 - 4

Notes

It's evident that last week's guest picker had luck on his side; it's also evident that St. Clair's and especially Clifton's picks were ... total crap. That being said, the great thing about the Pick'em is that there's a clean slate every week (unless your overall record is like 15 - 47 after week four, because at that point you quit, go home and cry to mama).

There's no reason to believe Seattle's Sunday performance was the harbinger of a doomed season, since the loss at Jacksonville was a fluke at best. An at least 11 - 5 season and second-round playoff berth looms. You heard it here first.

This week's guest picker is Pfc. Michael Ramirez, telephone communications operator, 1st Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

If you would like to be a guest picker, call 822-1414 or e-mail mark.st.clair@iraq.centcom.mil. T.O. has B.O.

2005 Iraqi Democratic Election Dos and Don'ts

DO

- DO appear completely NEUTRAL in all matters relating to the Iraqi Referendum and Elections
- DO refer Iraqis with any Referendum or Election questions to their local Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq office or WWW.IECIRAQ.ORG
- DO follow published Rules of Engagement (ROE)
- DO report all observed "political" gatherings to your chain-of-command
- DO follow Unit SOPs regarding contact with the media

DON'T

- DON'T appear to favor any Iraqi parties or candidates and remain completely neutral at all times
- DON'T enter into debates about the Referendum or Elections
- DON'T gather near registration or polling centers, UNLESS directed to do so by your chain-of-command
- DON'T interfere with Iraqi political gatherings
- DON'T interfere with media coverage of Iraqi Elections

BLOGGING

Although punishment for violators is at the discretion of unit commanders, service members could be subject to adverse administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, whereas DOD civilians and contract employees could be subject to adverse administrative action.

"It depends on the seriousness of the content," said Maj. Matthew Ruzicka, chief of MNC-I Military Justice. "An inappropriate remark, for instance, may result in oral or written counseling.

"As the content gets more extreme, such as releasing

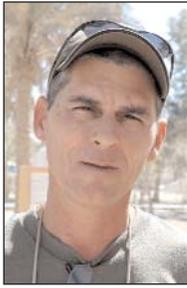
casualty information or tactics, techniques and procedures, an individual could receive an Article 15 or even be court-martialed for more serious violations."

Biggerstaff said the policy provides a clear-cut definition about what is and is not acceptable.

"Bloggers, or potential bloggers, should read the policy letter and ensure they understand the meaning behind it. They have the potential to cause great harm with inadvertent photos or messages," said Biggerstaff.

"In a nutshell - blog, but blog responsibly. Your buddy's life may depend on it."

Voices of Victory: What is your favorite football team?



"I would have to say the Dallas Cowboys."

Jim Miller,
communications contractor,
MCI



"I am a huge Green Bay Packers fan."

Spc. Kevin Pivotto,
telephone communications
operator,
1st Detachment, 3rd Signal
Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division



"My favorite football team is definitely the Tennessee Titans."

Chief Warrant Officer 2
Daphanie Williams,
Brigade Maintenance Office,
Dragon Brigade

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.

Shopette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

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

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Chapel (Bldg. 31)

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

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 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



photo by Spc. Laura M. Bigenho/42nd MP Bde. PAO

Hydration on the go

A Soldier reaches out for "water to go" as he runs by a water point during the September 11 Remembrance Run Sunday.

Victory MWR Events September 13 - 19

Today: Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Nine-ball at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Softball Coaches Meeting at Bldg. 51 at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Dominoes at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Spades at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Basketball Playoffs end

Thursday: Country Night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Ping-Pong at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Ping-Pong at 7:30 p.m.

Friday: Ping-Pong at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; *Die Hard* Movie Marathon at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Softball Tournament

Saturday: All-Star Hip-Hop Night at 7 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Dominoes at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Softball Tournament

Sunday: Slow R&B and Jazz at 6 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Softball Tournament

Monday: Chess at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Halo at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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