



Medical responders prepare a casualty for evacuation Friday after a simulated attack on Al-Faw Palace.

## Attack on palace raises awareness

### Exercise evaluates readiness

Story, photos by Cpl. Laura E. Ruscio  
MNC-I PAO

Rescue workers rushed to the scene after Al-Faw Palace was attacked Friday, killing troops and leaving many injured. Fortunately, this was a simulated attack and the cries for help rang out as part of the mass casualty exercise performed to evaluate the standard operating procedures and drills of the medical responders and palace staff.

"In the event of a catastrophic attack on Al-Faw Palace, there has to be a mechanism in place

to address mass casualties. This exercise will help us to better prepare for an attack," said Lt. Col. Timotheus A. Graham, Multi-National Corps - Iraq headquarters commandant.

After the palace non-commissioned officer in-charge assessed the damage, a call was placed to notify rescue workers and an announcement was made within the palace stating the beginning of the exercise.

The staff rapidly responded to the 2 p.m. call and rescue workers quickly rushed to the palace, showcasing their ability to handle a simi-



An ambulance arrives at the palace to treat and evacuate casualties Friday as part of the mass casualty exercise.

lar situation if it were to occur.

Throughout the palace the sections' aid and lit-

ter teams swept the area, in search of casualties.

Upon the discovery of an injured troop,

the teams delivered the casualty to the designated area outside and wait-

# Coalition Forces celebrate the holiday season

Story, photos by  
**Pfc. Mark B. Matthews**  
MNC-I PAO

Though thousands of miles away from home, the Christmas spirit was alive and well with carols, a Christmas tree and an opportunity for people from all corners of the world to join together during the holidays to celebrate a season of peace and good will.

The Annual Multi-National Force-Iraq and Multi-National Corps-Iraq Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held at the Al-Faw Palace Sunday to celebrate the beginning of this holiday season.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., MNF-I commander, was present and seemed pleased to see faces from so many countries together to witness the lighting of the Christmas tree.

"The notion that countries from all over the world have sent their young men and women here to give the gift of freedom to the people of Iraq is about the best



The Hard Corps Chorale sang a number of Christmas Carols throughout the ceremony and encouraged everyone present to sing along to songs like "Joy to the World" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".

Christmas gift of all that we can give," Casey said. "So thank you very much for all that you do to bring freedom and security to the Iraqi people."

Casey's remarks were followed by the tree light-

ing and carols sung by the Hard Corps Chorale. The choir sang many carols and encouraged everyone present to sing along and to try to make things feel as much like home as possible.

"I've often told people that the more normal we can make our lives while we are here can make it easier to make it through stressful periods," said Lt. Col. Neil Johnson, Hard Corps Chorale

spirit with everyone," said Capt. Darwin Maul, Multi-National Corps-Iraq Fires and Effects. "If you can't be home for the holidays at least be with people you like and the people you work with."

***"I very much appreciate your sacrifices and the sacrifices of your families this holiday season."***

-- Gen. George G. Casey Jr.  
MNF-I commander

director. "For a lot of folks this is their first Christmas away from home, and it's things like this and singing Christmas music that provide a great way to cope with the separation."

As Christmas music rang through the halls of the palace and refreshments were served, it seemed easy for most people to get into the holiday spirit.

"Even though we can't be at home right now it is nice to be able to come out and share your holiday

Although separated from families and friends this holiday season, troops from all over the world can make the best of the situation and continue providing freedom and stability to Iraq.

"This tree can give us all something that can remind us of home," Casey said. "I know it is hard to be away from loved ones over the holidays, but I very much appreciate your sacrifices and the sacrifices of your families this holiday season."



Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Multi-National Force Iraq commander, speaks before the Christmas tree lighting Sunday at the Al-Faw Palace.

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ed for the arrival of medical personnel. After assessing the injuries, the medical teams began evacuating to the Troop Medical Center for further treatment.

Spc. Marc Duvois, MNC-1 C1, who acted as a casualty during the event said, "We try to make the situation as realistic as possible to test our knowledge and keep us aware that we are in a combat situation and the possibility of an attack is higher."

This exercise was amongst a series of

successful exercises that have taken place throughout the year of operation for MNC-1 and Multi-National Force - Iraq and had no affect on the day-to-day operations of Camp Victory.

"The insurgents are out there, and we all know that at any moment they could attack," Graham said.

"It is very important, especially in a combat environment, that we stay prepared and have the ability to address these situations."



Camp Victory firefighters work to remove a simulated victim of the attack on Al-Faw Palace Friday as part of the mass casualty exercise.

## PIGSKIN PICK'EM WEEK 15 Schedule

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

Last Week's Results:  
Overall: 12 - 4



SSG St.Clair



PFC Clifton



PFC Ford

### This Week's Picks

Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Giants	Giants	Giants
Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Colts	Colts	Colts
Panthers	Panthers	Panthers
Vikings	Steelers	Steelers
Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Rams	Rams	Rams
Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Bengals	Bengals	Bengals
Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Bears	Bears	Bears
Packers	Packers	Packers

12 - 4      10 - 6      10 - 6  
131 - 77      125 - 83      131 - 77

### Notes

Well there are just three short weeks left in the regular season, and Staff Sgt. St.Clair, coming off another pristinely-picked week, and the guests find themselves battling for king of the mountain once again. Pfc. Clifton refuses to acknowledge defeat, and is staying constant at six games back. Early on in the season, the Pick'em predicted Seattle would go 11 - 5 for the year, and it looks like they're going to eclipse that mark. The Seattle victory over Indy in week 16 is looking to be the regular season game of the year, and a possible preview of the Super Bowl, seeing as they're the only two teams who've clinched playoff berths so far. This week's guest picker is Pfc. Joshua R. Ford, photojournalist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Division. Only two chances left to get in on all the Pick'em action! Be a guest picker by calling 822-1111 or e-mailing mark.st.clair@iraq.centcom.mil!



# WARNING!



## STOP MEANS STOP !

## OBEY THE TRAFFIC SIGNS !!

## The life you save may be your own. Go Home ALIVE!

## Voices of Victory: *What is your favorite holiday tradition?*



**"I enjoy shopping, because of all the sales and we do it as a family."**

Sgt. Stephanie Weber  
502nd Personnel Support Battalion



**"I like the quiet time at home with my wife."**

Brad Hamm  
contractor  
Kellogg, Brown and Root



**"I love New Years Eve, because I get to bring in a new year with a party."**

Sgt. Toby Green  
243rd Engineer Company

### 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 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.  
Eastern Orthodox services:

##### Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

##### Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.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:

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

**Once, they see you.  
Twice, you're known.  
Three times you're  
dead.**

**Don't be predictable.**

**STAY ALIVE**

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## Stars and Stripes

**December 14: Will print the S&S but may not be able to move it due to road restrictions**

**December 15: Will NOT print S&S on this day**

**December 16- Will print the S&S but again may not be able to move due to road restrictions**

### Victory MWR Events for December 13 - December 19

**Today:** Ping Pong Tournament at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Dominoes Tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg 124; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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

**Friday:** Latin Dance Night at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7 - 9 p.m.

**Saturday:** College Football at Bldg. 124; College Football at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m..

**Sunday:** NFL Football at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 124; NFL Football at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Self Defense from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m..

**Monday:** Ping Pong Tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; 9-Ball Tournament at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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