



## Robots increase safety on roads

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Technology has come a long way in the past decade. Although it may be a few years before Johnny 5 can be found on the shelves of electronics stores, robots are used on a daily basis in medical research and automobile manufacturing. Service members in Iraq see them as vital tools in force protection.

Employees of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command build and maintain a variety of robots used to detect, disarm and dispose of improvised explosive devices on the roads of Iraq.

"We provide the ground support for the robotics community in theater, particularly the IED Task Force," said Paul Varian, logistics assistance representative for AMCOM. "All of their logistics, training, supply and repairs come out of this facility."

The robots are very useful and have a wide variety of tools to help service members safely dispose of dangerous materials.

"The biggest benefit the robots give is that they can be the eyes, ears and, in the case of one robot

even, the nose forward of the Soldier," said Varian. "The robots are able to be out in harms way so the service member doesn't have to."

The robots have a very dangerous job and do not all come back in one piece, but according to the people who work on the robots that is a good thing.

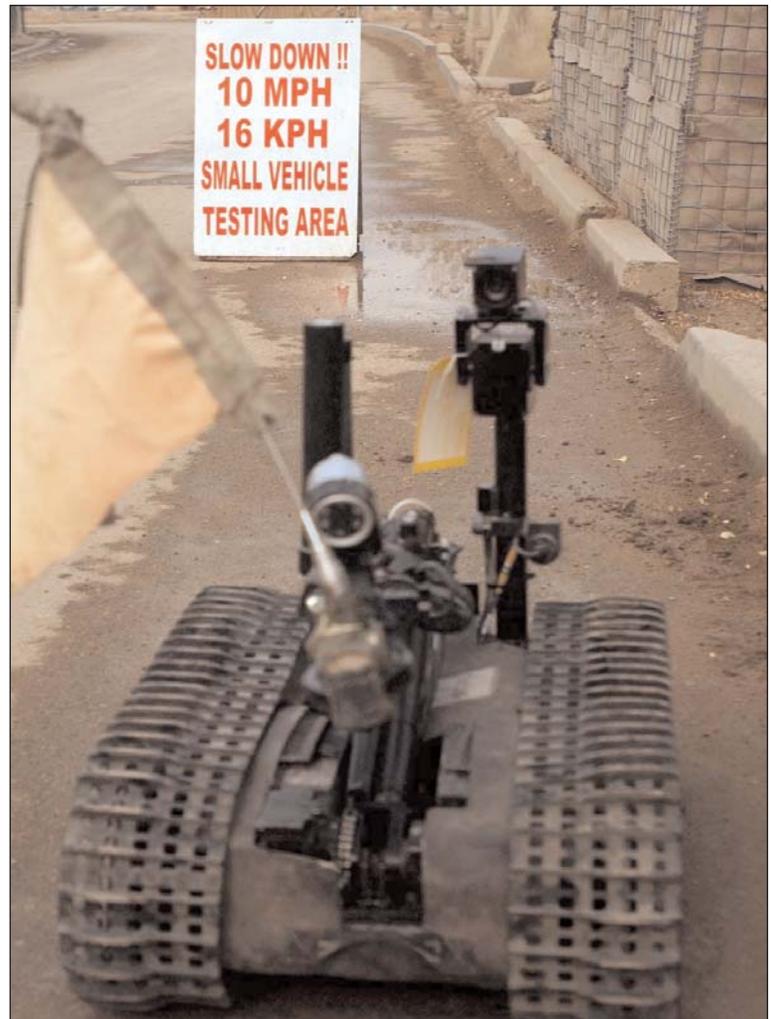
"We have had a fair number of robots that have been either damaged or destroyed while doing their jobs," Varian said.

The service members that actually use the robots in the field seem to enjoy having the robots do the dirty work.

"These robots are very effective," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Schilhabel, team leader, 447th Explosive Ordnance Disposal. "It makes it a lot safer so we are not out there doing the hands on stuff. We are using a robot."

Although the robots are very small they are built to take a licking and keep on ticking.

As the roads in Iraq continue to improve, the robots, AMCOM employees and the service members tasked to operate the robots will continue to do their jobs while increasing safety for the Iraqi people.



These robots are constantly being tested and modified to conduct their jobs as efficiently as possible. They can have up to six cameras and are expected to be able to get into small places.



Not all of the robots used to dispose of improvised explosive devices come back in one piece. If any robot can't be completely restored, useable parts are salvaged and used to repair other robots.



James Taylor, U.S. Army Aviation Missile Command robot technician, repairs a robot's arm on Camp Victory Sunday.

# Rainy season raises driving hazards

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As the rainy season approaches, driving conditions on the streets of Camp Victory will continue to be a hazard.

With narrow streets and a large number of vehicles occupying them at any given time, the Victory Base Complex Provost Marshal Office has a few guidelines to help people arrive alive.

Lt. Col. Jack Miller, VBC provost marshal, has a few tips for anyone driving the streets of Camp Victory.

**What are the biggest causes of vehicle accidents?**

- o Inexperienced drivers on narrow roads driving large vehicles.
- o Driving too fast for weather and road conditions.
- o Driving too close.
- o Not paying attention.

**Tips to ALL drivers:**

o Don't drink alcohol and drive. Yes, we do get driving under the influence violations of General Order 1A, a UCMJ offense. Don't lose your career and your freedom over a drink.

o Slow down and drive defensively. We do run radar and write DD 1408, traffic tickets that go to your commanders for action.

o At night, be extra careful of the pedestrians. Dark streets filled with camouflaged pedestrians are



This vehicle stands as a reminder of what happens when driver awareness is not properly applied. It is being displayed randomly across the Victory Base Complex.

a dangerous combination.

- o Obey all traffic signs. We have a great deal of stop-sign runners.
- o Don't "drive it like you stole it" inside the wire.
- o The first person you run over and kill may be your best friend.

o Narrow roads with minimal clearance, dark nights, and large vehicles are a deadly combination if you are not very careful and observant.

o Even the most experienced drivers can find themselves in an

automobile accident. In the event of a wreck, it is important for everyone to know the proper authorities to contact.

**If a driver gets into an accident, what does the driver do?**

o Contact the MP station immediately (DSN: 318-822-4790).

o If there are injuries, tell the MP station when you call.

o If you are blocking traffic, move to the side of the road and wait for the MP patrol to arrive.

o Do not leave the scene. Report the accident immediately, not days later.

"Remember the roads are small, the nights are dark and the streets are slick" said Miller.

"Simply slow down, pay attention and obey all posted speed limits. The Provost Marshal's Office wishes every service member and civilian a safe and successful tour of duty."



During the rainy season, the roads can become very difficult to drive on due to mud and wet areas. Drivers should proceed with extra caution.

courtesy photo

# Flu shots arrive for civilian contractors

Story by Cpl. Laura Ruscio  
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During deployments, troops and civilian contractors have many things on their minds. Getting sick is an additional stress added to their daily lives as well as the lives of those around them.

Since there were more than 35,000 influenza-related deaths in the United States last year, the corps surgeon has every intention of promoting a healthier force for those who live and work alongside Armed Forces personnel.

“To reduce the potential spread of the disease and to lessen the possible demand on limited

healthcare resources, the military has made flu shots available to all civilian contractors,” said Lt. Col. Brett Kelly, Multi National Corps – Iraq Surgeon’s Office.

With flu season around the corner, medical personnel are making sure the civilian contractors are aware of the proper precautions to avoid getting sick this year.

“The best approach for protecting yourself against coming down with the flu is to get a flu shot,” Kelly said.

Since not everyone will take advantage of the vaccination, the spread of influenza is inevitable. However, there are some precautions one can take should they contract the flu.

“Close working conditions only hasten the spread of the disease, so those with the flu should limit their exposure to others if at all possible. Also, washings your hands regularly is another method to reduce disease transmission,” Kelly said.

To avoid becoming a victim of the season’s illness, report to one of the following locations to receive your vaccination:

- o 738th ASMC on Camp Victory.
- o 602nd ASMC on Camp Liberty.
- o 447th EMEDS on BIAP during normal clinic hours.
- o KBR employees must obtain their flu shot at a KBR health clinic.

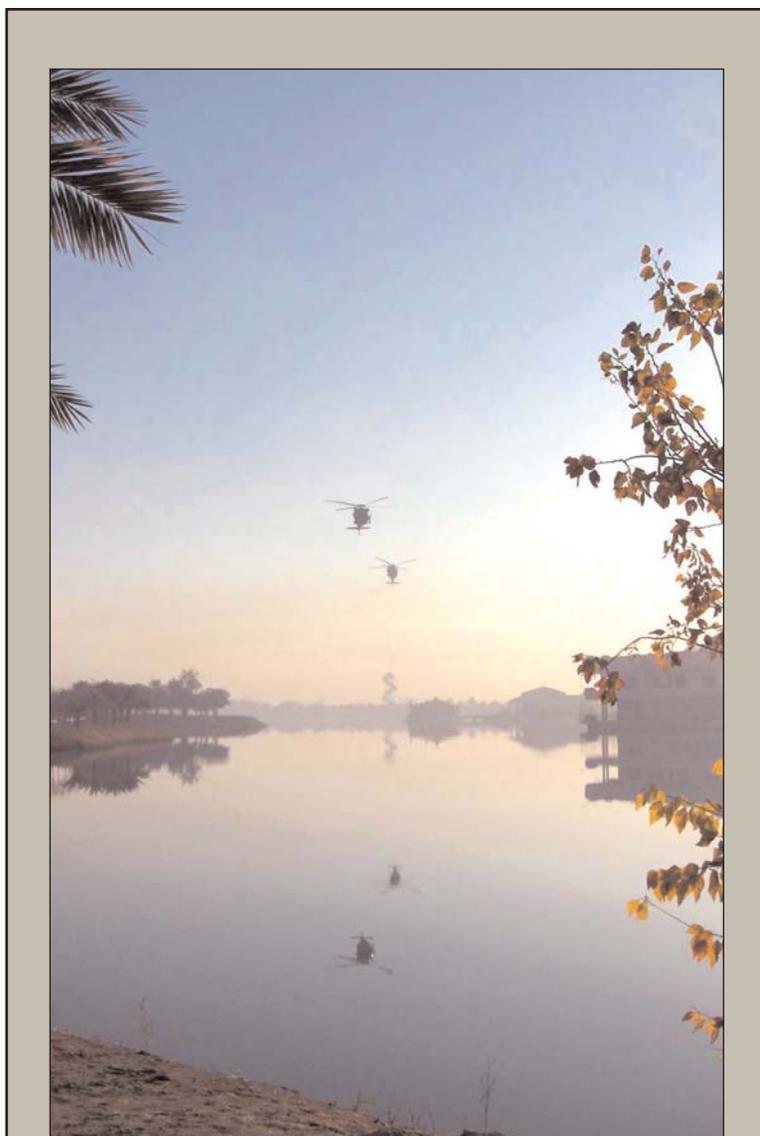


Photo by Maj. Dennis McGowan

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## Voices of Victory: Who do you think will go to Super Bowl XL?



"I think New England always seems to have what it takes to make it to the Super Bowl."

Spc. Thomas Contreras  
clerk  
VBC Provost Marshal



"Definitely Indianapolis because they almost went undefeated."

Master Sgt. Pamela Andrews  
NCOIC  
VBC Provost Marshal's Office



"I have to say Carolina because I am all about the South."

Andre Laubscher  
contractor  
KBR

### 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:

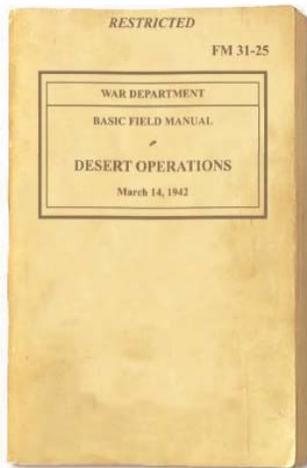
Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

##### Pharmacy:

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Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

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### Victory MWR Events for January 10 - 16

**Today:** Ping Pong Tournament at Bldg. 51; Dominoes Tournament at Bldg. 124 at 8 p.m.; At the Gym: Tae Kwon Do from 6 - 7 p.m. and Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Spades Tournament at Bldg. 51; Ping Pong Tournament 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 Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Sambo/Ju-Jitsu from 9 - 10 p.m.

**Friday:** Latin Dance Night at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 51; First-run movies at Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m.

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

**Saturday:** Football Tournament (Friday and Saturday); First-run movies at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

**Sunday:** Chess Tournament at Bldg. 124 and Bldg. 51 at 8 p.m.; Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Chess Tournament 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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