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U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

On Guard: From left, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tony Rivera and Senior Airmen Jason Bauer and Darryll Morley, with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, during a training exercise, provide security for a C-130 Hercules aircraft from the 463rd Airlift Group at Balad Air Base.

Mosul grows peacefully

Story by Spc. Rick Rzepka
Scimitar Assistant Editor

MOSUL — Iraqi Army forces from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, assumed control of a sector of Mosul last week during a ceremony at a local soccer field here.

The ceremony was attended by local officials including the Ninevah province governor, Duraid Mohammed Da'ud

Abbodi Kashmoula, who was appointed in July 2004.

"This is a great day for the people of Mosul," said Kashmoula. "Mosul of the past is no more. We thank our friends and look to the future," he said after the ceremony.

The transfer of battlespace is the second to take place here. On Dec. 27, the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division assumed control of another section of

Iraq's second largest city.

Mosul has come a long way in the past year, said Col. Mike Shields, commander, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

"Today marks an important day for Mosul," he said, adding that the authority is in capable hands.

The Iraqi public in Mosul is becoming less tolerant of the insurgency and are helping the Iraqi Security Forces locate the insurgents with tips, said Shields.

This rejection of the insurgency, along with increased pressure from Iraqi Army and Coalition forces, has led to a 57 percent reduction in total attacks since last January, said Shields.

The Iraqi police presence in Mosul has also significantly increased from a year ago. Today the Ninevah province has 14,000 policemen on duty, most who are

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Attention to detail



U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Javier Capella

Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Hanna of Toledo, Ohio and an electronics technician, performs corrective maintenance on a radio aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. The Roosevelt is underway on a regularly scheduled deployment conducting maritime security operations in the Persian Gulf.

MOSUL

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trained locally at the Mosul Public Safety Academy.

The academy, which trains Iraqis in various facets of public safety including firefighting and emergency medical assistance, accommodates 500 students who wish to become Iraq's future crimefighters.

Mosul's infrastructure has also seen major changes. Since reconstruction began, more than 194 projects valued at \$182 million have begun, with 56 completed. The effort to rebuild Mosul's infrastructure has three major focal points.

There are 18 projects dedicated to water and sanitation, 83 projects involving education, and 45 projects designed to support law and governance that have been completed, said Col. Bruce Grant, deputy team leader for reconstruction.

"Our job is critical to helping build up the Iraqi government with less American presence while maintaining security," said Grant.

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Duraïd Mohammed Da'ud Abbodi



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Rick Rzepka

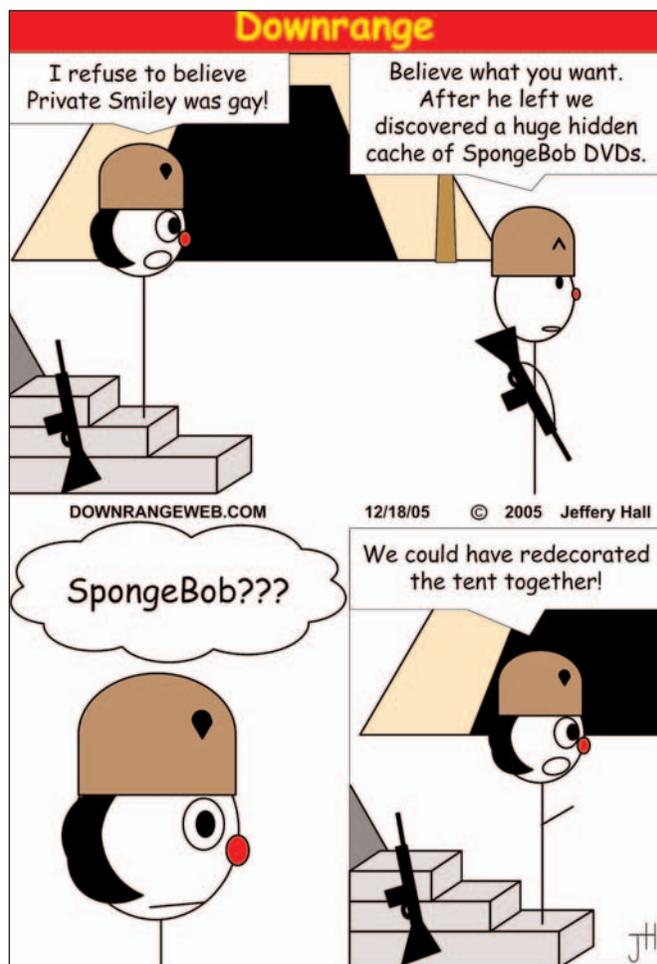
An Iraqi police instructor at the Mosul Public Safety Academy demonstrates the martial arts skills he teaches students here.

Pushing the big rod



U.S. Army photo by Pfc. William Servinski II

U.S. Army Pfc. Christian Zelaya, with Company B, 4th Brigade, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, pushes a cleaning rod down the barrel of a howitzer during routine maintenance at Forward Operations Base Rustimya.



PERSPECTIVES

One year later, success in Mosul

By Maj. Thomas Kane

Multi-National Force - Iraq, Strategic Effects

The northern Iraqi city of Mosul is not the same place it was a year ago. It's better.

On Jan. 25 the 101st Airborne Division hosted a media outreach event in Mosul that focused on significant improvements in security and governance. The event included a transfer of authority ceremony for battle space turnover by the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Iraqi Army in West Mosul. The media also visited Provincial Hall where Governor Durayd Kashmoulah and other Nineveh provincial leaders spoke about major improvements in provincial and local government. The outreach concluded at the Mosul Public Service Academy where Iraqi and Coalition leaders along with the press viewed police training and facilities.

In 2004, Mosul experienced an aggressive insurgency effort that reached its peak intensity in October and November. The insurgency organized a robust and overwhelming offensive that led to the collapse of the Mosul Police Department on Nov. 10, 2004. The security crisis in November 2004 also created a stoppage on economic and essential service efforts in Mosul and throughout the province.

Despite the desperate security situation, Governor Kashmoulah, key provincial government and existing Iraqi Security Force members worked with Coalition Forces to retain order. The evolution of Mosul from 2004 to the present highlights the significant improvements made in security, governance and economic growth.

Since Jan. 2005 the Iraqi Security Forces made substantial progress. Currently, the 2nd Iraqi Army Division has 4,200 fully equipped and trained members in Mosul and the greater rural area. The division developed their strength, proficiency and confidence within the last year. On Jan. 25 the division assumed independent security operations in West Mosul. West Mosul has a history of high anti-Iraqi Forces activity and is the most challenging section of the

city. However, Coalition force commanders in the area are confident the Iraqi Army has the ability to meet this challenge.

To date, the Mosul Police Department has 6,175 officers on duty. There is a major effort in the province and Mosul to fill the ranks of the police with academy-trained officers. The Mosul Public Service Academy is a major province institution helping fill the void of trained police officers. Mosul currently has 1,000 academy-trained police officers and anticipates at least 4,000 more trained by December. The Mosul Police Department presently participates in Coalition Force and Iraqi Army Security operations within the city.

Since Jan. 2005, the Mosul Police improved department leadership, and public trust. Training predictions indicate that the Mosul Police Department will have 100 percent of their members academy trained by mid 2007.

The significant progress in security makes improvements in government and the economic sector possible. In Nov. 2005 Coalition Forces started the first Provincial Reconstruction Team in Nineveh Province. The team is composed of civilian and military advisors and subject matter experts to help build the capacity of provincial government to improve areas of governance, economy and rule of law.

Gov. Kashmoulah and Nineveh Officials are working with the PRT and making improvements in agriculture, education, healthcare, master planning and revenue generation.

Once the newly-elected National Government is seated, Nineveh Province will address provincial issues on the national level to gain support and economic assistance for continued improvements in security, governance and economic stimulation.

The recent success in Mosul over the last year is a testament to the bravery, determination and pride of all Mosul residents and the government officials who lead and serve them.

Comparing the complex challenges of Nov. 2004 to the progress evident in Jan. 2006 it is increasingly obvious that Iraqi Security Forces are in the lead and growing stronger every day. Future successes in security will make it possible for further governmental and economic growth in Mosul and surrounding Nineveh communities.

Scimitar Pulse

Who do you want win the Super Bowl?

"Steelers, because of Hines Ward."



Staff Sgt. Judith Smith
Multi-National Force - Iraq,
Strategic Effects
New York



"Seahawks. I have to represent the West Coast. I'm a West Coast Sailor."

Petty Officer 1st Class Tina Taylor
Central Criminal Court of Iraq
Springfield, Tenn.

"Steelers. I don't like Seattle."



Spc. Ashley Morrison
738th Medical Company
Peru, Ind.



"Steelers. They're a Cinderella story. I want to see them go all the way."

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Smith
Company A, 501st Special Troop Battalion
Valdosta, Ga.

"Steelers. I've been watching the games, and they have a better defense."



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Chapel renovated

Story and photo by Spc. Lee Elder
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAQUBAH — A renovation of the chapel on Forward Operating Base Warhorse will double the facility's seating capacity and give chapel-related activities a central location.

The project, expected to be completed later this month, will allow the chapel to seat 125 to 150, increasing the number from the old capacity of 60.

Kellogg, Brown & Root is the contractor for the project and is using local Iraqi firms as subcontractors.

"It's going to be nice to have a home," said Maj. James Hartz, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team chaplain.

"We're trying to have a focal point where folks can come. "We are spread out a bit. It makes it a little easier for the support staff to be around and for people to know what's going on."

With the exception of the gospel service, which meets at the Faulkenberg Theater, all of the services and activities will be consolidated into the newly renovated facility, said Staff Sgt. Anthony Fox, the brigade's chaplain assistant.

Fox said the renovation involved gutting the inside of the old facility and installing a new roof. Tile is now being laid and it will soon be painted.

"It's coming along quite nicely," Fox said.

The project started by the 3rd Infantry Division chaplains who preceded the current occupants. The new facility should allow growth by existing religious groups who use the building.

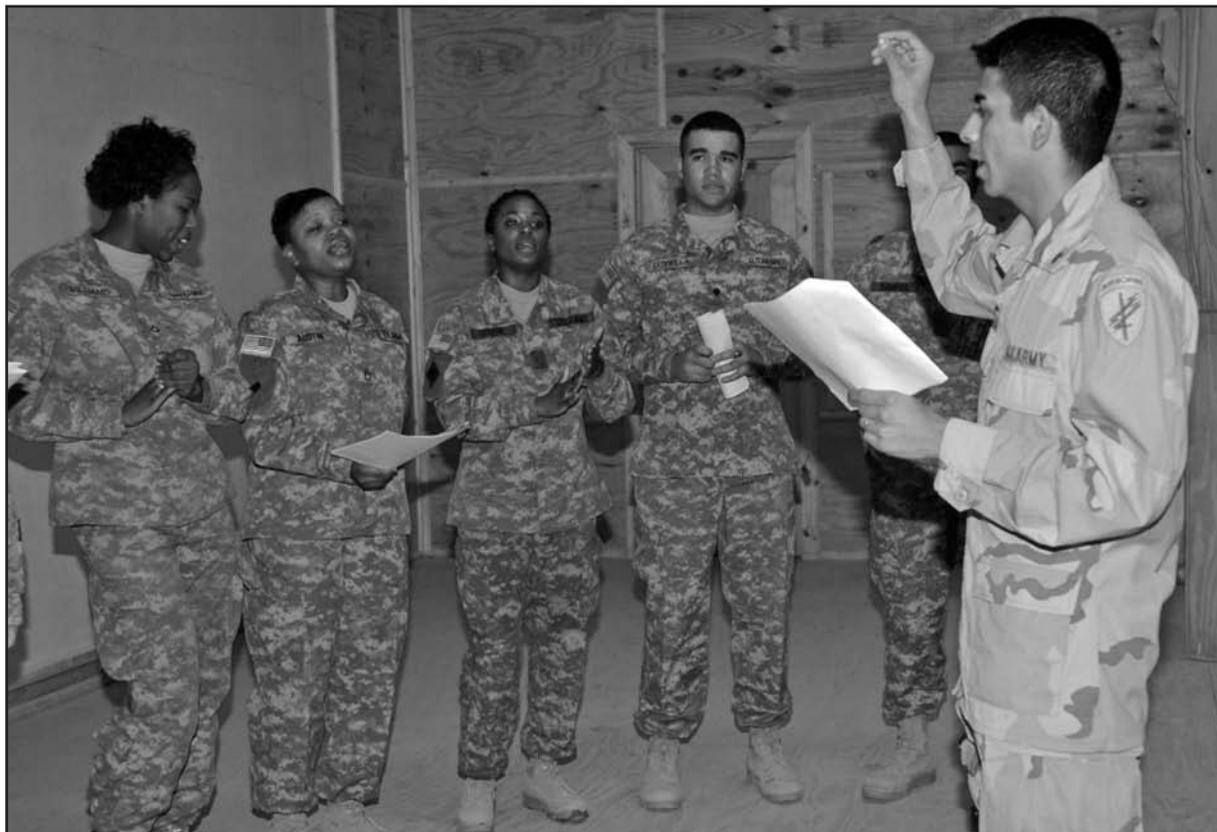
"They had some really good turnouts in their facility, but they didn't have the facility to handle it," Hartz said.

Hartz said the ministries will go on in the interim while the construction continues. He said many of the other offices on post have been cooperative in letting chapel-related activities be held in their facilities.

"The chapel is a nice place, but church is where two or more people gather in the name of the Lord," Hartz said. "People get into a routine that that is where church is."



An Iraqi worker mixes plaster as preparations are made to lay tile. They are working on a crew that is renovating the Warhorse Chapel which is due to completed in February



Choir Director Sgt. Ray Silva leads the FOB Warhorse choir during practice

Gospel choir sings in harmony at Warhorse

Story and photo by Spc. Lee Elder
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAQUBAH — They lift their voices together in harmony, move in seemingly perfect rhythm and they're unite in their cause.

Not bad for the first two weeks.

The gospel choir at Forward Operating Base Warhorse has grown to a dozen members after just two weeks of practice. They are one of the featured attractions at chapel's gospel service, which is being held at the Faulkenburg Theater.

The choir's director is Sgt. Ray Silva. He's an Army Reservist from Lubbock, Texas, and works in the 445th Civil Affairs Battalion as a facilities liaison.

Silva said choir members hit it off during their first practice.

They've only improved with time.

"God has truly blessed us,"

Silva said. "During our first choir practice, we all got together and introduced ourselves. We kind of listened to each other's voices and just through the miracle of God, we just all pulled together and

started working together. We worked on our first song that night and it was awesome."

Directing a choir in a combat zone has its challenges, Silva said. Between competing schedules and demanding jobs, getting the choir together for practice isn't always easy.

"One of the challenges is getting people to actually come out to the choir," Silva said.

"There is so much talent out there, and just to have them get over their fears of performing in front of people, that's one of the challenges I'm finding."

The challenges only serve to make the finished product more enjoyable, Silva said.

"Once we get together, though, and we look at all

our talent and put it together, it's awesome," Silva said.

Although choir members come from different units, work different jobs and have different working hours, they are united by their faith.

"You have a lot of people who really have a lot of desire and a passion to lift up the name of Jesus," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Dukes, a choir member.

Dukes, who serves as a member of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's technology office, is a member of his choir in his home church in Texas. He said singing in a choir here makes the long months of the deployment easier.

"Just to be able to see the members of the choir, it's the highlight of the day," Dukes said.

One of the choir's most dynamic performers is Pfc. Erica Greene, Company C, 64th Brigade Support Battalion. She said she thinks of her fellow choir members as family even though they have only been together a few days.

Greene, like the others, loves music. It's her way of expressing

her faith.

"I'm able to praise God with a gift I feel like he's given me," Greene said.

The choir now performs most of its music without musical accompaniment. They hope to add a band as more musicians are recruited over the course of their year-long deployment.

With or without instruments, the choir plays an important role in the gospel service, the post's most-attended religious service. Maj. James Hartz, 3rd Brigade's chaplain, stressed its contribution to the service.

"Traditionally, it brings another avenue of worship," Hartz said. "In the gospel tradition, it's a big part of getting everybody focused on worship."

"Just to be able to see the members of the choir, it's the highlight of the day,"

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Dukes

Iraqi Army confident in future

Story and photo by

Cpl. Heidi E. Loredo

2nd Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP FALLUJAH — Twenty-five-year-old Iraqi Army 1st Lt. Hussin, who's been a Soldier for five years, smiled at the thought of a promising future for Iraq and the hopes of defeating terrorists which plague his country.

When asked if he thinks whether the country will divide or remain together he responded, "Together, but not just Iraq ... all of the world."

Despite the presence of insurgents throughout the country, Iraqi Soldiers are hopeful their training will help rebuild a peaceful Iraq. With assistance from Coalition forces, the growing Iraqi Army continues to recruit and train men.

The Army was developed under the Iraq Ministry of Defense after the 400,000-man army of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein was disbanded. The Army is nearly 100,000 troops-strong, but the goal is to have 135,000 properly trained Soldiers.

The East Fallujah Iraqi Camp, originally set up for operations during Operation Al Fajr, is the site of a new class of recruits ready to take on the challenge to become Iraqi Soldiers.

The main recruiting stations are located in Baghdad, Basra and Mosul. According to Multi-National Force—Iraq, the men range between ages 18 to 35 and were recruited from Al Anbar province via advertisements and word of mouth. Upon completion of training the Soldiers must serve their country for two years.

The training is condensed into a four-week course. Normally Soldiers undergo a standard eight-week basic training program that includes basic soldiering skills, weapons marksmanship, individual tactics, physical training, Soldier discipline and drill and ceremony.



Iraqi Army recruits sit through a lecture at the East Fallujah Iraqi Camp.

Later they enroll in advanced courses in infantry tactics, heavy weapons, land navigation and other operational training, both before and after joining units in the field.

"It's a little more advanced than what we would be teaching at a regular course because of the current conflict," said Army Staff Sgt. Travis Case, military advisor, Advisory Support Team. "We want to give them as much information as we can in a short period to get ready."

Army cadre such as Case train, Iraqi Soldiers from 500 to 1,000.

The ultimate goal for Coalition forces is to turn the Iraqi recruits into effective combatants. Instilling in the recruits self-sustaining discipline that will endure after their training is complete will take strong officer and noncommissioned officer leadership. To better train recruits, Coalition forces recruited Soldiers who served under the old regime. Such officers and

NCOs proved to be invaluable to the mission as they provided input and advice.

"In the old Army, all they knew was suffering," said Hussin. "There is a big difference between the old and new, and we try to do everything we can for these Soldiers so that together we can build a new Army and a new Iraq."

Although there are several differences in military eras, one noticeable difference is the amount of respect for the Soldiers.

Members of tribes and sects are treated equally. Notable differences in training between U.S. forces and former training under Saddam's regime include schooling in human rights, the laws of land warfare and tolerance in a multi-ethnic team.

"There is a big difference in armies," said Iraqi Army training instructor, 1st Lt. Bashar, who's been a Soldier for 12 years. "We cannot

even compare it. Here we provide our Soldiers with everything they need."

The Army's performance is crucial to plans to draw down the number of U.S. troops in the country. Iraqi Army officials still find the need for Coalition forces.

"The Coalition forces work with us together and help us to build a new Iraq," said Hussin. "Every country hopes to be left alone without anyone to help them. Us ... not yet, not Iraq. We need them here. We cannot handle everything. We need support from any country willing to help Iraq."

Confident in their training, the two Iraqi instructors are proud to don their uniforms, although they fear for their lives.

"There are too many terrorists out there, but we don't care," said Hussin. "It is our duty and we have to work on that. This is my country. If I don't fight for it no one will."

Iraqi Army Cadets finish year-long training



The graduating class of the new Iraqi officers prepares to be promoted at the Iraqi Military Academy Rustamiyah Jan.19. The cadets focused on basic soldier skills, small-unit tactics, communications, decision-making and leadership.

Story and photo by Senior Airman Mark Woodbury
Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq

AL RUSTAMIYAH — The first class of cadets for the new Iraqi Army graduated Jan. 19 from the Iraqi Military Academy Al Rustamiyah after a year of training.

The 73 graduates completed 52 weeks of intensive military training to become officers in the new Iraqi Army.

"I am very proud of myself and the other graduates," said newly commissioned Lt. Raad through the aid of an interpreter. "Today is also a great day for the Army."

The officers celebrated after the graduation with the traditional button-

ing of new second lieutenant epaulets on their uniforms while seeking their first salutes from the noncommissioned officers who trained them for the past year.

Instructors at the academy said they are proud of the graduating class.

"These soldiers have set the bar high for the next class," said U.S. Army Maj. Joseph Brunetti, IMAR assistant chief instructor. "Today's graduates are truly ready to be leaders in the Iraqi Army."

During their training the new lieutenants learned various military and leadership skills that have prepared them for their Army service, Brunetti said.

The soldiers will now join military units throughout Iraq to fill junior officer appointments in all branches of the Iraqi Army.

"I am very proud of myself and the other graduates. Today is also a great day for the Army."

Lt. Raad

GULF REGION DIVISION, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS



Dr. Azhar Al-Shakhly, left, of the Iraqi State Ministry for Woman Affairs and Azza Humadi, Gulf Region Division's women's issue coordinator, work closely to build a stable foundation for Iraqi females.

Doing it for themselves

Women help Iraqis in reconstruction projects

Story and photo by Denise Calabria

BAGHDAD — While dirt-covered construction workers toil to rebuild Iraq's decimated infrastructure, two Iraqi-born women more accustomed to "basic black with pearls," are busy building a different type of foundation for their female counterparts in Iraq.

They are busy improving business relationships for women.

Their work may be out of the limelight, yet both are dedicated to realizing their goals.

Dr. Azhar Al-Shakhly leads the Iraqi State Ministry for Woman Affairs. The previous government established the office that, unlike most ministries, does not have a budget.

The other woman, Azza Humadi, is the women's issue coordinator for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Gulf Region Division.

Through GRD's work and the Relief and Reconstruction Fund, many Iraqi women-owned businesses have been successful.

Humadi is establishing an Iraqi women's database with more than 200 registered, women-owned businesses. She also regularly meets with 250 Iraqi women's organizations and other offices to enhance women's participation in Iraq reconstruction.

She's hosted meetings and conferences throughout Iraq to gain support.

Because of her efforts over the past year, more than 250 Iraqi women-owned businesses have vetted contracts with GRD for reconstruction work, representing about \$200 million of construction and nonconstruction contracts. The contracts range from design and construction of buildings to digging of wells.

Each month, women-owned businesses compete for and earn about 15 new contracts in Iraq

revealing a pattern of slow-but-steady progress.

Al-Shakhly's span of control is limited.

Without her own budget, she must rely upon the Minister of Planning to approve her projects. As such, she firmly believes Iraq needs a Ministry for Woman Affairs with its own budget.

"For the time being, because of the situation of how women are looked at here in Iraq, we need this. We still have many people believing that the woman is less than the man and must be behind him," said Al-Shakhly.

The female population in Iraq is 61 percent of the country's total population, and Humadi believes Iraqi women should be both participants in and beneficiaries of Iraqi reconstruction activities.

"These programs help Iraqi women become financially independent," said Humadi.

Al-Shakhly is working on an education project designed to improve literacy for Iraqi women who left school and are too old to go back.

Both women admitted times were not always as difficult for Iraqi women as they are now.

"In the Middle East, sometimes the mentality works against the woman [similar to] the way they used to think in the old days. For us living here in Baghdad, we never had the feeling that society was against women," said Al-Shakhly.

She believes the change spread to Iraq after significant power shifts took place in the Middle East.

She worries that if younger, educated Iraqis choose to leave their homeland, it could hamper Iraq's future.

"You have to be patient ... the same as what happened after the earthquake. Usually, after an earthquake, you have many problems. You must be patient to see it through."

USACE commanding general tours Iraq

Story by LuAnne Fantasia

BAGHDAD — In a four-day tour, Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, the chief of engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, visited several projects starting with a highway patrol station in Basrah, and ending with the Zahko Military Training Base and Academy in Dahuk.

He asked questions about the reconstruction projects he visited, as well as questions about the Iraqi contractors and workers — their work environment, materials, and safety.

In a meeting in Basrah, Strock told servicemembers and civilian employees, "You bring a culture of safety practice to the Iraqi people and workforce. All of the projects we visited today are accident-free, so you are helping them save lives."

The Gulf Region Division's three districts oversee engineering for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund projects. The north and south districts, with headquarters in Mosul and Talil, respectively, have quality control and assurance responsibility for more than 1,000 projects each, while the Baghdad-based Central District

oversees the reconstruction of more than 900 projects.

Strock visited projects from the Khor Az Zubayr Power Plant and Umm Qasr Port in Basrah to the Al Fathah oil crossing and Erbil-Ifray Water Treatment Plant in the north.

While the IRRF assistance is successfully jump-starting the reconstruction process, it will still take time and resources to rebuild Iraq after more than 25 years of neglect under Saddam's rule, Strock said. Funds from the United States are only a part of the effort that will continue with Iraq's own rebuilding efforts.

The Gulf Region Division's priority is to support military and civil construction, and aggressively assist the Iraqi government in assuming full responsibility for national reconstruction, said Strock.

"It takes courage and personal risk for the Iraqi people to work with (the Coalition) and it's gratifying to see ... and I appreciate how they are integrated into the work we're doing across the Gulf Region Division," Strock said. "The Iraqi workers can be employed when we are no longer here. They will do fine in the private sector."

Kirkuk gets electrical boost

Story by Polli Barnes Keller

Downtown Kirkuk will have more electricity from the construction of a main substation feeder cable.

This \$123,000 project will consist of the installation of nearly a mile of 11 KV

underground feeder cable to the Kirkuk substation in the Almas Quarter.

This cable will connect the substation to a distribution network.

"The Kirkuk main substation is supplying power to an expanding community in downtown Kirkuk. An

expanding city definitely needs more power for all kinds of consumption. Examples of these needs are: domestic use, industrial use, sewer services, and water. This feeder cable is part of the infrastructure that will fulfill these needs," Saman Mosa, the USACE project

manager said.

About 1.5 million people live in the Kirkuk area. The installation of this cable will provide more reliable electricity.

Available generating capacity has increased significantly since the immediate post-war period despite the challenges of a

poorly maintained infrastructure, terrorists targeting the distribution network, and limited amounts of appropriate fuels.

"There are other kinds of loads which need a reliable power supply, such as hospitals. This leads to the necessity of making this substation more reliable by connecting more feeders to it. This project is going to serve about 3,000 people in Kirkuk city," said Mosa.

Excavation for the feeder cable began in January. Completion is scheduled for March.

"The Kirkuk main substation is supplying power to an expanding community in downtown Kirkuk."

Saman Mosa

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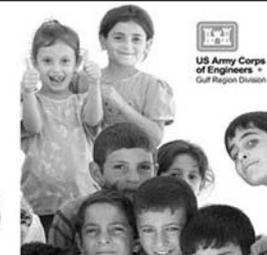
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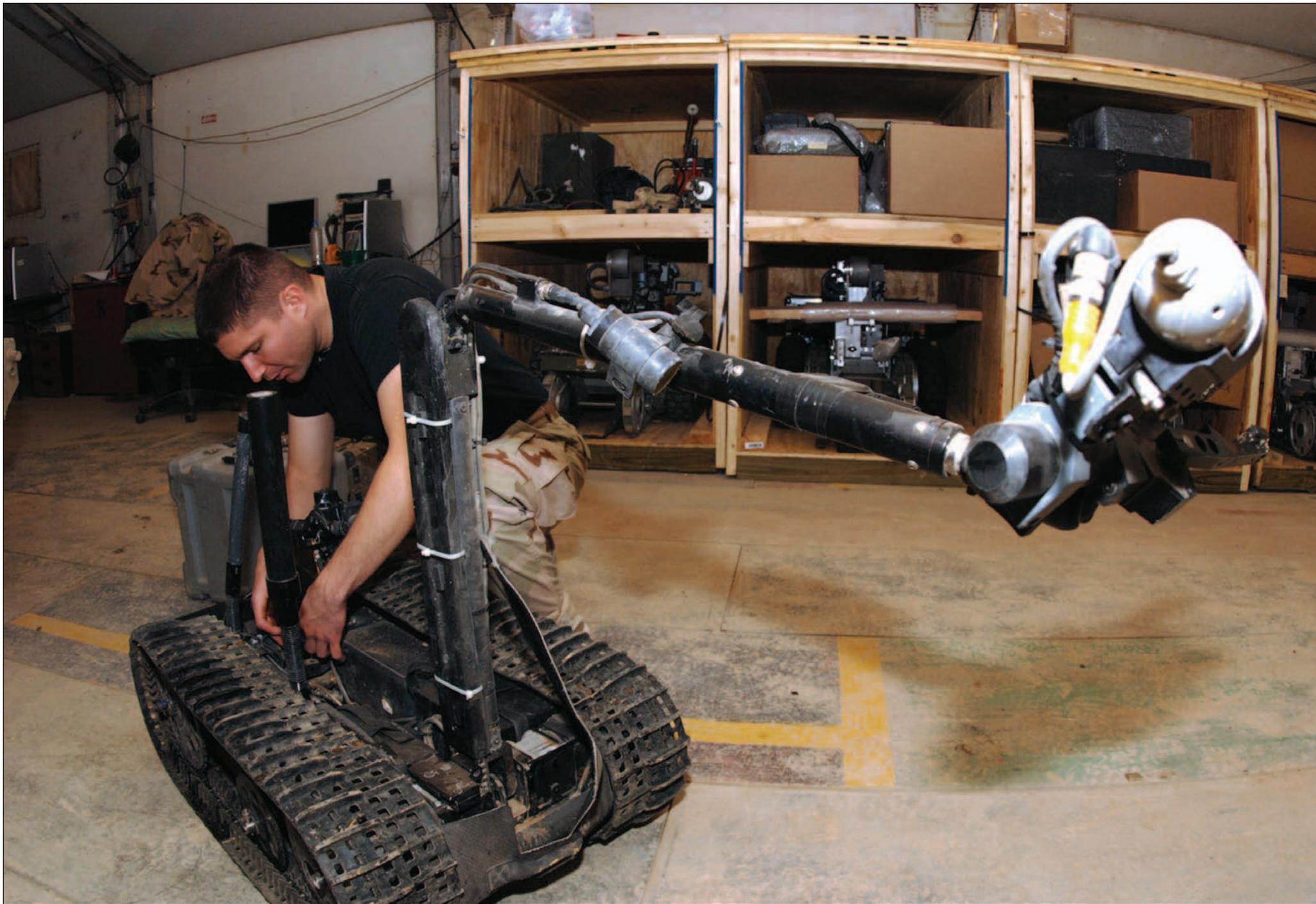
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Staff Sgt. Glenn Wright, of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, repairs a robot.

EOD works to protect others

Story by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

BALAD AIR BASE — It takes a special kind of person to deal with the stress of working with explosives.

That pressure is the force that drives Airmen assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight based at Balad and spread across five forward operating bases.

Staff Sgt. Micah Jobe, 332nd ECES EOD team leader, is one of the Airmen at Balad who responds daily to unexploded ordnance found on and off the installation.

“An average day for us consists of waking up to do physical training, if we are not woken up to respond to call. Then we go to a morning meeting to receive a briefing on the things we learned from the day before,” Jobe said.

After that, the Airmen complete office work and training until a call comes in.

The calls have continued to come in. Since Sept. 1, EOD Airmen have respond-

ed to more than 900 incidents, disposing of approximately 57,000 explosive items totaling more than 7 tons of net explosive weight.

About 95 percent of calls EOD Airmen responded to were off base, said Maj. Arno Bischoff, EOD flight commander. About a third of the responses were made for improvised explosive devices, another third were for post-blast analysis conducted after an IED explodes and the final third were for unexploded ordnance and weapons caches.

Jobe said, “When a team is on primary stand-by, we generally get about two calls a day to respond to off base.”

When the Airmen respond to these off-base calls, they work with an Army Quick Response Force which provides protection for the EOD Airmen outside the wire.

“They are our security the whole time we are off base,” Jobe said. “They do a good job.”

Staff Sgt. Glenn Wright, EOD technician is serving on this fourth deployment and has noticed a few changes to responses over his career.

“Things have changed drastically since I was deployed to Kirkuk (Air Base). We are working with the Army more now and I have really enjoyed this.”

Staff Sgt. Glenn Wright

“Things have changed drastically since I was deployed to Kirkuk (Air Base),” Wright said. “We are working with the Army more now and I have really enjoyed this.”

In addition to assisting with off-base calls, the Soldiers and Airmen work side-by-side running the Joint Defense Operations Center which provides command and control of the defense of Logical Support Area Anaconda and Balad. When unexploded ordnance is found, the Soldiers and Airmen go into action. “Security Forces personnel cordon the

area off before we go in,” Jobe said. “We make sure the area is safe before performing crater analysis — who tries to discover the point of origin. Then we further evaluate the UXO (unexploded ordnance) to determine whether or not it is safe to blow it up in place and what protective measures must be implemented if it needs to be destroyed.”

In addition to supporting Anaconda and Balad, the 332nd EOD Flight provides EOD support for multiple Army forward operating bases.

“We provide EOD support to the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division,” Bischoff said.

Overall, EOD is responsible for the battlespace around Anaconda, extending out more than 18,000 square miles and forming the largest EOD flight under U.S. Central Command Air Forces.

The Airmen in the flight take pride in their jobs and what they do.

“When you take care of an IED, you are essentially saving a life and that is rewarding,” Jobe said.

American NCOs teach I

Future Iraqi noncommissioned officers learn

Story and photos by

Sgt. Rachel Brune

101st Sustainment Brigade,
101st Airborne Division

Q-WEST BASE COMPLEX —

Sgt. 1st Class Ala received what used to be known as a battlefield promotion.

About a year ago, Ala was a jundi, or private, in the Salamiya Company, near Mosul. The unit was threatened by “bad guys,” and some of the Soldiers decided to quit.

The commander asked his Soldiers, who would like to go on a mission to fight terrorists? Ala was one of only a few who volunteered, and, upon successful completion of the mission, was chosen to receive training to become a sergeant.

As he spoke, the interpreter leaned in close to translate his words above the clatter of a classroom full of Iraqi noncommissioned officers cleaning their AK-47 rifles.

Ala, a Soldier with the Iraqi Army’s 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, is a platoon guide at the NCO Academy here. Another cycle of the primary leadership development course, taught by American and Iraqi cadre, began Jan. 21.

This course is designed to train Iraqi NCOs and develop a strong NCO Corps for the Iraqi Army, modeled on the U.S. Army NCO Corps. For Soldiers like Ala, the course unearths their potential as leaders and gives them the necessary skills to lead their troops.

“The will and the desire to succeed [are] there in the Iraqi Army,” said Sgt. Maj. Walter Murrell, NCO Academy commandant.

Murrell, from Melbourne, Fla., and his instructors are from various units within the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

The curriculum is based on training developed by the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and uses the NCO schools program as its base document, said Murrell. The Iraqi Ministry of Defense provided the NCO Academy with the Iraqi Soldiers’ Creed, the Iraqi Army Values and the NCO Creed.

The NCO Academy is a small building tucked into a corner of the base near the 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment tactical operations center. Inside there are four classrooms, a storage room and a small covered area for formations.

Outside, the cadre constructed a combatives pit, a mock traffic control point and an obstacle course. A one-mile road march down Perimeter Street leads to the rifle range.

The U.S. Army NCO Corps has a proud tradition that traces its lineage back to the time of the Revolutionary War. The Iraqi NCO Corps, as the Coalition forces are trying to develop it, is something new for these troops.

The training consists of practical ranges, as well as classroom training on professionalism, discipline and Soldier skills. From Ala’s words, it seems he already has formed the basis of what it means to be an NCO.

“Kurdish, Arab, Shiite, Sunni – I have to treat all of my Soldiers with respect,” said Ala. “All of them came to protect my country, so I have to be fair to them.”

Ala took an examination to become an NCO. He was then given the

responsibility of leading missions to see if he could lead troops and treat them with respect.

When he arrived at the NCO course, his initiative once again came to the fore.

“The instructors asked, who can march the platoon?” said Ala. He raised his hand and, after demonstrating that he could march the troops, was chosen as platoon guide.

The first few days of instruction took place inside one of the small classrooms. A dark red rug covers the floor, and enlarged photos depicting various training events decorate the light blue walls.

The instructors run a tight ship.

On the third day of training, Ala marched his Soldiers in and they stood at attention by their seats until he gave the command to sit down.

Sgt. Ben Huminski, an infantryman from Merritt Island, Fla., began teaching a class on the laws of war. After every couple of sentences, he paused allowing the interrupter to translate his words into Arabic. Then Sgt. 1st Class Neshwan, an Iraqi cadre member, translated into Kurdish.

During the class Huminski explained that an NCO is responsible for obeying his orders, but he is also responsible for the actions of his subordinates.

Throughout Huminski’s class and the class on the Geneva Convention, taught by Staff Sgt. Alvin J. Cates, of Livingston, Tenn., some students took diligent notes, while others focused their attention on the projection screen.

The slides for the class on the Geneva Convention were emblazoned



Staff Sgt. Alvin Cates, an instructor at the Q-West NCO Academy, is seen at the firing range.

with the winged lion seal of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq, the agency in charge of training Iraqi Security Forces.

Cates, who is a fire direction chief with the 4th Battalion, began by teaching the history of codified laws of war. The first systematic code was one used by the Saracens, based on the Koran, according to the slides.

With a quick fast-forward to 2006, Cates elaborated on different lessons such as discriminatory firing practices and proper care and treatment of detainees.

During the next four days, the Iraqi cadre took charge of the course as they brought the Soldiers through the rifle marksmanship section of training. Neshwan brandished an AK-47 as he taught the four fundamentals of marksmanship, first in Arabic and then in Kurdish.

The Soldiers then filed outside to practice the prone, kneeling and standing firing positions. Neshwan and fellow instructor Sgt. 1st Class

Mohammed watched each student carefully, making small adjustments until they were satisfied.

As Neshwan demonstrated the standing firing position, he cautioned the students to avoid pointing the weapons at their own feet.

“Tomorrow, the number one thing is safety,” said Neshwan, sounding exactly like any American range NCO.

At the range, the Soldiers worked on firing tight shot groups.

As the students went through the range, a platoon of Iraqi Soldiers and their American counterparts pulled up to use the neighboring range. One of the Iraqi Soldiers, a former platoon guide himself, went through the NCO course a month ago.

Sgt. Achmed uses the training he learned at the school when he goes out on missions. He teaches other Soldiers and tries to explain everything to them, he said.

“I would advise all the students to pay attention to the instructors, to share in class and answer questions,”



An Iraqi Soldier tries his hand at firing a machine gun at the NCO Academy range at Q-West Base Complex.

Iraqi Soldiers mad skills

what it takes to be the backbone of new Army



y, makes sure an Iraqi Soldier's rifle barrel is clear before entering a

said Achmed.

After the ranges, the Soldiers returned to the classroom to clean their weapons before turning them in. Mohammed inspected one weapon, then spoke loudly and at length at the front of the room.

"When I inspect the first weapon, I put my finger in the chamber and there is no dirt. "Why aren't the rest clean like the first one?" he said.

First platoon, Ala's troops, performed "hellzhyen," or very good, at the qualification range.

As the platoon guide, Ala helps his Soldiers to stick with the training.

"I help them get patience, to not give up," said Ala. The Academy is where they will get the training and experience they need to carry out their mission, he said.

For himself, Ala has large goals in mind. He would very much like to become an instructor at the school, an idea the cadre are open to.

Before joining the Iraqi Army, Ala worked on Q-West as a contractor, and his English skills, although rudi-

mentary, are an advantage. He has two reasons for wanting to be an instructor, he said.

Ala's first goal is to train Iraqi Soldiers so they will have the skills they need and his second goal is improve his English.

The first week at the NCO Academy the course ended with a 'stress shoot.' The cadre "smoked" the students, making them do strenuous calisthenics before trying to shoot so they could get an idea of what it is like to try to fire with an accelerated heart rate.

The next part of the cycle will take the Soldiers back into the classroom to learn more NCO tasks such as map reading and first aid. The cadre will watch Ala closely to see if he has the right stuff to become an instructor.

Whether Ala returns to the school, or whether he goes on to lead troops on missions with his battalion, the training he and his fellow Soldiers are receiving will ensure their success as Soldiers and NCOs in the new Iraqi Army.



Iraqi troops head out to a range during training at the NCO Academy at Q-West Base Complex.



A humvee belonging to Team 3, Detachment 4, 6th Civil Affairs Group, 2nd Marine Division, drives past a bridge over the Euphrates River during a recent mission in Fallujah.

Civil Affairs makes a difference

Marine unit improves Iraq

Story and photos by Cpl. Heidi E. Loredo
2nd Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP FALLUJAH — Marines assigned to the 6th Civil Affairs Group, 2nd Marine Division, prove there is another side of the story to tell as they continue to carry out their missions within Al Anbar province, the largest province in Iraq.

“The stories that we don’t hear enough about – the good news stories about making lives better and a nation stronger – that’s what the civil affairs Marines do every day in Iraq,”

said Col. Paul Brier, commanding officer, 6th CAG.

The group arrived in September to help rebuild the infrastructure and assist in facilitating the transition into a self-governing people.

“We’re helping the people of Iraq, and I honestly believe it’s come a long way from where we were,” said Sgt. Richard F. Litto, team chief, Team 3, Detachment 4, 6th CAG.

“Schools have been built, roads are being repaired, water supplies are coming back into the neighborhoods, and people are actually smiling at us. That’s pretty good.”



An interpreter for Team 3, Detachment 4, 6th Civil Affairs Group, befriends an Iraqi child during a recent trip into Fallujah. The team provided health care for many residents and distributed supplies.



Navy Lt. Troy J. Handojo, medical officer, Battalion Aid Station, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, hands medicinal supplies to a resident of Fallujah during a recent civil affairs mission. The Marines and Sailors handed out supplies and provided health care for residents in need.

Marine serves

Keeps tradition of Corps, service

Story and photo by Lance Cpl. Wayne Edmiston
2nd Marine Logistics Group

CAMP TAQADDUM — Many families have traditions extending multiple generations.

For some families, it may be a holiday event or a religious celebration, but for some it's the tradition of serving in the Marine Corps.

For Cpl. John P. McKay, a refrigeration mechanic with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, this tradition has continued for three generations and he is proud of each day of service in Iraq.

"It's been a huge family tradition to join the Marine Corps," the Orlando, Fla., native explained. "My father, grandfather, father-in-law, uncle, they were all in the Marines."

McKay's grandfather, Paul Long, served during the Korean War with the 6th Marine Regiment. He graduated recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in South Carolina exactly 50 years to the date his grandson did.

McKay's father was also a 'utilities' Marine. His father, Jeff Netznik, served as a generator mechanic with 2nd Combat Service Support Group, the predecessor of 2nd MLG.

"My father served on [Camp] Lejeune before I was born and in the same unit," McKay said. "I think it's pretty cool we have that in common."

Being a part of a gigantic brotherhood is McKay's favorite part of being a Marine.

"I love how you can just sit down with an 80-year-old former Marine

and strike up a conversation about the Corps and talk for hours," McKay said.

"In the Marine Corps, it is our responsibility to pick up where every former Marine left off."

Also, being a Marine gave him a special bond with his grandfather and enabled the two to swap stories; Marine to Marine.

"When I was growing up during [Operation] Desert Storm, I was always curious and asking my grandfather what it was like to be in a conflict. He would never tell me," McKay said.

"When I graduated boot camp it was like the flood gates opened. We had a connection we never had before."

McKay is also proud of helping Iraq build a free society.

"It's great knowing my efforts are contributing to a piece of history," McKay said.

"It's awesome knowing you are giving freedom to a country that is so blind to the concept of it."

McKay often thinks about his future. "Whether I stay in for 32 years or eight years, I got everything and more

from the Marine Corps," McKay said.

He also looks to his wife, Tracie, and his son Jacob, 1, for constant support while he is away.

"I can't wait to get back and see them," McKay said. "I have another one on the way, and I want to [go] back to see [him]

born."

McKay's family is just one example of service that extends deep into the history of the Marine Corps like the roots of a large tree, and it's those roots that serve as an inspiration for McKay to this day as he continues the fight in the Global War on Terror.



Cpl. John P. McKay

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Cpl. John P. McKay



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen Givens

A CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the aviation support equipment platoon prepares to touch down with a sling-loaded forklift as part of a downed aircraft recovery mission.

Unique unit recovers aircraft

Story by Capt. Jeremy Sauer
101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

People usually call for a tow truck when their cars break down, but who do Army pilots call when a helicopter does?

Much like a tow service, when an aviation unit has a grounded helicopter, it must be retrieved and brought in for repairs.

That's where Company B, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, Aviation Support Equipment's platoon comes into play.

Maj. Joseph Crocitto, the Company B commander, saw the need for a unit whose mission was totally devoted to recovering aircraft that had been downed anywhere within the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade's area of operation. There was no such specialized unit existing in the Army, so 96th ASB created one.

"I wanted a platoon with DART (Downed Aircraft Recovery Team) and aviation support operations within the company as its primary mission, not as additional duties," said Crocitto, "So I pulled from within and built it."

Crocitto activated the ASE platoon May 31. The platoon was designed to focus entirely on DART missions. With no formal doctrine, the ASE's formed, trained, and equipped itself to accomplish downed aircraft recovery missions. The 101st Combat Aviation Brigade supports more than 100 aircraft. While still performing the task of aircraft maintenance, the platoon's leadership came up with a formal training plan to accomplish the mission.

"I had recovered a downed aircraft at Fort Campbell that had undergone a hard landing," Staff Sgt. Stephen Givens, the Soldier selected to lead the DART training as platoon noncommissioned officer-in-charge said.

"Picking it up with a crane, loading it on a trailer and driving it to Fort Campbell, gave me some experience. I researched DART teams, found manuals and tactics, techniques and procedures on it, and put together a program."

More than 30 Soldiers from a variety of job duties were selected to be trained on the DART mission. The team is equipped with large forklifts, cranes, flatbed trailers and trucks and several different weapon systems.

The ASE Platoon is unique Army-wide, and its DART team the only unit in the U.S. Army solely dedicated to aircraft recovery. Each member of the ASE Platoon serves as a subject matter expert in their job skills and they collectively improve success of aviation maintenance and downed aircraft recovery.

From concept to reality, the ASE Platoon brings expertise to areas normally relegated to afterthoughts. Unfortunately, the platoon recently tested their training in performing a real-life DART. With its diverse capabilities and varied equipment, the "ACE's" of Company B, 96th ASB frequently support multiple company, battalion and brigade missions. According to Givens, "when the commander proposed this idea, I stood up and accepted the challenge of forming this unique organization. No one knew if we could make it work. Now, no one knows how we got along without Aces (ASE Platoon)."



U.S. Army photo by Capt. Jeremy Sauer

Some of the equipment used by DART line for a recovery exercise.

Don't fall victim to an IED.

Create a safe standoff when halted.



STAY ALIVE





U.S. Marine Corps photo by: Cpl. Ruben D. Maestre

Lance Cpl. Jonathan M. Fisher a motor transportation operator assigned to Motor Transportation Platoon, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Headquarters Group, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, stands next to a 7-ton vehicle he drives.

Marine follows first calling

Story and photo by
Cpl. Ruben D. Maestre
2nd Marine Expeditionary
Force

CAMP FALLUJAH — The tall, bright-eyed, 20-year-old Marine with an athletic build seems to always be smiling.

Whether he is tasked out for a working party unloading mail from home or talking about his high school band days, his good nature and laughs keep on coming.

"I was going to play football but band got in the way," said Lance Cpl. Jonathan M. Fisher, a motor transportation operator of 7-ton military vehicles, trying to be serious but smiling about his seven-year commitment to grade school bands as a percussionist. "Go ahead, laugh it up!"

The Franklin Township, Ind., native, has participated in more than 160 convoy operations in one of the most dangerous provinces in Iraq for nearly a year. Fisher and other "Motor-T" operators from Motor Transportation Platoon, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Headquarters Group, II MEF, have faced fire from enemy rockets, rifles and improvised explosive devices during continuous operations in the Sunni-dominated Al Anbar province.

Despite the danger, fear and excitement they have experienced first-hand, Fisher and fellow operators continue doing their work with professionalism.

"I like being able to see the (Iraqi) countryside, and I like going outside the wire," said Fisher. "I get an adrenaline rush knowing something could happen anytime and that I have to be ready to do something about it."

The son of a United Methodist minister, the smiling young man has long had the idea of serving others but was unsure of how he was going to do it. When hostilities began in Iraq, he felt the calling 'to serve my country,' as he said in his own

words.

"There was more to do than just sitting on the couch and watching news," said the 2004 Franklin (Ind.) Central High School graduate. "I decided I wanted to play an active part helping Marines and others in Iraq."

Fisher went to boot camp right after graduation. He arrived to the Motor Transportation Platoon, II MEF, Headquarters Group, II MEF, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in early 2005.

Within a month, Fisher volunteered when someone was needed to fill a last minute individual deployment to Iraq.

"I wanted to serve my time here," he said.

Fisher has been a driver, a gunner, a vehicle commander and in charge of more than one vehicle on convoy operations, while transporting everything from water and food supplies to medicine, mail and ammunition. Working as a team, Fisher and other operators have logged thousands of miles taking supplies, from Fallujah and Ar Ramadi to the Syrian border.

"He doesn't give up until the job is done. Even if it's something that may be a small task, he will do it," said Sgt. Peter W. Slutman, 24, of Newtown Square, Pa., a vehicle recovery operator with the motor transportation section. "He's also just good-hearted, willing to listen and talk to others."

Fisher looks forward to the day he and others in his unit go home, but he will never forget the lessons learned here.

"The real life (in Iraq) is not a joke," said Fisher. "Back in the states people take advantage of the freedoms and good life we have that these people haven't seen.."

Fisher hears the calling to Christian ministries after the Marines and possibly even serving in the future as a military chaplain. He plans to follow in his father's footsteps after his enlistment is over.

CHAPLAIN'S TALK

Making the most of ordinary days

By Chaplain (Father)
(Maj.) Dennis Volmi
Joint Area Support
Group – Central



Chaplain Volmi

For many people, this time of year is a let down or a

drag.

Indeed, for many of us, the calendar seems to almost stop and then take its time working through the days of the early months of the year. For much of the Christian world, this time after the holidays is known as Ordinary Time.

Even in a combat zone, where holidays are often only marked by an increase in mail, the many letters and packages that may have been arriving during the rush, stops or slows down this time of year and it seems like some people stop writing us altogether as the world heads back to the daily grind.

But these ordinary days can be great opportunities to do extraordinary things. It's the perfect time to work on our spiritual strength, to add an extra prayer to our day or take an extra minute to read scrip-

ture. Whether you are religious or not, this can be a time to add moments of meditation and enlightenment to your daily schedule. These moments can include every-

thing from reading a good book or writing in your

diary to taking a daily moment to just enjoy the sunrise or your favorite music.

During war, we know that one of the most dangerous times is during an extended break in the fighting when it becomes easy to let your guard down.

In a similar way, the excitement and significance of the holidays makes it easy to remember our religion and belief in the brotherhood and sisterhood of humankind and then, when the last holiday decoration comes down, it becomes easy to slip back to neglecting our spiritual growth.

Adding ordinary activities, such as reading, prayer and meditation, to our day, will take the drag out of

these ordinary days and will give greater focus to our emotional, physical, mental and spiritual strength – all vital elements of an effective warrior.

Think about the man or woman warrior you most admire. Chances are, as you study what makes this person great, you will most likely find they have a firm spiritual center. Whether they show it outwardly or not, there is probably time built into their schedule for prayer or meditation or both, to focus on their spiritual center.

When Jesus Christ called his first few Apostles, he chose ordinary men, fishermen working day-to-day to earn a living. Those ordinary men would eventually do extraordinary things as they concentrated on their spiritual growth. While we may not all end up as Apostles, we can accomplish extraordinary things by simply adding more time and thought to our spirituality. We may not be able to turn water to wine, which is not allowed under General Order 1, but focusing some of our daily efforts on spiritual growth can accomplish peace of mind. And, in a war zone, that can be the most extraordinary thing of all.

Soldiers help Iraqi children

Polish donate clothes, supplies

Story by Lt. Cmdr. Bartosz Zajda
Multi-National Division - Central South

From Jan. 16 to 20, Polish Soldiers donated thousands of shoes, clothing, hygienic supplies, school supplies, and toys to Iraqis.

The donations, organized by Polish Soldiers, benefited an Iraqi humanitarian organization called "Women's Hope and Child's Future" from Diwaniyah and also a school and kindergarten in Diwaniyah.

From July 2005, in terms of humanitarian missions, Polish Soldiers distributed to Iraqi 1,500 school items, more than 1,500 pounds of food, more than 2,000 shoes, nearly 3,800 pounds of clothes, 12,000 toys, and 9,700 pounds of hygiene products.

Multi-National Division - Central South also provided medicine and medical equipment, organized medical treatment in Poland for ill Iraqi children and organized courses for Iraqi students and doctors.

All the donations were for Iraqi humanitarian organizations, orphanages, kindergartens, schools, retirement homes and hospitals.

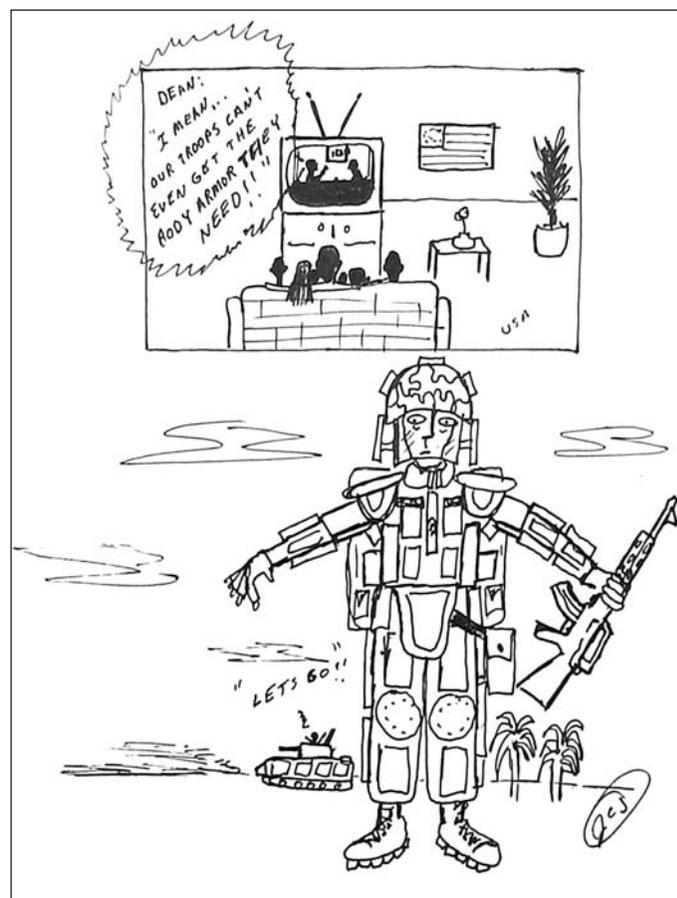
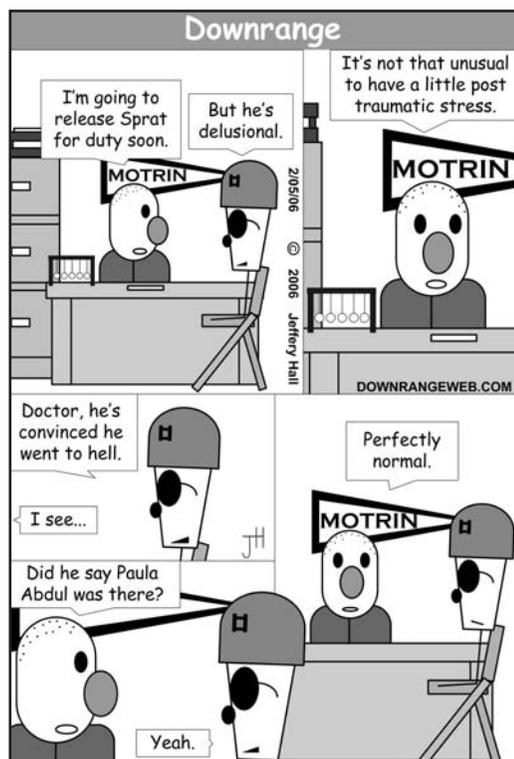
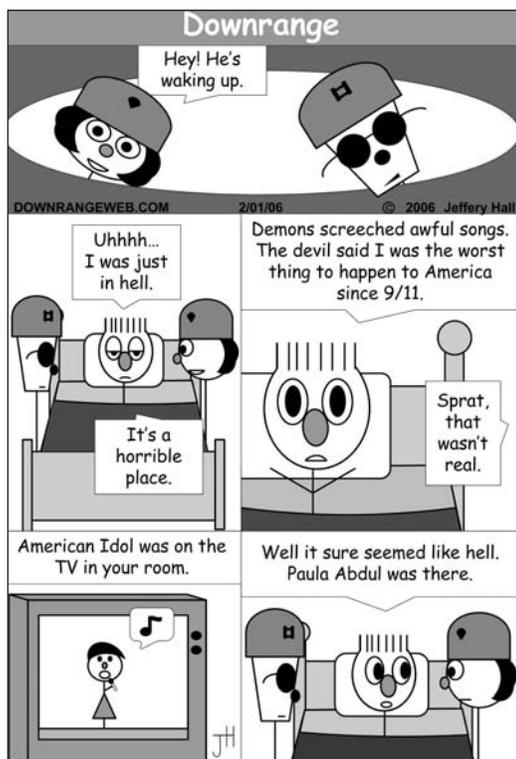
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Photos by U.S. Army Pfc Timothy Villareal

Polish Soldiers give food to Iraqi children.

Scimitar Slapstick



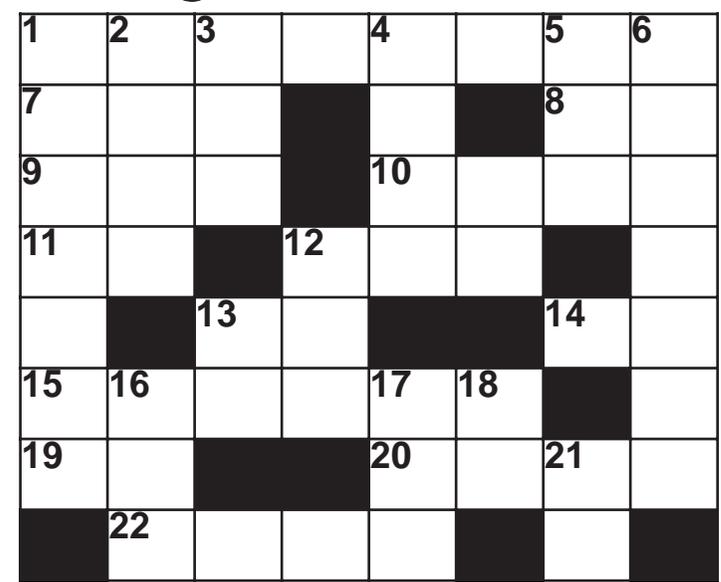
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ACROSS

1. Person from the Great White North
7. Hockey great Bobby _____
8. To be or not to _____
9. Colts play at the _____ Dome.
10. Buena Vista = Good _____
11. Yes or _____ question.
12. 1977 Steely Dan hit
13. Abbreviation for western Canadian province
14. _____ MTV Raps
15. Largest country in the world
19. Elite unit in Nazi party
20. Can't play ice hockey without it
22. Above tenor, below soprano

DOWN

1. 1987 Jodie Foster film, *Five _____*
2. Sacramento Kings play at _____ Arena
3. Charlton Heston is former president of this organization
4. A way to enter water
6. The Empire State
12. Abbreviation for changing duty assignments
13. Not piled higher and deeper.
16. World's third largest country
17. First sale of common stocks.
18. Gold on periodic table
21. Pamela Anderson's *Baywatch* role

AFN TV Schedule

Friday, Feb. 3

11:00: **SPORTS:** Men's College Basketball: George Washington Vs Xavier **SPECTRUM:** Alias **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Jeopardy **NEWS:** MSNBC Hardball with Chris Matthews **KOREA:** Jeopardy **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News **FAMILY** Disney's Doug **MOVIE:** Inside The Actor's Studio - Joanne Woodward

11:23: **ATLANTIC:** The Oprah Winfrey Show.

11:30: **PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNews **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** Rocket Power

12:00: **SPECTRUM:** The Simpsons **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** FNC The O'Reilly Factor **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Spongebob Squarepants **MOVIE:** Hollywood Shootout - Christopher Walken

12:15: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

12:20: **ATLANTIC:** Guiding Light

12:30: **SPECTRUM:** Everybody Loves Raymond **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Around the Services **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** The Fairly Oddparents **MOVIE:** Entertainment Tonight

12:45: **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Pacific Report **PENTAGON:**AFN Korea Nightly News

13:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **SPECTRUM:** America's Most Wanted **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The O.C. **NEWS:**ABC Nightline **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran **FAMILY:** The Wild Thornberrys **MOVIE:** Chicken Run (TVPG)

13:10: **ATLANTIC:** General Hospital

13:30: **NEWS:** PBS Nightly Business Report **PENTAGON:** Around the Service **FAMILY:** American Dragon: Jake Long **SPORTS:** NFL Live **ATLANTIC:**Headline News **SPECTRUM:** NCIS **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Survivor: Panama Exile Island **NEWS:** CNN American Morning **PENTAGON:**AFN Korea Nightly News **FAMILY:** Atomic Betty

14:15: **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

14:17: **SPORTS:** College Gamenight

14:30: **ATLANTIC:** Judge Judy **PENTAGON:** Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** The Proud Family

14:34: **SPORTS:** ESPNNews

14:40: **MOVIE:** The Legend of Bagger Vance

15:00: **SPORTS:** NFL Total Access **ATLANTIC:** Today **SPECTRUM:** Judging Amy **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Apprentice: Martha Stewart **NEWS:** CNN American Morning **PENTAGON:** AF News On Assignment **FAMILY:** Even Stevens

15:30: **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** What I Like About You

15:45: **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

16:00: **SPORTS:** ESPNNews **ATLANTIC:**Today **SPECTRUM:** Friends **PENTAGON, PACIFIC and KOREA:** Around the Services **NEWS:** CNN American Morning **FAMILY:** Switched!

16:15: **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Pacific Report

16:30: **SPORTS:** NHL: Teams Tbd **SPECTRUM:** Seinfeld **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News **FAMILY:** Radio Free Roscoe

16:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

17:00: **ATLANTIC:** CatDog **SPECTRUM:** The Daily Show with Jon Stewart **NEWS:** CNN American Morning **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan **FAMILY:**The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **MOVIE:** I Know What You Did Last Summer

17:15: **PENTAGON:** Dateline Edwards

17:30: **ATLANTIC:** Archie's Weird Mysteries **SPECTRUM:** The Colbert Report **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Late Show with David Letterman **PENTAGON:** Korean Destinations **FAMILY:**Family Ties

18:00: **ATLANTIC:** What's New Scooby Doo? **SPECTRUM:** Late Night with Conan O'Brien **NEWS:** MSNBC Live **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:**The Wild Thornberrys

18:15: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

18:30: **ATLANTIC:** The Shaman King **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson **PENTAGON:**Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** American Dragon: Jake Long

18:52: **MOVIE:** Twister

19:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:**Jeopardy **SPECTRUM:** America's Most Wanted **NEWS:** MSNBC Live **PENTAGON:** Ft Hood On Track **FAMILY:** Atomic Betty

19:30: **ATLANTIC:** ESPNNews **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch: **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** The Proud Family

19:45: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

20:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **SPECTRUM:** NCIS **NEWS:** MSNBC Live **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** Even Stevens

20:30: **ATLANTIC and PENTAGON:** Around the Services **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Countdown with Keith Olbermann **FAMILY:**What I Like About You

21:00: **ATLANTIC:** The O.C. **SPECTRUM:** Judging Amy **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News **FAMILY:** Switched! **MOVIE:** Chicken Run

21:30: **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Access Hollywood **PENTAGON:**AFN Europe Evening News **FAMILY:** Radio Free Roscoe

21:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

22:00: **ATLANTIC:** Survivor: Panama Exile Island **SPECTRUM:** Friends **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:**Eye On Nellis **FAMILY:**The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

22:30: **SPECTRUM:** Seinfeld **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Entertainment Studios.com **PENTAGON:**The American Veteran **FAMILY:** Family Ties

22:40: **MOVIE:** The Legend of Bagger Vance

23:00: **SPORTS:** The Hot List **ATLANTIC:** The Apprentice: Martha Stewart **SPECTRUM:** Your Reality Checked **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Good Morning America **NEWS:** FNC Studio B with Shepard Smith **PENTAGON:** Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

23:30: **SPORTS:** The Hot List **PENTAGON:** Focus on the Force **FAMILY:**The Wiggles

Saturday, Feb. 4

00:00 **SPORTS:** NFL Live **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **SPECTRUM:** Body Shaping **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Good Morning America **NEWS:** FNC Your World with Neil Cavuto **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Sesame Street

00:15: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

00:30: **SPORTS:** Jim Rome Is Burning **ATLANTIC:** Tonight Show with Jay Leno **SPECTRUM** Every Woman **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report

00:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

01:00: **SPORTS:** Around the Horn **SPECTRUM:**World's Most Extreme Homes **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Koala Brothers **NEWS:** FNC The Big Story with John Gibson **PENTAGON:**In Step with Ft Riley **FAMILY:**The Planet's Funniest Animals **MOVIE:** All The Right Moves

01:30: **SPORTS:** Pardon the Interruption **ATLANTIC:** The Late Show with David Letterman **SPECTRUM:** Designed to Sell **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Rubadubbers **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Amazing Animal Videos

02:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **SPECTRUM:** Landscape Smart (TVG) **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Wild Thornberrys **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News **FAMILY:** Postcards from Buster

02:15: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

02:30: **ATLANTIC:** Access Hollywood **SPECTRUM:** Weekend Handyman **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Mary Kate & Ashley In Action! **NEWS:** NBC Nightly News **PENTAGON:** Focus on the Force **FAMILY:**The Misadventures of Maya & Miguel

02:42: **MOVIE:** Rudy

03:00: **ATLANTIC:** NHL: Teams Tbd **SPECTRUM:** Fix It Up **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Atomic Betty **NEWS:** ABC World News Tonight **PENTAGON:** AF News On Assignment **FAMILY:** Code Lyoko

03:30: **SPORTS:** NBA Shootaround **SPECTRUM:** Before and After **PACIFIC and KOREA:** My Life As A Teenage Robot **NEWS:** CBS Evening News **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** Kim Possible

03:45: **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

04:00: **SPORTS:** NBA: Detroit Pistons @ Philadelphia 76ers **SPECTRUM:** BBO with Bobby Flay **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Cramp Twins **NEWS:** PBS The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer **PENTAGON:**Around the Services **FAMILY:**Da Boom Crew

4:30: **SPECTRUM:** \$40 a Day **PACIFIC and KOREA:** A Walk In Your Shoes **PENTAGON:**AFN Korea Nightly News **FAMILY:** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 04:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

04:49: **MOVIE:** Jerry Maguire

05:00: **SPECTRUM:** Trading Spaces **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Friday Night Fights: Antonio Davis Vs Koba Gogoladze **NEWS:** FNC Hannity & Colmes **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan **FAMILY:** My Life as a Teenage Robot

05:15: **PENTAGON:** Dateline Edwards

05:30: **SPECTRUM:** The Outdoorsman with Buck McNeely **PENTAGON:** Korean Destinations **FAMILY:** Justice League

06:00: **ATLANTIC:** FIM Motocross: Germany **SPECTRUM:**101 Most... **NEWS:** CNN Anderson Cooper 360: Live **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** Teen Kids News

06:15: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

06:30: **SPORTS:** NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves @ Portland Trail Blazers **PENTAGON:** Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** Time Warp Trio

07:00: **ATLANTIC:** ABC World News Tonight **SPECTRUM:** National Geographic Special - Iraq's Lost Antiquities/Iraq's Lost Treasures **PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNNews **NEWS:** CNN Anderson Cooper 360: Live **PENTAGON:** Ft Hood On Track **FAMILY:** Trading Spaces Boys vs. Girls

07:07: **MOVIE:** Varsity Blues

07:30: **ATLANTIC, PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNNews **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** The Saddle Club

07:45: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

08:00: **ATLANTIC:** CBS Evening News **SPECTRUM:** Grand Ole Opry Live **PACIFIC and KOREA:** America's Most Wanted **NEWS:** CNN Larry King Live **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** The Planet's Funniest Animals

08:30: **ATLANTIC:** NBC Nightly News **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Wild America

08:51: **MOVIE:** Remember the Titans

09:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** The Koala Brothers **SPECTRUM:** Star Trek: Voyager **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Your Total Health **NEWS:** MSNBC Rita Cosby: Live and Direct **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News **FAMILY:** The Most Extreme

09:30: **ATLANTIC:** Rubadubbers **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Navy/Marine Corps News **PENTAGON:**AFN Europe Evening News

09:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

10:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** The Wild Thornberrys **SPECTRUM:** Celebrity Poker Showdown **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Radio Free Roscoe **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Eye On Nellis **FAMILY:** Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

10:30: **ATLANTIC:** Mary Kate & Ashley In Action! **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Toyota World Of Wildlife **NEWS:** PBS Tavis Smiley **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran

11:00: **SPORTS:** NHL: Teams Tbd **ATLANTIC:** Atomic Betty **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Access Hollywood Weekend **NEWS:** MSNBC Hardball with Chris Matthews **PENTAGON:** Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** Disney's Doug **MOVIE:** Maid In Manhattan

11:30: **ATLANTIC:** My Life As A Teenage Robot **PENTAGON:** Focus on the Force **FAMILY:** Rocket Power

12:00: **ATLANTIC:** The Cramp Twins **SPECTRUM:** Extreme Makeover **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** FNC The O'Reilly Factor **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Spongebob Squarepants

12:15: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

12:30: **ATLANTIC:** A Walk In Your Shoes **PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNNews **PENTAGON:** Pacific Report **FAMILY:** The Fairly Oddparents

12:45: **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

13:00: **ATLANTIC:** Radio Free Roscoe **SPECTRUM:** Dancing with the Stars **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Blue Collar TV **NEWS:** ABC Nightline **PENTAGON:** In Step with Ft Riley **FAMILY:** MVP: Most Valuable Primate **MOVIE:** Breakin' All the Rules

13:30: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** Toyota World Of Wildlife **PACIFIC and KOREA:** One on One **NEWS:** PBS Nightly Business Report **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

14:00: **ATLANTIC:** Access Hollywood Weekend **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Boston Legal **NEWS:** Dateline NBC **PENTAGON:** AFN Europe Evening News

14:15: **PENTAGON:** AFN Korea Nightly News

14:30: **SPORTS:** NFL Live **SPECTRUM:** Dancing with the Stars **PENTAGON:** Focus on the Force **FAMILY:** Ice Age

14:40: **MOVIE:** Big Fish

14:47: **SPORTS:** College Gamenight

15:00: **ATLANTIC:** America's Most Wanted **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Law & Order **PENTAGON:** Battleground

15:04: **SPORTS:** ESPNNews

15:30: **SPORTS:** NFL Total Access **SPECTRUM:** WWE Smackdown **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

15:45: **PENTAGON:** VA News

16:00: **ATLANTIC:** Blue Collar TV **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** CNN Saturday Morning **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** American Idol

16:30: **SPORTS:** NBA: Teams Tbd **ATLANTIC:** One on One **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Saturday Night Live **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News

17:00: **ATLANTIC:** Boston Legal **NEWS:** CNN Saturday Morning **PENTAGON:** Hawaii Army Report **FAMILY:** American Idol **MOVIE:** U.S. Marshals

17:30: **SPECTRUM:** Laguna Beach **NEWS:** CNN Open House **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

17:45: **PENTAGON:** Dateline Edwards

18:00: **ATLANTIC:** Law & Order **SPECTRUM:** The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliot **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Kickin' It **NEWS:** FNC Bulls & Bears **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** The Simpsons

18:30: **NEWS:** FNC Cavuto on Business **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** The Simpsons

19:00: **SPORTS:** College Gameday **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **SPECTRUM:** Dancing with the Stars **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Entertainers **NEWS:** Forbes on Fox **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** MVP: Most Valuable Primate

19:17: **MOVIE:** Fire Birds

19:30: **ATLANTIC:** Navy/Marine Corps News **NEWS:** FNC Cashin' In **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

20:00: **SPORTS:** Football Friday **ATLANTIC:** Men's College Basketball: Southern Illinois @ Wichita State **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Men's College Basketball: Duke @ Louisville **NEWS:** CNN Saturday **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

20:30: **SPECTRUM:** Dancing with the Stars **PENTAGON:** AF News On Assignment **FAMILY:** Ice Age

21:00: **SPORTS:** Men's College Basketball: Connecticut @ Indiana **NEWS:** FNC Weekend Live With Tony Snow **PENTAGON:** 1st Air Force Now **MOVIE:** Breakin' All the Rules

21:30: **SPECTRUM:** WWE Smackdown **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran

22:00: **ATLANTIC:** NHL: Ny Islanders @ Pittsburgh Penguins **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Men's College Basketball: Texas A&M @ Texas **NEWS:** CNBC Wall Street Journal Report **PENTAGON:** Army Healthwatch **FAMILY:** Dawson's Creek

22:30: **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Ft Hood On Track

22:40: **MOVIE:** Big Fish

23:00: **SPORTS:** The Pulse **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** Opportunity Showcase **FAMILY:** Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

23:30: **SPORTS:** The Pulse **SPECTRUM:** Room by Room **PENTAGON:** Battleground **FAMILY:** The Wiggles

Sunday, Feb. 5

00:00: **SPORTS:** Men's College Basketball: Arizona @ UCLA **SPECTRUM:** House Hunters **PACIFIC and KOREA:** College Football: All Star Challenge **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Sesame Street

00:30: **ATLANTIC:** PBR Bull Riding: Jacksonville Invitational **SPECTRUM:** Mission: Organization **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

01:00: **SPECTRUM:** Kid's Club **NEWS:** FNC The Big Story Weekend Edition **PENTAGON:** Eye On Nellis **FAMILY:** Clifford's Puppy Days **MOVIE:** The Quiet Man

01:30: **SPECTRUM:** Harvest with Greg Laurie **PACIFIC and KOREA:** NFL: Hidden Images Of The Super Bowl **PENTAGON:** Sun City Soldier **FAMILY:**Baby Looney Tunes

02:00: **SPORTS:** Men's College Basketball: Arizona State @ USC **ATLANTIC:** AMA Supercross **SPECTRUM:** Extreme Life **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Men's College Basketball: Utah @ New Mexico **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Air Force Space Today **FAMILY:**The Magic School Bus

02:30: **SPECTRUM:** Real Videos: Tait **NEWS:** PBS McLaughlin Group **PENTAGON:** VA News **FAMILY:** Adventures From The Book Of Virtues

02:45: **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

03:00: **ATLANTIC:** Saturday Night Live **SPECTRUM:** Latin Lifestyles **NEWS:** CNN On the Story **PENTAGON:** Battleground **FAMILY:** House Of Mouse

03:24: **MOVIE:** Back to the Future

03:30: **SPECTRUM:** Urban Style **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan **FAMILY:** Animaniacs

03:45: **PENTAGON:** VA News

04:00: **SPORTS:** College Gameday **SPECTRUM:** The Great Adventure **PACIFIC and KOREA:** NBA: Detroit Pistons @ Indiana Pacers **NEWS:** PBS Washington Week in Review **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** Weekenders

04:30: **ATLANTIC:** Kickin' It **SPECTRUM:** Roker on the Road **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News **FAMILY:** The Proud Family

05:00: **SPORTS:** Men's College Basketball: Kentucky @ Florida **SPECTRUM:** Simplify Your Life

NEWS: CNN Larry King Live **PENTAGON:** Hawaii Army Report **FAMILY:** Drake and Josh

05:30: **ATLANTIC:** The Entertainers **SPECTRUM:** All American Festivals **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** The Planet's Funniest Animals **MOVIE:** Harvey

05:45: **PENTAGON:** Dateline Edwards

06:00: **SPECTRUM:** The Suze Orman Show **NEWS:** FNC The Big Story Weekend Edition

PENTAGON: Around the Services **FAMILY:** Nick News

06:30: **ATLANTIC:** American Athlete **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Sagwa **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** I Dream of Jeannie

07:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **SPECTRUM:** American Experience: Marcus Garvey **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Angels in the End Zone

07:30: **ATLANTIC:** Hour of Power **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **MOVIE:** Driving Miss Daisy

08:00: **SPORTS:** College Gameday **ATLANTIC:** T.D. Jakes: Potholes **NEWS:** FNC Big Story Primetime **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

08:30: **ATLANTIC:** Coral Ridge Hour **SPECTRUM:** Scientific American Frontiers **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Spongebob Squarepants **PENTAGON:** AF News On Assignment **FAMILY:** Air Bud: Golden Receiver

08:40: **SPORTS:** NBA Fastbreak

09:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** Christopher Closeup **SPECTRUM:** Secrets Of War **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Motorweek **NEWS:** CNN Saturday Night **PENTAGON:** 1st Air Force Now

09:18: **MOVIE:** Shadrach

09:30: **ATLANTIC:** Day of Discovery: Israel **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Ebert & Roeper at the Movies (TVPG) **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran

10:00: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **ATLANTIC:** Seven Little Monsters **SPECTRUM:** J.A.G. **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Apprentice: Martha Stewart **NEWS:** FNC Beltway Boys **PENTAGON:** Army Healthwatch **FAMILY:** Disney's Doug

10:30: **ATLANTIC:** Sagwa **NEWS:** Fox News Watch **PENTAGON:** Ft Hood On Track **FAMILY:** Rocket Power

11:00: **SPORTS:** NFL Primetime **ATLANTIC:** Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius **SPECTRUM:** The Best of **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Fear Factor **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** Opportunity Showcase **FAMILY:** Spongebob Squarepants **MOVIE:** Inside The Actor's Studio (TVPG) John Travolta

11:30: **SPECTRUM:** Good Eats **NEWS:** America's Black Forum **PENTAGON:** Battleground **FAMILY:** The Fairly Oddparents

12:00: **SPECTRUM:** According to Jim **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** CNBC The Chris Matthews Show **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Crocodile Hunter's Diaries

12:30: **SPORTS:** NFL: Suzy Kolber's Super Bowl XI Interview Special **ATLANTIC:** Spongebob Squarepants **SPECTRUM:** George Lopez **PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNNews **NEWS:** Navy/Marine Corps News **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

13:00: **SPORTS:** NFL: 40 Things You Didn't Know About The Super Bowl **ATLANTIC:** Motorweek **SPECTRUM:** Scrubs **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Hurricane **NEWS:** 20/20 **PENTAGON:** Eye On Nellis **FAMILY:** America's Funniest Home Videos **MOVIE:** Ali

13:30: **SPORTS:** NFL: Sounds Of The Super Bowl **ATLANTIC:** Ebert & Roeper at the Movies **SPECTRUM:** Malcolm in the Middle **PENTAGON:** Sun City Soldier

14:00: **SPORTS:** NFL: Super Bowl Top 10 **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **SPECTRUM:** Desperate Housewives **NEWS:** FNC Beltway Boys **PENTAGON:** Air Force Space Today **FAMILY:** 7th Heaven

14:30: **ATLANTIC:** Headline News **NEWS:** Fox News Watch **PENTAGON:** VA News

14:45: **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

15:00: **ATLANTIC:** Women's College Basketball: Texas @ Colorado **SPECTRUM:** Grey's Anatomy **NEWS:** Fox & Friends **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Everwood

15:15: **MOVIE:** Scorpion King

15:30: **PACIFIC and KOREA:** The Simpsons **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

16:00: **SPORTS:** The Road to the Super Bowl **SPECTRUM:** Friends **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Headline News **NEWS:** Fox & Friends **PENTAGON:** Around the **FAMILY:** The Waltons

16:30: **SPECTRUM:** Seinfeld **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Two and A Half Men **PENTAGON:** Around the Services

17:00: **SPORTS:** NFL: Mnf 36: The List **ATLANTIC:** Sportscenter **SPECTRUM:** Saturday Night Live **PACIFIC and KOREA:** NBC Meet The Press **NEWS:** CBS News Sunday Morning **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** 7th Heaven **MOVIE:** National Security

17:30: **PENTAGON:** Battleground

18:00: **SPORTS:** The Sports Reporters **ATLANTIC:** The Apprentice: Martha Stewart **SPECTRUM:** The X Files **PACIFIC and KOREA:** America's Black Forum **PENTAGON:** Opportunity Showcase **FAMILY:** Crocodile Hunter's

18:30: **SPORTS:** Sportscenter **PACIFIC and KOREA:** Access Hollywood Weekend **NEWS:** Face The Nation **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

18:41: **MOVIE:** Marathon Man

18:45: **PENTAGON:**VA News

19:00: **SPORTS:** NFL Countdown **ATLANTIC:** Fear Factor **SPECTRUM:** Scrubs **NEWS:** Late Edition w/Wolf Blitzer **PENTAGON:** Eye On Nellis **FAMILY:** America's Funniest Home Videos

19:30: **SPECTRUM:** Malcolm in the Middle **PACIFIC and KOREA:** ESPNNews **PENTAGON:** Air Force Space Today

20:00: **ATLANTIC:** NBA: Houston Rockets @ NY Knicks **SPECTRUM:** Desperate Housewives **PACIFIC and KOREA:** NFL Total Access Super Bowl XL Pre-game Show **PENTAGON:** Army Newswatch **FAMILY:** 7th Heaven

20:30: **PENTAGON:** Inside Afghanistan

20:45: **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

21:00: **SPECTRUM:** Grey's Anatomy **NEWS:** Headline News **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran **FAMILY:** Everwood **MOVIE:** Ali

21:30: **NEWS:** Navy/Marine Corps News **PENTAGON:** Korean Destinations

22:00: **SPECTRUM:** Friends **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** Recon **FAMILY:** The Waltons

22:30: **ATLANTIC:** NFL: Super Bowl XI Pre-game **SPECTRUM:** Seinfeld **PENTAGON:** Hawaii Army Report

23:00: **SPECTRUM:** The Carol Duvall Show **NEWS:** Fox News Live **PENTAGON:** VA News **FAMILY:** Play with Me Sesame

23:15: **PENTAGON:** Dateline Edwards **MOVIE:** The Scorpion King

23:30: **SPECTRUM:** Room by **PENTAGON:** Ft Hood On Track **FAMILY:** Barney & Friends

Monday, Feb. 6

00:00: **SPECTRUM:** Body Shaping **NEWS:** NBC Meet the Press **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq **FAMILY:** Sesame Street

00:30: **SPECTRUM:** The Right Fit **PENTAGON:** Freedom Journal Iraq

01:00: **SPORTS:** ESPNNews **SPECTRUM:** The View **NEWS:** CNBC Tim Russert **PENTAGON:** Battleground **FAMILY:** Bear In The Big Blue House **MOVIE:** Inside The Actor's Studio - Joanne Woodward

01:30: **SPORTS:** ESPNNews **PACIFIC and KOREA:** NFL: Super Bowl XI Pre-game **PENTAGON:** Focus on the Force **FAMILY:** Little Bill

02:00: **SPORTS, ATLANTIC, PACIFIC and KOREA:** *NFL: Super Bowl XI: Pittsburgh Steelers Vs Seattle Seahawks* **SPECTRUM:** Emeril Live **NEWS:** FNS with Chris Wallace **PENTAGON:** Navy/Marine Corps News **FAMILY:** Blue's Clues **MOVIE:** Hollywood Shootout - Christopher Walken

02:30: **PENTAGON:** The American Veteran **FAMILY:** Dora the **MOVIE:** Entertainment Tonight

03:00: **SPECTRUM:** 30 Minute Meals **NEWS:** CNN Sunday **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Rolie Polie Olie **MOVIE:** Danielle Steel's Secrets

03:30: **SPECTRUM:** Paula's Home Cooking **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** JoJo's Circus

04:00: **SPECTRUM:** Designer's Challenge **NEWS:** ABC This Week **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** Franklin

04:30: **SPECTRUM:** Crafter's Coast to Coast **PENTAGON:**Around the Services **FAMILY:** Reading Rainbow

04:49: **MOVIE:** Alien

05:00: **SPECTRUM:** The Soup **NEWS:** CNN Presents: Live **PENTAGON:** Around the Services **FAMILY:** JoJo's Circus

05:30: **SPECTRUM:** Blind Date (TVPG) **PENTAGON:** Battleground **FAMILY:** Rolie Polie Olie

05:45: **SPORTS, ATLANTIC, PACIFIC and KOREA:** NFL: Super Bowl XI Post-game

06:00: **SPECTRUM:** My Wife and Kids **NEWS:** CNN Sunday Night **PENTAGON:** Opportunity Showcase **FAMILY:** Dora The Explorer

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The Docs are in ...

Armor Soldiers dispense medical care to Iraqis

Story and photos by
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48th Brigade Combat Team

CONVOY SUPPORT CENTER SCANIA — Hassan's tear-filled brown eyes dart cautiously around the metal container that serves as a makeshift medical aid station for the citizens of Nippur.

It's not his favorite place, but his father, Hakim, said it's a Godsend

"We can not pay for regular treatment," Hakim said he is grateful for the compassion the 108th Armor Regiment's Combat Medics have shown his son. "They are a blessing from God."

He cradles his son with a gentle firmness necessary for Spc. Jonathan Bentjen, a 108th Armor Regt. combat medic, to begin the painful task of removing the dead skin that collected during the healing process.

It is the toddler's third visit. Severely burned by hot water in the delicate area of the lower torso, the accident left Hassan's gluteus, inner thighs and pelvic region covered in blisters and scabs.

"Most of the injuries we see are burns," Bentjen, an emergency room nurse from Atlanta said. The children have wounds that if they were in the United States, would normally have been admitted to a hospital in the states, said Bentjen

The free medical care started in the back of a field ambulance. The medics had a difficult time keeping the items they needed to make proper assessments and treatment on hand. As word spread of the Americans benevolence, the number of patients swelled. Since the aid station opened, the medics' average 90 patients per week.

"The people here are very poor," said Dr. Firas M. Egal, who was educated at the Kufa University, College of Medicine in Iraq. He works with the 108th Soldiers as an interpreter. Egal works with the American Soldiers, "to give something back to my people."

His gift to this community is great. His medical training helps him explain the condition, treatment options and prescribed therapy; freeing the medics to continue their work.

To be seen at local hospitals, the patient must pay at the time of examination.

"Many cannot afford to see a doctor and



Karar Hakil and his mother wait to be seen by 108th Armor Regiment combat medics. Hot soup tipped over on the 13-month-old boy. His burns are more than three days old.

their condition may get worse," said Egal. "These can possibly be life-threatening simply because they cannot pay for examinations and medicines."

Staff Sgt. Timothy Turner is the 108th medical platoon sergeant. His constant companion is his Iraqi-English translation book. He's learning the language to help him better serve the people here.

"I originally purchased an Arabic-English dictionary, but I got lucky and found an Iraqi-English dictionary in the PX," said Turner, as he slathered antibiotic cream on bandages for Hassan's fresh dress-

ings. The medics go through two tubs a day.

"There is a slight difference in meaning for some words and I want to make sure they know we care enough to understand

what their needs are and a good intention translates really easy."

Turner passes the bandages to Bentjen and softly coos to Hassan in his native language that it will be OK.

Turner, of Decatur, Ga., has a daughter about the same age as Hassan. He

prepares to see a woman who has a cancerous tumor on her leg.

Fatima lives 10 miles away and has come



Spc. Jonathan Bentjen, 108th Armor Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team combat medic bandages 3-year-old Hassan's wounds.



Staff Sgt. Timothy Turner, left, 108th Armor Regiment, 48th Brigade Combat Team combat medical platoon sergeant, takes a photograph of a cancerous tumor.

here hopeful. The local hospital told the 20-something woman that her leg must be amputated below the knee. Turner photographs the growth for his doctor and looks saddened by what she says.

"They want miracles and we want to make them happen," Turner said.

"Sometimes they hear that Americans may have better treatments. She has not had chemotherapy and is looking for other options versus the amputation."

He can only smile and reassure her that they will do their best, but gently advises that she and her husband take advantage of the options offered by the hospital.

The care and hard work the medics put into the

small community clinic has not gone unnoticed. It is a continuation of the work they did in south Baghdad. Many of the sheiks and tribal leaders from Mahmudiyah, Yusifiyah and Lutifiyah have visited the 108th Armor Regt.'s battalion commander.

"Our commitment is to leave our area of operation better than we found it," said Lt. Col. John King, commander of the 108th Armor Regiment.

"Being a good neighbor and taking care of them is security for the Iraqi people. They are perplexed as to why we do what we do and ask nothing in return.

We are happy simply to do the job that the Army pays us to do and the Soldiers seem really excited about doing something positive."

"Our commitment is to leave our area of operation better than we found it."

Lt. Col. John King

Aussies rule in fun

ADF members celebrate national holiday

Australian Defense Force members celebrated Australian Day Jan. 26 at Camp Smitty.

Australia Day is the biggest day of celebration in Australia and is observed as a public holiday in all states and territories, according to the website <http://www.australiaday.gov.au/>

As a Coalition member, Australia contributes to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq. More than 1,200 ADF personnel are serving in Iraq.

In a press release, Australia's Prime Minister, John Howard remembered Australians everywhere.

"I wish all Australians, wherever they are, a happy Australia Day," he said.

The national holiday became law in 1946, but the first celebrations can be traced back to 1788.

For Australians it's a day to remember their people, land, diversity, indigenous cultures and freedom and democracy.



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Craftsman Joshua Relton and Craftsman Shaun Dempsey run in their "Near Boat" entry in the Henley on Todd Regatta.



Courtesy photo

Trooper Aaron Hamden and Trooper Luke Bloomfield await the start of the Henley on Todd Regatta.



Courtesy photo

Contestants start the Henley on Todd Regatta.