

# DESERT BULLS

## LOOK WHO'S WATCHING



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Colonel David Ellicerio  
Commanding Officer  
1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division

Dear Colonel Ellicerio:

Greetings to you and to all the officers and soldiers of the 1st BCT.

64 years and two months ago, the officers and soldiers of the "Red Bull" Division loaded on trains not far from where your Brigade is now. They headed for the port of New York to be the first American combat division deployed overseas after Pearl Harbor. By the time World War II ended, three and a half years later, the Division had established a record of battlefield service to the Nation, second to none. The ranks of those of us who are veterans of those "Red Bull" marches through North Africa and Italy have grown thin and are thinning more every day; nevertheless, our pride in having worn the "Red Bull" patch remains unabated. We are also enormously proud of you, today's soldiers, wearing that same patch, and prepared to deploy to undertake a difficult, demanding, and very important mission for the United States. We will pray for the success of your mission and for the safety of each of you. We are confident that the reputation and the honor of the Red Bull Division will be upheld.

Thanks for your service and Godspeed to each of you.

John W. Vessey  
General, USA (Ret.)

10th Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States  
34th Infantry Division soldier and officer, 1939-1945

*Editor's note: Gen. John W. Vessey joined the Minnesota National Guard in 1939 and was called to service in World War II. He received a battlefield commission as an officer at Anzio in 1944.*

# SAEDA prevents enemy from learning about American forces

**By Capt. Michael Brethorst**

1/34 BCT Counter Intelligence Officer

What the heck is SAEDA? That is a question that I get asked a lot as the 1/34 Brigade Combat Team Counter Intelligence Officer or S2X. As the S2X, I am responsible to train Soldiers about Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the United States as well as conduct investigations regarding SAEDA allegations. SAEDA is one of the many components of Force Protection. It is much more than just practicing proper Operations Security. SAEDA is an effort to prevent the enemy from learning about American Forces. SAEDA is an effort to train Soldiers to recognize the key aspects of espionage and subversion and when and whom to report it to.

Most of the time people just don't realize that they are seeing SAEDA indicators. Some of these indicators are but not limited to include:

- 1) Attempted unauthorized access to national defense information
- 2) Unauthorized disclosure or compromise of classified information
- 3) Undue interest in Department of Defense facilities or operations
- 4) Attempts to encourage DOD personnel to disobey lawful orders, regulations or disrupt military activities (subversion)
- 5) Third Country Nationals continually loitering around secure areas
- 6) Large number of TCNs not showing up for work on a particular day

Threats of Espionage and Subversion can come from nearly anyone. There is no single profile that is a perfect fit. However, while in Iraq, most collecting of intelligence against the United States has been from the local TCNs/Local Nationals with a daily job (placement and access) that are either blackmailed, threatened, or have political or ideological goals.

There are many Iraq specific examples of reportable SAEDA incidents, including a Soldier on Camp Liberty found a secret hard drive in a trashcan near the dining facility, LN's found in possession of digital satellite imagery of Camp Liberty, an American contractor on Camp Victory believed to have involvement with anti-coalition forces, and LN interpreter believed to be using a wireless monitoring device to obtain information about American Forces and Operations.

Your next question is what do I do if I see a possible SAEDA incident.

Do:

Report immediately: BDE S2X, THT or chain of command,

Obtain accurate description of incident and individuals (five w's)

Do not:

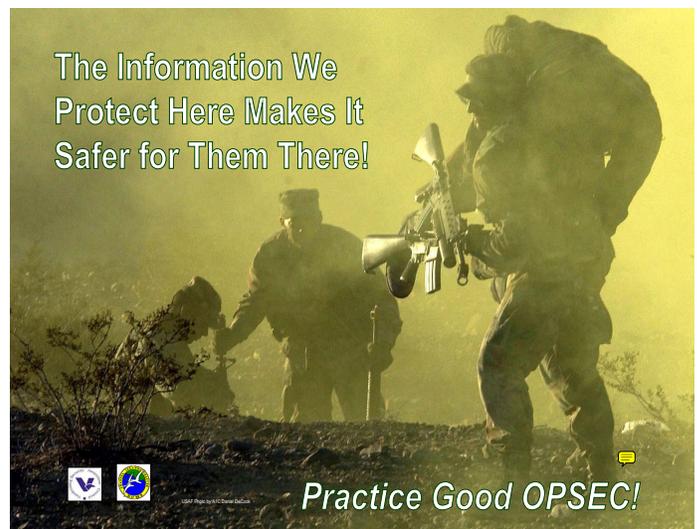
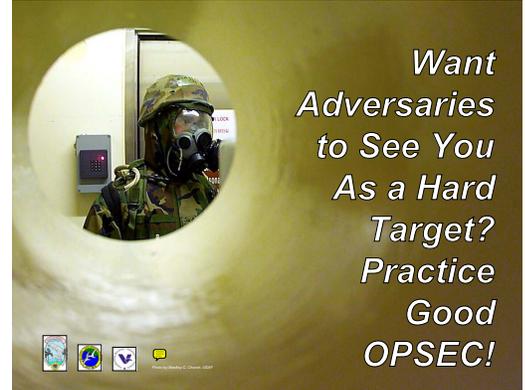
Handle evidence

Do not tell others about the incident after reporting

Do not investigate incident

All DoD employees are required to report SAEDA incidents. We ask that you report the following but not limited to:

- 1) Any compromise of classified information
  - Documents, thumb drives, hard drives, disks, maps
- 2) Unauthorized individuals who attempt to access classified or unclassified information
- 3) Interpreters, LN's/TCN's eliciting information outside the scope of their duties
- 4) Any suspicious activity which may result in the compromise of US information



# Day in Red Bull history

Wednesday, July 26, 1944  
Near Livorno, Italy

The entire Company is getting ready to move from here, near Vicarello, into a Division Rest Camp just behind the city of Livorno (Leghorn). Some of the other Regiments have already moved back.

There was only one fire mission today to harass coordinates 14156486, firing 96 rounds at it. B Company of this Regiment has been around our area in re-

serve; a lot of big crap and poker games during the lull of the day. They moved out just at dark. At 2300 hours enemy aircraft were overhead, drawing a lot of ack-ack fire. We again had enemy artillery just ahead of our buns, but no casualties.

The Company started back to the Rest Area at 0700 hours, arriving in the vicinity of Rosignano at 0900 hours. This area is very close to the coast and everyone plans to get in a lot of swimming. We are in a very nice area; most of the ground around us is cultivated and there are plenty

of trees to give sufficient shade.

**Editor's note:** This diary entry is from The Unit Journal of Cannon Company, 133rd Infantry April 1944 until May 1945. For the complete diary, log onto [www.34infdiv.org/history/133cannon/4404.html](http://www.34infdiv.org/history/133cannon/4404.html)



## Heads up

### From the editor: A look at issues, trends and things to watch

By Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood

This issue is all about Operational Security. Maj. Thomas Hagen, our Command Judge Advocate, also discusses blogging.

Regarding blogging, I did my first blog earlier this week and caught myself making an OPSEC error.

I was describing a location where the Fox Sports Net North television crew would be getting their credentials. As I arrived at this location, I was informed that an Army general was holding a press conference in the same building to discuss Al Zarqawi's death. This was televised worldwide. I thought this was very interesting but it will have to remain in my memory. Can you imagine if this would have gone out in the blogging world? So it just goes to show you that an OPSEC breach can happen to the best of us.

Personally, I have to watch

OPSEC even in writing stories. In the next issue, there will be a story on Smith Gate Medical Clinic at Scania. I originally put what days the clinic was open but later just put it was open three days a week. I thought that would not be a good thing for insurgents to know.

#### Navy rank

This week we will learn about the Navy's enlisted rank structure from Seaman Recruit to Petty Officer Third Class (see rank chart at right). A Seaman Recruit has no equivalent in the Army. A Seaman Apprentice is equal to an Army private, a Seaman is equal to an Army private first class and a Petty Officer Third Class is equal to an Army Specialist.

The noncommissioned officer rank structure for the Air Force compared to the Army will be in the next Desert Bulls.



#### Iraqi language lesson:

Hiza is shoes (pronounced hezah).

Kayf is how (pronounced Kyefa)

Anna Afhaam is I understand (pronounced Anna Afham).

Anna La Afhaam is I don't understand (pronounced Anna la Afham)

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About the cover: Staff Sgt. Veronica Garcia checks her e-mail under the watchful eye of Staff Sgt. Thomas Murray. Photo illustration by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PA



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# Iraq 101: Iraq equivalent to Mesopotamia

In ancient times, the land we now know as modern Iraq was almost equivalent to Mesopotamia, which means the land between the two rivers (Tigris and Euphrates),

The Mesopotamian plain is known as the Fertile Crescent. This region is most often referred to as the Cradle of Civilization.

This was the birthplace of varied civilizations that moved us from prehistory to history, long before Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Whatever your religious beliefs, there are many agreements that life and civilization began in Mesopotamia. The southern portion of current day Iraq is most certainly Mesopotamia, home to the lands of Sumer and the first modern civilization.

**Some other tidbits about this area:  
■ The Garden of Eden was in Iraq.**

**■ Noah built his ark in Iraq.**

**■ Abraham was from Ur, which is in Iraq.**

**■ Jonah preached in Nineveh, which is in Iraq.**

**■ Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the 10 tribes of Israel.**

**■ Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.**

**■ The Wise Men that visited Jesus' birth were from Iraq.**

**■ Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible.**

**■ Iraq is the second most mentioned nation in the bible.**



The green area on this map of the Middle East is the Mesopotamia plain or the Fertile Crescent

# Wearing seat belts is a rule!

**By Chief Warrant Officer  
Peter Panos  
1/34 BCT Safety Officer**

Ok, I have been distracted for several weeks and have not been as vigilant on jamming you guys up about seat belt use. Now I find out that across the BCT that we have acquired an unbelievable 24 seatbelt tickets from the military police in two days. Driving on the Forward Operating Base is like driving at home, no Interceptor Body Armor, no water hazards and no roadside bombs

It is A RULE: you can't drive any vehicle in Iraq without wearing a seatbelt. Recently we had three Humvee accidents. A water truck broadsiding a Humvee was the first. The gunner who suffered only minor injuries was the only one injured. The crew were wearing seatbelts. The other two accidents were rollovers. One crew had only minor injuries because everyone had a seatbelt on. The

second accident was where a Soldier was ejected from the vehicle. Now let me address the Convoy Escort Team issues. The number one reason I hear from junior troops is, "The convoy commander does not wear his." Leaders at all levels must set the example. The younger Soldiers look to you for your verbal and non-verbal guidance. If they see you putting on the seat belt every time you get into a vehicle, they will realize this is a important issue to you and follow suit. The number two most used excuse is "I will get hung up on it if I need to get out in a hurry." I will give you that with your Personal Protective Equipment on you must practice removing your seatbelt to become comfortable with it, but soon, its use will be automatic. The additional three seconds it takes to unlock your seat belt will help you gather yourself and gain a little more situational awareness before you exit the vehicle. A seat belt will save your

life or prevent serious injury. That is the bottom line.

I'm pretty sure most of you have heard by now of the Polaris Ranger ATV rollover by a 1/34 BCT Soldier in which the passenger broke his leg in two places. Speed was the catalyst for this accident and poor driving technique was the accelerant. Both occupants were wearing their kevlar, eye protection and seat belts. If they hadn't taken the proper safety precautions this could have resulted in more serious injuries.

If you have control of an ATV (Ranger / Gator) ensure that the people using it are wearing the proper PPE and brief them on the vehicles safety warnings and its peculiarities. In the Ranger, there are large warning placards on the dash about the tendency for this vehicle to roll over, make sure the user has read them. The injury you prevent could be your own.

# Notes from the Command Judge Advocate

Paralegal Spotlight. This month meet Spc. Yang Xiong from Weston, Wis. Xiong is our 27D paralegal specialist from Task Force Wolverine. He is currently working as the paralegal assistant to Trial Defense Services on LSA Adder. Xiong is a self-described "part-time student and full-time dad" and works as a security guard with Securitas USA. He has two children and he joined the Army in 2000. He previously deployed with the Minnesota Army National Guard to Kosovo in 2004 where he also served in the TDS office which supported Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia. LSA Adder TDS is located in Building 512 behind the 134th Brigade Support Battalion headquarters. The DSN number is 833-1231. Their office hours are Monday to Friday from 0900 to 1700.



Go to [redbullweb.com](http://redbullweb.com) for important voting information for Minnesota Soldiers.

## Blogging and the UCMJ

By Maj. Thomas Hagen  
1/34 BCT CJA

By now all those Soldiers who engage in "blogging" should be aware of the policies on blogs. These policies address OPSEC concerns and left and right limits. But there is another aspect to blogging by Soldiers that hasn't received much attention. That aspect can be generally described as respect for civilian leadership and the chain of command.

In my opinion, complaining by Soldiers is as American as baseball, hot dogs and apple pie. I have a newsletter from my grandfather's Field Signal Battalion from World War I in France. The newsletter is filled with good-humored complaining about when they would get to go home. Certainly those of us defending the Constitution have earned the right to exercise its freedoms. At the same time the military is a unique profession and good order and discipline is essential to mission success. Good judgment and respect for our chain of command and comrades requires that we hold our tongues in many circumstances.

In *Parker v. Levy*, the United States Supreme Court wrote in 1974: "While the members of the military are not excluded from the protections granted by the First Amendment, the different character of the military community and of the military mission require a different application of such protections; the fundamental necessity for obedience, and the consequent necessity for imposition of discipline, may render permissible within the military that which would be constitutionally impermissible outside it."

Accordingly, Soldiers may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for certain speech. Article 89, Disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer: Disrespectful behavior, including words, is that which detracts from the respect due the authority and person of a superior commissioned officer. Truth is no defense. Disrespect includes disdain, indifference, insolence or impertinence. Disrespect toward your commander on your blog could be punished under the UCMJ.

Article 88, Contempt toward officials: Any commis-

sioned officer who uses contemptuous words against the President, the Vice President, Congress, Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, the Secretary of Transportation, or the Governor or legislature of any State ... in which he is on duty or present shall be punished as a court-martial shall direct. The fact that this Article only applies to officers recognizes the special trust given to officers while at the same time recognizing the importance and tradition of freedom of speech for the enlisted Soldier.

Article 91, Insubordinate conduct toward warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer: This includes treating with contempt or being disrespectful in language toward an NCO or warrant officer.

Article 134, General Article: Prohibits all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces and all conduct of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

In conclusion, Soldiers should think carefully before publishing critical comments. We should all weigh carefully our individual rights versus what is best for the collective good of our fellow soldiers, our organization and the mission. Our unintentional comments can hurt morale and give comfort or propaganda to our enemies. Sometimes, the pen truly is mightier than the sword.

See **Military Justice Log**, next page.



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assistance. Walk-ins ok,  
but appointments are  
recommended.

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# Military Justice Log

A Soldier from Task Force Express received a company grade article 15 for failing to go to his appointed place of duty for a convoy. Reduction from specialist to private first class; and forfeiture of \$394 (suspended for three months).

A Soldier from Task Force Express received a field grade Article 15 for viewing pornography on a government computer, and not going to formations from June 7 to June 9. Reduction from specialist to private first class; forfeiture of \$636 for two months (One month suspended to be automatically remitted if not vacated before six months).

A Soldier from Task Force Wolverine received a company grade Article 15 for being disrespectful to a noncommissioned officer. Forfeiture of \$350, extra duty for 14 days.

A Soldier from Task Force Thunder received a company grade Article 15 for a negligent discharge. Extra duty and restriction for 14 days.

A Soldier from Task Force Wolverine received a Field Grade Article 15 for violating General Order #1. Reduction from private first class to private; forfeiture of \$713; extra duty and restriction for 30 days; oral reprimand.

A Soldier from Task Force Wolverine received a Field Grade Article 15 for violating General Order #1. Reduction from specialist to private first class; forfeiture of \$846; restriction and extra duty for 30 days; oral reprimand.

## Permethrin: 5 reasons why it's better than beer

By 1st Lt. Matthew Majeski  
1/34 BCT Medical Op. Officer

1. You only have to use it once to let it work forever.

a. The "shake and bake" kits of permethrin will last the life of a uniform and the spray cans will last for up to 6 washes. You have to keep drinking beer over and over and over...

2. You don't get a headache from using it.

a. Permethrin has no ill side-effects on people. You can even treat your sheets to keep the bugs off of them!

3. You can get it through supply.

a. Supply sergeants can order permethrin wherever they are, unlike real beer.

4. There's no such thing as a Permethrin Belly.

a. Permethrin is safe for children and pregnant women, unlike beer.

5. Bugs won't argue, "Less Filling, Tastes Great."

a. Treated uniforms, will keep the bugs off of your clothes and keep them from biting you. You still have to wear repellent on your exposed skin.



# IN OUR SIGHTS



Photo by Spc. Ross Miller, TF IRON  
A Task Force IRON Humvee crew discusses routes with a tank commander near Camp Al Asad.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Schultz, TF SABER UPAR  
Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, pins a combat action badge on Sgt. Jeremy Wallace, Task Force SABER, at LSA Anaconda.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PA  
Capt. James Helvig, Team Panthers, had a lot of company as he walked to a water plant in Al Batha.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PA  
Maj. Gen. Alan Bell, commanding general of the 81st Regional Readiness Command, reenlists Staff Sgt. Moises Lozacruz, 7th Transportation Battalion, at LSA Adder last month.



Photo by Sgt. Kent Westberg, 1/34 BCT PA  
Staff Sgt. Brian Limanen, Task Force THUNDER, briefs the entry control point guards at Scania.



A Black Hawk helicopter flies over the Baghdad area en route to LSA Anaconda.

Photo by Sgt. Kent Westberg, 1/34 BCT PA

