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## Rakkasans Hand Over FOB Remagen

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Tikrit, Iraq (August 16, 2006) –Third Battalion, 320<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, handed over Forward Operating Base Remagen to the Iraqi Army 16 Aug.

Remagen is strategically located several miles south of Tikrit, Iraq, on one of the main supply routes between the oil-rich north and Baghdad.

There was a small but profound ceremony declaring

that FOB Remagen is now under the control of the 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division and is renamed Saad Ben Abe Waqas. Maj. Gen. Abdul Jabar, commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division, thanked the Coalition Forces and the Iraqi government for giving him and his Soldiers this opportunity. Deputy Governor of Salah Ah Din province Abdul Hussein Muhhamed and Deputy Commander for 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT, 101<sup>st</sup> Div., Lt. Col. - See Handover Page 3



Photo By Sgt. Waine Haley

Leadership from 3-320th FA, 3rd Brigade and 1-4 IA salute their respected flags during the handover ceremony at Forward Operating Base Ramagen.

## Securing the future Iraqi Economy

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BAYJI, Iraq (July 23, 2006) –Black-market fuel sales have become a growing problem in the Iraqi economy. Every day fuel is smuggled from the oil refineries. Much of this fuel is sold to Iraq’s neighboring countries. Some stays in the country and is sold at marked-up prices to citizens who have no other way of getting it.

For the past four months Rakkasans from Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment have teamed up with Soldiers from the 12<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Strategic Infrastructure Battalion in a effort to stop black-market fuel operations in Bayji, Iraq, where two of the countries largest oil refineries are located.

“An estimated six billion dollars a year are smuggled out of Iraq [in the form of black-market oil],” said Capt. Jeremy Bowling, 31 yr. old, A co. commander from Chattanooga, TN. “Most of that money is - See FUEL Page 4



Photo By Sgt. Matt Wrzesinski

Fuel smugglers will use extra tanks in the back of their vehicles to get more than the allotted fuel and then turn around and sell it at an unreasonable price. Strategic Infrastructure Soldiers patrol gas stations across the country to deter citizens from doing this.

## Editors Notes

The 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment is currently attached to the 3rd BCT Public Affairs Office to help us cover all units in the Rakkasan area of operations.

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# Medics Join Sappers on PB Razor



Photo By Sgt. Matt Wrzesinski

Pvt. Jesse Delima, a 23 yr. old medic in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment from Beaumont, CA., pulls security at Patrol Base Razor. Delima along with other medics from the Iron Rakkasans are attached to 3rd Special Troops Battalion. They man the medic station at the PB and pull security. The medics help anyone wounded in the Samarra area including Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police, civilians and coalition forces.

## Rak 7 Sends

Rakkasans, You have been taking the fight to the enemy for the last 11 months. Your accomplishments are numerous. Together, we have patrolled every city in the Salah Ad Din Province, uncovered thousands of tons of explosives and taken thousands of suspected terrorists off the streets. Job well done - but it isn't over yet! We are not finished with this fight. Stay plugged in with your PCC/PCI, ROE and Escalation of Force control measures. Don't get complacent. We are doing an awesome job preventing accidents. We have not lost any Rakkasans to negligent weapon discharges or vehicle accidents. This is a testament to our Brigade as a whole.

Our Brigade continues to lean forward bringing peace to the people of the Salah Ad Din province. It has been a long, hard-fought year and I am proud of each and every one of you. Your sacrifices are not in vain. The fruits of your labors are evident to all as we transfer authority to the Iraqi Security Forces. On the 9th of August, 2-9 Cavalry transferred FOB Wilson to the Iraqi Army. We have also handed over Patrol Base Uvani and several Observation Posts in Samarra to the control of Iraqi Security Forces. Unfortunately, 2-9 is no longer attached to the brigade, but they will always be Rakkasans and their accomplishments will not go unrecognized. Thanks to their leadership and hard work, Ad Dawr is more secure than it was 12 months ago and the people are one step closer to a prosperous future.

I continue accompanying combat patrols around our area of operations - I'm impressed. - I am proud of our Troopers for how they continue to enforce basic standards. This is the time when complacency becomes an issue in undisciplined units. That is not the case with you. Keep it up and don't let your guard down until we are on US soil.

Soon we will be back at Fort Campbell and reunited with our loved ones. Stay professional at all times. Don't go home and ruin your career or family life. Think before you act. Don't be a statistic. Leaders, talk to your Soldiers. Remind them of the Army Values. They don't change because you have been in Iraq for a year. Keep the following in mind as you go about your daily business...you are making a difference in this war, whether you are conducting combat operations or back in the Good of USA.

Thanks for all you do. God Speed to each one of you, our Family, and to our Fallen Rakkasans.....  
Rakkasans

# Engineers in the Heart of Samarra



Photo By Sgt. Matt Wrzesinski

The Sapper Rakkasans are the main effort on missions in their area of operation, which includes a section of Samarra. The Sappers work out of Patrol Base Razor located on the banks of the Tigris River.

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**SAMARRA, Iraq** (July 20, 2006) –While deployed, every Soldier has a place they call home and build strong bonds with their brothers and sisters in arms. Most Soldiers live on one of the many Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) throughout the country. Several select units live and conduct their missions from Patrol Bases (PBs). A patrol base is significantly smaller than a FOB and is usually occupied by a company or platoon size element, whereas a FOB may house a brigade.

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## HANDOVER

Craig Collier also attended the event. FOB Remagen will allow the 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division to have its four brigades centrally located and move its headquarters out of Tikrit. This is in accordance with the overarching plan to allow the Iraqi Police to conduct security operations in the cities while the Iraqi Army provides security in the outlying areas.

“The Iraqi Army wanted the facility so the Division Commander has the opportunity to get all of his Soldiers together in one location, as well as fulfill the people of Tikrit’s wishes to get the army out of the city and turn the security over to the police,” said Maj. Chuck Roede, military transition team chief for the newly arrived 3<sup>rd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. “The people have overwhelmingly said they want the army out of the city ... listening to people is something that hasn’t happened in thirty years. It’s the people talking to the Army, not the other way around.”

While the Iraqi Army has control of FOB Remagen, they are under



Photo by Sgt. Waine D. Haley

Leadership from 3-320th FA and 1-4 IA salute the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) flag as it is flown symbolically over FOB Remagen one last time.

contract to allow other branches of the Iraqi Security Forces use and control of the intermittent aspects of the installation. For example; the training facility will be used by all branches of the security forces and the Iraqi Police will control the prison.

After Coalition Forces relinquished all ties to the FOB all supporting contracts ceased allowing the Iraqi government to bring in their own

contractors. This immediately created job openings for people in the local community.

“They [the Iraqi Army] are leading the fight on terrorism and this ceremony marks a historic milestone,” said Root. “They are the warriors I am proud to serve with as brothers in arms and I know they will utilize this base to their betterment and [to benefit] Salah Ah Din.” ☠

## FUEL

going into the hands of terrorist groups like Al-Qaeda.”

A fuel plan was first developed to evenly distribute the fuel throughout Bayji. It laid out the amount each station would get and the times that they would sell it. The Iraqi government also set a standard price throughout the country. This plan was put out to the people of Bayji through the radio stations, newspapers and television stations. Once the plan was set out the Rakkasans started their partnership with the 12<sup>th</sup> SIB to enforce it.

The Rakkasans team up with the 12<sup>th</sup> SIB on patrols to different fuel stations everyday.

“We have the Soldiers check their fuel,” said Bowling. “If they are missing fuel then it should be on their log books.”

If the owners of the fuel station are found to be price gauging or missing fuel then they are issued a warning. If the problem continues, then their fuel station will ultimately be shut down. This system is set up to keep the owners from selling fuel at an unfair price or selling more than the allotted amount to one person. Civilians are only allowed so much fuel weekly. The area has had a problem with civilians



Photo By Sgt. Matt Wrzesinski

Capt. Jeremy Bowling, 31 yr. old commander of A Co. from Chattanooga, TN conducts an inspection of the 12th Strategic Infrastructure Battalion’s Quick Reaction Force.

having secret compartments in the back of their vehicles and paying the owners extra to fill them up. They turn around and sell it at an unreasonable price.

“We’re trying to keep them honest,” said Bowling.

The Soldiers also randomly patrol the oil refinery in Bayji where all the fuel for the area is stored and distributed. Nearly 600 trucks come through the refinery daily and deliver fuel to 102 fuel stations in the Bayji area. Some workers take advantage of all the traffic that comes through the refinery and try to smuggle fuel out. Patrolling the area helps to keep this from happening.

“Some tankers will bribe their way on to the refinery and turn around and take that fuel out of the country,” said Bowling. “We have also found fuel cans hidden in the parking lot that were to be picked up later and smuggled out.”

The 12<sup>th</sup> SIB also mans a checkpoint outside of the refinery to check that all fuel trucks coming

out have the correct papers and correct amount of fuel. The checkpoint is ran solely by the 12<sup>th</sup> SIB with the Rakkasans in an over watch position. Controlling the flow of the trucks is important to getting the fuel out to the people of Bayji where it belongs.

“The enemy blows the pipelines so the city’s main way of getting fuel out is the trucks,” said Bowling. “So we must protect the trucks.”

Working with the Rakkasans has given the 12<sup>th</sup> SIB Soldiers a clear picture of what they should do to deter people from smuggling and reselling fuel.

“They try to mirror us,” said Pfc. Frederick Leadercharge, a 21 yr. old Radio Telephone Operator for A Co., 1-187 Infantry Regiment from Rosebud, SC, “They learn what the right thing to do is through us.”

For now we are in the lead in this operation but the end result is that the 12<sup>th</sup> SIB takes the lead from us.

“They will eventually go by themselves,” said Bowling. “We’re driving toward them taking over responsibility.”



Photo By Sgt. Matt Wrzesinski

Rakkasans from A Co., pull security during a patrol at the Bayji oil refinery. The Soldiers patrol the refinery on a regular basis to keep employees from smuggling fuel.

## SAPPERS

**SAMARRA, Iraq** (July 20, 2006)

—While deployed, every Soldier has a place they call home and build strong bonds with their brothers and sisters in arms. Most Soldiers live on one of the many Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) throughout the country. Several select units live and conduct their missions from Patrol Bases (PBs). A patrol base is significantly smaller than a FOB and is usually occupied by a company or platoon size element, whereas a FOB may house a brigade.

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Rakkasans from Company A, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team known as the Sapper Rakkasans arrived at their current home, Patrol Base Razor, in Samarra on Christmas Eve 2005.

The majority of the Soldiers in the

company are engineers. They have performed infantry tasks since taking over operations at PB Razor which includes raids, cordon and searches, and daily combat patrols in and around Samarra.

“Coming to Iraq we were told to prepare to fight like infantry where ever we wound up,”

said Capt Steve LaValle, 34 yr. old A co. commander for, 3rd STB, from Boston, MA.

The Sapper Rakkasans still use their engineering skills on missions.

“We have a lot of unique skills that we can fall back on when required to... We apply our skills to what we do everyday,” said LaValle. “We consider ourselves infantry with explosives.”

The company breaks up their duties between platoons. One week a platoon will be responsible for all the tasks required to maintain daily life on the PB; manning guard posts, resupply

missions and bringing food to the rest of the Soldiers. The following week they act as the Quick Reaction Force conducting combat missions in their area of operation.

“Everyone knows where they fit in and what they need to do,” said LaValle. “(This situation) has forced a lot of Soldiers to grow up quick.”

The Sapper



Photo Donated by A Co., 3 STB

Rakkasans from A Co., 3 STB, ride across the Tigri River during a mission. The company has also conducted air assault missions, raids and cordon and searches.

Rakkasan family at PB Razor extends beyond the engineers. It takes many parts to make the PB run.

The communication section keeps the radios, phones and computers running so they can maintain contact with the bases around them and their family members back at home.

Mechanics play an integral role in keeping the Soldier equipment ready for the diverse and sometimes spontaneous missions on PB Razor.

“The mechanics are great at what they do,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Dodge, a 33 yr. old platoon sergeant in A co., from Stanley, NY. “They keep the trucks running so we can do our job.”

Having ample supplies is vital to life on a PB. The Sappers are reliant on a steady stream of supplies from FOB Brassfield-Mora, which lies just outside the city limits of Samarra.

“Our success rests a lot on our supply sergeant,” said LaValle, “Without him we could not sustain ourselves.”

There are also medics from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment on PB Razor attached to the Sappers. The medics provide care to Soldiers on the PB and train them on basic life saving skills. ☠



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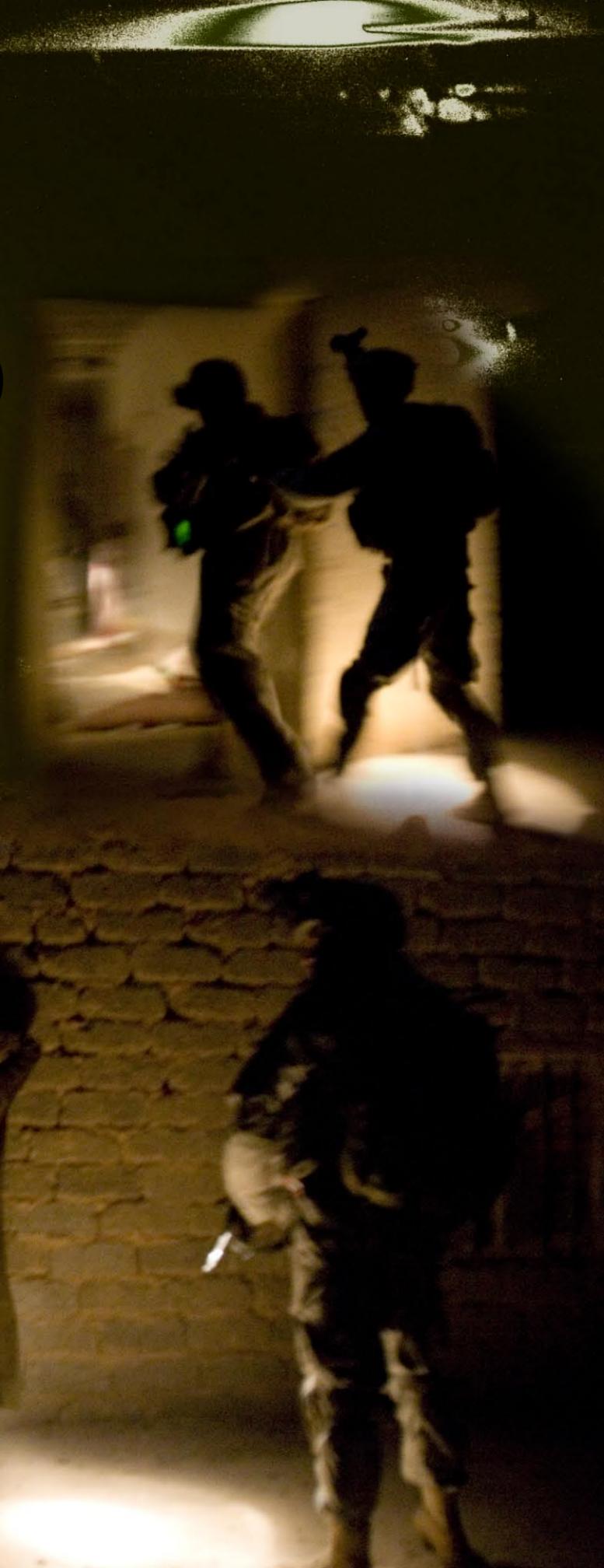
Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Malik, a 36 yr. old platoon sergeant for A Co., 3 STB from Gonzales, TX gets instructions from his assistant gunner during 50 caliber machine gun training.

# OPERATION RED LIGHT 3



*Photos by Staff Sgt. Jesse C. Riggin*

The Bandits from Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment took to the skies one last time during Operation Red Light III. The Bandits, like other tactical units in the Rakkasans, have been on countless air assault missions yielding thousands of tons of explosives and capturing terrorists throughout the Salah Ad Din province. Because of the Rakkasans' success the province is on the verge of being secured by Iraqi Security Forces living under a self-sustaining Iraqi government. In the coming weeks the Rakkasans will pass the torch to the Panthers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, who will continue to take the fight to the enemy.



# Tikrit University Benefits from Civil Affairs Projects

By Spc. Cassandra Groce  
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**TIKRIT, Iraq** (July 16, 2006)—The University of Tikrit is in the process of expanding their campus through the aid of Coalition Forces.

The five projects overseen by the 402<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Detachment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) add housing, a dentistry school, women's college, sporting complex and a research facility.

"The projects will have a positive impact on the campus' daily operations," said Capt. John Skatoff, Civil Affairs team leader. "The projects will also have a great impact on the students' ability to access current information."

The projects are routinely inspected by the CA team to ensure they are meeting Iraqi quality standards and are all being completed by local contractors.

"The goals of the university and Coalition Forces are carefully balanced when a project is discussed," said Skatoff.



Photo by Spc. Cassandra Groce

The 402<sup>nd</sup> Civil Affairs Detachment, talks to students at Tikrit University about their current projects which includes adding housing, a dentistry school, women's college, sporting complex and a research facility.

"It is a team effort between the university and Coalition Forces."

In addition to inspecting projects, the CA team visits the students and asks them about their educational experiences. Skatoff said his team's intention is to build relationships with the faculty and staff and to create a non-threatening environment at the University of Tikrit.

"I feel that we are making a positive impression with the students and faculty," said Skatoff. "We are building bonds for the future projects together."

The school was established more than 30 years ago and instructs more than 12,000 students, of which more than 10 percent are women. The University also employs 1,600 citizens as professors, administrators and maintenance workers.

More than 1,000 students graduate each year and the university encourages students to seek employment in their communities.

## LOCAL INVESTORS HELPING ECONOMY IN IRAQ

By Sgt. Waine D. Haley  
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**TIKRIT, Iraq** (July 16, 2006) - Iraqi private investors are seeing a future in their own country's economic growth and are jumping in to help the economy in multiple ways.

The Iraqis are financing a unique business in the Salah Ah Din province, a water and soft drink bottling company. This new company is getting most of its financing from the Al Jaborah Company with the additional financing coming from local business men.

"Al Jaborah Company had an idea for a water bottling plant ... and invested about 51 percent of the

funds," said Capt. Daniel Cederman, 402nd Civil Affairs Detachment. "The additional 49 percent came from private Iraqi investors."

The building is complete, but the bottling equipment is sitting in the building ready to be installed but work has come to a halt. The U.S. Civil Affairs started assisting with the project when it was about 80 percent complete after it was discovered that the project was going to fall short on funding.

The additional money will come



Photo by Sgt. Waine D. Haley

The new water and soft drink bottling company in the Salah Din Province is getting most of its financing from the Al Jaborah Company with the additional financing coming from local business men.

from a fund that exists in New York. The fund is comprised of monies that were confiscated from Saddam Hussein's - *See WATER Page 9*

# Rakkasans Oversee Reconstruction of Iraq

By Spc. William Jones  
133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**TIKRIT, Iraq** (July 14, 2006)-One Iraqi community after another is benefiting from the efforts of people working together to improve the infrastructure of Iraq after years of neglect and war and at the same time putting the labor force back to work.

These behind-the-scenes people are working closely with the local Iraqi leadership to decide the order in which community improvement projects need to be completed and how much funding is available.

Maj. Christine Nagy, Projects Purchasing Officer, 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, attached to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, stationed at Contingency Operating Base Speicher near Tikrit, Iraq, is a key player in deciding which projects will be worked on first. She also has her hand on the proverbial purse strings.

"I manage a pot of money called [Commander's Emergency Relief Project]," said Nagy. "I recommend projects [to the brigade commander] to approve and the task forces go out and execute these projects."

Nagy attends regular meetings at the Provincial Reconstruction Development Committee which meets in Tikrit to discuss the status of

ongoing projects and to decide which projects are next on the committee's agenda. The committee may discuss everything from roads and bridges to water and sewage. Standing members on the board are individuals from the 402nd Civil Affairs team, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local provincial leaders. Whatever the project may be, a local contractor will likely be doing the actual work with a Coalition Forces overseeing it. The end result is a higher standard of living for the residents of the province and more money for the local economy.

Capt. Jonathan Walden, Projects Officer, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, ensures contractors who have completed a phase of work are paid. In a trailer on the edge of COB Speicher, contractors have lined up to receive an honest days pay for an honest day's work. One of those present recently completed work on a school and another completed a sidewalk project in the nearby city of Ad Dwar.

"This helps to improve their infrastructure and it gives them an economic base," said Walden. "Since Desert Storm [in 1991], a lot of destruction happened in the country of Iraq and not a lot of reconstruction happened. We get a chance to put money into the economy, give jobs to the people and repair a lot of the



Photo by Spc. William Jones  
Maj. Christina Nagy, Projects, Purchasing Officer from Spartanburg, Penn., 402nd CA, 3rd BCT, attends a Provincial Reconstruction Team meeting in Tikrit.

destruction that happened."

Several ongoing, and new projects that are still in the planning phase, will ensure an improved standard of living, but just like stateside projects, there is a process.

"I would like to think of projects working their way up through the provincial council, up the chain of government, just like back in the States where your municipality has its group of people that work it up to the governor's office," said Nagy.

Possible future provincial projects include a water bottling plant, textile mill, plastic manufacturing plant, which will produce syringes and blood plasma bags, and a vocational school to prepare students for work in these factories.



Photo by Sgt. Waine D. Haley  
Captain Daniel Cederman, 402nd Civil Affairs Detachment, reviews working plans with Iraqi officials.

## WATER

old regime and have been held in anticipation of the new government being put in place.

With the completion of the project, the new plant will become a profit-sharing company for the original local investors. The investors will get a percentage of the projected \$2 to \$3 million yearly profits that will be divided equally based on the amount each party invested.

Most, if not all, of the country's bottled water is imported and sold for about 500 Iraqi Dinar a bottle. The bottling plant will be able to cut this price in half and sell the products all over Iraq, from local markets to hospitals and medical facilities. This venture will help bring down inflated costs and employ many Iraqis in the process.

"This type of project will help strengthen the economic and social projects of our citizens, male and female alike," said Kadhin Nori Abid, Ph.D., expert in vocational education, "These jobs will help the families rise to a new level. They will be able to afford things that were not possible to afford before."

The new Iraqi government and its citizens are taking aggressive measures to help its infrastructure, thus helping its people. The populace will be seeing many more projects like this all over Iraq in the near future as the new government continues to take control of the economic situation in Iraq.

# RAP Saving Lives In Iraq

By Sgt. Waine D. Haley  
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**TIKRIT, Iraq** (July 18, 2006)  
--A safety innovation has hit the battlefield in the form of heavy armor added to Humvees and is now on the roads of Iraq.

The 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, created the Rakkasan Armament Program, known as RAP, in January 2006. This program is intended to provide shielding between the Soldiers and the number one killer of U.S. troops in Iraq -- the improvised explosive device.

“The responsibility of the commander is to figure out what we need to respond to this evolving threat,” said Col. Michael Steele, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team commander. “The easiest, the fastest and most appropriate answer is add additional armor.”

There are many different humvee armor programs being conducted by different units in Iraq. This particular effort is based upon threats the 3rd BCT is experiencing in their area of operation.

The additional armor is designed to combat those threats. No armor program is going to be 100 percent effective, but U.S. Soldiers deserve whatever help they can get to survive on the roads of Iraq according to documentation provided by the RAP’s leader, Capt. Keith Tyler, support operations officer for maintenance, 626th BSB.

Sergeant James Hartleob, shop non-commissioned officer in charge for Company B, 626th BSB, from Minot, N.D., estimates the additional armor has saved over 25 lives as of July 2006. These numbers are determined by Hartleob and his staff examining the condition of vehicles after an attack.



Photo by Sgt. Waine D. Haley

Spc. Brian Terry (right) from Lakeland, Fla. and Spc. Jeffrey Brown (left) from Grand Rapids, Mich., are both welders for Company B, 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. The two Soldiers are cutting pieces of steel the will be mounted to M1151 Humvees as part of the Rakkasan Armament Program.

“I know of three Humvees that have been hit and no one has been killed,” Hartleob said, “The 320th (Field Artillery Regiment) had a direct hit that took the front end off the vehicle and everyone walked away ... well one limped away; he broke his leg.” Making the new armor is no small task. The new plating nearly doubles the existing armor on the truck.

Since the program started more than 700 humvees have been outfitted with the RAP armor.

Hartleob added that the templates and techniques of the RAP are such a success that the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command is using the design Army-wide.

The Rakkasans are rapping up their tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom IV next month and will pass on the improved vehicles and their knowledge to the incoming 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Troops. Their efforts will continue to save the lives of U.S. troops using the improved humvees after they are gone.

# War Rakkasans at FOB Sykes



*Photos By Staff Sgt. Russell Klika*

Rakkasans from 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team are running their every day operations out of Forward Operating Base Sykes in Tal Afar. The Soldiers arrived at FOB Sykes nearly a month ago and are helping provide security of the Iraqi / Syrian border.



## Chaplain's Corner

### Be about your Fathers work John 5:19

Why do I have to load that container again, not another meeting this makes the fifteenth one of the day. All of us make statements like this, we feel overwhelmed, overworked, and stressed. Our boss' give us endless list of things to do, and expect them all done before lunch. It is at times like these that our Saviors words bring healing and purpose to out chaotic lives. "So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does." Jesus had work to do, work given by the Father, and when we follow in His footsteps, we have work to do as well. And like Jesus our work is given to us by God Himself. And just like Jesus all we can do is what we see the Father do. And our primary job is to glorify God in everything we do. Wither it is loading containers, sitting in endless meetings, or accomplishing the impossible, we ultimately work for the God of heaven, and in all things we glorify Him by done the best we can.

So as we go through these days let us pray that God will give us more opportunities to serve Him, and by doing so bring glory to His name.

Our Great and Holy Lord, we are grateful that you have called to follow you, and work for you. May all we do and say bring glory and honor to your name. Give us the strength to be about your work. Amen.

**Psalm 37:1-40**

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# TASK FORCE RAKKASAN

IN MEMORY OF

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,  
THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS  
JOHN 15:13



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TIL WE FORM AGAIN...