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AL ASAD**

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*A season of cultural and  
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**Operation  
Helping Hands:  
Bringing Gifts to  
Iraqi Children**



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# Commander's Voice

The Coalition is entering a critical phase of our mission in Iraq; working with the Iraqi government in the coming weeks and months to reestablish an acceptable level of security in Baghdad. In conjunction with the Iraqi Army, National Police, and local police, we will clear neighborhoods of insurgents and terrorists, protect the population from violence, establish an acceptable level of security and rebuild critical infrastructure to allow for the development of enduring economic opportunities. To accomplish this mission, additional Iraqi and Coalition units are being moved to Baghdad. Your hard work in training and mentoring the Iraqi Security Forces increased their capabilities to a level that gives us the flexibility to reposition forces. This repositioning includes moving the 172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade to Baghdad and extending their deployment beyond one year. The decision to extend the 172<sup>nd</sup> was not taken lightly and would not have been

considered if their combat experience and proven capabilities weren't critical to the success of the mission. Our success will help the Iraqi people reclaim their future from those who would rather see Iraq exist in a state of chaos.

While the Baghdad security plan will receive a lot of attention in the near future, operations across the rest of Iraq will remain essential to the success of our broader mission. The vast majority of the Iraqi population wants to support their government and strives to achieve a stable, prosperous environment that will allow them to realize their tremendous potential. Our continued efforts, with the Iraqi Security Forces, to defeat insurgents and terrorists while simultaneously conducting operations to support Iraq's governmental and economic development are the key to achieving our objectives. This is an incredibly challenging environment, but I am supremely confident that our



**MNC-I COMMANDER  
LT. GEN. PETER W.  
CHIARELLI**

remarkable capabilities, adaptability and determination will ensure our success in this historic mission. Thank you for your selfless service and dedication. I look forward to continuing our work in the coming months as we assist the Iraqis in establishing a positive and hopeful future.

*Spearhead!*

# Ramadan

Understanding the culture while deployed is the duty of every member of the Coalition. Ramadan is an important time for believers of Islam, it can also be significant in the eyes of the enemy.

## Season of Devotion

by: Col. B. Duncan Baugh

Deputy Chaplain MNC-1



# Season of Devotion

Ramadan is the most sacred of all Islamic religious observances. It is celebrated or observed by a month of fasting. Fasting is the third of the five pillars (guiding principles) of Islam. Muslim believers understand fasting as a process of purification, a means to attain the consciousness of Allah and to guard against the schemes of Shaitan (Satan).

Muslims believe that Muhammad was visited by the Angel Gabriel in Ramadan 610 AD. This was the occasion where tradition reports that the initial verses of the Qur'an (Islam's sacred scripture) were imparted to Muhammad. The Qur'an makes observance of Ramadan obligatory.

The dates for the observance of Ramadan are determined by the Lunar Calendar. The Lunar Calendar is based upon 255 days rather than the 365 days associated with Western calendars. As a result of the shorter cycle, the dates for Ramadan begin 11 days earlier each year. The start date for Ramadan is determined locally through a combination of astrological and eye witness methods. This year the dates are on or about September 24 through October 23.

The essential practices of Ramadan are framed by observance of the fast from sunrise to sunset. The fast includes no food or water. The time is spent in prayer and reading the Qur'an. The believer dedicates this time to Allah and Allah alone.

The most significant observance during Ramadan is the Lailat-ul-Qadr' (Night of Power). This night is believed to be the very night that the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad. Muslims spend this night asking for forgiveness for their sins and reciting the Qur'an.

The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr celebrates the end of the fast and the end of Ramadan. This festival lasts for three days and is exemplified by joyful celebration of enhanced piety, moral victory, peace, fellowship, brotherhood and unity. This celebration is the time for expressions to Allah for his help and strength.

When interacting with Muslims during this period, it is important to be sensitive to this time of fasting and refrain from eating, drinking or smoking in their presence. Because this is a time of heightened religious sensitivity, lying or the use of profane words or gestures is strictly forbidden. Respect for these

sensitivities will be greatly appreciated. After sundown, Muslim families celebrate with a large meal. It is customary for families and friends to come together to share this meal. It is also likely that there will be an increase of pilgrims visiting shrines and mosques.

Islamic history observes that this is a time of heightened religious sensitivities and a time for the special providence of Allah. Not only was Ramadan the time which marked the receiving of the Qur'an, it has been a time of significant military successes. The Battle of Badr was fought in Ramadan, March 17, 624. This battle has been passed down in Islamic history as a decisive victory. The victory is attributed to divine intervention and is often referred to as the first Jihad.

The conquest of Mecca by Muhammad occurred during Ramadan 629. This victory was secured without a battle. It resulted in the establishment of Mecca as Islam's most sacred city. The Kaaba was purged of the offensive idols and dedicated as Islam's most holy site.

Other notable Islamic military successes occurred during Ramadan to include the defeat of Roderick in Southern Spain in 710 AD where forces of Islam maintained authority for 800 years. The crusaders were driven from Syria by Saladin in Ramadan 1178. The Mongols experienced their first decisive defeat in Ramadan 1260. The Ramadan (Yom Kipper) War was launched in Ramadan, in 1973. This attack was named Operation Badr commemorating the battle acknowledged as the first Jihad.

In more recent times, the first and five subsequent Palestinian Intifadas (1987-1993) were launched during Ramadan. Al-Qaida's attack on the US destroyer, The Sullivans, in Yemen was on the Night of Power in 2000. The Al-Qaida attack on the U.S.S. Cole was conducted Ramadan, 2000.

Though this is a time of heightened religious devotion and dedication, a strong historical association with military successes does not preclude faithful Muslims from viewing this time as a time in which Allah may smile upon their military endeavors. Believing that this is a particularly providential occasion for divine intervention, Muslims have historically conducted some of their most successful and ambitious military operations during the month of Ramadan.

# Freedom

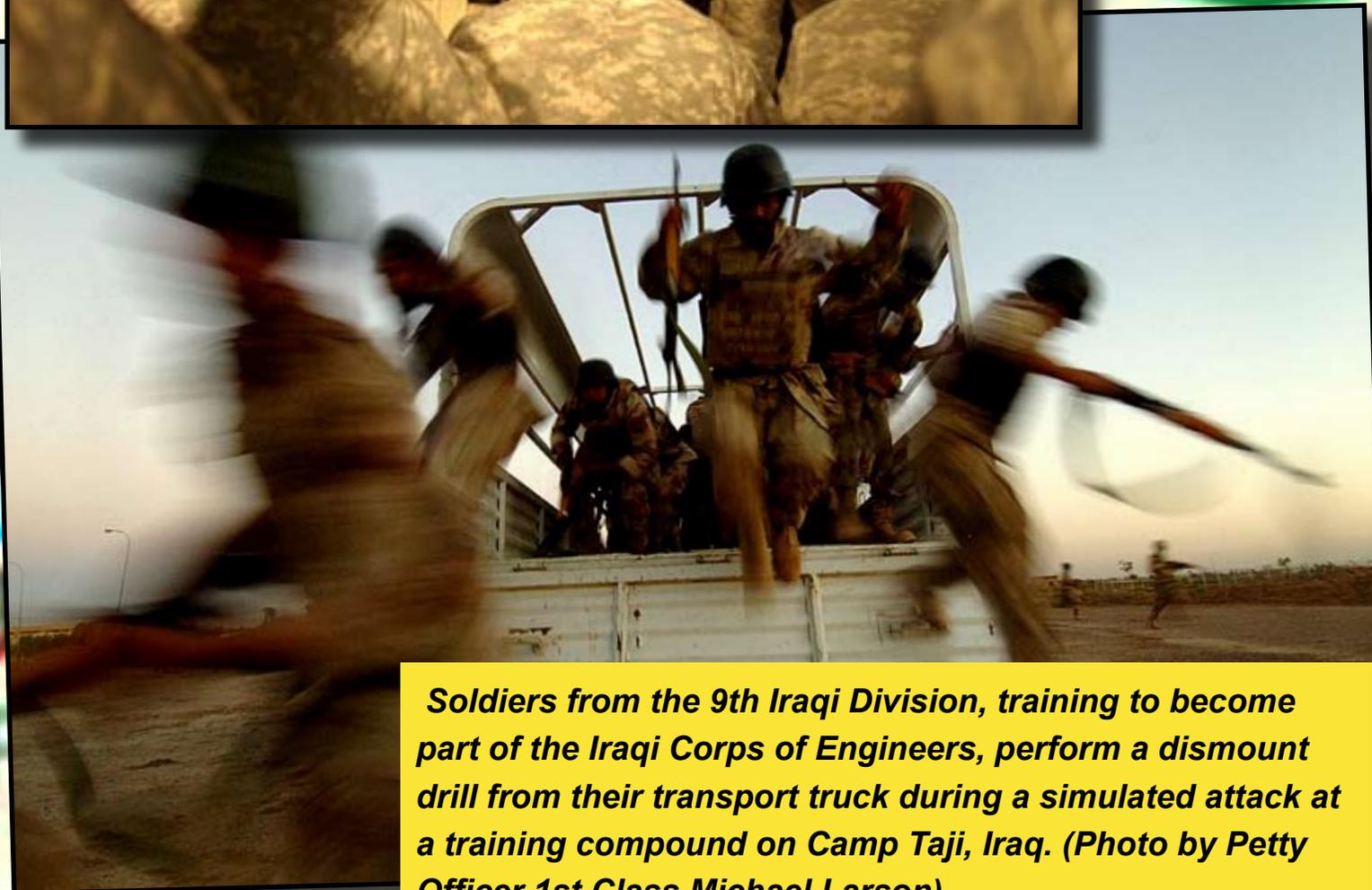
**Sgt. Kenneth Strong, Bravo Company, 4-23 Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, searches a vehicle during an aerial traffic control point mission near Tall Afar, Iraq, July 2, 2006. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)**



# Focal Point



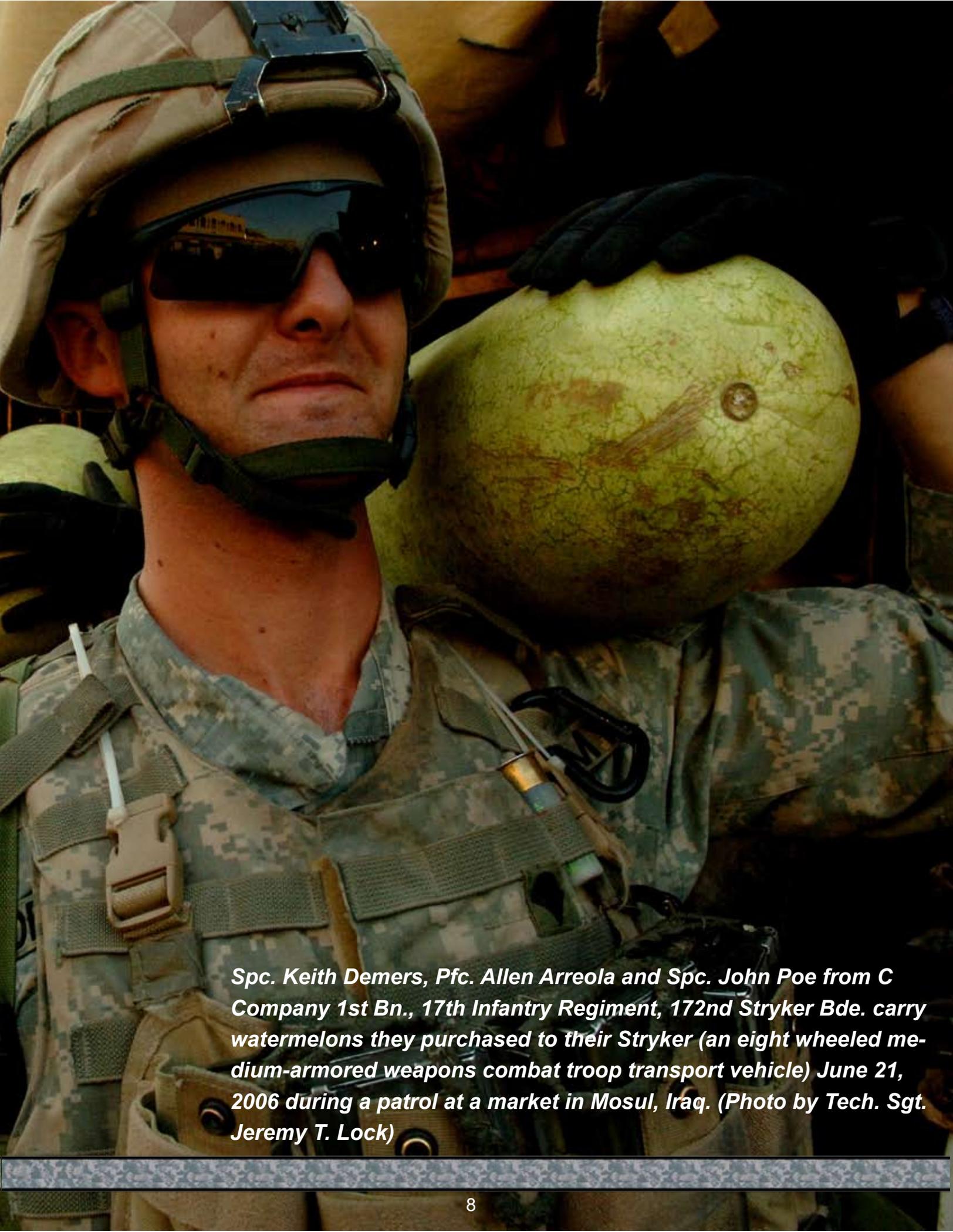
**First Sgt. Richard Johnson, Bravo company, 1st Bn., 75th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, gives a mission briefing to his Soldiers as they prepare to capture a high value target July 4, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. (Photo by Senior Airman Richard Rose)**



**Soldiers from the 9th Iraqi Division, training to become part of the Iraqi Corps of Engineers, perform a dismount drill from their transport truck during a simulated attack at a training compound on Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Larson)**

# Freedom Focal Point





*Spc. Keith Demers, Pfc. Allen Arreola and Spc. John Poe from C Company 1st Bn., 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Bde. carry watermelons they purchased to their Stryker (an eight wheeled medium-armored weapons combat troop transport vehicle) June 21, 2006 during a patrol at a market in Mosul, Iraq. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock)*

# Freedom

**An Iraqi soldier fills up a bucket with water that the Iraqi Army and Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division are delivering house to house, June 20, 2006. (Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Katrina Beeler)**



**U.S. Army Soldiers take cover during a gun battle with anti-coalition forces during a nine-day operation in the Salah-Ad-Din province of Iraq July 6, 2006. The Soldiers are from 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika)**



# Focal Point

**An Iraqi soldier from 1st Mechanized Brigade, 9th Iraqi Division, delivers flags, toys and newspapers during a civil affairs visit to the village of Hatthem Mutlaq, Iraq. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Larson)**



**A Soldier from the 47th Combat Support Hospital, watches over a stabilized injured local Iraqi with a head wound ready for transport to Balad July 7, 2006 at the hospital on FOB Diamondback, Mosul, Iraq. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock)**



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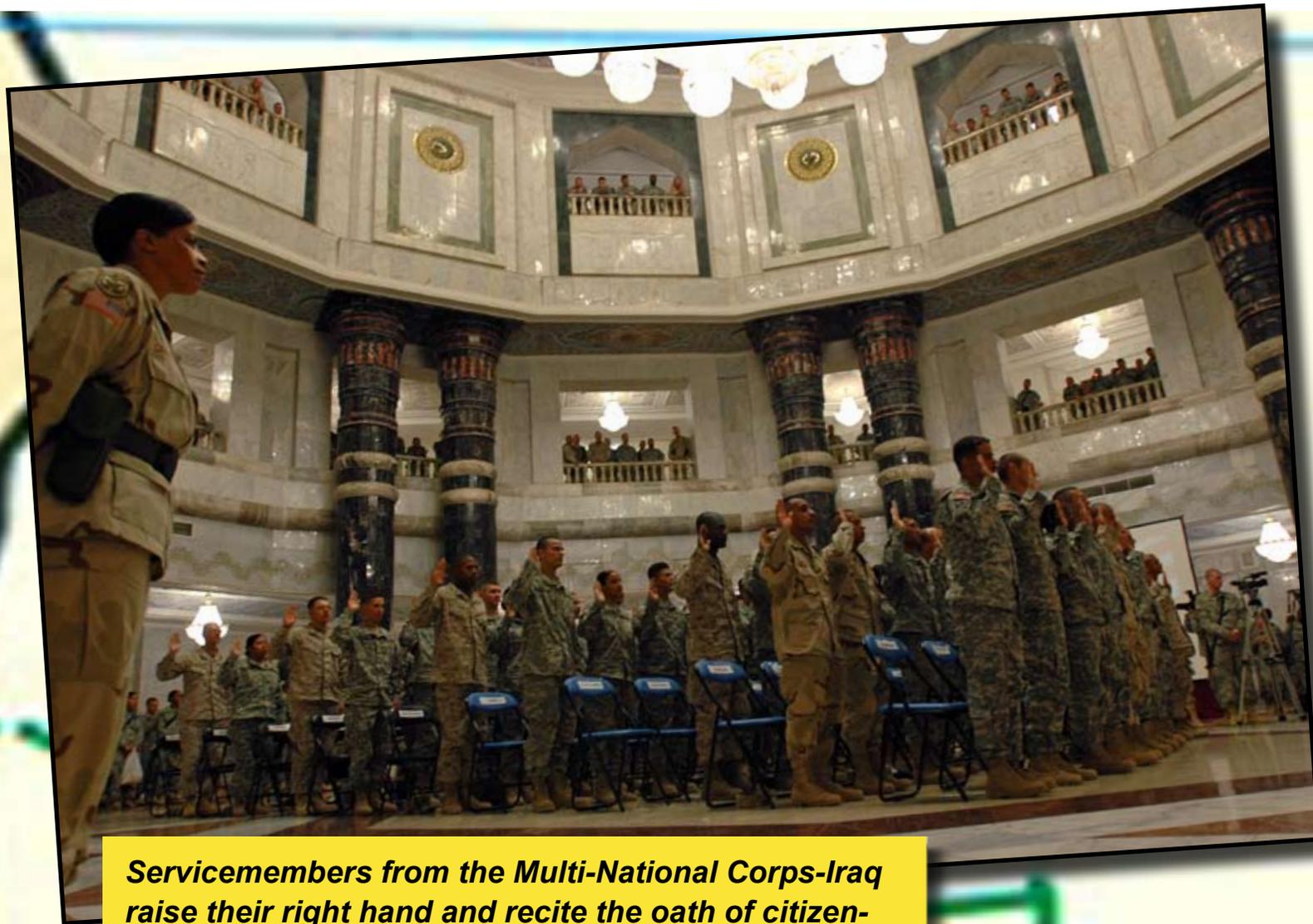


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***Sgt. Angel Munoz from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division, provides security in Tall Afar, Iraq, June 15, 2006. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)***

# Freedom



***Servicemembers from the Multi-National Corps-Iraq raise their right hand and recite the oath of citizenship as service members and civilians observe from the upper floors during a U.S. citizenship ceremony held at the Al Faw Palace, Baghdad, Iraq, July 4, 2006. Eighty-Eight Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from 27 countries gave the Oath of Citizenship and became official citizens of the U.S. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason B. Baker)***



# Focal Point



***A soldier from the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade, provides perimeter security during Operation Sand Storm in Ayn Mana, Iraq, June 26, 2006. The purpose of the operation, planned and executed primarily by the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade, is to seek out illicit weapons and anti-Iraqi forces. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)***



***Senior Airman Steven Cross, 421 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Balad Air Base, Iraq, uploads GBU-12 laser-guided-bombs onto a F-16C aircraft. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jonathan F. Doti)***

# Freedom Focal Point





***A Polish Police Transition Team convoy from Camp Echo, Iraq, along with members of the Iraqi Army 8th Division from Ad-Diwaniyah, drive through Ad-Diwaniyah, June 15, 2006 as they head to the Dachqara Police Station. Polish PTT is responsible to help train members of the Iraqi police station to transition the force to be better able to help defend the citizens and coalition forces in Iraq.(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Adrian Cadiz)***

# MARINES KEEP CLOSE EYE ON AL ASAD



*A lone sentry tower stands against the fading light in the evening at Al Asad. (Above) Lance Cpl. Nelson M. Caro sights in down range on the edge of the perimeter.*

**Story and photos by:**  
Lance Cpl. James B. Hoke  
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

A piece of camouflage netting flaps in the powerful winds gusting by the lone tower. Two Marines inspect the distant sands of the desert with a pair of incisive eyes to catch anything unusual around the perimeter of Al Asad.

The tower sentry Marines around Al Asad's fence line with 1st Platoon, Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, Marine Wing Support Group 37 (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, are responsible for keeping the base secure from anything or anyone that could be perceived as a threat to them or the personnel inside.

"Our main mission is to watch the perimeter outside the wire and report anything that is unusual, which is anything from vehicles to personnel walking around," said Cpl. Damaris R. Granados, tower sentry, 1st Platoon, and a 19-year-old native of Los Angeles. "We protect the base and keep anything from getting through the





***Lance Cpl. Nelson M. Caro gazes across the sands of Iraq with a pair of binoculars.***

fence line. We are pretty much the first line of defense.”

While being deployed for a full seven months, these Marines spend eight hours of every day inside a small tower watching the desert through sand storms, rain and other adverse weather conditions.

“There are a few challenges like boredom and wind,” said Lance Cpl. Nelson M. Caro, tower sentry, 1st Platoon. “It gets very windy up here and it gets hard to hear, so you have to keep the (radio) receiver up to your ear most of the time to hear anything. There are also days where nothing happens and you are just sitting here looking at sand.

“It’s a job like everything else,” the 20-year-old Miami native added. “You have to do it regardless. Sometimes the days are exciting

and sometimes there is nothing at all.”

Manning the towers isn’t really a physically demanding job, but draws more of its challenges from the Marines mentally, said Lance Cpl. Tyson M. Snyder, tower sentry, 1st Platoon.

“We had a sand storm come through awhile back and people were trying to sneak over the wire during it,” said the 20-year-old Wooster, Ohio native. “We have had shots fired at the towers, too. You have to stay alert and vigilant.”

The Marines guarding the edge of the base are not placed in towers by themselves, but with another Marine, whom they will usually come to know very well by deployment’s end.

“You get to really meet the person you are with,” said Caro, a Homestead Senior High School gradu-

ate. “It’s not like you are just stuck with this guy. At the same time that you are watching out, you talk to the person you are with and get to know their background and they get to know yours. You build a bond with the people you work with out here.”

With sentry Marines, like the ones with 1st Platoon steering troubles away from Al Asad, the other personnel aboard Al Asad have little to worry about as far as perimeter security.

“We help by keeping the people on this base safe, so that they don’t have to worry about someone sneaking on the base and going crazy,” Caro concluded. “We also help by keeping our ordnance safe. We don’t want people harming our people or taking our ordnance to use against us. That’s what makes our job important.”

# OPERATION HELPING HANDS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
SGT. RACHEL BRUNE  
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SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

*Schoolgirls sing a clapping song for coalition forces during a humanitarian assistance drop in northern Iraq.*

Soldiers from across the 142nd Corps Support Battalion brought smiles and toys to children of Dahuk, Iraq, during a humanitarian assistance drop.

"The 142nd enjoys this just as much as the kids enjoy it," said Lt. Col. Ronald Green, battalion commander. "This will stay in the minds and hearts of my Soldiers."

Soldiers handed out Beanie Babies, sports uniforms, soccer balls, teddy bears and candy donated by a variety of American organizations, said Capt. John



**Maj. Richard Lazik, 142nd Corps Support Battalion, hands a piece of candy to a child.**

Smith, battalion chaplain.

Lake Zurich High School, in Lake Zurich, Ill., sent the school uniforms, as well as "boxes and boxes" of teddy bears, Smith said.

Green's mother coordinated with a Dayton, Ohio, radio station to run a charity drive which netted more than 4,000 Beanie Babies for Iraqi children.

In the town, the Soldiers dismounted from their vehicles holding plastic bags full of toys. As the children caught sight of the items, they quickly began to gather in the courtyard of the school building.

Two lines of neatly-



***(Right) Soldiers of the 142nd Corps Support Battalion line up to distribute school supplies and stuffed animals to children in the Dahuk Province during a humanitarian assistance mission June 21. (Below) A young boy clutches his new “football” which he received from the 142nd Corps Support Bn.***



dressed girls sang a song with clapping motions for the Soldiers, as the mayor of the town presented Green with a Kurdish flag.

After the preliminary ceremonies were over, the Soldiers lined up to hand out the toys. The children came on in a rush, hoping for one of the soccer balls, or perhaps a certain Beanie Baby or teddy bear.

Each child was to receive one toy. After receiving his or her Beanie Baby or other item, the Soldiers marked the child's left hand with a smiley face.

Once all the gifts were given out, the Soldiers snapped a few last photos, said their goodbyes and headed back to vehicles

"I believe we've made an impression on this village," Green said. "I think we were able to do a great thing."

# Iraqi Government takes lead in security for Al Kadhim Imam pilgrimage

Story by: Spc. James P. Hunter

MNC-I Public Affairs

On August 20, the Shia Festival of Musa takes place and culminates with a pilgrimage to the tomb of the 7th Imam, Musa Bin Ja'Fer Al Kadhim, at the Al Kadhim shrine in the Kadhimiya district of Baghdad.

"The festivals commemorating the deaths of Imams are significant," said Lt. Col. Eric J. Erkkinen, chaplain, V Corps Artillery. "The pilgrimages by devoted Shia are meant to honor their Imams."

An Imam is a male spiritual and temporal leader regarded by Shiites as a descendant of Muhammad divinely appointed to guide humans in the Islamic faith.

The 7th Imam has special significance since he was regarded as particularly pious, said Erkkinen.

Al Kadhim died on Aug. 31, 799 AD from poisoning, following 19 years of imprisonment.

The 7th Imam was regarded as very wise, said Erkkinen. He once was asked about responsibility for one's actions.

"O son of the Prophet! What is your opinion about the deeds of man? Does he do them on his own free will or does God make him do them?"

The 7th Imam replied, "The doings of man can have three possibilities: God compels a man to do them whilst he

is helpless. Both God and man share the commitment. Or, man does them alone."

It is anticipated that up to a million worshippers will visit the shrine, which is also the site of Al Kadhim's grandson, Muhammed Al Taqi, the 9th Imam. The focus of this high profile event will be the midday prayers.

The pilgrimages are also expected to mark the tragic events of Aug. 31, 2005, when hundreds of pilgrims died in a panic stampede following rumors of a suicide bomber amongst the crowd. Bridge railing failure caused many casualties from drowning and more injuries as people fell into the river. Food poisoning was also suspected to have caused deaths at the event last year. Despite the Coalition Quick Reaction Force response, they were prevented from effective rescue operations by the agitated crowds of worshippers.

At the 2006 event, the Government of Iraq is committed to providing a coherent and integrated security strategy, deploying security forces to provide safe, guided passage for the pilgrims while providing resources aimed at anticipating and defending against potential terrorist or criminal actions during the ceremony.

The Ministry of Interior will exercise

control over the event in coordination with the Ministry of Defense while liaising closely with clearly organized pilgrim groups. The Coalition Forces will only assist if requested by the Iraqi government.

The Iraqi Security Forces have developed a detailed plan for security during the observance. They have heightened their presence in the region in order to provide a safe atmosphere so that pilgrims can exercise religious freedom.

Religious freedom and practice is a right for all Iraqi people under this democracy and should be respected by all. The Iraqi government is committed to providing the conditions by which religious freedom can be practiced without fear of persecution or attack.

"Religious expression is both a personal and a corporate event. In other words, each individual expresses his or her faith privately by how he or she lives, speaks and behaves," Erkkinen stated. "Likewise, a group of worshippers, or adherents, expresses its faith together. Our nation was founded on principles of freedom of expression of individuals and groups to worship as they see fit, without interference from the government. As Coalition Forces show respect for the beliefs of others, we demonstrate



pluralism and acceptance.”

Every day, tragic events blight the progress being made towards civil unity,” he said. “The Iraqi government leaders understand the critical importance of religious tolerance among the Iraqis. For any society to enjoy peace and prosperity there must be a spirit of acceptance and tolerance of one’s neighbor, whether that neighbor is a different race, color, nationality or religion.”

The Iraqi Government is working towards creating the conditions in which the Iraqi people are free to take part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Imam pilgrimage. The responsibility for the security and protection of the worshippers falls to the security forces of the Government of Iraq, who will be exercising a robust coordination plan for command and control within the area of interest.

The Coalition Forces support the Iraqi Government and respect the significant increasing capabilities of the ISF. This religious observance will be respected by Coalition security forces in the region and forms a part of the transition to ISF in the lead.

The Coalition remains fully committed to assisting the new Iraqi government as it mobilizes to tackle the critical challenges it faces. The growing strength of the Iraqi forces and the focus on improving ministerial capacity will help secure Iraq, allow its economy to grow, and allow Iraqi citizens to prosper and live peacefully.



*(Above) Shiites pray at the Moussa al Kadhim shrine in the Kadhimiya neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq on Friday, June 11, 2004. The shrine is the holiest Shiite site in Baghdad.*

*(Photo by: Stefan Zaklin/EPA/AP Wide World)*

# Coalition News Briefs

**July 14, 2006**

***Coalition forces capture al-Qaeda terrorist***

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition forces successfully targeted and captured an al-Qaeda in Iraq terrorist and two other suspects during a raid in the vicinity of Baghdad.

The targeted individual is reported to be an Umar Brigade member and recruiter with control of several terrorist fighting cells. The Umar Brigade is an Al-Qaeda in Iraq created and sponsored, Iraqi insurgent group known to target Shia and specifically designed to incite sectarian violence.

**July 10, 2006**

***Iraqi Army captures entire insurgent cell***

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi Army Division captured an entire insurgent cell during a series of raids Monday morning in Mosul.

Local civilians provided tips and other investigative resources were used to identify the houses of three possible terrorists. Once the IA troops entered and cleared the houses, four males were detained and questioned about their involvement in insurgent activities. The four men then pointed the Soldiers to whom they believed to be their cell leader at another location, leading to more a total of six males being detained, all members of an improvised explosive device and vehicle-borne IED making cell, possibly even members of an assassination cell.

**July 9, 2006**

***Rape, murder charges brought against Soldiers***

Charges have been brought against four Soldiers accused of rape and murder and a fifth Soldier accused of dereliction of duty for failing to report the offenses.

On July 8, 2006, the five Soldiers were charged in connection with their alleged participation in the rape and murder of a young Iraqi woman and three members of her family. The fifth Soldier was charged with dereliction of duty for his failure to report the rape and murder of these Iraqi civilians, but is not alleged to have been a direct participant in the rape and killings.

All are charged with conspiring with former Pfc. Steven D. Green to commit these crimes.

**July 7, 2006**

***ISF capture regional insurgent force commander***

Iraqi security forces conducted a raid early on July 6 in Babil Province, capturing an insurgent force commander who controlled operations of his group throughout the entire middle Euphrates region.

The Iraqi forces, assisted by Coalition Force advisers, raided a house in Mahawil, north of Hillah, and captured this insurgent commander without incident.

**July 7, 2006**

***National police thwart attack on Mosque, NP HQ***

Policemen from 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st National Police Division, repelled an attack by an unknown number of terrorists at the Salman Pak Mosque and the National Police headquarters, which is located in the Salman Pak Hotel.

The terrorists conducted coordinated attacks on the sites with rocket propelled grenades and mortars.

During the attack, two local nationals were killed and 4 national policemen were injured.

**July 6, 2006**

***MND-B troops find rocket launch tubes in east Baghdad***

The Headquarters Platoon of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, recovered three improvised rocket launchers near Jurf Al-Nedaaaf after receiving a tip from an Iraqi citizen.

**July 2, 2006**

***Iraqi Police, MND-B Soldiers kill 1 AIF, detain 15***

Iraqi National Police and Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers killed one terrorist and detained 15, including one wounded, after being attacked by Anti-Iraqi Forces Saturday night in central Baghdad.

Iraqi police from 3rd Brigade, 1st National Police Division, responded to a tip from an Iraqi citizen concerning an attack on the Al Nur Mosque. When they arrived AIF fired on the national police using rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire; during the attack, the AIF destroyed three Iraqi national police cars and wounded one Iraqi national policeman.

Soldiers from the 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, responded to the NPs request for support.

MND-B Soldiers, in vicinity of the mosque, detained an additional seven AIF; four were hiding in a nearby house, two laid down their weapons and surrendered, and one threw his weapon over a fence and was caught as he attempted to flee the area.

**June 15, 2006**

***Iraqi security forces capture terrorist leader in Karbala***

Iraqi forces conducted an early morning ground assault raid in Karbala June 15 and captured a high-ranking terrorist network commander without firing a shot.

Iraqi Army Soldiers, assisted by Coalition advisers, captured Sheik Aqeel. Aqeel commands a Karbala terrorist network and is wanted for assassinating Iraqi citizens and planning and ordering attacks against Iraqi and Coalition forces. The terrorist network commander provides financial support to subordinate leaders and supplies them with improvised explosive devices (IEDs).



# Requiem for the Fallen

## List of Names from the Iraqi Ground Forces Command and Subordinate Divisions who were martyred during the month of July 2006.

### 1st Division Command

Pfc. Ali Falih Mawat, DIV HQ  
Pfc. Najim Abe Mutailib, DIV HQ  
Cpl. Jabar Khanuba Hussein, 2nd Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Jasim Abe Muhsin, 1st Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Aqeel Mahdi Abbas, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Ali Mahir Uдах, 3rd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Sajad Hamad Abedlmam, 1st Bde, 3 Bn.  
Pfc. Wisam Makki Attiya, 1st Bde, 3rd Bn.  
Pfc. Abbas Fadhil Sakhi, 1st Bde, 3rd Bn.  
Pfc. Radam Kadhim Khalaf, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Adil Yousif Daleel, 2nd Bde, 2 Bn.  
Pfc. Jafar Abdulhadi Zughair, 3rd Bde, 4th Bn.

### 3rd Division Command

Pfc. Nu'man Mehdi Hafidh, 2nd Bde, 2nd Inf.  
Pfc. Latif Daekh Ali, 2nd Bde, 2nd Inf.  
Pfc. Ayal Daekh Ali, 2nd Bde, 2nd Inf.

### 4th Division Command

1st Lt. Chalak Kerim, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
1st Lt. Arshad Nuradeen, 4th Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Yas Khuder, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Hallo Ghazi, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Qassim Daghi, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Aram Jawhar, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Rau'f Juma, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Khalid Shuja', 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Dilshad Nasih, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Sadraedin Fakhredin, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Ayad Yasin, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Ayuob Adnan, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Ahmad Qadir, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Khalil Ibrahim, 2nd Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Ayed Raji, 8th Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Salman Hussain, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Cpl. Khalil Jalil, DIV HQ  
Pfc. Osman Salim, 8th Bde, 2nd Bn.  
Pfc. Ghaidan Rakan, 2nd Bde.

### 6th Division Command

Pfc. Rafid Hadi Abbas, 3rd Bde, 4th Bn.  
Cpl. Satar Mahmoud, 4th Bde, 1st Bn.  
1st Lt. Adil Latif, 4th Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Fu'ad Sabri, 3rd Bde, 3rd Bn.  
Pfc. Ali Salim, 3rd Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Abed Rehan Abed, 2nd Bde, 1st Bn.  
Pfc. Yousif Kerim, 3rd Bde, 3rd Bn.  
1st Lt. Amjad Ismael, 2nd Bde, 2nd Bn.

### 7th Division Command

Col. Muthana Faeq Abdulrazaq, DIV HQ  
Maj. Qahattan Adnan Abdulrazaq, DIV HQ

### 9th Division Command

Pfc. Ala'a Qamar Rahim, 1st Bde, 2nd Armor Bn.

# Requiem for

## Names of Coalition Servicemembers who died while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom June 16 - July 15, 2006

### July 15

Cpl. John Johnston Cosby, 27, Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry

Sgt. Andres J. Contreras, 23, 519th Military Police Bn., 1st Combat Support Bde.

Spc. Manuel J. Holguin, 21, 2nd Bn., 6th Infantry Reg, 1st Armored Div.

### July 14

Sgt. Thomas B. Turner Jr., 31, 1st Sqd., 32nd Cavalry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.,

### July 13

Sgt. Al'Kaila T. Floyd, 23, 54th Engineer Bn., 130th Engineer Bde.

Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry A. Tharp, 44, Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 25

Sgt. Irving Hernandez Jr., 28, 1st Bn., 17th Infantry Reg., 172nd Stryker BCT

### July 10

Sgt. Duane J. Dreasky, 31, 1st Bn., 119th Field Artillery Reg.

### July 9

Spc. Damien M. Montoya, 21, 3rd Bn., 67th Armor Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

### July 8

Spc. Joseph P. Micks, 22, 54th Engineer Bn., 130th Engineer Bde.

Spc. Troy Carlin Linden, 22, 54th Engineer Bn., 130th Engineer Bde.

Staff Sgt. Omar Flores, 27, 54th Engineer Bn., 130th Engineer Bde.

### July 3

Staff Sgt. Paul Pabla, 23, 139th Field Artillery Reg.

### July 2

Sgt. Justin Noyes, 23, 9th Engineer Support Bn., 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF

Pfc. Collin T. Mason, 20, 1st Bn., 66th Armor Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

### July 1

Airman 1st Class Carl Jerome Ware Jr., 22, 15th Security Forces Squadron

### June 29

Sgt. James P. Muldoon, 23, 1st Bn., 68th Combined Arms Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

Spc. Kyle R. Miller, 19, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 125th Artillery Reg.

Cpl. Ryan J. Clark, 19, 40th Engineer Bn.

Spc. Christopher D. Rose, 21, 1st Bn., 67th Armored Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

Sgt. Bryan C. Luckey, 25, 562nd Engineer Co., 172nd Stryker BCT

### June 28

Pfc. Rex A. Page, 21, 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div., I MEF

### June 27

Cpl. Jason W. Morrow, 27, 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div., I MEF

Cpl. Jeremy S. Jones, 25, 1st Bn., 67th Armored Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

### June 26

Pfc. Michael J. Potocki, 21, 1st Bn., 6th Infantry Reg., 1st Armored Div.

Staff Sgt. Raymond J. Plouhar, 30, 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div. I MEF

Sgt. Terry M. Lisk, 26, 1st Bn., 37th Armor Reg., 1st Armored Div.

### June 25

Cpl. Paul N. King, 23, 1st Bn., 25th Marine Reg., 4th Marine Div.

### June 24

Staff Sgt. Virrueta A. Sanchez, 33, 1st Bn., 68th Armor Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

Sgt. Benjamin J. Laymon, 22, 1st Bn., 10th Cavalry Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

Sgt. Justin D. Norton, 21, 1st Bn., 10th Cavalry Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

### June 23

Spc. Channing G. Singletary, 30, 122nd Support Center

Pfc. Devon J. Gibbons, 19, 10th Cavalry Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

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Cpl. Ryan J. Buckley, 21, 2nd Bn., 505th Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.  
Staff Sgt. Mario J. Bievre, 34, 2nd Bn., 502nd Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.  
Pfc. Paul A. Beyer, 21, 2nd Bn., 502nd Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.

## **June 22**

Cpl. Riley E. Baker, 22, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Reg., 2nd Marine Div., II MEF

## **June 21**

Sgt. Sirlou C. Cuaresma, 25, 68th Engineer Co., 62nd Engineer Bn., 13th Containment Command (Expeditionary)

Sgt. Jason J. Buzzard, 31, 2nd Bn., 8th Infantry Reg., 4th Infantry Div.

## **June 20**

Cpl. Christopher D. Leon, 20, 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Co., III MEF

Staff Sgt. Benjamin D. Williams, 30, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div, I MEF

Lance Cpl. Brandon J. Webb, 20, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div, I MEF

Pfc. Christopher N. White, 23, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Reg., 1st Marine Div, I MEF

## **June 17**

Sgt. Reyes Ramirez, 23, 40th Engineer Bn.

Spc. Robert L. Jones, 22, 40th Engineer Bn.

## **June 16**

Pvt. Kristian Menchaca, 23, 1st Bn., 502nd Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.

Pfc. Thomas Lowell Tucker, 25, 1st Bn., 502nd Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.

Spc. Brent W. Koch, 22, 2nd Bn., 136th Infantry Combined Arms Bn.

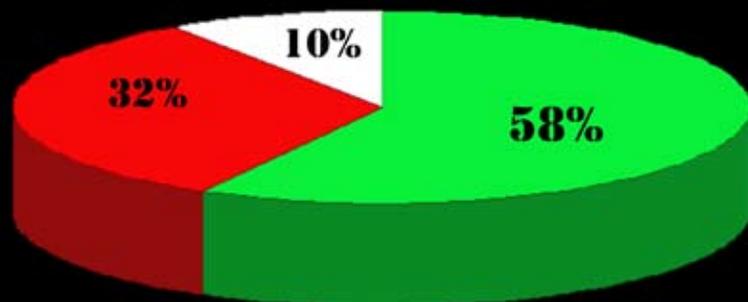
Spc. David J. Babineau, 25, 1st Bn., 502nd Infantry Reg., 101st Airborne Div.



# OPERATIONAL ROLL-UP



Operations conducted in Iraq between June 24, 2006 through July 21, 2006. This graph represents which command took the lead in the total number of missions.



Total: 1,706 operations in theatre.



109



Caches Found

831



I.E.D.s Found and Cleared

*Note: These figures represent Multi-National Corps-Iraq IED and Cache statistics from June 24 until July 21, 2006.*