

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat  
Team Forward  
Camp Buehring, Kuwait



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**Quote of the Week**  
*“Things may come to those who wait, but only things left by those who hustle.”*  
 - Abraham Lincoln



**Left Top:** Staff Sgt. Tommie Bell (bottom) and Pvt. Trey Goodman (top) of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion grapple during combative training at the Camp Buehring Gym. Photo by Capt. Mark Bednarczyk

**Right Top:** Medics from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, take a break from training on a hot day at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Lagunsad

**Left Bottom:** Staff Sgt. Eric Forbes (front right) looks on as a lane safety for 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Task Force Conqueror as they conduct short range marksmanship training. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Scott Love

**Right Bottom:** Spc. Randy Martin from Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Task Force Conqueror engages targets with his M249 machine gun from the top of a Humvee at a range near Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Scott Love

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**Top:** Staff Sgt. Michael Horn from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment holds his M4 at the low-ready during training held at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey

**Bottom Left:** Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Allen Goetzinger of Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment engages targets with his M14 sniper rifle. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Powell

**Bottom Right:** 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion Humvees prepare for a convoy exercise in Kuwait. Photo by Capt. Martin Reidy

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**Top Left:** Lt. Col. Jeanne Hooper leads her Battalion during a run before an organizational day for the 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion. Photo by Capt. Martin Reidy

**Top Right:** A guard tower stands out in the Kuwaiti sunset at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey

**Bottom Left:** Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Clark of 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, serves grilled chicken during the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment's Organizational Day at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Douglas Healy

**Bottom Right:** A tank from Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment fires during the Company's live fire training exercise near Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Capt. Herbert Flather



# Thunder Day

Story by Sgt. Raul Montano

After six months of regular six day work weeks, long days, early mornings, and many multi-day field exercises, the hard working Soldiers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment savor every bit of free time they can get. Taking a break from the regular work week schedule, the Artillerymen celebrated Memorial Day with a battalion organizational day. The day enabled the Soldiers to take a day from their standard schedule to compete in softball, basketball, volleyball, football, and tug-of-war. "It's really a nice break from the daily [routine]," said Spc. Steven Niemet of Service Battery."

Each event provided a battery the opportunity to compete against the rest of the battalion for first place. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, the overall winner, took first place in softball, volleyball, and football. The other events, basketball and tug-of-war, were won by Service Battery. Although Battery C did not win any events, they certainly gave the other batteries a run for their money, taking second place in almost every event. The struggle was fierce throughout the day. Spc. Joseph Miloshevsky of Service Battery said, "It's good to watch the Soldiers compete, and it's a good change of pace."

The heat of the day didn't seem to discourage the Soldiers from working together, trying their best, and competing against each other. "The [Soldiers] are having a good time," said Capt. George Cowles of Service Btry.

The Soldier's efforts were not without reward; after the events, a Bar-B-Que was held. This gave the Soldiers a chance to get together as a battalion and enjoy their day away from the stresses of the regular work schedule. It was there that the winners of every event were recognized in an awards ceremony complete

with trophies.

"I think it was fun for everyone today. The competition was tough and everyone was involved," said Spc. Zachary Wist, reflecting on the day's events. "The competition between the batteries brought out great esprit de corps, and the camaraderie was present the whole day through," said Lt. Col. Cheatham, the Commander of 4-27 FA at the awards ceremony. At the end of the day, who won what was irrelevant. The important thing was that the Soldiers received a well deserved break from their routine and had fun while building their team.



**Top:** Spc. Ricky Sandoval of Charlie Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment hits the ball during the game against Service Battery during the battalion's organizational day activities on Memorial Day weekend in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Sgt. Raul Montano

**Middle:** Sgt. Terry Metters of Service Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment returns the ball during the game against Headquarters and Headquarters Battery during the battalion's organizational day activities on Memorial Day weekend in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Sgt. Raul Montano

**Bottom:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Charles Jarvis and Capt. Brian Gerber of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment accept the award for the tug-of-war competition and overall award from Lt. Col. Robert Cheatham during the battalion organizational day activities on Memorial Day weekend in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Sgt. Raul Montano

# Range Safety

**Help protect yourself and your battle buddy and help enforce these standards while at the range!**

- Safety Brief
- Ammo Point
- Fire Extinguishers
- Protective Eyewear
- Hearing Protection
- Medical Support
- Leadership Present



**Left:** Spc. Welton Taylor (left) of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment engages targets with an AT-4 Sub-caliber trainer as lane safety Sgt. Wayne Santos (right) of Service Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery coaches. Photo by Spc. Eric Toala  
**Middle:** Soldiers from Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment of Task Force Gator zero their weapons at a range in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Picture by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Gregg Johnson  
**Right Top:** Sgt. Keith C. Malewich (foreground) of Company B, 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion participates in entry control point training at a range outside of Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Capt. Francisco Naputi  
**Right Bottom:** Spc. Matthew A. Stolze of Company A, 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion qualifies with his M249. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Patrick Warren



**Left:** Staff Sgt. Jose S. Saxtos coaches Pvt. 2 Richard L. Larossa, both of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, while he zeros and test fires his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey  
**Right:** Sgt. James Shelton of Battery C, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment provides security during a stress shoot competition held outside of Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class L. C. Thames



## Scouts and Mortars Conclude Conqueror Gunnery

Story and Photos by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dustin Gray

Task Force Conqueror's Live Fire Exercise (LFX) and month long gunnery concluded with the Task Force's scouts and mortars. The specialized platoons assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment worked to support the maneuver units rotating through the LFX, then participated in their own live-fire exercises.

The Scout Platoon usually has the mission of being the Task Force's eyes. Usually they are one of the most forward elements on the battlefield and operate without the nearby support of M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks or M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles. For this particular exercise, however, the scouts had tanks attached to them to provide extra firepower. As Staff Sgt. Robert G. Roberts III stated, "We didn't have many weapon systems that could range the longer distance targets, so it was nice to have the tanks attached." The gunnery exercise also provided the scouts an opportunity to refresh their skills when dismounted or on foot at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. "The shoot house provided good training, it gave us a chance to refine our room clearing skills and the scenario based training

forced us to determine if a target was friendly or enemy," stated Spc. Felix Lopez of HHC, TF Conqueror. When asked what he thought about the training, Spc. Casey Olson of the same company stated, "Working with the tanks was a good experience, we got to learn about their capabilities. The training makes you think, and the exercise got us working like a team."

Similarly, the Mortar Platoon also conducted these ranges with tanks attached to provide that extra firepower. The exercise gave the Mortar Platoon a chance to refresh both its indirect fire support skills and its infantry skills. Before

rotating through the lanes as infantrymen, the mortars provided fire support for the three maneuver companies conducting the LFX. Once the maneuver companies finished their lanes, the mortars transitioned back to their infantry roots. Sgt. Luis Alvarez stated, "We conducted the LFX with the mortar platoon plus tanks. It was good to conduct the full blown operation with the tanks setting the outer cordon,

and us setting the inner cordon and clearing the building." Pfc. Leeroy Elley summarized the event with, "The whole thing was good, we got to shoot a lot of rounds and it had been a while since we'd done this kind of training."



A M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank from Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment Task Force Conqueror at Range 4 during a daytime platoon live fire exercise.



A M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle from Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Task Force Conqueror, at Range 4 during a daytime platoon live fire exercise.

## 2BCT, Kuwaiti Leaders Discuss Desert Storm

Story by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Patrick Turner



Officers of Task Force Ram meet outside the Kuwait House for National Works with Major General (Ret.) Salem Masoud (with red headcovering) and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Sabre al-Swaiden (left of Maj. Gen. Masoud) before a conference and tour of the House. Photo by Spc. Esse Agnegue

If you've ever been to Kuwait City, you have probably passed one of the most important sites in their history without ever realizing it. Along Route 80 stands a bridge where on August 2, 1990, the 35<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade of the Kuwaiti Army made a dramatic stand to defend their country. Faced against Iraq's Republican Guard, the 35<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander, Col. Salem Masoud, raced to position his tanks in order to defend his country with little warning.

Alerted by a radar blip, the Kuwaiti government quickly learned that their neighbor was turning against them. Claiming that Kuwait was stealing oil from Iraq, Saddam Hussein invaded the country to seek reparations. Prior to the invasion, the Kuwaiti Government was not only on peaceful terms with Iraq, but was paying millions of dollars to the Iraqi Government to assist with the Iran-Iraq war. With all their attention focused towards Iran, Kuwait had no plan of action against its neighbor, which allowed Iraq to defeat the Kuwaiti state in a matter of 48 hours.

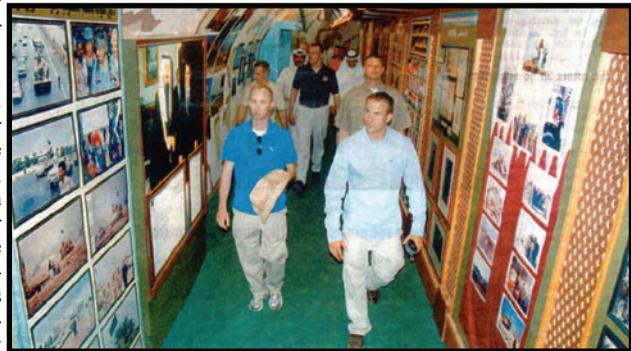
As guests of the Kuwaiti House for International Works, officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bri-

gade Combat Team met with Maj. Gen. Salem Masoud, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Sabre al-Swaiden, First Warrant Officer Nabeel Mohammed al-Azy, First Warrant Officer Saleh Hassan Samran, First Warrant Officer Husain W. Shaher, and First Warrant Officer Mosaad GH. Naser. These fine officers represented their country by telling about the ordeals they endured at the hands of the invading Iraqis. One of the most powerful comments stemmed from a question by Capt. Logan Kerschner of Company B, 141 Signal Battalion when he asked "What was the most difficult thing about being the commander?" The reply from the Generals recalled surrendering their units, specifically their Soldiers to a foreign enemy in order to save their lives.

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Sabre al-Swaiden, former commander of the Kuwaiti Air Force, recalled the invasion at Ali al-Salem Air Base. Using all the assets at his disposal, his troops shot down approximately 12 enemy helicopters with anti-aircraft rockets. When the

enemy tanks came in, the Air Force used rockets to fire on the tanks, until they were overrun and forced to surrender. After he surrendered, Maj. Gen. Swaiden was taken as a prisoner of war and held in some of the most treacherous prisons in Iraq.

After the interview, the officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT were escorted into the gallery portion of the Kuwaiti House. The gallery is a maze of the elaborate history of Kuwait. They began with an introduction into the early life of Kuwait and then followed through to their independence from Britain and establishment of their own country. The bulk of the displays are model reproductions that focus on the Iraqi invasion. The displays show major battles, heroic standoffs, and atrocities that occurred during the war. The displays end with the liberation of Kuwait and the resulting celebration. The tour continued into a hall that shows the aftermath of destruction left behind as well as the cooperation of the international organizations that rebuilt the country. The second half of the gallery exhibits artifacts of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The headpiece of the infamous Saddam Hussain statue that was pulled from its pillar in Baghdad is on display as well as pictures and clothing of Uday and Qusay Hussain after their demise. The gallery reminded the officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT of the important roll they play here today as the history of Kuwait and Iraq is still being written.



Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team walk through the war pictures museum with retired Kuwaiti army officers. Photo by Anwar Daifallah

## Military Police Train 2BCT on Non-Lethal Force

Story and Photos by Spc. Joshua Ramey

2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 501<sup>st</sup> MP Company, attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, recently conducted a range where Soldiers from the 2BCT received training on how and when to use non-lethal weapons while in a combat environment. The two day event encompassed class-room training on the first day and then firing the non-lethal rounds at a range on the second day. Real-world use of non-lethal force offers Soldiers an important tool when dealing with certain types of situations. “In [combat areas], these types of weapons have been proven very effective where Soldiers are much more likely to take

suspects alive,” said Capt. Scott Leifker, Military Police Platoon Leader.

The exercises taught participants some of the limitations and concerns about non-lethal technology.

“You have to realize the effects of these systems; even though they’re ‘non-lethal,’ they can still be deadly if not used properly,” said Capt. Leifker. Spc. Gerard Nutter of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup>



Spc. Matthew Vital of Troop G, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, fires a non-lethal round of ammunition from a shotgun while Spc. Matthew Thompson of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 501<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company coaches.

different types of situations [when] we could use these weapons. They work a lot better [when] dealing with crowds,” he said.

Non-lethal force is proving itself within the Iraqi Theater. It provides an alternative for Soldiers who have an interest in keeping suspects alive as well as dealing with threats where lives are not immediately in danger. “With these weapons, we can deal with threats such as a man with a knife. We don’t have to kill [him],” said Spc. Matthew Vital, of Troop G, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, the Brigade Reconnaissance Team.



Spc. Gerard Nutter of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment fires non-lethal ammunition out of an M203 Grenade Launcher.



**Left:** Sgt. Danial Herrera of Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment replaces a shackle on a Humvee at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Sgt. Jason Spalding

**Right:** Spc. Mathew Morgan (left) and Spc. Joseph Sowell (right) from Company C, 40<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion utilize the pneumatic jack hammer on the Small Emplacement Excavator (SEE) truck to break through hard mural rock while digging a target pit. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Timothy Erwin

# This Week in History

Information found online at The Library of Congress

## June 11

1927: Charles Lindbergh was presented with the first Distinguished Flying Cross ever to be awarded.

## June 12

1806: John A. Roebling, civil engineer who designed the Brooklyn Bridge, was born in Muehlhausen, Prussia.

## June 13

1942: The Office of War Information (OWI) was created.

## June 14

1775: The United States Army was founded.  
1777: Continental Congress adopts the design of the American flag.  
1916: Flag Day proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson.  
1943: The Supreme Court held that the First Amendment does not give authority to compel one to salute the American flag or to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

## June 15

1836: Arkansas became the 25th state.

## June 16

1775: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers originates.  
1933: The first hundred days of Franklin Roosevelt's presidency came to an end.

## June 17

1775: American troops proved their mettle in the Battle of Bunker Hill.  
1871: Poet, diplomat, songwriter and anthologist of black culture, James Weldon Johnson, was born in Jacksonville, Florida.  
1880: Photographer Carl Van Vechten was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



# A Word From Your OPSEC Officer

*OPSEC is a vital element in protecting 2BCT's mission and service members, and every member of the 2 BCT family team plays a vital role in ensuring we deny our adversaries potentially useful information.*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT cannot afford to let their guard down. Everyone's diligence in OPSEC is key to ensuring the unit's effectiveness in operations and ensuring its collective safety.*

## ***You are a Vital Player in Our Success***

As a family member of the military community, you are a vital player in our success, and we couldn't do our job without your support. You may not know it, but you also play a crucial role in ensuring your loved one's safety just by what you know of the unit's day-to-day operations. You can protect your loved ones by protecting the information that you know. This is known in the military as operations security or, OPSEC.

## ***What is OPSEC?***

OPSEC is keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. As the name suggests, it protects our operations – planned, in progress, and those completed. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission quickly and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want our information, and they are not just after the military member to get it. They want you, the family member.

## ***What Can You Do?***

There are many countries and organizations that would like to harm Americans and degrade our influence in the world. It is possible and not unprecedented for spouses and family members of U.S. military personnel to be targeted for intelligence collection and worse. This is true in the United States, and especially true overseas! What can you do?

## ***Be Alert***

Hostile organizations can collect significant amounts of useful information through simple observation. A foreign agent may use a variety of approaches to befriend someone and obtain sensitive information. This sensitive information can be critical to the success of a terrorist, and consequently deadly to American Soldiers.

## ***Be Careful***

There may be times when your spouse cannot talk about the specifics of his or her job. It's very important to conceal and protect certain information such as schedules, troop movements, current and future locations, and installation activities, just to name a few. Something as simple as a phone discussion concerning where your spouse is deploying can be very useful to our enemies.

## ***Protecting Critical Information***

Even though this information may not be secret, it's what we call "critical information." Critical Information deals with specific facts about military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities. If an adversary knew this detailed information, our mission accomplishment and personnel safety could be jeopardized. It must be protected to ensure an adversary does not gain a significant advantage.

By being a member of the military family, you will often know some bits of critical information. Do not discuss them outside of your immediate family.

## ***Examples of Critical Information:***

- Detailed information about the mission of assigned units.
- Details concerning locations and times of unit deployments.
- Personnel transactions that occur in large numbers (e.g. pay information, power of attorney, wills.)
- References to trends in unit morale or personnel problems.
- Details concerning security procedures.
- Personal data.

## ***Puzzle Pieces***

These bits of information may seem insignificant; however, to a trained enemy, they are small pieces of a puzzle that highlight what we are doing and planning. Remember, the elements of security and surprise are vital to the accomplishment of our goals and our collective personnel protection.

Where and how you discuss this information is just as important as with whom you discuss it. Idle conversation can be easily overheard and terrorist organizations are known to be able to access private email.

Determined individuals can also collect data from cordless and cellular phones and even baby monitors using inexpensive receivers available from local electronics stores. When you are not with your Soldier, remember the importance of discretion!

# CHRISTIAN CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

Catholic Adult Ed	Monday & Wednesday	1800-1900 (A)
OCF Bible Study	Monday	1900
LDS Bible Study	Tuesday	1900
Neo-Pagan Study Group	Tuesday	2000
FG Bible Study	Wednesday	1900
Women's Bible Study	Thursday	1800
Protestant Bible Study	Thursday	1930
CP Choir Rehearsal	Thursday or Friday	2030
Men's/Women's (A) Bible Study	Saturday	1800
FG Choir Rehearsal	Saturday	1900
Catholic Bible Study	Saturday	1900 (A)
Weekday Catholic Mass	Monday thru Thursday	1130
Every Soldiers Battle	Thursday	1900 Men (A)
Purpose Driven Life (BLDG B1-1 RM 1)	Monday	2000
Spirituality Group (BLDG B1-1 RM 1)	Wednesday	2000

(A) denotes Chapel Annex

## Shout Outs!!



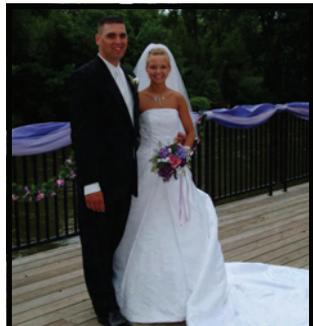
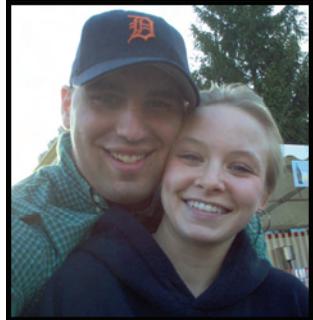
### To Sgt. 1st Class Marc Inbody

**Left:** Daddy, Thanks for being our sounding board, mentor, leader and source of inspiration. We are proud to call you dad. Not just because you are a Soldier, but because you go out of your way to be a part of our lives--even when it's not so easy to do so. We love and miss you, Raechel and Nathan **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

### To Spc. Ryan Persails

**Right Top:** Happy Birthday Baby. I hope you have a wonderful day. I wish you were home to celebrate your birthday here, but we will have many more to celebrate together. Just remember that you are still older than me. Ha Ha. I love you and I miss you. Have a wonderful Birthday.  
Love, Tracy

**Right Bottom:** Happy one year Anniversary Baby! I love you so much. I am so proud of everything that you are doing and I am so grateful to have you as my husband. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. You are an amazing husband and you are my best friend. You bring me so much happiness. I love you with all my heart. I miss and think of you everyday. I can't wait for you to come home. Please be safe and come home soon. I love you baby! I miss you. Happy Anniversary, my love!



# Upcoming MWR Events

**Sunday, 11 June 2006**

1000: Bazaar @ Events Tent  
 1300: Halo 2 Tournament @ Events Tent  
 1600: Ping-Pong @ Rec. Center

**Monday, 12 June 2006**

1930: Spoons Tournament @ Oasis

**Tuesday, 13 June 2006**

1000: Spa Day @ Events Tent

**Wednesday, 14 June 2006**

1700: Army's Birthday Party @ MWR Stage  
 1000: Spa Day @ Events Tent  
 1830: Weekly Fun Run

**Thursday, 15 June 2006**

1200: Brown Bag Po-Ke-No @ Oasis  
 1930: 9 Ball Tournament @ Rec. Center

**Friday, 16 June 2006**

1930: Bingo @ Events Tent

**Saturday, 17 June 2006**

1000: Spa Day @ Events Tent  
 1600: Checkers Tournament @ Oasis

**Sunday, 18 June 2006**

1000: Spa Day @ Events Tent  
 1200: Chess Tournament @ Oasis  
 1500: Dominoes Tournament @ Palms



**Top:** Lt. Col. Robert Cheatham (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Clark (right) stand with the Battalion softball team coach, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ruben J. Perreira after winning a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in a tournament. All are from 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey

**Bottom:** M1A1 Main Battle Tanks of Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment line up to fire at a range near Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Spc. Chadd Rozanski



## What Do YOU Think?

# “What has been your best experience in the Army?”

Questions and Photos By Sgt. Raul Montano and Spc. Joshua Ramey



SGT Joab Mejia  
 HHD, 47<sup>th</sup> FSB

Becoming an NCO and being given the chance to impact Soldiers or civilians in a positive manner.



SGT Michael Pacerelli  
 G, 1-1 CAV

The G Troop Spur Ride.



PFC Kevin Beaudry  
 HHD, 4-27 FA

Going home on leave and being thanked by hundreds of people for the service I've done.



SGT Charles Williams  
 B, 47<sup>th</sup> FSB

Basic Training.



Pfc. Sandra Pockwinse  
 HHD, 47<sup>th</sup> FSB

The Army has given me the opportunity to travel around the world. Traveling is my best experience.

Next Week: “What would be your choice for your next duty station?”



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