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## Remembering 9/11

316th ESC holds ceremony to commemorate events of Sept. 11

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## Supplies? Look to sky

Servicemembers provide supplies to others in remote location through air drops

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## Saving millions

Soldiers track, inventory connexes in order to save tax payers millions of dollars

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Staff Sgt. Russell Seymore, a 1687th HET driver from Loogootee, Ind., secures a 3/9th IA Division BMP to the trailer of his truck. National Guard troops from the 15th SB provided 36 heavy equipment transporters to move 3/9th IA Division equipment from Camp Taji to Basra.

## 'Wagonmasters' plan, move 3/9 IA armor to Basra

by Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Conner  
15th Sustainment Brigade

**CAMP TAJI, Iraq** — As British forces continue to leave the southern city of Basra, Iraqi Army (IA) units are consolidating their strength to provide security and deny insurgents safe haven there.

However, getting the BMP armored infantry fighting vehicles and T-55 tanks of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division to the fight falls to U.S. Army transportation troops.

Heavy equipment transporters (HETs) from 1687th HET Company, 1103rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 115th Sustainment Brigade provide

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Iraqi Army Maj. Shaker  
3/9 IA

the necessary pulling power to move the tracked armor the 450 miles from Taji to Basra.

“Without the HETs, we cannot move,” said Iraqi Army Maj. Shaker, operations officer for 3/9 IA Division. “We are fully depending on the HETs.”

15th SB's location and support capabilities made them the logical choice to provide the

bulk of the HETs. Working with 3rd Sustainment Brigade, out of the north, the 507th Corps Support Group from Multi-National Forces-West and British forces in Basra, 'Wagonmaster' planners coordinated the week long mission to an Iraqi logistics base outside of Basra.

“We're not in a bubble,” said Maj. Aaron Hardy, 15th SB's transportation integration division officer-in-charge. “It takes a lot of coordination from everyone to make it happen.”

A request from IA Gen. Mohan, Basra operations commander, to reposition forces to mitigate the withdrawal of the British brought the 3/9th IA Division into action. This is the

first deployment for the Taji based 3/9th IA Division since their creation in November 2006.

“This is a red-letter day for them,” said Maj. Steven Rodriguez, 3/9th IA military transition team (MITT) deputy commander. “This is a significant deployment for this unit.”

The plan is to link up with another IA wheeled division outside of Basra and use the armor assets of 3/9th IA as a show of force. Both Shaker and Rodriguez agree that the use of BMPs and T-55 tanks not only allow the IA soldiers to react more quickly to terrorist threats, but also boosts civilian confidence

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# AT EASE! with 316th ESC command sergeant major

The safety and well-being of servicemembers assigned here is of paramount importance to me. Leaders at all levels of this command should feel likewise and ensure programs, policies and procedures are in effect, prominently displayed, and readily accessible to all military and civilian personnel under your care. The recent sexual assault is very disturbing and we must do whatever is required to protect the physical integrity of our military and civilian workers as well as identify and bring whoever is responsible to justice.

A sexual assault is "any intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent," according to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program fact sheet. It includes rape; nonconsensual sodomy, which is oral or anal sex; indecent assault, such as unwanted sexual contact or fondling; or even just the attempt to commit these acts.

The majority of sexual assaults are committed by ac-



Command Sgt. Maj. Stacey E. Davis

quaintances, but assailants can also be strangers or multiple people. Whether by a stranger on a dimly lit street or a battle buddy at one's living quarters, sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in a military environment. It is contrary to military values and the warrior ethos we cherish and it degrades mission readiness.

groups – there is safety in numbers;

\* Plan outings and avoid getting into a bad situation;

\* Stay sober – studies indicate about half of all U.S. sexual assaults involves the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both;

\* Walk only in lighted areas after dark;

\* Keep the doors to living

quarters and cars locked; and

One in six American women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The following tips can help women, and men, from becoming the next victim:

\* Travel with a buddy;

\* Stay in

\* Know where a phone is located.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program reinforces our Armed Services' commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and accountability. Department of Defense policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

Should you or someone you know become a victim of a sexual assault, seek medical attention. Do not clean your personal area, take a bath, shower, change clothing, eat or drink, or smoke before going to the hospital. Doing so can destroy evidence. Get somewhere safe. Report the rape to someone— for example, a sexual assault response coordinator, police, chaplain, medical personnel or your command. Seek counseling.

Always remember that

safety is a collective responsibility which requires a continuous leadership focus if it is to be achieved. Wrongful and unwanted acts against any member of this command—whether in uniform or not—are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I am counting on each of you to protect and respect our most precious resource: the 316th ESC military and civilian workforce. By doing so, we will take great strides toward eliminating sexual assault in our military services.

Until then, think safety first, and continue to sustain the victory.



Courtesy photo

**Air Force Capt. William L. Englebert, Provost Marshal, here.**

## Provost Marshal Office: Weekly police blotter

### Week of Sept. 1-7

**PMO conducted:** (125) security checks, (117) traffic stops, issued (111) DD Form 1408 Armed Forces Traffic Ticket, registered (363) vehicles on the installation, (24) Common Access Cards were turned in to PMO and (2) lost weapons were reported

**PMO is currently investigating:** (1) assault case and (10) cases of larceny government property

**PMO Recommendations:** Bicycle operators; must follow all traffic rules and regulations as all other motorist, complete stop at stop signs, yielding in traffic, proper safety equipment, etc.

Vehicle operators; during a traffic stop all vehicle occupants will remain in the vehicle with their seatbelts on at all times. Safety is paramount. Be mindful of pedestrian crossing and avoid accidents. Vehicles parked within 50 feet of "T-Barriers" will be ticketed. Promote installation security and park in designated areas.

**Crime Prevention:** Turn on exterior POD lights. This simple act during the hours of darkness can deter predators. Your lights may not only protect you, it may also help someone else. Safety is everyone's responsibility; help protect your fellow Soldier, Airman, Marine and Sailor!

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# Curbing sexual assault takes more than signs or buddies

by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Anaconda Times staff

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — The signs are out there: “Don’t be a victim of sexual assault. Keep your buddy with you.” But eliminating sexual assault takes more than signs or buddies. With the mission to reduce sexual assaults, ensure sensitive and thorough treatment for survivors, investigate claims and take apt disciplinary action, the Department of Defense launched the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program (SAPR) in 2005.

To make sure that service-members in combat zones have access to SAPR, there are personnel here trained and committed to implement and sustain the program.

“Sexual assaults are happening at this installation and throughout the area of responsibility. The problem is that many people walk around with the mindset that sexual assault is not a big problem,” said Air Force Capt. Paul Candelaria, former deployed sexual assault response coordinator (DSARC,) 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. “(Sexual assault) is happening to both men and women,” he said.

An example of just how frighteningly real the problem is occurred Sept. 1, when, allegedly, an assailant carrying



Dramatized photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

**Ultimately, it is up to each survivor to decide for themselves how they want to move forward after the life-altering terror of sexual assault. SARC here want each victim to know that they are committed to helping them and to creating an environment free of sexual assault.**

a locked and loaded M-16, broke into a trailer and committed rape here.

Sexual assault is defined

as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim

does not or cannot consent.

In Iraq, most courts-martials result from sexual offenses, said Capt. Jeremy Stephens, former senior trial counsel here.

Most sexual assaults are executed by people victims know.

“These crimes are (usually) not committed by strangers breaking into living quarters, or by being hit over the head and assaulted, but rather happen between individuals who know each other,” said Master Sgt. Colleen Shanklin, SARC 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary.) “About two-thirds of victims of sexual assault know their assailants,” she said.

“Your Wingman is supposed to look out for you, they should not be the ones who are posing the threat,” said Candelaria.

He urges leaders to stress inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

“Sexual Assault is a topic that most people feel uncomfortable talking about and until recently the Air Force did not have a formal program. It is important for leadership to keep this issue on the forefront and not let it be brushed aside,” he said.

Shanklin agrees.

“It is imperative that commanders take an aggressive approach to ensure that there is

an organizational climate that encourages victims to seek treatment and report sexual assaults along with the enforcement of established command policy reflecting zero tolerance and fullest prosecution of violators,” she said.

Survivors of sexual assault here have resources available to help them. They also have options when it comes to if and how they want to report the assault.

“Victims need to know that what happened is not their fault,” said Candelaria.

“They also need to know that restricted reporting is available. Our biggest challenge is getting people through the door, because unfortunately many victims are embarrassed or blame themselves. With restricted reporting the victim can receive the help they need while avoiding unwanted attention and their chain of command,” he said.

One of the greatest benefits of restricted reporting is that it allows victims the greatest amount of privacy, appropriate medical treatment, advocacy and counseling. Disadvantages include the assailant remaining unpunished and the victim may continue to work and live with their attacker if the assailant is a member of their unit.

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## Worship services

### PROTESTANT – TRADITIONAL

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Provider Chapel  
 10:30 a.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)  
 5:30 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)  
 7:30 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel

### PROTESTANT-GOSPEL

Sunday 11 a.m. MWR East Building  
 Noon Freedom Chapel (West Side)  
 2 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel  
 3:30 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)  
 7 p.m. Provider Chapel

### PROTESTANT-CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 a.m. MWR East Building  
 10 a.m. Town Hall(H-6)  
 6:30 p.m. Eden Chapel  
 7 p.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)  
 Wednesday 8 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel(H-6)

### PROTESTANT –LITURGICAL

Sunday 9 a.m. Episcopal (Freedom Chapel)  
 11 a.m. Lutheran (Provider Annex)  
 11 a.m. Episcopal (Tuskegee H-6)

### PROTESTANT- MESSIANIC

Friday 7 p.m. Freedom Chapel

### PROTESTANT- SPANISH/ENGLISH

Sunday 2 p.m. Freedom Chapel

### PROTESTANT-PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday 7 a.m. Signal Chapel

### PROTESTANT-SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Saturday 9 a.m. Provider Annex

### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

(Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 min prior to Mass)

Saturday 5 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)  
 8 p.m. Freedom Chapel (West side)  
 9:30 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel

Sunday 9 a.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)

11 a.m. Provider Chapel

Mon-Sat 5 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)

### LATTER DAY SAINTS- (LDS)-(MORMON)

Sunday 1 p.m. Provider Chapel

3:30 p.m. Freedom Chapel

7 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel (H-6)

### JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 7 p.m. Signal Chapel

### ISLAMIC SERVICES

Friday 12 p.m. Provider Chapel

### PAGAN/WICCAN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 7 p.m. Eden Chapel



Photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Mims

2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment's Commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Christensen presents a certificate to Command Sgt. Maj. William Steen following his reenlistment ceremony on Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq.

## Rare reenlistment: 12th CAB CSM finally goes indefinite

by Sgt. 1st Class Chris Seaton

12th Combat Aviation Brigade

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — Almost every day, another Soldier on Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq reenlists. And there are sergeants major present at nearly all of the ceremonies... Though most of the time, they're just there to watch.

Command Sgt. Maj. William "Bud" Steen took it a step further. After 26 years in uniform, he can finally count himself among the Army's ranks of indefinite career Soldiers.

"Not many other lieutenant colonels in the Army today will ever get another chance to reenlist a command sergeant major," said his commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Christensen.

Steen is the battalion command sergeant major for the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment (Attack). The news that he was about to reenlist left most people a little confused.

"I've never seen it... never even heard of it," said 2-159th battalion retention counselor, Sgt. Randy Bercher. "It's extremely rare."

"According to what the guys in retention were able to dig up, I was the only command sergeant major in the active duty Army who was not an indefinite career Soldier yet," Steen said.

Since the Army changed its policy in 1998, Soldiers in pay grade E-6 and above who wanted to continue service were required to reenlist for an indefinite period after passing the ten-year mark. Once that happens, a senior noncommissioned officer's reenlistment ceremony days are effectively over.

Steen's situation was a little different. After four years of Regular Army service in the early 80's, he left active duty to join the National Guard, and eventually the Army Reserve — where he spent most of his career.

"As time went on, I looked around

the Army, and I wasn't happy with the style of leadership I saw," he said. "My rank is something that I've earned and I wear proudly, but (my Soldiers) are human beings, and that's how I relate to them. I'm not saying I'm an expert, but I felt like I had something to offer."

So, two years ago, with the help of the Reserve Component to Active Component Transition Program, Steen applied to come back to active duty.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather when they told me I was accepted," he said. "They told me I could keep my same rank as a sergeant major and I could come back to my first love, which is Aviation."

In 2005, Steen was assigned to Germany and began his role as, what Lt. Col. Christensen called, "the most senior 'initial entry' Soldier in the Army."

Because of the rules of the program he came back under, Steen's enlistment was listed as an initial term, much the same as a new private just joining the military.

"My first sergeants gave me a lot of (grief) for being an initial term," Steen said.

In the various time he's spent on active duty through deployments and mobilizations, Steen has accumulated about 14 years of Active Federal Service. That means he'll have 32 years of total service by the time he's eligible to retire from active duty.

"I may do more if I'm asked to," he said. "Right now the goal is to get to active duty 20, and see how I feel from there."

Although he's definitely taken the long route toward the goal of retirement, Steen says he doesn't regret any of it.

"I'm 44 years old, and have been in the Army 26 years. That's over half my life," he said. "I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing as a Soldier. I've known what I was doing each and every time I signed that dotted line."



Photo by Sgt. Dave Lankford

Sgt. Maj. Deborah Carolina-Godbolt, 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), fought to keep her composure as she recounted the events of 9/11 at a remembrance service here on the sixth anniversary of the attacks. Carolina-Godbolt was employed at the Pentagon at the time of the attacks and narrowly escaped death six years ago.

## LSA servicemembers look back on 9/11

by Sgt. Dave Lankford

Anaconda Times staff

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — Servicemembers gathered at LSA Anaconda on the 6th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks to look back on that terrible day. Several guest speakers shared their first hand accounts from the Pentagon as well as Ground Zero in New York.

The mood was jovial as guests arrived at the Moral, Welfare and Recreation facility for the 9/11 remembrance. Servicemembers greeted each other with handshakes and smiles, but after the invocation and singing of the national anthem the mood became much more subdued.

Col. Karen Jennings, 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) deputy commander, had been working at the Pentagon for only two months at the time of the attacks. Many guests were visibly moved as she shared her personal memories of the aftermath.

"I remember seeing an old friend's name on a casualty list in the operations center. I rationalized that Neil Hyland had not perished because the name on the board said Stephen N. Hyland. I knew in my heart that he was dead. He now rests in peace at Arlington National Cemetery," said Jennings.

Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland was 45 years old.

Sgt. Maj. Deborah Carolina-Godbolt, 316th ESC, was not new to the Pentagon, but was looking forward to moving into her new office. The office was directly in the path of mindless killers that day; fortunately she wasn't.

"I walked towards my new fourth corridor office in the Pentagon to watch the New York events unfold. Something made me change my mind. I turned around in mid stride heading towards my

old office. Approximately ten steps into the 6th corridor the plane hit and the force hurled my body down the hall," Carolina-Godbolt said. "I had very minor injuries but had I continued on my path, my name would have been along the side of some of my co-workers...on the memorial."

The Stafford, Va. native had to stop several times to regain her composure as she recounted the events of that day.

One of the final speakers was Maj. Joel Compeggie, 316th ESC Civil Affairs. As an Army Reservist and special agent with the FBI, his account of the attacks on the twin towers, and memories of Ground Zero were perhaps the most vivid.

"A lot could be said about Ground Zero. We have all seen the images over and over again. Once you witnessed it, you realized no other name would be fitting. Calling the site anything else could not, and would not possibly capture the enormity of the devastation," Compeggie said. "But, after being there, two of my most vivid memories are that of seeing the five gallon buckets that were used to remove debris while searching for survivors, stacked because they were no longer needed, and that of the rescue dogs that were worn out, some being cared for because their paws were injured on the debris, and the fluorescent orange X's painted to mark the spots where the dogs picked up on something thought to be human remains."

After the last of the speakers retired and a final prayer was offered, the memorial came to an end. Everyone showed up with their own memories of 9/11, but left with much more. They left with a renewed understanding of why we are here, a promise to never forget and the determination to never let it happen again.

# Sherpas provide logistical support

by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — In the war on terrorism in Iraq, logistical superiority plays a vital role. Because roads are littered with improvised explosive devices (IEDs), coalition forces must utilize alternative methods to transfer supplies and troops throughout the Iraq theater.

The Sherpa and its crew conduct daily missions throughout Iraq transferring cargo and passengers to numerous military installations.

The 30-foot plane has a max weight fully loaded of 25,500 pounds, 7,000 pounds of which is available to transport freight.

“We play the cargo and passenger support role in Iraq,” said 1st Lt. Carl A. Catone, a Sherpa pilot. “We do what planes like the C-130 do, just on a smaller scale.”

“We really have to be concerned about the weight and keeping the plane balanced,” said Master Sgt. Lynette Streitfield, flight engineer and standardization noncommissioned officer in charge. “The Kevlar plating makes the plane push forward; we have to compensate for it.”

The Sherpa can be configured for many different



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

**Master Sgt. Lynette Streitfield, flight engineer and standardization noncommissioned officer in charge, guides a forklift of cargo into the back of the Sherpa. The Sherpa does daily logistical missions throughout the Iraq theater.**

missions. It can be used for cargo movement, troop and vehicle transport, airborne or airdrop missions, medical evacuation and special duties such as land surveil-

lance.

The plane, however, wasn't originally designed for military operations. It started out as the Shorts 360 Airliner made by the Shorts Aviation Company located in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1974.

After being used as passenger planes for a few years, the Air force bought and shipped the Sherpas to the West Virginia Air Center in Clarksburg, W.Va., where they were converted to military aircraft. In the mid 1990s the Air Force gave the rights of the planes to the Army.

Because the planes are no longer made, many of the parts are no longer available, so the crew uses parts from other Sherpas, through controlled substitution, to fix the planes currently being used here.

You can now only find the Sherpa in the National Guard, said Catone. There are less than 50 in the fleet throughout the world, and Alaska has the only Sherpa company.

Since there are so few Sherpas and not many pilots, about 75 percent of crew

“We play the cargo and passenger role in Iraq. We do what planes like the C-130 do, just on a smaller scale.”

1st Lt. Carl A. Catone  
207th TAC

members deploy to Iraq on their first deployment with very little experience on the Sherpa. The other 25 percent are on their second tours. However, because of the extensive training the Soldiers receive all the pilots are fully mission capable.

In this battle it is vital for troops and cargo to get where they need to go. The Sherpa crew is doing their part to sustain the victory throughout the Iraq theater.

“We are willing to do anything that helps out Soldiers,” said Catone. “If something or someone wasn't on the manifest but needs to go somewhere, if we have room and are under the weight, we'll take them.”



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

**Staff Sgt. Terry Ware, 185th aviation flight engineer, guides a forklift of cargo into the back of the Sherpa.**

# British troops hand over palace to Iraqi forces

by Sgt. 1st Class Felix A. Figueroa

82nd Sustainment Brigade

**BASRA, Iraq** — British troops assigned to One Mechanized Brigade recently handed over responsibility of the Basra palace to Iraqi Security Forces allowing the ISF complete control of their city.

“This is not a withdrawal of British troops, rather a re-posture,” said 1st Lt. Timothy Moore, spokesperson for One Mechanized Brigade.

“This re-posturing of British troops allows Iraqis to officially take over the city of Basra, another step in the direction of empowering the citizens with control of their own destiny,” Moore said.

Traditionally the palace was a seat of power during the Saddam regime where dignitaries would gather to discuss issues affecting their communities. The British handed over a total of four out of five strategic locations to the Iraqis. These locations enabled British troops to carry out various missions since Coalition Forces entered Iraq in 2003.

“While the Iraqi people must continue to assume responsibility for their destiny, the coalition must continue to support those who share our vision for a stable and prosperous Iraq and peace for



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Felix A. Figueroa

**Iraq's National Security Advisor, Muwafaq al-Rubaie, addresses the media after attending the recent ceremony of the official handover of the presidential palace in Basra, by the British One Mechanized Brigade in southern Iraq.**

themselves and their neighbors,” said Louis L. Bono, U.S. regional embassy office director.

The U.S. provided tactical

aerial support and Iraqi Gen. Mohan Al-Fireji, the most senior Iraqi officer, increased the presence of his own troops in order to allow for a safe and

seamless transition transfer of the Basra palace to the ISF.

“Today we celebrate the takeover of the Basra palace from the multinational

forces,” said Iraq's National Security Advisor Muwafaq al-Rubaie. “It is a happy day as it represents restoring of national sovereignty.”

## First equal opportunity class to graduate under 316th ESC



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

**Class 07-07 of the equal opportunity leadership course graduated at the Blackjack Education Center here Sept. 7. It is the first class to graduate under the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) (ESC). The class consisted of 23 Soldiers from six different locations throughout Iraq. The 316th ESC will hold seven more equal opportunity leadership courses throughout the year.**

# NBC Soldiers train on decontamination system

by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — America has the most powerful military in the world. Because of this their enemies have been forced to find methods that will produce mass casualties with minimal resources and man power.

One of the methods becoming more popular is chemical attacks on coalition installations throughout Iraq.

To be prepared for such attacks the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) (ESC) offered a class to all the nuclear, biological, chemical (NBC) personnel here on the fixed site decontamination system (FSDS) also known as the falcon.

The falcon is a vehicle drawn device that dispenses DF200, a decontamination agent, on the ground using a rear mounted spinning sprayer and through the air using a high powered, mounted deck gun.

“About 80 percent of all the 74D’s (chemical operations specialists) here on LSA Anaconda came to the class. It was a great turn out,” said Staff Sgt. Glenn Bell, an Allentown, Pa. native and 316th ESC chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) noncommissioned officer (NCO).

The one day class consisted of classroom and hands on training on the system. The Soldiers went through a chemical attack scenario, where they used the falcon to decontaminate an area. For many it was their first exposure to the system.

“It was great training,” said Spc. Hiep Le, a Fairfax Va. native and 316th ESC NBC spe-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Glenn Bell

**Vincent Lett, course instructor, shows NBC Soldiers the engine here on the fixed site decontamination system (FSDS), also known as the falcon, during a one day class on the system. The class familiarized the Soldiers with the system to be prepare them for a NBC attack.**

cialist. “I am now comfortable and confident on the system.”

On average, most of the attacks occur during the colder months, however many of the Soldiers found it useful to train in the summer heat.

“An attack can happen at anytime,” said Le. “It was good to go through the scenario in the heat.”

For years the U.S. military has been finding better ways to protect Soldiers from NBC attacks and DF200 has been found to be very effective.

DF200 is three decontamination agents that when combined becomes foam and is effective against many of the military listed chemical and

biological warfare agents. The deck gun can rotate 360 degrees and dispense the foam up to 100 feet depending on the wind speed, and can yield up to 800 gallons-per-minute of foam. The rear mounted sprayer has six nozzles that can yield 32 gallons per minute each. A full tank can hold up to 25,000 gallons of foam.

“The system can effectively decontaminate a fixed area quickly,” said Bell. “I am confident that it would be effective if there was an attack.”

Through this training on the falcon, LSA Anaconda is better prepared to react to a NBC attack and will save lives that might have been lost.

“Any chemical training is that attack ever happen, we’ll good training,” said Le. “If be ready.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Glenn Bell

**Vincent Lett, course instructor, shows NBC Soldiers how to use the high powered hose here that shoots out decontamination foam from the fixed site decontamination system (FSDS), also known as the falcon, during a one day class on the system.**



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Conner

**A heavy equipment transporter from the 1687th HET Co., 1103rd CSSB, 15th SB, gets underway with its 3/9th IA division payload. Experts in moving heavy equipment all over Iraq, the Mississippi National Guardsmen assist IA forces to deploy from Camp Taji to Basra in order to provide security to the southern Iraqi city.**

## Basra, from Cover

levels in the IA with the heavy armor on ground.

“There’s nothing like a tank and a BMP rolling down the street to establish order,” Rodriguez said.

For many of the Mississippi National Guard troops of the 1687th HET Co., this mission is a first with non-U.S. loads. Drivers needed to take into account the weight and size differences while IA soldiers drove onto the trucks.

Guiding the tracked vehicles into position took skill and patience, especially with the language barrier, explained Sgt. Kevin Kemp, assistant convoy commander with the 1687th HET Co.

“They all seem to be doing alright,” laughed the Horn Lake, Miss. native. “Nobody got run over.”

As greater emphasis is placed on transitioning security control to Iraqi forces, the 15th SB troops remain ready to assist and augment when needed.

“As long as it’s helpin’ them; more power to it,” said Sgt. Shawn Johnson, a HET driver with the 1687th. “That’s why we’re here.”

# Supplies from sky he



(Above) Parachute riggers with the 600th Quartermaster Company and Airmen from the 332nd Expeditionary Squadron, load bundles of supplies Sept. 5, to be air dropped to the men of 5th Border Training Team, Overwater and the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement, operating in terrain not easily reached by vehicle.  
(Left) Parachute riggers Sgt. Christopher Shoffit and Sgt. Jeremy Ashley, both with 600th Quartermaster Company, load Aerial Delivery Systems (LCADS) to a bundle of supplies.



(Above) Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Larson, ramp line supervisor with the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Reading and Warrant Officer David Bird, airdrop systems technician with the 600th Quartermaster Company, load bundles of supplies for aerial delivery onto a K-loader.  
(Left) Loadmasters and flight engineers with the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron help load and secure bundles of supplies for aerial delivery. The bundles contained bottled water, food, including Halal meals, tires, personal hygiene items and other materials.

# Pls Soldiers survive

by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Anaconda Times staff

**LSAANACONDA, Iraq** — In blistering heat, along impassible roads, and atop rugged peaks, bands of stalwart U.S and Australian troops are hard at work. Members of these military transition teams (MiTT) and border transition teams (BTT) live with, train, and guide Iraqi Army soldiers.

As tough as these troops are, they cannot survive by sheer will alone. That's where supply from the sky comes in.

Soldiers and Airmen here provided aerial delivery of bottled water, food, including Halal meals, tires, personal hygiene items and construction materials Sept. 5, to the men of 5th Border Training Team, Overwatch Battle Group (West) and the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement.

Air drops are used to provide supplies and aid to areas not easily accessible by ground or in an emergency, said U.S. Army Capt. Heather Reilly, plans officer in charge, 82nd Sustainment Brigade (82nd SB).

"These air drops are critical to the BTT mission in that it gives them a chance to evaluate the supply point distribution of the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement that (the BTT) is training," said Reilly, of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Air drops are an important counter-IED mission because it keeps personnel off deadly roads in Iraq, said Maj. Mark "Cliff" Andrews, chief of tactics, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

The air drop took weeks of coordination among several agencies including the 82nd SB, 600th Quartermaster Company (600th QM Co.), 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (EAS), Air Maintenance Unit, Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW), Expeditionary Operational Support Squadron, 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron and the 407th Expeditionary Operational Support Squadron.

A team of eight riggers from the 600th QM Co. built 32 bundles of supplies weighing a total 37,850 lbs. Using readily available materials like honeycomb packaging material, they created a container to keep bottled water ice cold.

"We stay within the parameters of what the (parachute rigger) manual teaches, but a lot of what we do is experimental," said Sgt. Wesley DeSouza, a parachute rigger from Linden, N.J. with the 600th QM Co.

"We are taking the teams' morale into consideration," said Warrant Officer David Bird, airdrop systems technician from Fort Worth, Texas, with the 600th QM Co. "It doesn't seem like much, but a cold drink might feel like a blessing from heaven for Soldiers in the thick of it."

Riggers used the Low Cost Aerial Delivery Systems (LCADS), a prepackaged, one-time-use, low cost parachute. The chief benefit of using LCADS for the drop was that no personnel had to recover the parachutes and related materials from the drop zone and return them to the quartermasters.

Just before sunrise, the riggers and Airmen from the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron (332nd ELRS) used their muscles, a forklift and K-loader to load the enormous bundles.

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Warrant Officer David Bird  
600th QM Co.

"It feels pretty good to be part of such an important mission," said Airmen 1st Class Richard Darlington, a South Charleston, Ohio native and air transporter with the 332nd ELRS.

With their task complete, the servicemembers wiped sweat off their faces and stretched out on the ground for a few minutes of shut-eye.

Once at the flight line, loadmasters and flight engineers with the 777th EAS, checked the bundles for safety, then helped load and secure the bundles. Preflight checks complete and all systems go, two C-130s piloted by Airmen with the 332nd AEW made their way toward the teams just after sunrise.

Once at the drop zone, loadmasters successfully released the bundles to the men below, showing no matter how remote the locale, troops can count on supply from the sky.



Photos by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Logistics Readiness Squadron (left) and

connect a Low Cost



Photos by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Logistics Squadron (left) and

of supplies meant for

of supplies meant for

teams and construction



Photo by Spc. Robert H. Baumgartner

A US Air Force C-130 Hercules cargo plane empties its payload of low-cost aerial delivery bundles over the drop zone near As Salman, Iraq. The air drop was part of an effort to allow the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement to be resupplied without breaking station.

# 'BAD' Company's Soldiers work hard to keep up reputation

by Sgt. Brandon Little

12th Combat Aviation Brigade

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — It's a great honor for any unit and its Soldiers to be considered the best at what they do.

The Soldiers from B Co. 412th Aviation Support Battalion, however, have taken a different approach to this philosophy.

This unique group of 223 Soldiers has become known as "BAD Company" throughout the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's like the words in that 80's rap song; 'Not bad meaning bad, but bad meaning good,'" said Maj. H. Craig Demby, the commander of B Co. "Our area here is even called the 'Badlands.'"

This helicopter maintenance company got its unusual nickname because it was formed with the combination of B Co. 412th and D Co. 412th.

"Not only are we larger than an average maintenance company, but we also are the only maintenance company that is authorized to work on all three types of helicopters flown by the 12th CAB," said Demby. "We can repair any part (of) a helicopter from its engine to its wheels."

There are two levels of helicopter maintenance performed by aviation mechanics in the 12th CAB. The first is unit maintenance which is performed by the battalion's maintenance company. The second level is aviation intermediate maintenance which is done by "BAD Company."

"D Co. is the helicopter maintenance company in each of the battalions in 12th CAB, but we take care of the maintenance that is either too time consuming or above the unit level," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Patrick Francis, the B Co. production control officer.



Photo by Sgt. Brandon Little

**Pvt. Ty Parant, an aircraft structure repairer from B Co. 412th Aviation Support Battalion, help his fellow "BAD Company" Soldiers carry a rotor blade during the phase maintenance of a CH-47 Chinook in the "Badlands" here.**

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Maj. H. Craig Demby  
B Co., 412th ASB

"If we can't fix it, we coordinate with the civilians from L3 Communications to get it fixed."

Besides having the normal sections that most other companies have, this company also has many different sections that aid each other with helicopter repair.

Each of these sections in "BAD Company" has a key

role in the performance of phase maintenance of aircraft in the "Badlands."

Phase maintenance on an aircraft is similar to that of an automobile after it has been driven a certain number of miles. This maintenance is done on a CH-47 Chinook when it has flown 200 hours and 400 hours, an AH-64 Apache at 250 hours and 500 hours, and an UH-60 Blackhawk at 360 hours and 720 hours.

When 'Bad Company' first receives an aircraft, it is logged in by the production control section. Next it goes to the phase team and all removable parts on the inside, like seats and straps, are taken out.

"We inspect the aircraft from front to rear for damage, cracks and any parts that

need to be replaced," said Sgt. Lenny Higgins, the phase team leader.

If parts are needed, they then are requested through the supply section.

"The supply section is hub of logistics for B Co.," said Francis. "Without them, an aircraft that needed a 50 cent washer or screw would be grounded."

If there is an engine problem or a type of maintenance that needs more in-depth knowledge, the shops section has personnel with specialties from engines to hydraulics.

After the aircraft is repaired, the quality control section checks to ensure that work has been done in accordance with aviation standards.

"By the time units get their

aircraft back from us, it is in near perfect condition," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ralph Gilgenast, a maintenance examiner and a UH-60 senior test pilot. "It usually takes three to four days to get aircrafts off the ground because we check for everything from leaks to vibration levels."

After the helicopter is cleared by quality control and production control, it is then returned to the unit. Just as that aircraft leaves the "Badlands," another one will soon arrive.

"Everyday you can find a Chinook, Blackhawk or Apache here," said Demby. "It's because of the great Soldiers and non-commissioned officers we have that 'BAD Company' is a great as it is."



Dramatized photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

**With unrestricted reporting, sexual assault victims get the same medical treatment and counseling that a victim who opted for the increased privacy afforded by restricted reporting, but an official investigation of the crime will take place.**

## SAPR, from Page 3

The victim will not be able to discuss the assault with anyone except chaplains, designated healthcare providers, an assigned victim advocate, and the sexual assault response coordinator, or they risk waiving confidentiality.

With unrestricted reporting, victims get the same medical treatment and counseling that a victim who opted for restricted reporting gets, but an official investigation of the crime will take place. Chain of command and law enforcement are notified. At the victim's discretion, the healthcare provider will also conduct a sexual assault forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence. Every

effort will be made to prosecute and punish the offender.

Ultimately, it is up to each survivor to decide for themselves how they want to move forward after the life-altering terror of sexual assault. Candelaria and Shanklin want each victim throughout theater to know that they are committed to helping them and to creating an environment free of sexual assault. Servicemembers can also help create a sexual assault free environment. To find out how or to get help now, go to: [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil) or call DSN (318) 443-7272 or DSN (318) 433-2527. You can also train to become a unit victim advocate and help prevent and respond to assaults. Call (318) 433-2527 for details.

# Say goodbye to late fees: Soldiers save tax payers millions

by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

Anaconda Times staff

**LSA ANACONDA, Iraq** — If you've ever had a membership to a local video store, you have probably experienced the agony of late fees. Sure, the cost of renting the video was just a buck, but you didn't return it, a month passed and now you owe \$30. A similar thing happened with the Army.

At the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Army did not have enough containers available to transport all the equipment needed overseas, so commercial cargo carriers leased containers to the Army. After a grace period, the companies started charging late fees. As years passed, these late fees totaled in the millions.

That's where the 840th Deployment Distribution Support Battalion came to the rescue. Using a Web-based program called Integrated Booking System Container Management Module (IBSCMM) and a "won't take 'no' for an answer attitude," Soldiers in the 840th are tracking down borrowed containers one-by-one throughout Iraq, thereby significantly reducing late fees.

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840th DDSB

pretty much all of theater," said Sgt. Franklin Baker, container manager with the 840th. "We still have containers missing, but we are doing everything we can to locate them," said the Daytona Beach, Fla. Native.

Locating containers is no small task. It involves sending personnel to every forward operating base, walking up and down every row of every yard, inspecting every container, to cross reference each container with a list of known missing commercially-owned ones generated by IBSCMM. There are approximately 83,888 containers in Iraq.

It's not a glamorous job, but it is directly contributing to reducing waste.

The late fees on individual containers range from a couple thousand dollars to nearly \$100,000, said Spc. Faith Bennett, container manager with the 800th.



Photo by Sgt. Jasmine Chopra

**Soldiers in the 840th Deployment Distribution Support Battalion are saving the Army millions of dollars by locating missing commercially-owned containers that have amassed late fees. Locating containers involves sending personnel to every forward operating base, walking up and down every row of every yard and inspecting every container to cross reference each one with a list of known missing carrier-owned containers. It's not a glamorous job, but it is directly contributing to reducing waste.**

One of the toughest challenges about the job is getting folks to visually assess the location of their unit's container, said the Norwood, N.C. native.

"You can easily say 'all my containers are here,' but you've got to physically look," said Bennett. "You've got people who don't even know what containers be-

long to them."

Another challenge is that containers are constantly moving in and out of yards, so it's a race against the clock to complete inventories.

"When we find a container it's like, 'man, we did good.' We worked as a team and we were successful," said Baker. "We're talking

about saving taxpayers millions of dollars."

To help manage containers, each unit should have a unit container manager who coordinates with Soldiers in the 840th and should be proficient in IBSCMM. The 840th can help train unit container managers. For more information, call (318) 433-2141.

## America's warrior

by Sgt. Dave Lankford

### A snapshot of servicemembers in the Global War on Terrorism



Tech Sgt. Jesse Bascombe

**Name:** Jesse Bascombe  
**Unit:** 316th ESC/Office of Staff Judge Advocate  
**Job title:** 5J071, Paralegal  
**Time in Service:** 10 years  
**Age:** 29  
**Hometown:** Troy, Ohio  
**Family:** Shana (wife), Tristan (son), Bradyen (son)  
**Pastimes:** "Riding my dirt bike."  
**Recent accomplishment:** "Going through the training at Fort Bragg."  
**One life-changing event:** "Working with the Army, it made me love the Air Force with all my heart."  
**The person I admire most:** "Both of my grandfathers."  
**What historical or celebrity figure would you want to be:** "Ricky Carmichael."  
**Why I joined the military:** "To see the world and get a head start in life."  
**If I wasn't in the Air Force, I would**

**be:** "Working on motorcycles or classic cars."

**The one thing I would change about the military:** "I would increase our pay, especially when we are deployed."

**What I would do for my fellow servicemembers:** "Anything I can, as long as it doesn't compromise my integrity."

**What makes a good leader:** "Leading from the front, leading by example, taking care of those below you in rank, and constantly trying to improve yourself."

**What makes a good Airmen:** "Knowing how to be a follower as well as a leader."

**Best thing about being an Airmen:** "The opportunity to serve my county, be apart of history and work with America's finest."

**Values:** "Integrity."

**Motivations:** "My family."

**Goals:** "Get home to my family, make rank, finish my degree."

# Anaconda's strongest: Soldier dominates bench press competitions

by Capt. Matt Panepinto

HHC, 13th CSSB

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – He stands 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs roughly 220 pounds but by the look of him you would not know it. Pound for pound, this consummate power-lifter outclasses those who would challenge him. Who is this amazing phenomenon? His name is Sgt. Aaron Deck, of the Fort Benning, Ga. based 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

Born in South Carolina as the son of a military family, Deck became accustomed to travel, and his military career has been no different. He has deployed three times: once to Kosovo and twice to Iraq.

“Big D’s” Kosovo tour left would-be challengers decimated and shocked Camp Montieth tenants with an unprecedented seven straight power-lifting titles. Upon redeploying to Germany, Deck received orders for Fort Benning where he continued his onslaught of iron. Even the glorified 75th Ranger Regiment’s, 3rd Battalion “champion” was left



Photo by Capt. Matt Panepinto

Sgt. Aaron Deck of the 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion shows his bench press skill here.

in utter dismay when Deck pressed 500 pounds to win the August 2006 Audie Murphy Bench Press Competition.

As for LSA Anaconda, it is simply a matter of time until Deck crushes competitor’s hopes of “maybe” winning. Deck recently won both East and West MWR competitions, inadvertently declaring dominance here.

The true root (in this writer’s opinion) to Deck’s victories is not simply a matter of strength but a matter of character. Deck

works with humility in mind, but perseverance propels him forward. He has the same dedication as a Soldier. He is there when needed; a professional non-commissioned officer who wears his chevrons proudly.

So if you missed him in previous competitions, keep your eye out at future bench press competitions. You’ll likely find Deck there. And if you think you stand a chance, ask yourself one question, “Can I beat Anaconda’s Strongest?”

# Crew refuels at Delta



Photo by Sgt. Dave Lankford

Chief Warrant Officer J.D. Baxter, a Sherpa pilot with the 207th Theater Aviation Company, supervises the refueling of his aircraft on a recent mission. The Sherpa relies heavily on weight and balance, especially during takeoff. Though many service-members refer to the Sherpa as “the flying boxcar,” it is a surprisingly quick, agile and reliable aircraft.

## AFC North, NFC North NFL Teams



## Upcoming sports on AFN

### Wednesday 9/19/2007

New York Mets @ Washington Nationals live 3:00 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 Pittsburgh Pirates @ San Diego Padres live 6:00 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 Detroit Tigers @ Cleveland Indians replay 11:00 a.m.  
 Detroit Tigers @ Cleveland Indians live 8:00 a.m.

### Thursday 9/20/2007

MLB baseball Teams TBD live 4:00 a.m. AFN/sports replay 11:00 a.m.

### Friday 9/21/2007

Texas A&M @ Miami live 3:30 a.m. AFN/sports replay 11:00 AFN/sports  
 Milwaukee Brewers @ Atlanta Braves live 3:30 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 Seattle Mariners @ Los Angeles Angels live 6:30 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 Houston Astros @ St. Louis Cardinals replay 4:00 p.m. AFN/sports  
 Pittsburgh Pirates @ Chicago Cubs live 10:00 p.m.

### Saturday 9/22/2007

Oklahoma @ Tulsa live 4:00 a.m. AFN/sports replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/sports

UFC Fight Night: Kenny Florian vs. Din Thomas replay 9:00 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 College Football: Teams TBD live 8:00 p.m. AFN/xtra  
 College Football: Teams TBD live 11:30 p.m. AFN/xtra  
 College Football: Teams TBD live 11:30 p.m. AFN/sports

### Sunday 9/23/2007

Washington State @ USC or Iowa @ Wisconsin live 4:00 a.m.  
 NFL football Teams TBD live 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports  
 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Dover 400 live 9:30 p.m. AFN/xtra

### Monday 9/24/2007

Dallas Cowboys @ Chicago Bears live 4:15 a.m. AFN/sports  
 NFL football Teams TBD replay 8:00 a.m. AFN/xtra  
 UFC 76: Knockout replay 11:00 a.m. AFN/xtra replay 6:00 p.m. AFN/xtra

### Tuesday 9/25/2007

Tennessee Titans @ New Orleans Saints live 4:30 a.m. AFN/sports  
 San Diego Padres @ San Francisco Giants live 6:00 a.m. AFN/xtra

# Shout outs from home

Hey **Robert Hadfield**

We love you and we miss you - but we're so VERY proud of you! Keep your chin up and your head down!! When you get to see our son over there - please give him a BIG hug from his Momma!

I love you madly and completely! By the way...You're going to be a Grandpa!! (Surprise!) CONGRATS!!  
Me :-)

**David Thraillkill**

Happy One Year Anniversary! One down.... With Many to Go! I Love You and Miss You! XOXOXOXO Muah,  
Jess  
We Miss You Daddy!  
Love Molly!

This is for **my fellow comrades**, I just want to thank you for the job that you're doing, it's good to know that we have personnel like you doing the best darn job in the world. I pray for each and everyone's

safety and health. Know that we at home are standing proudly next to each and every one of you, cheering you on. Come home safe and soon

Yours,  
C B Aikens

**Randy Belcher**

Hello love,  
Just wanted to tell you that I love you and that I miss you so very much! I constantly remember you in my prayers, night and day. II Timothy 1:3  
Tiffany Belcher

**Dana Howett**

You are the love of my life! Each beat of my heart is yours, and yours alone!  
Love Always and Forever!  
Rich

**Chief Daddy Clark Keeler**

I had a great audition for Crunch

Productions Dance Company and I got the "excited reporter" part. I love you and miss you. You are in my prayers.

Love you,  
Sarah

**Johnny Douglas**

We love and miss you so much and can hardly wait to see you in a couple of weeks!  
Love,  
The Whole Gang

**Pam Arold**

Hello aunt Pam!! We would like to wish a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many more to come. We are all thinking about you everyday and keeping you in our prayers. We love you and miss you very much and can't wait for you to come home. Everyone is so proud of you and what you are doing. We stand behind you 100% and

always will. We will make up for your birthday when you are home. Love always Todd, Shapell, Cyan, Canan, & Chaise  
Always stay safe and count your blessing everyday!!  
Shapell Kissinger

**Kenneth D. Horst**

Indianapolis, Indiana sends their love and support to you! We love & miss you very much, and can't wait until you're home again!!! McKenna misses her daddy, and she sends hugs & kisses. She can't wait until you are home. Hot-dog, the girls', big John, Brady and myself are all proud of you for what you're doing. A soldiers work is never done!!!!  
WITH LOTS & LOTS & LOTS OF LOVE,  
Love, Kathy, John, Josh, Kelli, Rebecca, McKenna & Brady

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(Schedule is subject to change)

## SUSTAINER REEL TIME THEATER

<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	
5 p.m.	1408 (PG-13)
8 p.m.	License to Wed (PG-13)
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	
5 p.m.	Harry Potter: 5 (PG-13)
8 p.m.	The Brothers Solomon (R)
<b>Friday, September 21</b>	
2 p.m.	I Know Who Killed Me (R)
5 p.m.	The Brave One (R)
8:30 p.m.	Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	
2 p.m.	Chuck and Larry (PG-13)
5 p.m.	Transformers (PG-13)
8 p.m.	The Brave One (R)
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	
2 p.m.	The Brave One (R)
5 p.m.	Dead or Alive (PG-13)
8 p.m.	Transformers (PG-13)
<b>Monday, September 24</b>	
5 p.m.	The Brave One (R)
8 p.m.	Transformers (PG-13)
<b>Tuesday, September 25</b>	
5 p.m.	Chuck and Larry (PG-13)
8 p.m.	The Brave One (R)

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**GUESS AGAIN.**

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# ANACONDA ACTIVITIES

## 8-Ball Tournament

Tuesday 2 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

Wednesday 8 p.m., West MWR

Monday 8 p.m., East Recreation

## 9-Ball Tournament

Wednesday 8 p.m., East MWR

Monday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Abs Salute

Sunday 8 p.m., H-6 Fitness Center

## Aerobics

Wednesday and Monday 7 p.m., West MWR

Friday 5:30 p.m., East Fitness Center

Saturday 7 p.m., West Fitness Center

## Aikido

Wednesday 5 pm, East Fitness Center

## Balad Idol

Tuesday 8:30 pm, H-6 MWR

## Basketball Tournament

Every other Saturday 7 p.m., MWR Circuit Gym

(Open Court) Thursday ALL DAY, West MWR

## Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Wednesday, Friday, Monday 9 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Capoiera

Sunday noon, East Fitness

Center

## Cardio Funk

Wednesday 8 p.m., H-6 Fitness Center

## Carribbean Nights

Wednesday 8 p.m., East MWR

## Chess, Spades and Dominoes

Friday 8 p.m., West MWR

Friday 8 p.m., East MWR

(Chess only)

## Combatives Training

Thursday and Tuesday 8 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Console Game Tournament

Thursday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Country Night

Friday 8:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

## Country/Western Dance Class

Thursday 8 p.m., East MWR

Saturday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Dance Aerobics

Wednesday 5:30 a.m., East Fitness Center

## Darts and Foosball

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

## DJ Class

Wednesday 8 p.m., East MWR

## Dodgeball League

Thursday 8 p.m., Circuit Gym

## Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Floor Hockey

Wednesday and Monday 8 p.m., MWR Circuit Gym

## Foosball and Ping Pong

Tuesday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Friday Night Spikes

Friday 7 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Gaston's Self Defense Class

Sunday 7:30 p.m., West Fitness Center

## Hip-hop Dance Class

Friday 8 p.m., East MWR

Saturday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Intermediate Swim Lessons

Thursday 6 p.m., Indoor Pool

## Karaoke

Wednesday and Sunday 8 p.m., West Green Bean

Monday 8 p.m., East MWR

Thursday 8:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

## Kung Fu

Tuesday 7 p.m., H-6 Fitness

Center

## Middle Eastern Dance Class

Thursday 10 p.m., West MWR

## Pilates

Thursday and Tuesday 7:30 p.m., West Fitness Center

Saturday 11 a.m., West Fitness Center

## Poetry Night

Sunday 7 p.m., East MWR

Monday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Poker

Saturday 8 p.m., East MWR

Sunday 7 p.m., East MWR

## R&B Music

Wednesday 8:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

Friday 9:30 p.m., H-6 MWR

## Ryu Ryu

Sunday 2 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Salsa Dance Class

Wednesday 8:30 p.m., West MWR

Saturday 8 p.m., East MWR

Sunday 8:30 p.m., H-6 Recreation

## Scrabble Tournament

Friday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Soccer and Tennis

Wednesday, Monday and

Tuesday 8 p.m., West Fitness Center

## Spades and Ping Pong

Wednesday 2 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., H-6 MWR

Tuesday 8 p.m., East MWR (Ping Pong Only)

## Spades, Dominoes and R&B

Sunday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Spin Class

Monday and Wednesday 3:30 p.m., H-6 Fitness Center

## Step Aerobics

Wednesday and Monday 5:30 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Swing Dance

Sunday 8 p.m., East Fitness Center (Advanced)

Tuesday 8 p.m., East Recreation Center (Basic)

## Tejano Dance Class

Thursday 8:30 p.m., West MWR

## Texas Hold 'em

Friday and Monday 2 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., H-6 MWR

Saturday 8 p.m., West MWR

## Volleyball

Friday 7:30 p.m., West Fitness Center

Wednesday 7 p.m., East Fitness Center

## Water Aerobics

Thursday 7:45 p.m., Indoor Pool

## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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# America's Sweethearts lift morale at LSA Anaconda



Photos by Sgt. Dave Lankford

(Above) One of the first stops was to the base hospital where they mingled and signed autographs for staff as well as patients. Spc. Ernest Hanson of the 3/8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, took a break from physical therapy to talk to the cheerleaders about his experiences in Iraq. (Right) Brig. Gen. Gregory E. Couch stands at parade rest while Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Christina Parker attempts to shake his military bearing. The Broadway-style review, though vampish, is intended to be playful rather than erotic.



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The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders are famous for their trend-setting style of dress and flawlessly choreographed dance routines. The show group is made up of twelve specially selected cheerleaders and features some of the most memorable music from a wide variety of genres.

# Anaconda runs, celebrates Patriot Day



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(Above) This group of servicemembers cheered each other on as they crossed the finish line at the five-kilometer fun run held here Sept. 11.

(Below) These female Soldiers epitomized the meaning of "fun run" as they crossed the finish line.



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A Soldier puts on his warrior face as he gives one last burst of energy to finish the Patriot Day fun run here.

## 5k fun run winners

### Male:

1. Spc. Juan Hernandez, 92nd Engineer Battalion
2. Sgt. 1st Class Travis Nargang, 106th Transportation Battalion
3. Nathaniel Leben, civilian

### Female:

1. 2nd Lt. Myra Markey, 3/158 Aviation Regiment HHC
2. Capt. Shelly Raska, DET 1-332 EMSG
3. Capt. Virginia Seigel, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade



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(Above) Runners and walkers participated in this year's 9/11 Patriot Day five-kilometer fun run. Hundreds of servicemembers and civilians showed up before day break to partake in the event.

(Right) Servicemembers proudly ran alongside the American Flag carried by a fellow Soldier during the fun run here.

