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Members of the 164th Military Police Company from Fort Richardson, Alaska, patrol with an Iraqi Police unit in Ad-dujayl, Iraq. Personnel training from the 164th will continue until the IP are validated as a self sufficient police station.

IP on the road to self sustainment

Story by Sgt. Gary L. Hawkins

Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Patrolling the streets of Ad-dujayl, about 20 minutes south of LSA Anaconda, is almost an everyday occurrence for the Iraqi Police and 164th Military Police Company from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

During these patrols, the 164th helps the IP conduct effective day to day operations such as running the town jail, conducting roll call of the IP and supervising physical training. The 164th has been here since July of 2007 as the first Army element to work with this station continuously. As a result, its leaders are seeing steady progress in the IP capability to organize, conduct and maintain patrols.

“This training has improved their ability to police their community and provide a viable police force,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Schutzmann, a convoy commander for the 164th MP Co. “I feel we are accomplishing this mission very well by helping create a more capable force.”

With regular physical training each morning they are working together and building confidence in their ability to work in a team environment.

“The training has been very useful for us in discipline,” Iraqi Brig. Gen. Abdul Hameed Jawad Hassan, commander of the police force said through his interpreter. “We are working together like one hand building teamwork from the experiences of the

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Photo by Capt. Ken Walker

Air Force personnel, from left to right Tech. Sgt. Gregory Flannelly, Senior Master Sgt. David Pate, Staff. Sgt. David LeClaire, Tech Sgt. Anna Tew, and Staff. Sgt. Christopher Sefton, with Mayor Cell S6 install one of the first radio stanchions that will help promote the safety of servicemembers on LSAA.

Emergency solar radios promote safety on LSAA

by Capt Ken Walker

Mayor Cell S6

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq –You may have seen the new brown metal poles going up in each of the military housing areas, and near several of the bus stops here. These poles, each labeled with “EMERGENCY” stickers, and topped with a blue light and solar panel, will serve as the first emergency contact system for the housing and common areas on the installation.

Each one of the emergency solar radios is programmed to provide two-way communications with the provost marshal’s office at the touch of a button. The system will be fully operational by the end of this month, and will give residents the ability to

report serious incidents and receive a significantly faster response than they could before. The system operates using a network of solar-powered radios, so it will not be affected by installation telephone, computer network, or power outages.

The emergency stanchions should be used only for incidents that require immediate response from emergency responders (E.g. the PMO, fire department, etc.). Incidents of tampering or false alarms will be dealt with by PMO and appropriate command personnel.

Any questions or problems with the emergency solar radio system should be directed to the Mayor Cell S6 office at 433-2715.

Provost Marshal Office: Weekly police blotter Week 25-2 March

The Provost Marshal Office conducted: (189) security checks, (18) traffic stops, issued (29) DD Form 1408 Armed Forces Traffic Tickets, registered (1024) vehicles on the installation, (seven) minor traffic accidents and (20) common access cards were reported lost, and one individual was barred from LSA.

The Provost Marshal Office is currently investigating: (seven) larceny cases.

If you have any information about any of these crimes, please contact the crime stoppers line at 433-8602 or notify the Military Police Investigations at 443-6190 or email us at:

ARMY
<https://www.balad.iraq.centcom.mil/C0/C18/Provost%20Marshal's%20Office/default.aspx>

AIR FORCE
<https://intranet.blab.centaf.ds.af.mil/>

[Provost%20Marshall/PMO/index.htm](https://www.balad.iraq.centcom.mil/PMO/index.htm)

PMO Recommendations: LSA Anaconda Regulation 190-5 Runners will utilize the sidewalks. In the event of sidewalks not available, runners will run on the soft shoulder of the road, facing oncoming traffic. There is no running on victory loop or along the perimeter. Army personnel will utilize reflective belts at all times. Air Force personnel are exempt when in PT gear. Formation runs are not authorizes on the installation. Portable music devices are not authorized while running outdoors.

Lost & Found: Units are advised that the Lost and Found have various military items recovered. To find out if your lost item has been turned into PMO, contact PMO/Investigations at 443-6105.

By: Staff Sgt. Mirta Jones



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mirta Jones

Technical Sergeant Stacy Reeves from PMO conducts a detail inspection on a Refer Truck at the trucking lanes during last week’s Moral and Welfare checks.

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316th ESC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Gregory E. Couch

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DFAC 3 celebrates Chuck Norris’ 68th birthday

by Staff Sgt. Tim Sander

AnacondaTimes staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – It is rumored Chuck Norris doesn’t read books; he simply stares at the pages until the book tells him what he wants to know. So if you’re staring at this article somewhere, Mr. Norris, let me get to the point - happy 68th birthday!

Cooks and dining facility workers from the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) celebrated the martial artist and actor’s birthday Mar. 10, with a party in his honor during the lunchtime meal at the Camelot dining facility here.

As people began slowly filing into the DFAC, they walked past a white board that read “If you don’t eat a piece of cake, you will ... get a roundhouse kick to the face!”

“Because we’ve been writing Chuck Norris facts on our welcome board for going on eight months... it only made sense to take our love of the facts to the next level by celebrating (Norris’) birthday,” said Spc. John Friend, a cook at Camelot.

The tables and walls were decorated with photos of Norris and each one contained one of the many satirical statements about the legend, which were a huge hit among the military members in attendance.

“(The statements) are funny because no matter where you go, you can’t get away from them,” said Spc. Andrew Scardina, a cook with the 316th ESC. “It’s here... it’s on the T-walls, and on the bus seats!”

The menu was one Norris himself would have been proud of; it consisted of “sidekick Swiss steak,” “drop-kicked noodles,” “furious fried fish,” “sneaky rice,” “Green Beret beans,” “roundhouse carrots,” “Delta Force gravy” and “Walker Texas toast.” For the coffee drinkers, they could choose from “Sissyyy coffee” or the bolder “Chuck’s brew.”

And what party would be complete without a cake? At four feet long and two feet wide, the cake had white frosting and an Iraqi version of Norris with an AK-47 assault rifle in his hands.

Scardina explained that when they provided a black and white picture of Norris to the Iraqi bakers who work at Camelot, they decided the cake should have a bit of color. With darker skin than the real Chuck and a significantly thicker, black beard, the Iraqi Chuck proved to be a great source of laughter for everyone who attended the party.

“When I first saw the cake I was really thrilled,” said Friend, who added the bakers did a terrific job on such short notice.

One of Norris’ hit movies of the 80s, “Lone Wolf McQuade” played on the tele-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Sander

Spcs. Dennis Sanjurso and Miguel Cruz, members of the 182nd Sapper co., admire the “Iraqi Chuck Norris” birthday cake at the Camelot dining facility Mar. 10. The Camelot’s staff hosted the party to honor the martial artist and actor’s 68th birthday.

visions to entertain the troops while they ate. Later, the same movie was awarded to a lucky customer who was sitting in a chair with a hidden Texas Ranger badge underneath.

According to Scardina, quite a bit of planning and coordination took place to make the party a success.

“It took almost two weeks (of planning, between) the cake design, menu planning and getting all the pictures to hang up,” said Scardina. “Our leadership was all for it as soon as we pitched the idea... because they love the facts as much as we do,” added Friend.

“I think Chuck Norris is so popular with the military because he makes it known through his regular visits to deployed troops that he supports us and our cause,” said Friend. “And besides, who can resist laughing at one of his infamous facts.”

So for the man who has reportedly counted to infinity - twice, and has the ability to lead a horse to water AND make it drink, the workers of the Camelot dining facility have one thing to say... “Happy Birthday, Chuck!”

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)
11 a.m. Castle Heights (4155)
5:30 p.m. Gilbert Memorial (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. Gilbert Memorial (H-6)
7 p.m. Provider Chapel

PROTESTANT – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 a.m. MWR East Building
10:30 a.m. TOWN HALL(H-6)
8 p.m. Eden Chapel
2 p.m. Castle Heights (4155)
7 p.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)
9:30 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 (Chapel Annex)
3:30 p.m. EPISCOPAL (Tuskegee H-6)

PROTESTANT --MESSIANIC

Friday 8:30 p.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)

PROTESTANT—SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Saturday 9 a.m. Provider

PROTESTANT—CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday 3:30 p.m. Castle Heights (4155)

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

(Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 min prior to Mass)

Saturday 5 p.m. Gilbert Memorial (H-6)

8 p.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)

11 p.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Gilbert Memorial (H-6)

11 a.m. Provider Chapel

Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Provider Chapel

Mon,Wed,Fri 5p.m. Gilbert Memorial

LATTER DAY SAINTS-(LDS)-(MORMON)

Sunday 1 p.m. Provider Chapel

3:30p.m. Freedom Chapel (West Side)

7 p.m. Gilbert Memorial (H-6)

JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 7 p.m. Gilbert Memorial (H-6)

ISLAMIC SERVICE

Friday Noon Provider Chapel (West Side)

PAGAN/ WICCAN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, Saturday 7 p.m. Eden Chapel

BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 7 p.m. Eden Chapel

Please note, schedule is subject to change.

Dental clinics provide top service, bring in numbers

by Spc. Anthony Hooker
Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – In the three months since the 673rd Medical Co. assumed control of the base's two dental clinics, troops have increasingly found that many services they thought would only be available back at their home stations can be performed with only a phone call or walk-in appointment.

Sgt. Jai-san Williams, the primary care manager of the Main clinic, said that most Soldiers can not believe the type of services available.

"We ask patients (if) they want their teeth cleaned when they visit and they say, 'You guys do that in Iraq?'" Williams said.

The 673rd provides service to Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, DOD officials, contractors and even foreign and local nationals. Williams said the clinics have multiple bays and averages between 180-200 patients per week.

"When we first got here, we had low attendance," said Williams. "Word got out and people are now coming in by the hundreds. I assume that's a good thing because it means we're doing the job right."

Williams added that patient numbers are not the gauge the staff uses for service. "It could be 1,000 or two; we're just here to serve," he said.



Photo by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Pfc. Lisa Hart demonstrates techniques for proper dental care to Staff Sgt. Elysia Bowles-Charles at the LSAA main dental clinic Feb. 28.

Dental treatment is classified into four categories: emergency, sustaining, maintaining, and comprehensive. With six clinics located throughout the northern districts of Iraq, the 673rd primarily treats toothaches, dental restoration, and removing wisdom teeth.

"A true emergency is life, limb or eyesight," Patterson said. "A dental emergency would be acute infection, swelling, trauma bleeding or severe acute pain." Patterson said the unit can treat patients with dental trauma but treatment is usually done by the Air Force hospital's oral surgeons.

The clinics also make prosthodontics - artificial teeth or bridges - or as the staff describes them, 'flippers,' said Sgt. Rafael Camacho, a dental lab technician at LSAA Main.

"One patient came in after receiving an IED attack," Camacho explained. "He was missing one of his front teeth and worried about looking good. We made sure he got a flipper made before he left for home."

Camacho said he was happy knowing his work could send a Soldier home with some self-esteem. He said it also felt great to know that the family would see that and be comforted knowing their family member was taken care of.

Military personnel can also get updated dental reviews. For example, Air Force pilots have to do their flight packets every six months. Without updated dental information, they become non-mission capable. In the past, Soldiers with dental issues were removed from theater, robbing their unit of manpower. Additionally, the time it took to move a Soldier to a dental facility was usually lengthy, so many Soldiers were operating on the ground in a reduced state. The 673rd's presence in theater has helped to all but eliminate that problem.

"We can see someone just on a walk-in basis and have them treated and set up for a series of services in just one visit," Williams explained.

The buildings are surrounded by columns of T-walls allowing operations to continue during indirect mortar attacks.

"If the alert alarms sound, we'll use the same precautions everyone else is taught," Patterson said. "A hardened structure like this, plus adding the T-walls, makes this a pretty secure area to be



Photo by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Cpt. Agnes Kucharska-Frania, a dentist at LSA Anaconda Main Dental Clinic, and her assistant, Spc. Darrel Griffin, perform a tooth extraction on a patient Feb. 28.

at." Cleanings are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the mornings. Afternoon cleanings are scheduled but walk-in service is offered. The scheduling office's number is 483-2752.

With three hygienists on staff and a host of assistants with broad levels of experience, Sgt. Williams said that no one should be concerned with the type of service the clinics can provide.

"We provide world-class care," says Lt. Col. Craig Patterson, commander of LSA Anaconda's Main and Aviation (West Side) Clinics. "These Soldiers should expect the same quality care here that they would get in the States."

Engineers continue path of Iraqi self-sustainment

by Spc. Charlotte Martinez
Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Members of the 1203rd Engineer Battalion's military transition team helped the 5th Iraqi Army Field Engineering Company at Khamees base, Mar. 2, in an effort to continue the process of the Iraqi Security Forces becoming self-sustained.

"The whole purpose of the partnership between the Iraqi engineers and the Army engineers is teaching the Iraqis, so we can eventually hand (the engineer mission) over to them," said Maj. Ernest Norman, improvised explosive device defeat officer-in-charge with the 1203rd.

There were six U.S. Soldiers amongst a handful of Iraqi Soldiers to start teaching them preventive maintenance checks and services on humvees as well as see what other equipment the Iraqi engineers had available to work with and just how much of the repair and maintenance systems they knew.

With the help of interpreters, the MiTT team and the Iraqi Soldiers looked over the humvees, bucket loaders, scrapers and a crane that had been previously broken. The MiTT team discovered the Iraqis knew how to do the PMCS and other processes to go over the equipment they have at Khamees.

"(The Iraqi's) are pretty good at what they do," said Capt. Chad Carr, the Engineering Company advisor for the 5th Division MiTT team. "The 1203rd provides expertise to come down and train the Iraqis on how to use the equipment."

The Iraqis had the manuals to the humvees and were able to go through the processes of PMCS and basic maintenance of the vehicle with no problems as the MiTT Soldiers watched and helped out when needed.

The MiTT team also showed the Iraqi mechanics different items inside a contact truck, or humvee maintenance repair vehicle, what each item is used for and how to use it properly. The Iraqi mechanics seemed to pick up on the items right away.



Photo by Spc. Charlotte Martinez

Above: Sgt. Alan Carmack, the maintenance control noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the 1203rd Engineer Battalion, looks under the hood of a humvee with a member of the 5th Iraqi Army Field Engineer Company to make sure the mechanics have a good understanding of the vehicle.

Right: Members of the 1203rd Engineer Company's Military Transition Team and the 5th Iraqi Army Field Engineer Company look under the hood of a humvee at Khamees to test the Soldier's knowledge of preventive maintenance checks and services.

"We want to make sure they have all the tools and knowledge needed to go out and repair a humvee or other specialized equipment," Carr said. "We discovered they're already doing it, it is just to what standard. The purpose of the partnership is to show them the technical standard so they can apply it to all of their jobs."

Some processes the MiTT team will introduce and work with the Iraqi soldiers in the future on are crater repairs, route sanitation, checkpoint construction, joint combat outpost construction and the early stages of route clearance.

Carr gave an example of crater repair and how the insurgents would go out, dig a hole, fill it with explosive devices, fill and cover it with cement so it looked like a coalition force did the crater repair when it actually was not.



Photo by Spc. Charlotte Martinez

"We started to make stamps to put into the cement, so we gave (the 5th Iraqi Army) their own stamp," Carr said.

The Soldiers of the MiTT team left Khamees confident that one day the 5th Iraqi Army engineers will be able to self-sustain themselves.

"The overall goal is to make sure the Iraqi Security Forces are able to sustain and take care of their country once Coalition Forces leave," Norman said.

Breaking news...we're winning

by Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford
Anaconda Times staff



Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford

LAS ANACONDA, Iraq – Several months ago in a nationally televised interview I was asked by the host, "As an Army Photojournalist, what would you like to tell the American people that they're not hearing from the mainstream media?" Without any hesitation I said, "I'd like them to know we're winning."

The host was a little taken a back by my response and asked me to elaborate. With only about 90 seconds left there was only so much I could say, but it was enough to get me invited back for a full interview when I return home this spring.

You may be asking yourself what qualifies me to come to such a determination, or make such a statement. Well, it's really quite simple. Despite 15-years in service and prior Infantry experience, most of my perspective has been gained through my position in public affairs. My job gives me a vision of the war most people never see. I can, and have, gotten up in the morning, thrown on my body armor, 'locked and loaded,' and headed out with the troops on the front line. I have seen the mission go down first hand; I have seen the success first hand.

When I return to Anaconda, I take a shower, change my duty uniform, and head for the joint operations center. There, I listen to reports from border to border. From Baghdad to Al Asad, Kirkuk to Taji and Q-west to Warhorse... Victory and so on.

The pie charts, overlay maps and verbal reports all deliver the same message; we are winning. Success after success is reported day after day. I have seen it from the back seats of up-armored vehicles, patrols through the cities and villages, as well as the living rooms of the Iraqi people and the hubs of military intelligence.

I have written many Soldiers' stories from their own first hand accounts, and captured their progress with a telephoto lens. I have seen the 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment clear three towns in three days with the 1st Battalion, 9th

Field Artillery Regiment at their side. I have seen the 213th Area Support Group successfully complete over a thousand combat logistics patrols without a casualty, and I have seen the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) deliver beans, bullets, water and fuel to every corner of Iraq.

I have witnessed the 164th Military Police Co. train the Iraqi Police Force and I have seen Military Transition Teams and Logistic Transition Teams guide the Iraqi Army to independence.

I have seen engineers build roads and bridges that bring tribes together and clear fields of mines and improvised explosive devices so the children of those tribes can play, and grow together. I have watched our civil affairs bring jobs and education to villages who have known nothing but poverty and suppression for decades. And I have seen medics rid children of infection and disease that may have resulted in deformity or death.

One of my best memories of Iraq comes from a day in the village of Sheik Jamil. An Iraqi woman was trying to comfort her daughter as a medic tended to a cut on her knee. At the same time, the woman was trying to tend to her infant who did not seem very keen to share the spotlight. She looked me over and then offered me a smile as if to say, "Yes, I can trust you." As she placed the infant in my arms I was suddenly home again. The child could have been my first born, who is now serving in the Army, at a base only an hour from here. He could have been my grandson, who I have not yet had the pleasure of holding.

We are winning! We are winning the fight against the insurgents; we are constructing an Iraqi army that is self-sustaining; we are building a government which will soon stand on its own and we are gaining the respect, admiration and trust of the Iraqi people. We are winning!

Over the last year, it has been an honor to serve side by side with the best war-fighters in the world. It has been a privilege to play a small part in service to this great nation. I have grown to detest the insurgents venomously, to respect my brothers in arms without measure and even witness unconditional love in the most unlikely of places, under the most adverse conditions. The 316th ESC slogan "Sustain the Victory" meant nothing to me a year ago, but now I understand. I hope you now understand a little better too. Good luck, good bye and thank you all. We can, and will win.

Do you have what it takes?

BALAD FIRE DEPARTMENT
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WHEN: Sunday, April 13th

WHERE: Holt Stadium (New York & Indiana St.)

Sign up a team of six to compete in the AEF 1/2 Fire Fighter Challenge. Limited to the first 20 teams.

Contact Ben.Frankenberry@blab.centaf.af.mil to enter your team.

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Aerobics step up



Photo by Spc. Charlotte Martinez

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Soldiers, Servicemembers and other base personnel come together Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to "step it up" at the Westside MWR aerobics class at 7 p.m.. The class is open to everyone of all skill-levels.

Master Sgt. creates, continues Women's History

by Spc. Charlotte Martinez

Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – As the month of March rolls around, we get to celebrate the history of women everywhere. Women's History Month brings the untold female Soldier's unique story. North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania native, Master Sgt. Heather Piscioti's story is one that you certainly wouldn't expect.

Piscioti started her military career in the Air Force Reserve after college as a flight medic on a C-130. She is a nurse and mother of four in her civilian life.

"To maintain your flight status, you had to fly at least 60 hours every two months. I wasn't able to keep up with that, so I transferred," Piscioti said.

She transferred to the Army Reserve where she worked in a combat support hospital, after being in a tactical airlift group with the 33rd Air Medical Evacuation Squad.

"I've always wanted to serve our country and be in the military," she said.

Piscioti is the first family member in close to four generations to join the military, though her great-grandfather's military career is one of historical significance.

"I think my family is very proud, they support me and my beliefs. We don't always agree, but they know I'll always do what's right," she says.

Piscioti's father, Joseph A. Belan, Jr., wrote an unpublished book about his life, which includes the story of her great-grandfather and his military background. Belan did not share the story with his daughter until she arrived in Kuwait for this, her very first deployment.

"My great grandfather, Beljan, was an officer in the Yugoslavian Royal Guard, which was responsible for protecting the life of the crowned Prince Franz Joseph of Austria," Piscioti says. "But when Franz Ferdinand was assassinated on June 28, 1914, it was presumed by some as a treasonous act by the Royal Guardsmen, who were thought to have let information get out which allowed for Franz Ferdinand's assassination."

"Slowly the Royal Guardsmen were being killed one by one. When my great grandfather heard of



Photo by Spc. Charlotte Martinez

Master Sgt. Heather Piscioti, the support operations battle noncommissioned officer at the joint operations center.

this, he took his young wife, Sofia, and escaped to America (where he changed the spelling of his name to Belan) where he hid all of his military history, weapons, saber, medals and uniforms in the walls of the house they built in McKees Rocks, to never be discussed of again until the items were found during the remodeling of the house in 1948," Piscioti said.

Even with history like that, Piscioti was more than willing to join the military and was excited to "join the ranks" of the deployed.

"I plan on staying in (the military) as long as my body and family can support it," she says. "I wanted to deploy with the 316th (Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)) because I had not been deployed yet."

"Then Col., (now Brig. Gen. Gregory E.) Couch at the time, knew many Soldiers, and invited... many to come along. I happened to be one of the fortunate ones he asked," she said.

"I didn't have the (military occupational specialty) to come with the command. By trade, I'm a 68 whiskey mike 6, licensed practical nurse, I didn't have a secondary MOS," Piscioti said. "I told Col. Couch, 'Sir, I do not have an MOS to support the command.' So, he sent me to the (personnel) office."

She says Couch would come by her office and ask her if she "joined the ranks" yet, and it became a running joke. One day Couch turned to Maj. Albert Augustine and said to get her to the personnel office to "get her what she needs, she's coming with us."

Piscioti currently works in the Joint Operations Center as the support operations battle staff non-commissioned officer.

"My job is to monitor everything that happens in the entire theatre of Iraq for support operations," she said. "What I'm able to do is filter any operations for the transport of logistics."

Piscioti speaks highly of the 316th and her deployment thus far.

"Probably the two things that have carried me through this deployment and my life are number one, my faith... and second off, my mother and the strength that my mother has enabled me to have," she said.

According to Piscioti, the 316th has a lot to be proud of besides being here in Iraq. Each person has had to grow accustomed to a new place, a new boss and all of the challenges that come with that. She says she is privileged to be working among such people.

"Just meeting so many incredible, courageous and educated people, I'm still shocked at the levels of education in the Army Reserve," Piscioti said.

Not only does she take part in the logistics role, Piscioti is also a member of LSA Anaconda's rowing team.

Piscioti was recently selected for promotion to Sergeant Major, as well as selected for an officer commission. She has yet to decide which path she will take, however.

Though this is her first deployment in her 18-year career, Piscioti is more than proud of her service as well as the service of her fellow Soldiers. She strongly encourages her children to follow in her footsteps.

"I would like to see my children join the military. I think it's great, but if they didn't, I wouldn't be disappointed," she says.

Piscioti is just one example of how women have served their country throughout history. As a mother of four, a nurse, and a Soldier, she shows us the strength and courage of the modern woman in today's armed services.

Medal of Honor recipient inducted into Pentagon's Hall of Heroes

by John J. Kruzal

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department posthumously inducted Army Master Sgt. Woodrow Keeble into its Hall of Heroes Tuesday, a day after President Bush bestowed the Medal of Honor on the Korean War hero.

Keeble is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the nation's highest military award. Almost six decades after the gallant actions that earned him the nation's highest military award, and 26 years after his death, his relatives unveiled his name during a ceremony here at the Pentagon. He joins 131 other veterans to receive the Medal of Honor for combat valor in the Korean War.

Keeble risked his life to save fellow Soldiers in 1951 during the final allied offensive in Korea. He was recommended for the medal by every surviving member of his unit at the time, but "administrative errors" and "bureaucratic processes" delayed the honor, said Gen. Richard A. Cody, the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, who praised Bush for "setting the record straight."

"Over 300 million Americans are free today because ... (Keeble) fought bravely with honor and humility to defend this country and his fellow citizens," Gen. Cody told the audience gathered here for the ceremony. "The personal courage and selfless service of Master Sgt. Keeble lives on in the Soldiers that have succeeded him."

Calling it an honor to salute the master sergeant, to whom he affectionately referred as "Woody," Gen. Cody held his straightened right hand to his brow in a sign of deference to Keeble, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

When war broke out in Korea, Keeble was a 34-year-old master sergeant serving with the 24th Infantry Division's 1st Platoon, Company G, 19th Infantry Regiment. He'd joined the North Dakota National Guard in 1942 and already had earned the first of his four Purple Hearts and his first Bronze Star for actions on Guadalcanal. Keeble volunteered to go to Korea, saying that "somebody has to teach these young kids how to fight," Gen. Cody said.

The division was serving in central Korea in October 1951 when it was called to take a series of mountains protecting a major enemy supply in the town of Kumsong. Operation Nomad-Polar, known as the "Big Push," was the last major United Nations offen-



Photo by Carrie McLeroy

Gen. Richard A. Cody, Army vice chief of staff, talks about Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble's life and service during the Hall of Heroes induction ceremony at the Pentagon Tuesday. Keeble earned the Medal of Honor posthumously for his acts of bravery during the final allied offensive of the Korean War. His family was on hand to receive the medal on Keeble's behalf

sive of the war.

U.S. casualties mounted as enemy soldiers barged them, fortified by three pillboxes containing machine guns during ferocious fighting over a six-day span. Keeble's officers had all fallen, so he continued the assault with three platoons under his leadership.

Despite extensive injuries himself, with 83 grenade fragments in his body, Keeble defied the medics and took matters into his own hands. On Oct. 20, 1951, he charged the hill solo. "Woody knew the enemy machine guns in the heavily-fortified pillboxes were the problem. He resolved, 'I'm going to take them out or die trying,'" Gen. Cody said.

Armed only with grenades and his Browning automatic rifle, he shimmied across the ridge, single-handedly eliminating one pillbox after another as he dodged a barrage of enemy fire. Only after Keeble

had taken out all three pillboxes and killed the machine gunners did he order his troops to advance and secure the hill.

Army Secretary Pete Geren said Keeble was known on the battlefield for his resolve and tenacity in the face of danger and adversity. "The safest place to be was right next to Woody," said Mr. Geren, quoting a WWII veteran who fought alongside Keeble.

Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England told the audience that Keeble's heroism and sacrifice reminds Americans of the high price of freedom.

"Woodrow Keeble showed us -- again and again on desperate battlefields from the home he loved, first in the Pacific and then in Korea -- the very best we can be," he said. "America needs its heroes, needs men like Woodrow Keeble -- we need their service, and perhaps most of all, we need their example."

It's not just the heat that "bites" during the summer

by 2nd Lt. Jason A. Constantineau

155th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine)

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq –When most people are asked about the hazards of the Iraqi summer, the unrelenting heat is what usually comes to mind. While summer heat can be a deadly hazard to Soldiers, the 155th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) out of Fort Bragg, N.C., wants to bring another potential hazard to your attention; insects.

Biting insects, including sand flies and mosquitoes, are not only a nuisance, but can also transmit a variety of diseases to those who come in contact with these pests. Starting in late March and continuing through October, these insects are active and thriving throughout the country, including here.

The diseases they harbor can be quite deadly. Sand flies can carry both sand fly fever and leishmaniasis, while mosquitoes transmit Sindbis fever, the West Nile virus, and malaria, which currently is one of the largest public health concerns facing the world today.

There are a variety of tools available to all service members that minimize their chances of contracting these deadly diseases. The first, and often overlooked means of protecting oneself, is proper wear of the service uniform. This includes wearing your sleeves down and tucking your pants into your boots. When worn properly, your uniform prevents 95 percent of your body from being exposed to potential insect

bites.

In addition, most uniforms can be treated with permethrin, the standard military clothing repellent. The only exception to this is flame-retardant uniforms, which cannot be treated due to their fire protective fabric. Along with your uniform, other items, including bed nets and the fabric Soldiers use for shade in the gun turrets of tactical vehicles can be treated with this insecticide.

The exposed portions of the body, including your hands and face in your duty uniform, as well as legs and arms in the physical training uniform, should be covered with a thin coat of issued insect repellent, known as DEET.

Since mosquitoes and sand flies are most active at night, limiting outside activities can greatly decrease your risk of exposure to disease.

Finally, minimize the use of scented after-shave lotion, cologne, or perfume; these items can attract pests.

If these small steps are taken, the risk of acquiring a disease from insects of the summer will be greatly reduced.

For more information about personnel protective measures, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/> or <http://usachppm.apgea.army.mil/DODIRS/> for information regarding the DoD Insect Repellent System.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Jason A. Constantineau

Sgt. Christopher D. Taylor, 155th Medical Detachment Operations NCO, treats a new uniform with a Permethrin Impregnation Kit.

Balad Airman receives Purple Heart

by Maj. Vanessa Hillman

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- Dr. (Capt.) Adrian Barcus, an intensive care unit staff physician for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, received a Purple Heart and the Iraqi Campaign Medal from Brig. Gen. Burt Field, 332 AEW commander, at the Air Force Theater Hospital here March 7.

Dr. Barcus, who deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., was injured in the line of duty Mar. 6, resulting from an enemy attack here, ironically three days before his deployment was to end.

"I had just gotten all my out processing paperwork completed and was walking away from the hospital," he said. "Then, all of a sudden, it felt like someone had kicked me in the butt."

Quick thinking and action on his wingman's part helped get Dr. Barcus medical attention as fast as possible. Dr. (Capt.) Temple Ratcliffe, 332 EMG intensive care unit staff physician, was

walking with Dr. Barcus when he was hit by the shrapnel. When they got up from the attack, Dr. Barcus realized something was wrong; Dr. Ratcliffe assessed the wound and then went to a nearby guard shack to call for a stretcher. Returning to Dr. Barcus, he applied direct pressure to the wound while waiting for the stretcher to arrive.

"Afterward we were in shock and happy to be in one piece," said Dr. Ratcliffe who is deployed from Lackland AFB, Texas.

According to Dr. Barcus' supervisor, Dr. (Col.) Virgil Jefferson, 332 Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron commander, Capt. Barcus is an invaluable asset in the ICU who needed little to no spin-up time before being an effective team member.

"He has shown the skill to save the lives of many a patient in the ICU that would have otherwise met their demise," said the colonel who is deployed from Lackland AFB.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mirta Jones

Brig. Gen. Burt Field, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander, pins a Purple Heart onto Capt. Adrian Barcus, 332nd Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron intensive care unit staff physician, March 7, for wounds received from shrapnel here. Captain Barcus is deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Soldiers provide aid to local communities, foster good relations

Story and photos by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

ALBU HISHMA, Iraq – In most humanitarian aid missions, servicemembers pass out toys, soccer balls, school supplies and much more. However, the HA mission here provided all of that plus something that could help some locals for a life time.

The 1203rd Engineer Battalion combined forces with 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment to provide not only supplies but also limited medical care to the villagers of Albu Hishma.

“We give as much care as we can on the street,” said 1st Lt. Damien Barrineau, 2-320th FAR assistant physician. “We mostly give out vitamins and Band-Aids.”

For one woman, however, who had third degree burns on most of her lower body, Barrineau removed the dead skin to allow new skin to heal.

More than 50 residents received supplies and medical care here as it became an event the entire town participated in.

“It’s amazing how many people showed up,” said Sgt. Joe Hassell, 1203rd Eng. Bn. medical noncommissioned officer. “People just kept coming out of the woodworks.”

For many of the Soldiers whose normal mission is to hunt down insurgents, this mission proved to be a nice diversion from that mind set.

“This was my first HA mission and I thought it was great,” said Spc. Brandon Hines, 1203rd Eng. Bn. signal support specialist. “Seeing the kids smiling and having a good time when you give them a toy or candy was awesome to see. I hope I can go on some more HA missions in the future.”

There are future HA missions planned for many local communities. If you are interested in donating clothing, toys or school supplies, contact Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Relacion, 316th ESC civil affairs NCO at Nicholas.Relacion@iraq.centcom.mil or at DSN: 433-2547.



Lt. Cmdr. Sean Krispin, 20th Engineer Brigade electronic warfare officer, hands out bags of candy to Iraqi children during a HA mission here. The children were very receptive to the aid given to them but their favorite was the soccer balls.



Ch. (Maj.) Quentin Collins, 1203rd Eng. Bn. chaplain, carries an Iraqi child to show good will.



1st Lt. Damien Barrineau, 2-320th FAR assistant physician, gives an Iraqi child a quick checkup. Barrineau gave basic first aid to the citizens, handing out a lot of vitamins and band aids.



Sgt. Kirk Wilson, 215th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment broadcast journalist, shows a group of Iraqi children an American handshake during a HA mission here. The main goal for this type of mission is to foster good relations with the local citizens

Background photo illustration by Sgt. Gary L. Hawkins

Background: Ch. (Maj.) Quentin Collins, 1203rd Eng. Bn. chaplain, throws candy into a crowd of Iraqi children. Collins has gone out on over 30 HA missions during his year long tour.

Taji railroad back 'on track'

by Staff Sgt. Bryant Maude

1st SB, PAO

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Waving to spectators and honking the horn of his bright, green and red, locomotive, Mustapha, the train conductor, was the first Iraqi Republic Railways worker to make the journey along the old tracks between the central Baghdad rail yard and Camp Taji, in many years.

This historical journey was part of a proof-of-purpose designed to rebuild the tattered railway and stimulate the young economy; it was one small step in that direction for sure.

“An increased use of the rail infrastructure will translate to big dinars for the Iraqi economy,” said Maj. Ira Baldwin, a Laurinburg, N.C., native and mobility chief for the 1st Sustainment Brigade.

As far as coalition forces are concerned, the new train will enable large movements of cargo between the port at Um Qasar and Camp Taji, creating greater logistical economies-of-scale.

“Since Taji is the closest secured location (to) Logistics Support Area-Anaconda, the trains will allow a faster movement between the two,” stated Baldwin. “This will reduce the costs of moving cargo as compared to over the road, but the greater benefit is that trains will take a great number of Soldiers off the road which translates to lives saved.”

The concern for safety translated to a heavy presence of security forces on Camp Taji. Soldiers from Macedonia were on hand to inspect while Soldiers from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment opened the rail gates, and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Detachment 1, 143rd Field Artillery, 1st Sustainment Brigade, Soldiers provided over watch.

“We are on the lookout for any suspicious activities along the route line,” stated Spc. Justin Cox, a native of Visalia, Calif., and artilleryman with HHB, Det. 1, 143rd FA.

Although there was no call for security intervention, like all things in life, this exercise did not come



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryant Maude

Maj. Ira Baldwin, mobility chief for the 1st Sustainment Brigade, looks on as Soldiers from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment opened the rail gates at Camp Taji, to allow a train to enter for the first time in several years.

without challenges.

“There were at least two attempts prior to the successful engine proof of purpose,” said Baldwin. “The conductor’s house was raided and his son was arrested the night prior to the first scheduled POP; then later, there was another train carrying petroleum originating from Bajji that was hijacked.”

Despite the challenges, the train movement was a success, compared to what occurred repeatedly back in 2004 at the height of the insurgency where seemingly every train was a moving target.

“The Multi-National Corps-Iraq future operation cell, the 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), the Taji Base Defense Operations Cell, and the

Soldiers of the 1st Sustainment Brigade came together and proved that joint efforts do work with close coordination and rehearsals,” stated Baldwin. “I am very proud of what the Iraqi people want to reestablish in regards to improving their lives.”

This increased use of the IRR will equate to increased income generated by local, national, and eventually international trade; overall, the rail industry will provide solid jobs for the Iraqi people like Mustapha, who has been employed by the IRR for over 27 years.

“I am very lucky to be a part of history in the making by helping to make a train run through,” stated Baldwin.

Local Sheiks find solutions together at monthly conference

by Spc. Jay Venturini

Anaconda Times staff

FOB O'RYAN, Iraq – With such an emphasis being placed on giving control of Iraq back to its citizens, there will have to be cooperation from all the different religious sects that call Iraq home for it to truly become a free nation.

It may have taken some time and a lot of work, but through the help of Coalition Forces, local Sheiks, both Sunni and Shia alike, are working together to create a brighter future for their communities and their country.

“It’s a monthly conference where 50 local Sheiks sit down and discuss the issues that are affecting their communities,” said Lt. Col. John Dunleavy, 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment commander. “They discuss everything from economics to force protection. It is a great forum for all the Sheiks to be heard and get their issues resolved.”

The concept of having Sheiks from different Islamic sects sitting down in the same room and working together would have been unthinkable of at the start of the war. However, with help from Coalition Forces the idea of national unity is slowly becoming a reality.

Since the monthly conferences started, the number of improvised explosive devices found on the roads have dropped dramatically.

“The Sheiks have a lot of influence on what happens in their towns and over the insurgents who live there,” said Capt. Alberto Rodriguez, Alpha Battery 2-320th FAR. “When the Sheiks are working with us, the attacks on our convoys go way down, which is always a good thing.”

Another benefit of having Sheiks working together is Coalition Forces are transferring power and control back to the Iraqis in many of the communities, which is the main goal of the Coalition.

The Iraq police have been doing a great job at most of the checkpoints, which makes Coalition Forces feel more comfortable about giving them control of security for their communities, said Dunleavy.

Most would agree that there is still a lot of work to do in the country before total control can be returned. However, the process has been set into motion.

“We are making some great progress here, which is a benefit to the local citizens and also to us,” said Dunleavy. “We are all working toward a common goal, a free Iraq.”



Photo by Spc. Jay Venturini

Local Sheiks speak at a monthly conference held at FOB O'Ryan Mar. 1. At the conference all the Sheiks have an opportunity to voice their concerns and work together to resolve issues.

MESSAGES FROM HOME

Id like to shout out to my dad MSG Patrick Amos who is currently over there serving out the last 8 months or so over his tour. I LOVE YOU DAD YOUR MY HERO AND YOU KNOW EVERYONE HERE AT HOME IS REALLY PROUD OF YOU AND KEEPS YOU IN THERE PRAYERS ALWAYS! CANT WAIT TO HAVE YOU BACK HOME! Id also like to shout out to EVERY other soldier over there fighting for our country and the freedom which we all tend to take for granted at times not always keeping in mind that there are men and woman who are fighting and dying daily for us and we should all pay more respect, i know its not enough but i just want to say THANKS, YOU ARE ALL AMAZING, WHAT YOU DO IS BEYOND RECOGNIZABLE RESPECT THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW HONORED I AM EVERYDAY TO KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE OUT THERE FIGHTING FOR YOUR COUNTRY, AND YOU DONT DO IT CAUSE YOUR FORCED, YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING, YOU ALL STAY IN MY PRAYERS.

SINCERELY,
Nathan Amos

Just wanted to give a shout out to SSG Jason Biggs. We love you and miss you so much!! Can't wait until you come home.

Love,
Melanie, Jenna, & Josh

WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY WONDERFUL HUSBAND SPC JOSEPH THOMPSON 101ST HUMAN RESOURCES CO I LOVE YOU BABY CANT WAIT TIL YOUR HOME FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR DAUGHTER BE SAFE BABY HUGS AND KISSES YOUR WIFE

This message would be for our Dad- SSG James S. Grady of HHC TF 49/Catfish Air. Daddy- we miss you so much. We are so proud of you and all the hard work that you are doing. We cant wait to see you come home again though. We think about you every single day! We love you and want you to know that we are so anxious to see you and have fun with you again soon!

Love, Jordan & Jacob

TO ALL THE 63RD HARDCHARGERS WE ARE ALMOST DONE

We would like to give a shout out to our favorite Nephew S/Sgt Mitchell Brannen and wish him good luck on the 17th and God Speed on his trip to see us. We Love You...

Auntie D and Unc
Thanks

Wesley,
I just want you to know that we are so Proud of you!!!! Dayton and I love you so much. See you soon, I love you Always and forever.
Tiffany and Dayton Spear

Tiffany Spear

ANA AND ULYSSES WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, WE ARE PRAYING THAT YOU GUYS COME HOME SAFE SO THAT WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER LIKE THE FAMILY THAT WE ARE, BE SAFE AND STAY STRONG ESPECIALLY FOR BABY AIDEN.

LOVE YOU
MELI, JOSH & AIDEN

Hey Anthony!!! I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING!!!! UR MY WORLD!!!! BE SAFE!!! see you in a few weeks!!! Love always and forever your loving wife Jessica!!!

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Retraction
Last week's story on pages eight and nine was partially cut off due to a lay-out error. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused. To see the complete story, visit the Anaconda Times webpage on the Balad Internet.

America's warrior

A snapshot of servicemembers in the Global War on Terrorism



Full name and rank: Cpl. Kindred, Harmony Kay.
Unit: 673rd Medical Company
Job Title: Preventive dental specialist (hygienist).
Time in service: 5 years.
Age: 23.
Hometown: Bremerton, Wash.
Family (By name and Relation): Nevaeh (daughter).
Pastimes (Hobbies): Playing basketball, reading, and starting to volunteer at the hospital.
Life-changing event/moment: When I gave birth to my daughter.
Lesson Learned: Kids are the best things that can happen to anybody.
The person I admire the most: My mother, Mary.
Why I joined the military: I needed discipline in my life and didn't want to go back to school right away.
If I wasn't in the military I would be: Work-

ing at a veterinarian clinic (I love animals).
The one thing I would change about the Army: Less deployments.
The one thing I think the Army got right: Bonuses.
What makes a good Soldier: Being innovative and being able to listen and follow orders as they are given.
What makes a good leader: Leading by example and taking care of Soldiers' well being.
Unusual fact about you: I'm a total book worm.
Motivations in life: Raising my daughter and being able to provide a good life for her.
Goals: Complete 20 years in the Army and become a registered dental hygienist. Then work at a VA hospital.
Hardest part of my job here: The stress of being away from family.
Best part of my life: My daughter and days I get to talk to her and getting new pictures of her every month as well as seeing how much she is growing.

ANACONDA ACTIVITIES

INDOOR POOL

Aqua Training: Tuesday and Thursday - 7:45 p.m.
Swim Lessons
 -Beginners: Tuesday - 7 p.m.
 -Intermediate: Thursday - 7 p.m. *Must sign up with instructor.
 -Advanced: Saturday - 7 p.m. *Must sign up with instructor.
Time Trials- 50m, 100m, 200m: Friday - 8 a.m.&p.m.

EAST FITNESS CENTER

Basketball League: Monday-Friday - 7 p.m.
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8 p.m.
Kyu Kyu Kempo: Sunday - 2 p.m.
Modern Army combatives:

Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30 p.m.
Open court volleyball: Sunday - 6 p.m.
Shotokan Karate Do: Thursday - 6:45 p.m., Saturday - 8:30 p.m. and Sunday - 5:30 p.m.
Soo Bahk Do: 6 p.m.
Step Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling & physical fitness class: Tuesday- 6 p.m. and Saturday- 7 p.m.
Swing dance: Sunday- 7:30 p.m.

EAST RECREATION CENTER

8-ball tournament: Monday- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
9-ball tournament: Wednesday-

day- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Game Console Tourney: Thursday- 8 p.m.
Country Dance Class: Thursday- 7 p.m.
Dominos: Friday- 8 p.m.
Karaoke: Monday- 8 p.m.
Model building: Sunday- 1 p.m.
Poetry/ open mic: Sunday- 7:30 p.m.
Poker tourney: Sunday- 6 p.m.
Salsa dance class: Saturday- 8:30 p.m.
Swing dance: Tuesday- 7p.m.
Ping pong tourney: Tuesday- 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WEST RECREATION CENTER

8-ball tourney: Wednesday-

1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
9-ball tournament: Monday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Saturday- 8 p.m.
Friday nights in Balad: Friday- 8 p.m.
Foosball: Tuesday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Green Bean karaoke: Wednesday and Sunday- 8 p.m.
Ice Ball Tourney: Thursday- 4 p.m.
Ping pong tourney: Tuesday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Salsa dance class: Thursday- 8:30 p.m.
Spades, Chess and Dominos: Friday - 1 p.m.
Texas hold 'em: Saturday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Game Counsel Tourney: Thursday- 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WEST FITNESS CENTER

3-on-3 basketball tourney:

Saturday- 7:30 p.m.
6-on-6 volleyball tourney: Friday- 7 p.m.
Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 7 p.m.
Body by Midgett Toning Class: Tuesday, Thursday - 7 p.m.
Dodge ball Game: Tuesday- 7:30 p.m.
Furman's Martial Arts: Monday, Wednesday, Sunday- 1 p.m.
Gaston's Self-Defense Class: Friday, Saturday- 7 p.m.
Open court basketball: Thursday- 7 p.m.
Open court soccer: Monday, Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Zingano Brazilian Jui Jitsu: Tuesday, Thursday- 8:30 p.m.

CIRCUIT GYM

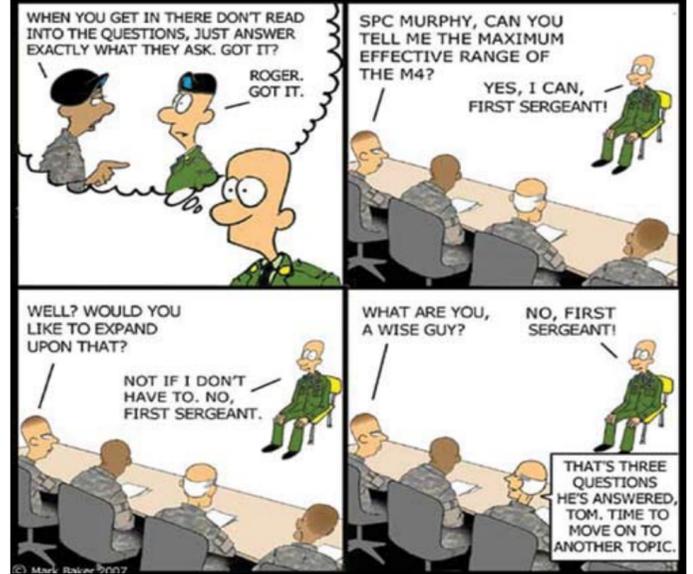
Floor hockey: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8 p.m.

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Movie Times

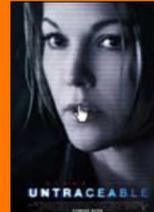
Wednesday, March 19
 5 p.m. Rambo (R)
 8 p.m. Cloverfield (PG-13)
Thursday, March 20
 5 p.m. Meet the Spartans (PG-13)
 8 p.m. College Road Trip (G)
Friday, March 21
 2 p.m. Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)
 5 p.m. Untraceable (R)
 8:30 p.m. The Eye (PG-13)
Saturday, March 22
 2 p.m. Untraceable (R)
 5 p.m. Horton Hears A Who (G)
 8 p.m. The Eye (PG-13)
Sunday, March 23
 2 p.m. Horton Hears A Who (G)
 5 p.m. Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)
 8 p.m. Untraceable (R)
Monday, March 24
 5 p.m. Horton Hears A Who (G)
 8 p.m. Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)
Tuesday, March 25
 5 p.m. Untraceable (R)
 8 p.m. The Eye (PG-13)

Movies Coming Soon

Shutter (R)
 Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (G)
 Strange Wilderness (PG-13)
 Juno (PG-13)

New Movies

Untraceable (R)



Within the FBI, there exists a division dedicated to investigating and prosecuting criminals on the internet. Welcome to the front lines of the war on cybercrime, where Special Agent Jennifer Marsh has seen it all--until now. A tech-savvy internet predator is displaying his graphic murders on his own website--and the fate of each of his tormented captives is left in the hands of the public: the more hits his site gets, the faster his victims die. When this game of cat and mouse becomes personal, Marsh and her team must race against the clock to track down this technical mastermind who is virtually untraceable.



Sydney Wells (Jessica Alba) has been given the gift of sight, but it comes with a horrifying price in the English-language remake of Danny and Oxide Pang's The Eye. The double corneal transplant was to open up a new world for Sydney, a concert violinist whose blindness has plagued her since childhood. With the help of Dr. Paul Faulkner (Alessandro Nivola) and sister Helen (Parker Posey), Sydney's operation and recovery seemed to be on the road to success -- until horrific images start to tear their way into her newfound vision. What's worse is that these episodes appear to foreshadow future deadly events, leading Sydney on a mission to track down the person whose eyes she has inherited and discover what kind of mystery from beyond the grave lies before her.

Horton Hears A Who (G)



When a kindly elephant hears a faint cry of help from a floating speck of dust, his attempts to protect the tiny particle cause his neighbors to question his sanity in this animated adaptation of Dr. Seuss' classic 1954 children's book of the same name. Produced by Ice Age makers Blue Sky, scripted by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio, and directed by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino, Horton Hears a Who reunites Bruce Almighty co-stars Jim Carrey and Steve Carell as the eponymous elephant and the Mayor of Who-ville respectively.

Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)



Eva Longoria Parker, Paul Rudd, and Lake Bell star in first time feature filmmaker Jeff Lowell's heavenly romantic comedy. Henry (Rudd) and Kate (Longoria-Parker) were all prepared to live out their "happily ever after" when tragedy struck from out of nowhere and Kate was killed on their wedding day. In the aftermath of the accident, a devastated Paul reluctantly takes his sister's advice and pays a visit to local psychic Ashley (Bell). Now, despite the fact that he openly questions her ability to communicate with the dearly departed, Paul can't help but falling head over heels in love with Ashley. Their growing relationship is threatened when Kate makes it her supernatural mission to sabotage the happy couple's fledgling relationship before it starts to get serious.

Upcoming sports on AFN

Wednesday 3/19/08
 NHL: Atlanta @ Philadelphia live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament opening round game live 2:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NIT first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NBA: Phoenix @ Portland live 5:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NBA: Los Angeles Lakers @ Dallas replay 10:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NBA: Denver @ Detroit replay 3:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 MLB: Toronto @ Boston live 7:00 p.m. AFN/sports

Thursday 3/20/08
 NCAA BB: NIT first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NIT first round live 4:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NBA: Golden State @ Los Angeles Clippers live 5:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NIT first round live 6:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NBA: Houston @ New Orleans replay 10:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 9:30 p.m. AFN/sports
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Friday 3/21/08
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/prime

NCAA BB: NIT second round live 7:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 9:30 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 9:30 p.m. AFN/xtra

Saturday 3/22/08
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 2:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 4:30 a.m. AFN/prime
 MLB: Chicago Cubs @ Colorado replay 6:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NIT second round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 10:00 p.m. AFN/prime
 NASCAR Nationwide Series: Pepsi 300 live 10:00 p.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 11:30 p.m. AFN/sports

Sunday 3/23/08
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 12:30 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 1:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 1:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 1:30 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 3:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NBA: Boston @ New Orleans live 3:00

a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 4:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NBA: Portland @ Los Angeles Clippers live 5:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 BOXING: Joel Caamayor vs. Michael Mitsidis replay 2:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NBA: Houston @ Phoenix replay 5:00 p.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 7:00 p.m. AFN/sports
 NBA: San Antonio @ Dallas live 8:00 p.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 9:30 p.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament first round live 9:30 p.m. AFN/prime

Monday 3/24/08
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 12:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 12:00 a.m. AFN/prime
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 12:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NBA: Detroit @ Washington live 3:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 NCAA BB: NCAA Tournament second round live 3:30 a.m. AFN/prime
 NBA: Golden State @ Los Angeles Lakers live 4:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 MLB: Cleveland @ Detroit replay 7:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NBA: Denver @ Toronto replay 10:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 PGA Tour: CA Championship final round replay 10:00 a.m. AFN/sports
 MLB: Houston @ Atlanta replay 5:00 a.m. AFN/xtra

Tuesday 2/25/08
 NHL: Pittsburgh @ New York Islanders live 2:00 a.m. AFN/xtra
 NCAA BB: NIT second round live 5:00 a.m. AFN/sport
 NBA: Los Angeles Lakers @ Golden State live 5:30 a.m. AFN/xtra
 MLB: Boston @ Oakland live 9:00 p.m. AFN/sports

13th CSSB provides entertainment, memories

by Spc. Anthony Hooker
Anaconda Times staff

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq—Soldiers of the 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion flaunted it up for their peers and invited guests Mar. 8 during their “Got Talent” competition in the MWR East Lounge Room.

Following a slide show featuring battalion high-lights, eleven acts competed for prizes and the affection of the audience.

The 8th Ordnance Company sponsored the event. 1st Sgt. Christopher Fludd, the 8th’s senior noncommissioned officer, said the event took time to celebrate the battalion’s efforts in theater.

“There are two sides to this deployment: technical and recreational,” Fludd said.

“The Army is not always about shooting bullets and

deployments,” Fludd continued. “We do have a good time and do things that (the Soldiers) can tell family and friends at home about.”

People shared a variety of different talents during the show. Performers included two hip-hop groups, vocalists, a drum soloist, a comedian, and a dance troupe calling themselves the “Caribbean Jewels.”

The Jewels, a six-woman group comprised of 651st Ordinance Co. Soldiers, performed a native dance that gave them high marks with the crowd and talent show’s judges; however, they were eclipsed by the electrifying performance of Spc. Domonique McClellan.

McClellan worked the crowd into a frenzy with his soulful ballad “So High” by John Legend. His ability to share emotional pain and pleasure throughout the song brought the crowd to its feet repeatedly. People tossed personal effects such as coins and safety belts to show their gratitude. After a short deliberation, the contest’s judges overwhelmingly deemed McClellan the winner. McClellan’s prize was a \$100 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate.

Judges for the event were Cpt. Lashanda Caver, Master Sgt. Orville Little, and Sgt. 1st Class Cory Cobb. The show’s master of ceremonies was Sgt. Derrick Davis from the 1387th Water Treatment Company. Davis kept the crowd in stitches with funny jokes and home-spun advice following an over-the-top entrance

featuring a female valet.

Sgt. Julian Harrison, who competed as a spoken-word artist, said he was struck by the different forms of talent he was able to watch.

“I liked that the competition was diverse... every-one wasn’t doing the same thing,” Harrison said.

Harrison, who said he wasn’t trying to place, said it was nice to see everybody unwind and have a good time.

Spc. Anita Watson, a Caribbean Jewel dancer from the Virgin Islands, said she was happy that her group was able to share some of their culture with the crowd.

Fludd mentioned that finding good talent was not what the competition was all about.

“We had judges for the scores but it really didn’t matter,” Fludd said. “People have so much pride in their unit, some people could’ve come up (on stage) and said ‘eeny, meeny, miney, mo’ and people would have stood, clapped and lost their minds.”

Fludd concluded that it was all about getting every-one together and having fun before units move out and new ones move in.

This just gives another chapter to the deployment besides convoys, tower guard, and eating in the dining facility,” Fludd said. “It’s another story they can tell their grandkids and friends about.”



Photo by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Spc. Domonique McClellan belts out a tune during the ‘Got Talent’ Showcase Mar. 8 at MWR East. McClellan, a member of the 1387th Water Treatment Company, was declared the winner of the Showcase.



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Members of the audience rise to their feet following Spc. Domonique McClellan’s performance at the ‘Got Talent’ Showcase Mar. 8 at MWR East.

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BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq—Staff Sgt. Jason Jablonowski, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron refueling truck mechanic, reinstalls the clearance lights on a refueling truck here, Mar. 8. Sergeant Jablonowski is deployed from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

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Immunization shots: keeping Soldiers healthy

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LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – Sgt. Ebony Dukes, 546th Area Support Medical Company immunizations noncommissioned officer in charge, prepares to give an anthrax shot to a Soldier. The immunizations center offers any required immunizations a Soldier would need to stay safe and healthy in theater.

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coalition forces.”

“The IP work well with us,” said Pfc. Troy D. Holland, a member of the 164th MP Company. “They understand the procedures and are making strong positive headway.”

Before the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime, the IP was regarded more as thugs, jailing whomever they wanted. The goal now is to change that perception by having the police in the community, showing people they are there to protect them, make friends and establish trust.

“Acting together as one, being out in the community and being proactive as opposed to being reactive will be an ongoing challenge for the IP officers,” said Holland.

The 164th spends most days with the IP providing feedback by showing examples of how to keep a presence in the streets.

Some people honk as they drive by while others wave. All this helps them to build a positive relationship with the local people.

“We go with them on foot patrols to keep their faces in the community,” Holland said. “The people are responding very well, they need to know who the police are that are keeping them safe.”

Not all areas of the police station have progressed as rapidly as the 164th would like. The need for supplies grows with each day and is frustrating for the IP and the 164th. The supply chain from the Iraqi government is still being worked out and the supplies they require are not always available.

“A big challenge is on the logistical part of running this station,” said Schutzmann. “Having the supplies they require for a police force of this size is a continuous work in progress. I think they are ready to run this station by themselves, and could if it had the supplies it needed.”

Capt. Matthew C. Norris, the 164th MP Co. Commander explains, that they started with only guidance on how to train and work with the IP in Ad-dujayl. Learning through interpreters and getting acquainted with the officers and non-commissioned officers has taken time and a lot of patience due to language and cultural differences.

“Through trial and error we have learned how to work and operate with the IP force here,” he said. “I’m very proud of the 164th MP Co. and the job they are accomplishing.”

Norris said his unit does not re-deploy until September, and will continue to assist the IP until their replacement arrives. The IP must be assessed with a one out of five rating before they are validated as self-sufficient. Then, continued spot checks once or twice a week, should be all that’s necessary.

With an assessment of two now, the IP are capable of planning, executing, and sustaining law enforcement operations with support from coalition forces. With continued progress and motivation towards mission capable status, the IP in Ad-dujayl can soon work independently as a partner in the War on Terror.



Photo by Sgt. Gary L. Hawkins

Brig. Gen. Abdul Hameed Jawad Hassan, Iraqi Police Commander in Ad-dujayl, Iraq, explains his plans for the day’s activities to one of his officers during a meeting with the 164th Military Police Co. Mar. 8, at his office

Servicemembers 'check' out floor hockey



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Top Left: Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Tim Lewis with the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Group, based out of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, poke checks Maj. Eric Backus with the 20th Engineer Brigade based out of Ft Bragg, N.C. during a floor hockey pick-up game at the circuit gym here Mar. 14.

Top Right: Air Force Airman 1st Class Aaron Danielson with the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services, based out of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., attempts to poke the ball past Maj. Ryan McDavitt with the 20th Engineer Brigade.

Bottom Left: Air Force Airman 1st Class Aaron Danielson with the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services focuses on the ball as he prepares for a wrist shot.

Bottom Right: Maj. Eric Backus prepares to pass the ball to a teammate.



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