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Courtesy photo

Village of Hope students lay pipe for a well in Hawr Rajab March 31. The students get both hands on and classroom instruction during the three-month long course from U.S. Air Force Airmen. Two hundred students will graduate from the program, which teaches students skills they can use to improve their community.



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## Village of Hope gives Iraqis new perspective

**Sgt. Jason Stadel**  
2nd BCT PAO

When an Air Force engineer first stepped foot in Hawr Rajab last December, a former al-Qaeda in Iraq safe haven, the thought that came to mind was a scene from an old western movie.

“Most of the businesses were shuttered and the main road was more comparable to the O.K. Corral,” said Capt. Josh Aldred, a native of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Four months later, AQI was gone and Aldred sees a community flourishing with business and hope.

Aldred was the primary instructor at the Village of Hope vocational school located on the grounds of Patrol Base Stone in Hawr Rajab. He ended his tour in Iraq April 3 and turned the project over to another Air Force captain.

Aldred and his 30-man team of engineer Airmen from the 557<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron had been teaching the Village of Hope students the basics of construction, plumbing, electricity, masonry and well drilling. The overall goal is to teach the residents of Hawr Rajab necessary skills to rebuilding their war-torn community.

The Airmen forged friendships with most of the 50 current



Courtesy photo

**Airmen from the 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron teach Village of Hope vocational students the basics of masonry at Patrol Base Stone in Hawr Rajab April 2. Two hundred Hawr Rajab men, in four classes of 50, are scheduled to graduate from the Village of Hope over the course of the year.**

students, all of whom are from Hawr Rajab. When they found out Aldred was returning to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., they wrote him and his troops a letter of appreciation.

“In the past we had different feelings and a kind of misunderstanding towards the American people,” read the letter, signed by the students. “After being close to you, we found out that we are almost the same. We

both love and care and sacrifice for other people. This removed the fears we had before and now we have become very good friends.”

The letter reinforced what Aldred was already thinking: the Village of Hope experiment is working.

“In my mind the Village of Hope concept should be used in other locations throughout Iraq,”

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Aldred said.

Members of the Village of Hope class share the same sentiments as Aldred. They said they now see Americans as people wanting to make Iraq better for the Iraqi people, not as an occupying force. “We will spread all of your nice words ... to keep the good memories in our mind which changed our life and how we felt about Coalition forces,” the letter said.

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- Capt. Josh Aldred  
*primary instructor, Village of Hope*

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When the current Village of Hope students graduate, they will join the Iraqi work force as skilled tradesmen working to improve their community.

“The effects of the Village of Hope include area beautification, new construction which means more jobs and tons of litter and rubble removed from the side of the road,” said Aldred.



Courtesy photos

**Airmen from the 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron teach Village of Hope vocational students the basics of masonry at Patrol Base Stone in Hawr Rajab April 2.**

Aldred added that he and his Airmen along with their Troop A, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division counterparts, who provide security and transportation to the Village

of Hope, can take pride in their endeavor. “It feels good to have made a difference and none of this would have been possible without a team effort from the Army and Air Force.”

As the students continue their studies with new instructors they wished Aldred and his crew well and hoped the Airmen would remember their positive experience working in Hawr Rajab.

Current Village of Hope students are scheduled to graduate in late May or early June. Three more classes are scheduled.

When all four classes are complete, 200 Hawr Rajab men will have graduated from the Village of Hope vocational school.



**Capt. Josh Aldred, center, poses April 2 with the first Village of Hope class. Aldred and a team of 30 Airmen instructed the Hawr Rajab men on the basics of construction.**



Photos by Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Second Brigade Combat Team Soldiers help prepare classrooms for students eagerly waiting outside the newly-constructed Ben Saad Maath Secondary School in Maderiyah April 2.

# Al Zerqa Secondary school is in session

**Sgt. Luis Delgadillo**  
2nd BCT PAO

Community leaders welcomed representatives from the Ministry of Education and Coalition forces for the opening of the Ben Saad Maath Secondary School in Maderiyah April 2.

Al Zerqa School, a primary school recently reconstructed by Coalition forces, was being used as temporary location for the secondary school. With the completion of the

new building, adolescent students now have a facility of their own.

“The opening of this school is a great help for the kids of this area,” said Atin Achani, a supervisor specialist in public education for Baghdad.

Achani said the Ministry of Education is working to increase teachers’ salaries and build more schools throughout Iraq.

“The Ben Saad Maath

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**Capt. Richard Aaron**, commander of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, speaks with community leaders during the grand opening of the Ben Saad Maath Secondary School in Maderiyah April 2.

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School will give many secondary-aged students throughout the area the opportunity to receive a secondary education for the first time,” said Capt Richard Aaron, commander of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery.

Ben Saad Maath School, MoE work will keep the school’s teachers paid and the facilities functional.

“With out a doubt this project proves that the MoE is positively impacting children in the area,” Aaron said.

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***- Capt. Richard Aaron  
B 1-9 FA commander***

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Aaron, a native of Middleboro, Mass., and Soldiers of his battery are responsible for maintaining security in the area and assisting local residents in re-establishing ties with the Government of Iraq.

“When I ask the locals throughout the area what their top essential need is, what is the one thing we could help them fix most of the time they simply reply, ‘fix our schools and help our children receive a good education,’” Aaron said. “The construction of the new secondary school will allow more students to attend the primary school located next door.”

Though Coalition funds helped build the

cutting ceremony was complete, 150 students and 18 teachers viewed the new classrooms, furniture and supplies prior to starting the first day of class.



Photos by Sgt. Luis Delgadillo  
**A member of the Sons of Iraq guides children to their new classrooms April 2 in the Ben Saad Maath Secondary School.**



**Representatives from the Ministry of Education ceremonially open the Ben Saad Maath Secondary School in Maderiyah April 2. The school was built with funds from Coalition forces but will be staffed by teachers from the MoE.**

# Hawr Rajab citizens see electrical improvements

Sgt. Jason Stadel  
2nd BCT PAO

Day after day, month after month, the residents of Hawr Rajab, a small village just south of Baghdad, have dealt with inconsistent and unreliable electricity. Most days homes would have less than eight hours of power. Now, with Coalition force help, the Ministry of Electricity is providing the citizens of Hawr Rajab between 22 and 24 hours of electricity a day.

The Baghdad-7 embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team, which works with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, assessed the electrical work in Hawr Rajab April 2; about three weeks after the work began.

First Lt. Matthew Shoop, 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd BCT, the ePRT's electrical projects supervisor, said one of the biggest problems Hawr Rajab was facing was the equal distribution of electricity from the nearby electrical substation.

He went on to explain that some neighborhoods would receive electricity numerous days in a row while others would go days without.

Raad Salih is the MoE supervisor in charge of the electrical work in Hawr Rajab and other surrounding communities; he was the main planner for the electrical work.

"We gave Raad the parts, he developed the plan and did the work," said Shoop.

Salih hired certified electricians plus 10 Hawr Rajab citizens as laborers for the Hawr



Courtesy photo

**Electricians employed by the Ministry of Electricity work on power lines in Hawr Rajab April 2. The electricity service in Hawr Rajab has improved significantly since a Coalition funded project in the area began three weeks ago.**

Rajab project.

His plan included the purchase and installation of numerous transformers as well as improvements to the power substation to improve electrical flow and electrical distribution.

The new transformers convert the 11 kilovolts of electricity flowing through the power lines for use in 220 homes and businesses. Shoop said existing lines, going into homes, were also repaired.

The Hawr Rajab electricity project is on schedule and will

be complete next week when the community's street lights are installed.

"The power is on in Hawr Rajab, people who were getting six to eight hours of electricity a day are now getting at least 22 hours a day," said Shoop, from Kennewick, Wash. "Once we get the street light up, we'll begin work in the next area."

Sayafiyah is the next area where the MoE and Coalition forces will focus their electricity repair efforts.

# Looking blue: Co B, 26 BSB gets free shirts

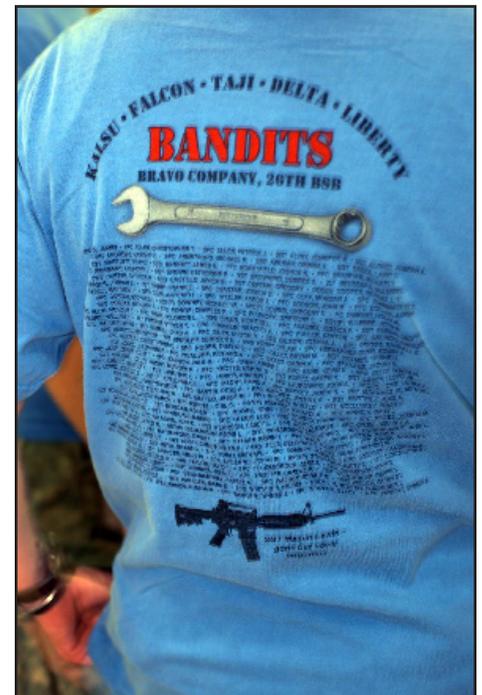


Photos by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Soldiers from Company B, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, pose April 6 in their new T-shirts donated by the Miller Brewing Company. The Miller Company sponsored Company B after 2nd Lt. Shannon Brusseau's parents and a church friend got in contact with the company. Some of the Miller Companies executives have sons in the Army and have been sponsoring Army companies in order to show their good will.



Brusseau prepares to toss a shirt to a Soldier while distributing them April 6. The shirts, donated by the Miller Brewing Company, feature the company's logo, names of the Soldiers and a memorial to Sgt. Mason Lewis (right).



# Coalition forces distribute pesticide

Unit Public Affairs Rep.  
1-30th Infantry Regiment

Farmers in Arab Jabour and al Buaytha received much-needed pesticide for their fields from Coalition forces April 4.

The Arab Jabour farmers union used a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to purchase the pesticide. The union's council members then distributed the pesticide, 75 boxes total, to area farmers.

For the farmers, the pesticide arrived just in time to be effective against insects and crop-harming weeds.

"We were told by the farmers that for it to be effective they would have to spray their crops by April 15; after that it wouldn't have done much good," said Capt. Andy



Photos by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Fruit orchards are a viable source of income and lifestyle for many Iraqis in Arab Jabour. The distribution of pesticide in the area will help local farmers grow healthier fruit (lower right).

Wolfrum, civil affairs team chief for Company A, 415th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Wolfrum, a native of Dallas, Texas, and his team are attached to 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.



## Safety Alert - Sports injuries

- Inspect the activity area for any possible obstacles and other risk factors.
- Always do proper stretching and warm-up exercises before and cool-down stretches after the sports activity.
- Wear proper protective equipment for the eyes, feet, mouth and other vital areas.
- Maintain situational awareness with the sports equipment, teammates and environment.

- Tailor sports activities for the weather conditions and ensure adequate hydration.
- Don't exceed your abilities, fitness and fatigue level.
- Prior injuries are more susceptible to reoccurrence in the same area.
- Have a coach, referee or a battle buddy to monitor the activity.
- Avoid pickup games, by planning ahead.





Courtesy photo

Rex, a German shepherd military working dog, helps Iraqi Army Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 54th Regiment, 6th Iraqi Army Division, during a search for weapons caches and explosives in the Hayy Adl neighborhood. The 3/54/6 IA, Rex and his handler are working with the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, to help secure the Hayy Adl neighborhood.

## Man's best friend plays big role in Baghdad

**Unit Public Affairs Representative**  
1-64 Armor Regiment

It's a dog's life, or so the saying goes. But for Rex and Fema, two military working dogs with the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment military transition team, life is grand.

Both are German shepherds trained in explosive and contraband detection. They can also perform pursuit and attack duties if required.

Recently the duo have been putting their noses to good use, helping the 3rd Battalion, 54th

Regiment, 6th Iraqi Army Division, search for weapons caches and explosives in the Hayy Adl neighborhood.

The IA unit, who work under the direction of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team have been clearing Hayy Adl since April. Several homes abandoned in the neighborhood were suspected of being used by insurgents as safe houses and storage sites for arms and munitions caches.

Such insurgent groups have been targeting the IA in recent weeks, including an improvised

explosive strike on Easter Sunday. Although no one was hurt in the blast, it prompted Soldiers to begin clearance operations, using the dogs to assist.

Rex and Fema lead the way in the joint patrols, searching rubble and buildings for explosives. These nooks and crannies are impossible for Soldiers to thoroughly search.

While not every mission yields results, they show how the cooperation and teamwork among Coalition forces, IA and man's best friend can help create a safer, more secure Iraq.



Photos by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

## Gone but never forgotten: Soldiers reflect on fallen comrade, remember good times

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky  
2nd BCT PAO

**P**fc. Larry Parks Jr. left a lasting impression on all those who knew him. He was an infantryman, tankerman, confidant, son, father, fiancé, friend, and for those who served with him – unforgettable.

“He was just a great guy, had a great sense of humor,” said Spc. Craig Stogel, a tank driver

and loader with Park’s company, Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

With service member deaths exceeding 4,000, many are taking time to remember fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“He’s sadly missed,” said Cpl. Michael Nonemaker, a gunner with Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

1-30th Inf. Regt., while showing a silver memorial bracelet on his right wrist. “I’m not ready to take this guy off,” he said, adding that he will one day also get a tattoo in remembrance of his friend.

Nonemaker, along with Stogel, were two of Park’s best friends. Although the two knew him for different amounts of time, the bonds

formed among the three were equally strong and lasting.

For Stogel, a native of Atlantic City, N.J., the bond began in basic training, where he served with Parks in the same training company. While most of their time was spent learning from drill sergeants, Stogel said he was already learning

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lessons from his buddy as well.

“He taught me how to soldier on, to have a good time, to always find something to laugh about,” Stogel said.

“He always had a great attitude. If anything needed to get done, he got it done. He had the best work ethic I’ve ever seen.”

Although Parks was a hard charger and dependable, he balanced drive with a sense of humor.

“He was a prankster, a little bit of a trouble maker,” Stogel said, recalling how on his first day at Fort Stewart he managed to get pulled over by a sergeant major for doing a wheelie on his motorcycle.

“It was our first day on post, no one explained all the safety rules and he was just having fun, popping a wheelie going down the road when he got pulled over,” said Stogel, who followed his basic training buddy to Stewart and ended up rooming with him. “But

he didn’t let it bother him. He always wore this sheepish grin.”

It was this easygoing attitude, the desire to have a good time, to take advantage of life and enjoy all that it had to offer that drew Nonemaker to Parks.

A prior-enlisted Soldier, Nonemaker left the Army after his deployment to Iraq in 2005. The deployment was a hard one for Nonemaker, one in which he saw several of his close friends die. Thus, when he returned to the Army after a brief law enforcement stint working with the Burks County, Pa., canine protection team, he said he vowed not to form any close bonds with anyone.

“I came back in with the attitude that you can’t get close to anyone, that you could lose good friends,” he said. “However, once I got to know him, it went out the window.

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outgoing, enthusiastic,” Nonemaker added.

The two also shared a home state, making their bond even stronger.

Less than three hours away from Nonemaker’s hometown of Doylestown, Pa., Parks was born and raised in Altoona, Pa.

The two would often take time to visit each other’s families, car pooling together up to Pennsylvania, taking turns driving, sharing stories and “listening to a lot of Tenacious D.”

When not traveling to their native state, the two, along with Stogel, often hung out together: Hitting bars on River Street in Savannah, playing video games in their rooms, or just relaxing after training for their upcoming deployment.

Tragically, on June 18, the trio would be split up, when an improvised explosive device struck Park’s tank, flipping it into a ditch.

Stogel witnessed the

whole thing. He along with a company medic, were among the first to react, rushing to Park’s aid.

Despite quick treatment and a helicopter medevac, Parks died that night at the age of 24, leaving behind a daughter and fiancée.

“He was well-liked by the whole company, everyone felt loss,” Stogel said.

For Nonemaker, the most important lesson was learning to open up to friendship once again.

“Don’t take life for granted and don’t miss the opportunity to make good friends with someone,” he said.

Although their friend is gone, the two, as well as the entire company and the company Family Readiness Group at Fort Stewart, Ga., still maintain a bond with Parks, not just in memory, but with the family he left behind.

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Stogel said the company sends care packages to the family, who in turn, communicates with the company. Recently, the Parks family sent the company memorial T-shirts.

The family may also come down to greet the company upon their redeployment, Nonemaker said, adding if so he and the company are trying to get them free lodging while they visit.

Even if they meet the family at the deployment's end, Stogel and Nonemaker also plan on traveling to visit them in Pennsylvania.

"A combat death moves everything along quicker. You can't dwell on it, you got to pick up and carry on," Stogel said. "It will mean a lot to be able to go see his grave, to say goodbye again."

While goodbyes will also be shared by Nonemaker, he feels it is not a final one. "I pretty much believe we all have a Guardian angel. He's

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- Cpl. Michael Nonemaker  
*Parks' friend*

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Photo by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

**A Soldier with 1st Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, wears a memorial bracelet to fallen comrade Larry Parks Jr. The bracelet is just one way the company remembers him.**

watching over us."

And up to his old tricks, he adds.

"I often think of him when things go missing. The other day my gum I had in my truck, which no one else knows about, was missing. No one else uses my truck. Hiding my gum on me would be something he would do," Nonemaker said.

Likewise, one thing he would want Soldiers to do is carry on the mission, said Nonemaker.

"We have to keep his legacy going. He

was always doing great things," he said, explaining how Parks would always be writing home to schools asking for supplies to help children in the area.

With the recent restoration of several schools in his company's area of operation, it would be an accomplishment he would feel proud of. And while such accomplishments have come at a heavy price in terms of money, it is cash well spent, according to Capt. Joseph Inge, Company D commander.

"Any improvements we are able to make to an area once riddled by a determined enemy need to be done to make sure the enemy doesn't

return," said Inge, of Richmond, Va.

Although thousands of dollars have been spent through civil affairs grants and Commander Emergency Relief Program funds, the ultimate price has not been paid in Company D since Park's death, a trend all hope will continue. At this point, Park's memorial tree on Warrior's Walk at Fort Stewart will be the sole Company D tree, but he will never be alone, as his memory and the contributions he made will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of his fellow Soldiers.

"He was a big-hearted guy," Stogel said. "He'll be missed."

# SPORTS & GAMES



Photo by Sgt. Jason Stadel

Master Sgt. Douglas Stinson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, takes part in the home run derby during the grand opening of the Forward Operating Base Kalsu softball field April 5, of the 15 competitors nobody was able to knock one out of the park.

## Softball field field of dreams for morale

**Sgt. Jason Stadel**  
2nd BCT PAO

Recreational opportunities at Forward Operating Base Kalsu improved April 5 with the grand opening of a softball field.

The softball field is an addition to a driving range that opened two months ago and a fishing

pond scheduled to open next month.

More than 80 people attended the opening, which included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a homerun derby. Col. Terry Ferrell, commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, officially opened the softball field

and threw out the first pitch.

Ferrell encouraged Soldiers in attendance to take advantage of Morale, Welfare and Recreation opportunities at FOB Kalsu.

“We have to be able to do some of the normal things in life,” Ferrell said.

Numerous sets of softballs, gloves and bats were donated to the MWR, said 1st Lt. Andrew Shadley, FOB Kalsu MWR coordinator.

Internet Web sites that support Soldiers such as AnySoldier and Soldier’s Angels, along

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with private citizens, donated a majority of the equipment.

Shadley said softball will probably be the most popular MWR event in the coming months.

“Most people have a baseball or softball glove and it’s really easy just to get a few guys together and have a game,” he said.

An organized softball league will soon start up at FOB Kalsu beginning in May. Company-level teams are currently being organized.

To break in the new field, which measures 280 feet down the foul lines and 342 feet to center, 15 competitors took part in a homerun derby. It



Photo by Sgt. Jason Stadel

**Soldiers practice their skills with a few ground balls before the opening game at the Forward Operating Base Kalsu softball field April 5. The 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, took on the 703rd BSB, 4th BCT. The 703rd won the game.**

ended in a 15-way tie, as nobody knocked one out of the park.

After the homerun

derby, there was an exhibition game between FOB Kalsu’s two brigade support battalions, the

26th BSB, 2nd BCT and 703rd BSB, 4th BCT. The 703rd BSB won the game.



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

## *Battlefield reunion*

Sgt. George Glaser, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, eggs on his spouse Staff Sgt. Rachel Glaser as she plays Guitar Hero II on the X-Box April 8 at the Forward Operating Base Kalsu Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center. George is the 1-64 Armor Reg. recovery section non commissioned officer in charge and was granted a four-day pass to come visit his spouse at Kalsu, where she serves as the 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion intelligence NCOIC. George, originally from Tampa, Fla, said he was impressed by the base and was glad to be given the opportunity to see his wife.



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

A KBR Inc. crew works to install new flooring in the Forward Operating Base Kalsu Morale Welfare and Recreation Center April 8. The new flooring will cover the old vinyl flooring which was tearing. The new floor will be both more aesthetically pleasing and will also make it easier for the cleaning crew to keep the floor clean of dirt and debris.

## MWR improves from floor up

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky  
2nd BCT PAO

With summer around the corner, many Soldiers on Forward Operating Base Kalsu will be spending their leisure time in the sun.

A driving range, softball field, and fishing pond have already seen quite a turnout. There is

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- Wilson Palo  
KBR Inc. labor foreman

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a paintball course in the works as well. For some Soldiers, on gloomy weather days, the indoor Morale, Welfare and Recreation center will

still be the best option for leisure activities.

To prepare for the summer crowd, the center is undergoing some spring cleaning.

The main project is renovating the flooring, said Bob Richey, MWR coordinator.

Richey, of Dallas, Texas, said the old vinyl flooring was tearing in places, so he called in a work crew from KBR, Inc. to fix the problem.

KBR labor foreman

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Wilson Palo, of Long Beach, Miss., headed up the project. With a crew of several workers, he worked on replacing the vinyl flooring with a thicker, rubber matting called puzzle flooring.

“We’re just trying to do our best to make the base better,” he said.

For Richey, the improvement will not only make the center more aesthetically pleasing, but will also make it easier for the cleaning crew to keep the floor clean of dirt and debris.

“I really enjoy working with Soldiers and making it better for them,” Richey said.



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

**A KBR Inc. worker cuts a piece of puzzle flooring to install it in the Forward Operating Base Kalsu Morale Welfare and Recreation Center April 8. The new flooring will cover the old vinyl flooring which was tearing. The new floor will be both more aesthetically pleasing and will also make it easier for the cleaning crew to keep the floor clean of dirt and debris.**



***Steak, seafood Sundays:  
only the finest for  
America’s finest***

A Gulf Coast Catering company cook grills up some steaks April 6 in preparation for the Sunday seafood and steak meal. The selection, which includes crab legs, fish, steak, corn and various sides, is always a favorite of Soldiers. The meal helps add a little taste of home for the Soldiers, and goes a long way toward keeping morale high.



Photos by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

# Word on the street

“What are you going to do with the extra \$1,000 we get per month starting in May (due to deploying for more than 12 months)?”



“Put it into my checking account.”

**Capt. Nicholas Turner**  
2-3 BTB BN S4 OIC



“Put it into my TSP (thrift savings plan).”

**Sgt. 1st Class Gerrie Holloman**  
2nd BDE S6 NCOIC



“My wife and I have split it up. Part for Christmas, part for vacation and part to pay off bills.”

**Spc. Matthew Herschede**  
B Co, 26 BSB communications



## April FOB Kalsu MWR Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Unless otherwise stated, all events begin at 1930. Times and events are subject to change. Special events are in <i>red italics</i> .				3 Pool Chess	4 Basketball Spades Movie night	5 Texas Hold'em Hip-hop music night
6 <i>Talent show @ MWR, 9 p.m.</i> Halo 2: 2 vs 2	7 Ping Pong Dominoes	8 Foosball Darts Spades	9 Basketball Strongman comp.	10 Pool Chess	11 Basketball Spades Movie night	12 Texas Hold'em Hip-hop music night
13 Halo 2: 2 vs 2	14 Ping Pong Dominoes	15 Monopoly Darts Spades	16 Basketball Bench press comp.	17 Pool Chess	18 Basketball Spades Movie night	19 Texas Hold'em Hip-hop music night
20 <i>Talent show @ MWR, 9 p.m.</i> Halo 2: 2 vs 2	21 Ping Pong Dominoes	22 Foosball Darts Spades	23 Basketball Max Bench press comp.	24 Pool Chess	25 Basketball Spades Movie night	26 Texas Hold'em Hip-hop music night
27 Halo 2: 2 vs 2	28 Ping Pong Dominoes	29 Risk Darts Spades	30 Basketball Deadlift comp.			