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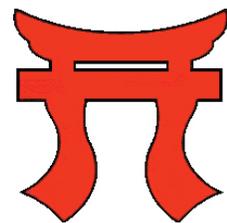
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(Left to right) Private First Class Nickei McCurdy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Special Troops Battalion; Capt. Martrell Gamble, HHC, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT); 1st Lt. Heather Wilson, HHC, 3rd CAB; and Parween Mohammed, bilingual, bicultural adviser with 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), bag diapers, formula and cereal for waiting mothers at the Radwaniyah Palace Complex CMOC May 31. See story on page 9.

## On the cover:

Staff Sgt. Matt Strausbaugh, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), from Fostoria, Ohio, dismounts a Black Hawk helicopter during Operation Chelsea Creek, a combined air assault in Yusifiyah conducted June 14. (Photo by Pvt. Christopher McKenna)

## Correction

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Roberts, 626th Brigade Support Battalion, was incorrectly identified in the June issue of the *Rakkasan Review*. Roberts is one of four Rakkasans who have been selected for induction into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Read his story on page 11.

# Rakkasan 6 Notes

As CSM Patton noted in the last issue of the *Rakkasan Review*, change is good.

Along that same vein the Rakkasans get the opportunity to welcome 1-187 IN back into the Rakkasan fold, and also welcome 6-8 CAV into the Brigade Combat Team.

The 6-8 CAV has done a fantastic job in their area of operations and we're proud to have them as members of



**Col. Dominic J. Caraccilo**

the Rakkasan team, no matter how long they are with us here in Iraq.

Having just recently returned from leave, I, like you, got to spend some quality time with family and friends. For those of you who have taken leave, you

know what I mean. For those yet to go, your time is almost here. What I

brought back from my own leave is a renewed faith in the Rakkasan Soldiers and the family bonds we've all had to continue to work on while deployed. I urge all of you to continue to look after your fellow Rakkasan Soldiers here in Iraq.

To all the Rakkasan officers, NCOs and Soldiers: continue to conduct the well-planned, well-led operations you've been executing, no matter the task. We owe each other that much.

Rakkasan!



## Eagle 7 sends



# *NCOs, 8-step training model keys to success*

NCOs are obligated to teach and mentor Soldiers to accomplish the commander's intent and simultaneously develop the leaders of tomorrow coming up through the ranks.

Overall, I have been impressed with the performance of NCOs I have met during my battlefield circulation. I ask that we continue to know and enforce standards and instill discipline. NCOs are the standard bearers and truly the backbone of the Army.

In my point of view, training Soldiers and taking care of their professional needs is the key to accomplishing the mission; whether deployed or in garrison. NCOs have to take the time and look for opportunities to do individual training.

This means leading Soldiers, enforcing basic standards, knowing and implementing training doctrine such as FM 7-0, and training to the lowest level. It is important to have effective communications to ensure every member understand the tasks they are given and their purpose.

Sounds easy, right? Not so. Most NCOs have a steep learning curve of their own, primarily as a result of the Army's big push to transform to full spectrum operations. In most cases, NCOs have completed tactical assignments at the squad, platoon or company level and must now think operationally and in some cases strategically. NCOs have to hit the books by applying the crawl-walk-run principals of training.

The eight-step training model should be used after every combat patrol, whether the patrol has been engaged or not. An effective AAR conducted before the mission is complete will identify weak points



**Command Sgt. Maj. Vincent Camacho**

that need to be improved within your unit and between ANSF and Coalition partners. The eight-step training model provides an NCO answers to the questions of who and what needs to be trained, an understanding of the task's purpose, a review of doctrinal TTPs, a rehearsal of weak points, and an evaluation of training.

Use the eight-step training model and you will increase the combat effectiveness of your unit, regardless of the mission or environment.

### 8-step training model

1. Plan the training
2. Train the trainers
3. Recon the site
4. Issue the order
5. Rehearse the training
6. Execute the training
7. Evaluate the training
8. Retrain as necessary



Pvt. Christopher McKenna

Iraqi Army Soldiers, Iraqi Police and Coalition Soldiers with 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), get in the prone position after dismounting Black Hawk helicopters during Operation Chelsea Creek, a combined air assault in Yusifiyah conducted June 14.

## Rakkasans continue history of air assaults

By Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy,  
Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills and  
Pvt. Christopher McKenna  
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A long tradition of air assaults and a fledgling Army are coming together to secure Iraq.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) continues to use air assaults to execute their mission in southwest Baghdad Province, while the Iraqi Army draws on the expertise of the Rakkasans during these combined air assaults.

Since arriving in Iraq, the Rakkasans and their Iraqi counterparts have completed 55 air assault missions - approximately 63 percent of the total number of air assaults conducted in the Multi-National Division - Center area of operations.

"Basically, [it's] just a movement of troops to some sort of objective so the ground troops can complete their mission - whether that be a raid, taking over a piece of land or clearing out an

objective," said Capt. Lindsey Melki, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division battle captain.

Air assaults are used to gain a positional advantage over the enemy using speed, the element of surprise and maneuverability, said Capt. Brian Kain, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), BAE plans officer.

"We want to be able to dictate the time, place and terms of engagement. By the time the enemy hears the roar of the rotor systems, we are already at their doorstep," said Kain, a native of St. Louis, Mo.

"When an assault force travels to an objective by ground, the elements of speed and surprise may be lost long the way; factors such as terrain and obstacles can drastically hinder speedy movement," Kain explained.

Coalition forces partner with their Iraqi counterparts throughout the country to ensure the IA can stand without outside support.

The IA is honing its skills in the execution of air assaults; they are still in the process of reaching the thresh-

old of autonomous operations. For one, the IA doesn't have its own aviation assets, explained Maj. Robert Newell, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), Iraqi Security Forces officer in charge.

"All rotary and fixed-wing aircraft belong to the Iraqi Air Force," said the Wagoner, Okla., native. "Due to the limited number of aircraft and operational rate of those aircraft, all of the units we partner with use Coalition assets to conduct air assaults."

The IAF has aviation assets, but lacks the skill set required for the planning and execution required to do these missions alone.

"[The IAF] have their own helicopters ... they have their own aviation wing," said 1st Lt. Jared Marinos, platoon leader, Company B, 4-3 Avn. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. from Brooklyn, N.Y. "Once they take more control over their country, they'll be able to do their own air assaults as well."

The IA has garnered considerable experience on the maneuvering aspect

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(Left) Specialist Ashley Harker, Co. C, 626th BSB medic and native of Huntington, Pa., puts a Soldier with a simulated injury onto a stretcher with help from Camp Striker firefighters during a mass casualty exercise at the Camp Striker June 17. (Top left) Camp Striker Fire and Rescue personnel arrive and deploy their equipment. (Above) 1st Lt. Christopher Johnson, Co. C, 626th BSB, nurse and native of Thomson, Ga., conducts intravenous therapy on a patient with a simulated injury during a simulated indirect fire attack.

# Camp prepares for large-scale attack

By Lt. Col. Matthew Redding  
626th BSB commander

It was the worst possible scenario, a dining facility filled with Soldiers and civilians and then... Boom!

It happens - a simulated indirect fire attack which causes confusion and casualties on a large scale.

This was the backdrop of a training exercise June 17 coordinated to practice emergency skills in response to such an event on Camp Striker.

"The concept was to create a realistic scenario where Soldiers and our partners in the Camp Striker Fire and Rescue team would have to respond together," said Maj. Jonathan Otto, operations officer for 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"As the Area Defense Operations Center for Camp Striker we have a responsibility to train for and perform mass-casualty scenarios," said the North Richland Hills, Texas, native.

"This is the first exercise of its kind as far as we can remember," said Scott James of Sunset Beach, N.C., chief of Camp Striker Emergency Services.

"Our guys really have to prepare for an event where we work hand in hand with the military response force because lives are at stake."

The exercise has been planned for some time and it took a great deal of time to prepare. "We had to coordinate closely with the dining facility staff and other emergency response units to make the set up as realistic as possible," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis from Wynnewood, Okla. of 626th BSB.

"We created a scene that looked like a rocket had just hit and the responders had to deal with blood, chairs, dust and heat," he said.

Upon notification of the explosion, the ADOC security personnel responded to the scene of the impact and called the fire and rescue company. The joint response teams first had to extinguish a fire inside the building

and then search for and rescue injured Soldiers and civilians who were caught in the simulated blast. They were then brought to the Camp Striker Aid Station, operated by Company C, 626th BSB, for evaluation and emergency treatment.

"I was amazed at how fast things began to happen," said Spc. Tara Richards, a dental technician from Grand Island, N.Y. "The patients had so many different wounds and it happened so fast."

"The exercise really showcased our triage and medical care capabilities," said 1st Sgt. Lucien Rice from Thomas, Okla., Co. C, 626th BSB. "Our Soldiers got a chance to employ their skills under some harsh conditions."

"An exercise like this is very important for our mission," said Staff Sgt. David Reiley from Hinsdale, Ill., ADOC platoon sergeant. "It gives the Soldiers a view of what the worst day in Iraq can look like and how to respond if it happens."

# Operation New Town molds trust in Shakeriyah

By Pvt. Christopher McKenna  
3rd BCT Public Affairs

Iraqi Army Soldiers and Coalition forces conducted an air assault census mission, named Operation New Town, June 10 in Shakeriyah.

The 4th Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Brigade, 6th IA Division company commander also participated in the air assault mission to get a first-hand perspective on what his Soldiers will be doing in the near future.

"I was very impressed," said Maj. Ahmed Hassan, 4th Co., 3/22/6 IA commander. "The Coalition Soldiers were treating the people with respect and helping form a tighter bond with the people we are all responsible for; everything went as expected."

Combined with IA leadership, the census operation circulated through five groups of houses throughout the Shakriyah area, located 18 kilometers southwest of Baghdad. During census operations, photos of all military age males are taken and weapons in households are counted. The IA retains all this information.

"This was a learning experience for both of us," said Capt. Eric Morton, native of Richmond, Va., commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment. "We hadn't been to the area since we arrived a month ago; the whole goal for us since we arrived is involving ourselves in census operations to get to know the people in the areas we represent."

Hassan had his soldiers providing security and con-

trolling the roads while the IA company commander and one of his lieutenants joined the 1-35th Soldiers on the air assault.

"We didn't know much about what an air assault was prior to the mission; this was the first time I have ever even been in a helicopter," Hassan said. "We were briefed the morning of execution and went along with the Coalition soldiers, helping them complete the mission."

The Iraqis' performance impressed their Coalition counterparts.

"The IA performed well; searching vehicles and providing security over the area," said Spc. Carl Moore, a native of Sedalia, Mo.

"We didn't have any issues with vehicles or people passing through the area during the mission."

The planning for Operation New Town was done by Coalition forces, enabling the IA to gain valuable experience and positive expectations on future operations.

"In the future, the IA will be more involved with the pre-mission planning," Morton said.

The Iraqi people are much more responsive when the IA is involved, it eases communications and builds positive relationships, Morton said. He added that the positive response from the people seen during the mission made things run properly.

"The people we spoke with were treated very well by the Coalition," Hassan said. "They know [IA] and we know them, so it made it completely possible to get all the information we needed."



Spc. Carl Moore, Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment team leader, and an interpreter moves through the Shakeriyah area during Operation New Town June 10.



A Soldier in full combat gear, 22nd Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 6th IA Division, during Operation New Town.

"I was very impressed with the Coalition Soldiers' performance and the respect they showed for the Iraqi people."

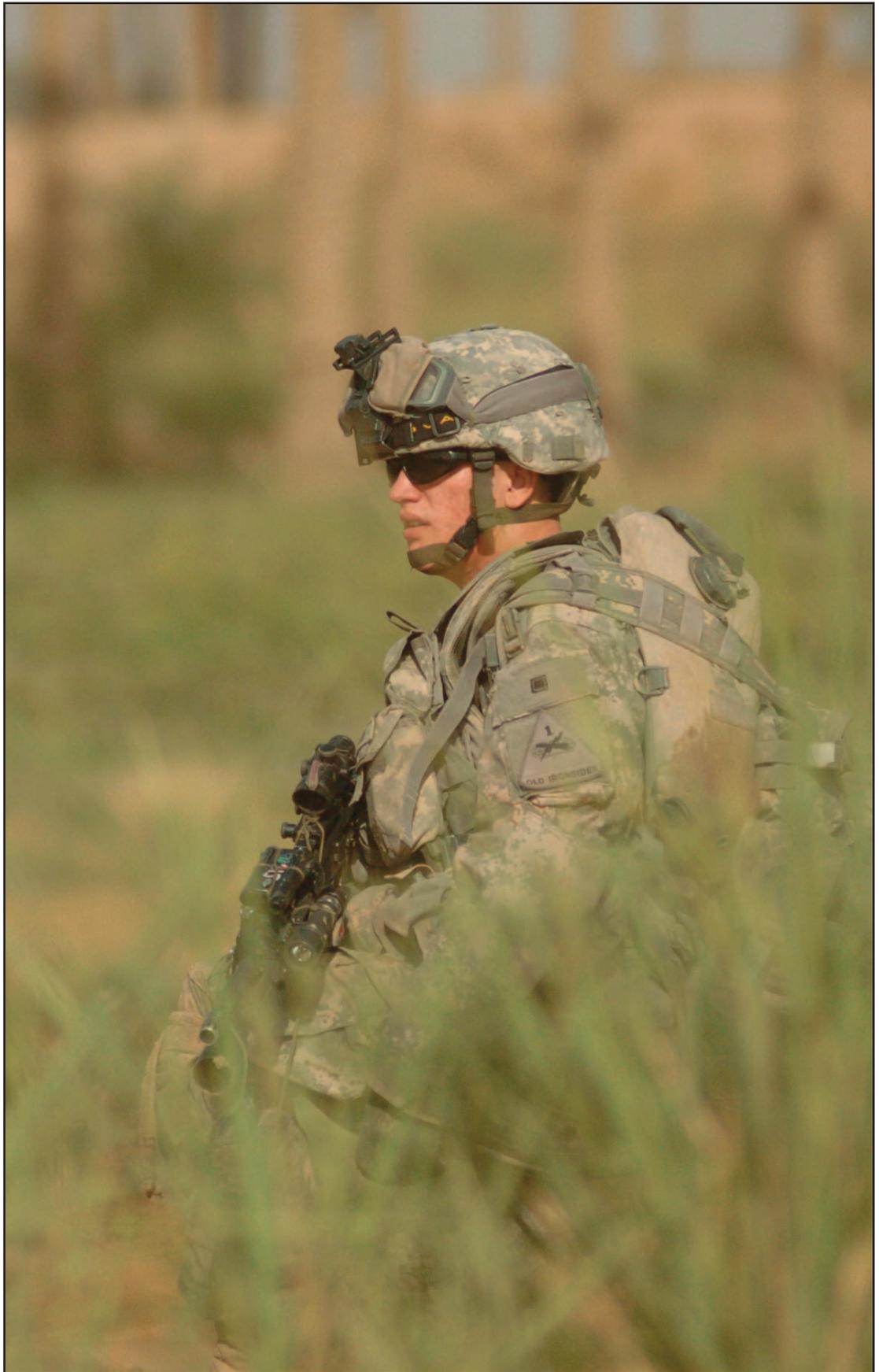
# Shakeriyah



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4/3/22/6 IA Commander



Photos by Pvt. Christopher McKenna  
**A Soldier with Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment provides security during operation  
New Town, a combined air assault mission in the Shakeriyah area June 10.**

# Rakkasans train on self-propelled Howitzers

By Capt. David Howald  
3-320th FA

Three M109A6 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers are helping a Multi-National Division - Center unit to increase their firing capability.

The Rakkasans of 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, received the Paladins and immediately began conducting crew drills and certification tables in order to learn the complex system and operations of the weapons.

“Most of these guys trained on the (M119A2 Lightweight Towed Howitzers) since they first joined the Army, so switching over to Paladins is a pretty significant event,” explained Sgt. 1st Class Michael Andrews, 3-320th FA Regt. battalion fire direction non-commissioned officer.

The Paladin is the mechanized equivalent of the M119A2 except it is a tracked, self-propelled artillery piece that looks more like an Abrams tank. Firing a much larger round further distances than the towed howitzers, this weapon is a decisive asset on the battlefield and is vital in the support of Task Force Mountain Soldiers throughout Multi-National Division - Center.

Soldiers with the 3-320th FA Regt. will now take on the responsibility of illumination missions, terrain denial and artillery support for troops in an area about two and a half times larger than what the M119A2 covered.

“The Artillery branch’s primary mission is to support the maneuver elements on the ground,” said Lt. Col.



2nd Lt. Robert Becotte Staff Sergeant Mario Rauch, 1st Plt., Btry. A, 3rd Bn., 320th FA Regt., gives the command to fire during training conducted at FOB Mahmudiyah.

William Zemp, 3-320th FA Regt. commander.

“Granted, it is extremely uncommon for a light artillery unit to employ the Paladins, but it's what has to be done in order to provide the most accurate and immediate fires for our Sol-

diers.

“My Soldiers don't consider anything except complete and total success to be an option, so here we are, ready to fire, and ready to accept whatever the next challenge may be,” Zemp added.



## Arghhh...

First Lieutenant Aaron Danielle, Company B, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) dead lifts 315 pounds during the 1-187th Inf. Bn. weightlifting competition at Patrol Base Meade June 15. More than 40 Soldiers from four of the battalion's companies participated in the competition.

# Rakkasans help mothers meet children's needs

By Sgt. 1st Class Kerensa Hardy  
3rd BCT PAO NCOIC

More than 100 Iraqi families showed up to receive diapers, formula and cereal at the Radwaniyah Palace Complex Civil Military Operations Center, about seven kilometers southwest of Baghdad, May 31.

Rakkasan Soldiers handed out two packages of disposable diapers, two cans of powdered formula and two cans of cereal mix for each child 3 years and younger. More than 180 children were assisted during the distribution.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), began an initiative to reach out to and meet the needs of Iraqi women in February. A series of meetings with professional Iraqi women and visits to women from different areas in the Mahmudiyah Qada revealed their dreams, hopes, needs and future goals.

"We've had several trips to (a local) clinic and that's ... how we came up with the idea," said Capt. Martrell Gamble, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), women's initiatives officer in charge. "A lot of the patients were asking us for milk and diapers."

Bulk funds were used to purchase 1,000 of each item for distribution. Arabic flyers were posted in the Rad-

waniyah area to inform residents about the handout.

When families arrived for the distribution, some babies wore fabric fragments in lieu of diapers, while some wore nothing at all.

Formula, cereal and diapers won't resolve the issues Iraqis face in improving the overall state of Iraq, but it is another tool to assist them while they begin to stand on their feet.

"I think it's a big help for the people ... because they said it's expensive and they cannot [afford] it," said Parween Mohammed, bilingual, bicultural adviser with the Rakkasans.

Mohammed said it makes her happy to see the gratitude on the faces of the parents who received the items.

"We don't have anything," said Rabia Ahmed, a mother of five whose family depends on unreliable day labor for income. "I am so happy for this. God bless and protect you all."

Hamdia Ibrahim and her husband have eight children, aged one through 23. No one in the family currently works. She said the formula offers a brief reprieve because she breast feeds the younger children since she can't afford formula.

Gamble, from Landover, Md., said she is planning a

distribution at the Mahmudiyah CMOC and Patrol Base Dragon later in the summer.

"At the end of the day we may not be able to change the entire culture but if we're able to help a handful of families here and there, that's a lasting impression," said 1st Lt. Heather Wilson, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

From the onset, one of the primary goals of the women's initiatives programs was to better understand the women of Iraq, while generating ideas to help them achieve personal and professional goals. To that end, the Rakkasans are working to get approval for a sewing center in one of the buildings on the Ready Made Clothing Company compound in Mahmudiyah. The center would provide training and generate long-term employment for hundreds of Iraqi women.

Wilson, a resident of Lusby, Md., has been involved with the Rakkasans' women's initiatives since the inception. She is motivated by the enthusiasm

the Iraqi women have for improving their condition.

"You can tell how much they want change by how much they're willing to work with us, how excited they get about these programs," Wilson said. "Their cooperation is so impressive ... I think this is more impactful and better for the country than anything else we can do."



(Above) Women and children wait in line to receive free diapers, cereal and formula for their children at the Radwaniyah Palace Complex CMOC May 31. (Right) A woman and her children leave the Radwaniyah Palace Complex CMOC with free diapers, cereal and formula May 31.

# History

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of air assault operations; their aviation ability remains limited without Coalition support.

Greiner said the execution phase is a relatively small part of the entire air-assault process; most of it involves planning.

“We are trained by the U.S. Soldiers for air assaults,” said Capt. Amjad Mahmud Hassan, 4th Company, 4th Battalion, 25th Brigade, 6th IA Division commander. “With planning, the U.S. Soldiers give the battalion a task and our colonel comes up with a plan developed specifically for ... the air assault.”

Prior to executing the mission, the IP, IA and Coalition Soldiers go through extensive cold-load training to ensure everyone is aware of what to do when the air assault lands at the objective. Cold-load training is the staging and practicing of the movement prior to occurrence.

“[The ISF] work more with us and get used to these kinds of operations. It helps them widen their [capabilities] on the battlefield,” said Marinos.

“It’s a learning process,” said Melki, from Iselin, N.J. “A lot of [IA Soldiers] are working from scratch, and lot of the time we have American Soldiers side-by-side with them, train-

ing them.”

Iraqi Army Soldiers, assisted by Coalition forces, conducted an air assault mission in Yusifiyah June 14.

“With Operation Chelsea Creek, the mission was IA-led with Coalition support,” said 1st Lt. Joshua Snyder, Co D., 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment platoon leader from Dayton, Ohio. “It was also the first time in the Yusifiyah area that the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police joined together on an air assault.”

Snyder said the overall objective for Operation Chelsea Creek was to disrupt Shia extremist group movement and show cooperation between the IA and IP.



Photos by Pvt. Christopher McKenna

**Staff Sgt. Matt Strausbaugh, from Fostoria, Ohio, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) squad leader, searches an Iraqi home in Yusifiyah during Operation Chelsea Creek, a combined air assault mission June 14.**

“They worked well together and used information gathered from previous census operations,” he said. “If a household had more than the one weapon reported at previous times, it was confiscated.”

The reaction of the local citizens spoke for itself when the combined units moved throughout the city.

“When we first arrived, people weren’t quite sure on how to perceive us; but as time has progressed and [Coalition] have placed the IA more in front, people have begun to accept our presence more,” Snyder said. “Eventually we are looking to have the IA fully leading all missions, with, say, a squad of IA Soldiers and maybe three Coalition Soldiers just for support.”

“The people are happy when they see the security forces,” Hassan said. “It makes them feel safer, especially knowing we are out there to help them and ensure their safety.”



**1st Lt. Joshua Snyder, from Dayton, Ohio, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) directs an Iraqi Army Soldier to their next location June 14 during Operation Chelsea Creek, a combined air assault mission.**

# NCO's dedication, perseverance pays off

By Capt. Thomas Boland  
626th BSB

The legacy of a noncommissioned officer in the United States Army is a time-honored tradition dating back to 1775 with the birth of the Continental Army.

It has since become known as the "backbone of the Army."

Staff Sgt. Ben Roberts, a platoon sergeant for 19 Soldiers with a personnel security detachment with 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) deployed in Iraq, was nominated for the 3rd Infantry Division board by 1st Sgt. Loneal Blevins, Company A, 626th BSB, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT) first sergeant, officially beginning his journey toward becoming a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

"I felt honored and privileged, but soon realized I had a lot of work to do in a short amount of time," Roberts said.

His first challenge was to do some self reflection. The SAMC is for the

most elite sergeants in the Army. Only 2 percent of non-commissioned officers are members.

"I had to look back on my career and ask myself if I was in the top 2 percent," Roberts said. He asked himself, "What [have] I done to contribute to the success of my unit, the Army, or my community during my sixteen years in the service?"

After reading over his NCO evaluation reports and speaking to a couple of his previous first sergeants and commanders, he said he felt he could press forward.

Next, he read some guidance from a first sergeant from the Pentagon's blog that said: "If you are doing it right, you can spot a troubled Soldier before the Soldier even thinks he has a problem" and "If you are doing it right, Soldiers, to include Soldiers from other teams, squads [and] platoons, seek you out for counsel and advice."

"It helped reassure me that I was, in fact, 'doing it right,'" Roberts said.

Roberts then began to study. First he memorized Audie Murphy's biography because it had to be recited ver-

batim during the board. Next, he began learning all he could about Audie Murphy himself.

He read books, watched movies and biographies, spent hours on the Internet reading web pages devoted to Audie Murphy and spoke with current SAMC members. He realized he had a lot to memorize in a short amount of time. To combat this, he alternated the places he would go to study. He said this kept his mind from wandering or getting bored.

Lastly, he went to gather what knowledge he could from subject matter experts at the appropriate agencies. He spoke with the team leader at the Red Cross, the battalion and brigade staff sections, the brigade equal opportunity non-commissioned officer in charge, the staff judge advocate and the brigade chaplain.

In the end, all of his preparation paid off. Roberts was selected by the 3rd Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jessie Andrews March 25 for induction into the SAMC.

Roberts will be inducted at Fort Campbell upon his return from Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-09.

## What does the 4th of July mean to you?



"It's not just about barbecues, but more about or freedom. It's a day where you should see American flags flying and be proud to hear our National Anthem."

Sgt. 1st Class Damone Lindsay  
Headquarters and Headquarters Troop,  
1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment

"When I think about the 4th of July, I think about freedom and courage."

Pfc. Vicente Cuevas  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
3rd Brigade Combat Team



"... very family oriented day where you can watch fireworks and have a cookout."

Sgt. Richard High  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
3rd Special Troops Battalion



"It represents our independence as a free country."

Pfc. Shawna Schuyler  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
626th Brigade Support Battalion



Sgt. Benjamin Miller  
Aug. 12, 1983 - June 18, 2008  
Gone but not forgotten