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Joint Base Balad releases medical MRAPs



Photo by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, practice carrying a casualty into the new heavy armored ground ambulance Aug. 22 at the Balad Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected fielding facility.

by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Expeditionary Times staff

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Four heavy armored ground ambulances were released by the Balad Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected fielding facility Aug. 22 in a continued push to get the modified MRAP into the hands of medical troops.

The HAGAs were the first released from JBB and kicked off the second phase of transferring the modified MRAPs to combat support units serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Medical troops stationed at various bases throughout Iraq participated in classes teaching students how to drive and operate the vehicle, as well as identify and operate the medical equipment inside. More than 100 HAGAs are expected to be fielded in Iraq by the end of the year.

The HAGA allows medics to administer aid to as many as three litter patients or six seated patients. The HAGA also has a hydraulic lift at the rear of the vehicle, a suction device, and a vital signs monitor, which can check blood pressure, pulse and support an electrocardiogram.

A low-density light was installed to help medics identify blood on a casualty. Also included are two tactical bags – called ‘jump bags’ – that can be detached and taken outside if immediate care is needed.

Sgt. Danielle Desimone, a combat medic with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, said she was very pleased with how the vehicle was set up.

“There are five or six times more supplies here than what you’d carry in your medical aid bag,” said Desimone, a native of Dalton, Ga. “We have a lot more room to move around and it’s an advantage to lay your stuff out in front of you instead of having to dig through your aid bag.”

Desimone suggested that the vehicle’s ability would also raise a medic’s level of care.

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Hurricane Gustav brings back memories of Katrina for N.O. native

by Sgt. Aaron LeBlanc

1st Sustainment Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq - Lt. Col. Randall Beaugard Bradford of Alexandria, La., known to his many peers simply as “Beau,” is the commanding officer of the 165th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

With more than 1,300 troops in its ranks, Bradford’s “miniature

brigade,” as it is sometimes called, is currently the most robust battalion in Iraq.

Bradford was born in New Orleans, in 1964. In 2005, he helped to deliver his birthplace from the worst natural disaster in U.S. history as the commander of the Louisiana National Guard’s 773d Military Police Battalion.

“I was proud of our ability to rapidly mobilize and deploy to the Louisiana Superdome prior to flooding,” Bradford recalled. “We saved thousands of lives by providing security at the Dome, along with distribution of Meals Ready to Eat and bottled wa-

ter, and played an integral part in moving people from the Dome.

“From there, we were on point for the convoy providing MRE and water to people at the Morial Convention Center,” said Bradford. “We secured the (main supply route) for the transports, formed distribution points, and subsequently directed and oversaw an immediate and timely evacuation of all people from that venue.”

The 773d remained in New Orleans for six months following the storm.

“We performed a law and order mission in high visibility areas such as the French

Quarter (and) the New Orleans Central Business District, where we demonstrated great readiness, reliability, and relevance as a military police battalion during the most difficult of circumstances,” Bradford said.

The mission of the 165th in Iraq is arguably among the most complex missions assigned to any comparable unit in the theater of operations today. In addition to moving every class of supply down some of the most dangerous roads in the world, the 165th bears the brunt of the logistics effort that al-

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PMO Blotter: 29 Aug. – 4 Sept.

Ordnance Found at the Incinerator Pit:

There has been an extraordinary amount of ordnance, including 40mm rounds, at the incinerator pit over the last week. PMO Commentary: Loose accountability of ammunition is a major force protection and safety issue.

Unexploded Ordnance: Two HMMWVs were turned in to DS Maintenance with a large quantity of unexploded ordnance inside. Found in the vehicles: 2 flash bang grenades, 5 cans of 7.62mm rounds, 4 cans of 5.56mm rounds, 5 boxes of 12 gauge buckshot, 22 40mm HEDP, and 1 40mm HE Round. PMO Commentary: Loose accountability of ammunition is a major force protection and safety issue.

Stolen Gator: A John Deere Gator ATV was stolen from the H-1 housing area near J Pod. The Gator was described as green in color, 2 seats, with a black roll cage, a truck bed, and a unit sticker affixed to the front of the vehicle. The vehicle was secured with a chain and lock at the time of the incident; the lock and chain were stolen along with the Gator.

Stolen X-Box Games: A soldier had 11 X Box 360 games stolen from his room in H-5, N Pod. The soldier believes that acquaintances of his may have stolen the items.

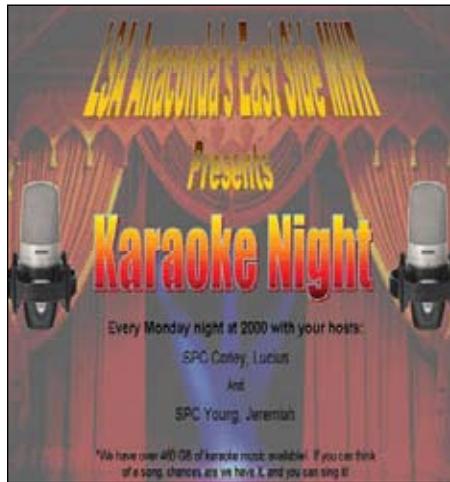
Public Drunkenness: A soldier entered the H-4 Spaware Café and began acting belligerently. An off-duty member of the PMO approached the individual and determined that he was inebriated. The soldier was later tested and determined to have a 0.256 BAC.

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7th Sustainment Brigade, Business Workshop For Local Iraqi Businessmen

by Sgt. RJ Gilbert

7th Sustainment Brigade

CAMP MITTICA, Iraq—



Twenty Nasiriyah-based Iraqi business owners from the Nasiriyah Chamber of Commerce,

the Engineers Union and the Iraqi Businessmen Union gathered for a day long workshop in order to hone their business skills with the assistance of the 7th Sustainment Brigade, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Contracting Command-Iraq and the US Agency for International Development Aug. 25 on Camp Muttica, Iraq.

There were three instructors including one from JCC-I, one from the US Army Corps of Engineers and one from the 1-151 Cavalry, 7th Sus. Bde. presenting individual blocks of instruction.

On a broad level “the main objective today was to complement the business training that they (the local Nasiriyah business owners) have received,” said Richard Schroeder, an Economic Development advisor for the US Agency of International Development as well as one of the organizers for the business workshop.

However on a more specific level, the goals of the business workshop were more sweeping.

“We want to develop strong relationships with, said, the local Nasiriyah contractors U.S. Air Force Maj. Jeff Merchant, chief of the Regional Contract-



Photo by Sgt. RJ Gilbert

Staff Sgt. James E. Kidd, a chaplain assistant with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Battalion, 151st Regiment Cavalry, 7th Sustainment Brigade, shakes the hand of one of the local Nasiriyah business owners at the close of his lecture on running a personally owned business Aug. 25.

ing Center, Joint Contracting Command-Iraq. “Hopefully we can get them in a position where they can win more contracts, and in turn get products more quickly and infuse the local economy.”

The local Iraqi businessmen’s training was complemented by teaching classes on tender solicitation, quality assurance and business planning.

“Say you have an entity that has money to build a school,” said Schroeder. “They issue an invitation to bid, they invite prequalified contractors to read the solicitation and, if they so desire to submit a bid on that

project, there is a bid evaluation. A contractor is selected based on either best quality or best value: quality and cost. Then there is a contract signed. Agreements (are made) on the work schedule and payment schedule. There are safety plan requirements and quality assurance control requirements; then there is implementation.”

It was the contract submission part of the tender solicitation that drew the most compliments from those attending the course.

“Now I am able to understand how to do the contracts and the most important thing within the

contracts,” said Adel Thamer, deputy of the Iraq Businessmen Union and a Nasiriyah business owner.

Though there were many players involved in the business conference, ultimately, the event would not have been possible without the inception of the idea and its nurturing by Capt. Shawn Sanborn, a financial management operations officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company; Staff Sgt. Charles W. Robinson, an internet operations platoon sergeant with the 7th Signal Company; and Richard Schroeder.

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Taming steeds of iron

by Sgt. Aaron LeBlanc

1st Sustainment Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Gravel was thrown and rubber traffic cones were crushed without mercy Aug. 1 as Soldiers of the 41st Transportation Company took their best shot at taming the 88,000 pounds beast known as the Palletized Load System during the unit's "truck rodeo."



Photo by Sgt. Aaron LeBlanc

Staff Sgt. Jason Oberman of Skwentna, Alaska serves as an official at the 41st Transportation Company's truck rodeo held early this month. Pictured is a palletized load system, or PLS, during a backing maneuver competition.

"The purpose of the truck rodeo is to allow the Soldiers an opportunity to showcase their driving skills and technical and tactical knowledge of their equipment, and of course to create esprit de corps and teamwork within the company," said Sgt. 1st Class Debra Ford of Hot Springs, Ark., the truck master of the 41st, and orchestrator of the rodeo.

Categories of competition included three different backing events, a tire-change race against the clock, a trailer hook-up event, various uploading and downloading contests, and a preventative maintenance checks and services event. The two-day rodeo also included a slew of 'field day' activities such as kickball, dodge ball, and tug-of-war.

The outdoor portions of the competition were scheduled with the summer heat in mind; the rodeo kicked off

at 5 a.m., and broke for several hours during the heat of the day.

"Being from Germany, the heat was the biggest challenge for us. The heat forced us to split the competition between the morning and the night. The mission itself also makes it hard, trying to find the time to conduct a rodeo. We were blessed with the fact that we had no missions happening at the same time," said Capt. Larry Johnson, commanding officer of the 41st.

Despite the heat, and a light dust storm that rolled in during the first day of the competition, the enthusiasm

and competitive spirit of the 41st's Soldiers remained high throughout.

After the last traffic cone fell Saturday evening, the overall leaders in points and victors of the rodeo were the members of 3rd Platoon, led by 1st Lt. Jennifer Kraus, and the two-day event was declared a resounding success by organizers and participants.

"Instead of having a company truck rodeo, next time we should have a battalion-wide truck rodeo to give the other companies a chance to compete against the best transportation company in the battalion: 41st Transportation," said Ford.

'Hooah' of the week



Photo by Spc. Michael Behlin

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Adamson, a Carrollton, Ohio, native and 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Tactical Communications noncommissioned officer in charge, is congratulated by 3d ESC command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Willie C. Tennant, Sr., for being selected this week's Hooah Soldier of the Week.

Date: 17 Sept

True Strength

Weigh-in at 1200-1500
Comp starts 1800

(RAW power lifting competition)

Competition will be held in the H-6 Rec center

Approved gear:
Belt
Knee wraps
Wrist wraps
No suits
No bench shirts

Rules and Info: POCTSGT Stewart 443-7818

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)
12:30 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.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)
2 P.M.	CASTLE HEIGHTS (4155)
8 P.M.	EDEN CHAPEL
7 P.M.	FREEDOM CHAPEL (WEST SIDE)
8:30 P.M.	FREEDOM CHAPEL (WEST SIDE)
WEDNESDAY 8 P.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)

PROTESTANT – LITURGICAL

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PROTESTANT --MESSIANIC

FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.	FREEDOM CHAPEL (WEST SIDE)
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PROTESTANT—SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

SATURDAY 9 A.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL
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PROTESTANT—CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 3:30 P.M.	CASTLE HEIGHTS (4155)
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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)
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)
11 A.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL
11 A.M.	AIR FORCE HOSPITAL CHAPEL
MON-SAT 11:45 A.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL
THURSDAY 11 A.M.	AIR FORCE HOSPITAL CHAPEL
MON, WED, FRI 5 P.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL
FRIDAY—HOLY HOUR 7 P.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL

LATTER DAY SAINTS-(LDS)-(MORMON)

SUNDAY 1 P.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL
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7 P.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)

JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICES

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SATURDAY 8 A.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)
6 P.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL (H-6)

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BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

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PROTESTANT – SPANISH NON-DENOMINATIONAL

SATURDAY 7:30 P.M.	PROVIDER CHAPEL
SUNDAY 4:15 P.M.	GILBERT MEMORIAL CHAPEL

EASTERN ORTHODOX- DEVINE LITURGY

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**Please note, schedule is subject to change.*

Iraqis put proud face on budding businesses at Joint Base Balad

by Staff Sgt. Les Newport

76th IBCT

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - In a region where many men are often judged on their ability to spark progress, he is counted among a growing number that can make things happen. And he has been making good things happen for his fellow countrymen since long before Coalition Forces arrived five and a half years ago.

His name is Hashim Abd Al-Amir Mahdi and he is an Iraqi business leader who has been able to sustain long-term contracts with Coalition Forces and provide valuable jobs for local nationals. Hashim recently took yet another step in his long journey to help restore normalcy to the land between the rivers.

Hashim hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new container repair facility at Joint Base Balad, marking the most recent and largest contract his business, the Miran Company, has negotiated with Coalition Forces.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Crabtree, the senior ranking enlisted member of the JBB Mayor Cell Directorate of Logistics, the contract has the potential for saving the US government more than one million dollars a year.

"The last I heard, we have over 10,000 containers (at JBB), and if they needed repaired we had to send them to Arifjan in Kuwait, a country and a half away," said Crabtree. "Then we have to ship them back."

Crabtree also points out that the facility, an Iraqi-Based Industrial Zone project, is a catalyst for continued progress in Iraq, providing jobs for Sons of Iraq. The group has been given considerable credit for support-

ing the Iraqi government's efforts to bring peace to the region.

He has also worked with Hashim since arriving with the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat team last March. Crabtree describes the Iraqi businessman as someone any westerner would recognize in small town America.

"He's the local entrepreneur, the local guy you go to when you need to get something done," said Crabtree. "He can work with Coalition Forces and local leaders."

Crabtree said Hashim's ability to reach across cultures and help others work through challenges has made a difference that may be reflected in a recent name change at the largest logistical base in Iraq. Although the installation was recently renamed Joint Base Balad, Crabtree said more importantly the nickname 'Mortaritaville' is rarely heard on a base once infamous for daily indirect fire attacks.

As local leaders have worked to increase security, local business leaders and sheiks have forged an alliance to move forward with economic development opportunities like the container repair facility. Another effect has been diminishing returns for insurgents according to Crabtree.

Hashim's ventures have drawn the attention of Multi-National Forces-Iraq and prompted the visit of Rear Adm. Kathleen Dussault, commander of Joint Contracting Command, Multi-National Force-Iraq. Dussault is responsible for military contracting throughout Iraq and the force behind Iraqi First, an initiative to give priority to Iraqi contractors who use Iraqi labor.

Dussault spoke with and listened to local Iraqi leaders and workers during the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Les Newport

Rear Adm. Katherine Dussault, commander of Joint Contracting Command, Iraq; Mr. Hashim Abd Al-Amir Mahdi, owner of the Miran Company; and Capt. Robert Yates, contracting officer, cut a cake celebrating the opening of the Joint Base Balad Container Repair Facility.

event, praising the joint efforts of all in attendance.

During an interview in Baghdad in July, Dussault said that the JCC pursues business opportunities that, at their heart, have two important goals.

"One, to give priority to Iraqi firms for leading roles in rebuilding this nation, and two, to encourage these firms to be participants in growing the Iraqi economy," said Dussault.

Dussault congratulated Hashim for his success in helping to deliver what she describes as "the standard of living Iraqis so richly deserve."

With an infectious enthusiasm that kept celebrants in the 100 degree heat far longer than normal, Hashim emphasized that local Iraqis - once afraid to approach Coalition Forces - are now overwhelmingly encour-

aged by the prospect of working with them for progress.

"Before, there were maybe eighteen or nineteen companies doing business (with Joint Base Balad)," said Hashim. "Now there are 150 companies, maybe more, have contracts."

Hashim also said that IBIZ programs are providing a brighter future for local Iraqis: "If you go to the east gate, just ask anyone, he will tell you how much advantage he already (has)," said Hashim.

According to Hashim, the training integrated into IBIZ initiatives has also motivated more Iraqis to hope for a better future for their families by offering them opportunities to become skilled laborers.

"Every day laborers come to my house looking for a job, and now... we have the chance to put him in the job," he said.

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lows Camp Taji to function.

The 536th Maintenance Company, which falls under the 165th, is responsible for the largest and most comprehensive maintenance operation on the base, and boasts command and control of one of the largest supply warehouse complexes in the country.

A detachment of the 297th Transportation Company is responsible for the administration of the Camp Taji Central Receiving and Shipping Point, or CRSP Yard.

The 515th Transportation Company has, for the past year, been responsible for the delivery of all diesel fuel, MOGAS, and JP8 on Camp Taji, and a good chunk of the same in the surrounding Multi-National Division-Baghdad area.

Soldiers pulled from various units within the 165th are spearheading the effort to turn over U.S. Army humvees to the Iraqi Army, and are quickly nearing the 2,000th humvee transferred since the 165th's arrival in May. The headquarters element of the battalion is knee-deep in a new program to help their Iraqi counterparts, the 6th Motorized Transportation Regiment, form a more effective

and efficient logistic operation.

Even in the face of all of this, Bradford sees providing for those in his charge as the most important part of his job.

"The most important part of being a battalion commander in Iraq is taking care of Soldiers and maintaining the values of the Army I serve and the values of the great men and women that I serve with," Bradford said.

To achieve A-list results, Bradford advises calling on A-list Soldiers. The commanding officer of the 165th prefers a style of command that relies heavily on the professionalism and expertise of the commissioned and noncommissioned officers organic to his battalion, and he encourages the commander of his battlespace to "draw from a pool of officers and senior NCOs that are at the top of their game - the best of the best - from which to build your winning team. Once you have those core leaders, learn quickly their strengths and weaknesses so you can capitalize on their strengths and figure out ways to mitigate any weaknesses. Mentor them and provide guidance; you'll be amazed at their results," said Bradford.

This formula for success has prov-

en extremely effective for Bradford. As any military leader would attest, however, no matter how fool-proof any given strategy may seem, how well a battalion commander's immediate subordinates perform, or no matter what technological or numerical advantage one possesses over their enemy, the heartbreaking reality of war is that victory demands sacrifice.

With so much responsibility on his shoulders, Bradford makes note of a few crucial sources of support.

"My most vital sources of support are faith, Family, friends, and my fellow Soldiers," he said. "I believe in the power of prayer and take strength from it. Spending time with my eight year old son and ten year old daughter always makes me happy. I love the laughter of and smile upon my little boy's and girl's face."

"A reason I am here and missing the faces of my children and my wife is about preserving our rights and our freedoms," said Bradford. "I have always given my best in the service of my country and state. Whether saving lives of those in the Louisiana Superdome or standing watch on the sands of Iraq, you can be sure that we will succeed with mission accomplish-



Ramadan a time for fasting, prayer

by Staff Sgt. Don Branum

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- Muslims around the world began observance of the holy month of Ramadan at sunset Sept. 1.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, is significant because it is the month when the archangel Gabriel revealed the first verses of the Koran to the prophet Mohammed, said Faraj Washyer, a native of Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, who works with the Iraqi-Based Industrial Zone office here.

"God orders Muslims to fast throughout the day, from sunrise to sundown," Washyer said. "Only adults are asked to fast, and only if they can handle it. If someone is sick, he is not allowed to fast."

Those who perform hard labor during the day are not required to fast, nor are travelers, Washyer said. Muslim children younger than 12 also do not fast.

Fasting, or Sawm, is one of five pillars of Islam. The other four are Shahadah, the profession of faith; Salat, the requirement to pray five times per day; Zakat, the giving of alms to the poor; and Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca. The purpose of Sawm is to help Muslims cleanse their spirits and be grateful for what God has given them, Washyer said. It also helps Muslims remember Zakat.

"If you have food in your house but cannot touch it; if you have water in your refrigerator but cannot drink it, that's a good moment to think about poor people and how they live," he said.

In addition to fasting, Muslims must also refrain from smoking and sexual activity during the day. Muslims may break their fast after their sunset prayer.

"After the sun is completely down, we break fast, eat and thank God for providing food and water," Washyer said.

The custom of fasting is similar to the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday and Christianity's Lent.

But while most Muslims will use Ramadan to reflect and grow spiritually, anti-Iraqi forces may step up their attacks. Insurgents launched offensives during Ramadan both in 2003 and 2006, killing a total of more than 350 Iraqi Security Forces personnel and nearly 200 Coalition Servicemembers.

"The enemy is going to go where the people are," said Army Maj. Pat Work, aide de camp to Secretary of the Army Pete Green. "People are where the fight is won or lost, and insurgents are very aware of that."

Knowing and respecting Muslim traditions, however, can help military personnel win and keep the peace, said Army Maj. Brett Sylvia, a joint-staff officer for the Political Military Affairs Division at the Pentagon, who has spent the past two Ramadans deployed to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

"Having good cultural awareness is as essential as marksmanship, because it's about the populace, and it's about intelligence," he said. "You can build trust so much more rapidly if you have demonstrated cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity."

(Information compiled from American Forces Press Service and staff reports.)

Airmen plan family reunion in Iraq

by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

506th Air Expeditionary Group

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq— It's not uncommon for family members, especially reservists, to deploy together to the same location. It is, however, uncommon to plan a family reunion during a deployment.

Senior Airman Benjamin Hathaway did just that when he volunteered for a six-month deployment in Iraq. Hathaway's mother, Tech. Sgt. Kelly Beeler, and her sister, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly McBride, were deployed with the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Kirkuk Regional Air Base from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., about six months ago. They were about to head home when Hathaway showed up from the 310th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

"(McBride) and I work at the same base, and we knew six months prior to our deployment we were coming over here," said Beeler, a fire team leader for the 506th ESFS. "My son was stateside, and I knew he was trying to come over, too."

Since they were living in cities more than 1,100 miles apart, Beeler had not seen her son for a while. Visiting family members from that distance can present a challenge.

"My son and I can see each other just like any other parents and children living in different cities," Beeler said.

From Hathaway's perspective, the long distance obstacle was a little different. It had been too long since he'd seen his mother.

"There's a thing called long distance. She's in Alabama -- I'm in Colorado. It's not a very viable excuse, but it's the only one I've got," said Hathaway, laughing. "I figured it'd been two years since I've seen her -- I might as well go visit her in Iraq. So here I am."

Hathaway had plenty of official duties to keep him busy when he arrived, but Mom was determined to spend time with her son



Photo by Pfc. Amanda Tucker

Senior Airman Benjamin Hathaway poses for a photograph here Aug. 7 with his mother, Tech. Sgt. Kelly Beeler and his aunt, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly McBride.

before she and McBride left for home.

"He got here seven days ago, and we've been doing a lot of catching up," Beeler said.

With his mother and aunt preparing to leave, Hathaway, who hails from Colorado Springs, Colo., has to get squared away mentally and physically for what lies ahead of him during the next six months.

"I'm not quite settled in yet. I'm waiting for my mom's group to leave so I can get a bed," Hathaway joked. "Mom's been here long enough. I get to take her place."

It didn't take him long to understand the importance of the position he will assume.

"We're taking care of everyone inside the installation so they can sleep at night and not have to worry," Hathaway said. "We're out there defending the base while they're snoozing and dreaming about being home with their families."

McBride, a radio operator for the 506th ESFS, signed up for the Air Force Reserve at the same time as her sister, and they have been together ever since.

"I really love what I do. We all love our country," McBride said.

McBride and Beeler said they will stay in the military until they retire. Beeler, who has served on active-duty and Reserve capacities for 18 years, originally entered the service in 1977 to travel.

"It was a different world in '77. I got out after 15 years of active duty. I stayed out 11 years, and I missed it every moment," said Beeler. "After (Sept. 11), I was determined to come back in. I found out I wasn't too old for the Reserves, and I can still do the job. That's what motivated me to come back. I love my country, love what I do, love the job, and I'm glad to be able to do my part."

Although his family has encouraged him to stay in, Hathaway is looking at his future through a more wide-angled lens.

"One of the greatest things about the military is the endless possibilities. There's still so much I want to do," Hathaway said. "I'm only 27. I still have a lot of time left to do whatever I want. I'd like to go to college full time and get a commission as an officer. It's a goal (I've had) since high school -- to be a pilot. It's something I could see myself doing until retirement."

Emergency Response Brigade conducts shooting exercises



Baghdad National Emergency Response Brigade conducts shooting exercises with their Foreign Internal Defense partners Aug. 10 in Baghdad. This training is part of an on-going program between the Iraqi and Coalition Forces to share military tactics and ideas in combating terrorism and insurgency.

Photo by Sgt. Steven Phillips

Soldiers receive assignment incentive pay

by Pfc. Amanda Tucker

Expeditionary Times staff

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq—Soldiers are finding their pockets more full at the end of deployments lasting longer than 12 months. Active and reserve Soldiers who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan on temporary change of station orders are qualifying to receive assignment incentive pay.

“I would probably pay bills, honestly,” said Master Sgt. Shannon Inselkammer, an Auburn, Wash., native and the human resources noncommissioned officer in charge for the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), based out of Fort Knox, Ky. Spec. Karl Paul, the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned officer in charge for the 3d ESC said, “The extra \$3,000 that I would get, I wouldn’t spend it; I would save it and put it in some kind of investment.”

“It (is) a way of compensating Soldiers for staying beyond their original 12 month rotational requirement,” said Capt. Autarie Bivins, a Cordele, Ga., native and commander of the 126th Financial Management Company, based out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

AIP entitlements will depend on branch of service and the extended time deployed. Active duty Soldiers will receive \$1,000 for each month after their year mark from boots on ground. For reserve Soldiers, if their extension is less than three months, their AIP will be \$300 a month. If a reserve Soldier’s extension time is longer than three months, they will receive \$500 a month for each month past the year mark.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said Paul, a Hinesville, Ga., native. “It shows that the military service is basically commending us for the extra effort.”

So what is the catch? How much paperwork does the Soldier have to go through to receive this benefit? The answer is nothing! Your S1 will take care of the paperwork about a month before your 365th day in theater. For active Soldiers, the new pay will be reflected on the leave and earnings statement as Save Pay. For reservists, the pay will reflect as incentive pay. Active duty Soldiers will begin receiving pay the month after their 366th day; reservists will have a one month lag on their AIP payment.

For enlisted Soldiers, AIP is tax free. For officers, if the AIP pushes monthly pay over \$7,100.10, the overage is taxed.

For more information, read MILPER Message 07-235 or contact your Adjutant or local finance office.



Photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson

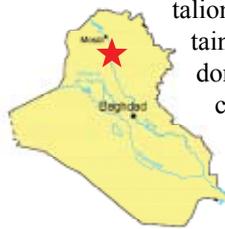
Capt. Argentina Gibson, commander, Bravo Co., 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, and 1st Sgt. Ronnie Allen, Bravo Co., tacks the ‘Knights’ Brigade combat patch onto Sgt. Scott Oyer, training room noncommissioned officer.

‘Scouts’ tack on combat patches in Iraq

by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson

16th Subordinate Brigade

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Soldiers from the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, donned their combat patches in a ceremony here at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center Aug. 28.



The ceremony marked the beginning of the Bamberg-based ‘Scouts’ 15-month deployment to a combat zone.

“The combat patch you now wear signifies membership in a small fraternity,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Chun, commander, 16th SB, to the

formation of battalion Soldiers. “You represent less than one-tenth of one percent of Americans that have answered the call to duty and served in a combat zone.”

Chun said that Soldiers would remember this tour in Iraq with pride.

“Years from now you can sit back on Veteran’s Day and truly feel a part of a long-standing tradition of defending our nation against its aggressors.”

Spc. Sean Dillard, electronics maintenance shop technician, Bravo Co., said tacking on the patch was important to him.

“I’m proud to be wearing this combat patch now, in honor of my younger brother Donald and my mother Linda,” Dillard said. “It shows that what I’m fighting for isn’t for nothing, but for something much greater.”

The 22-year-old from Zeigler, Ill., whose brother passed away in 2006 and mother passed away in 2007, said his service was a way to honor his mother and brother and make them proud.

“I decided everything I’m going to do is going to be for them,” Dillard said.

The combat patch also signifies experience, and the importance of deployment in building future leaders, and in building a better trained, more capable Army, said Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Williams, the senior-ranking enlisted member of the 16th.

“Deployment develops growth, maturity and institutional knowledge,” he said. “Our Soldiers will learn tactics, techniques and procedures, and lessons-learned that they can carry with them and pass along to other Soldiers and other units.”



Photo by Tom Strathmore

7,000 mile salute

Airman 1st Class Mary Tanner, Lt. Col. Robert Ricker, Col. Wayne Knutson, and Airman 1st Class Mary Tanner sing the National Anthem from Joint Base Balad, Iraq during the opening ceremony for the American Legion General Sessions in Phoenix.

CSM Tennant provides guidance, gains knowledge

by Pfc. Amanda Tucker

Expeditionary Times staff

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq- Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Tennant flew to Tallil Air Base and Camp Cedar to give guidance and gain better knowledge of the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) subordinate unit's operations.

The Pleasantville, N.J., native toured the two bases and was briefed on operations ranging from fueling operations to vehicle maintenance.

The sergeant major, however, wasn't the only one to learn from the experience. While visiting different units operating in Tallil, Tennant emphasized the importance of good leadership.

"There are two things a Soldier wants: a hooah mission and hooah leadership," Tennant said during a noncommissioned officer professional development presentation, giving advice to junior and senior enlisted soldiers.

Enlisted Soldiers snapped to the position of parade rest when Tennant entered the room. As the Soldiers took their seats,



Photo by Pfc. Amanda Tucker

Far left to right: Pfc. Cromartie Delrintus, Jr., a Rochester, N.Y., native and maintenance support specialist for the 542nd Support Maintenance Company, based out of Fort Lewis, Wash., shows Command Sgt. Major Willie Tennant, a Pleasantville, N.J., native and senior noncommissioned officer for the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), how to test equipment for mission readiness during Tennant's visit to Tallil Air Force Base Aug. 28.

Tennant walked through the rows shaking hands and talking with Soldiers. He spoke of voting. Tennant's address took a more solemn

tone when he moved to a bag placed on a table in front of the rows of Soldiers watching him. He unzipped the bag and pulled out a large black object. As he unfolded it and placed it on the ground in front of him, the entire room grew quiet. Then, he asked if anyone knew what the object was. The room echoed with voices of many saying, "A body bag." The sergeant major pulled out a smaller bag, asking the same question. Again the crowd knew the answer was, "Personal effects."

He addressed the group of Soldiers who were nearing the time to go home. He talked about complacency and how Soldiers had died shortly before they were scheduled to return home because they became complacent as their time in Iraq drew closer to being complete.

According to Tennant his trip was a success.

"The best part ... was seeing those Soldiers, seeing the high morale, the discipline, the professionalism, and esprit de corps of (the) command and of the units," said Tennant. "I learned that our young men and women are doing an outstanding job."

"This vehicle will put medics back on the battlefield doing patient care."

Justin Edwards

MEDICAL MRAP, from Page 1

"You always do your first assessments on the ground – blocked airways, bleeding," Desimone said. "But laying them down allows you to check for areas where blood is exiting and better access for treatment instead of sitting in seats. You're not going to be able to take care of two or three patients comfortably in the back of a regular MRAP."

Warrant Officer Todd Jenó, Sr., the site leader at the Balad MRAP facility, said the HAGAs have more mobility than the traditional MRAP.

"(The HAGA is) equipped with a visual enhancement feature so it's able to move when aircraft don't fly during sandstorms or nightfall," Jenó, said a native of Faribault, Minn. "It also has a casualty evacuation kit, which can carry one litter (patient) in between the seats."

Master Sgt. Keith Tester, the evacuation platoon sergeant with the 2nd SCR's Regimental Support Squadron, said his Soldiers have provided medical support to logistical patrols and personal security detachments for 13 months. Tester said getting a vehicle dedicated to treating Soldiers will make life easier for his team.

"It's difficult to get litter pa-

tients in standard MRAPs," Tester said. "You're cramming people in and trying to take care of them; it requires a lot of improvisation."

Staff Sgt. Maribel Martinez, another of Tester's Soldiers, said having a vehicle assigned to the medical group will allow for better continuity on patrols.

"Before, we would ride in separate vehicles," said Martinez. "If something happened, we had to be called to the scene. Now, there are no issues concerning where my fellow medics are, wondering if they were in the vehicle (that was) hit."

Pfc. Nicole Walsh, another medic with the 2nd SCR, said having a vehicle was great because teams won't have to haul their gear to different motor pools in between missions.

Justin Edwards, civilian contractor, taught the medical portion of the class. Edwards is also a member of the Army Reserves and OIF veteran who is assigned to the 7239th Medical Group, based in Chattanooga, Tenn., and said the HAGA's equipment is top of the line, fully stocked and ready to go.

"This vehicle will put medics back on the battlefield doing patient care. Instead of non-medical personnel bringing in casualties, medical staff can be on the scene providing care," said Edwards.

Two new MRAPs delivered to 13th CSSB

by Sgt. Gary Hawkins

Expeditionary Times staff

The mine resistant ambush protected vehicle is considered the top of the line protection against improvised explosive devices for transporting Servicemembers in a combat zone. The compelling need for these vehicles calls for their distribution as quickly as possible.

The 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., received two new MRAP vehicles recently and quickly put them to use moving troops and equipment back and forth in their areas of operation.

After more than three days of driver training, where students learned to maneuver the vehicle, considerably larger than the humvee, as well as other special features, the vehicles were released to the unit, allowing them to continue their mission.

"A major difference (between) the humvee and the MRAP is the stop and go traffic in small towns," said Staff Sgt. Warrick Tadlock, a driver and MRAP mechanic for the 13th CSSB. "The MRAP handles the heat better and is designed way better than the humvee. While it does the job, humvee's weren't designed for this climate with all the extra weight on it."

Besides the driving differences, safety is the primary reason for the military's shift to the MRAP.

"Coming from the humvee to the MRAP is a big improvement on safety. As a more agile vehicle, even though it's larger, it's a much better vehicle and much safer than the regular up-ar-

mored humvee," said Tadlock.

Unlike the humvee, MRAP's were designed with the hot environment of Iraq in mind and provide better crew comforts than the humvee. They are more powerful for quicker movement and have more seating capacity, which ultimately means fewer vehicles are needed for each convoy.

"They have a heck of a lot more space for troops or storage and an awesome engine cooling and air conditioner system that helps keep you very comfortable," said Sgt. 1st Class David Hudson, a member of the 13th CSSB and Mentone, Ind., native. "They are much safer and you have a much better view – from all the passengers in the back seat, to the gunner being up another few feet higher for better observation of the surroundings," said Hudson.

According to Hudson, safe transportation is essential due to the mission and travel requirements of his unit.

"We are more of an advisory team to the 5th Iraqi Army Division training and logistics mission ... We travel with personnel and supplies on a regular basis and the MRAP makes it easier for us to travel with fewer vehicles, hauling more personnel and supplies," said Hudson.

Having the confidence of not overheating as quickly or breaking down as often, and with the ability to move with greater ease, allows Hudson's comrades to accomplish the advisory role assigned to them in Iraq. With two new MRAP's available, Hudson and his team are able to take advantage of a larger view of the surrounding area while traveling.

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164th MP Company returns control back to Iraqi Police

Story and photos by Spc. Ryan Hohman

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JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq- Iraqis seemed overjoyed when they came together Aug. 25 at the Iraqi Police stations of Hatamiya and Balad, Iraq, to celebrate the completion of their overall readiness assessment-two evaluation.

“With this assessment, the IP have proved that they can begin to run their operations on their own with little to no involvement from Coalition Forces,” said Capt. Mathew Norris, commander of the 164th Military Police Company.

The police stations were nominated for the assessment by the 164th, which has been in charge of training and supporting the IP officers five days a week since July 2007.

The 164th has trained the IP in all tasks necessary to operate an effective police station, to include logistics, record keeping and proper public relations.

Norris said an important part of the evaluation is monitoring the IP officers actions upon receiving a complaint from Iraqi citizens, including filing a police report and investigating the incident.

Once the 164th felt the IPs were prepared to begin working on their own, they began the 69 day evaluation process.

The evaluation process begins with an internal inspection by another platoon leader and the company’s operations sergeant. This inspection ensures the IP are doing their job properly and that they can work on their own.

Once the 164th is sure the IP are ready to operate on their own, they notify their parent command, which sends their own evaluation teams. These evaluation teams observe how the IP maintain their records and their arms rooms, and ensure they are conducting



Police officers in Hatamiya, Iraq, during the handover of control from Coalition Forces to the Iraqi Police Aug. 25.



Maj. Gen. Hamed Namis Salah ad Din, provincial director of police, greets Iraqi Police officers in Hatamiya, Iraq, before taking part in a ceremony that celebrated the handover of control from Coalition Forces to the Iraqi Police Aug. 25.



Maj. Gen. Hamed Namis Salah ad Din, the provincial director of the Iraqi Police, cuts a ribbon to signify the handover of control of the police station in Balad, Iraq, from Coalition Forces to the Iraqi Police Aug. 25.

day to day operations, interacting with the public and issuing arrest warrants. The teams then take the 164th input and make their independent evaluations. The next step of the process is getting the final stamp of approval from the deputy commanding general of the 1st Armored Division, Brig. Gen. James C. Boozer, Sr.

The 164th, which has been working with the two stations five days a week, can now take a step back and let the stations run their own operation. The 164th will now only advise the stations two times a week.

Although the 164th is taking a step back, the IP themselves feel confident they will be able to complete their mission on their own.

“We know this will be very hard but we made a promise to our people and our country and it is important that we do our jobs,” said Maj. Hani Ali Hussein, unit commander of the Balad Headquarters Emergency Response.

With these stations being the first two to complete this assessment, and a possible seven more planning to begin their evaluation process Sept. 1, this begins to show the growth of the Iraqi Police and their ability to begin working on their own.

“This event is very significant, because it shows how hard the IP have trained and how they are ready to take the next step and lead on their own,” said Lt. Col. John Dunleavy, battalion commander of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment.



...hiya, Iraq, accept a plaque that signifies the handover of control from Coalition Forces to the Iraqi Police

Shoulder to shoulder: No Soldier stands alone

WASHINGTON, DC – Under-scoring its commitment for the safety and well being of its Soldiers, Family members, and civilian personnel, the U.S. Army is joining the nation and the Department of Defense in observing National Suicide Prevention Week, September 7 - 13, and World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept. 10. The National Guard and Army Reserve will host a month-long observation, Sept. 6 - October 5.

“The loss of any American Soldier’s life is a great tragedy and a matter of concern, regardless of the cause; and in the case of suicide, as an Army, we are committed to providing prevention and intervention resources,” said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army.

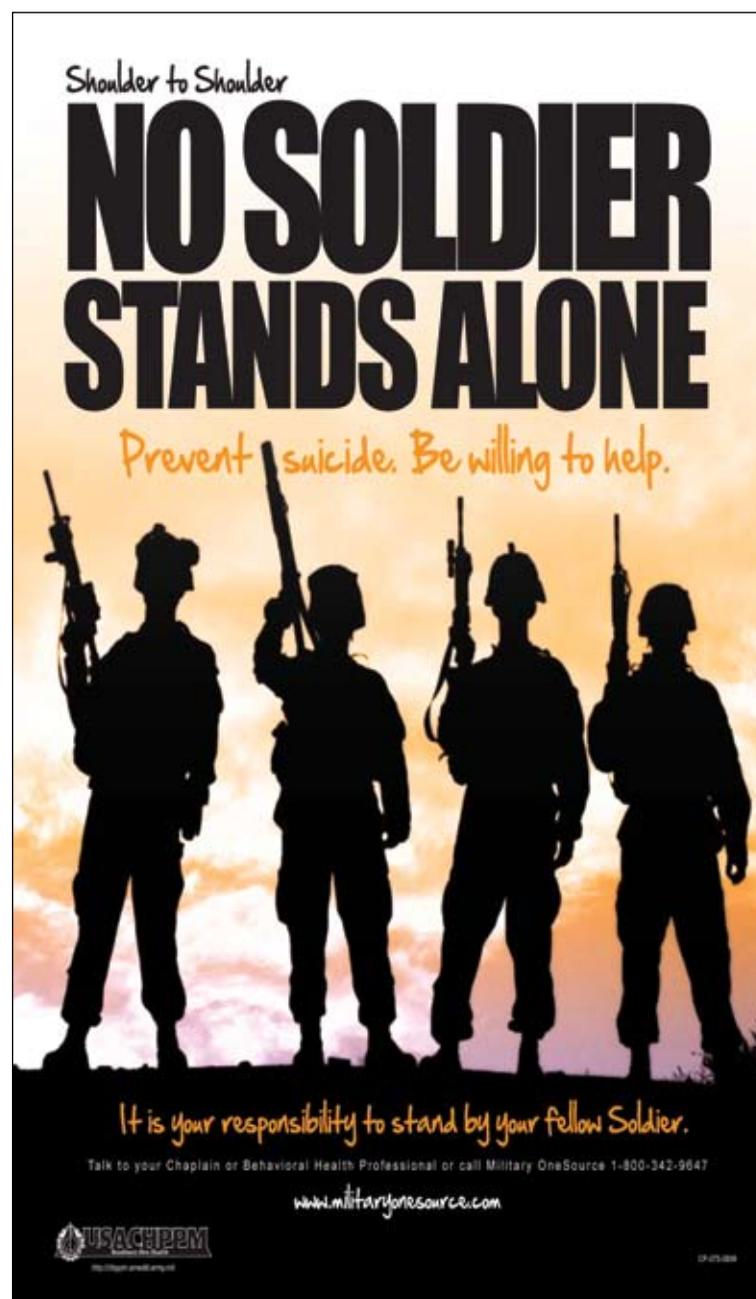
This year’s theme, “Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone,” reinforces that commitment and conveys multiple messages that tie into one overarching idea: If we share our strength as an Army family, together we can make it through the toughest times.

The Army’s goal is to promote the idea that Soldiers are stronger together, especially when times are tough. It’s a reminder that sometimes the toughest challenges occur off the battlefield: when the guns are quiet but doubts and troubling thoughts still linger. It further incorporates the essence of being an “Army buddy” and broadens the true meaning of “saving your buddy’s life.”

“In the Army, we take care of each other,” said General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. “The theme embodies Army values - Selfless Service, Integrity, and Personal Courage. It means doing the right thing and taking steps necessary to make sure your buddy, Family members or civilian personnel get the appropriate support he or she may need, especially when you know someone is having a tough time with a personal situation.”

As part of the effort to enhance its suicide prevention program, the Army is focusing more attention on promoting education programs and creating greater awareness about the warning signs of suicide and the appropriate responses that can save a person’s life.

“The good news is suicide prevention works, but we must continue to make every effort to help our Soldiers, civilian personnel, and Family members to



recognize suicide warning signs and enhance their ability to know what they should do to prevent a suicide,” said Walter Morales, suicide prevention program manager at Army G-1. “Working together, suicide is a preventable tragedy.”

Army leaders, with special emphasis on first line leaders, are being empowered to plan and implement education, awareness, and training programs to enhance intervention skills. That way, Soldiers, Family members and civilian personnel can better recognize stressors such as failed relationships, legal and financial problems, and occupational and operational issues that contribute to suicidal behavior.

Specific scenario-driven training, to include lessons learned from the 2007 Army Suicide Event Report, is now available to Army leaders and Soldiers. A training tool called the ACE card (Ask, Care, and Escort) is also available to help increase awareness and intervention skills for junior leaders and to help train their Soldiers. The ACE card and

other training materials are available at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine website (<http://usa-chppm.apgea.army.mil/dhwp/readiness/suicide.aspx>)

The Army’s reserve components are also coordinating education and training resources with local community agencies that support suicide prevention efforts. These support resources, which are available to active duty Soldiers as well, include Veterans Administration coordinators, primary care providers, local law enforcement agencies, hotlines and crisis centers, local churches and other religious organizations.

More information and resources about suicide prevention are available at the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>, and the Army Behavioral Health website at www.behavioralhealth.army.mil/. For a list of resources and events for the National Guard, please visit: <http://virtualarmory.com/wellbeing/suicide.aspx>.

Show them the money

by 1st Lt. Melissa Schneider

1st Sustainment Brigade

CAMP LIBERTY—My job as the 553d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion’s supply operations officer is to manage the battalion’s funds and “Show Iraqi Contractors the money.”



Management of the battalion’s money, whether it be through contracting or the field ordering officer funds, is arguably the most critical component in ensuring mission requirements are met; not only at our level, but also on a much larger scale in supporting the Iraqi economy. With that said, I recently revisited several of our vendors to get a firsthand look at their operation.

My first stop was at the American Service Center. The ASC was one of the first companies to start operations after the war in Iraq began and their “whatever it takes” motto has proved itself as they continue to provide quick support to meet the short suspense imposed on them by our battalion.

“ASC employs about 20 Iraqis,” said the general manager for ACS. “Moreover, since ASC is a construction and trading company, an increasing number of local nationals are being employed to fulfill the demanding transportation and material handling requirements.”

The 553d CSSB, 1st Sustainment Brigade, has spent more than \$46,000 with ASC since arriving in March 2008, and a significant portion of that money finds its way back into Iraqi hands.

The Golden Company, located in West Liberty, is another company the 553d CSSB relies on to purchase needed materials to meet mission requirements. Established in 2002, the Golden Company is owned by an Iraqi citizen named Mahmood Nassrallah, who began serving the Coalition Forces in 2003 and employs over 60 Iraqis.

Over the past three months, the 553d CSSB has spent more than \$21,000 at the Golden Company and according to one of the managers there, all of the money goes to support the local population both directly and indirectly.

“All vendors that the Golden Company uses are in Baghdad and nearby suburbs,” said Nassrallah.

The 553d CSSB also works closely with the Sana Beirut Company. The Sana Beirut Company was established in 2002 in Baghdad and currently employs over 100 Iraqis. I spoke to Ziad Al-Windawi, the managing director for the company and also a local of Iraq. He explained that the Iraqis are provided a good working environment where they are afforded healthcare and insurance.

“Since the United States military has taken control of Baghdad, the salaries of the Iraqi workers have increased from \$10 to \$50 per day, while working less hours within the Sana Beirut Company,” said Al-Windawi.

Additionally, the Sana Beirut Company has recently contracted for 130 more Iraqi citizens for work on the Victory Base Complex. This contract will employ unskilled laborers starting in August 2008. Our battalion supports the Sana Beirut Company by managing a contract worth over \$45,000.

Although loop holes do exist and Iraqi citizens may not always get their fair share, companies such as ASC, Golden’s, and Sana Beirut have improved the income and quality of life for many Iraqis. Furthermore, local Iraqis and businessmen such as Nassrallah and Al-Windawi support the Coalition Forces and their efforts to improve the country of Iraq. Through joint projects between Iraqi businesses and the U.S. Military, the 553d CSSB is truly “showing Iraqis the money.”

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They're no damsels in distress: Medics from 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment help reshape the battlefield

by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Expeditionary Times staff

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Spc. Cortni Berger and Pfc. Nicole Walsh, combat medics with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment's evacuation platoon, show the kind of enthusiasm of young adults not far removed from high school. Jokes and smiles come easy when they're in conversation, and the pair see themselves as simply doing their job. But by doing their job, Berger, 21, and Walsh, 23, give their peers and patients a different outlook on the world - a world that must acknowledge the presence of female Soldiers on the battlefield.

The Department of the Army has declared that women are excluded from military occupational skill positions which routinely engage in direct combat, according to DA pamphlet 611-21, table 13-1. Thirty-nine military occupational specialties ban females, but thousands of women since World War II have worked in combat zones and today's volunteer force is trained and qualified to defeat any opposition with deadly force.

Berger, a native of Clio, Mich. said that anyone in this conflict understands that the enemy isn't worried about classifying troops by gender or job.

"Everyone always says over here there's no front line," said Berger. "The enemy doesn't meet us head on. They just don't care."

The two estimate their vehicles have taken six direct hits from improvised explosive devices.

"We've been hit by little IEDs where the convoys just continued to roll," said Berger. "We've also been in an IED attack that has stopped the convoy."

Often paired together on convoys, Walsh said she's familiar with and confident of



Photo by Spc. Anthony Hooker

Spc. Cortni Berger, a combat medic with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment's evacuation platoon, shows Iraqi Police how to properly use a protective gauze. Berger is a native of Clio, MI.

Berger's skills.

"When we're out together, we seem to find those IEDs . . . but I know she will do a good job if something happens," said Walsh, a native of Milford, Conn. "We have credibility with each other."

Thirteen of the 16 people in the duo's section are women. The line units they support were hesitant to accept the squadron at first, but Walsh said the heat of battle flashed a light on her team's abilities. The skeptics became believers.

"Our aid station has so many trauma patients come in - the line units usually help us manage the incoming casualties," said Walsh. "When they see us working on these people, we gain their credibility. They learn we can do our job when the time comes and they get more comfortable with us."

Walsh finished her thought, saying that nobody cares if a guy or girl is helping them

if they're seriously hurt.

Walsh said she also has experienced some rejection when treating Iraqi civilians.

The clash of cultures may have left both feeling frustrated but Walsh said her dedication to duty may have left a permanent impression.

"Maybe he could see that women are able to be smart and competent," Walsh said. "Not much is expected from their women, so I hope I gave him an idea that 'Wow! Women can do things.'"

The two assist in other duties as well. They can support a unit with armed defense if a vehicle breaks down or someone needs assistance, serve as occasional instructors when visiting Iraqi Police stations and help facilitate the turnover of humvees to the Iraqi Army.

Master Sgt. Keith Tester is Berger's and

Walsh's platoon sergeant. Tester, a 21-year veteran, said it's not uncommon to see a woman lay down suppressive fire.

"We've had (women) man .50 caliber gunner positions," said Tester. "If someone gets hurt, a female may have to take over the gunner's spot, depending on the situation."

Walsh and Berger know that their presence in combat will draw attention. They acknowledged the significance of their acts, but said they were only following in others' footsteps.

"Clara Barton, who founded the Red Cross, said 'If I can't be a Soldier, I'm going to help a Soldier,'" said Walsh. "She was a nurse receiving guys from the front line. Now, we have an opportunity to get our guys and help them during the golden hour (the first hour, considered the most critical to determine a rate of recovery)."



Photo by Staff Sgt. James E. Brown Jr.

Staying ready

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Force Protection Soldier, Sgt. Adrian Quintanar, a native of Los Angeles, and a member of the 1038th Horizontal Construction Company, 1st Squadron, 152nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Sustainment Brigade, scans the perimeter of Camp Taji while working in a tower.

News around Iraq

IA partners with Marines, Sailors for first cooperative dental engagement

KABANI, Iraq – Citizens of Kabani were treated to the first cooperative dental engagement hosted by the Iraqi Army and the 1st Marine Logistics Group in Kabani, Aug. 29.

Both Navy and IA dentists combined forces to treat more than 100 children and adults from the village.

The relationship Marines share with the villagers keeps Coalition Forces coming back to continue their support. Each time, more and more assistance is provided by the IA, who now handles most of the security and screening of the events. With the addition of IA 2nd Lt. Ashraf Ali, a dentist with 7th IA Div., their presence and assistance to the villagers is more noticeable.

“It was a busy day,” said Ashraf, who normally sees about 12 people a day at his clinic. “It was very interesting and I am very glad to do it. All of the equipment and facilities presented here gave us no problems,” he said.

The dentists examined patients all morning, pointing out cavities and other problems as well as teaching good dental hygiene. Floss, tooth paste, brushes and other supplies were on hand to distribute to the villagers.

With successful operations like the first CDE, it’s only a matter of time before the Iraqi citizens are in complete control of caring for their own.

Iraqi citizens take lead in Mithaq Pool opening

BAGHDAD – The District Advisory Council and the residents of the Thawra 1 neighborhood of the Sadr City district of Baghdad celebrated the re-opening of the Mithaq Pool Complex with prizes, competitions and music Aug. 30.

Representatives from the DAC, Ministry of Youth and Recreation, Iraqi Army and community organized and oversaw the celebration amid improved security conditions.

The festivities included guest speakers, a swimming and diving competition and swimming-related gifts for the younger Iraqis in attendance.

Iraqi Lt. Col. Yeayah Rosoul Abdallah al Zubadie, the commander of the 3rd Battalion, 42nd Brigade, 11th Iraqi Army Division and a guest speaker at the re-opening, welcomed the attendees and thanked the many people who were involved in the important event.

“The Iraqi Army is here to serve the people of Iraq. The community leaders here today, with the help of the government, have a chance to make a difference for their people,” said Yeayah. “The re-opening today is an example of all of us together working together for our people.”

Refurbishing the pool complex was an identified project prior to the fighting which began in late March, said Capt. Nicholas Cantrell, a native of Topeka, Kan., and fire support officer for Task Force 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. During the last few months, security improved, which was important to the people of the district to get the facility operational again.

“The local and national leaders involved were integral to the process,” said Cantrell.

Approximately \$500,000 was spent on the pool and the contractor hired to complete the work has only minor touch-ups to complete before the swimming complex is completed.

“The pool had been in pretty bad shape, but all parties involved agreed it was a good project and would be good for the community,” Cantrell said.



The DAC and community leaders of Thawra 1 also assumed responsibility for maintaining and operating the swimming complex, including the training of lifeguards, who received cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training at Joint Security Station Sadr City from Army medics Aug. 27.

The celebration was organized and conducted by leaders and people of the Thawra 1 neighborhood without the involvement of Coalition Forces, though they were invited.

“We had a contingency plan in place to provide assistance if it was needed, but the Iraqi Army and the local organizers had everything under control and the event went smoothly, but it was good to see it was all Iraqi,” said Cantrell.

“Security is quite good now and the local people feel safer and that has given them the confidence to have large celebrations.”

“The opening of the Mithaq Pool complex is beneficial for the people of Sadr City; it provides alternatives to young males and children and is a positive symbol for the community,” said Cantrell. “The community has a place to go and relax; it is a place for Families to enjoy. It is a good recreation area.”

More than 190 troops earn U.S. citizenship in Iraq

BAGHDAD – One-hundred ninety-two Servicemembers from 54 different countries became U.S. citizens Sept. 1 during a Multi-National Corps – Iraq United States Citizenship Ceremony at Al-Faw Palace on Camp Victory, Baghdad.

Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, commanding general, MNC-I, presided over the ceremony and, along with Lori Pietropaoli, deputy district director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, presented a certificate of naturalization to each new citizen. This ceremony was the 12th of its kind in Iraq.

“I am extremely honored to preside over such an important event for these great men and women,” Austin said. “Today, we have the opportunity to welcome 192 of our fellow brothers and sisters in arms into our American family.”

Austin took time to individually recognize two troops, Marine Sgt. Sidney King III and Spc. Alan Wyrwa, who both overcame numerous challenges to become U.S. citizens.

Wyrwa lived in communist-controlled East Germany until he and his mother risked their lives escaping to

West Germany when he was 5 years old. King came to the United States in 1988 and spent his first five years separated from his parents. He worked tirelessly to obtain a visitor’s visa and later a green card to stay in the United States. For the last nine years, he has served in the United States Marine Corps, working toward his citizenship. After 20 years, he is finally a citizen.

For many, the event was the highlight of a lifetime and the beginning of many new opportunities.

“I can’t describe my feelings,” said Spc. Steven Chol, interpreter, and originally from Sudan. “I’m so happy for what happened today, becoming a U.S. citizen.

“I’m proud to be an American,” said Spc. Dodji Kwonu, cannon crewmember, 5-25 Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and originally from Togo. “I’ve got a lot of opportunities now. A lot of doors are open for me.”

“Each of you has opened a door of opportunity through your own hard work, and through the support of your families and loved ones,” Austin said. “Today, each of you has achieved a significant goal, and I know it wasn’t easy, but the great news is that you aren’t at the end of your journey – you are at the beginning of a new one.”

Music unites, entertains audience in Seddah

BAGHDAD – The 10th Mountain Division Band and the Seddah School District Band performed a joint concert during a ceremony celebrating the arts and education at the Seddah City Park in Seddah Aug. 23.

After only one rehearsal together, the Soldiers and the Iraqi band comprised of six school-aged boys and two adult singers, a keyboardist and violinist, performed two songs, the Iraqi National Anthem and a nationalistic song of Iraq for a crowd of about 400 local civilians. Despite the difference in languages, the two groups found common ground in the music they shared.

“It was a little tough to get going at first, but the music got rid of the language barrier,” said Staff Sgt. Christy Knodt, an oboist with the 10th Mtn. Div. Band,

The partnership between the people of Seddah and the Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment made this celebration possible.

“Ten months ago, we would have never even considered asking the band to come down to Seddah City Park to put on a community concert,” said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Williams, 2nd platoon leader.

Today, the scene in Seddah has changed. Through the persistent work of 2nd platoon and the Seddah City Council, the citizens of were able to enjoy a celebration that will not soon be forgotten.

“They were obviously happy we were there, coming up to us and welcoming us,” said Knodt. “You could tell everyone was in a great mood – everyone was happy; everyone was dancing; men, women and children, all out together at night for one of the first times ever in this community.”

The celebration however, was bittersweet for the Soldiers of 2nd platoon. Five months ago, they lost a valuable member of their team. Sgt. Jevon K. Jordan, 32, of Norfolk, Vir., died March 29 from wounds suffered after his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device six days earlier in Abu Jassim, Iraq.

“It really tested our team. We were emotionally defeated and could have very easily given up,” said Williams.

Because the platoon did not give up, their partnership with the citizens of Seddah and surrounding communities has produced improved governance, economic recovery, and a secure community, all of which set the stage for the celebration.

MESSAGES FROM HOME



Major Jim Casey

We miss you and can't wait till you return. You missed a summer full of baseball games and trips to the lake, but we want you home in time for football games and camp outs. Amanda's senior year is here and mom needs all the help she can get with that!

We love you,
Terri, Amanda, Keith and Carson

MSgt Robert J. Vanderlinden, Jr.
Bob, you are missed tremendously and loved beyond words. I am so proud of the work you are doing. You have always held a special place in my heart, and you always will. I look forward to the day that we can be together again. I love you.

Forever Yours,
Andrea



Happy Anniversary Mike! Here's to celebrating 28 years of wonderful memories together. Wish we could be together on our special day, but I always keep you close in thought.

Love always,
Jenni



Dear Maj Crawford

Happy 15th anniversary. We miss you dearly and we are here to support you in our country's time of need. Things are going well here on the home front. We are looking forward to seeing you on your R&R. Jayla is doing great in school and she just took school pictures and we can't wait to send them to you cause she is so cute. We miss you and love you with all our heart. May God bless you and the rest of the troops.

I love you and make sure you are looking for that box.

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Retraction

Correction from the Aug 27 edition of the Expeditionary Times. The photo outline should have read.

Sgt. 1st Class Jack Wilson, a member of the 824th Quartermaster Company, sets the marker panels according to the heading the aircraft will use for a test airdrop of supplies.

Correction from last weeks story titled LTAT 55 makes great gains at KMTB
The 13th CSSB was incorrectly listed as being based out Fort Cambell, Ky. It is headquartered at Fort Benning, Ga.

JB BALAD ACTIVITIES

INDOOR POOL

Swim Lessons:
Mon., Wed., - 6 p.m.
Tue., Thu., Sat., -
6:30 p.m.
AquaTraining:
Tue., Thu., - 7:30 p.m.,
8:30 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri., -
9-10 p.m.

MMA Training:
Mon., Wed., Fri., -
10-11 p.m.
Abs-Aerobics:
Tue., Thu., 6-7 a.m.,
5-6 p.m.

Edge Weapons & Stick
Fighting Combative
Training:
Tue., Thur., Sat., -
8-10 p.m.

EAST FITNESS CENTER

Open Court Volleyball:
Sunday- 6 p.m.
Aerobics:
Mon., Wed., Fri., -
5:30-6:30 a.m.
Yoga Class:
Mon., Fri., - 6-7 a.m.
Step Aerobics:
Mon., Wed., Fri., -
5:30 p.m.
Conditioning Training
Class:
Mon., Wed., Fri., - 7:15-
8 p.m.
Brazilian Jui-Jitsu:

EAST RECREATION CENTER

4-ball tourney:
Sunday- 8 p.m.
8-ball tourney:
Monday- 8 p.m.
Karaoke:
Monday- 8 p.m.
Swing Class:
Tuesday- 8 p.m.
Table Tennis:
Tuesday- 8 p.m.

9-ball tourney:
Wednesday- 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons:
Thursday- 7:30 p.m.
Poetry Night:
Thursday- 8 p.m.
6-ball tourney:
Thursday- 8 p.m.
Caribbean Night:
Friday- 8 p.m.
Chess & Dominoes
Tourney:
Friday- 8 p.m.
Salsa Class:
Saturday- 8:30 p.m.
Poker:
Saturday- 7:30 p.m.

H6 FITNESS CENTER

Spin:
Sunday- 9 a.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri., - 2 a.m.,
8 a.m. 2 p.m., 7 p.m.,
9 p.m.
Tue., Thu., - 5:45 a.m.,
9 a.m., 8:30 p.m.

Saturday- 9 a.m., 7 p.m.
Boxing:
Sunday- 4 p.m.
Tue., Thu., - 2 p.m.
Boot Camp:
Sunday- 8:45 a.m.
Tue., Thu., - 7 p.m.
Power Abs:
Mon., Tue., Thu., - 8 p.m.
Friday- 9 p.m.
CC Cross Fit:
Monday-Saturday-
10:30 p.m.
Cross Fit:
Mon., Wed., Fri., - 5:45
a.m., 7 a.m., 3 p.m.,
6 p.m.
Tue., Thu., - 7 a.m.,
3 p.m.
Sunday- 5:45 a.m.,
7 a.m., 3 p.m.
P90x:
Monday- Saturday- 4:30
a.m., 4 p.m., 10 p.m.,
12 a.m.
Soccer:
Tue., Thu., - 8 p.m.
Yoga:
Wednesday- 8 p.m.
MCAP Level 1:

Friday- 8 p.m.
5 on 5 Basketball:
Saturday- 8 p.m.
H6 RECREATION CENTER
Bingo:
Sunday- 8 p.m.
Texas Hold'em:
Mon., Fri., - 2 p.m.,
8:30 p.m.
8-ball tourney:
Tuesday- 2 a.m.,
8:30 p.m.
Ping-pong tourney:
Tuesday- 8:30 p.m.
Spades:
Wednesday- 2 a.m.,
8:30 p.m.
Salsa:
Wednesday- 8:30 p.m.
9-ball:
Thursday- 2 a.m.,
8:30 p.m.
Karaoke:
Thursday- 8:30 p.m.
Dominos:
Saturday- 8:30 p.m.
Darts:
Saturday- 8:30 p.m.

WEST RECREATION CENTER
Green Bean Karaoke:
Sun., Wed., 7:30pm
9-ball tourney:
Monday- 8 p.m.
Ping-pong tourney:
Tuesday- 8 p.m.
Foosball tourney:
Tuesday- 8 p.m.
Jam Session:
Tuesday- 7:30 p.m.
8-ball tourney:
Wednesday- 8 p.m.
Guitar Lessons:
Thursday- 7:30 p.m.
Game tourney:
Thursday- 1 p.m., 8 p.m.
Enlisted Poker:
Friday- 1 p.m., 8 p.m.
Officer Poker:
Saturday- 1 p.m., 8 p.m.
Squat Competition:
Saturday- 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:
Tue., Thu., - 7 p.m.
Dodge ball Game:
Tuesday- 7:30 p.m.
Furman's Martial Arts:
Mon., Wed., Sun., - 1 p.m.
Gaston's Self-Defense
Class:
Fri., Sat., - 7 p.m.
Open court basketball:
Thursday- 7 p.m.
Open court soccer:
Mon., Wed., - 7 p.m.
Zingano Brazilian Jui
Jitsu:
Tue., Thu., - 8:30 p.m.
CIRCUIT GYM
Floor hockey:
Mon., Wed., Fri., -
8-10 p.m.

SUSTAINER REEL TIME THEATER

Movie Times

Wednesday, September 10
5 p.m. Mamma Mia
8 p.m. Space Chimps
Thursday, September 11
5 p.m. The Dark Knight
8 p.m. Death Race
Friday, September 12
2 p.m. The Love Guru
5 p.m. The X-Files: I Want to Believe
8 p.m. Babylon A.D.
Saturday, September 13
2 p.m. The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor
5 p.m. Babylon A.D.
8 p.m. Wanted
Sunday, September 14
2 p.m. Babylon A.D.
5 p.m. The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor
8 p.m. X-Files: I want To Believe
Monday, September 15
5 p.m. X-Files: I want to Believe
8 p.m. Babylon A.D.
Tuesday, September 16
5 p.m. Babylon A.D.
8 p.m. The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor

Playing Next Week

Step Brothers
Swing Vote
The Incredible Hulk

(Schedule is subject to change)

New Movies

X-Files



David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson reprise their roles as Fox Mulder and Dana Scully with this long-delayed big-screen continuation that revives the series six years after it headed off the air in 2002. Creator Chris Carter returns to direct, co-writing the script with series veteran Frank Spotnitz for 20th Century Fox. Billy Connolly, Amanda Peet and rapper Xzibit co-star in the stand-alone sequel.

Bablon A.D.



Hong Kong action icon Michelle Yeoh stars alongside American muscle Vin Diesel in this science fiction thriller concerning a nun who is charged with the task of caring for a young girl who may be the carrier of a deadly virus. Based on author Maurice Dantec's Babylon Babies, this tale of genetic manipulation comes to the screen courtesy of director Mathieu Kassovitz.

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor



The Fast and the Furious director Rob Cohen continues the tale set into motion by director Stephen Sommers with this globe-trotting adventure that finds explorer Rick O'Connell and son attempting to thwart a resurrected emperor's (Jet Li) plan to enslave the entire human race. It's been 2,000 years since China's merciless Emperor Han and his formidable army were entombed in terra cotta clay by a double-dealing sorceress (Michelle Yeoh), but now, after centuries in suspended animation, an ancient curse is about to be broken. Thanks to his childhood adventures alongside father Rick (Brendan Fraser) and mother Evelyn (Maria Bello), dashing

young archeologist Alex O'Connell (Luke Ford) is more than familiar with the power of the supernatural. After he is tricked into awakening the dreaded emperor from his eternal slumber, however, the frightened young adventurer is forced to seek out the wisdom of his parents -- both of whom have had their fair share of experience battling the legions of the undead. Should the fierce monarch prove capable of awakening his powerful terra cotta army, his diabolical plan for world domination will finally be set into motion. Of course, the one factor that this emperor mummy failed to consider while solidifying his power-mad plans was the O'Connells, and before this battle is over, the monstrous monarch will be forced to contend with the one family that isn't frightened by a few rickety reanimated corpses.

STUPID STATE LAWS

Ever wonder just how dumb things can be? Does your state have dumb laws? Read on and find out. In the upcoming weeks, the Expeditionary Times will have a series of dumb and stupid laws for each state.

Many of the laws have been verified, but many have been taken from sources which do not include law citations. The laws cited below have been taken from news groups, web sites and city governments. Remember, something had to have happened to get these laws passed. Some laws have been repealed, but not all; some are still on the books.

Oklahoma

- One may not promote a "horse tripping event."
- Females are forbidden from doing their own hair without being licensed by the state.
- Dogs must have a permit signed by the mayor in order to congregate in groups of three or more on private property.
- People who make "ugly faces" at dogs may be fined and/or jailed.
- Fish may not be contained in fishbowls while on a public bus.

Oregon

- One may not test their physical endurance while driving a car on a highway.
- Drivers may not pump their own gas.
- A door on a car may not be left open longer than is necessary.
- Canned corn is not to be used as bait for fishing.
- Dishes must drip dry.
- Babies may not be carried on the running boards of a car.

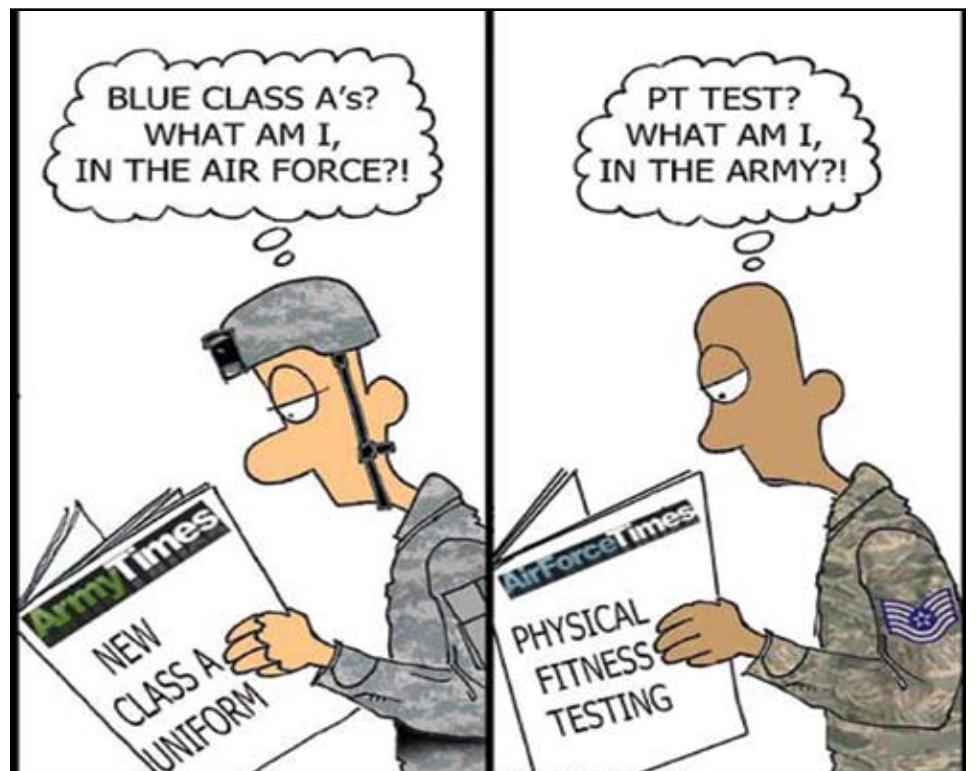
Sudoku

Level: Hard

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4	6						
3			8	5			

The objective is to fill the 9×9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 boxes contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Iraq according to Opet



Upcoming sports on AFN



Wednesday 9/10/08

MLB: Florida Marlins @ Philadelphia Phillies live 2 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks @ San Francisco Giants, live 5 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: Cincinnati Reds @ Milwaukee Brewers, live 9 p.m. AFN/sports

Thursday 9/11/08

MLB: Tampa Bay Rays @ Boston Red Sox, live 2 p.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers @ San Diego Padres, live 5 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: ESPN Wednesday Night Baseball: Teams TBD * 2-Hr ESPN Cutdown Version, tape delayed 10 a.m. AFN/sports
NFL: NFL RePLAY - Game 3: Teams TBD * 90-Minute Fast-Paced Game of the Week, tape delayed 2 p.m., AFN/sports
NFL: NFL RePLAY - Game 4: Teams TBD * 90-Minute Fast-Paced Game of the Week, tape delayed 3:30 p.m., AFN/sports
MLB: Kansas City Royals @ Minnesota Twins, live 8 p.m. AFN/sports

Friday 9/12/08

MLS: Chivas USA @ New England Revolution, live 2 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: Seattle Mariners @ Los Angeles Angels, live 5 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: Milwaukee Brewers @ Philadelphia Phillies, tape delayed 4 p.m. AFN/sports
MLB: Baseball Tonight tape delayed 7 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: NFL Live, tape delayed 7:40 p.m. AFN/sports
College Football: College Football Live, live 10 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: NFL Live, live 10 p.m. AFN/sports

Saturday 9/13/08

College Football: College Football Live, live 2 a.m. AFN/sports
MLB: ESPN Monday Night Baseball: Teams TBD, live 2 a.m. AFN/prime pacific
College Football: Kansas @ South Florida, live 3 a.m. AFN/sports
NFL: NFL Live, live 7:40 a.m. AFN/sports
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 7 p.m. AFN/prime atlantic
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 7 p.m. AFN/sports
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 7 p.m. AFN/xtra
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 10:30 p.m. AFN/prime atlantic
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 10:30 p.m. AFN/sports
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 10:30 p.m. AFN/xtra

Sunday 9/14/08

College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 3

a.m. AFN/sports
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, live 3 a.m. AFN/prime atlantic
College Football: College Football: Teams TBD, tape delayed 7 a.m. AFN/sports
MLB: Milwaukee Brewers @ Philadelphia Phillies, tape delayed 10 a.m. AFN/sports
Boxing: HBO World Championship Boxing - WBC Lightweight Championship: Joel Casamayor vs Juan Manuel Marquez (MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV), tape delayed 2 p.m. AFN/sports
Boxing: Don King Productions presents Mississippi: A New Beginning: Nate Campbell vs Joan Guzman (Beau Rivage Theatre, Biloxi, MS), tape delayed 4 p.m. AFN/xtra
NFL: CBS NFL Today, live 7 p.m. AFN/xtra
NFL: FOX NFL Sunday, live 7 p.m. AFN/prime atlantic
NFL: Week 2: New York Giants @ St. Louis Rams, live 8 p.m. AFN/prime atlantic
NFL: Week 2: Indianapolis Colts @ Minnesota Vikings, live 8 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: Week 2: Tennessee Titans @ Cincinnati Bengals, live 8 p.m. AFN/xtra
NFL: Week 2: New England Patriots @ New York Jets, live 11 p.m. AFN/prime atlantic
NFL: Week 2: San Diego Chargers @ Denver Broncos, live 11 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: Week 2: San Francisco 49ers @ Seattle Seahawks, live 11 p.m. AFN/xtra

Monday 9/15/08

NHRA: NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series: NHRA Carolinas Nationals (Concord, NC), live 2 a.m. AFN/xtra
MLB: ESPN Sunday Night Baseball: Detroit Tigers @ Chicago White Sox, live 3 a.m. AFN/prime atlantic
NFL: NBC Sunday Night Football - Week 2: Pittsburgh Steelers @ Cleveland Browns, live 3:15 a.m. AFN/sports
NASCAR: NASCAR Sprint Cup Series - Chase For The Sprint Cup: Sylvania 300 (New Hampshire International Speedway, Loudon, NH), tape delayed 6 a.m. AFN/xtra
NFL: NBC Sunday Night Football - Week 2: Pittsburgh Steelers @ Cleveland Browns, tape delayed 1 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: NBC Sunday Night Football - Week 2: Pittsburgh Steelers @ Cleveland Browns, tape delayed 8 p.m. AFN/sports

Tuesday 9/16/08

NFL: ESPN Monday Night Football - Week 2: Philadelphia Eagles @ Dallas Cowboys, live 3:30 a.m. AFN/sports
MLB: San Francisco Giants @ Arizona Diamondbacks (JIP), live 5 a.m. AFN/xtra
Motorcycle Racing: FIM World Superbike: San Marino - Race 1, tape delayed 8 a.m. AFN/xtra
NFL: ESPN Monday Night Football - Week 2: Philadelphia Eagles @ Dallas Cowboys, tape delayed 1 p.m. AFN/sports
NFL: ESPN Monday Night Football - Week 2: Philadelphia Eagles @ Dallas Cowboys, tape delayed 8 p.m. AFN/sports

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Photos by Spc. Ryan Hohman

Servicemembers and civilians come together to practice Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu skills at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.



Shane Schmidt, a Wisconsin native, stairs down an opponent before sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.



Top: Spc. Chad Ayinde, a member of the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, tries to get the dominant position while sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5. Left: Pfc. John Tristan, a member of the 87th Engineer Company, tries to escape from the guard position while sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.



Senior Airman Zack Scaringello, 332nd Expeditionary Operational Security Squadron, wraps up an opponent while sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.



Spc. Karl Paul, a member of the 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and Sgt. Jaime Johnson, a member of the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, laugh after Paul was forced to tap out while sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.



Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Louderback, a member of the 244th Counter Rocket Artillery and Motar, braces for impact from being thrown down while sparring at the East Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here Sept. 5.