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## IA, IP, U.S. commanders discuss security of Babil

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CAMP VICTORY – Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and Coalition leaders met to discuss the security of Babil Province at the 31st IA Brigade headquarters in al-Hillah Nov. 11.

Maj. Gen. Fadhil, the police chief of Babil Province; Brig. Gen. Abdul Amir, the 31st Brigade, 8th IA Div. commander; Col. Thomas James, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Div. commander; and battalion commanders from both brigades discussed issues such as the transition of battle space from 4th BCT to the 172nd Inf. Bde. under Col. Jeffery Sinclair, key developments in the area and the cooperation of Coalition forces with IA to remedy criminal issues.

“One of the key pieces we see in the security of Babil Province is establishing sustainable security with Iraqi Security Forces,” said James, of Greenville, S.C. “There is no doubt in my mind we have achieved security and will sustain the security of Babil Province for this foreseeable future because of the great work by the 31st Iraqi Army Brigade.”

“As I mentioned to Colonel James earlier today, this meeting is very important to us,” said Amir. “During our work together, we achieved a lot of goals.”

On their own, the 31st Bde. has accomplished much. They recovered caches, detained noted criminals, and their intelligence tracked sources of funds and weapons to criminal groups.

James said he would like to see a combined operations center formed, so that the IA and CF are connected in executing missions on a daily basis. Currently, the 3rd Battalion, 7th Inf. Regiment and the 31st Bde. are conducting combined targeting meetings.

“We have future plans to execute



Photo by Spc. Sophia R. Lopez

Brig. Gen. Abdul Amir, 31st Bde., 8th IA Div. commander, shows Col. Thomas James, 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, the water bottling plant at the 31st Bde. headquarters following the security meeting in al-Hillah Nov. 11.

more operations, also future plans to open more control bases together,” said Amir. “The Iraqi forces cannot do it by itself. The Coalition forces cannot do it by itself. We have to do it together. Our work together will sustain the security situation and stability in Babil Province.”

The group coordinated their targeting efforts; determined possible threats, assessed those threats and decided how to execute operations based on the available intelligence.

Intelligence shows operations conducted in the 31st Bde.’s area of operation is disrupting the enemy significant-

ly, making it harder for them to work effectively, said the IP intelligence officer. Scattered cells cannot be allowed to regroup; the IPs are gathering more information to share with the 31st Bde. in order to prevent it.

“Overall, the situation is stable. Militia and al-Qaeda are disrupted,” said Maj. Sam Martirosian, intelligence officer for 4th BCT. “I attribute it to a very professional police force and a very professional army force.”

The IA also plans to open more checkpoints. This is something the

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# Local vendors open shop on Victory

Photos by Spc. Josh LeCappelain

(Background) Glasses and bottles await eager patrons at the bazaar near the Victory post exchange, held Nov. 14-16.

(Right) Spc. Cameron McPherson, a signal support specialist from Lincoln, Neb., who serves with the 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, gazes upon figurines at the bazaar in front of the Camp Victory PX Nov. 15.



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people have been asking for, said Lt. Col. Timothy Newsome, 3-7th Inf. Regt. commander. The IA are receptive to the needs of the local population.

“A big step forward was when Fadhil sent out the lieutenant and the 11 IPs that are living at the entrance control point at Patrol Base Kelsey because those IPs now are getting out and patrolling, and the citizens love it. They take it as an indicator of progress forward,” said Newsome, of Homerville, Ga. “They are comfortable talking with Coalition forces, comfortable talking with ... the Iraqi Army, but they are much more comfortable talking and engaging with the IPs who are primarily from their area.”

Local citizens ask for continued patrolling, so they are secure in the feeling the law is being enforced, said Amir.



Photo by Spc. Sophia R. Lopez

Col. Thomas James, 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, Maj. Gen. Fadhil, police chief of Babil Province, and Brig. Gen. Abdul Amir, 31st Bde., 8th IA Div. commander, conduct a security meeting with IP and battalion commanders at the 31st Bde. headquarters in al-Hillah Nov. 11.

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# Soldier finds her rhythm at work and on the Dance Floor

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**CAMP ECHO** – The stress of being deployed in a combat zone can make it hard for Soldiers to find their daily battle rhythm. Sgt. Lacy Dunham is taking action to make sure both her personal and professional life stay ‘in step.’

“When I found out they had salsa night here, I talked to the gym coordinator about starting a class,” said the 25-year-old Dunham.

Dunham works as an imagery analyst for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division intelligence section. The San Diego native’s primary job is to gather images and decipher them, which helps Soldiers make clearer choices on the battlefield.

Her secondary job is the brigade security manager.

“Knowing that I produce something that helps the Soldiers feels good,” she remarked.

It was on one of her previous deployments that the salsa bug first bit Dunham. Sharing a pastime that helps her relax, she now offers both intelligence and fun to fellow Soldiers.

“My first time learning salsa was my first deployment in Camp Doha, Kuwait. I’ve been doing it for seven years, but I just recently started teaching,” she said.

Her first foray into teaching was an



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Burger II

**Sgt. Lacy Dunham takes a photo of Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thomas, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. aviation noncommissioned officer, for her security badge. Dunham is the brigade security manager in addition to her duties as an imagery analyst.**

accident, but she really enjoys it and is now instructing Camp Echo’s salsa class.

Her students are grateful for the chance to escape the normal everyday routines of combat life.

“I think the class is a great idea, especially for Soldiers who want something to do, or they’ve never done it before.

We actually extended the class because we were having so much fun,” said Spc. Maria Paulino, 2nd BCT paralegal.

Dunham’s personal battle rhythm works well for her; and her attention to detail has earned her the respect of her superiors.

“Sergeant Dunham is a very enlightened individual. She will pick up the ‘ball’ and run with it with minimal guidance. She’s one of the shining stars of our intelligence crew. Her school was very difficult to graduate from, and she’s a vital part of the Warhorse team,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ian Holt, fusion intelligence analyst officer-in-charge, and Dunham’s supervisor.

Dunham joined the Army in June 2000 and was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where she deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division. She then moved to Germany and was stationed with the 1st Infantry Div. While there, she deployed to Turkey and Iraq.

She deployed three times for the Air Force and received an Air Force Commendation Medal before changing jobs to an imagery analyst.

While Dunham admits she is no expert at analyzing or salsa, she knows the basics to be successful at both and has found the perfect rhythm to make her deployment as enjoyable as possible.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Burger II

**Dunham instructs Staff Sgt. James Cowell, 2nd BCT Special Troops Battalion, 4th Inf. Div., on the proper turning techniques during her salsa class.**

## Staff Section Round-up

### G-1 Corner: GRE - coming to an ed center near you!

*Multi-National Division – Center, in conjunction with Multi-National Corps – Iraq and the Victory Education Center, is hosting the first available paper based Graduate Record Exam. The cost of the exam is \$170, payable by check or credit card.*

**WHERE:** Victory Education Center

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. Nov. 22.; participants should arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.

**HOW:** Interested Soldiers contact Capt. Douglas Ingold immediately:

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### EO Corner: National American Indian Heritage Month

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CAMP VICTORY – November is National American Indian Heritage Month, and Multi-National Division - Center is celebrating the heritage of many Soldiers here in Iraq and in times past.

“We have a long history of military service,” said Spc. Elizabeth Hust, a Cherokee from Rochester, Minn. “Native Americans volunteered in droves during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Veterans hold a place of honor within my tribe and within the tribes of many other Native American groups.”

Some would think joining the military seems a bit odd after all the history existing between Native American groups and the military. Some groups fought against the military for years, while others suffered persecution by the government until recent decades.

“Most Native Americans will say they're ‘native first, American second,’” said Hust, a Psychological Operations Specialist with Company B, 13th PSYOP

Battalion. “We're proud to protect our homeland. We've been doing so since the inception of the United States.”

To recognize their service and contribution, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution in 1990 designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month. Since then, similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

“During National American Indian Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich ancestry of American Indians and Alaska Natives and recognize their many contributions to our national story,” said President George W. Bush in his National American Indian Heritage Month 2008 Proclamation.

Prior to 1990, there was only an American Indian Day. One of the supporters of this day, Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian and the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. in the early 1900s, persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans,” and for three years, they did. In 1915, the an-

nual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved such a day; and former President Calvin Coolidge issued a proclamation Sept. 28, 1915 declaring the second Saturday of May as American Indian Day.

It wasn't until Bush's joint resolution in 1990 that American Indian Day turned into National American Indian Heritage Month, celebrated in November.

Today, many Native Americans serve seamlessly alongside the other cultures that make up the U.S. military.

“If you look around in the military, you will find there are a lot of Native Americans, but you have to know how to look. Many of us have European Family names and many have not grown up on reservations,” said Hust, who did not grow up on a reservation. “We don't wear feathers, and we don't wear war paints. Many of us have pale skin. We've traded in our moccasins for combat boots; but if you see us walking around in the evening outside of our (rooms), you may just see a pair of moccasins on our feet.”

#### National American Indian Heritage Month Schedule of Events

- **Nov. 19** – Live music at the Coalition Café during dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Nov. 19** – Movie Night showing “Geronimo” on the Area 51 Morale, Welfare and Recreation basketball court at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 22** – American Indian Educational Presentation on the Area 51 MWR basketball court from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 25** – Native American Performance by Mr. Locke on the Victory Stage from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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In honor of National American Indian Heritage Month and to celebrate the rich ancestry of American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Multi-National Division – Center Equal Opportunity office will be asking American Indian trivia questions in the Mountain View from Nov. 17-24. A prize will be awarded to the first person who correctly answers the trivia question.



You must claim your prize in person at the MND-C EO office located in building 51F T12 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily. Only one first place prize may be awarded to an individual during the week.

# Native American Heritage Month Trivia

*Sacajawea carried her infant son on the Lewis and Clark expedition. Into which tribe was she born?*

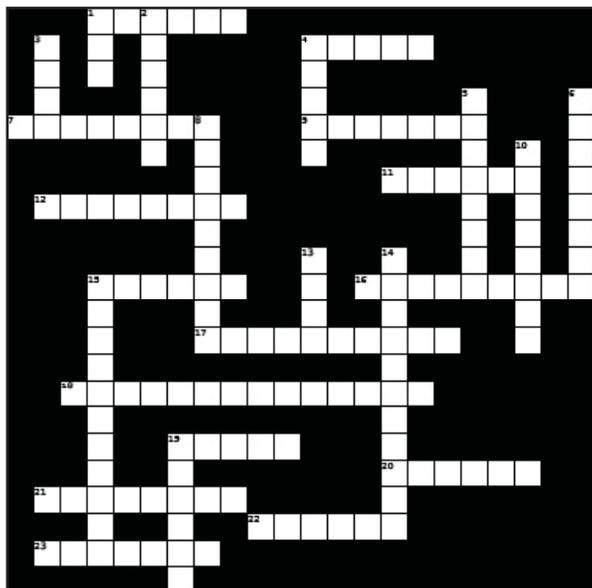
**ACROSS:**

- 1. Common Navajo and Hopi craft metal
- 4. Used with a bow
- 7. Onondaga Chief, famous for co-founding the Iroquois Confederacy
- 9. Beast crucial to survival on the Plains
- 11. Army officer, most famous for defeat
- 12. Shawnee chief who joined with the British during the War of 1812, becoming a brigadier general
- 15. Northwestern staple food
- 16. Vertical carving, mostly seen on the North-

- west coast
- 17. Hopi ceremony
- 18. First woman elected Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- 19. Tribal leader
- 20. Most U.S. Marine World War II "Codetalkers" were of this tribe
- 21. Lakota Sioux word for the Calumet
- 22. Cactus used in American Indian rituals and medicine
- 23. American Indian name for peace pipe

**DOWN:**

- 1. How to address a senior male
- 2. Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, Black Elk and Crazy Horse are all members of this tribe
- 3. English word for a Lakota house
- 4. Southwestern building material
- 5. Home for some in VBC, this place is located near the border of Onondaga and Oneida tribal lands
- 6. Sacajawea's tribe
- 8. Honored people
- 10. This Northeast group's democratic style of government is credited with influencing the framers of the U.S. Constitution
- 13. One of the Algonquian languages
- 14. Tragedy sparked when Black Coyote refused to give up his rifle unless paid fair value for it
- 15. One of the victorious leaders at Little Bighorn
- 19. Used to travel by water



## HOW DO YOU PLAN TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN IRAQ?

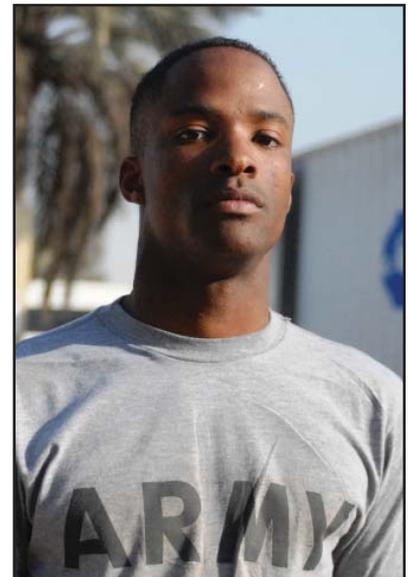


Photo by Master Sgt. Stephen Opet

**"We'll probably be working or waiting to go to work, but I plan on having a turkey dinner at the dining facility,"** said Pfc. Dominic Galloway, of Florence, S.C., Team Hunter, Task Force Vigilant, 10th Mountain Division.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stephen Opet

**"Probably by watching a few movies, playing some video games and sharing pizza with my buddies,"** said Pfc. Andrew Marquez, of Grand Island, Neb., Personal Security Detachment, Division Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division.