

Ramadi Star



Camp Ramadi Command Information Newsletter

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Happy birthday Marines

Marines of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, prepare to carry the birthday cake at a ceremony celebrating the Marine Corps' 233rd birthday at Camp Ramadi, Iraq. Iraqi Police were in attendance and Ramadi Mayor Latif Obaid Iyada al Chulaybawi was the guest of honor at the ceremony. Read more about the Marine's birthday celebration on page 4 (Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy)

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Chaplain's Corner

By Army Lt. Col. Carl Steele
Camp Ramadi Chaplain

A Certain Aura

I love to see him walk. He never
saunters,
For there is always purpose in his
stride,
A buoyant joy in living there – a firm-
ness,
A faith in life that gives him strength
and pride.
He wears a cloak of confidence about him
As dashing as a cape on a knight of old,
And yet his gentle smile belies his vigor –
It is his faith alone that makes him bold.
I love to watch him walk, for there is
something,
About his stride – his smile – his gentle nod
That leads a certain aura to his passing.
You know you've seen a man who walks with
God.

-Author Unknown

How is your walk?



Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

By Army Master Sgt. CathyJo Wings
81stBCT, Camp Ramadi SARC

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jean-
Gilles and I have teamed up to
build an Alpha Roster with the names
of individuals who might be called
upon to respond in the event of a sexual assault here
on Camp Ramadi. We are looking for the mental
health and medical individuals who are trained in
responding to Sexual Assaults. We are also looking
for the Chaplains, Sexual Assault Response Coordi-
nators and Unit Victim Advocates (UVAs) on Camp
Ramadi.

Our goal is to have a list of the assets on Camp
Ramadi in the event of a sexual assault. If you should
be on our list, please provide your information to ei-
ther HM1 Jean-Gilles or myself Master Sgt. CathyJo
Wings. Please note that I have a new DSN number.

If your unit does not have a UVA and would like
to get one trained, please contact either one of us.

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Chapel Services



Sunday

- 0800 Lutheran Worship Service
- 0930 Roman Catholic Mass
- 1100 Contemporary Protestant Service
- 1400 Gospel Service/Lay Leader
- 1830 Traditional Protestant Liturgy with
weekly Communion
- 2000 LDS – Lay Leader
- 2100 Evening Praise

Tuesday

- 1900 AA meeting

Wednesday

- 1900 LDS Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 1900 Gospel Bible Study (Chapel)
- 2000 Gospel Choir rehearsal

Thursday

- 1900 Contemporary Protestant Band Rehearsal
- 2100 Roman Catholic rosary group

Friday

- 1800 Gospel Intercessory Prayer
- 2000 Gospel Choir rehearsal

Saturday

- 0900 Seven Day Adventist Service - Lay Leader
- 1900 Roman Catholic RCIA (Fellowship Hall)
- 1900 Contemporary Protestant Band Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 2100 Roman Catholic Mass

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

By Army Lt. Col. Carl Steele
Camp Ramadi Chaplain

"A lcoholics Anonymous is a worldwide fellowship
of more than one hundred thousand alcoholic
men and women who have banded together to solve
their common problems and to help fellow sufferers in
recovery from that age-old, baffling malady, alcoholism"
(Twelve Steps and Twelve Solutions). It is estimated
that over two million men and women have recovered
through A.A. Whether it is called "Friends of Bill," "Se-
renity in the Sand" or A.A., the focus is the same, to help
men and women overcome their addiction to alcohol.

If you are struggling with your addiction, I want to
invite you to Camp Ramadi A.A. on Tuesday nights
at 1900 in the Camp Ramadi Memorial Chapel (Bldg
2900).

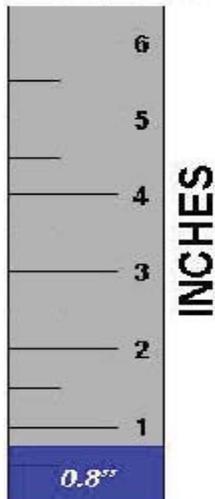


Ar Ramadi, Iraq Climatology (November)



PRECIPITATION

Monthly Mean



Extreme Max: 3.5"
Extreme Min: 0.0"
16-Apr-06

SKY CONDITION



2-4% ≤ 3,000'
10-16% ≤ 10,000'

MONTHLY

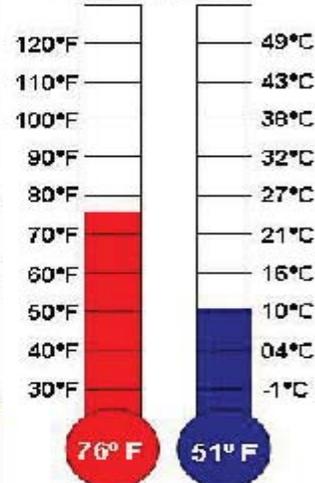
Day(s) with:
Rain: 4
Thunderstorms: 2
RH: 78% (0600C)
RH: 39% (1600C)

WINDS



TEMPERATURE

Monthly Mean



Extreme Max: 95°F/35°C
Extreme Min: 34°F/01°C
16

Visibility (Percentages)

Time (LST)	01	04	07	10	13	16	19	22
7SM	3	3	8	7	4	4	2	4
5SM								
3SM								
0SM								

AVG # Days w/ Dust <.5 Fog 1

- A weak High centered over northwestern Saudi Arabia.
- Troughs migrate through the area, bringing in relatively dust-free air.
- Southeasterly flow ahead of these troughs brings in moisture from the Persian Gulf resulting in morning and isolated thunderstorms and/or rain showers.
- Low-level northwesterly winds contribute to decrease in intensity.
- Gradual increase in precipitation is expected as migratory systems begin to shift southward to allow cold fronts to push through the area.
- Usings below 2.000" occur 20-25 percent of the time.

SAFETY NOTES

By Army Capt. Kasey Vu
Camp Ramadi Safety Officer

Hello all Camp Ramadi tenants!
As everyone can tell, the temperature here has gotten a bit cooler lately, especially at night. As the cold weather arrives, people will begin to pull out their space heaters to warm their sleeping quarters and work areas. While space heaters can make your living and working areas more comfortable, they also increase the potential for fires. I would like to remind everyone that only approved electric space heaters, equipped with automatic tip-over shut off switches, are authorized.

In addition, no combustibles are allowed to be stored within 36 inches of the space heater, and at no time will the space heater be left unattended.

In the event a fire does break out, early detection is key. To this end, an operational smoke detector is an invaluable tool. A working smoke detector adds precious seconds to any evacuation effort. These few seconds could mean the difference between getting out alive, or not getting out at all.

I urge everyone to test the smoke detectors in their living and working areas monthly to make sure they are working properly, and change the battery semiannually. Bring any broken smoke detectors to the Camp Ramadi Fire Department. They will exchange new smoke detectors for your defective ones. The Fire Department can also provide 9-volt batteries for your smoke detectors.

Finally, the Camp Ramadi Fire Department conducts weekly one-hour Fire Warden Training

for anyone who is interested in learning how to detect potential fire hazards in their living and working areas and how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

Currently, each building or structure on this camp is required to have a fire warden assigned to conduct monthly inspections. If your building does not have a fire warden, someone needs to be assigned, and attend this training. It would be prudent to send several people. The more trained people you have on hand, the better off you will be.

The Fire Warden Training is conducted every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the KBR MWR building. The Camp Ramadi Fire Department can be reached at DSN 344-0770 and is located on Warrior Blvd. between Broken Heart Dr. and Wildcat Blvd.

Marines celebrate birthday alongside Iraqi counterparts

By Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy
RCT-1

Founded in a small Philadelphia tavern on Nov. 10, 1775, by order of the Second Continental Congress, the Marine Corps' history books were opened, and today, in Ramadi, Iraq, 2008, the pages are still being written.

Marines of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1 celebrated the Marine Corps' 233rd birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony aboard Camp Ramadi, Nov. 11.

"In three years, five years, 10 years, 20 years, Marines are going to be standing on battlefields we haven't even begun to imagine yet and they're going to pause on Nov. 10 and think back to the legacy you have created here," said Lt. Col. Thad R. Trapp, the commanding officer of 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, speaking to Marines of Company F



Marines ready the cake for 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1's celebration of the Marine Corps' 233rd birthday at Camp Ramadi, Iraq (Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy)



The Color Guard for 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, stands at parade rest during the battalion's celebration of the Marine Corps' 233rd birthday at Camp Ramadi, Iraq (Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy)

and Headquarters and Support Company. "You guys, right now, are laying out history for future generations. You are fulfilling the legacy of the heroes that have fallen before us. You're making your own page in history."

Iraqi Police from Ramadi also attended the ceremony, and the guest of honor was Mayor Latif Obaid Iyada al Chulaybawi, the mayor of Ramadi.

The ceremony opened with a video message by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent presenting the traditional birthday message and was followed by the reading of Gen. John A. Lejeune's historic birthday message.

"When our chapter of history is written, it will be a saga of a selfless generation of Marines who were willing to stand up and fight for our Nation; to defend those who could not defend themselves; to thrive on the hardship and sacrifice expected of an elite warrior class; to march to the sound of the guns; and to ably shoulder the legacy of those Marines who have gone before," Conway said in the taped message.

Latif, shared with everyone in attendance a few words of what it meant to him to be the guest of honor at the ceremony.

"We all came here today to congratulate the Marines on their 233rd birthday and wish them a happy birthday," he said. "I am honored to be the guest of honor at this ceremony."

Traditionally, the guest of honor, the oldest Marine present and the youngest Marine present receive the first pieces of the birthday cake. The first piece is given to the guest of honor and the second piece is passed from the oldest Marine present to the youngest.

The oldest Marine at the ceremony was Sgt. Maj. Jose Santiago, the battalion sergeant major, and the youngest Marine was Pfc. Travis Taylor, an 18-year-old rifleman with Company G, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines.

Two leaders, One common goal

By Army Sgt. Emily Suhr
81stBCT

Col. Ronald Kapral, The base commander for Camp Ramadi, met with Staff Brig. Gen. Adel, the commander of the Iraqi Army's First QRF Brigade, on a separate part of Camp Ramadi known as Camp 'Ali, for the first time Nov. 5 to discuss base security.

Kapral, who took command of Camp Ramadi in early November, opened up a dialogue with Adel to form a plan that would make Camp Ramadi more secure for both the American troops and the Iraqi ones.

Adel and Kapral came to a quick agreement.

"Anything for the security of the base, I'm with you," said Adel.

The meeting was also a chance for the two leaders to get to know each other as they begin a working relationship in Ramadi.

During the meeting, Adel congratulated Kapral and his staff members on the recent presidential election. Kapral, who was serving in



Col. Ronald Kapral, the 81st BCT commander, discusses plans to heighten base security with Iraqi Staff Brig. Gen. Adel (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)

Iraq during the last election as well, was witness to Iraqis getting to vote for their leaders for the first time.

"It was probably the greatest experience from my time here. To see the Iraqis get the opportunity to vote and for them to be so proud of it,"

he said.

Though there were valued moments, the Iraq Kapral saw in 2004 was quite different from the one he sees today. He praised Adel, and people like him, for making the difference in Iraq.



Marines and Soldiers battle it out

Army Sgt. John Peak skirts past his opponents during a flag football game between the Washington Army National Guard's 81st Brigade Combat Team and the Marine Military Transition Team 0110 out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 81stBCT beat the MTT 0110 41-40 (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)

**Camp Ramadi
Memorial Chapel
United through
Reading
Program**



- ~Record a CD for your loved one
- ~Read a book to a child
- ~Wish happy birthday, anniversary or say hello

Walk-ins welcome or e-mail casey.holbrook@us.army.mil to schedule an appointment

Get the most out of AAFES

By Army Spc. Lewis Piper
Photos by Army Sgt. Greg Smith
81stBCT

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service provides troops all over the world with products and services at competitive prices. Find out what type of services AAFES offers on Camp Ramadi.



AAFES Mobile PX

Sgt. Jose Bugarin and Cpl. Adam Zimdars, with Combat Logistics Company 51, Mobile PX Team, are supporting all the units outside the wire who can't make it to Camp Ramadi to pick up supplies. They bring the PX to them. The pair of Marines ensure that everyone is getting the necessities, such as tobacco and cold Monster energy drinks. Additionally, they bring razors, socks, magazines, movies and whatever else they can fit into a conex box. The Mobile PX Team, which has set a record among War Fighter Express Service Teams for this area, goes out every week.



AAFES Post Exchange

The team at the Post Exchange wants to remind everyone of the importance of getting the right converters for your electrical appliances. Just plugging in a laptop or television can result in the electronic being fried. The PX offers an array of different plug adapters, two and three prong, and converters for all your electrical needs. If you are unsure about what you need, someone in the manager's office will be more than willing to help you. Team Leader Carrie Cammel has also ordered 3rd generation ipods, ipod covers, new cameras and movies, which should be in the PX soon. If what you're looking for is not on the shelf, ask in the manager's office if it is an item they can order for you.

AAFES Sponsored Store Exchange New Car Sales

Ian McIlraith, the program manager for Exchange New Car Sales, currently located in the PX, is offering Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen a chance to custom order a new American car. McIlraith will sit down with you and show you all the different options that come with each car. You can then order exactly what you want from the manufacturer. Your custom car will be ready for you when you get home. McIlraith does not work for AAFES, but is working in association with the manufacturers. McIlraith can be reached at encs_kwt@yahoo.com. He also wants you to know that he will soon be opening an office in the concession area.



AAFES Sponsored Store - Alteration Shop

Shop Manager and Graphic Artist, Brix Daguasi, at the Alteration Shop, is offering more than just uniform alterations. While he creates unit patches, guidons, name tapes and ranks, he also does customized patches with just a two-day delivery. As a graphic artist, Daguasi can take your design and turn it into a patch, or he can sit down with you and draw a unique individual design for you.

MEDICAL CORNER

By Lt. Col. Stephen Anderson
81st BCT Surgeon Cell

The fly season is upon us and will get worse. Climatic conditions favor the reproduction of the *Musca domestica* (common housefly) during the cooler winter months here at Camp Ramadi. Flies feed on garbage, excrement or other filth. Each female fly lays from 100 to 200 eggs in the garbage, which the larvae will feed on when hatched. One or more generations per month may be produced.

The Camp Ramadi Preventive Medical Section would like to urge everyone to securely bag their garbage and refuse before throwing it in a dumpster. Making a mess inside of the dumpsters makes a perfect fly breeding ground. In addition, police up any trash around tents or living areas or any place you don't want flies! Also, keeping the dumpster lids closed will help. Please address any questions or requests to the Preventive Medical Section at DSN 344-0375 or the Medical Section at 344-0890.

Camp Ramadi Phone Numbers

Support

Camp Mayor: 344-0986
KBR Operations: 344-0884
Chaplain's Office: 344-0834
Staff Judge Advocate: 344-0918/919
Public Affairs Office: 344-0767
Safety Office: 344-0920

Medical

Sick Call: 344-0376
Combat Stress: 344-0998

Emergency Services

Fire Emergency: 344-0911
Marine Fire Station: 344-0997
KBR Fire Department: 344-0770

Services

Post Office: 344-0522
MCX / PX: 344-0885
Marine Finance: 344-0886
Army Finance: 344-0522

Camp Ramadi Hours of Operations

Sick Call

0900-1000 & 1600-1700 Monday - Friday
1300-1400 Saturday and Sunday
24 Hours / 7 Days for emergencies

Combat Stress

0800-1700 Monday - Saturday

Dining Facility

0530-0800 Breakfast
1130-1400 Lunch
1730-2000 Dinner
2330-0100 Midnight Chow

MCX / PX

0900-2000 Monday - Saturday
1100-1900 Sunday

Green Beans Coffee

24 Hours / 7 Days

Barber Shop

0900-1900 Daily

Subway

0900-2300 Daily

Alteration Shop

0900-1900 Daily

Gift Shop

0900-1900 Daily

AT&T Calling Center

24 Hours / 7 Days

Laundry Facility

0500-1900 Drop Off
24 Hours / 7 Days Pick Up

Post Office

0900-1700 Monday - Friday
0900-1600 Saturday
0900-1200 Sunday

5K Run

NOV. 22

MEET AT 0645 MWR GYM

RUN KICKS OFF AT 0700



Camp Ramadi Legal Office

Legal Assistance walk-in hours
(bldg 2250):

Tuesdays: 0900-1200

Thursdays: 1300-1630 and 1800-2000

Fridays: 0900-1200

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Photo by Army Sgt. Greg Smith

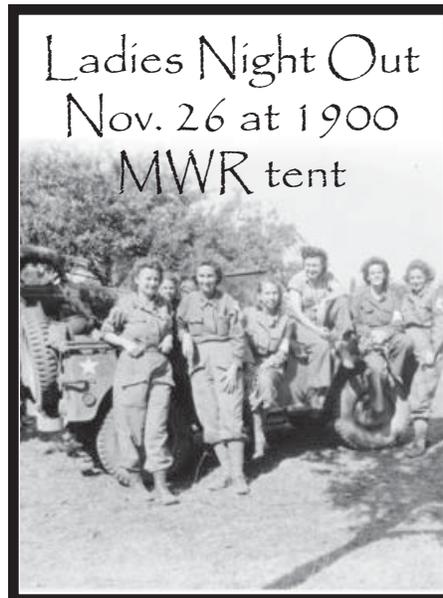
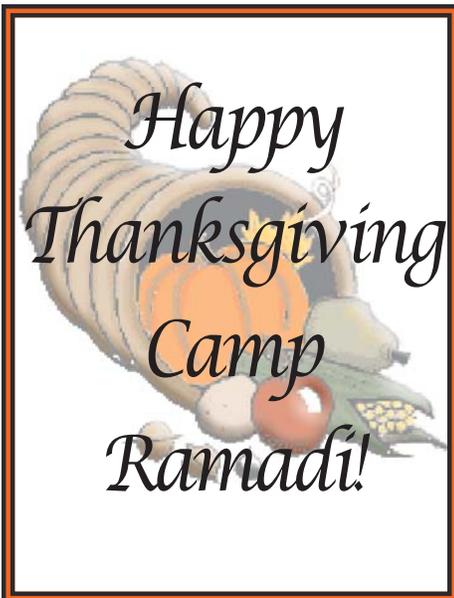
Ramadi's Finest

By Army Spc. Lewis Piper
81stBCT

The crew at the Camp Ramadi Fire and Emergency Service station, otherwise known as the Dog Pound, wants to welcome all new arrivals to Camp Ramadi and remind everyone of the importance of working smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire prevention.

The last couple fires at Camp Ramadi have started at electrical outlets, so it is important that everyone inspect their smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. The Fire Department is currently doing a one-for-one exchange with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers at the Dog Pound. Additionally, they will check to ensure they are working and give out batteries for the detectors. They are also giving classes every Saturday, at 2:30 p.m., at the Dog Pound on fire extinguishers and becoming a fire warden.

Lastly, to keep the fire department from visiting you, it is extremely important not to daisy chain power cords, keep your areas clear of trash and never smoke in the tents. For any questions, contact Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Welch at DSN 344-0770.



Ladies Night Out
Nov. 26 at 1900
MWR tent

If you could have any entertainer visit Camp Ramadi for an MWR tour, who would you invite?



Pfc. Aaron Arias-Vales, B battery, Field Artillery 158th Fires Brigade from Canton, Okla.

“Jeff Dunham. I think he is pretty funny and it would help morale. He’s a ventriloquist. The voices, and animations he does with the puppets would be pretty funny.”



Lance Cpl. David Warren, A battery, 1st-battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Regiment, from Memphis, Tenn. now calling Honolulu home

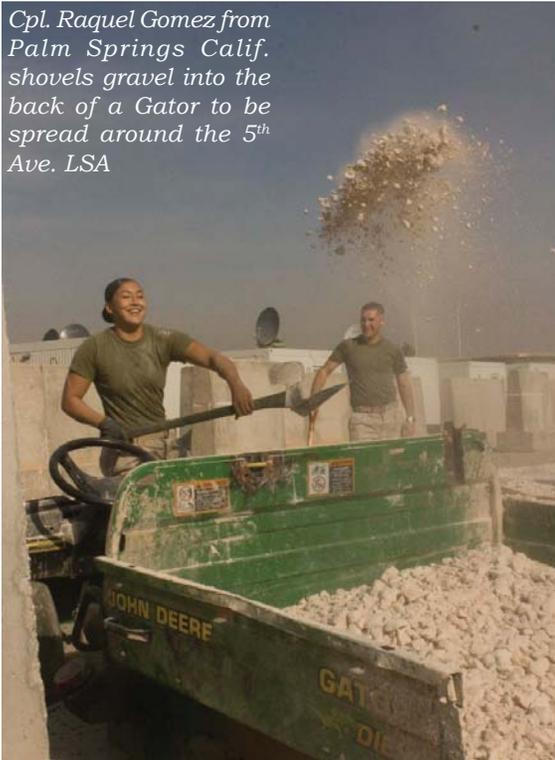
“Three Doors Down. I saw them play at Bay Fest, and they are my wife and my favorite band. Most of 1-12th saw them at Bay Fest and really liked them.”



Maryellen Bunn, KBR Morale, Welfare and Recreation technician

“Brad Paisly. He’s really a down-to-earth guy, he definitely supports the troops and he’d put on a great show. They’d absolutely love it, I would love it too.”

Cpl. Raquel Gomez from Palm Springs Calif. shovels gravel into the back of a Gator to be spread around the 5th Ave. LSA



Petty Officer Ian Stephens from Los Angeles Calif. loads up gravel to be spread around the 5th Ave. LSA

RCT-1 diggin' in and workin' hard

(All photos by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)

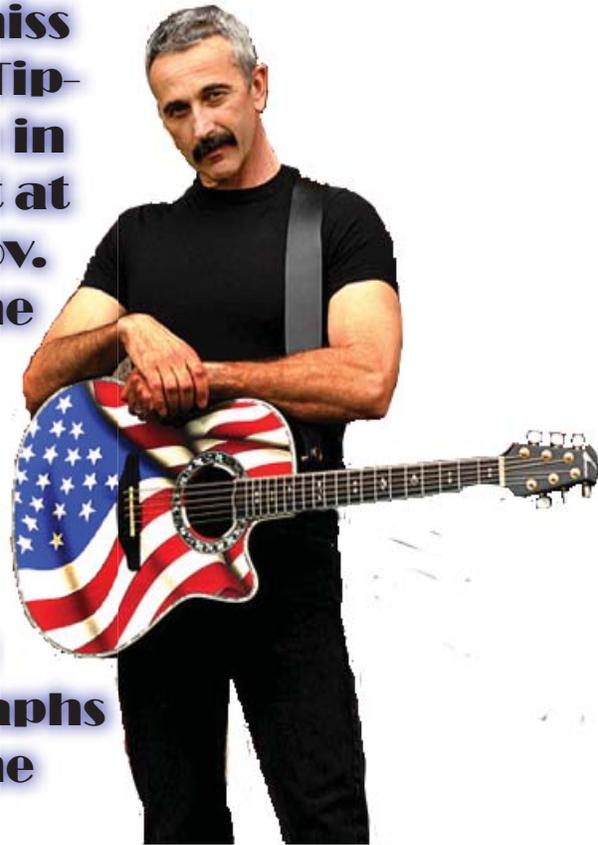


Cpl. Alexander Romero, Petty Officer Bryan Nguyen and Petty Officer Ian Stephens fill a wheel-barrow with gravel

TURKEY BOWL
2008

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
 Sign your team up at MWR by Nov. 23 (16 teams)
 Tournament begins Nov. 24
 Semi-finals and final game will be played on Thanksgiving day (Nov. 27)

Don't miss Aaron Tippin live in concert at 1900 Nov. 26 at the Green Bean stage! He will be signing autographs after the show.



ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The following rankings were compiled by the MMAnews.com web team on Nov. 10, 2008. Any fights beyond that date are not taken into account in the below lists.

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| LIGHT WEIGHT DIVISION
(155 LBS.) | MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION
(185 LBS.) |
| 1. B.J. Penn | 1. Anderson Silva |
| 2. Shinya Aoki | 2. Dan Henderson |
| 3. Eddie Alvarez | 3. Rich Franklin |
| 4. Joachim Hansen | 4. Yushin Okami |
| 5. Gesias Calvancante | 5. Gegard Mousasi |
| 6. Takanori Gomi | 6. Kazuo Misaki |
| 7. Josh Thomson | 7. Nate Marquardt |
| 8. Tatsuya Kawajiri | 8. Paulo Filho |
| 9. Vitor Ribeiro | 9. Yoshihiro Akiyama |
| 10. Mitsuhiro Ishida | 10. Robbie Lawler |
| HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION
(up to 265 LBS.) | POUND FOR POUND
(No Limit) |
| 1. Fedor Emelianenko | 1. Fedor Emelianenko |
| 2. Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira | 2. Anderson Silva |
| 3. Andrei Arlovski | 3. Georges St. Pierre |
| 4. Josh Barnett | 4. B.J. Penn |
| 5. Randy Couture | 5. Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira |
| 6. Tim Sylvia | 6. Kid Yamamoto |
| 7. Fabricio Werdum | 7. Miguel Torres |
| 8. Aleksander Emelianenko | 8. Urijah Faber |
| 9. Sergei Kharitonov | 9. Lyoto Machida |
| 10. Gabriel Gonzaga | 10. Dan Henderson |

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