

Ramadi Star



Camp Ramadi Command Information Newsletter

DECEMBER 28, 2008



Marines from 1st battalion, 12th Marine Regiment spread holiday cheer to Camp Ramadi, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, 2008. Several Marines drove around camp all day, in decorated military vehicles playing holiday music, passing out candy and smiles to everyone they passed. (photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)

Tis the season to be jolly: 12th Marines spread Holiday cheer

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Ar Ramadi, Iraq Climatology (January)



PRECIPITATION Monthly Mean



Extreme Max: 2.4"
Extreme Min: 0.0"
16-Apr-06

SKY CONDITION

D10-15%, N5% ≤ 3,000'
D25-30%, N15% ≤ 10,000'

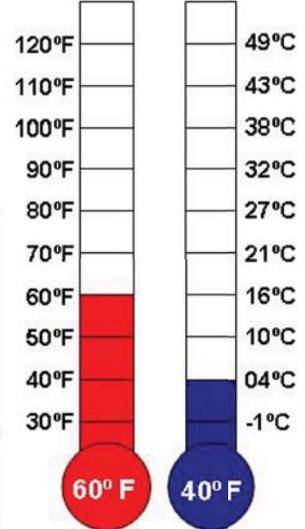
MONTHLY

Day(s) with:
Rain
6
Thunderstorms
1
RH: 88% (0600C)
RH: 54% (1500C)

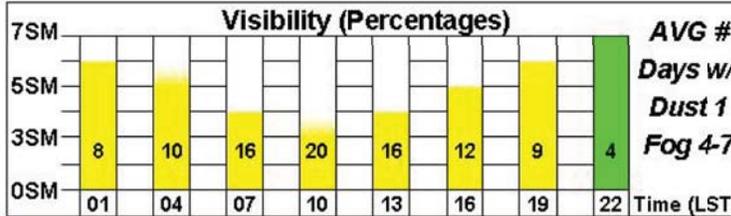
WINDS

Max Gust 35 KT

TEMPERATURE Monthly Mean



Extreme Max: 79°F/26°C
Extreme Min: 16°F/-09°C
20



- A weak High centered over northwestern Saudi Arabia is reinforced by migratory highs, as migratory lows and troughs impact the region every 3-5 days with short periods of precipitation and occasional dust storms.
- Greatest occurrence of low visibility with nocturnal and morning fog in the Euphrates River Valley.
- Low-level wind primarily northwesterly, but will vary with the synoptic situation.
- Two (2) types of Shamals during this period: 24-36 hr and 3-5 day (avg. max 35kt).
- Ceilings below 25,000' occur 25-35 percent of the time.

SAFETY NOTES

By Army Capt. Kasey Vu
Camp Ramadi Safety Officer

Hello Tenants of Camp Ramadi!
I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ken Curry and I are happy to report that there have been no major safety-related incidents for the month of December! With the condition of the camp as it is, we know the lack of mishaps is not happenstance, but rather the direct result of everyone's efforts to increase the safety of this camp. While this is good news, we cannot become complacent, but must constantly maintain our vigilance. Remember, one death or serious injury due to an unsafe act is one too many.

As many of you are aware, electrical and fire inspectors from Task Force SAFE have been conducting inspections of the facilities on this

camp for the past several weeks. They have completed approximately one-third of the total initial inspections. They will continue with the inspections until they are completed; then they will return for re-inspections. As you can see, TF SAFE inspectors will be at Camp Ramadi for the foreseeable future. Remember, the inspectors are not here to burden or inconvenience us, but rather help us by identifying electrical and fire safety hazards so we can get them fixed. I ask that each tenant unit on this camp cooperate and assist in this effort.

One tip I would like to pass along to help minimize the disruption in your operations during the TF SAFE inspections and subsequent remedial actions is to identify and appoint a single person from your unit as the point of contact for your facilities. I recommend your Unit Fire Warden be this person. Having one person from your unit assigned to head up and

coordinate this effort would ensure the required work orders are submitted, the deficiencies are corrected and nothing gets dropped.

As always, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Curry and I are available if you have any questions or issues. Our contact information is as follows:

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Continue to integrate safety into your everyday activities and operations. Have a safe and productive month!

Ramadi Marines get Christmas surprise

By Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy
RCT-1

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, serving throughout Ramadi, Iraq expected very little on Christmas Day.

Thanks to their battalion commander and a generous group of people who make up the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State their expectations were upturned.

Lt. Col. Thad R. Trapp, the battalion commander of 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, made stops at his battalion's forward operating bases, combat outposts and outposts, and handed out gifts donated by the BDS.

Trapp showed his Christmas spirit by wearing a Santa Claus hat as he told his Marines that he was proud of them and proud to serve with them in Iraq.

"I wish there was more that I can do for you today but I can promise you a plane ticket home in a few months," Trapp said to a group of Marines opening the presents. "Make sure to call your families today and keep doing the great job you're doing."

Cpl. Mike J. Nygaard, a 23-year-old sergeant of the guard at OP International in Ramadi, from Fort Myers, Fla., with Company E, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, said it meant a lot to him and his Marines that people back home took time out of their busy holiday schedules to put together the packages and send them overseas.

"It's encouraging. We greatly appreciate the overwhelming support for us by the folks back home. It's what keeps us going over here," Nygaard said. "The



Marines of Company W, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, RCT-1, open presents given to the battalion by Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2008. (Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy)

fact that people take the time out of their day to send packages to us during the holidays means a lot."

The packages included DVDs, hot chocolate, knife sets, candy and other various Christmas items. The Marines seemed glad to have the opportunity to experience their own Christmas in Iraq.

"We weren't expecting this at all. We kind of just figured that it would just be another day in Iraq, waking up and going on post," said Lance Cpl. Joe M. Gonzales, an amphibious assault crewman from Lodi, Calif., with Company G, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines. "But it does add to our Christmas out here and it's nice to know that people back home still care about us over here."



II MEF CG visits Camp Ramadi

Col. Ronald Kapral, the commander of Camp Ramadi and the 81st Brigade Combat Team, Washington Army National Guard, walks with the II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) Commanding General Maj. Gen. Richard T. Tryon at Camp Ramadi, Iraq Dec. 12, 2008. Tryon is scheduled to replace Maj. Gen. John F. Kelly, the commanding general for I MEF, after the New Year. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



Wash. Congressmen Brian Baird spends the day with troops

Congressman Brian Baird from Washington's third congressional district talks with Marine Pfc. Kevin Coombs, a machine gunner with 2/9 Marines from Tacoma Wash., during his visit to Camp Ramadi Dec. 7, 2008. Baird made stops at several bases in Iraq and Afghanistan during his trip. (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Soldiers from 1-158th FA gather to decorate the battalion tree and socialize Dec. 6, 2008. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Lima)



Capt. David Peyok, from 1-158th FA, strings up some Christmas lights in the battalion common area Dec. 6, 2008. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Lima)

Camp Ramadi Celebrations



Marryellen Bunn, a KBR Morale, Welfare and Recreation technician, hands out presents and cheer Dec. 23, 2008 outside the Camp Ramadi chow hall. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



Mary, played by Marguerite Amon, and Joseph, played by Jim Knight, hold up 'baby Jesus' before the three wise men and angels during the Camp Ramadi Christmas Pageant Dec. 22, 2008 at the Ramadi Chapel. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



Master Sgt. CathyJo Wings, playing the angel Gabriel, guides 'shepherds' Lt. Col. Carl Steele and Capt. Billy Elkins, to baby Jesus in the Camp Ramadi Christmas Pageant Dec. 23, 2008 at the Ramadi Chapel. (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Marines from 1/12th Marines spread holiday cheer to Camp Ramadi Dec. 25, 2008. Several Marines drove around camp all day, in decorated military vehicles playing holiday music, passing out candy and smiles to everyone they passed. (photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



The intermediate care bay at Ramadi Surgical was filled to capacity during a mass casualty drill conducted Dec. 18, 2008. Several units from around Camp Ramadi participated in the training event. (Photo by Lt. Col. Stephen Anderson)

Who to call in case of emergency

In case of fire, call: 344-0911

If you have general questions about fire safety, extinguishers, smoke alarms or fire warden training, call 344-0770

For medical emergencies, call: 344-0376

If you find an unexploded ordnance, or for any other emergency, call the Ramadi Operations Center:

VOIP: 696-5966/5967

DSN: 344-0696/0179

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 Legal Office

Legal Assistance (bldg 2250)

Walk-in hours Thurs: 0900-1200 & 1300-1700

To make an appointment for another time contact: Staff Sgt. Keeley Weeks, NCOIC, Keeley.weeks@us.army.mil or Keely.weeks@ar.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil. DSN number 318-344-0919.



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

Suspect in death of Iraqi policeman detained

Marines, Iraqi Police visit family

By Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy
RCT-1

The family of a slain Iraqi policeman welcomed Marines of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, and Iraqi police into their home in Jazeera, Iraq, Dec. 11.

The Marines and policemen visited the family of Capt. Ali Rezaij, who was killed when an insurgent detonated a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device Nov. 13, to express their gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

Capt. Rezaij responded to the early-morning VBIED report despite getting little rest the night prior when he was assisting an elderly woman to the hospital. At the scene, he cordoned off the area around the device to prevent the loss of innocent lives.

"Capt. Ali (Rezaij) worked very hard into the night and he still performed his duties," said Lt. Col. Hathim Abdullah, the chief of police at Huriyah police station. "His actions serve as an example for other IPs to live by."

Upon learning of the death of Capt. Rezaij, Abdullah said he and other officials decided they would not lie to rest Capt. Rezaij's body until the insurgent who planted and detonated the VBIED was captured.

"For the first time in Ramadi, we caught the person who planted and



Capt. Brian J. O'Shea, the company commander of Co. E, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, RCT-1, speaks with the father and uncle of slain Iraqi Policeman Capt. Ali Rezaij, at their home in Jazeera, Iraq, Dec. 11, 2008. The Marines brought gifts for the family to help them through the winter months. (Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Jerry Murphy)

detonated this IED without the help of Coalition forces," Abdullah said. "We figured out how to use evidence and the best way to find him and after just five hours, he was captured and detained."

Rezaij's father said the family is thankful for the swift capture of the insurgent who murdered his son. And although the family is torn over what happened to their loved one, they expressed their confidence in the professionalism of the Iraqi police.

"My son loved his job and sacrificed his life to help the innocent people of Iraq. The police did a wonderful job of tracking down and capturing the insurgent who did

this to my son," Rezaij said. "These terrorists claim that their enemy is the Coalition forces but they are liars. The truth is that they will target anyone, anywhere; Coalition forces, (Iraqi) police, (Iraqi) army, innocents and even their own people. They must pay for what they have done."

Marines of Company E ended the visit by presenting the family with gifts including generators, heaters, blankets, toys and soccer balls.

"We want to thank you and the Iraqi police for coming here today to visit with us," said Rezaij, speaking to Capt. Brian J. O'Shea, the company commander of Company E, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines. "You are welcome at our house any time."



HELP US MAKE THE RAMADI STAR BETTER!

What type of things is your unit doing? We want to know! Send your stories, story ideas and/or photographs to emily.suhr@ar.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil by the 23rd of each month.

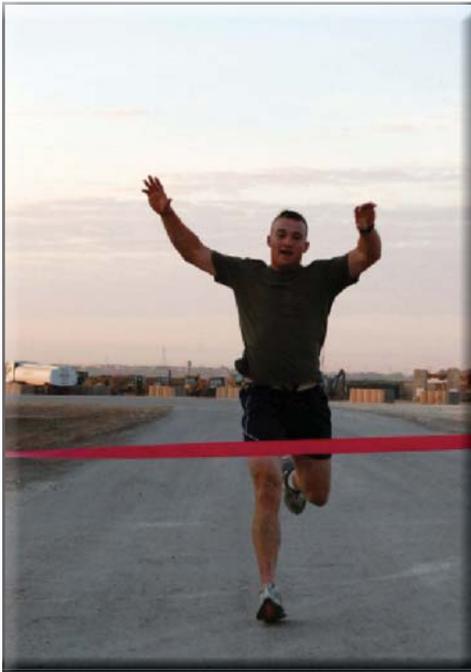
Photographs need to be in a JPEG or TIFF format. Please include a Microsoft Word document identifying who is in the photo (Identification = full name, rank, unit, duty position and hometown), what they are doing, when and where.

Don't forget to tell us who took the photos and/or who wrote the story!



New 5K time to beat - 16:08

Marine Cpl. Sean Dixon with 2/9 Marines beat out 63 other Marines, Soldiers and Sailors from across Camp Ramadi to become the new 5K champion Dec. 20, 2008 during the MWR-sponsored "Jingle" run. Dixon finished in 16:08, followed by last month's champion, Army Sgt. Tobais Suhr from 81st BCT, who finished in 17:40, and Army Lt. Col. James North, also from 81st BCT, who took third with 18:08. (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Army Master Sgt. Misty Norris from 194th MP Co. accepts an MWR coin and a \$20 AAFES gift certificate after placing first in the ladies division during the MWR-sponsored 5K "Jingle" run Dec. 20, 2008. Norris finished the race in 22:40, followed by Army Spc. Dara Loga with the 81st BCT, who finished in 23:35, and Army Spc. Kimberly Kaumavae from 120th FSC, who took third with 24:18. (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Marine Sgt. Anthony Ward (dressed in the Santa suit) and 1st Lt. Philip Vrska (in the Christmas package), both from 2/9 Marines, bring some holiday cheer while running in the MWR-sponsored 5K "Jingle" run Dec. 20, 2008. While the festive pair didn't place, they did complete the entire run in costume. (Photo by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr)

January 5K Run

JAN. 11 MEET AT 0645
MWR GYM
RUN KICKS OFF AT
0700



MEDICAL CORNER

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

Winter Dehydration:

Cold weather can actually *increase* your risk of dehydration. People just don't feel as thirsty when the weather is cold. When they don't feel thirsty, they don't drink as much, and this can lead to dehydration. Ensuring you stay hydrated and paying close attention to a few important body signals can help prevent dehydration this season.

Remember, we are almost one liter low on fluids when we wake up in the morning. We have just had a number of hours with no fluid intake. We lose fluids while we sleep too, through metabolism, water vapor loss via respiration and in sweat. If you don't hydrate before your morning run, you are starting your run "a quart low". Drink at least eight to 10 glasses of water a day, more if performing hard work, exercise or working in a warmer environment. Soda, coffee and energy drinks are not good fluid replacements.

Mild to moderate symptoms of dehydration:

- Muscle weakness
- Headache
- Dizziness or Light-headedness
- Dark colored urine
- Dry mouth, thirst

Severe symptoms (a medical emergency) of dehydration:

- Extreme thirst
- Irritability and confusion in adults
- Very dry mouth, skin, and mucous membranes
- Lack of sweating
- Little or no urination -- any urine that is produced will be dark yellow or amber
- Sunken eyes
- Shriveled and dry skin
- Rapid heartbeat
- Fever

Why walk when you can ride?



There are four buses running two routes on Camp Ramadi. The bus is scheduled to arrive at each stop every 15 minutes. There are 17 stops all together



Sgt. 1st Class Mickey Kearney tags Staff Sgt. Ryan O'Leary with the ball during softball practice Dec. 20, 2008. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)

2009 Winter Softball League, Sign up today!

Target start date: Jan. 19, 2009

Point of contact : Staff Sgt. Derrick Grasty
Derrick.Grasty@ar.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil



Marines with Combat Logistics Company 51 line up for their turn at-bat during a softball game Dec. 20, 2008. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



Army Spc. Brian Mason from 1-158th FA, performs an iris scan on a temporary worker Dec. 24, 2008 on Camp Ramadi, Iraq. The information is entered into the BATS before workers are issued badges. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)

Ramadi enhances security through badge policy

*By Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier
81st BCT*

The updated Camp Ramadi Access Control Policy went into effect Dec. 4, 2008. The intent of the new policy is to improve the security of the camp by maintaining full accountability of temporary workers.

The most important change concerns the process of badging temporary, or day, workers. The Temporary Badging Policy now consists of a one-for-one exchange. These workers must turn in their Jensia identification card in exchange for a no photo, red and yellow striped, temporary visitor badge.

The new system has enabled the Base Defense Operations Center, run by 1-158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Fires Brigade, to have control and accountability of local nationals entering Camp Ramadi. The BDOC knows how many enter

Camp Ramadi and how many leave on a daily basis. These numbers are provided to the Ramadi Operations Center each evening.

"These are badges that are issued out for day use only. They are not to be used over night," said Lt. Col. James North, the 81st Brigade Combat Team intelligence officer who headed up the revamping of the badging process. "There is complete control on them on a daily basis. Col. Kapral [The base commander] wanted us to create a system where on any given day he knew how many workers came onto the post and how many left at night. So if 55 temporary badges were issued out in the morning, then he wanted to know at night that 55 were returned. So we established a badge exchange program."

"These are your temporary workers; typically they're not going to be working here for a long time. Usually it is a couple of weeks or so. If they are going to remain on Camp Ramadi for any length of time, they would have to apply for a permanent badge," said North. "Staff Sgt. Daniel Lostotter was instrumental in rewriting the new policy. He worked for Col. Kapral, with the 1-303rd Cav. in 2004 at Camp Victory, Iraq and knew exactly what he wanted."

Part of the overall badging process involves the Human Intelligence Support Team-15, a group of civilian contractors that screen applicants and enroll them in BATS (Biometric Automated Toolset System). They provide recommendations to the badging office on whether workers should be badged.

Contractors must ensure their workers with temporary badges are off Camp Ramadi by 6:00 p.m., every evening. If they have two occasions where their workers are not off by 6:00 p.m., their workers will no longer be issued temporary badges.

If anyone has questions concerning the new policy they can contact Lt. Col. James North at DSN: 344-0685 or SVoIP: 696-5046.

What is your New Year's Resolution?



Army Spc. Michael Smith, with 1-158th FA, from Sayre, Okla.

"My new year's resolution is to beat the box on the 5K." (The "box" is Marine 1st Lt. Philip Vrska from 2/9 Marines who ran the Jingle 5K this month dressed as a giant Christmas package.)



Marine Lance Cpl. Ivan Starr, a motor transport mechanic with 2/9 Marines, from Oglala, S.D.

"Keeping a positive attitude throughout the whole year and to better myself."



Army Spc. Ric Narvais, a wheeled mechanic with 120th FSC, from Tuttle, Okla.

"I'm going to max my PT test and get me a promotion."

Chaplain's Corner

By Army Lt. Col. Carl Steele
Camp Ramadi Chaplain

The New Year is here and it's time for all the great things you're planning for next year to take shape. Many of us begin each year with a list of the things we plan to accomplish, such as lose weight, exercise, learn a language, play an instrument or travel to great places. Now that you can mark off traveling to a great place, what will you do next?



People make resolutions because they want to be better than they are. If you were to stop and think about who you are, what might you change? Some of us are going home soon, while others have some time before we leave. The Psalmist tells us in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

Emergency Chaplain

Services are available 24/7

To get a hold of the on-call chaplain call 3440-835 or 3440-652 from any DSN.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

By Army Lt. Col. Carl Steele
Camp Ramadi Chaplain

Alcoholics 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," "Serenity 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 7:00 in the Camp Ramadi Memorial Chapel (Bldg 2900).

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

Chapel Services



Sunday

- 0930 Roman Catholic Mass
- 1100 Contemporary Protestant Service
- 1400 Gospel Service/Lay Leader
- 1600 Contemporary Worship Service
- 1830 Traditional Protestant Liturgy with weekly Communion
- 2000 LDS – Lay Leader
- 2100 Evening Praise

Monday

- 1930 Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

- 1900 Iron on Iron Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 1900 AA meeting (Chapel)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 1900 Contemporary Protestant Band Rehearsal
- 1900 Promise Keeper Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 2100 Roman Catholic Rosary Group

Friday

- 1300 Muslim Service "Juma'a" prayer
- 1900 Gospel Intercessory Prayer
- 2000 Gospel Choir rehearsal

Saturday

- 1500 The Truth Project (Fellowship Hall)
- 1900 Roman Catholic RCIA (Fellowship Hall)
- 1900 Contemporary Protestant Band Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 2100 Roman Catholic Mass



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Santa's gets a little help from Marines, Soldiers

Christmas came early for many deployed service-members at Camp Ramadi. Marines, Soldiers and Sailors from across base sort through hundreds of packages delivered Dec. 12, 2008. It took mail clerks from 24 units about five hours to sort through the 13 conexes delivered. (Photos by Army Sgt. Emily Suhr and Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)



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GUEST ROOM RATES

| Room Type | Category #1 | Category #2 | Category #3 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>(1 October 2008 - 30 September 2009)</i> | | | |
| Standard Room | \$ 93.00 | \$117.00 | \$125.00 |
| Poolside Room | \$103.00 | \$127.00 | \$135.00 |
| Family Jr. Suite | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| Family Suite | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | \$275.00 |
| <i>(1 October 2009 - 30 September 2010)</i> | | | |
| Standard Room | \$ 95.00 | \$123.00 | \$131.00 |
| Poolside Room | \$105.00 | \$133.00 | \$141.00 |
| Family Jr. Suite | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| Family Suite | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | \$275.00 |

CATEGORY 1: E-1 through E-5 (E-1 thru E-5 Sponsor and dependents will receive the rate that applies to Category #1. Any additional sponsored rooms will receive the rate that applies to Category #2)

CATEGORY 2: E-6 through E-9, O-1 through O-3, WO-1 to CW-3, Widows, Medal of Honor Recipients, 100% Disabled Veterans, Cadets and Category 1 sponsored rooms (see above).

CATEGORY 3: O-4 through O-10, CW-4 and CW-5, Active and Retired Department of Defense Civilians, Foreign Military assigned to a U.S. military installation only, DoD Contractors assigned to a U.S. Military installation only.

Room rates are subject to pay grade and party size verification upon check-in. Upon check-in, a valid military I.D. or DoD I.D. and LES is required. Sponsored guests must be accompanied by the Military DoD sponsor at check-in and throughout the stay. Above rates are based on two adults occupying a standard/poolside room and four adults occupying the suites. Add \$15.00 per additional adult, 18 years or older. For single occupancy, subtract \$2.00 from the above rates. Maximum number of rooms per sponsor is three. Maximum occupancy for standard and poolside rooms is 5, junior suites is 6, and suites is 8. Military sponsors should not reserve additional rooms under their name for other eligible military/DOD sponsors. Reservations are not transferable. A room reserved with multiple sponsors will be reserved based on the highest-ranking person.

Please note: As operating costs increase, guest room rates are subject to change without notice.

SHADES OF GREEN IS A SMOKE-FREE RESORT

This month in history

January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the Declaration of the United Nations, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship. .

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the entire lower 48 states.

January 8, 1815 - The Battle of New Orleans occurred as General Andrew Jackson and American troops defended against a British attack, inflicting over 2,000 casualties. Both sides in this battle were unaware that peace had been declared two weeks earlier with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812.

January 16, 1991 - The war against Iraq began as Allied aircraft conducted a major raid against Iraqi air defenses. The raid on Baghdad was broadcast live to a global audience by CNN correspondents as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

January 23, 1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America's first woman doctor.

January 24, 1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of the precious metal near Colomar during construction of a Sutter's sawmill.

January 24, 1965 - Winston Churchill (1874-1965) died. He had been Britain's wartime prime minister whose courageous leadership and defiant rhetoric had fortified the English during their long struggle against Hitler's Germany. "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat," he stated upon becoming prime minister at the beginning of the war.

January 25, 1959 - An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, flying from California to New York.

January 27, 1945 - The Soviet army liberated Auschwitz death camp near Krakow in Poland, where the Nazis had systematically murdered an estimated 2,000,000 persons, including 1,500,000 Jews.

January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris. The U.S. agreed to remove all remaining troops within 60 days thus ending the longest war in American history. Over 58,000 Americans had been killed, 300,000 wounded and 2,500 declared missing. A total of 566 prisoners of war had been held by the North Vietnamese during the war, with 55 reported deaths.

January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

January 28, 1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven persons, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 30, 1933 - Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany and went on to become the sole leader of Nazi Germany. He then waged a war of expansion in Europe, precipitating the deaths of an estimated 50 million persons through military conflict and through the Holocaust in which the Nazis attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe.

January 30, 1948 - Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in New Delhi, India, by a religious fanatic. Gandhi had ended British rule in India through nonviolent resistance.

Level: Medium

Sudoku

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By 1LT Joseph Cluever

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Top row: Petty Officer 3rd Class Pawel Kulikowski, Petty Officer 1st Class Phillip Jean-Gilles, Staff Sgt. Keeley Weeks, Capt. Kevin Loberg, and Capt. Mark Todd. Bottom Row: 2nd Lt. Julie Scott, Kelli Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Claudine Vokart, Capt. Charles Betts, Capt. David Peyok, and Master Sgt. CathyJo Wings. (Photo by Army Sgt. Amanda Gauthier)

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



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

Camp Ramadi has thirteen new Unit Victim Advocates.

1-158th Field Artillery: Capt. Charles Betts, Capt. David Peyok, Capt. Mark Todd

2/9 Marines: Petty Officer 2nd Class Ayanfemi Ayanwale, Gunnery Sgt. Harry Taylor

81st BCT: Capt. Kevin Loberg

CLB-5: Staff Sgt. Francisco Munoz, 2nd Lt. Julie Scott, Petty Officer 1st Class Claudine Vokart

Dept. of State: Kelli Cook

NMCB-7: Petty Officer 1st Class Jacqueline Gifford

RCT-1: Staff Sgt. Lipato Masauko, Petty Officer 3rd Class Pawel Kulikowski.

Petty Officer 1st Class Phillip Jean-Gilles and Master Sgt. CathyJo Wings facilitated the training. A special "thank you" goes out to our guest speakers: Lt. Cmdr. Dora Reid, Staff Sgt. Keeley Weeks and Capt. Brian Lanier. **STAND UP AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT...MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



CAMP RAMADI PHOTOS ARE NOW POSTED

We are now posting Camp Ramadi photographs on NIPR. Please copy the following link into "Run" under the start menu to view photos from the Christmas Pageant, 5K Jingle run and more.

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We will continue to update this folder with new photographs of Camp Ramadi and encourage you to submit your photos for posting.

New Year's Eve Concert

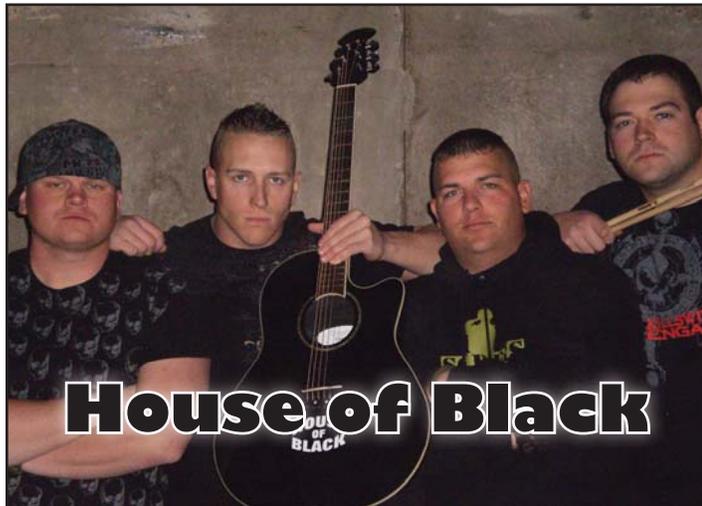
Come see some of Camp Ramadi's most talented Dec. 31, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Green Beans Stage



The Ravens



Undiscovered



House of Black

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Solution to this month's puzzle

| Solution | | | | | | | | |
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