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## Iraqi Soldiers train on detainee operations



Photo by Sgt. Rodney Foliente

Staff Sgt. Robert Roady, Camp Echo's detainee control point NCOIC, ensures handcuffs are not too tight during detainee operations training at the 8th IA Div. headquarters recently.

**SGT. RODNEY FOLIENTE**  
2ND BCT, 4TH INF. DIV.



CAMP ECHO – Military Police of Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conducted detainee operations training for Soldiers from 8th Iraqi Army Div., at the Iraqi division's headquarters recently.

The class, a refresher course for some of the Iraqi Soldiers and initial training for others, was an effort to bring them all to the same level so they can train their fellow troops.

"The purpose of today's training was to provide the Iraqis with basic detainee operations training," said Staff Sgt. Robert Roady, Camp Echo's detainee control point non-

commissioned officer-in-charge, with HHC, STB. "With the change in the (Security) Agreement, the Iraqis now have the primary responsibility for handling detainees captured during military operations. My job is to train them to make sure they safely, securely and humanely handle all aspects of processing the detainees."

"The (Iraqi Army) seems to be coming a long way from when I started working with them," said Roady, a Roseburg, Ore. resident. "They definitely seem like they are committed to going out there and making a difference."

"It's very important training, learning how to properly capture

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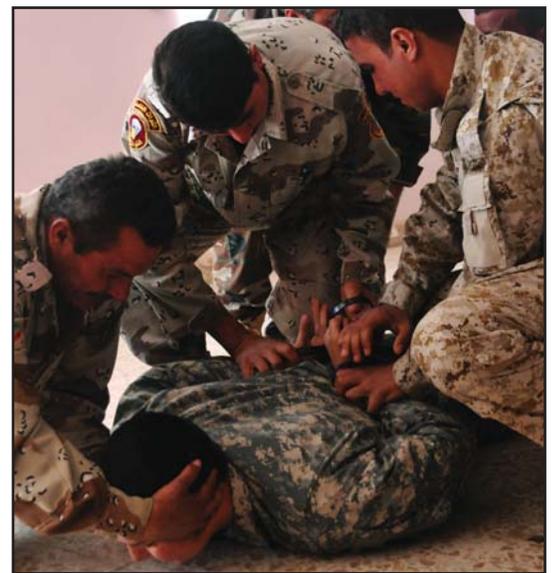


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Soldiers from the 8th IA Div. subdue and place flexi-cuffs on Pvt. Tony Steward, an MP with the detainee control point, HHC, STB, during detainee operations training at the 8th IA Div. HQ recently. Steward hails from Fort Worth, Texas.



Photo by Sgt. Rodney Foliente

Staff Sgt. Robert Roady (right), Camp Echo's detainee control point NCOIC, and Pvt. Tony Steward, MP, both with HHC, STB, demonstrate handcuffing techniques during detainee operations training at the 8th IA Div. HQ recently. Roady is a resident of Roseburg, Ore.

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and treat detainees,” said 1st Sgt. Sajad, with the 8th IA Div. “We knew a lot about detainee operations, but we also learned much today - some big things, some little things, but all are important.”

“This knowledge and practice will help to keep innocents and fellow Soldiers safer when handling detainees,” continued Sajad. He said the proper techniques of checking for hidden weapons and threats will be especially helpful.

He and the Soldiers who participated in the training will in turn become the trainers for other IA Soldiers.

Sajad has been in the IA for six years and joined “to protect our country and its innocent citizens. We will continue

to improve the country and the security situation and stop the terrorists from harming the innocent people and our country.”

“I expect a good future for Iraq and the Iraqi Security Forces will continue our efforts to get this country there,” said Sajad. “The security situation is good and will get better, even after the withdrawal of Coalition forces. Every true Iraqi hopes for a better future. We fight to protect their hopes and their future.”

# Kalamat Village now has fresh drinking water

SGT. 1ST CLASS JOE THOMPSON  
41ST FB



FOB DELTA – Residents of Kalamat Village used to travel eight kilometers on dusty dirt roads to fill plastic containers with drinking water in nearby Badra.

Thanks to an Iraqi Commanders Emergency Response Program water filtration project, residents now have clean drinking water at the flick of a switch right in the heart of their village.

“We want to thank Coalition Forces and the Iraqi company that provided the filtration system,” said Jameel Bashar, a Kalamat resident. “Now we can drink really good, clean drinking water.”

The project began when a civil affairs team visited the village and asked the sheikh how they could help.

That team was replaced by Civil Affairs Team 641, who continued the effort.

“This village needed a lot of help, and the sheikh explained the difficul-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson

A local boy fills water jugs for his family at the water filtration facility ribbon-cutting ceremony in Kalamat Village recently.

ties of getting drinking water to the village, especially when it rains in the winter ,which sometimes washes out

the road,” said Capt. Eric Currence,

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CAT 641 commander. To commemorate the completion of the \$59,000 project, Currence and Bashar, the sheikh's brother and representative for the village, cut the ribbon on the facility recently.

"The system filters 1,000 liters per hour," said Ra'ad Anhi, system operator.

"This is just another example of Iraqis helping Iraqis with the coalition's help," said Currence, who is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson

(Right) The new water filtration system in Kalamat Village is designed to purify 1,000 liters of water per hour. (Bottom Left) Capt. Eric Currence takes a drink of purified water at the new water filtration facility ribbon-cutting ceremony in Kalamat Village recently. (Bottom Right) A local resident fills a plastic container with purified water at the new water filtration facility in Kalamat Village.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson

Members of CAT 461 speak with local residents and check out the new water filtration facility in Kalamat Village recently.

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**Staff Section Round-up**


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## IG Corner: Property Accountability; It is Everybody's Business

At this point in our rotation, with impending moves and redeployment, we want to ensure we account for everything. If you haven't been asking yourself who is signed for that computer it is time. Property accountability is as painful to hear as fingernails on a blackboard; however, its importance cannot be overstated. We must become the best stewards of our limited resources. Everything we purchase now is something we won't be able to purchase again when we are finally out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Unless you are a company commander or supply sergeant, property accountability may not mean much to you, but we all have the same responsibility. I'm signed for the computer I am typing this article on right now. Are you signed for yours? If not, who is? More importantly, when we change desks, move offices or turn in broken equipment, are we following up to make sure the primary handreceipt holder knows what became of the property? Here's what you can do to help.

Army Regulation 710-2, Appendix B, covers command

supply discipline and all our units should be referring to the program, even in this environment. Are you doing your ten percent inventories and ensuring the proper relief documents get to the correct property book? Commanders have more property, spread out over more locations, than we've ever had to deal with in the past. Don't wait until the last 14 days of the rotation in the belief you will account for everything and head home. It is an unreasonable objective. As leaders or supervisors, ensure all the equipment in your section is inventoried and sub-handreceipted to the user. Help commanders identify and turn in unserviceable equipment. Start planning now for equipment redeployment to ensure it goes as smoothly as possible.

When it comes to property, it is time to start asking who IS signed for that. A Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss (FLIPL) should not be a substitute for property accountability.

*Thanks, Your IG Team*

**The CG wants YOUR input about a new blog!**

**Go to the Mountain Sound Off Blog at**

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The CG wants to set up another blog in addition to The Mountain Sound-Off, with the topics and discussion on the new blog driven by YOU - the Soldiers, Family members and community partners.

We'd like your thoughts on how you want this new blog to work: How do we choose topics for discussion? How often should we update the topic? Do we limit participation? Do we limit topics to just military matters? What do we call it? Etc.

To let the CG and others know, go to the Mountain Sound Off Blog at

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## End to Stop Loss Announced

The Department of Defense announced today a comprehensive plan to eliminate the current use of Stop Loss, while retaining the authority for future use under extraordinary circumstances. This is an important step along the path in morphing the Army into an expeditionary force.

The Army Reserve and Army National Guard will mobilize units without employing Stop Loss beginning in August and September 2009, respectively.

The Regular (active duty) Army will deploy its first unit without Stop Loss by January 2010. For soldiers Stop Loss during fiscal 2009, the department will provide a monthly payment of \$500. Until the department is able to eliminate Stop Loss altogether, this payment will serve as an interim measure to help mitigate its effects.

"Stop Loss disrupts the plans of those who have served their intended obligation. As such, it is employed only when necessary to ensure minimal staffing in deploying units, when needed to ensure safe and effective unit performance," said Bill Carr, deputy under secretary of defense for military

personnel policy.

"It is more easily rationalized in the early stages of conflict when events are most dynamic; but tempo changes in this war have frustrated our efforts to end it altogether."

The department intends to provide Stop Loss Special Pay to eligible service members until the point of separation or retirement, to include that time spent on active duty in recovery following redeployment. Stop Loss Special Pay will begin on the date of implementation, and will take effect for those impacted on or after Oct. 1, 2008. Stop Loss Special Pay implements the authority granted by Section 8116 of the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriation Act, 2009." The appropriation is available to secretaries of the military departments only to provide Special Pay during fiscal 2009.

U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense

# Headline Round-up

## World News:

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga - Scientists sailed Thursday to inspect an undersea volcano that has been erupting for days near Tonga — shooting smoke, steam and ash thousands of feet into the sky above the South Pacific. Authorities said Thursday the eruption does not pose any danger to islanders at this stage, and there have been no reports of fish or other animals being affected. Spectacular columns are spewing out of the sea about 6 miles from the southwest coast off the main island of Tongatapu, an area where up to 36 undersea volcanoes are clustered, geologists said. Trade winds continued to blow gas and steam away from the island Thursday.

## U.S. News:

SANTA FE, N.M. - Gov. Bill Richardson signed legislation Wednesday to repeal New Mexico's death penalty, calling it the "most difficult decision in my political life." The legislation replaces lethal injection with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. "Faced with the reality that our system for imposing the death penalty can never be perfect, my conscience compels me to replace the death penalty with a solution that keeps society safe," the Democratic governor said at a news conference in the Capitol.

## Odd News:

FRESNO, Calif. - A Fresno antiques dealer has hit a home run with the sale of a rare baseball card she thought was worth only \$10. Bernice Gallego ended up selling the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings team card on an online auction site for \$64,073 on Tuesday. That's more than double the previous record set for an identical card. The Cincinnati Red Stockings are the first professional team in the U.S. Gallego didn't know what she had when she originally listed the card on eBay for \$10. After numerous emails asking if it was real, she pulled the card. Only a handful of them exist. The front of the card features a sepia-toned, gelatin-silver photographic print of the entire team. The reverse has a red-and-white advertisement for Peck & Snyder, a New York sports equipment manufacturer.

## Quote of the Day

*"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself." - John Stewart Mill*

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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Lions Den

Texas Hold 'em @ 8 p.m.

### Fishbowl Gym

March 20

Full body aerobics @ 6 a.m.

Aerobics class @ 7:30 p.m.

March 27

Relay for Life HOPE Ceremony @ 8 p.m.

March 28

Cancer awareness 5K/10K walk run. Free t-shirt and continental breakfast. Race begins @ 7 a.m.

April 11

Pirate's Cove Run 5K/10K.

Registration begins @ 7 a.m.,

race begins @ 8 a.m.

T-shirts awarded to top finishers.

### Babylon Theater

March 20

Town Hall Meeting @ 1 p.m.

Punisher War Zone @ 4 p.m.

Changeling @ 7 p.m.

Express @ 9:30 p.m.

### Freedom Chapel

Sundays

Protestant (Traditional) @ 10 a.m.

Roman Catholic Mass @ 12 p.m.

LDS service @ 2 p.m.

Eastern Orthodox @ 4 p.m.

Protestant (Contemporary) @ 12 p.m.

Mondays

A History of Christianity @ 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

God & the Military @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Guitar Lessons @ 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Catholic Choir practice @ 5:30 p.m.

Fridays

Catholic hour @ 6:30 p.m.