



www.taskforcemountain.com

April 7, 2009

## IA delivers toys, freezer, message to local school



Photo by Sgt. Debralee P. Crankshaw

An Iraqi Army Soldier passes out stuffed bears to children at the Al Bestor school in Al Hariwab April 2. Iraqi Army Soldiers supported by Military Transition Team 336 for 33rd Iraqi Army Brigade, 8th Iraqi Division delivered toys, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, markers, notebooks, pencil cases, backpacks, a freezer and a message on safety, time management and organization to the girls, ages 6 to 12.

SGT. DEBRALEE P. CRANKSHAW  
MND-S



AL HARIWAB – While many humanitarian missions in Iraq only provide supplies to communities, one recent mission here also had a message to deliver.

Iraqi Army Soldiers from 33rd Iraqi Army Brigade, 8th

Iraqi Division, supported by Military Transition Team 336, delivered toys, school supplies, backpacks, a freezer and a message to the girls, ages 6 to 12, at Al Bestor school here April 2.

The message included lessons on looking both ways before crossing a street, time management and organization. These

See DELIVERY, page 2

# DELIVERY

From page 1

messages are the same ones American children receive, but it was important to Iraqi Maj. Abudil Hussein Kareem, 33rd IA Bde., 8th Iraqi Div. plans deputy officer, for Iraqi children to heed these guidelines as well.

"We went to the school because we cannot talk to all the adults because they are past the phase of learning," he said. "We went to the school because the children work and build the future. We know they respond because they are children and they are going to follow what we say. They will follow us."

"This was geared to educate the children of the dangers of running out in the road when convoys are present," said Maj. Jon K. Thiessen, MiTT 336 operations officer of Yakima, Wash. "Our vehicles are much heavier than normal road traffic and are unable to swerve rapidly. Anything we can do to lessen the risk of children getting into the roadway is a noble endeavor."

The school supplies and freezer were delivered to the teachers for distribution, but the toys, including stuffed bears and soccer balls, were given directly to children at the school. The freezer was donated by the IA and the other supplies came from family, friends and volunteer organizations from the U.S.

"Items provided to the school came from Americans who care for children," said Maj. Thomas Acklen, MiTT 336 executive officer, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn. "The Iraqis are trying to do so much with so little and we are just trying to assist."

This trip was to build interaction with the IA and the people of Iraq.

"The children are the next generation of Iraq," said Acklen. "They are the ones that will make Iraq for Iraqis. This occasion was planned to help boost relationships between the youth of Iraq and their security forces."

Kareem said missions like this are important because they demonstrate to the Iraqi people that the IA is not to be feared now as it was under the previous regime.

"I think when we visited the school today we showed them something – we showed the students we are friendly and we want to help them and we want to help their country," said Kareem. "It helps the relationship between the Army, the Iraqi Government and the students. The students will grow up one day and know the Army helped their country, their people and their future."

The American forces present also saw the positive impact

the IA Soldiers made during this visit.

"Children view the world from their own viewpoint and create heroes based upon their interaction with others. The positive roles that the Iraqi Soldiers displayed during the visit helped to mold some child's view," said Acklen. "They see the Iraqi Soldiers doing things for their country and want to be like them one day. Any questions on how this operation was going and its value were answered by the smile of a little girl holding up a soccer ball. If we can make a positive change in one child then our job here is successful."

This visit was also to help the IAs continue future missions.

"Our team knows that operations like this enhance the IA relations with the community and gives us an opportunity to better prepare our Iraqi counterparts to plan and conduct similar operations," said Lt. Col. Richard G. Hobson, MiTT 336 commander, a native of Cummings, Ga.



Photo by Sgt. Debralee P. Crankshaw

**Iraqi Army and U.S. Army Soldiers deliver a freezer to the Al Bestor school in Al Hariwab April 2. The freezer will be used to keep water cool for students during the upcoming summer months.**

## THE Mountain View

**The Mountain View is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of The Mountain View are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the 10th Mountain Division. All editorial content of The Mountain View is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the Task Force Mountain Public Affairs Office.**

## TASK FORCE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Commanding General - MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL L. OATES

Command Sergeant Major - COMMAND SGT. MAJ. JAMES W. REDMORE

### Editorial Staff

TF Mountain PAO — Lt. Col. Paul Swiergosz  
 OIC, Command Information — Maj. Page Baldwin  
 NCOIC — Staff Sgt. Dave Lankford  
 Acting NCOIC — Staff Sgt. Derek Smith  
 Assignment Editor — Sgt. Frank Vaughn  
 Editor/Design — Sgt. Debralee P. Crankshaw  
 Photo Editor — Pfc. Tyler Maulding  
 Staff Writers — Sgt. Brandon LeFlore,  
 Sgt. Josh LeCappelain, Sgt. Tiffany Evans,  
 Spc. Darryl Montgomery

Media queries please contact TF Mountain Public Affairs at MND-Center\_PAO@iraq.centcom.mil

### Contributing Units

172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
 2nd BCT, 4th Infantry Division  
 4th BCT, 1st Cavalry Division  
 41st Fires Brigade  
 343rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment  
 793rd Military Police Battalion  
 Division Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mtn. Div.  
 Task Force 449

# Iraq Campaign Medal questions answered

Many people are inquiring about the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Campaign Stars. G1 would like to answer some of your questions, but first we must give you some background about the medal itself.

**Background/Policy:** ICM: The Iraq Campaign Medal was authorized by Public Law 108-234, May 28, 2004 and Executive Order 13363, Nov. 29, 2004, as amended by Executive Order 13289, March 12, 2003. Individuals authorized the Iraq Campaign Medal must have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles. The Iraq Campaign Medal period of eligibility is on or after March 19, 2003 to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of OIF. Service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal by reasons of service between March 19, 2003 and Feb. 28, 2005, in an area for which the Iraq Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized, will remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, any such service member may be awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for such service. No service member will be entitled to both medals for the same act, achievement or period of service. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive days or for 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

1. Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.

2. While participating in an operation or on official duties, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.

3. While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operations; each day of operations counts as one day of eligibility.

The following rules apply to award the Iraq Campaign Medal:

1. The Iraq Campaign Medal may be awarded posthumously.

2. Only one award of this medal may be authorized for any individual.

3. Under no condition will personnel receive the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same action, time period or service.

Precedence for the Iraq Campaign Medal will be positioned below the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and above the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

If you are deployed with the 10th Mtn. Div. Headquarters and meet the criteria listed above, you are authorized to wear an ICM with one Campaign Star.

If this is not your first deployment to Iraq then you have a few options. For example, I was deployed from April 2003 to March 2004. At that time I was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The cut off to be awarded the GWOTEM while in support of OIF is April 30, 2005. I can now wear both the ICM with one CS and the GWOTEM. If I choose to convert my GWOTEM into an ICM then there is other information to know.

IAW paragraph 5-33, AR 600-8-22, award of campaign/service medals like the GWOTEM or ACM are never

announced via permanent orders. As a result, revocation orders cannot be produced. A request for an award of a campaign medal should be submitted via a DA Form 4187 through the chain of command to the approval authority for decision. Submit a DA Form 4187 IAW paragraph 2-16c, AR 600-8-22 for his/her GWOTEM to be converted to the ICM.

The approval authority should ensure that the Soldier meets the criteria for award of the ICM before conversion can be approved. The approval authority for the award is held at the LTC commander level but paragraph 5-33 also authorizes the servicing personnel officer to render the administrative determination on the Soldier's eligibility for campaign/service medals/ribbons.

If the approval authority grants the request then the GWOTEM will be taken off the records and two additional CS will be added to the period of deployment falling within two separate Campaign phases. The Campaign phases are as follows:

Campaign Phases/Inclusive Period  
Liberation of Iraq/March 19, 2003 – May 1, 2003

Transition of Iraq/May 2, 2003 – June 28, 2004

Iraqi Governance/June 29, 2004 – Dec. 15, 2005

National Resolution/Dec. 16, 2005 – Date to be determined

Should the Soldier's initial inclusive period of deployment overlap one or more of the approved campaign phases, the Soldier is credited for participation in each phase and will be entitled to the appropriate number of service stars.

Soldiers with questions should address them to their unit S1. They can also research the following references:

AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Paragraph 2-16 (ACM), and 2-17 (ICM).

AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, Paragraph 29-6d and background info below for precedence of wear.

GWOTSM/GWOTEM Implementation Message, March 04.

ACM/ICM Campaign Star Implementation Message, MILPER Message 08-123.

*Thanks,*  
G1 Staff



# Headline Round-up

## World News:

L'AQUILA, Italy - A powerful earthquake struck central Italy April 6, killing at least 27 people when houses, churches and other buildings collapsed, officials said. The Italian news agency ANSA, citing hospital services, put the death toll at 27 less than six hours after the quake. "It's the worst tragedy since the start of the millennium," said Guido Bertolaso, the head of the Civil Protection Department. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi canceled a trip to Moscow and said he had declared a national emergency, which would free up funds for aid and rebuilding.

## U.S. News:

PITTSBURGH - An emergency call that brought two city police officers to a home where they were ambushed, and where a third was later killed during a four-hour siege April 4, was precipitated by a fight between the alleged gunman and his mother over a dog urinating in the house. The argument between Margaret and Richard Poplawski escalated to the point that she threatened to kick him out and called police, according to an affidavit that contains her account. When officers Paul Sciuillo III and Stephen Mayhle arrived, Margaret Poplawski opened the door and told them to come in and take her 23-year-old son, apparently unaware that he had grabbed a long rifle and was standing behind her. She told investigators she heard gunshots, spun around and ran to the basement, shouting, "What the hell have you done?"

## Sports News:

PHILADELPHIA - If Derek Lowe had been this dominant last October, the Philadelphia Phillies might not be World Series champions. Lowe pitched eight superb innings, three Braves homered off Brett Myers, and Atlanta beat the defending champs 4-1 in the major league opener Sunday night. Lowe (1-0) allowed two hits, no walks, struck out four and the sinkerballer got 13 groundouts. Mike Gonzalez pitched out of trouble in the ninth to secure the win. The Phillies had better luck against Lowe when he pitched for Los Angeles in the NL championship series. They beat him in Game 1 of the NLCS and he had a no-decision in the Dodgers' loss in Game 4.

## Quote of the Day

*"An honest man speaks the truth, though it may give offence; a vain man, in order that it may."*  
-William Hazlitt

S	9	1		6	2		4	
	3		2				8	
u		7			8	1		3
d			9		5		3	7
		2	7			3		4
o			4	2			5	
k	2		5	9		6		
								6
u	8		3	4	7		1	

For the answer to today's puzzle, go to:



[www.taskforcemountain.com](http://www.taskforcemountain.com)

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Camp Victory

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Keep it Movin' Running Club,  
5:15 a.m., corner of Echo Valley Rd. and Williams Wallace Blvd.

### Liberty

April 11  
Yung Joc concert Liberty  
Stage @ 8:30 p.m.

### Fishbowl Gym

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

April 15  
Fire Warden Class @ 1 p.m.  
Fire Extinguisher Class @ 2 p.m.

### Freedom Chapel

April 12  
Easter Sunrise Service @ 6 a.m.  
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.