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## IPs graduate medic training at FOB Delta

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FOB DELTA – When the Wasit Provincial Director of Police asked the 41st Fires Brigade for some help training their medics, Task Force Gunner Med stepped up to the plate to provide assistance.

Based on the Army's Combat Life Saver Course, 10 Iraqi Police medics learned about triage, the three echelons of tactical field care, treating shock, abdominal wounds, chest wounds, fractures, burns, clearing airways and circulation during a three-week medic course at FOB Delta recently.

"It's very important to increase our information in medical training," said IP Sgt. Deyaa Hasham, IP Special Medical Unit. "We learned a lot of information that is really beneficial to save a lot of lives and we learned a lot about care under fire and evacuating a casualty. We really learned a lot."

Not only did the course help the IPs learn how to be better medics, but also gave a greater appreciation for being medics, according to the class leader.

"I believe my Soldiers have more concern about the mission as they deal with patients because they learned the important things about triage and they learned a lot of information," said IP Staff Sgt. Karrar Ali, IP Special Medical Unit and class leader. "The course was perfect."

The instructor for the course was impressed with the IP medics.

"They're excellent. They already know a lot and so the classes have been going really well," said medic Spc. Krystal Smith, Co. C, 589th Brigade Support Battalion. "The people who do



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson

An IP assigned to the Special Medical Unit starts an intravenous catheter during the final testing day during the three-week medic training course on FOB Delta.

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# Long Knife Soldier re-enlists in the skies of Iraq



Photos by Spc. Terence Ewings

Col. Philip Battaglia, Commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, re-enlists Staff Sgt. Christopher Toledo, assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, in a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter above Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, recently.

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# MEDICS

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know stuff are willing to share with the people that aren't quite as experienced and they always have answers to my questions."

The last part of the course tested the medics' ability to start an intravenous catheter.

Each medic successfully started an IV, which was a critical skill required to graduate the course.

The medics also received all of the materials used in the course so they can go back to their unit and train other medics as part of the train-the-trainer program.

"I hope they continue to train each other and continue to practice the

skills I'm teaching them so they will be perfectly effective when the situation happens when they are needed," said Smith, of Griffin, Ga.

After the medics completed the IV practical exercise, they were awarded certificates of achievement for completing the medic training course.

The 10 IP medics graduated from the course April 16.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Thompson (Background) Spc. Krystal Smith, course instructor and medic assigned to Co. C, 589th BSB, watches as an IP medic attaches the IV line to the fluid bag during the final testing day for the medic training course on FOB Delta recently. (Inset) Iraqi Police Sgt. Sgt. Deyaa Hasham, IP Special Medical Unit, gets ready to insert the intravenous catheter into a fellow IPs arm during the final testing for the three-week medic course at FOB Delta. Hasham was part of the 10 medic class that graduated from the course recently.

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# Falahea IPs show steady progress

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FOB DELTA – The day after a recent indirect fire attack on FOB Delta, members of the 772nd Military Police Com-

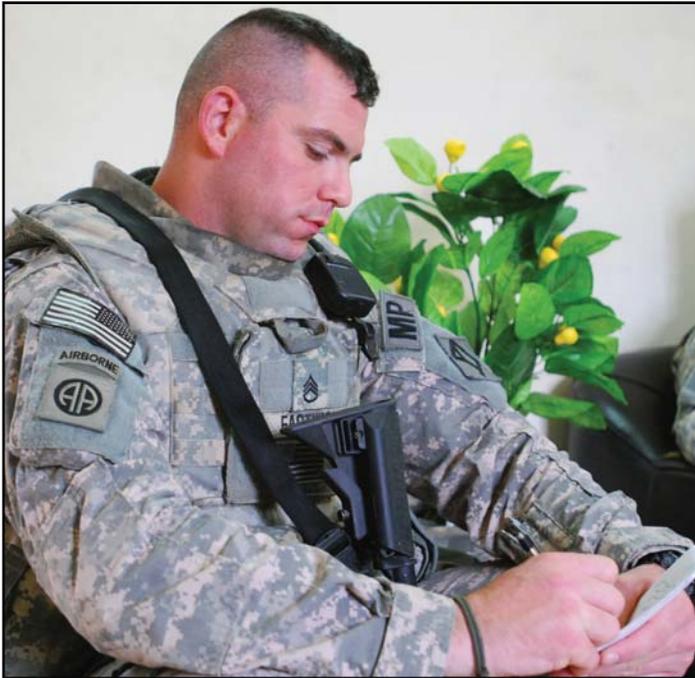


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Staff Sgt. Micheal Eastwick, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, 772nd Military Police Company, takes notes as Capt. Thwfwqir explains events concerning a recent indirect fire attack on FOB Delta and how his Iraqi Police and the Special Response Team worked together in securing the point-of-origin site and recovered two rockets.

pany paid their Iraqi police partners in the district a visit.

Soldiers of the 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, arrived at the Falahea district police station and met with station chief Capt. Thwfwqir. They discussed the investigation of the indirect fire attack's point-of-origin.

The patrol leader, Staff Sgt. Micheal Eastwick, began taking notes on the information and intelligence as Thwfwqir described the night's events and how the local IPs, Special Response Team police and Kut Special Weapons and Tactics worked together at securing the site of the attack and recovering two rockets.

"By far, he's probably one of the best commanders to have up there; very progressive as far as law enforcement techniques and he really knows what has to be done as far as investigatory skills," said Eastwick.

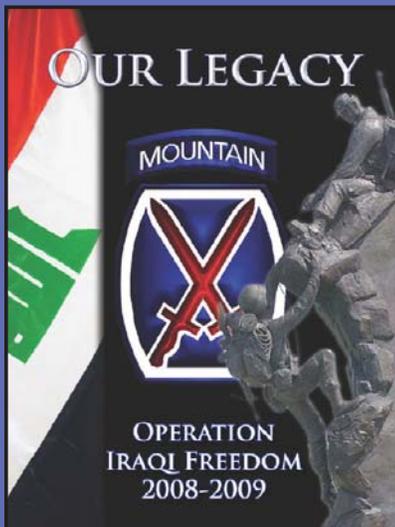
The squad has been working with Thwfwqir since January. Eastwick said the biggest improvement has been the inter-agency communication between the different law enforcement agencies in Kut.

"When we first started this, there was virtually no communication whatsoever," said Eastwick. "Thwfwqir was very adamant in pushing more of a unilateral communication between the different agencies."

The cooperation between the different agencies with the investigation of the POO site is also a sign that the Iraqi Police as a whole are getting better, said Eastwick. "They are working more with the SRTs to do warrants and to do different investigations, for example, the POO site last night. SRT found it and they brought the IPs in and started the investigation."

Many of the Taunton, Mass. - based National Guard military police company Soldiers are civilian police officers who have direct insight into how inter-agency communication is a necessity for the Iraqis.

"They're starting to overcome the jurisdictional animosity that normally exists with any law enforcement agency at any level," said Eastwick.



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## U.S. News:

While no final decisions have been made, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is expected to recommend the creation of a new military command to face the growing threat from cyber warfare, a senior U.S. official told NBC News on April 21. According to the official, the program would not be on the level of a separate combatant command. Instead, the likely recommendation would be to create a "sub-unified command" that would focus entirely on combating cyber warfare but exist under the current Strategic Command. A senior Pentagon official revealed that cyber attacks against military computer networks have "increased significantly ... more than doubled" in the past six months. The attacks were said to include "thousands of probes a day" against Web sites associated with the Defense Department.

## Health News:

ATLANTA - Health officials alerted doctors April 21 to a unique type of swine flu diagnosed in two California children, but it's unclear whether many people will be susceptible to the infection. The children were diagnosed last week. One was a 10-year-old boy in San Diego County, and the other a 9-year-old girl in neighboring Imperial County. Both recovered. CDC officials said there's no reason for the public to take unusual measures against it. "CDC is concerned, but that's our job," said CDC spokesman Tom Skinner. Health officials have long feared the emergence of a deadly form of flu. They have not noted a spike in flu cases or a rash of severe illnesses. But they are continuing to investigate the genetics of the virus and track down and test people who may have been in contact with the children.

## Odd News:

WEYMOUTH, Mass. - A man dressed like a ninja used a sword in an attempt to rob a dry cleaner, police said. A convenience store clerk called police Monday after she spotted a man walking into the store wearing a ski mask and carrying a sword in a sheath on his belt. When the man noticed her, he pulled his mask off and asked if she was calling about him, police said. When the worker said she was, police said the man left the store and walked into nearby Galaxy Cleaners. There, police said he pointed a sword at the register and asked a clerk to give him all the money inside. Police said he left after she told him she couldn't open the drawer. Police still are searching for the man, who witnesses said appeared to be in his late 20s.

## Quote of the Day

*I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when my fear is gone I will turn and face fear's path, and only I will remain. — Frank Herbert, Dune*

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