



Taji Times

CAMP TAJI, IRAQ INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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Lt. Col. Jonathan Hubbard and Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Bolton, the commander and command sergeant major of the 106th Brigade Support Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi National Guard, uncased the 106th BSB colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at the Garrison Command building on Camp Taji, Iraq, July 24, 2009. For more, see page 3. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)



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SAFETY NOTES

By Sgt. Matthew Russell
Camp Taji Safety NCO

Hello good folks of Camp Taji. Some of you may be aware that 1st Lt. McNeely has been redeployed to her home station. Capt. Brent Lindley will be the new Safety Officer. I, Sgt. Matt Russell, will be the new Safety NCO. I would like to ask that everyone keep up the good work on staying safe while conducting daily operations. If anyone is having any safety issues, please contact your unit's Safety OIC and/or NCOIC. They will be able to help solve most of your problems. Furthermore, if any Safety OIC and/or Safety NCOIC needs assistance from me or the Garrison Command, please contact myself or Capt. Lindley. I will be more than willing to help with any matters that you are having.

The summer months are upon us and it is of the utmost importance that each individual is staying hydrated. If you have personnel that have had a prior heat injury, please identify those individuals so their battle buddies can keep an eye on them. Most people think that drinking Gatorade will keep them hydrated, and it will. But for every Gatorade you drink, you should also be drinking water to properly hydrate and replenish your body's fluids.

There are a few hazards in the POD areas I would like to remind everyone to be aware of. If your area has wooden pallets and grating as walkways, please be on the lookout for tripping hazards. Also, if the overhead structures are in bad shape, please be aware of the dangers of these items falling. Please wear the proper PPE and get your battle buddies to help you remove these structures. Unfortunately, if these structures were not put in place by a work order, they cannot be taken down by a work order. Currently, the contract for KBR and RMS will not allow them to do any work on self-help projects. Please be safe if you are doing any type of self-help project. If you are not sure the proper safety measures that need to be taken, contact myself or your unit's Safety personnel.



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Camp Taji Fire Department

The Camp Taji Fire Department gives Fire Warden classes every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Fire Station 1 (across from the Pax Terminal). The class is designed to teach assigned fire wardens their responsibilities, as well as proper use of a fire extinguisher, how to identify fire hazards and fire safety.



Malfunctioning fire extinguishers can be brought to Fire Station 2 (Bldg 507) during normal working hours for repair.

If you have general questions about fire safety, extinguishers, smoke alarms or fire warden training, call: DSN: 834-3372 / KBR: 713-970-5131

Mississippi Guard takes charge

By Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr
155th BCT

The 106th Brigade Support Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard took command of the Camp Taji Garrison Command Detachment, or Mayor's Cell, from the 949th Brigade Support Battalion, 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Texas Army National Guard during a transfer of authority ceremony held on Camp Taji, Iraq, July 24, 2009.

The 949th BSB, stationed out of Fort Worth, Texas, deployed to Iraq for the first time in November 2008. As the Garrison Command, they served the tenants of Camp Taji through billeting services, MWR events, Department of Public Works, logistic support, land management, base projects, legal support and much more.

"You're highly professional, highly effective and completely dedicated to your mission," Lt. Col. Stephanie Purgerson, the 949th BSB commander, said to her troops during the ceremony.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside you and you are more than ready to assume this mission," she added to the incoming

garrison commander and the Soldiers of the 106th BSB. "I am absolutely certain you will execute it flawlessly."

Col. John M. Rhodes, the 155th BCT deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Jonathan Hubbard, the commander of the 106th BSB, accepted responsibility for the Garrison Command of Camp Taji.

"The mission we have is nothing we're not familiar with," said Hubbard. "We will continue to provide the services to ensure the tenants on Camp Taji have everything... Just like our motto says, 'we shall provide.'"

The 106th BSB, stationed out of Monticello, Miss., is on its second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I personally want to thank the 949 for your service to our nation and your valuable contributions to the efforts in Iraq," said Rhodes. "Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation during the RIP/TOA. You have set conditions for success,



155th BCT troops salute during the July 24, 2009 TOA ceremony on Camp Taji. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)

for which we are grateful. You have made a difference and have every reason to be proud of your accomplishments. Be safe on your redeployment back to the states."

In preparation for their departure, Purgerson and the 949th BSB command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Horn, cased the 949th BSB colors, an Army tradition done whenever unit colors travel overseas, and lowered the Texas flag, which had flown over the Camp Taji Garrison Command building for the past nine months. Hubbard and the 106th BSB command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Bolton, uncased their battalion flag and raised the Mississippi flag, signifying their acceptance of responsibility for the Camp Garrison command.

Rhodes thanked the Soldiers of the 106th BSB for their service to their nation and expressed faith in his troops and their impending mission.

"This upcoming year we will be faced with difficult tasks, but I am confident we are ready to meet these challenges and I look forward to our service together," he said.

As the ceremony came to a close, AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" blared over the loud speakers, letting Camp Taji know the 155th BCT's "Dixie Thunder" brigade has arrived.



Lt. Col. Stephanie Purgerson and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Horn case the 949th BSB colors during the TOA ceremony July 24, 2009 on Camp Taji. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Celebrate Women's Equality Day Aug. 26

By Sgt. 1st Class Sheletha Quillin
155th BCT EO Advisor

Traditional attitudes and values toward women's "proper place" are evolving into an attitude of equality. One of the most significant victories in this quest came with the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

This month's Equal Opportunity observance commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment and serves as a reminder of the continuing efforts necessary to bring full equality to the women of this nation.

The military has created many opportunities for women. We have come a long way from the Revolutionary War when women had to disguise themselves as men because they were not allowed to fight. They were only used to nurse, cook, sew and wash clothes for men.

War used to be the only time some branches recruited women, the Army not being one of those branches. The end of war meant demobilization of women. Most active duty women were returned to reserve status, then to an inactive status, and eventually discharged.

In 1948 Congress passed The Women's Armed Integration Act (WA-SIA). The provisions of this act still included inequalities. Women under

18 could not enlist and, if less than 21, required consent of their parent or guardian. Husbands of military women had to prove dependency, wives of men did not. Women were automatically discharged upon pregnancy or if they acquired children under 18 by marriage or adoption. Enlisted women could not exceed two percent of the total enlisted strength. Female officers, excluding nurses, could not exceed 10 percent of the total officer strength. Female officers could not progress beyond O-5 unless they were appointed to be Director of Women.

If reassigned, they were reverted to the former grade. No women could serve in command positions. They could not enter aviation training, ROTC, or the military academies. Very few career fields were open, mainly in the administration and

medical areas only. Women could hold supervisory positions over other women only. Most of these provisions were superseded by more equitable policies between 1967 and 1975. Many other policies and practices were not overturned until many years later, or are yet to be revised.

In more recent times, women have proven their ability to perform in tactical missions and technical specialties that were once closed to them. Women have led Soldiers in combat operations, earned prestigious decorations for valor, and serve in more fields than ever before in our military history.

Today, although we have progressed, many females are still subjected to gender discrimination. We must continue the training of Soldiers and leaders on overcoming the negative stereotypes of female Soldiers. We must all accept the responsibility to create and maintain the kind of organization where all can contribute their best without suffering discrimination. This is what equal opportunity is about.

To learn more about the 19th Amendment or Women's Equality Day please visit www.deomi.org and click on the featured poster for August. 📄



Camp Taji Women's Equality Day Events

Aug. 22
0600 5K Fun Run/Walk
1800 Dinner and observance

Throughout the month
Documentaries and films
Theme-based original art exhibit and educational displays

All events will begin at the MWR Theater (Bldg 93)

Taji Firefighters Complete Chinook Training With Air Cav

By Spc. Alun Thomas
1st ACB

Fire trucks and emergency services roared onto the airfield, sirens blaring, followed by the rapid entrance of fully suited firefighters, hoses in hand, ready to extinguish the flames rising from a blazing CH-47F Chinook helicopter at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad.

It was only a practice exercise, but for the Camp Taji fire department it was necessary training in the event a real life emergency should occur involving a Chinook or other aircraft.

The firefighters worked alongside members of 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, July 17, at Taji airfield, to complete certification training on familiarization with shutting down aircraft in order to correctly put out a fire.

The firefighters need to know ex-

actly how to shut down the Chinook before fighting a fire, as lives may depend on it, said Sgt. 1st Class Danny Hill, from Choctaw, Okla., company standards instructor, Company

B, 2nd Bn., 227th Avn. Regt., 1st ACB.

“They need to know where the personnel will be located in the aircraft if it [a fire] does happen,” said Hill, who instructed the firefighters. “They must know how they are seat belted in and where to point the fire hoses.”

Hill said the firefighters must also know how to get in and out of the aircraft and correctly shut it down – making the training essential.

“Some of them may know how to do this but when they have a changeover [of new firefighters] they need to get recertified,” Hill said, prior to the training. “Every six months they get refresher training. They called us and said they needed 30 people trained, so we’re facilitating the training they requested.”

The training involves a variety of shut down procedures, Hill said, which he guides the firefighters through before they perform a hands-on exercise.

“I’ll instruct them how to open the doors and take them off and then go into how to shut down some of the systems on the outside of the aircraft,” Hill

said. “Then they’ll do the same thing on the inside; learn how to get in and shut things down in there.”

Hill said there are parts of the Chinook that the firefighters would not be able to spray during the exercise.

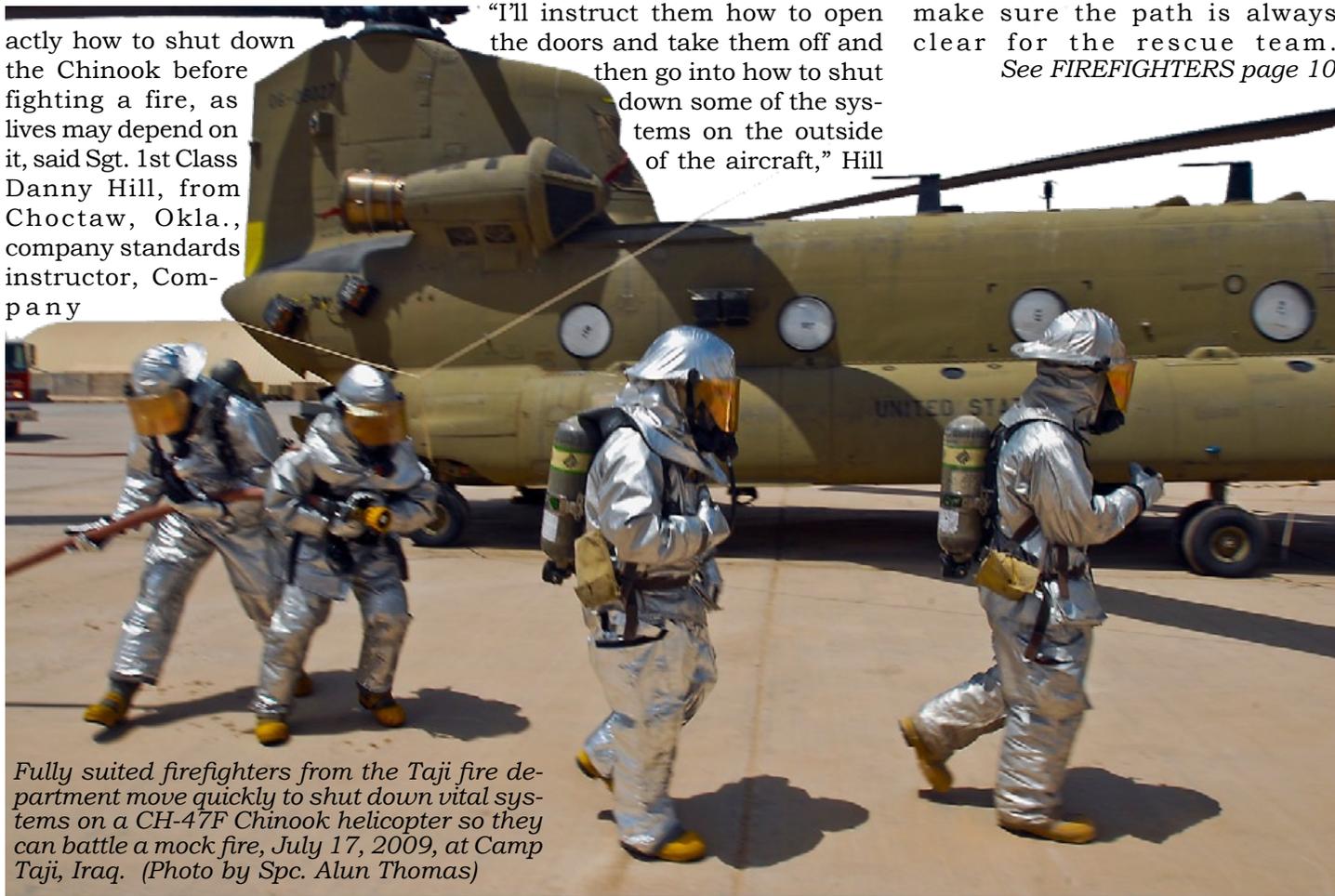
“We don’t want to damage anything so I’ll show them where the exhausts are so they know exactly where to put the water if there is a fire,” Hill said. “It’s not difficult training but for the newer firefighters it might take getting used to.”

One of the newest firefighters at Camp Taji is Nicolae Boica, from Sacramento, Calif., who said the familiarization is crucial in his development as a firefighter at Camp Taji.

“I need to know exactly what’s most important to get to on the helicopter and all the danger areas to avoid,” Boica said. “You need to be aware all the time. We have to know what to turn off and where the fuel lines are.”

Boica said his role is to make sure the path is always clear for the rescue team.

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Fully suited firefighters from the Taji fire department move quickly to shut down vital systems on a CH-47F Chinook helicopter so they can battle a mock fire, July 17, 2009, at Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Alun Thomas)

Decoding the Post-9/11 GI Bill

Courtesy of www.gibill.va.gov

Who is eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

Individuals who serve at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001 are eligible. To be eligible for 100% of the benefit, an individual must have served an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service, or have been discharged for a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service. NOTE: Active-duty service time required by graduates of a Service Academy or ROTC does not count toward the three years necessary to qualify for full benefits. For those who served fewer than 36 months, the percentage of benefit ranges from 40% to 90%:

- 90% = 30 total months (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training)
- 80% = 24 total months (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training)
- 70% = 18 total months (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training)
- 60% = 12 total months (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training)
- 50% = 6 total months (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training)
- 40% = 90 or more days (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training)

Veterans must have an honorable discharge or other qualifying discharge (e.g. hardship, condition interfering with duty, etc.) to be eligible.



What benefits do students receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits differ from other education assistance programs in that each type of payment is issued separately, with some payments made directly to the school and others issued to the individual:

Tuition and Fees: These payments are issued to the school on behalf of the individual at the time the cer-

tificate of enrollment is processed.

- For individuals not on active duty, the amount is prorated according to length of service. The amount paid is limited to the highest amount of tuition and fees charged for full-time, undergraduate training at a public institution of higher learning in the state where the student is enrolled.

- Individuals on active duty may receive the total amount of tuition and fees. The amount is not limited to the state maximum.

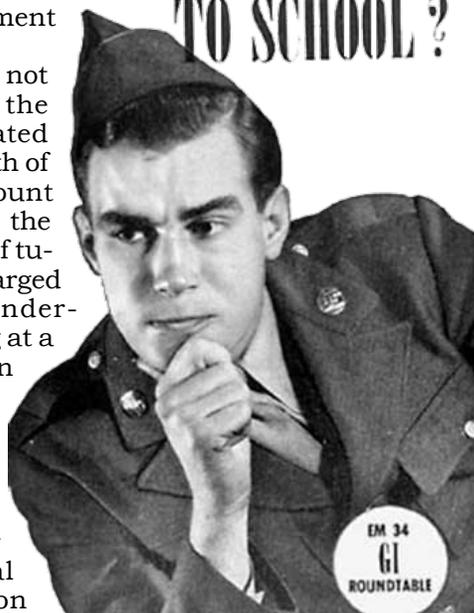
Monthly housing allowance: This payment is issued directly to the student at the beginning of each month for education and training pursued the previous month. The amount is prorated based on length of service. NOTE: Active duty personnel are not eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill monthly housing allowance. Students enrolled exclusively in online training are not eligible for the housing allowance.

Books and supplies stipend: This payment issued directly to the student when the school certifies and VA processes the enrollment. This benefit is prorated based on length of service. NOTE: Active duty personnel are not eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill books and supplies stipend.

Yellow Ribbon payments: The Yellow Ribbon Program allows degree-granting institutions to enter into a voluntary agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate for individuals eligible for the 100% payment tier. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution. This payment is issued to the school when the school certifies and VA processes the student's enrollment.

College fund or "kicker": These payments are issued directly to the student based on "rate of pursuit" (full- or part-time study) and the education benefits program under which the kicker is payable. Post-9/11 GI Bill kickers will be issued monthly with the housing allowance; all other kickers will be issued in a lump sum when the student's enrollment certification is processed.

SHALL I GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

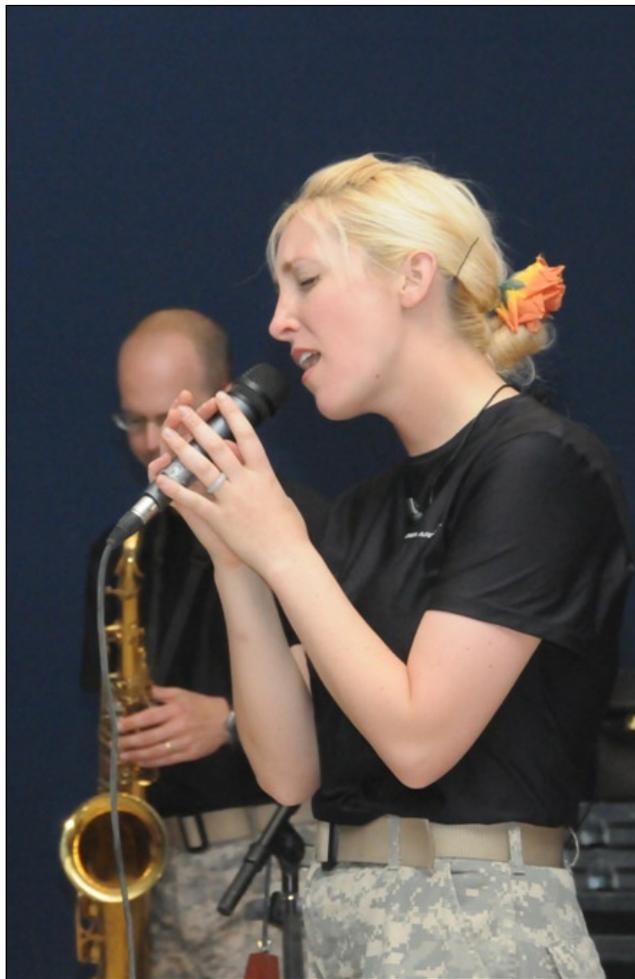


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CAMP TAJI AT A GLANCE



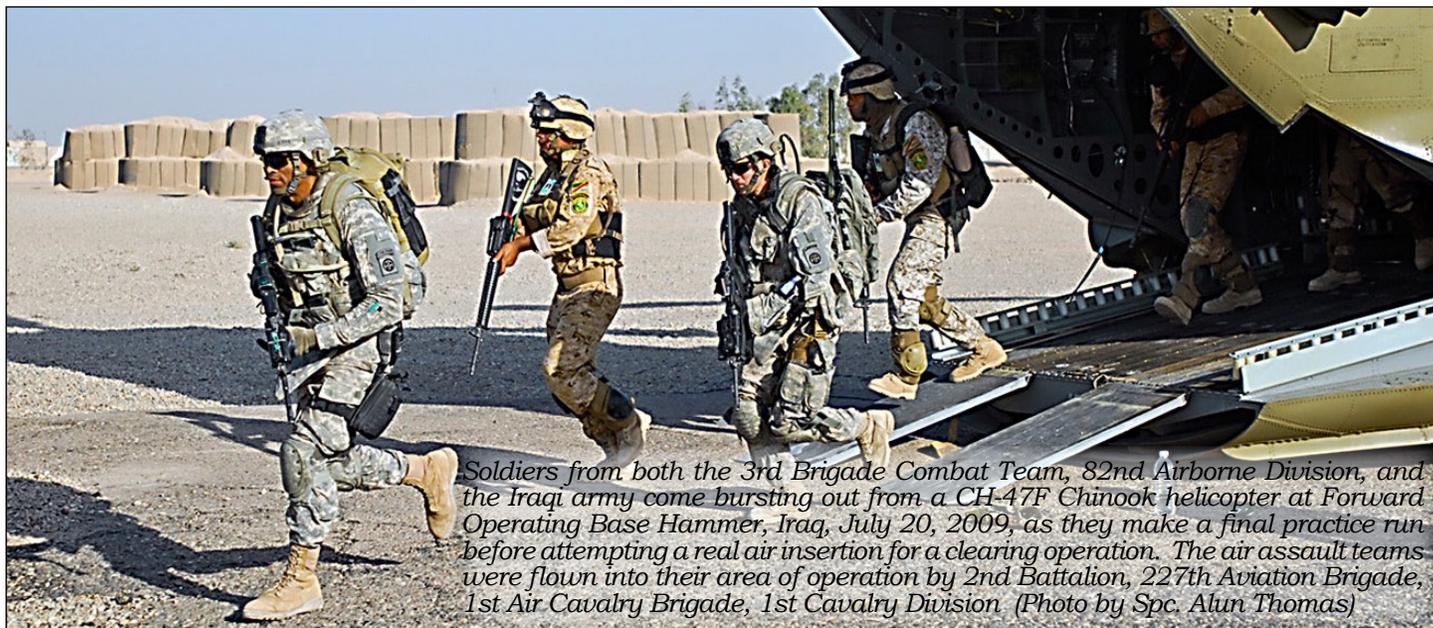
Col. Douglas Gabram (right), from Cleveland, Ohio, commander, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, instructs Brig. Gen. Nazim Liftah al-Agwadi (left), of the Iraqi air force, commander of al-Taji Air Field, how to target enemy forces and fire a Hellfire missile from an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter simulator July 27, 2009 on Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. Alun Thomas)



Sgt. Jennifer Macdonald of St. Cloud, Minn., performs with her band, The Red Devils, for servicemembers on Camp Taji, Iraq, July 29, 2009. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Staff Sgt. Jonathan White of Taylorsville, Miss., a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 106th Brigade Support Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi National Guard, hits the ball during a softball game on Camp Taji, Iraq, Aug. 1, 2009. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Soldiers from both the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, and the Iraqi army come bursting out from a CH-47F Chinook helicopter at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq, July 20, 2009, as they make a final practice run before attempting a real air insertion for a clearing operation. The air assault teams were flown into their area of operation by 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Brigade, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Photo by Spc. Alun Thomas)

HELPING A BUDDY IN DISTRESS

Useful tips and information from PTSDsupport.net



In Operation Iraqi Freedom, any Soldier can run into rough times. Examples of hard things include: seeing destroyed homes; dead bodies; hostile reactions from civilians; being ambushed; small arms fire; IEDs; knowing someone seriously injured or killed; long deployment; lack of privacy and personal space; separation from family; difficult communication back home.

The fact is that all of us can sometimes feel down, hurt or angry. If you see a buddy upset, fuming or brooding alone, you can help your buddy through what may be for him a painful and sometimes risky time. Emotionally distracted Soldiers can endanger the mission, the unit and themselves. Often, just talking, listening and focusing on their strengths is all that people need to find their own answers. The following are some things you can say and do:

1. Be a good friend. For example, say, "Something seems to be bothering you. How can I help? I can listen without being upset."

2. Listen and encourage your buddy to talk about what is bothering him or her. Stay calm and objective.

3. Don't criticize or argue with the Soldier's ideas and feelings. Encourage your buddy to continue to tell you what's wrong. Allow time for your buddy to find words.

4. Acknowledge your buddy's grievances against others, but don't make it worse by agreeing too strongly.

5. Ask questions to understand the problem and the feelings. If the talking stalls, summarize what has been said and ask if you have it right.

6. Don't give a lot of advice. It is okay to plant the

seeds of new ideas, but don't drive them in with a hammer. Remember you don't need to have all the answers for the Soldier's problems.

7. Praise your buddy's work he/she has been doing under such difficult circumstances, and for talking with you.

Sometimes the problems are too big to resolve after one talk or help. In OIF, the Army has fielded additional help for Soldiers with such problems. Beyond the immediate sergeant and officer leaders, you can encourage the Soldier to go and talk about problems with the following:

- Unit Medic
- A Chaplain or chaplain assistant
- BN Aid Station or medical companies' medical care providers.
- Mental Health officers, NCOs, and Specialists at the medical companies or in Combat Stress Control teams in your area.

If your buddy gives any hints or clues of thinking about suicide, or seriously harming or killing someone else, remember your Suicide Prevention Training!

- Ask your buddy questions that will give you a better idea of what he/she is thinking, such as:
 - ~ "I see how distressed you are. Are you thinking about hurting yourself or someone else?"
 - ~ "Do you wish you were dead?"
 - ~ "Have you thought of how you would kill yourself?"
- Don't act shocked or alarmed. Encourage your buddy to talk by using the techniques previously mentioned.
- If your buddy is armed, say, "Let me unload your weapon and keep it safe for you while we talk."
- After your buddy has talked as much as he or she wants, say, "I need to get you help for this. People here can help you."
- Don't leave your buddy alone! Secure any weapons. Take your buddy immediately to your chain of command or to medical care!
- A suicidal person needs immediate attention by helpers. 🚑

Suicide prevention resources

<http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/>

www.militaryonesource.com - 1-800-342-9647

National Suicide Hotline - 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/suicideprevent/>

SOLDIERS SEE BIG BENEFIT IN SMALL GROUP WORSHIP SERVICE

By Sgt. Doug Roles
56th SBCT

The rattle of small arms fire from a nearby range didn't detract from the parishioner's joy in singing hymns. That the congregation was comprised of only four Soldiers didn't diminish the value of the chaplain's weekly message at the small fire base on the outskirts of the post.

Capt. Glenvil Gregory, of Newark, N.J., and chaplain of the 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery, believes small group worship sessions can have big impacts on the lives of deployed Soldiers. The Soldiers realize church attendance is one more way to be there for their buddies.

"Over time I'm seeing an increase in Soldiers experiencing their faith and seeking avenues in which to express their faith," Gregory said.



Chaplain Glenvil Gregory of Newark, N.J., leads a church service on Fire Base Mayhem, Camp Taji, Iraq, July 25, 2009. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Roles)

"You realize that no matter how different we are we're the same. It's brought a lot of us closer together."
Spc. Sean Keefer

"It has been very rewarding for me."

Gregory initiated the Saturday morning general Protestant service at Fire Base Mayhem in April. He had been conducting services for another group of Soldiers at a nearby radar operations center when the first sergeant of Battery B requested the startup of services here.

The faces in the "crowd" keep changing for Gregory and Staff

Sgt. Chris Paulhamas, of Trout Run, Pa., the 1-108th chaplain's assistant. The 1-108th, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, rotates Soldiers in and

out of the fire base. The small size of the base and the work schedules, including night shifts, limits the number in attendance Saturday mornings. Gregory said the numbers of Soldiers attending services may not be large but he said of those who do come "there is a willingness and an eagerness."

"We've had a diverse group. We have a different group almost every month," Gregory said. "It helps them share their faith."

The Soldiers at the Saturday, July 25 service all had one thing in common: an appreciation for the assembly of believers. Spc. Sean Keefer of Waynesboro, Pa., has been able to attend nearly all the Saturday services at Mayhem. He works day shift at Mayhem performing maintenance on guns. He said at home he, his wife and children are churchgoers and said he continued that practice while deployed.

"I guess I've been a rock," Keefer said, playing on the New Testament reference to the apostle Peter.

"It's meant a lot. Not just spiritually but for getting together with the guys," he said. "You realize that no matter



Sgt. Brad Hefflefinger of Indiana, Pa., plays the guitar during a small church service on Fire Base Mayhem, Camp Taji, Iraq, July 25, 2009. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Roles)

how different we are we're the same. It's brought a lot of us closer together."

Sgt. Brad Hefflefinger, of Indiana, Pa., with B Troop, said he wasn't much of a churchgoer until recently, when he was asked to bring his guitar to a service. He's been playing the instrument for nearly 20 years.

"I find great joy in playing for the church," Hefflefinger said.

He said it strikes him that Soldiers most often raise concerns they have about others during the sharing portion of the weekly service.

"It's very noble; but it's not wrong to ask for peace for yourself," he said.

Spc. Jared Divittorio of Pittsburgh, another B Troop Soldier, said he appreciates having a service available when he's at Mayhem.

"It really helps us out to have him [Gregory] come out here. It's a convenience," Divittorio said. "It gives us a chance to sit down

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Finding work after the military

Courtesy of www.helmetstohardhats.org

Helmets to Hardhats places quality men and women from the Armed Forces into promising building and construction careers.

The building and construction trades offer veterans a career with good wages and benefits whether or not they have past construction experience.

"Some veterans come out of the military with hard construction skills if they were in the Army Corps of Engineers, or Seabees. But most come with the soft skills: leadership, discipline and trainability," said Bill Offutt, Executive Director of the National Hire Vets First program.

Most candidates will enter an apprenticeship program where they learn a trade through on-the-job training supplemented by classroom instruction at state-of-the-art training facilities. Typically, there is no charge for the training and candidates will be paid for the time they are working. The pay received from an employer can be supplemented by education benefits under the G.I. Bill, adding hundreds more dollars each month to your take home pay. An apprentice's pay increases periodically over the course of the job, and as the apprentice becomes more skilled. Many apprenticeship programs have arrangements allowing individuals to obtain college credit for classroom work. Upon graduation, candidates will become journeymen -- a craftsperson recognized for his or her knowledge and ability in the selected trade. In some cases military experience can give credit towards journeyman status and allow servicemembers to enter an apprenticeship program at an advanced level or be classified as a journeyman immediately. 

For more information visit www.helmetstohardhats.org.



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"I make sure they aren't getting burned and always have a path to get through so they can save people on the helicopter," Boica said.

Boica and his fellow firefighters executed the run through, turning everything off in the correct order and evacuated Hill, acting as a victim, from the pilot's seat - paving the way for the hoses to be used.

"The exercise went very well and this was the first time we ... got to train on a CH-47 which was very informational for our new guys," said Anthony Johnson,

from Ocean Springs, Miss., captain, Taji fire dept. "We are constantly trying to train with the military

"We are constantly trying to train with the military on their aircraft to make sure we are readily accessible for them."
Firefighter Anthony Johnson

on their aircraft to make sure we are readily accessible for them." The familiarization was the most

important aspect of the training, Johnson said, because the fire crew had rarely experienced a Chinook before.

"It's not the main one flying out here so it really helped a lot," Johnson said.

Johnson could not have been happier with the final exercise, which showed his team is ready in case a real fire breaks out on the Chinook.

"It went flawlessly and was our whole purpose for being out here," Johnson said. "In case of an emergency we can do it by muscle memory and not have to second guess ourselves."

"It was a great exercise," he said. 

August MWR Events



SPINNING CLASS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 1000 - 1100 AT GUARDIAN GYM (BLDG 1132)

COMBAT HAPKIDO CLASS EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 1930 - 2045 AT GUARDIAN GYM (BLDG 1132)

STEP AEROBICS CLASS EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 0630 - 0730 AT GUARDIAN GYM (BLDG 1132)

KARAOKE EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 1900 - 2300 AT BLDG 93

CO-ED COMPETITIVE INDOOR VOLLEYBALL EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 1900 - 2200 AT BLDG 621T



GUITAR LESSONS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 1930 AT BLDG 680

BRAZILIAN JIJUTSU CLASS EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY AT 2000 AT BLDG 621T

FOR A FULL MWR CALENDAR AND MORE MWR EVENT UPDATES, CHECK OUT [HTTPS://MNFI.INTRANET.IRAQ.CENTCOM.MIL/SITES/CAMP_TAJI/MAYORCELL/MWR%20EVENTS/FORMS/ALLITEMS.ASPX](https://mnfi.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil/sites/camp_taji/mayorcell/mwr%20events/forms/allitems.aspx)

CAMP TAJI QUICK FACTS

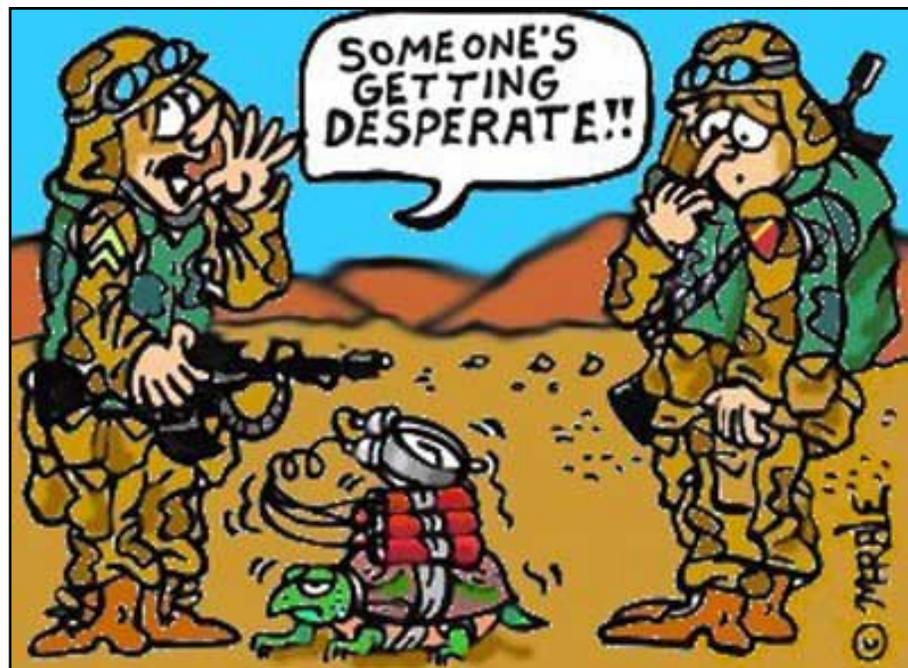
- ≈ Camp Taji is located about 20 miles north of Baghdad in the rural region of Al Taji
- ≈ Camp Taji was originally an Iraqi Republican Guard base during the Saddam era
- ≈ It has the largest PX in Iraq
- ≈ During the Saddam era, Camp Taji was the center for the manufacture of chemical weapons
- ≈ Under U.S. control, Camp Taji was renamed Camp Cooke in March 2004 in honor of a 1st Armored Division command sergeant major who was killed on Christmas Eve while visiting his troops
- ≈ In September 2004, the camp was renamed Camp Taji as part of an Army-wide effort to give its facilities around Baghdad friendlier connotations
- ≈ During the Saddam era, Camp Taji was the largest tank maintenance facility in Iraq



The Camp Taji "Boneyards" contain remnants of the Iraqi Army during the Saddam era. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)

Combatoons

By Luke Marble



Courtesy of Military.com

Airmen 'step Back' As Iraqis Take Control of Mission Support

By Staff Sgt. Joseph Buzanowski
U.S. Air Force

U.S. Airmen don't run dining facilities for the Iraqi military here. They don't pump fuel; they don't make runs to ammunition storage points. At least not any more.

All of these daily tasks that require the utmost attention to detail and dedication to supporting mission readiness are handled directly by Iraqi soldiers.

"We're just here to advise them now," said Tech. Sgt. Willie Moorer, who merely provides "a safety net" for the Iraqi soldiers who run a dining facility that feeds more than 400 troops per meal. "My goal is to work myself out of a job. They understand what they need to do to maintain the dining facilities. They know how to get a refrigerator fixed if it breaks, they know why cleanliness is important and they know about health standards."

Iraqi army Sgt. Maj. Ahmed Atae is the manager at the dining facility at Camp Taji, a position he's held for a year and a half.

"Our soldiers have a hard job



Iraqi soldiers eat lunch at their dining facility at Camp Taji, Iraq, July 12, 2009. This dining facility is run exclusively by the Iraqi army with some assistance from an American Airman assigned to the Logistics Military Advisor Team. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Keller)

and they need good, healthy food," the sergeant major said. "If they have healthy food, they can do their job. My job is to give them that."

Moorer, deployed from the force support squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, says the Iraqis are 95 percent ready to run the operation on their own.

"All they need me for now is to give advice on how to solve an issue they don't know how to solve," Moorer said. "But they'll actually go and take care of it."

The same is true for ammunition. Staff Sgt. Eric Richards, deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base,

Alaska, says it's been challenging for him and his Iraqi counterparts to bridge cultural differences. But they see eye to eye when it comes to protecting the munitions.

"It's very important to have skilled specialists to handle the ammunition," said Iraqi army Capt. Isam Marai. "We need to prevent accidents; ammunition

is an important part of any army."

The Iraqis have dramatically improved their standards over the last several years. They have better documentation practices and are constantly upgrading them, Richards said.

A new facility and modern

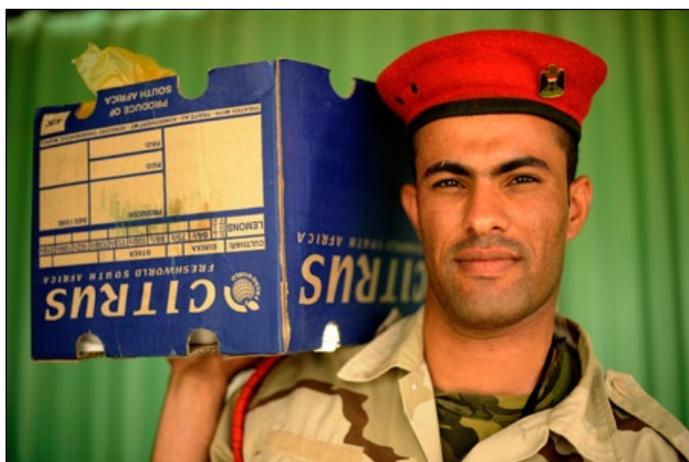
"They take a lot of pride in their work and the Iraqis are well on their way to running things on their own."
Tech. Sgt. John Dukes

bookkeeping tools are also on the way for the Iraqi troops who run the fuel depot at Camp Taji.

"They already had a good system for documenting and verifying fuel distribution - almost as good as our own - but it's all on slips of paper and in ledgers," said Tech. Sgt. John Dukes, a fuels advisor to the Iraqi army. "They've got computer laptops on the way. They already know how to do a spreadsheet, so they're almost ready to go."

The Iraqi army is

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An Iraqi soldier carries a box of food from an Iraqi dining facility for his fellow Soldiers pulling guard duty at Camp Taji, Iraq, July 12. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Keller)

CAMP TAJI AT A GLANCE



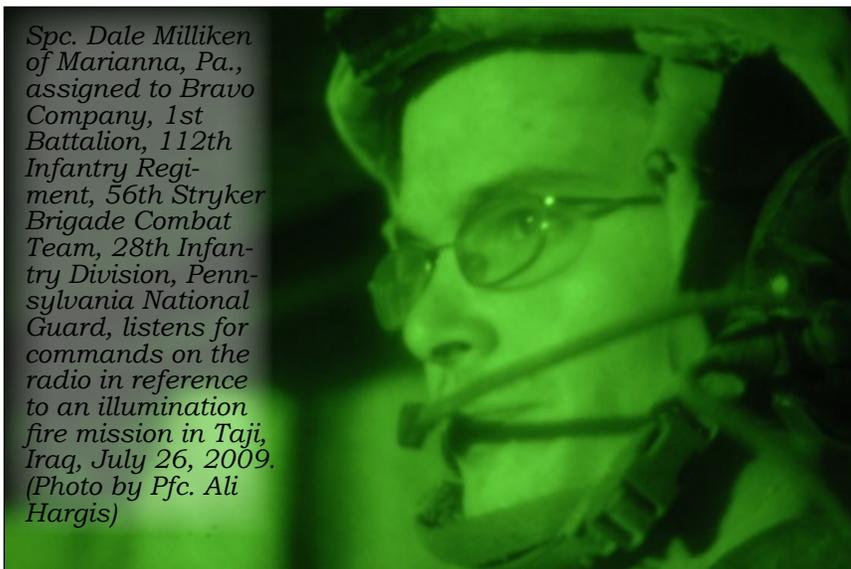
Spc. Kyle Latham from Boise, Idaho, attached to 2nd Battalion, 104th Cavalry Regiment, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, hands candy to children at a traffic control point in Taji, Iraq, July 18, 2009. (Photo by Pfc. Ali Hargis)



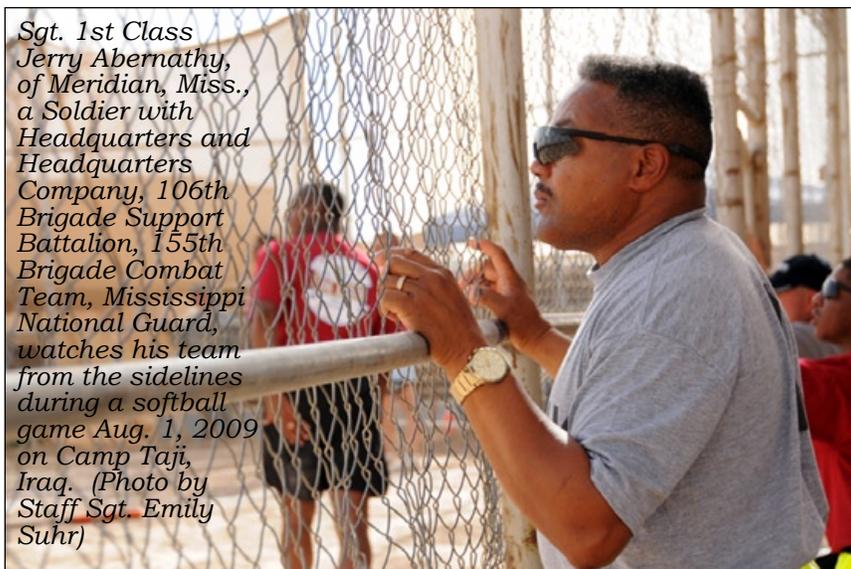
Capt. Brent Lindley, Lt. Col. Jonathan Hubbard and Maj. Scott Lindley, all with the 106th Brigade Support Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi National Guard, enjoy an MWR show July 29, 2009 on Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)



Spc. Elliott Smith of Reading, Pa., a Soldier with A Troop, 2nd Squadron, 104th Cavalry Regiment, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, talks on a radio headset in a Stryker vehicle July 20, 2009. (Photo by Master Sgt. Sean Whelan)

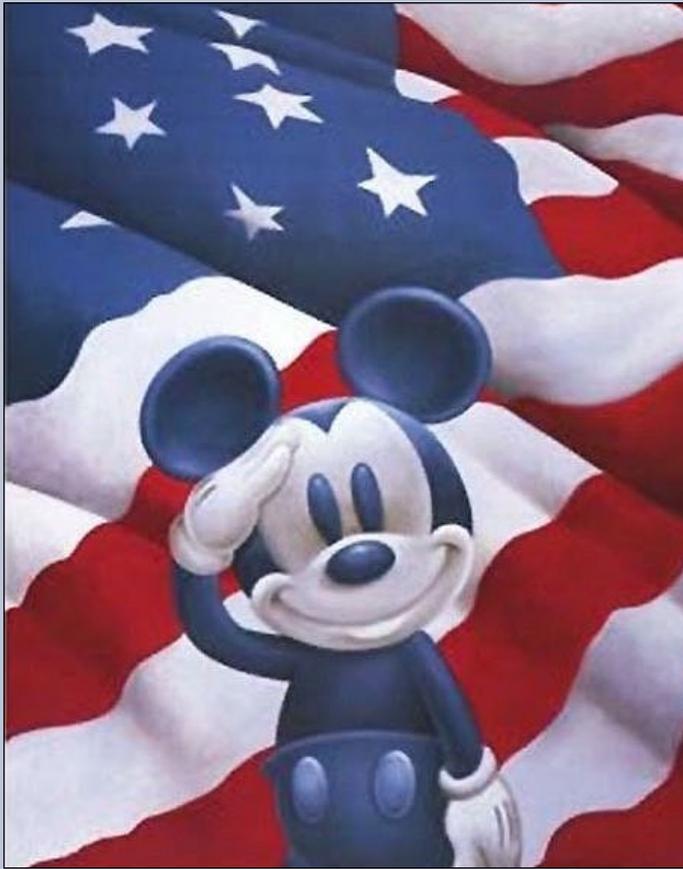


Spc. Dale Milliken of Marianna, Pa., assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, listens for commands on the radio in reference to an illumination fire mission in Taji, Iraq, July 26, 2009. (Photo by Pfc. Ali Hargis)



Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Abernathy, of Meridian, Miss., a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 106th Brigade Support Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi National Guard, watches his team from the sidelines during a softball game Aug. 1, 2009 on Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)

Military Deal: Walt Disney World Salutes the Men and Women Who Serve



Through December 23, 2009, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper® and Water Park Fun & More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World® theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest® Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions.

During this offer period, active or retired U.S. military personnel (or their spouses, but not both) may purchase up to a maximum of five 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper® or Water Park Fun & More options, this ticket can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option.

Activated members of the National Guard or Reservists (presenting orders showing active status after January 1, 2008) and active or retired members of the United States Coast Guard are also eligible to participate in this offer.

Servicemembers can save up to 40 percent on rooms at select Disney Moderate Resorts through Dec. 23, 2009 as well.

For more information, visit www.military.com/DC/DealCoupon.jsp?deal_id=24074

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and bring our faith to the table." Divittorio said he grew up going to church but had "fallen off the horse" recently. He said being deployed helped him return to faith.

"I realized I need Him and he's here," Divittorio said, adding that in a way he feels God is "even closer" in Iraq.

Paulhamas and Gregory said the issues battalion Soldiers most commonly bring to them are relationship issues, be it relationships with other Soldiers or with family members. Gregory also said he's fielded a number of theological questions.

"There has been an upsurge in people asking Bible questions," Gregory said. "It seems more people are reading The Bible."

Gregory is a native of Antigua who now lives in St. Thomas, Vir-

gin Islands. He said he is "passing through" New Jersey. Gregory grew up in the Moravian church. He called the choice of ministry as a profession "a natural fit."

"All my life I've been in church," Gregory, who as a civilian is now a pastor in the Moravian Church, West Indies Province, said. "My mission here is to help to sustain the faith of Soldiers by providing them with religious services, Bible study groups and also pastoral care and counseling."

Gregory transferred to the Pa. Guard in 2005, from the Virgin Islands Army National Guard, while attending Moravian Seminary. He deployed to Guantanamo Bay with the Puerto Rico National Guard in 2007-08.

Of his current tour, Gregory said ministering to Soldiers during the

deployment has caused him to grow spiritually and emotionally. Paulhamas shares prior deployment experience with Gregory, but not as a Soldier in the chaplain corps.

Paulhamas, who works as a quality assurance technician as a civilian, deployed to Ramadi, Iraq in 2005-06 with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division. He was an infantryman who worked as a tanker on that deployment, an experience he termed the "total opposite" of his current mission. Paulhamas feels his new role in the military is a good fit for him. He said one of the highlights for him this time around was the baptism of over a dozen Soldiers while the brigade was moving through Kuwait to Iraq.

"God led me to be a chaplain's assistant. He opened doors and I was able to give back," Paulhamas said. ▀

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Rural benefit payments: This one-time, lump-sum payment of \$500 is issued directly to a student who resides in a county with six persons or fewer per square mile, and who either:

- physically relocates at least 500 miles to attend an educational institution, or
- relocates by air (any distance) to physically attend an educational institution, if no other land-based transportation exists.

What kind of education and training does the Post-9/11 GI Bill cover?

Approved training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill includes graduate and undergraduate degrees. All training programs must be offered by a degree-granting institution of higher learning (IHL) and approved for GI Bill benefits. Additionally, tutorial assistance and reimbursement for one licensing or certification test reimbursement are available under the Post- 9/11 GI Bill.

What is the eligibility period?

The period of eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill ends 15 years from the date of the last discharge or release from active duty of at least: 90 consecutive days 30 days but less than 90 days if released for a service-connected disability

Or: 15 years from the date of discharge for the last period of service used to meet the minimum service requirements of 90 aggregate days of service.

For more information, visit the GI Bill website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or call toll-free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

Buy and Sell on Camp Taji

Just arrived on Camp Taji and your room is looking bare? Getting ready to leave and need to unload some stuff? Visit www.FOBexchange.com



to buy and sell anything from refrigerators to bikes to video games. Register for an account, choose "Iraq" and "Camp Taji", then either post an ad to sell, or

browse for something you need. It's that easy!



SUDOKU PUZZLE

To Solve the Puzzle you must figure out how to place the numbers 1 to 9 exactly once each in every row, column and 3x3 box.

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8		3	7			6		5

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Help us make the Taji Times better!

What type of things is your unit doing? We want to know! Send your stories, story ideas and/or photographs to emily.suhr@iraq.centcom.mil by the 5th 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!

Camp Taji ushers in a new class of Equal Opportunity Leaders

By Sgt. 1st Class Sheletha Quillin
155th BCT EO Advisor

Soldiers from brigades all over Camp Taji participated in the 60 hour Equal Opportunity Leader's Course (EOLC) course conducted July 27 - 31, 2009.

As the combat mission continues, so does the mission to provide Soldiers with an environment free from discrimination and sexual harassment. Many people do not realize how much of a combat multiplier a positive EO climate can be. When Soldiers are confident that they will be treated fairly based on their merit instead of their race, color, religion, national origin or gender, things are more cohesive; and a cohesive team accomplishes the mission.

The graduates of Camp Taji's EOLC class 09-03 know what it

takes to support the policy. They have been armed with knowledge and resources to assist commanders in creating and maintaining the best possible environment for the Army's most valuable resource, it's Soldiers.

Students and staff attended an informal dinner with Command Sgt. Maj. Glen Vela, 1 ACB command sergeant major (also a trained EOL). The command sergeant major shared a motivational story highlighting the need for intervention and leader commitment at the lowest level. This type of interaction with the chain of command and NCO support channel is crucial to the success of the EO program. Thanks to Command Sgt. Maj. Vela for spending time to provide command support.

The guest speaker for the graduation ceremony was Command Sgt.

Maj. Chris Amagliani from the 615th ASB, 1 ACB. His message was one of encouragement. As a former EOL, Command Sgt. Maj. Amagliani expressed his pride in being invited to speak to the graduates about the challenges they will face and their ability to make an impact. In his closing remarks he said, "...go out and be the eyes and ears for your commanders, but also be the example for the Soldiers to emulate."

The EO program can help Soldiers in ways that FMs, TMs and other regulations can not. It involves addressing multiple social issues brought into a strict military environment. If you think managing this is easy, just ask an EOL to explain. But don't take it easy on them, they are ready for the challenge. 🇺🇸



The new class of Equal Opportunity Leaders and their instructors pose just before their graduation ceremony July, 31, 2009 on Camp Taji, Iraq. 1st Row/ left to right: Master Sgt. Pamela A. Youngblood (instructor), Staff Sgt. Paul V. Ritzie III, Sgt. Luther A. Martin, Sgt. 1st Class Marcia T. Copeland, Sgt. 1st Class Leroy E. Schrock, Staff Sgt. Jessica McClary, Staff Sgt. Alexander Garcia, Master Sgt. Curtis X. Smith (instructor); 2nd Row/ left to right: Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Burns (instructor), Staff Sgt. Danial Lobue, Sgt. 1st Class Jordana Bernard, Staff Sgt. Jomar Robinson, Sgt. Baltazar Lopez Jr., Sgt. Danielle Long, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey P. Bailey, Sgt. 1st Class David P. Rohe (instructor); 3rd Row/ left to right: Sgt. Randy Hill, Sgt. Matthew Card, Sgt. Glenn F. Mendoza, Sgt. Antione Thompson, Sgt. Andrew Kelly, Staff Sgt. Philip Hanks, Staff Sgt. Harold Waterman, Staff Sgt. Eric M. Bell, Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Graham, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric W. Pope, Sgt. Dana M. Elias, Sgt. 1st Class Sheletha D. Quillin (instructor). (Photo by Staff Sgt. Emily Suhr)

Chapel Service Times

Hope Chapel (Bldg 97)

Sunday
0930 Contemporary Protestant (MWR Bldg 93)
1000 Church of Christ
1100 Traditional Protestant
2200 Protestant
Friday
1900 Wicca/Open Circle
Saturday
1300 Catholic Mass

Warrior Chapel (Bldg 510)

Sunday
1000 Protestant
1400 LDS Service
1830 Contemporary Protestant
Saturday
1000 Catholic Mass

Tigris River Chapel (Bldg 119)

Sunday
0930 Traditional Protestant
1130 Contemporary Protestant
1800 Episcopal/Anglican/liturgical
Friday
1200 Islamic Prayer
1900 Jewish
Saturday
1800 Catholic Mass

Ministry Center (Bldg 130)

Sunday
0830 Sunday School
1000 Gospel

Roadmaster Chapel (Bldg 639)

Sunday
1000 Gospel

Stryker Village Chapel (Bldg 1281)

Sunday
1100 Protestant
Saturday
1800 Contemporary Protestant
1930 Catholic Mass

Surge Chapel (Bldg 1116)

Sunday
1000 Worship

All American Chapel (Bldg 556)

Sunday
1030 Contemporary

Church Bulletin Bloopers

(Taken from actual church bulletins)

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.

This month in history

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps where Anne died in 1945 at 15.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12 in the Bahamas.

August 4, 1962 - Apartheid opponent Nelson Mandela was arrested in South Africa. A worldwide campaign to free him began in the 1980s and resulted in his release on February 11, 1990, after 27 years in prison.

August 5, 1962 - Film star Marilyn Monroe died at age 36 from an overdose of sleeping pills.

August 6-10, 1787 - The Great Debate occurred during the Constitutional Convention. Outcomes included the establishment of a four year term of office for the President, granting Congress the right to regulate foreign trade and interstate commerce, and the appointment of a committee to prepare a final draft of the Constitution.

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 6, 1965 - The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Act suspended literacy, knowledge and character tests designed to keep African Americans from voting.

August 9, 1945 - The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

August 9, 1974 - Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal. Facing possible impeachment by Congress, he was the first U.S. President ever to resign.

August 13, 1961 - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire, which was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin.

August 14, 1945 - Delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people.

August 16, 1977 - Elvis Presley was pronounced dead at the Memphis Baptist Hospital at age 42.

August 17, 1998 - Bill Clinton became the first sitting President to give testimony before a grand jury in which he, the President, was the focus of the investigation.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii as the 50th state.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington D.C. was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington DC at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

August 29, 1991 - Following the unsuccessful coup of August 19-21, the Soviet Communist Party was suspended, thus ending the institution that ruled the Soviet Union for nearly 75 years.

Camp Taji Hours of Operations

PX 0700-2300 Daily	Beauty Shop 0900-2100 Daily
Green Beans Coffee 24 Hours / 7 Days	Barber Shops (3) 0900-1900 Daily
Subway 0900-2200 Daily	Alteration Shop 0900-2100 Daily
Burger King 0700-0000 Daily	Photo Processing 0900-2100 Daily
Pizza Hut 1000-0000 Daily	AT&T Calling Center 24 Hours / 7 Days
Cinnabon 0600-0000 Daily	Laundry Facilities (11) 0700-1900 Daily
Taco Bell 0900-0000 Daily	Post Office 0800-1800 Daily
Popeye's 1000-2200 Daily	Finance Office 0900-1600 Mon - Sat
New Car Sales 0900-2100 Daily	Swimming Pool 0600 - 1900 (seasonal)

Level II Medical Sick Call
0800-1100 & 1930-2200 Mon - Fri
0800-1000 & 1930-2130 Sat - Sun
Emergencies 24 Hours / 7 Days
(Patients must have a sick call slip signed by their 1SG or CMDR to be seen, unless an emergency)

Dining Facility Hours

DFAC 1 - CSM Cooke
Breakfast: 0600 - 0900
Lunch: 1100 - 1400
Dinner: 1630 - 2000
Midnight: 2300 - 0030

DFAC 2 - Cantigny
Breakfast: 0630 - 0930
Lunch: 1130 - 1430
Dinner: 1700 - 2030
Midnight: 2330 - 0100

DFAC 3 - SGT Timothy H. Walker
Breakfast: 0600 - 0900
Lunch: 1100 - 1400
Dinner: 1700 - 2030
Midnight: 2300 - 0030

Camp Taji Phone Numbers

Support
Mayor Cell work orders: 834-1351
Billing: 834-1334
Base Support Operations: 834-3084
Dept. of Public Works: 834-3180
Chaplain's Office: 834-1049
Safety Office: 834-3148

Medical
Sick Call: 834-1358
Combat Stress: 834-1050

Emergency Services
Emergency 911
Fire Department: 834-1000
Military Police: 834-3000
BDOC: 834-3417

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Iraqi soldiers fuel their vehicles at Camp Taji, Iraq, July 11, 2009. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Keller)

also planning to install a new fuel storage area. "The facility will be more environmentally friendly and will better enable the army to fuel their vehicles," said Dukes, who is deployed from Hurlburt Field, Fla. "What we're working on now is improving the procedures already in place so it's as seamless a transition as possible when we leave." Lessons it took much of the Western world to learn over 30 to 40 years about fuel and hazardous material storage the Iraqis have had to learn in four, Dukes said. "My role is just to step back and let them perform their mission on their own," Dukes continued. "We're not here to tell them how to do their job. We're just here to offer advice based on the lessons we've learned. But they take a lot of pride in their work and the Iraqis are well on their way to running things on their own." 



CAMP TAJI COMBAT STRESS

Clinic Classes:

~ Monday	1000	Anger Management
~ Tuesday	1000	Stress Management
~ Wednesday	1000	Relaxation
~ Thursday	1000	Conflict Resolution
	1500	Sleep
~ Friday	1500	Tobacco Cessation

All classes are held on a walk-in basis at the Combat Stress Clinic (Bldg 632). No appointment necessary

ADAPT (Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment) class will be held during the 3rd week of the month from Tuesday – Thursday 0830-1130. Servicemembers must sign up the Monday prior.

Clinic Services:

- ~ Individual confidential counseling
- ~ Suicide Awareness Briefings
- ~ Sexual Assault Briefings
- ~ R & R Briefings
- ~ Tobacco Cessation
- ~ Redeployment Briefings
- ~ Stress Management
- ~ Combat Stress Awareness

Clinic Hours:

Mon – Fri 0800-1700 Closed from 1200-1300 for Lunch
 Sat – Sun 0800-1200
 For after-hour emergencies report to the TMC



Call the Combat Stress Team at DSN: 834-1050 or SIPR: 242-6950, e-mail taji.55thMedicalCoCS@iraq.centcom.mil, or stop by building 632 (at the corner of Sooner & 37th) to set up an appointment, get more information or just to visit

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