

# When crashing is part of the plan

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BAGHDAD — Focused on his task, Pvt. Richard Jarus, guided a small unmanned aerial vehicle in circles around a landing area near the brigade headquarters on Camp Liberty, Nov. 7.

Steering it into a straight line, he used the hand controller to tell the RQ-11B Raven to quickly lift its nose into the air, causing it to stall and crash into the ground; pieces of the UAV scattering among the rocks. The landing was a success, by a Raven pilot's standards.

When the Raven “crashes”, its pieces are designed to fly off, dispersing energy among them,

to keep from harming the main body of the UAV, said Jarus, a native of Hanover, Penn.

Soldiers from every battalion in the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division had new equipment training (NET) with the Raven during the brigade's rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., but most of the Soldiers who attended review training that day hadn't flown the bird in country before, said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Wayne Grimes, of Fort Lewis, Wash., a brigade Raven master trainer.

This training provided an opportunity to build the Raven pilots' confidence and evaluate

their efficiency with the device. It also reinforced the skills they already learned as well as some tactics, techniques and procedures that they didn't necessarily learn during NET.

It's important to have extra time to execute flying techniques is to remind them of the skills they learned in previous training on Fort Lewis, said Grimes.

“It's so perishable since they just learned it.”

The Soldiers know that they might not have many opportunities to fly the Raven, so they took full advantage of what the training day had to offer by asking questions and continually working on flying the UAV.



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Wayne Grimes a brigade Raven master trainer, demonstrates how to put together an RQ-11B Raven during a refresher training course for Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment on Camp Liberty, Nov. 7

“The guy I went to training with [changed duty stations], so it's just me and it's hard to [fly the Raven] by yourself,” said Jarus, who explained that since he's the only Raven-trained Soldier in his platoon, he may not get to fly it as often.

Grimes told a story about how he has flown a Raven alone, and how many others have had to do the same.

Training ended with everyone laughing and cheering as the Raven hit the ground one last time, another perfectly imperfect landing.



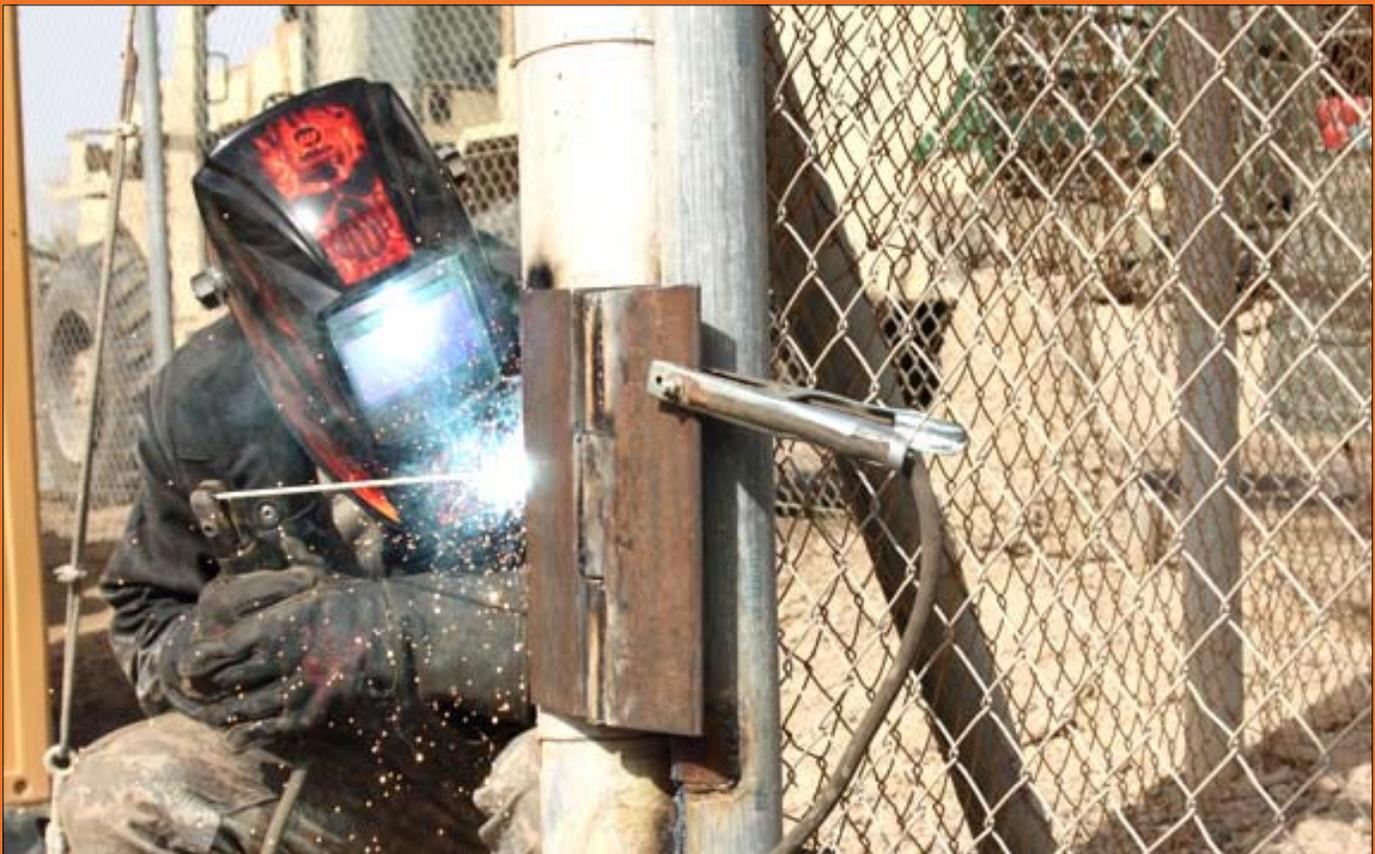
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An RQ-11B Raven, a small unmanned aerial system used to aerially observe areas Soldiers normally wouldn't be able to, shatters to pieces after landing during a Raven refresher training course on Camp Liberty, Nov. 7.

# 101st Engineers renovate entranceway

**By Staff Sgt. April Mota**  
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BAGHDAD — Getting ready to cut off the old hinges that left the gate entrance unsecure, Spc. Chad Parks (right) of Steuben, Maine, Forward Support Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, 16th Engineer Brigade, adjusts the gas flow to a cutting torch to the proper setting. Parks works to install new hinges to the entrance gate of the 445th Transportation Company's motor pool, here, on Victory Base Complex, Nov. 7



Using delicate precision, Spc. Chad Parks, of Steuben, Maine, with Forward Support Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, 16th Engineer Brigade, welds the first new hinge in place to the entrance gate of a motor pool, here, on Victory Base Complex, Nov. 7.

# Soldiers pass on firefighting knowledge

**By Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell**  
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BAGHDAD — An Iraqi firefighter feigns death and lies on the ground inside of a mock building to simulate a smoke-inhalation victim. His teammates, their vision obscured to simulate smoke-blindness, crawl along the ground with oxygen tanks strapped to their backs.

All of a sudden, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment scream at the trainees to recreate the chaos inside in a burning building.

“You gotta respect the fire,” admitted Spc. Kevin Fregia, a hazardous materials specialist. “Yeah, you’re going to be scared, but you gotta have confidence and the knowledge to do what you have to do.”

This is all part of a firefighting class at Joint Security Station Ur that Fregia, and another Soldier with a firefighting background, held, Nov. 8, for nearly 20 Iraqi

firefighters from the 29th Center for Defense, based just west of Sadr City, here.

The class taught the Iraqis how to properly don and use their equipment, feel for back drafts on a door, enter a burning building, find and recover victims, and how to extinguish a blaze with a fire hose, explained Cpl. John Curtis, a combat medic from Lisbon, Maine.

“Some of the things we taught them, like the technical stuff, they weren’t too comfortable with,” added Curtis. “But after running through some scenarios a few times, they were good.”

Curtis, the lead instructor for the course, added that even though these Iraqis have been working as firefighters for a few years in some cases, he wanted to focus on their equipment first.

“You want to make sure they know how to use it and how it works,” he continued. “Then run them through a few scenarios and

let them problem solve before we make corrections...Next, we blindfolded them with bags that simulates smoke and a fire, so they have to really feel around and communicate with each other.”

The Iraqis were eager to learn and jumped in at every opportunity to ask questions and display what they have learned in the past.

“Actually, being able to see them use their own gear and knowledge with me just pushing them along the way is a great feeling,” said Curtis. “I’ve seen a lot of improvement today...If you get the tactical and technical aspects down, then you’re going to have confidence to go in there and save some lives.”

Curtis knows this from firsthand experience. He has been around firefighters all his life; his father was on the fire department and he joined as a volunteer when he was only 16 years old. After becoming a certified firefighter,

he attended special classes such as water and vehicle rescue before joining the military.

From his experiences, Curtis knows that the right training can be the difference between saving a victim or becoming one.

“One of these guys may save somebody else’s life or their own life with the training that we’re giving them,” said Fregia, a native of Orange, Texas, who has over ten years of firefighting experience.

“It feels great to pass on your knowledge to other people,” he continued. “This training is the greatest feeling to teach them something you know that they wouldn’t have gotten elsewhere.”

According to Hussan Nawim Hussein, who has been fighting fires in Baghdad since 2005, the incidents they deal with are fires from oil wells, buildings, homes, but mostly explosions.

“I’m never scared because it’s my job,” said Hussan. “The main goal is to save people’s lives and I feel brave and very proud because I’ve saved some people’s lives.”

Hussan and his fellow firefighters agreed that the U.S. Soldiers taught them all something helpful.

“I think they were having a lot of fun and learning a lot, they would have stayed all day if they could have,” said Fregia.

“I’ve seen a lot of improvement,” agreed Curtis. “We’re really not providing them with anything except for knowledge.”

Both instructors worked together to change up the scenarios and let different firefighters participate, but after a few hours, the radios crackled and the Iraqis received an emergency call.

The firefighters from 29th Center for Defense quickly jumped on their fire engines, flipped on flashing red lights and sped off to put their newly-honed skills into use, hopefully saving lives in a trial by fire.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Burrell

Spc. Kevin Fregia, a hazardous materials specialist from Orange, Texas, shows an Iraqi firefighter how to properly get a tight seal on his oxygen mask during a joint firefighting class at Joint Security Station Ur in northern Baghdad, Nov. 8.

# On This Day In History Ellis Island closes

On this day in 1954, Ellis Island, the gateway to America, shuts its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892. Today, an estimated 40 percent of all Americans can trace their roots through Ellis Island, located in New York Harbor off the New Jersey coast and named for merchant Samuel Ellis, who owned the land in the 1770s.

On January 2, 1892, 15-year-old Annie Moore, from Ireland, became the first person to pass through the newly opened Ellis Island, which President Benjamin Harrison designated as America's first federal immigration center in 1890. Before that time, the processing of immigrants had been handled by individual states. Only two percent of all immigrants were denied entrance into the U.S.

Immigration to Ellis Island peaked between 1892 and 1924 and additional buildings were constructed to handle the massive influx of immigrants.

With America's entrance into World War I, immigration declined and Ellis Island was used as a detention center for suspected enemies. Following the war, Congress passed quota laws and the Immigration Act of 1924, which sharply reduced the number of newcomers allowed into the country and also enabled immigrants to be processed at U.S. consulates abroad. After 1924, Ellis Island switched from a processing center to serving other purposes, such as a detention and deportation center for illegal immigrants, a hospital for wounded soldiers during World War II and a Coast Guard training center. In November 1954, the last detainee, a Norwegian merchant seaman, was released and Ellis Island officially closed.

Beginning in 1984, Ellis Island underwent a \$160 million renovation, the largest historic restoration project in U.S. history. In September 1990, the Ellis Island Immigration Museum opened to the public and today is visited by almost 2 million people each year.

# MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles, MND-B PAO)

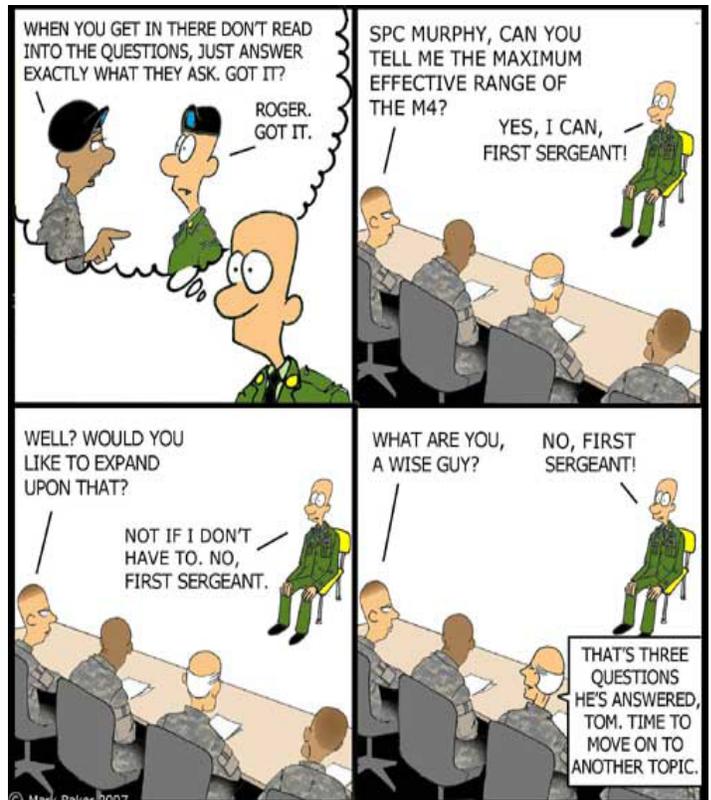
BAGHDAD — Staff Sgt. William Andrews (right) shares a laugh with a Sons of Iraq security member at an Sol checkpoint near Mahmudiyah, here, Oct. 31. Andrews is an infantryman assigned to Company B, 120th Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team. "I think it helps the younger generation see we are here to help them and hopefully, it will have a bigger impact in years to come," said Andrews.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris ordered a Big Mac at Burger King, and got one.



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# Quote For Today

“Never go backward. Attempt, and do it with all your might. Determination is power.”

— Charles Simmons —

## Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today  
84° F | 62° F



Tomorrow  
77° F | 64° F



82° F | 66° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

What running back is only player to rush for 2000 yards in college and as a pro in one season?

Last Issue's Answer: CAPPUCCINO cappucine monks

# Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

## MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 196 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. Soldiers of the 30th HBCT provide Iraqi children with school supplies. Story from the field by SGT Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

Operation Iraqi Children is a program that supplies school supplies for children in the Baghdad area and throughout Iraq. This program also helps strengthen the re-

lationship between U.S. and Iraqi Armys.

2. A USO sponsored program is allowing soldiers to compete against NFL players in an online competition.

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# Trigger's Teasers

1			4			3	2	
					3	5		
			9	5		1	6	
		9	3	7			2	
6								3
	3			2	9	7		
	8	1		9	7			
		5	6					
4	6			8				9

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

## Yesterday's Answers

9	7	1	2	3	4	6	8	5
2	8	4	1	5	6	3	7	9
6	3	5	7	9	8	2	4	1
7	6	9	4	8	1	5	2	3
8	1	2	5	6	3	4	9	7
4	5	3	9	2	7	1	6	8
5	9	7	6	1	2	8	3	4
3	4	6	8	7	5	9	1	2
1	2	8	3	4	9	7	5	6



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