

# Engineers provide route clearance training

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BAGHDAD — Iraqi Police from the 1st Mechanized Brigade attended a three day class on route clearance and improvised explosive device recognition at the Task Force Iron Claw Academy, Nov. 11.

Taught by Soldiers of the 101st Engineer Battalion and the 16th Engineer Brigade, here on Victory Base Complex, the three day course covered the main components of IED’s, including signs to indicate a possible IED, simulated IED lanes, and Husky vehicle familiarization.

Spc. Norman Thompson, Northbridge, Mass., 101st Eng. Bn., taught the IPs how to use the Husky, a mine detection vehicle used in convoys for route clearance.

“I was happy to help instruct the mine detection vehicle familiarization course. I ran route clearance missions for an en-

tire deployment; I have plenty of knowledge to share,” said Thompson.

This was not the first class that IP officer, Maj. Abbas Ali, attended that was taught by U.S. forces. He was very impressed with the hands on training and felt the portion of the class that covered placement and concealment to be the most helpful.

“We now have another way to detect dangerous IEDs. This training helps us help our people and U.S. forces to avoid terrible incidents around Baghdad,” he said.

Warrant Officer Jameel Nema is now serving with the IP’s. He was thankful their group was able to attend the course as were most of the IP’s involved.

“This group will transfer their experiences from this class to the fellow IP’s they are stationed with. This knowledge will make our routes and checkpoints much safer. It will help a



Photo by Staff Sgt. April Mota

Spc. Norman Thompson (right), of Northbridge, Mass., stops to discuss the warning signs of a simulated improvised explosive device, here, Nov. 11.



Photo by Staff Sgt. April Mota

Unaware of an upcoming simulated improvised explosive device, Iraqi Police walk through a training lane as part of a three day route clearance class here on Victory Base Complex on Nov. 11

lot of IPs.” said Nema.

This was the first time Warrant Officer Hussain Abuid has trained with the U.S. forces. Abuid felt the IP’s were well taken care of during the class, receiving nothing put professionalism from the U.S. Soldiers. He was impressed by how thorough the class was.

“This training gives us more motivation to do our job. We’re now able to identify different

components of the IED,” he said.

The last day of class had the officers walk through a simulated IED lane, putting their knowledge from the previous days to the test. Each time the IPs came across something suspicious they would stop to investigate. The IP’s were able to properly detect every simulated IED that had been hidden by the instructors.

# U.S., IA conduct door to door search

**Photos by Sgt. Shejal Pulivarti**  
1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div



BAGHDAD—Pfc. David Hill, with 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, walks through Tarmiyah during a combined cordon and knock, Nov. 11. The joint American and Iraqi patrol conducted the search to ensure the security of the neighborhood.



Point Pleasant, N.J. native, Capt. Ray Canzonier, commander of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, transmits a message relaying the success of a combined cordon and search mission for illegal weapons and ammo in Tarmiyah Nov. 11.



Staff Sgt. Gerald Bush (right), a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, clears an AK-47 found at a house in Tarmiyah, on the northeastern edge of Baghdad, during a combined cordon and knock conducted with their Iraqi Army counterparts, Nov. 11.



Palli, a military working dog supporting 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, sits beside the weapons and ammo he found during a combined cordon and knock conducted in Tarmiyah, on the northeastern side of Baghdad, Nov. 11.

# N.C. female warrant officer leads the way

By Spc. Ruth McClary  
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BAGHDAD — Newly promoted Chief Warrant Officer 4 Elizabeth Bohannon, the first female Soldier to achieve this rank in the North Carolina National Guard, juggles folders and papers, as her sock monkey stands guard on her desk, screening incoming traffic in need of her attention.

“I became a warrant officer because I wanted to make a difference,” said Bohannon, the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team assistant adjutant of personnel. “I’m proud to get to this point because I feel like there is more to do and the higher I get, the more I can do.”

A pile of papers laid on one side of the desk and the computer displayed a spreadsheet with several file tabs at the bottom as Bohannon discussed her nearly 27-year journey to get to this point in her military career.

“I always had an interest in the military and wanted to join straight out of high school,” said Bohannon. “I joined the National Guard as a military policeman for educational purposes and I stayed in because of the people.”

“I like the role of the National Guard,” she said. “We are like the guardians of our hometown. It’s very rewarding to work for my community and the military.”

After working as a military policeman, Bohannon worked full-time in the National Guard as a unit administrator. Her family moved from Elizabethville, Pa., in 1997 when her husband, a retired first sergeant, received a position in North Carolina. Bohannon submitted her warrant officer packet when there wasn’t a full-time slot available for her after the move.

Early in her career, Bohannon’s peers could see her devotion to succeed and her

commitment to do the job right.

“We worked together in recruiting command; that’s when I really got to know her,” said brigade executive officer, Col. Cliff Wilkins, of Fort Bragg, N.C. “The National Guard Bureau leaned on her expertise. She is a very serious, determined professional and it does not surprise me one bit that she is a CW4.”

Now residing in Youngsville, N.C., Bohannon works with multi-million dollar budgets as a resource manager in recruiting command, and was nationally recognized as a subject matter expert in the field.

“She always maintained a tremendous dedication and very serious approach to her duties; staying within the fiscal guidelines for responsible and ethical disbursement of funds,” Wilkins said.

Deployments gave Bohannon more interaction with Soldiers. Her eyes lit up as she spoke of her mother sending a sock monkey dressed in combat gear during her first deployment with the brigade in 2004. The six-inch figure was the mascot of the personnel section; becoming a guardian for Soldiers as they traveled on missions.

“My mother sent me a sock monkey on my last deployment because my brother and I used to fight over it when we were kids,” said Bohannon. “It became our mascot; going out with our Soldiers on missions. It’s been all over Iraq. I gave it to them with one condition; they personally had to bring it back.”

The mascot was one way Bohannon connected with the Soldiers during the last tour, on this deployment her connection has

developed into a personal mission of solving problems.

“Speaking from a personnel point of view, it’s a very rewarding thing to be able to take care of Soldiers in a combat zone,” said Bohannon. “There are different challenges in combat; being able to fix problems and dispute those challenges is my reward.”

“Being a warrant officer and taking care of Soldiers has probably been the best part of my career,” she said.

The astute professional sends a message to aspiring Soldiers following in her footsteps, “Just keep trying, keeping your sites focused on your goals,” said Bohannon. “Yes, there will always be walls to climb over but as long as you stay focused you can do whatever you want to do.”



Photo by Spc. Ruth McClary  
Warrant Officer 4 Elizabeth Bohannon (right), of Youngsville, N.C., points out figures to Maj. David Raynor, of Raleigh, N.C., in the personnel office at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Nov. 8. Bohannon, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, recently became the highest ranking female warrant officer in the North Carolina National Guard and the first to receive the title.

## On This Day In History

November 14, 1970

### Plane crash devastates Marshall University

On November 14, 1970, a chartered jet carrying most of the Marshall University football team clips a stand of trees and crashes into a hillside just two miles from the Tri-State Airport in Kenova, West Virginia. Thirty-seven Marshall football players were aboard the plane, along with the team's coach, its doctors, the university athletic director and 25 team boosters--some of Huntington, West Virginia's most prominent citizens--who had traveled to North Carolina to cheer on the Thundering Herd. "The whole fabric," a citizen of Huntington wrote later, "the whole heart of the town was aboard."

The crash was just the most tragic in a string of unfortunate events that had befallen the Marshall football team since about 1960. The university stadium, which hadn't been renovated since before World War II, was condemned in 1962. From the last game of the 1966 season to midway through the 1969 season, the team hadn't won any games. Making matters worse, the NCAA had suspended Marshall for more than 100 recruiting violations. But Marshall seemed to be getting back on track: It had fired the dishonest coaches, built a new Astro turf field and started winning games again.

For Huntington, the plane crash was "like the Kennedy assassination," one citizen remembers. "Everybody knows where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news." The town immediately went into mourning. Shops and government offices closed; businesses on the town's main street draped their windows in black bunting. The university held a memorial service in the stadium the next day and cancelled Monday's classes. There were so many funerals that they had to be spread out over several weeks. In perhaps the saddest ceremony of all, six players whose remains couldn't be identified were buried together in Spring Hill Cemetery, on a hill overlooking their university.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

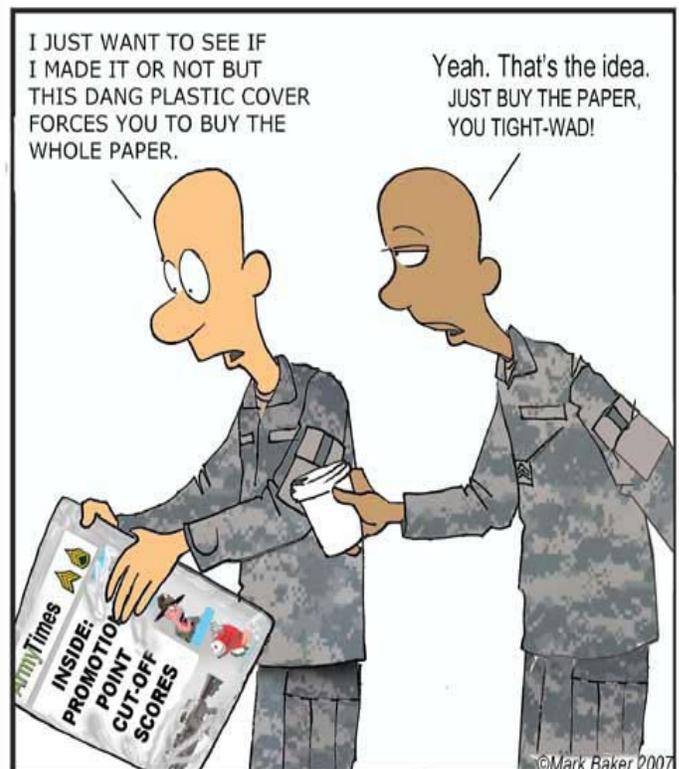
When Chuck Norris plays Monopoly, it affects the actual world economy.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte, 30th HBCT PAO

**BAGHDAD** – Staff Sgt. Joseph Sauls, of Pikeville, N.C., walks through a neighborhood in southern Baghdad during a joint patrol with Iraqi Federal Police officers and fellow 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldiers, Nov. 7.



## Quote For Today

“It does not require many words to speak the truth.”

— Chief Joesph —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
82° F | 63° F



**Tomorrow**  
86° F | 65° F



**Monday**  
79° F | 64° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

With which NFL team did Steve Young play in 1985-86 before moving to the San Francisco 49'ers?

Last Issue's Answer: The race is about 2500 miles long; the race takes place over a 3 week period.

## 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 # 198 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. Civil Affair Soldiers help out a southern Baghdad school, providing children with school supplies. Story from the field by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

2. Adhering to the standards can prevent vehicle rollovers. Interview with Mr. Dale Smith, 1st Cavalry Division's Safety Director.

It is important for Soldiers to remember roads can become slick causing dangerous driving conditions and ultimately can create fatal vehicle rollovers. Enforcing the standards can prevent rollovers.

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## Trigger's Teasers

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

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

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



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