

Cav troopers prep for aid missions

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq – In an effort to provide local residents extra comforts during the winter months, Soldiers, here, are stocking warehouses full of humanitarian aid items.

For troopers from 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, providing aid to the local population is an opportunity to cross-train their Iraqi counterparts on civil military operations.

“We’re going to coach, teach and mentor the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division on proper civil military operations,” explained Capt. Matthew Hopper.

“We’re going to count on our [ground units] to identify the families in need to provide [humanitarian aid],” said Hopper, a native of Little Rock, Ark. “The guys on the ground are working and interacting with the local people on a daily basis, so they know what areas need the most help.”

The battalion has a warehouse filled with over three thousand water filtration systems and five thousand blankets. The battalion’s maneuver elements that partner with the Iraqi Army have free access to the warehouse so they can distribute the aid on routine patrols.

“There will be multiple humanitarian operations and drops in the coming weeks,” said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lien, the civil military operations noncommissioned officer in charge for the battalion.

“We want to provide the locals with adequate, clean and potable drinking water, as well as a means to keep warm during the cold winter months,” said Lien, from Whitewater, Wis.

By partnering with their Iraqi counterparts during the humanitarian aid missions, the U.S. Soldiers help strengthen relationships between Iraqis and the Iraqi



Photo by Pfc. Adam Halleck

Killeen, Texas native, Sgt. Chester Temple unloads water filters during a stocking of a humanitarian aid warehouse on Camp Taji, here, Nov. 21. The unit, along with their counterparts from the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, will distribute water filters and blankets in the coming months

army, added Lien.

“By providing the people things they need, the Iraqi army will continue to build the trust they have with local residents,” said St. Louis native, Spc. Daniel Brindell. “It’s a good opportunity for the Iraqi army to help foster relationships with the people they protect.”

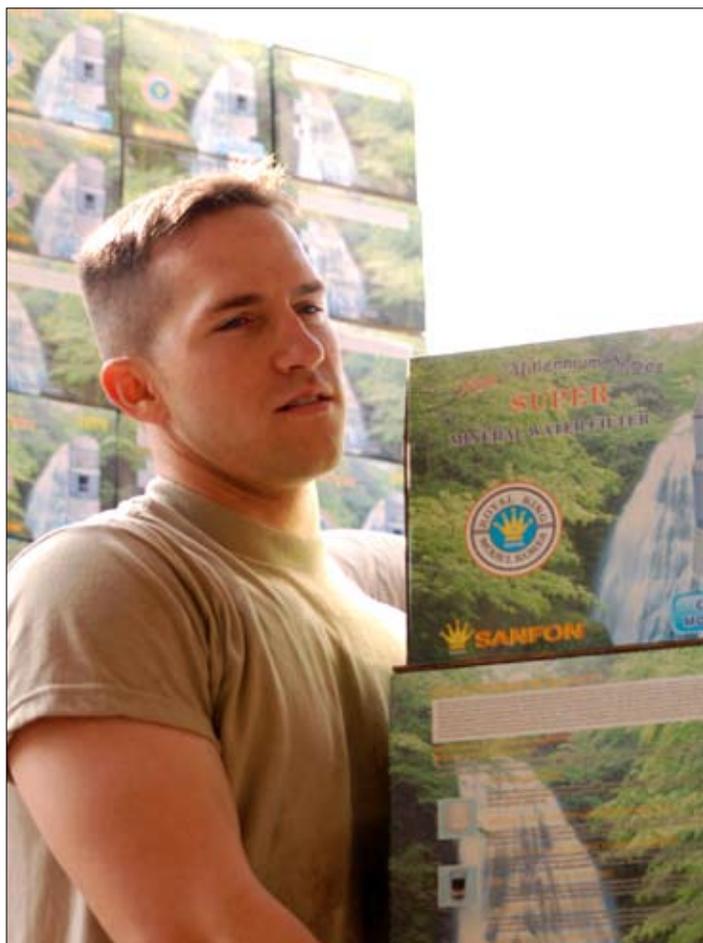


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College Station, Texas native, Sgt. Mark Moeller, unloads a truckload of water filters on Camp Taji, Nov. 21. The U.S. Soldiers partnered with Soldiers from the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division to distribute the water filters to local residents in need as part of continuing humanitarian aid missions in the coming weeks.

Army's Top Chaplain leads worship



BAGHDAD – The Army's highest ranking chaplain, Major Gen. Douglas Carver, of Rome, Ga., leads a worship service at Camp Liberty's Division Chapel, Nov. 22. Douglas shared a message of resilience focusing on the Army's rise in suicides over the past few years.



Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Douglas Carver, The Army's chief chaplain, leads a congregation at Camp Liberty's Division Chapel through one of his favorite praise and worship songs, Nov. 22.



Soldiers from the Multi National Division – Baghdad listen to a spiritual message given by the Army's highest ranking chaplain, Major Gen. Douglas Carver, Nov. 22. The Army's chief chaplain made his Thanksgiving trip to Baghdad for the third straight year reminding Soldiers that they must "remain vigilant in such desperate times." Douglas reminded all in attendance that even though they are away from home for the holidays that they have "many blessings to be thankful for."

Raiders earn combat patch

By Sgt. Bryce Dube
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BAGHDAD – All across western Baghdad, Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division took time, to make an adjustment to their uniform; adding the distinctive Indianhead patch of the 2nd Inf. Div. to their right sleeves.

The Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service, commonly known as the “combat patch” is authorized for wear right sleeve of the uniform by Soldiers to denote their participation in combat operations.

Roughly 4,000 troops from Fort Lewis-based brigade

combat team arrived in Iraq in the beginning of September, conducting operations across western Baghdad and north, to include the city of Taji. Of those Soldiers, approximately 1,200 received their first combat patch on Wednesday.

“This patch is never coming off of this uniform,” said Pfc. Jason Jerome, an Aniston, Ala. native assigned to 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment. “I’m really proud of it.”

Units within the brigade all held their own patching ceremonies with Soldiers amassing in front of rows of Stryker armored vehicles, around a large metal anvil and even at



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

A Soldier from 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, receives his combat patch during a ceremony.

a nighttime bonfire.

At a small ceremony held in front of the brigade headquarters, Soldiers representing every battalion received their patch from Col. John Norris, the brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Huggins, the brigade command sergeant major.

“It is, indeed, my honor to stand amongst you heroes, put your combat patches on, and welcome you to a very, very elite club,” said Norris, after the ceremony.

Spc. Niomi Wright, a Portland, Ore. native from 4th Brigade’s personnel office said that it felt “surreal” to actually be in Iraq and receive her patch.

“It’s exciting. I never thought I’d actually deploy,” she said.

Pfc. Joel Pasqualucci, from Placentia, Calif., said he feels that earning the patch will help in his military career, as a sign of experience.

“I think it represents everything that you’re doing here,” he said.

“It’s [not just] a patch.”



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Col. John Norris (right), commander of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, places a combat patch on the sleeve of Spc. Niomi Wright, a Portland, Ore. native from the brigade’s personnel office during a ceremony.

On This Day In History

November 24, 1960

Wilt Chamberlain sets NBA rebounds record

On November 24, 1960, Philadelphia Warrior Wilt Chamberlain snags 55 rebounds in a game against the Boston Celtics and sets an NBA record for the most rebounds in a single game.

The seven-foot-one-inch Chamberlain--often called "Wilt the Stilt," a nickname he detested, or "The Big Dipper," because he was so tall that he had to dip his head to get through the doorway--was, sportswriters and fans agree, one of the best offensive basketball players of his era. He broke more than 70 NBA records. In his 14-year career in the NBA, he scored 31,419 points. (The only player with a higher tally is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who played six seasons--514 games--longer than Chamberlain did.) He was the highest scorer in the NBA from 1960-1966, and led the league in rebounding for 11 of his 14 seasons. And during the 1966-67 season, when his coach asked him to shoot less and pass more, Chamberlain had more assists than anyone else in the league.

The single-game rebound record that he set on November 24 isn't even his most impressive. In March 1962, he scored 100 of his team's 169 points in a game against the New York Knicks--more than any NBA player had (or has) ever scored in one game. Chamberlain also holds the second-place spot on the points-in-a-single-game list--78--and 15 of the top 20.

The Big Dipper was so commanding that the league had to change its rules to keep him away from the basket. It widened the lane to 16 feet; prohibited offensive goaltending; and stipulated that a free-throw shooter can't cross the line until his shot hits the rim of the basket. (Authorities meant this last rule to prevent Chamberlain from taking off at the free-throw line and dunking his foul shots.)

Chamberlain was named to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978, the first year he was eligible, and in 1997 he was elected to the NBA's 50th Anniversary All-Star Team. He died in 1999.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles, MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD – Staff Sgt. Michael Hawf, of St. Louis, stands with an Iraqi boy who just received a wheelchair from Soldiers of the West Virginia National Guard's 1st Battalion, 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, during a key leadership engagement in Yusifiya. Hawf is attached to Civil Affairs Team 722, assigned to the 30th HBCT.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



**DID YOU KNOW?
THERE IS NO SUCH
THING AS GLOBAL
WARMING. CHUCK
NORRIS WAS COLD,
SO HE TURNED THE
SUN UP.**



Quote For Today

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all.”
 – Dale Carnegie –

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
64° F | 45° F



Tomorrow
62° F | 46° F



Thursday
67° F | 49° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

The Boston Red Sox did not win a World Series from 1918 until 2004, a torturous streak that many blamed on what curse?

Last Issue's Answer: Harlem Globetrotters

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 # 204 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. A new tuberculosis clinic is being built in Mahmudiyah. CPT Ross Boyce, of the 1/120th Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, from Chapel Hill, N.C. explains. SGT Lisa Heise, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

The clinic should be completed about 45 days bringing relief and hope to those suffering from this

disease.

2. A new road and sidewalks to the Zaidon Market makes travel more efficient and safer.

The improvements will make the market more accessible.

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Trigger's Teasers

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

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



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