

# Brothers reunite for Christmas

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BAGHDAD—Wartime service often separates Soldiers from their families during the holidays, but when family members serve near each other in the war zone, holidays can still be family time. Two brothers, assigned to Multi-National Division Baghdad and Multi-National Division North spent Christmas together in Iraq after their units coordinated the family reunion.

It was not the first time that Capt. Jordan Enger, commander of A Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division got to see his younger brother during this tour. The Armor officer from Houston, Texas flew from Joint Security Station Istiqlaal to Combat Outpost Cobra on Oct. 18 to administer the oath to his younger brother, Spc. Jared Enger, a cavalry scout in Troop C, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division who reenlisted for six more years of service.

“I’m really proud of him and what he’s accomplished,” Capt. Enger said of his younger brother. Spc. Enger feels the same



Photo by Capt. Jordan Enger , 1BCT PAO, 1st Cav. Div., MND-B

**Capt. Jordan Enger (left), commander of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division reunites with his younger brother, Spc. Jared Enger, a cavalry scout in C Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, at Combat Outpost Cobra, in northern Iraq, Oct. 18.**

towards his older brother. “I think he’s a good commander, he really looks out for his Soldiers.”

With both brothers serving their second tour in the Global War on Terror, their family is evenly split for the holidays. They have no other siblings, and their parents back in Houston are glad that the brothers saw each other during Christmas.

“The Squadron commander and command sergeant major really worked hard to get him out here to JSS

Istiqlaal,” Capt. Enger said as the two brothers worked together on Christmas Day.

His participation in the Squadron’s activities did not end there, though. On his first night at JSS Istiqlaal, Spc. Enger accompanied his brother to the station’s fire-base, where he hung rounds with the mortar section during the unit’s final planned fire mission of the deployment. The next day he boxed alongside other Troop A Soldiers in the Squadron’s boxing tournament.

Opportunities to see each other have not been frequent. Both have now served in the Army, at different duty stations for several years. During their first tour, they only saw each other in Kuwait as they passed through the theater gateway, one heading into combat, the other on the way back to the United States. They are both optimistic, though, that the relatively small size of the Armor Branch will give them opportunities to serve near each other in the future.

# Air Cav command team's Christmas visit

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ALASAD, Iraq – On Christmas Day, Col. Douglas Gabram (left, on stage), from Cleveland, Ohio, the commander of 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Glen Vela (right, on stage), visit with Soldiers from the Air Cav. who are a part of a detachment working here.



AL ASAD, Iraq – Filling the role of door gunner, Command Sgt. Maj. Glen Vela, from Dallas, the command sergeant major for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, makes a flight to al-Asad, Iraq, on Christmas Day to visit Soldiers that are a part of a 1stACB detachment conducting operations in Multi-National Force – West.



AL ASAD, Iraq – Col. Douglas Gabram (left), the commander of 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, gives a coin to Sgt. Michael Bedsole, an aircraft powerplant mechanic for his part in helping fix an Air Force aircraft, here.

# Air Cav paralegal changes gears for career

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Trading the relative comfort of a desk job for the frontlines of war isn't the usual path for Soldiers not weaned on the infantry lifestyle.

Some Soldiers feel they were born for it.

For Spc. Timothy Edmonds, from Elmwood, Tenn., a paralegal specialist with 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, becoming an infantryman has always been his Army goal and he took the final step in realizing it when he reenlisted for the infantry, Dec. 9, here.

Edmonds, 22, said he joined the Army in 2007, but was unable to sign up as an infantryman due to color blindness.

"I was still determined to be in the Army somewhere and combat medic is close to the infantry so I chose that instead," Edmonds said. "But infantry was always my goal; I wanted to be in the fight."

Edmonds was prevented from becoming a medic at the last hurdle, and he switched his military occupational specialty.

"I made it through all the training, right up until the last three days and when I got my test results back from the National Registry Exam for EMT (emergency medical technician) basic, I had failed the test," Edmonds said. "I had passed everything else, but that one test knocked me out."

Following this setback, Edmonds was told he had to re-class to the legal field.

"I didn't really have a choice ... I was [subject] to the needs of the Army," he said.

Edmonds said he was assigned to the 1st ACB as his first duty station, but soon found sitting in an office far from ideal.

"I'm not in my element when I'm behind a desk all day," Edmonds said. "I'm more of an



Photo by Sgt. Alun Thomas

Spc. Timothy Edmonds, from Elmwood, Tenn., a paralegal specialist with 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, works on a case in the brigade legal office, here. Edmonds reenlisted to join the infantry, Dec. 9, realizing his greatest ambition since joining the Army in 2007.

outside kind of guy, being on my feet. I like change."

When Edmonds left with the 1st ACB on their current deployment, he said being an infantryman was still goal.

Luckily Edmonds got a second chance.

"The requirements changed from what they were when I first joined," Edmonds said, his color blindness no longer a barrier to the infantry. "They need more guys to do it (infantry) ... when they removed that I figured I could try again."

The next step was to reenlist and obtain his desired career field.

"I told [retention] what I wanted and how much I wanted it," he continued. "They knew my position, not liking my desk job, and wanting to get outside and do things on the ground," he said.

Edmonds secured a four-year reenlistment and said it was a

proud moment reenlisting different than when I first enlisted. I had a bigger rush knowing I was getting what I wanted to do," Edmonds said with a smile.

But the challenge of his infantry training and the possibility of fighting on the frontlines loom for Edmonds, who said he will strive to achieve excellence in the field.

"If I like it the way I think I will, I believe I'll go far ... I'm going to be in the Army for a while," he continued. "It takes a certain kind of person to do it and I think I have the attributes to be successful in this field."

The reality of combat doesn't concern Edmonds, who said the training he expects to get will serve him well should the occasion arise.

"I hope when that time comes, the moment of truth, I'll rely on my training to take over," he said. "I'm part of the Army and I just hope I can do what I'm trained to

do and make my family proud."

The less than glamorous life of an infantryman also suits Edmonds, who said he wants to be in the thick of the action defending his nation.

"I appreciate what I have back home ... I grew up on a farm and it's beautiful country and I couldn't imagine the stuff going on out here spilling over to where I grew up," Edmonds said. "I don't want them to see that, so that's why I'm doing my part in taking care of business and getting things done."

Now Edmonds path is set in stone, he said it is a decision he is sure he will not regret further on in the future.

"We live with our decisions and we learn to adjust and adapt, just like when I became a paralegal," he explained. "I'm anticipating getting some good training and doing what I'm trained to do."

## On This Day In History

December 29, 1985

### The “Railway Rapist” commits his first murder

The “Railway Rapist” attacks 19-year-old Alison Day and abducts her from a London train. Her strangled body was recovered two weeks later. Although the perpetrator had attacked and raped many women since 1982, this was his first murder.

The Railway Rapist had a distinctive method of operation: He used a knife, bound the victim’s hands with string, and usually operated close to the railroad tracks. On a single night in July 1985, he struck three times within a few hours.

Public concern caused British police to establish “Operation Hart” to try to locate the criminal. As part of the investigation, Professor David Canter compiled a psychological profile of the assailant. Based on his research, Canter hypothesized that the Railway Rapist was a married-but-childless resident of the Kilburn area of London who had a history of domestic violence.

While the investigation was underway, the criminal struck again, raping and killing 15-year-old Dutch schoolgirl Maartje Tamboezer. Police were able to compare results of a forensics test to a list of 5,000 suspects compiled by Operation Hart. John Duffy, an ex-railway employee, was on the list because he had been arrested for other violent offenses at the time. Though he refused to provide investigators with a blood sample, detectives noticed that he closely fit Professor Canter’s psychological profile. After examining Duffy’s clothes, forensic experts were able to match fibers from one of his sweaters to the fibers found on Duffy’s first murder victim. Though he is believed to have been responsible for several other rapes, police were only able to convict him of the murders of Alison Day and Maartje Tamboezer in 1987.

Police also found that Duffy had an accomplice: David Mulcahey, his childhood friend, who was arrested in 1999 and convicted in 2001 for the murders of Day, Tamboezer, and Anne Lock.

Also in 1999, Duffy confessed to nine more rapes and several murders.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Brian Johnson, 16th Eng. Bde. UPAR

BAGHDAD – Soldiers of the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Eng. Battalion, 16th Eng. Brigade, enjoy Christmas dinner together at Joint Security Station Carver. The holiday meal provided a short respite for the Soldiers who have been laboring for nearly a month on multi-building projects at Carver.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Two wrongs don’t make a right. Unless you’re Chuck Norris. Then two wrongs make a round-house kick to the face.

# Quote For Today

“Patience and fortitude conquer all things.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson -

## Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today  
68° F | 53° F



Tomorrow  
69° F | 51° F



Thursday  
64° F | 48° F

## TRIVIA TIME!!

WWI is also know as what war?

Last Issue's Answer: DZHUGASHVILI

# Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

### MND-B PAO

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Cpl. Timothy Bennett, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division

2. U.S. troops from the 101st Engineer Battalion work with their Iraqi counterparts to help establish a functional supply system. <http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=general/general>

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# Trigger's Tease

	4	6						
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. The more squares that are known the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in the squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

### Yesterday's Answers

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



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