

Chaplains bring faith to remote locations

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BAGHDAD – Chaplains journeyed to secluded locations Christmas Day to provide Soldiers with greatly desired worship services. Chap. (Lt. Col.) Barbara Sherer, of the 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, and Chap. (Maj.) Tyson Wood, of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cav. Div., traveled to Joint Service Station’s Suj and Four Corners as well as Contingency Operating Location Salie, to offer Soldiers a chance to attend either a Protestant or a Catholic service.

It was the intent of Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger, commanding general of MND-B, to bring Christmas worship services to areas that hadn’t been visited in a while, said Sherer.

“Our worship services were designed to let [the Soldiers] celebrate some of their traditions,” said Sherer, “and remind [the Soldiers] that they have an Army family that cares about them.”

“I’m touched by the degree of support of the command, and fellow Soldiers, which enables them to practice their faith,” said Wood.

Many Soldiers deployed at secluded locations don’t have these services provided on a weekly, or sometimes even a monthly, basis. There are 38 MND-B chaplains, most of



Photo by Sgt. Samantha Beuterbaugh

1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad’s Chap. (Lt. Col.) Barbara Sherer provides a Protestant service Christmas Day to members of A Troop, 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, MND–B at Joint Service Station Four Corners.

whom are Protestant ministers from various denominations, and only three Catholic priests, said Sherer.

The chaplains do rotations to various locations, but there are not enough for frequent visits to each Joint Service Station and Contingency Operating Location.

Wood said he travels three to four days a week to provide Soldiers with Catholic services at more isolated locations.

“JSSs are not often hit because there aren’t enough priests, and we have to figure out what the greatest troop

concentration and op-tempo is,” said Wood.

In a testament to how important these services are, several Soldiers scraped together a convoy from Cache South to partake in the worship services held at JSS Four Corners. “Those [Soldiers] felt it important enough to chance a ground movement to worship,” said Wood.

“It is a great feeling to visit others and remind them that even though they are thousands of miles from home,” said Sherer, “they are not alone.”

Both chaplains felt good about the attendance. Although advertisement and planning was provided well in advance for the services, mission considerations are always something that could potentially hinder a Soldier from attending at the last minute, said Sherer.

Wood confirms that whether it’s two or three or one hundred, “[The Soldiers] are what I came to Iraq for.”

“In the end, if even one Soldier was reached,” said Sherer, speaking of the mission’s success, “then it was worth it.”

Christmas for the Commando Brigade

By Sgt. Jennie Burrett
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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Montour (right) dressed in an Army Combat Uniform Santa Claus suit, hands out candy to Lt. Col. Heyward Hutson the battalion commander of 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Christmas day as he pulls security at JSS Zafaraniya.



BAGHDAD, Iraq – Col. David Miller (right), of Evanston, Ill., commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, talks to one of the brigade command security team squads at Joint Security Station Loyalty while conducting a Christmas day battle field circulation in eastern Baghdad.



BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, gathered at Contingency Operating Site Hammer, east of Baghdad, to celebrate Christmas day with a 5K Jingle Bell Jog followed by sports competitions throughout the day.

Soldier, scholar and former Marine

By Spc. Kelly LeCompte
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BAGHDAD – Sgt. Olin Wilkinson, of Greenville, N.C., is probably not the kind of person one might think of as a typical high school English teacher.

An infantryman currently serving his fourth deployment, Wilkinson's service includes several years as a Marine and nearly seven years in the North Carolina's National Guard.

Wilkinson earned a Master of Arts degree in teaching from East Carolina University, and barely completed his first semester on faculty at Roanoke High School when called to deploy to Iraq with the 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

"I had been out for a while and kinda missed it," Wilkinson said of joining the National Guard after his term in the Marine Corps. "And I live in North Carolina so [I thought] let me do something that's going to serve the state, the local community."

Wilkinson was a student at East Carolina University when he enlisted in the National Guard, and the benefits of the Guard enabled him to earn a bachelor's degree in English and History and then pursue graduate school.

"I was still an undergraduate when I joined the National Guard, Wilkinson said. "Getting a master's degree, for me, was more of a goal; it was something I just wanted to do."

Wilkinson said the National Guard helped him obtain that goal.

"If it wasn't for the National Guard, I probably



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte

Sgt. Olin Wilkinson, of Greenville, N.C., waits inside an Iraqi house with fellow Soldiers after clearing the house during a night mission, Dec. 22.

would not have gotten my master's degree, or it would have been a long process, little-by-little. The financial benefits that they gave me allowed me to do it one fail swoop."

Wilkinson said serving his community as a service member and a teacher have both been rewarding, and his experiences in the military help him in teaching in countless ways.

"Especially in the infantry, you never go do anything without a plan, without a rehearsal. The hardest part is getting ready. [It's] the same with teaching... if you go in there and try to wing it, they're going to eat you alive," Wilkinson said. "And also, having been a [non commissioned officer], and standing up in front of people, talking to people; you feel comfortable doing that.

It's really intimidating when you walk into a classroom. Also, you have to learn to work with people."

With his education, Wilkinson could be commissioned as an officer. He prefers the hands-on environment being an NCO offers saying that it is the same thing he likes about teaching.

"I like being a squad leader, I like being a team leader, I like being an NCO," Wilkinson said. "It's good duty. You get a lot more hands-on... and I think that's why I like teaching, it is really hands-on. ..you get to know their emotions; what they're thinking, what they're feeling."

Wilkinson, who seems compelled to serve his country and community, said the rewards of being in the military are immeasurable, and he wishes others could

share in the experience.

"Less than one percent of the U.S. population is in the military, and I think that's a terrible thing, because this is worth doing," Wilkinson said.

As a Soldier, Wilkinson says that he does not worry about politics just the mission.

"We don't get to choose what wars we fight or what duties we pull. I've guarded refugees in Albania, stopped genocide in Kosovo, I'm here in Iraq now. I didn't get to choose any of that. But I know there are people whose lives are better, because I was on a street with a gun and I didn't back down.

"Whatever else happens the rest of my life, I know I changed the world, and 99 percent of our population is never going to experience that."

On This Day In History

December 30, 2006

Saddam Hussein hanged

Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was hanged in the predawn hours of Saturday for crimes against humanity in the mass murder of Shiite men and boys in the 1980s, sent to the gallows by a government backed by the United States and led by Shiite Muslims who had been oppressed during his rule, Iraqi and American officials said.

In the early morning, Hussein, 69, was escorted from his U.S. military prison cell at Camp Cropper, near the Baghdad airport, and handed over to Iraqi officials. He was executed on the day Sunni Muslims, of which he was one, were to begin celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha.

Mowaffak al-Rubaie, Iraq's national security adviser, described on state television Hussein's last moments. The execution took place in the headquarters of Hussein's former military intelligence service in Baghdad's Kadhimiyah neighborhood.

Only a small group of Iraqi officials were present in the execution room, Rubaie said. American officials waited outside.

Sami al-Askari, a member of parliament, said Hussein refused to wear a black hood for his hanging. "He died instantly," Askari said on al-Arabiya television.

After the execution, which was announced on state television at 6:10 a.m., celebratory gunfire broke out in Baghdad. Iraqis across the nation sent text messages to their relatives and friends as soon as they heard of Hussein's execution. Ali al-Hayeri, one of the witnesses who testified openly in the Dujail trial, said he received his first text message at 3:15 a.m. It read: "We congratulate you for the execution of the tyrant Saddam."

"This is what should happen," said Suad Shakir, 52, a resident of the Karrada district in Baghdad, and a Christian. "People will be relieved. I hope that it will bring good to Iraq." She said she wanted Hussein to be executed. "He hurt Iraqis," she said. "We haven't seen anything good from him."

In the southern city of Najaf, hundreds of Shiites stepped outside and began firing guns in the air in joyous celebration. "Saddam executed seven of my relatives," said Muhammad Hussein Kamil, 45, a laborer. "It is the end for any dictator, and he will be an example to every dictator in the world."

In Hussein's home town of Tikrit, the streets were calm. But some women were beating themselves in a gesture of mourning.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Brian Johnson, 101st Eng. Bn. UPAR, 16th Eng. Bde., MND-B

BAGHDAD – Maj. Christopher George (right) places the 16th Engineer Brigade combat patch on Sgt. Samantha Montoney's right shoulder. Both Soldiers are members of the 16th Engineer Brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

Whoever said "only the good die young" was probably in Chuck Norris's kindergarten class.

Quote For Today

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”

- Ambrose Redmoon -

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
68° F | 51° F



Tomorrow
66° F | 48° F



Friday
62° F | 46° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

The U.S. had their first ever amphibious landing during the Mexican War, where did they land?

Last Issue's Answer: KAISER'S WAR

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2. Two non-commissioned officers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division are inducted into the Audi Murphy Club. <http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=general/general>

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Trigger's Tease

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

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

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



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