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## Medical mission a part of bigger operation

By **Spc. Samuel Soza**  
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**AL KUT** – The challenge of providing medical evaluations and supplies to residents in areas such as al-Kut can be significant for military providers. Still, the need is there.

Ask the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, who set up shop June 24 in the Iraqi Federal Police headquarters building, which serves the city’s Anwar and Falahiyah districts. That day, they assisted more than 100 residents with various medical issues.

Capt. Matthew Holt, a 1st Bn., 10th FA Regt. physician’s assistant from Atlanta, estimated 150 Iraqi citizens came to the headquarters and were given one-on-one sessions with medical personnel from Contingency Operating Base Delta. Holt said about 100 of those were given medical counseling that could make a positive difference in their lives.

During the operation, Soldiers took notes about their patients so those with major problems could be contacted after further evaluations, said Maj. Jerry Moon, a combat advisor with Stability Transition Team 12, which works with Iraqi police.

“I think there’s a benefit of having a medical operation, psychologically, and this is the first stage,” said Moon, a Ke-

wanee, Ill. native. “We’re working with the [Wasit Provincial Reconstruction Team] to maybe work some exam tables, blood pressure cuffs, or other pieces of medical equipment into the two clinics we have identified here.”

Before the visit, local residents were polled on issues they would like addressed. Many medical evaluations yielded minor cases in which Soldiers were able to assist on the spot by providing simple solutions such as washing solutions, foot creams, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Holt has taken his medical skills outside the COB to Iraqis on medical operations. This was his third “med-op” this deployment.

“Every time we do one, it gets a little bit better,” Holt said. “Overall, I think the med-op went very well. One of the biggest challenges for me and my goal is to ensure that the Iraqi people know that we’re still here trying to help them in every capacity we can.”

This operation was only a small part of a much larger plan called “community-oriented policing,” which synchronizes all aspects of the ongoing recovery in Iraq – from medical operations to empowering police forces to revitalizing schools.

By combining the police and medi-



Photo by Spc. Samuel Soza  
**Spc. Miguel Ocegueda, a medic with 1st Bn., 10th FA Regt. and native of Austin, Texas, looks over an x-ray shot from a local Iraqi man from the Anwar district in the city of al-Kut, June 24.**

cal aspects of this philosophy, the Iraqi Federal Police gains legitimacy in the eyes of the people they serve, Moon said, strengthening the prospect of long-term stability in the province.

“The important part of this is to combine the medical operations and some of the other projects and programs and have a desired end-state and link them to that” he said.

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## Danger Seven sends

A simple tactic every Soldier is taught to follow is to always move in buddy teams. Wherever you go, you have a fellow Soldier there with you to watch your back and you watch his or her back. It's simple and effective. No Soldier goes at it alone.

Suicide has become one of the leading causes of death among Soldiers in recent years. In 2009, 238 Soldiers took their own lives, an increase of almost 21 percent over the 197 Army suicides recorded in 2008.

While this is a different kind of adversary we as Soldiers are trained to face, the buddy system can still be effective in combating the rising suicide rate. The same way we would never run into a firefight without the Soldiers on our left and right, we should not try to fight this enemy any differently. No Soldier should go at it alone.

No, you won't be maneuvering on an objective, watching each other's "six," but there's a lot more to it than that. We all live and work close enough to each other that we know when something's not right with one of our fellow Soldiers.

If your buddy is acting strange or you know he or she is facing trouble in their personal life, ask them how they're doing. Talk to them about what's going on. Presenting an avenue to vent can be the most therapeutic option for that Soldier. Knowing there is somebody who cares and that they can talk to can work wonders for anyone under stress.

There are more options for Soldiers who continue to exhibit signs that they may do harm to themselves or others. Mental health professionals, chaplains, and your chain of command can all intervene if you think your buddy has reached the breaking point. Their knowledge, experience and expertise are all there to help, but they cannot be everywhere at once.

In a perfect world, a Soldier who is perceived to be at risk of suicide can be convinced to seek out these resources on their own, but if they are unwilling, it is up to their fellow Soldiers to get the help to come to them. This is a perfect example of no Soldier standing alone.

The fight against suicides will require leaders and Soldiers to work together, but I am confident it will finish the same way our battles as an Army have finished for more than 200 years: in victory.

Now get after it.



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# Having a Must-Do Attitude

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**W**e as service members push to have a “can-do” attitude. Most would agree, when you believe you can accomplish whatever you try, you’re more likely to reach your goals if you have a positive attitude. A positive outlook can energize you. A can-do spirit can supply you with the momentum you need to get through the most challenging and unforeseen circumstances. Your chain of command wants you to have a can-do attitude, but there is a mature balance between can-do and must-do we must learn to control.

In our profession, one of the most challenging and destructive habits is the tendency to allow this can-do attitude to persist into a must-do action. As we continue to manage risk across the full spectrum of our mission, many service members share a common slogan: “Is this a Can Do or Must Do action that I’m about to take?” It is our nature to have a can-do attitude in the military, but too much of this approach turns our actions into must-do insistent events, which may result in an epic failure.

Consider the following definitions:

- **Can-Do** – An action, in which I’m trained, qualified, equipped and prepared to execute. It will be challenging and most likely require the utmost skill on my part. This action will strongly support the mission and serve to equally benefit the unit, the team and the individuals involved. It requires motivation, preparation and hard work to fit in the can-do category. My command and the policies in place will undoubtedly support the action and any decisions included in its execution.

- **Must-Do** – An action, when closely looked at, would be considered unnecessary and driven. I’m allowing a goal, policy or an individual to influence this action outside the scope of its intended purpose. This action no longer applies to the emplaced control measures. I’m not resourced, I’m rushed, and I’m cutting corners to gain success or an advantage. I feel it necessary and driven from an external influence. I’m forcing an irreversible outcome.

An accident is often categorized as a random or driven failure of the individual or his equipment. There certainly is parallel meaning to “random vs. driven” and “can-do vs. must-do.” Have you ever rushed a walk-around inspection or PMCS? Have you ever increased your speed significantly to ensure you get where you’re going sooner than later? Did you skip a good night’s sleep before a mission the next day? These are all examples of when you were the leading contributor to a driven failure. Due to something you felt we “must-do,” a shortcut was made or an action was taken outside the scope of its intended purpose and no longer applied to the emplaced control measures.

The next time you consider driving your vehicle excessively fast, over a long distance without adequate rest, or not to wear your seatbelts or gunner restraints, know that you’re only moments away from a driven, catastrophic failure. Can-do or must-do? That is the question.

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## This week in Army history

### *This week in Big Red One history*

July 13, 1942 – The 1st Infantry Division advance party, or torch party arrives in Liverpool, England.

### *This week in OIF history*

July 18, 2007 – A bill in the US Senate falls eight votes short of the required 60 votes to pass, losing 52-47. The vote came after an all-night debate session, which would have required all US troops to be out of Iraq by April 30, 2008. The vote was primarily along party lines; only four Republicans voted to advance the bill.

### *This week in 4th Infantry Division history*

July 15, 1947 – After World War II ended, the 4th Infantry Division was inactivated March 5, 1946. It was reactivated as a training division July 15, 1947 at Fort Ord, Calif.

# ADVISE & ASSIST

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## HTAT helps 'Bulldogs' meet neighbors

By Pfc. Dave Peterson  
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**JSS JENKINS** – The Soldiers of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division recently met with Iraqi citizens while supporting the United States Division-South Human Terrain Analysis Team in its mission of conducting assessments of local infrastructure and interviewing local population.

The “Bulldogs” of Battery B, alongside the Iraqi Ash Shatrah Police Department, provided security for the HTAT.

The team consists of social scientists who conduct cultural data research and analysis that can assist the military in improving its strategy and operations.

“The information that the HTA Team is gathering will undoubtedly provide U.S. forces and Iraqi security forces with pertinent insight into our neighbors’ concerns and further our working relationship,” said Staff Sgt. Dustin Silvis, a Littleton, Colo. native who serves as the company operation and intelligence support team noncommissioned officer in charge of



Photo by Spc. Richard Bolin  
Julianne Ivany, a Human Terrain Analysis Team member, discusses local issues and concerns with people and community leaders of southwest Al Gharraf.

Battery B.

The two Department of Defense civilians, who are part of the HTAT, are Julianne Ivany and Mohammed, an Iraqi-born United States citizen who asked not to give his last name.

The team conducted assessments in the villages of Al Sagban and Al O’wayad on

the first day of their mission, and in the city of Al Gharraf on the second.

Al Sagban and Al O’wayad are tribal villages located in the rural area near JSS Jenkins, while Al Gharraf is a city with improving infrastructure and active political and economic systems.

While conducting assessments, the HTAT interviewed local shop owners, clinic workers, and tribal leaders.

At each location, Iraqis told the team they were pleased to see Iraqi Security Forces and American Soldiers working together in such harmony.

“Missions of this sort provide value at several levels. Commanders receive tangible, refined data about the operating environment, and it brings U.S. forces, Iraqi Security Forces, and the local citizens together,” said Capt. Michael Scott, the Battery B commander and native of Manassas, Va. “It gives credibility to everything we do, as the Iraqi people are able to witness the partnership between American and Iraqi forces for themselves.”

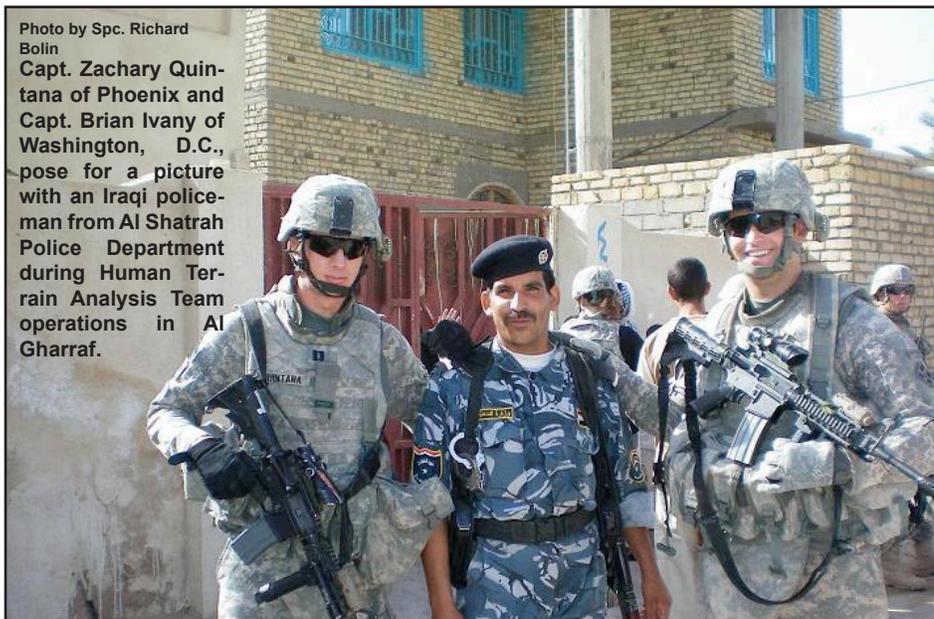


Photo by Spc. Richard Bolin  
Capt. Zachary Quintana of Phoenix and Capt. Brian Ivany of Washington, D.C., pose for a picture with an Iraqi policeman from Al Shatrah Police Department during Human Terrain Analysis Team operations in Al Gharraf.

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# Iraqi children can now smile

By Spc. Chastity R. Boykin  
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**COB ADDER** - Children in Nasiriyah were given the chance to let their new smiles shine through, when Smile Train Italia Onlus, a worldwide medical charity that provides free surgery to children born with facial deformities, arrived for a week-long medical mission June 20-27 at the Mittica Medical Training Center.

In cooperation with its military counterpart, 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, the Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team and the Iraqi Ministry of Health worked to help more than 150 Iraqi children who had cleft lips and cleft palates.

The Ministry of Health sent Iraqi doctors and nurses to work alongside the 'Smile Train' team of volunteers to perform corrective surgery and receive hands-on training on new facial surgical techniques they can use in the future.

"Not only are they providing an immediate effect by treating the children, but the lasting effect is gained by training



Photo by Spc. Chastity Boykin

**Um Albaneen** hides her face from the camera as she waits in the recovery room after her lip repair surgery at the Mittica Medical Training Center in Nasiriyah June 23.



Photo by Spc. Chastity Boykin

**Tracy JoPekar**, Dhi Qar PRT healthcare director, talks with a patient and his father after a successful recovery from a lip repair surgery at the Mittica Medical Training Center in Nasiriyah, Iraq June 23.

the Iraqi doctors to do the surgery themselves," said Lt. Col. Christopher Engen, commander, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt.

A centerpiece of the PRT program is the recently-opened training center at Camp Mittica. Located approximately one kilometer from Tallil Air Base, the former Italian Army base is now home to Iraqi forces. The facility provides a venue for international trainers and medical personnel from various countries, including Italy and the United States.

This is the third time 'Smile Train' has participated in a project with the PRT and MoH. The first time the team offered assistance took place April 2-14, 2005. That team from Smile Train Italia Onlus was composed of 18 volunteer plastic sur-



Photo by Spc. Chastity Boykin

**A Mother and son** relax in the recovery room after a cleft palate and lip repair at the Mittica Medical Training Center in Nasiriyah June 23.

geons, anesthetists, pediatric intensive-care physicians and nurses.

The second time occurred between Oct. 23 and Nov. 3, 2008. Between the two visits medical teams completed a total of 199 surgeries for local children.

Mohamed Abd, an Iraqi medical assistant, has helped the Italian medical surgical teams during all three missions. Proud that he can help his people, he hopes there will be more opportunities like the 'Smile Train', he said.

"The Italian doctors share their experiences with surgery, and in turn, we share our experiences and Iraqi culture with them," Mohamed said. "We are able to help our people and learn at the same time."

"We are very pleased with the surgery and care from the doctors and nurses and grateful for this opportunity," said one parent whose child had palate surgery.

For a few children with complex cases, there will be more surgeries to follow, and thanks to the training, these children will be in good hands, said Tracy JoPekar, Dhi Qar PRT healthcare director.

Having local doctors that can provide the correct procedure is a successful step forward for healthcare in Iraq, she said.

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# CIVIL CAPACITY

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## Plastics factory to provide economic boost

By 2nd Lt. Timothy Lewin  
3rd Bn., 29th FA Regt.

**AI AMARAH** – U.S. forces in southern Iraq set out to improve the quality of life and economic future of one province in their area of operations.

The Soldiers of Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in conjunction with the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team are working to rebuild a plastics factory in Maysan, which will not only provide jobs but help the agricultural industry in the region.

The plastics factory is a key industrial site in the town of Al Amarah, capable of improving the quality of life of the people of Maysan Province by providing jobs and everyday products in this agrarian region.

Before 2003, the factory was fully operational, providing PVC pipe to the farmers around the province. After 2003, the factory saw subsequent waves of looters who left the factory damaged beyond repair. This severely affected the supply of pipes and increased foreign importing of plastic goods, said Stephen Banks, the



Photo by 2nd Lt. Timothy Lewin

Members of the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team evaluate a plastics factory in Al Amarah in June.

Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team Leader.

Seven years later, Battery A, 3rd Bn., 29th FA Regt. and the PRT are working to replace the damaged equipment in an effort to make the factory operational again.

“The factory employs over 300 Iraqi workers,” Banks said. “This will stimulate the economy by promoting the development of ancillary business, such as deliv-

ery services and retail outlets.” Maysan is dependent on agricultural development where modern irrigation systems are crucial to farms’ success. Old methods of irrigation involve repeatedly flooding the fields from canals. PVC pipe links canals to irrigation pumps so water can be distributed in a more efficient manner, increasing crop output.

“The plastic factory will facilitate Iraqi development while decreasing the dependence of imported merchandise,” said 2nd Lt. Lucas Boykin, project purchasing officer and platoon leader, Battery A, 3rd Bn., 29th FA Regt.

Soldiers supporting this mission acknowledge the fact they are getting to assist in the reconstruction of key infrastructure in Iraq.

“These projects [show people] that U.S. Forces have a genuine concern about their way of life,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Obermuller.

In addition to agricultural uses, the plastic piping can be used to upgrade the waste water treatment and sanitation services in Maysan. Low cost, high-quality piping will directly improve the province’s quality of life, Banks said.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Timothy Lewin

Members of the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team and a Soldier with Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division evaluate the construction of the Maysan Plastics Factory in Al Amarah in June.

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# TROOPS IN FOCUS

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## 'Bikes Over Baghdad' comes to COB Adder

By Pfc. Khori D. Johnson  
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**COB ADDER** –Contingency Operating Base Adder witnessed a showcase of aerial maneuvers and extreme antics courtesy of the second Bikes Over Baghdad Tour, sponsored by the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at the House of Pain Gym June 21.

With about 200 service members and civilians in attendance, a group of BMX riders and a skate boarder put on a show that 1st Lt. Brett Hernandez, personnel programs officer for 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., said produced an incredible crowd reaction. The process of preparing the show was no simple task with many different elements coming together to make the event possible, said Christian Schauf, the tour manager.

Nate Wessel, a renowned ramp builder and one of the performers, was the lead man on the task of constructing the skate park for the event. He and Ron Kimler, another performer, were able to build a variety of ramps that incorporated two Army vehicles, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a fuel tanker.

"We like taking an object that you guys see every day and using in a way you never would have thought," said Zachary Yankush, a performer and commentator for the show. "Just like with the Bradley, you guys may see that thing every single day. But you guys probably never thought in a million years that you'd see someone do a back flip over one."

During the event, each athlete displayed a signature style, such as spins on top of a fuel tanker and even jumping over the 3rd BCT's senior noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Wilson, as he sat on top of a BFV.

"We put in work, because you guys deserve it," Yankush said. "What you guys do over here, directly affects me, and I'm so appreciative of that. This is the least that we can do."



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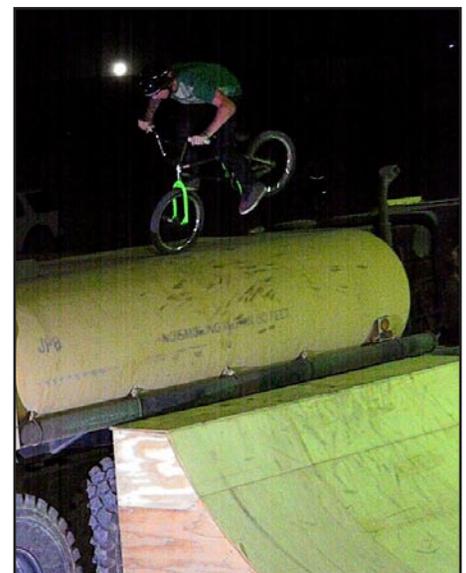
Brian Kachinsky performs an x-up over a Bradley during the Bikes Over Baghdad Tour's stop at the COB Adder House of Pain Gym June 21. With about 200 spectators, BMX riders Nate Wessel, Chad Kagy, Ron Kimler, Brian Kachinsky, and Jeremiah Smith, and a skate boarder, William Rohan, put on a showcase of aerial maneuvers and extreme antics.

Yankush has a strong tie with the U.S. military; his brother, Air Force Staff Sgt. Adam Yankush, recently finished his fourth tour.

"I know what Soldiers' families go through, and I know what it's like to have a loved one over here," he said.

Yankush said he is constantly telling people about his experiences while on the Bikes Over Baghdad tours.

"Most of the time when you hear about Iraq, it's negative news," he said. "But when I came over here during my first tour, I didn't see any negativity. All I saw was positive things: the lives that you guys are changing, the buildings that are being built, schools, hospitals, bridges. Lives are being changed, and you never see that on TV."



Courtesy Photo

Jeremiah Smith performs a nose stall on the back of a fuel tanker during the Bikes Over Baghdad Tour's stop at COB Adder House of Pain Gym June 21.

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# “Silver Lion” Soldiers awarded CIBs

By Staff Sgt. Chris Carney

For 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., PAO

**COB BASRA** – Two Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge in a ceremony on Contingency Operating Base Basra June 27.

In recognition for their actions under fire, Pfc. Chad Sippy and Spc. Patrick Dettmer received the CIB in front of their fellow 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers.

Col. James Rainey, commander, 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., and Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Wilson, command sergeant major, 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., traveled from COB Adder to present the badges to the two Soldiers.

“This is a special day. I try to go to every ceremony,” said Rainey.

Rainey emphasized how special the CIB is by pointing out how few people have served in the military and then how few people have served in combat. Less than one percent of Americans can say they have had that experience, he said.

The infantry gets put in the hardest of places. Whether it was this tour or last tour, they get shot at by the enemy, targeted by improvised explosive devices, and are a daily presence on the streets of Iraq, he said.

The CIB was created during World War II as recognition of the

combat service and sacrifices of infantrymen who were wounded or killed in numbers disproportionate to those of Soldiers from other branches. Thus, only infantry or special forces Soldiers, who have satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry, ranger or special forces unit may receive the Badge.

The CIB is awarded to a Soldier who is personally present and under fire in a unit engaged in active ground combat to close with and destroy the enemy with direct fire.

Dettmer, currently attached to Headquarters, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 68th AR, is on his second deployment with the 4th Inf. Div. and is a native of St. Louis, Mo. He came under fire from a shaped charge.

Sippy, B Co., 1st Bn., 68th AR, and native of Boise, Idaho, is on his first tour. He helps run counter- indirect fire missions, performs area reconnaissance and area denial missions.

While rolling out of the gates on his first mission during this tour, he came under IED attack. Sippy is proud of how his fellow Soldiers handled the contact.

“The situation wasn’t chaos. We checked ourselves and reacted accordingly,” he said.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Carney

Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Wilson, 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. senior enlisted leader, congratulates Pfc. Chad Sippy, Co. B, 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., and native of Boise, Idaho, on receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge. Sippy and Spc. Patrick Dettmer, currently attached to Headquarters, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., received their CIB during a ceremony held on COB Basra June 27.

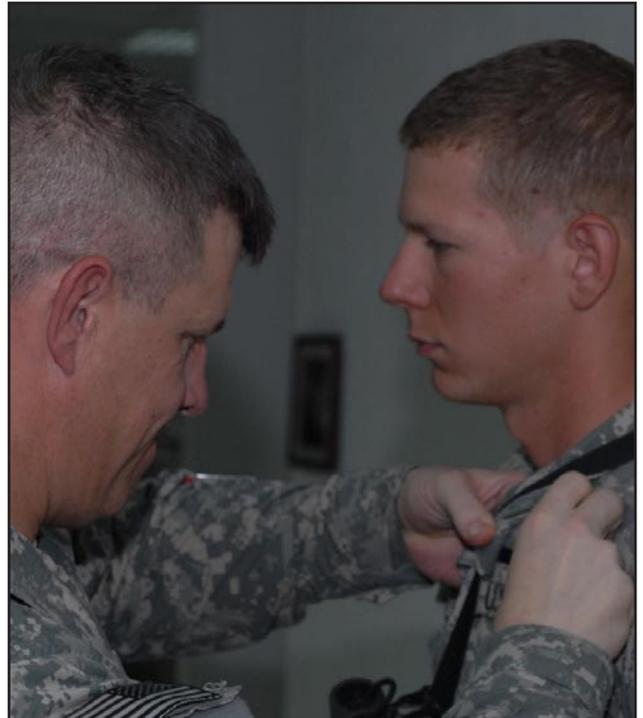


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Col. James Rainey, commander, 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., pins the Combat Infantryman Badge onto Spc. Patrick Dettmer, currently attached to Headquarters, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. Dettmer and Pfc. Chad Sippy, Co. B, 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., received their CIB during a ceremony held on COB Basra June 27.

# Epitomizing the Order of the Marechaussee

By Sgt. Jason Kemp  
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**COB BASRA** – Gen. George Washington formed the first Marechaussee Corps at Valley Forge during the summer of 1778 after the worst winter the Continental Army experienced.

The Marechaussee Corps was a light mounted dragoon troop made specifically to police the Army. Its mission was to apprehend deserters, rioters and stragglers. In battle, it would be posted in the rear to secure fugitives.

Today, the Order of the Marechaussee is awarded to military police members who uphold the highest service traditions.

Maj. Jonathan Doyle, the 1st Infantry Division provost marshal, and a native of Alexandria, Va., was awarded the Order of the Marechaussee July 3 at Contingency Operation Base Basra.

The award is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a military policeman in the Military Police Regimental Association.

“As an officer, Maj. Doyle epitomizes the



Photo by Sgt. Jason Kemp

**Maj. Jonathan Doyle, the 1st Inf. Div. provost marshal, receives the Order of the Marechaussee from Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, United States Division-South commander, July 3. The award is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a member of the Military Police Regimental Association.**

army values,” said Sgt. Maj. Paul Zedalis, 1st Infantry Division provost marshal sergeant major and a Fredericksburg, Va. native. “The reason I submitted him for the award was I knew with his background, knowledge and leadership abilities that he would be awarded the Marechaussee.”

In armies going back to ancient times, there has been someone to take the duties of a provost marshal because of its importance to an organization, and Doyle’s role is no exception.

As the division provost marshal, he serves as principal advisor to the commanding general and his staff on all military police related issues. Doyle also oversees the development and implementation of military police policies and procedures.

Zedalis said only 10 percent of the Soldiers that are submitted are awarded the Order of the Marechaussee.

“The award has to be approved by the Commandant of the Military Police Corps and less than 10 percent of the MPs in the Army with more than 10 years of service in the Military Police Corps Regiment are ever awarded the Marechaussee,” Zedalis said.

There are three categories of the Order

of the Marechaussee: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The bronze Doyle received indicates he was nominated by a MPRA MP Colonel or higher of the Active Duty Component, Reserves, or National Guard and the award was approved by the Commandant of the Military Police Corps. To be eligible, Doyle had to have rendered at least 10 years of significant service or support to more than one element of the MP Regiment.

Earning a nomination by peers not only says that there is a public confidence in his skills, but that others have taken notice of his accomplishments, Doyle said.

“This is a tremendous honor, because it means that I was nominated and selected by other members of the MP Corps Regiment for being good at my profession,” Doyle said. “Being recognized by your peers is one of the highest honors that a person can receive.”

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Photo by Sgt. Jason Kemp

**The Order of the Marechaussee is an honor reserved for members of the Military Police Regimental Association who exhibit great commitment to the U.S. Army’s MP Corps. The bronze award that Doyle received indicates he has met the criteria over at least a ten-year period, was nominated by a colonel or higher in the MP Corps, and was approved to receive the award by the MP Corps commandant, Brig. Gen. David Phillips. The silver award is reserved for those who have served in the MP Corps for at least 20 years, and only one gold is awarded a year.**

# Soldier has seen changes over time

By Staff Sgt. Melissa Applebee  
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**COB BASRA** – The look of the Army has changed significantly over the last 30 years.

Vietnam-era utility uniforms gave way to the Battle Dress Uniform, and finally, to the Army Combat Uniform. Humvees replaced jeeps and later became armored for modern-day warfare.

The M16A1 assault rifle was replaced by the M16A2, and presently most Soldiers are assigned an M4. Many Soldiers today are more familiar with Global Positioning Systems than they are with a compass and a map.

From uniforms to technology to the attitudes and perceptions of today's young Soldiers, the changes are endless.

Few members of today's Army have a perspective on these changes like that of 46-year-old Staff Sgt. Peter Winston.

A Palm Beach, Fla. native, Winston



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melissa Applebee  
Staff Sgt. Peter Winston, pictured here as a sergeant, leans against a humvee on COB Basra. Winston, who was medically discharged his first enlistment, is on his first deployment after missing Desert Storm by mere months. "All of the sudden, everyone but me can go, and I really missed the boat on that one," the Palm Beach, Fla. native said.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Peter Winston (right) and Sgt. Daniel Acevedo, both with Security Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, prior to a mission to the Basra governor's palace. Winston deployed to Iraq with the 'Big Red One' after a 19 year break in service.

joined the Army in 1981 at the age of 17 and received training in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare.

After serving nearly nine years, he was separated in 1989 for medical reasons. Following a 19-year break in service, Winston was watching a speech by President Barack Obama on television, and his comments on the war in Afghanistan inspired him to rejoin the Army in January 2009.

Now, Winston has a unique perspective few Soldiers ever experience.

He has seen the many changes the Army has made as if they had happened all at once, rather than as a gradual transition.

One thing that has not changed, however, is Winston's passion for the Army.

"I always wanted to be a Soldier," he said. "I felt I needed to do what was my responsibility, which was to serve my country. My dad's best friend was a paratrooper, and I wanted to be a paratrooper."

I did everything I could to put myself in that position," he said.

During his first period of enlistment, Winston served with the 82nd Airborne and was later assigned to 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, in Alaska.

"Back then the Army was run mostly by Vietnam Veterans. We had so much respect for [them]," he said. "When you

walked in and saw a guy with that patch from some unit from Vietnam or he was in his dress greens and had that yellow and green ribbon on their chest, you had an idea what they had been through."

Master Sgt. Anthony Schofield, Senior Garrison Career Counselor, Fort Riley, served with Winston in Alaska.

"His work ethic and his character are by far the best that I have had the opportunity to serve with," Schofield said. "I would be proud to have him work for and with me anywhere and anytime."

Winston eventually completed Jumpmaster school. He later volunteered for Special Forces and was injured during the assessment course. In 1989, Winston was medically separated from the Army as a staff sergeant.

"I got out and, six to eight months later, Desert Storm happened," he said. "All of the sudden, everyone but me can go, and I really missed the boat on that one."

Over the next 19 years, Winston worked for General Motors as a mechanic, owned a water damage business and a sign business, and worked for Arbitron, a top marketing research company.

"During my time out, I really felt like I had a lot of unfinished business. [There were] things I had trained to do that I nev-

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er got to do,” Winston said.

So, when the war in Afghanistan was heating up, Winston felt it was time to go back.

“I thought, if there was an opportunity for me to go in and use all of these things that I had trained my whole life to do, and never got to do, that this was probably going to be my last opportunity,” he said.

Winston also believed he had much to offer the Army.

“I wanted to do for my Soldiers what the Vietnam vets, my leaders, my mentors, did for me,” he said. “I owe a lot of what I am today to the time and efforts of the Vietnam veterans who taught me the ropes.”

It wasn’t easy, though. Winston had to overcome two permanent profiles.

After four and a half months of seeing doctors and making his case, he was finally told he could enlist. He returned to the Army as a cavalry scout, and was assigned within the 1st Infantry Division.

Winston is still learning to deal with the changes over the last 20 years.

“When I was in the first time, you had two different kinds of Soldiers. You had lifers, and you had those who joined to get college,” he said.

“Now there are a myriad of reasons for people coming in. I guess in this case unemployment and the current economic situation have played a big role in people’s motivation to become Soldiers.”

Encountering the new generation of Soldiers has been a bit of a culture-shock for Winston, but he credits the success of our nation and advancement of technology with making life better for today’s youth.

“Parents always say I want to do for my kids more than my parents did for me,” he said. “I think we were successful in doing so.”

But Winston is not sure all the changes have been positive.

“I think the Army now has to gear itself toward taking these somewhat-coddled youngsters and we have to gradually bring them up to a level of awareness that was much higher in my generation,” he said.

Winston quickly reevaluated his leadership style to accommodate the changes.

“You find as a noncommissioned officer you are even more challenged to find



Courtesy Photo

**Then-Spc. Peter Winston poses before a jump at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., in 1984 while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery. Winston, now a staff sergeant, serves with the 1st Infantry Division.**

a way to communicate your message in a [politically correct] fashion,” he said. “The sensitivity requires you to really have to reposition your message in a less aggressive, less abrasive way. I find I have to take a different approach.”

On a positive note, Winston is very impressed with the technological advancements the military has made in the last 20 years.

“The technology amazes me. I am blown away by the technology.”

During his previous service, Winston had to carry a book containing communications information. If captured by the enemy, the book had to be destroyed. Now the equipment is electronic and all information can be cleared with the touch of a button.

“Instead of eating a book, I’m pushing a button,” he said. “I always dreaded the day if we got overrun, it’s like, all right, who’s eating this book?”

Since deploying with Security Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Winston was previously assigned to the Entry Control Point, and recently volunteered and was selected to be part of the Personal Security Detail for the 1st Inf. Div. Command Group.

“I’m really proud to be in the 1st ID. There’s a lot of esprit de corps here; there’s

a lot of history,” Winston said.

“I’m really proud to be on the PSD. I’m really proud of the NCO’s I work with in this unit,” he added. “They are very professional.”

In the future, Winston plans to apply to become an Army career counselor.

“That’s what I really want to do more than anything else right now, and it’s how I think I can best serve the Army. I have a unique perspective.”

In his spare time, Winston enjoys hunting, fishing, and working on cars. He attended Methodist College at Fort Bragg in pursuit of a business degree.

When asked about his future plans, Winston’s love of the Army shines through.

“I’m going to stay until they chain me up to a humvee and drag me off the base.”

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## Changes coming to Idaho wolf hunts

*Spokesman Review, Associated Press*

**FORT RILEY, Kan.** — Members of Idaho's Fish and Game Commission said Wednesday they hope the new rules will help hunters reach the state's 220-wolf quota this fall.

Idaho hunters killed 185 wolves in the first hunting season since the animals were protected by the Endangered Species Act.

The Idaho decision comes the same week that Montana more than doubled its quota to 186 from 75 for this year's wolf hunt.

Estimates show Idaho has a minimum of 835 wolves, while Montana had at least 524 wolves at the beginning of the year.

Hunting seasons in both states could be halted by U.S. District Judge Donald Mollo, who is expected to decide on a lawsuit seeking to restore Endangered Species Act protections for wolves.

Idaho commissioners will set quotas for Idaho's wolf hunt in August.

Advocates for wolf hunting hailed the states' decisions, but some hunters said

they would like to see more wolves taken because hunters are seeing fewer elk since wolves were reintroduced in 1995-96.

"We just need to get rid of some of these wolves, so that people who want to put an elk in the freezer can get one," said Rick Huddleston of St. Maries.

But wolf advocates said Idaho's changes go too far.

"We're taking them down to numbers where they aren't able to do the job they're meant to do in nature," said Nancy Taylor, a member of the North Idaho Wolf Alliance.

Fish and Game Commissioner Randy Budge said out of Idaho's 29 elk management zones, elk populations in six zones are below the department's population objectives. In 13 zones, populations meet the mark, and in 10 zones they are above objectives.

Jon Rachael, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's state wildlife manager, says some of the elk herds in the state were slowly declining before wolves were reintroduced, and wolves have speeded

that decline.

Opponents of wolf hunting argued Montana should end the hunt before the courts act.

"We think any wolf hunt is premature," said Matt Skoglund with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "We don't think the wolf population has recovered yet."

Montana wildlife chief Ken McDonald says if hunters meet the quota of 186, state numbers could drop from 524 wolves to between 411 and 488.

Ranchers and hunters say the wolf population has grown too high, which has led to more attacks on livestock and too much predation on other game animals.

Montana and Idaho held their first wolf seasons last year with hunters taking 73 of Montana's 75-wolf quota.

Federal protections remain in place for wolves in Wyoming, where the state law is considered a threat to the species' survival.

**Boise, Idaho, is the hometown of Pfc. Chad Sippy, who is featured on page 8 of this week's Danger Forward.**

## Littleton welcomes political summit

**By Bianca Davis**  
*The Denver post*

**Littleton, Colo.** — The Marriott Hotel South in Littleton is not a place to find liberals this weekend.

The hotel is hosting the first annual Western Conservative Summit, a conference that is focusing on the themes of restoring liberty, limited government and renewing the nation's moral core.

Saturday afternoon's speakers included former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo and columnist and political commentator Michelle Malkin.

Tancredo told the packed ballroom that diversity can be a good thing, but it can also be dangerous. In a country as diverse as America, he said, it is imperative we

have language as a unifying factor.

"When you claim it (diversity) is the one thing that holds your country together, there's something that is a little oxymoronic about that," Tancredo said. "How can you have diversity being the most important thing that holds you together or that identifies you as a nation? It isn't possible; it does divide us."

Tancredo said a cult of multiculturalism plagues the nation. He said it is impossible to embrace and cherish individual cultures while maintaining one unified identity.

"We are the last hope of Western civilization — this country," Tancredo said. "Europe has been Islamicized."

Malkin spoke during lunch.

The political blogger gave personal anecdotes about her experiences with dis-

gusted taxpayers and disenchanted Americans. She quoted a sign from a Tea Party event that said "Can you hear us now?" as a powerful refrain that spoke to this growing demographic.

Malkin said illegal immigration needs to be viewed as a matter of national security. Citing Article 4 Section 4 of the Constitution, Malkin said the government has a duty to protect the states from invasion.

Pam Pleasant-Foster of Craig said she is enjoying the convention, which she called motivational.

"It's always nice to be with a group of like-thinking people," she said.

**Littleton, Colo., is the hometown of Staff Sgt. Dustin Silvis, who is featured on page 4 of this week's Danger Forward.**

# Morale Call



Dear Basra Betty,

Can you provide some fidelity to the RUMINT on the new Internet guy? I hear there is a new guy whose service is set up differently.

Dear Plugged In,

—Plugged In

For once, the rumor mill has generated one with its roots firmly planted in the truth! The “new guy” has arrived!

Tigris Net bills itself as being the “leading Internet provider” for Iraq, and they can be found on COB Basra inside the t-walls behind the Mayor’s Cell.

To find out just how they’re doing, I set out to do a bit of research. According to one satisfied customer (my neighbor to be exact), “They offer quick installation, reliable service, and several plans with access at the touch of a button. They mount a box on the wall inside your CHU and connect your

internet cable to the box. Then you simply plug in and open a browser window.” Tigris Net will prompt you to choose a service plan and pay via a credit/visa debit card or PayPal. You receive your username and password immediately, and then you are off and running!

Bonus – should you be TDY to another location in Iraq with Tigris Net, all you have to do is plug into the port...your account will work from anywhere.

But don’t write off the old internet company yet – as more Basra residents switch to Tigris service, there may be a marked improvement in connectivity and reliability of the old internet service. Plus, they still offer the convenience of making in-office payments. To be honest, now that my neighbor is promoting Tigris, Ol’ Betty’s Bandwidth has increased threefold, so thank you Tigris but I might just stay with the old guys! Now go forth and choose readers!

Dear Basra Betty,

Is Basrah spelled with an “H” or without?

—Signed Confused Speller

Now this is a question that needs to be answered! Although by the spelling of my name, I think you can already guess my opinion on the matter, but just to make sure I

have all my facts straight, I took a trip down the information highway and came back even more confused than ever!

It seems not only can you spell Basra the two ways we are already debating, but during my research I found many spellings listed, such as: Al-Basra, Bacora, Basora, Bassora, Bassorah, Bassra, Busra, Busrah and Bussora just to name a few.

Needless to say there were two very distinct themes.

1) Al-Basrah is the Arabic pronunciation of the Province in which COB Basra is located and

2) Basra is the English version that both British and Americans use.

My conclusion is that when you are referring to a place off the COB, you should use an “H,” and when you are referring to a place on the COB, you should drop the “H.”

For example, Basra Betty likes to eat falafel at the University of Basrah (mmmmm. falafel).

Anyway, I think you get my point. Hopefully this will help clear things up a bit. So drop the “H” when you’re talking about the COB from now on, and save it for words like hugs, heart and HOME!

Until next time, Betty.

*Basra Betty*

## ROCK AND ROLL TRIVIA

### FIGHTING AND FEUDING

Temperatures rise. Tempers flare. Can’t we all just get along? Even in the idealistic world of rock and roll, the answer is often “no.”

1) The murders of what two rap superstars marked the peak years of the East Coast – West Coast rap feud?

2) Oasis is often compared to The Beatles, but the Gallagher brothers’ relationship is more reminiscent of what two brawling brothers from The Kinks?

3) What kind of fighting did Carl Douglas sing about in his one and only hit from 1974?

4) When Dave Mustaine was kicked out of Metallica for (insert one: kicking James’ dog / partying too much / jealousy / being

obnoxious / all of the above) he formed Megadeth and remade a song he co-wrote in Metallica, performed with new lyrics, a new title and a faster tempo. What were the sound-alike songs?

a. “Seek and Destroy” & “Killing is my Business”  
b. “Four Horsemen” & “Mechanix”  
c. “Battery” & “Peace Sells”  
d. “For Whom The Bell Tolls” & “A Tout le Monde”

5) What multi-platinum soul band chucked their peace and love dance sound for a much darker vibe on the album There’s A Riot Going On.

6) Ozzy Osbourne has had an on again / off again feud with guitarist Tony Iommi ever since being fired from what band in 1979?

7) What night is “alright for fighting”?

8) David Lee Roth is quoted as saying, “I always thought that song should be sung

by a girl,” after hearing Van Halen perform “Panama” with what replacement lead singer?

9) At the height of the British Invasion, English kids from what two subcultures were fighting in the streets? (Hint: one group was clean cut, wore flashy clothes and rode scooters; the other group rode motorcycles and wore leather jackets.)

10) The Clash’s “Wrong ‘em Boyo” recounts the legend of Stagger Lee Shelton. In their version, why does Stagger Lee murder Billy Lyons: adultery, theft, politics, or gambling?

(1) Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls, aka the Notorious B.I.G. (2) Ray and Dave Davies (3) “Kung Fu Fighting” (4) “Four Horsemen” and “Mechanix” (5) Sly and the Family Stone (6) Black Sabbath (7) “Saturday Night’s Alright for Fighting” (8) Sammy Hagar (9) Muds and Rockers (10) Gambling. In “Wrong ‘em Boyo”, Billy cheats Stagger Lee at dice. In reality Lee Shelton probably killed Billy Lyons during a drunken argument over politics.

**USD - South  
1st Infantry Division  
Yearbook Photos**

The Yearbook is on its way, and the USD-S PAO is offering you the chance to decide what you want to see.

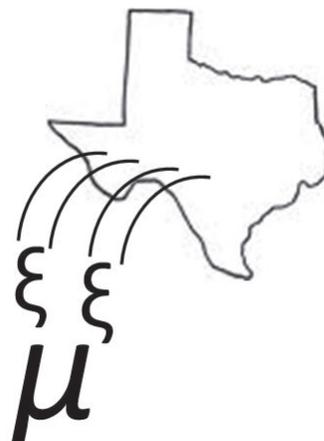
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- \*If you don't have a camera, arrange for a photo shoot with Public Affairs. All you need is a time and a place.
- \*If you are a DHHB Soldier serving in USD-S, photos are required.

If you have any other questions or comments, e-mail Sgt. Cody Harding on Outlook.

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## Big Red One Puzzle of the Week



*Hint for this week: Title of a song*

**Each week, look for a new brain teaser here, with the answer in the following week's Danger Forward.**

*Solution for last week: Complimentary Angles  
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## A look around USD-S

Photo by Maj. Michael Bagully  
A group of Iraqi Soldiers assigned to the 10th IA Commando Battalion exit a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during a four-day air assault training event held June 27-30. U.S. forces from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Transition Team, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade and Special Forces helped facilitate the Iraqi-led training.



Have a photo from around USD-S? Email it, along with the photographer's name, rank and unit, the date and place it was taken, and a short description, to nathaniel.smith5@iraq.centcom.mil, and you could have it featured here and receive a coin from DCSM Jim Champagne.

## Sudoku

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