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Photo by Pfc. J. Princeville Lawrence

Select deployed Soldiers are offered the chance to relax and play volleyball, swim at the pool, workout at two gyms, tee-off at the mini golf course and finish off with a massage at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. The Army hopes these four-day long getaways provide Soldiers with adequate outlets for stress.

Deployed Soldiers recharge, rest in Qatar



Photo by Pfc. J. Princeville Lawrence

While there, Soldiers can enjoy trips to the beach, where they can ride camels or swim in the Persian Gulf.

by Pfc. J. Princeville Lawrence
34th Red Bull Infantry Division PAO



CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar –

The life of a Soldier deployed differs greatly from that of a civilian in matters of workplace policy.

Deployed Soldiers soon find they work 24-hour shifts. It's a life of constant vigilance, sacrificed rights and necessary hardships, where the competition works overtime, the company car is a humvee and there is a noticeable absence of casual Fridays.

In order to combat the pressures of deployment, units are given the opportunity to send their Soldiers for Rest and Relaxation at Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar.

The program offers deployed Soldiers four days of fun in the sun and sand. It's an opportunity for Soldiers to recharge, reload and head back into the fight with lightened shoulders and clear eyes.

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34th “Red Bull” Infantry Division liaison

“The mission of the four-day pass program is to allow Soldiers the opportunity to get away from the everyday stressors of war,” said Staff Sgt. Bradley Hass, a Woodbury, Minn., native and 34th “Red Bull” Infantry Division liaison stationed in Qatar.

Soldiers are literally allowed to shed the reminders of their Army life. Within established guidelines, they are allowed to wear civilian clothes, and they are told to call each

Purple Heart recipient in safer role for second deployment

By Sgt. Neil Gussman
28th CAB



COB ADDER, Iraq – When the IED exploded it ripped through the left side of the humvee. The vehicle commander and the other passenger were shaken but not badly injured. The driver, 19-year-old Spc. David Broome was not so lucky.

His legs and hands were bleeding. His right thigh was badly damaged.

Medics were at the site in moments. They stabilized Broome, then loaded him in an M113 armored personnel carrier for transport to a MEDEVAC site.

After that short ride, Broome began a long journey from rescue, to recovery, to return to duty.

He was flown by Black Hawk to Baghdad hospital and initially treated for what he remembers as two or three days.

After that, he was transferred to the hospital at Joint Base Balad, where further treatment was performed on his badly injured right thigh. The next stop was the Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, then Fort Gordon, Ga.

In all, Broome was a patient in four hospitals for nearly two months before going home to begin the rehabilitation process.

After several surgeries and treatments, he regained the use of his right leg, but some of his thigh muscle is missing so he has limitations.

In 2008, when the pre-mobilization training began for his current deployment to Contingency Operating Base Adder with Task Force Diablo, Broome looked at deploying a bit differently from most Soldiers.

He knew how dangerous duty in Iraq could be. But he also was ready to go back.

"I'd say I am 50/50 about being outside the wire," said Broome. "Part of me wanted to get back out on the road and see how much had changed



Photo by Sgt. Neil Gussman

Spc. David Broome, a member of the 2nd Battalion, 104th Aviation Regiment, received a Purple Heart during his last tour to Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

from 2005, but part of me is happy to stay here on Tallil."

At 23, Broome already has six years of service. The Manayunk, Pa., native enlisted at 17 after being a member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) at Roxborough High School. He went to basic training in June 2003, and then to advanced training in 2004 to become a human resources specialist.

In January 2005, he was mobilized with the Pennsylvania National Guard's "B" Troop, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry Regiment.

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HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

Manayunk, meaning "where we go to drink," has been honored by the U.S. Navy by having two ships named after it. The first USS Manayunk was constructed for use during the Civil War (although it later served in the Spanish-American War instead) and the second was built during WWII.



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Photo by Pfc. J. Princeville Lawrence

A variety of native Qatari dishes are offered by the sea for the Soldiers to sample.

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REST

other by first names in order to expunge those annoying work-place memories – this is a place for relaxing, not saluting.

Camp As Sayliyah tempts Soldiers with a bowling alley, video games and movies to rent, pool tables and karaoke for the brave ones. And that's just in one building.

Throughout the base, Soldiers can find a swimming pool, two gyms, a massage parlor, a mini-golf course, commercial restaurants and an Astroturf football field.

For the adventurous, the program allows selected excursions off-base, including trips to the beach, tours of nearby Doha and opportunities to Jet Ski.

For more of Pfc. Lawrence's, stories, visit www.TheRedBulls.org/Lawrence

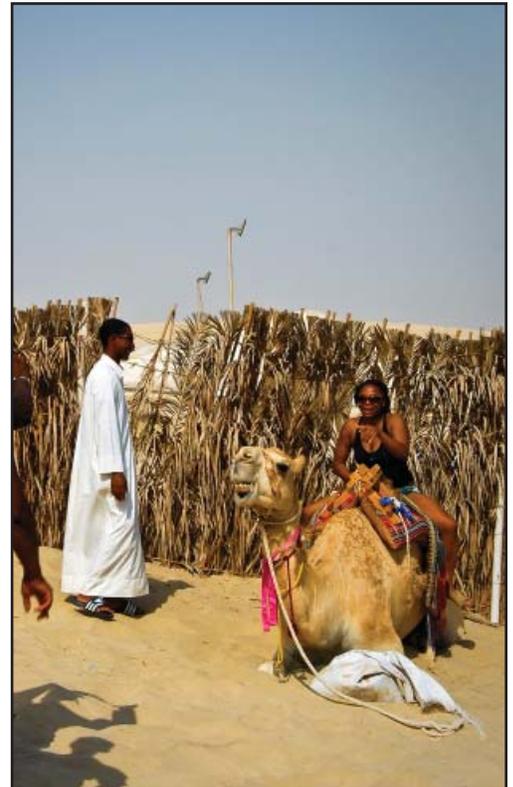


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Soldiers are able to experience Qatari culture with selected excursions and tours off-base.

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4:00 p.m.

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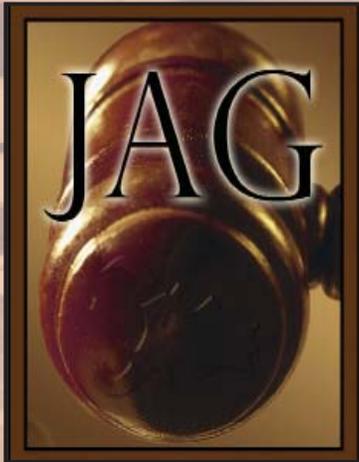
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Minn. Tax Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone



If you served in a combat zone or hazardous duty area any time after December 31, 2008, you may be eligible for a Minn. state tax credit of \$120 for each month that you served. Similarly, if you served in a combat zone or hazardous duty area any time between 11 September 2001 and 31 December 2008, you may be eligible for a Minn. state tax credit of \$59 for each month that you served. For purposes of claiming the tax credit, partial months are counted as full months. For example, if you serve only one day in any given month, it would count as one month.

In order to be eligible for this Minn. state tax credit, all of the following must be true:

You served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area anytime on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

The pay you received for that service must qualify to be excluded as combat pay from your federal gross income under Internal Revenue Code Section 112

Minnesota was your home of record during your months of service.

To claim the credit, you need to complete Form M99, Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone. You will also need to include documentation with your form. If you are a National Guard or Reserve Component Soldier, you must attach a copy of your Form DD-214 for each period of qualifying service. If you are an Active Duty Soldier, you must attach a copy of your Leave and Earnings Statement for each month of qualifying service. You may also claim this Minn. state tax credit if you are an Inactive Reserve, retired, or discharged military member.

For more information on the Minn. Tax Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone, go to

http://taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/individ/other_supporting_content/military_credit.shtml

For more of JAG's comments, visit www.TheRedBulls.org/TheGavel

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In June 2005, he was in Ar Ramadi. Two of the biggest battles of the war were fought in Ramadi. According to Michael Fumento, who wrote about 101st Airborne operations in Ramadi, the phrase "The graveyard of the Americans" was scrawled on the walls of the city of 400,000.

Broome was assigned as a human resources specialist, but spent less than a week in that job.

"They needed more soldiers on patrol, so I was attached to a Vermont line platoon," Broome said. "My truck commander taught me room clearing, convoy route security and detainee operations."

"We responded when the gate got attacked," he said. "We were attached to a Marine unit for missions."

Broome served four months on security and patrol duty until he was injured and evacuated from Iraq.

"I know this tour is rough on some of the first-timers," said the Purple Heart recipient, resting his hand on his right leg as he spoke. "But compared to my first tour, this time is cake for me."

For more of Sgt. Guffman's stories, visit: www.TheRedBulls.org/Guffman

For puzzle solutions visit: www.TheRedBulls.org/puzzlesolutions

Video teleconferencing keeps Soldiers communicating here and abroad

By Sgt. Andy Mehler
28th CAB



COB ADDER, Iraq – Dependable communication is essential for any organization. For deployed military, that rule holds just as true.

On Contingency Operating Base Adder, keeping communications dependable falls in part to Master Sgt. Thomas Kemble and 1st Lt. Francis Conroy, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 28th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Kemble and Conroy work in the “S6” Shop, which is responsible for most communication the 28th uses. The two ensure video teleconferences, are reliable, secure and available as needed.

Units of the 28th use the video teleconferences to communicate in Iraq, as well as with leadership back home in Pennsylvania, said Kemble.

Kemble sets up video conferences using a computer, a large monitor, a webcam and microphones.

“The drawback is limited



Courtesy Photo

Master Sgt. Harold Miller and Col. Teresa Gallagher of the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade watch the Chambersburg Area Senior High School graduation via video teleconference in June from Contingency Operating Base Adder.

bandwidth, so we are routed through special communication hubs,” Kemble said. “We hook into the hub, which then hooks us into a conference.”

“We are in a location that does not have commercial internet support, so we set up our own backbone to access commercial internet,” he said.

They use a combination of military and civilian support for their mission, he said. Mission-related communications are done on a secure network and others, such as morale events, are done on

non-secure networks.

“We’ve set up conferences here on Adder for (Multi-National Division - South) to hook up with the Aviation Brigade and other commands,” said Conroy.

Two recent examples of their morale events were a Halloween party and a Veteran’s dinner.

Kemble and Conroy set up a conference with a Family Readiness Group back home which held a Halloween party for the families. The kids had on their costumes and they could talk with and see

their parents and loved ones who were in COB Adder.

The second event was a veteran’s dinner held in Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 12. Technical support for the event in Pennsylvania was handled by St. Francis University, and Kemble set up in Adder’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation trailer, where the Soldiers could gather to participate.

The event gave older veterans some interaction with today’s Soldiers and allowed them a glimpse of daily life and duty in Iraq.

“Lt. Col. Kovak interviewed the Soldiers here to give the vets an idea of what it’s like here on our end,” Kemble said.

Whether it is a mission-essential leadership conference or a boost of morale for the Soldiers, this small section of the communications shop keeps Soldiers in touch here and abroad.

For more of Sgt. Mehler’s stories, visit:

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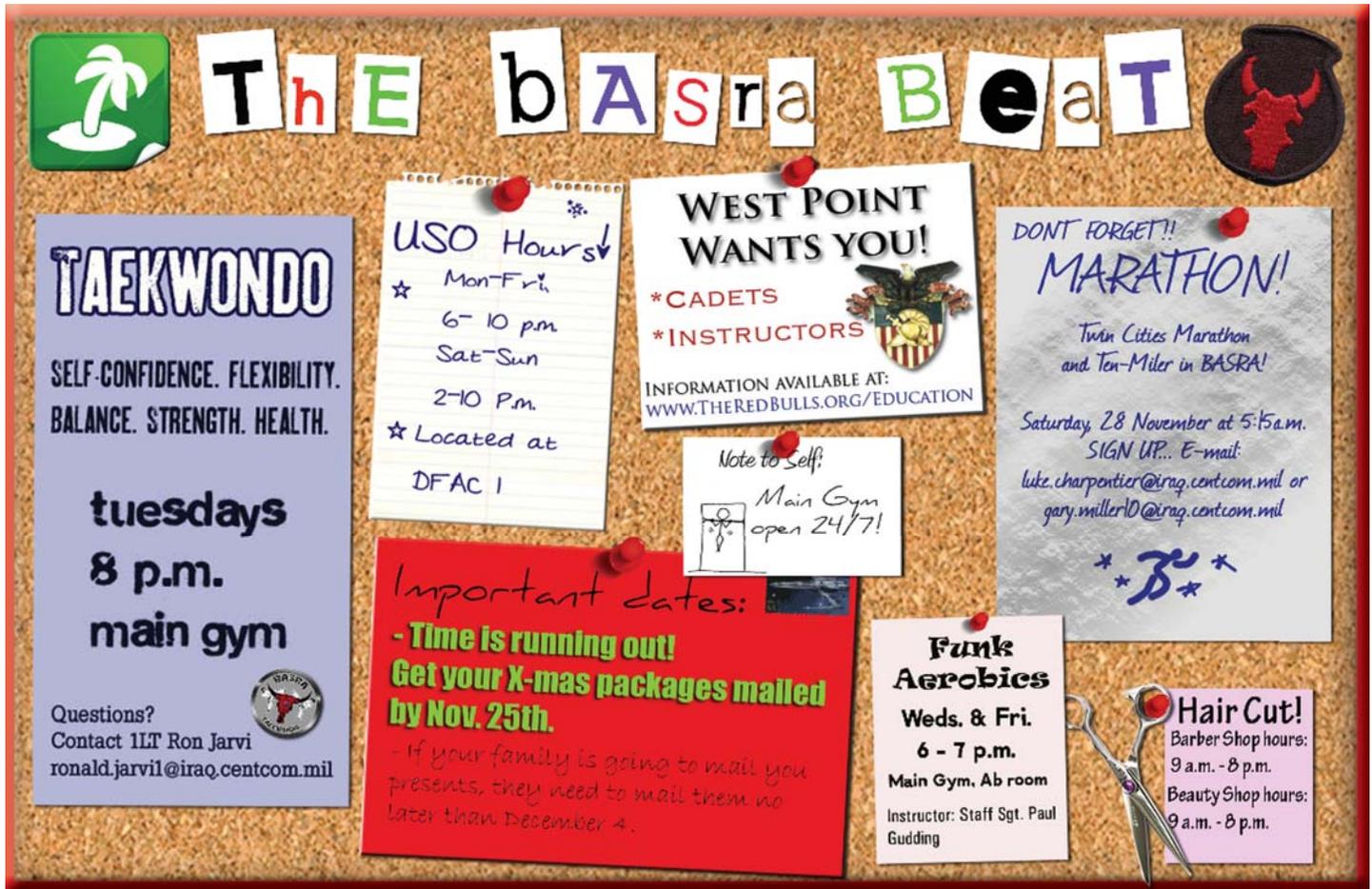
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Hours: 0700-1100, 1300-1700, 1900-2100

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Hours: 0700-1100, 1300-1700

ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Sabah-el-kher - Good morning/
Good things for your day
Sabah-Alnore (silent e) - Response/
May everything be light for you





Around the world in 34 seconds



TEHRAN – Iran began large-scale air defense war games aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from attack, state TV reported. The five-day drill will cover an area a third of the size of Iran and spread across the central, western and southern parts of the country. Gen. Ahmad Mighani, head of an air force unit in charge of responding to threats to Iran’s air space, said Saturday the war games would cover regions where Iran’s nuclear facilities are located. The drill involves Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guard, the paramilitary Basij forces affiliated with the Guard as well as army units. The United States and its European allies accuse Iran of embarking on a nuclear weapons program. Iran denies the charge and insists the program is only for peaceful purposes.



WASHINGTON - Federal officials are investigating a radiation leak at Three Mile Island, scene of the worst U.S. nuclear power accident, but said on Sunday there was no threat to public health or safety. Investigators were trying to determine the cause of radiological contamination inside the nuclear facility’s containment building on Saturday afternoon. About 150 people were working in a TMI containment building when the contamination was detected and some were exposed to low levels of radiation, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said. The NRC sent a radiation specialist and a regional manager to the site on Sunday to review the company’s assessment.



FLORIDA - Jimmie Johnson was chasing much more than a championship. He was also chasing NASCAR history. The most dominant driver of this decade won a record fourth consecutive championship Sunday night at Homestead-Miami Speedway, where he raced hard to finish fifth when 25th-place would have gotten the job done. In doing so, Johnson joined Richard Petty (7), Dale Earnhardt (7) and teammate Jeff Gordon (4) as the only drivers to win more than three titles. “The cool thing is, we’re not done yet,” he warned. All he ever wanted was a chance to race against the very best. Maybe even win a race or two. Never did he expect to be a champion. Especially four times over.



STOCKHOLM - Swedish police have arrested two North Korean diplomats on suspicion of smuggling 230,000 cigarettes into the Nordic country, the Swedish Customs Office said Friday. The pair, a man and a woman who have diplomatic status in Russia, were stopped by Swedish customs officers Wednesday morning as they drove off a ferry from Helsinki, the Finnish capital. Customs officials discovered Russian cigarettes in the car driven by the couple. The two North Koreans claimed diplomatic immunity. The pair were still being held by Swedish police and that she was not aware of them having any contact with North Korean officials since their arrest.