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## YSO trains Iraqi youth for future

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**BABIL PROVINCE** – By the waters of Babylon, the Youth Save Organization of Babil Province held a ceremony July 22, kicking off its third, four-day workshop in the past year, aimed at preparing college-age students to be leaders in the tourism industry.

The event was attended by local media and leaders, including the governor of Babil Province, Mr. Salman al-Zurgani, and members of the U.S. State Department’s Babil Provincial Reconstruction Team, which has provided funding and advice to the organization since its inception.

The Babil Convention Center, where the event was held, is home for the YSO. The location is fitting as the organization seeks to increase interest in the cultural landmarks throughout southern Iraq to increase national and international tourism.

“Bringing the strong cultural and historical significance of this great province, this great nation, to the world’s attention is a goal within reach,” said Lt. Col. Greg Politowicz, deputy team leader for the Babil PRT and a Fayetteville, N.C., native. “Training these students, the best of the best, is a step in the right direction.”

The workshops provide students with



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey  
Mr. Salman al-Zurgani, the governor of Babil Province, addresses provincial, YSO, and PRT officials July 22 at an event at the Babil Convention Center that kicked-off the third four-day workshop the YSO has held in the last year to prepare local students to be leaders in the tourist industry.

a variety of opportunities, and they were even involved with running the opening event for this workshop, giving them a chance to practice some of what they have learned.

While four days may not seem like much time, the organizers pack activities into every spare minute to make the most of it.

During the workshops, students put in 12-hour or longer days, visiting historical sites around Babil, listening to lectures on developing tourism, going to restaurants

and hotels to see how they are run, and holding planning sessions.

On top of all this, they are given tests on their cultural knowledge and prepare a written report each night.

Yasser al Saffar, a student from Babil Province, has been with the YSO since the first workshop over a year ago.

In that time, he has learned a significant amount about the tourism industry and about the sites in Babil, he said.

Having the chance to interact with

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## Leader checks critical to mission accomplishment

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**B**AGHDAD – As United States Forces-Iraq continues to carry on its mission of advising and assisting the Iraqi security forces, first line leaders need to ensure that their troops are informed, know their mission and that they meet the standards set down by the Army and USF-I.

Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur L. Coleman, Jr., senior enlisted advisor for the USF-I deputy commanding general for operations and III Corps command sergeant major, says it's critical that leaders set standards and enforce discipline by ensuring that their Soldiers are doing the right things.

It's important that leaders don't simply assume everyone in their units know what they need to do, he said. Instead, leaders should expect their troops to show what they know.

"Until you do that, then I'm going to assume that you don't know, and it's my job, it's my responsibility to make sure that you are trained before you go out of the wire," Coleman said.

As an NCO in charge of 28 Soldiers, Sergeant 1st Class Joe Huffman with 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, puts a lot of emphasis on leader checks to make sure his Soldiers' gear is squared away and that they know the mission.

"You never know what a Soldier knows," he said. "I always have them ask questions about the mission (to) make sure they understand the mission."

Huffman relies on his squad leaders to do the in-depth checks on their Soldier's equipment and knowledge.

Although many service members think of leader checks in terms of pre-combat checks and inspections, they are just as important for day-to-day missions that don't take service members outside the wire.

Sgt. Robert Harter, a motor sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, is on his third deployment to Iraq is responsible for keeping the Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar units' vehicles and power generation equipment running.

In Harter's experience, leader checks are key during a deploy-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Lavy

**Soldiers from the 224th Sustainment Brigade's Personal Security Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), perform pre-combat checks and inspections before leaving on their first convoy security escort mission July 2 at Contingency Operating Base, Adder.**

ment and says he starts by knowing his Soldiers.

"You have to get into a Soldier's head, you have to know where they're at mentally," he said. "But you also have to make sure that they're not becoming complacent. Leader checks are one way of doing that; enforcing the standard, that's another way."

The battle against complacency also drives Staff Sgt. James Wolfe, assistant shift leader for the USF-I chief of staff personal security detachment, to check his Soldiers' weapons and gear and their understanding of their responsibilities and tasks, even if the mission seems to be routine.

"It's crucial because, as everybody knows, 'Joe' gets complacent and they get into a routine and they'll start to forget little things," he said. "And sometimes those little things can really come back to haunt you when you really need it most."

The little things are also a big deal to Coleman.

"When you talk about those things that we call little sometimes it adds up," he said. "It adds up to life or death, it adds up to being able to defend yourself or not, it adds up to being able to be ready at all times or not."

The bottom line for Coleman is that leaders have to check the small things to make sure their troops get the big thing right.



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# On duty, off duty: a loss is a loss

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It's a well-known fact that off-duty vehicle crashes claim more of our Soldiers every year than any other accident cause, and this year's trend is no exception. Over the four-day Memorial Day weekend, our Army lost five Soldiers to off-duty vehicle accidents: three on motorcycles, one in a pickup truck and one on an all-terrain vehicle. Unfortunately, our other trend, indiscipline, was a primary factor in these accidents as well, specifically regarding speed and failure to wear seat belts or personal protective equipment.

As important as POV accident reduction is, however, we can't lose sight of the often subtle hazards that inevitably claim a few Soldiers annually. It's hard to believe that as we near the end of fiscal 2010, more Soldiers have died in sports accidents than in all of 2009. We've also seen an increase in fatal pedestrian accidents this year, the last occurring when a Soldier on the way to sick call stepped in front of a vehicle in a parking lot. And among other accidents, we've lost five Soldiers to drowning, one in a fall while hiking and two to privately owned weapons discharges.

Such uncommon accidents are happening in theater too. Just recently, we experienced a tragic accident when a Soldier who was installing flooring in a dining facility suffered fatal burns after the glue he was working with caught fire. Additionally, three Soldiers have died from crush injuries this fiscal year, with two pinned between tactical vehicles and the third killed when a rolling gate malfunctioned and fell on top of him.

In our Army, a loss is a loss, no matter how it happens. While we will continue to work hard through Leader and Family engagement to permanently reduce POV accidents, we must consider just as seriously the other hazards that can take our Soldiers out of the fight. There's no such thing as a mundane mission or just another day off — safety is a full-time responsibility, and it's our job to protect the Soldiers entrusted to our care.

There are several ways we can remain vigilant in our fight

against all accidents, even those that seem the most unlikely. First, always listen to what your Soldiers are saying. The most valuable eyes and ears you have are the Soldiers who work side by side every day and the NCOs who lead them. If someone is taking unnecessary risks, it's almost certain somebody else knows. Never underestimate the creativity of your Soldiers either; they just might have a solution for your most frustrating safety problems. Take an interest in everything your Soldiers are doing, and foster a culture where communication flows freely and composite risk management is the first block checked before a team heads out on a mission or the unit leaves for the weekend.

Another vital resource for Leaders is the Army Readiness Assessment Program (ARAP). No matter how hard they try, commanders are often unaware of every hazard their Soldiers face. Through ARAP's anonymous and confidential surveys and follow-up briefings, commanders can get a true sense of their Soldiers' concerns and their unit's safety climate. The program continues to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from commanders and has become a highly trusted and valuable tool for our Army's Leaders.

Finally, I encourage you to take advantage of the expertise of the safety professionals within your command. All our Army's safety personnel — Civilians, aviation safety officers and additional duty safety officers — have been trained to help you reduce risk and fight accidents. They also have access to our most up-to-date safety information, including preliminary loss reports and daily accident statistics that break down current fatality data by category and duty status. Their knowledge is power for both you and your Soldiers.

Oftentimes in safety, the devil truly is in the details. Look out for the subtle hazards, and remember that no risk is ever too small to merit consideration. Thank you for what you do every day for our Soldiers, Families and Civilians!

Army Safe is Army Strong!



## This week in Army history

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

August, 1999 – Units from the 1st (Devil) Brigade Combat Team deployed to Bosnia as part of Stabilization Force 6, Operation Joint Forge. They stayed from August 1999 to April 2000.

### *This week in OIF history*

August 14, 2008 – A female suicide bomber strikes Shia pilgrims south of Baghdad, killing at least 18 people and wounding dozens more.

### *This week in 3rd Infantry Division history*

August 15, 1944 – After training for the invasion of Southern France, the 3rd Infantry Division landed at St. Tropez, France. The “Dog-faced Soldiers” advanced up the Rhone Valley, through the Vosges Mountains.

# ADVISE & ASSIST

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## Hammer intelligence Soldiers meet counterparts

By Capt. Joan Hollein  
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**COS KALSU** – Nearly 20 Iraqi Army intelligence leaders and soldiers traveled to Contingency Operating Site Kalsu to meet intelligence leaders from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division July 18.

The 8th Iraqi Army Division intelligence officer, Col. Khadim, and his 3rd HBCT counterpart, Maj. Charles Hiter, led the meeting, discussing current events in the area. The combined meeting gave 3rd HBCT intelligence Soldiers the opportunity to meet their counterparts and exchange information.

“These meetings have been beneficial because it allows both sides to form a more unified operational picture and identify potential enemy threats towards local nationals, (Iraqi Security Forces), (United States Forces), and the stability of Iraq,” said Capt. Matthew Cooper, 3rd HBCT intelligence targeting officer.

The primary discussion was the Shi’a commemoration of Sha’baniyah. The birth of the 12th Imam is celebrated annually and is more commonly known as the Sha’baniyah festival.

Although the festival is celebrated by Shi’a Muslims throughout the world, the holy city of Karbala serves as a central location for the festival. Leaders of the 8th IA expect hundreds of thousands of pil-



Courtesy Photo  
Maj. Charles Hiter, intelligence officer for the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., and Col. Khadim, 8th IA Div. intelligence officer, discuss recent atmospheric in preparation for Sha’baniyah July 18 at COS Kalsu.

grims to travel through several Iraqi provinces in order to visit Karbala.

Historically, there have been a few targets of opportunity during this pilgrimage for terrorists. With an increased security posture, the Iraqi Army and their local Iraqi Police counterparts will secure the pilgrims. There is always a possibility of attack, but through intelligence gathering and security planning, attacks can be mitigated.

The Iraqis and U.S. Forces gathered around several maps to discuss the Sha’baniyah plans and marked the maps to indicate expected travel routes, security checkpoint locations, and potential high risk areas. These areas will be closely monitored as part of the intelligence col-

lection plan.

“The 8th IA leadership has done an excellent job in establishing the security plan for the celebration of the 12th Imam’s birth, in both Babil and Karbala Provinces,” said Capt. Les Stanfield, intelligence officer for the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd HBCT.

“We look forward to assisting them in any way we can,” Stanfield said.

The 3rd HBCT intelligence section has been able to continue the development and professionalization of the Iraqi Army intelligence soldiers through meetings such as this, Hiter said.

“As an (advise and assist brigade) our primary function is to partner with our Iraqi Army counterparts in the 8th IA Division. This meeting is the one way that we not only partner but learn from each other the mission and culture,” Hiter said. “While most of our meetings are focused on targeting for arrest and prosecution, the meetings like this one, where we prepare for support to religious holidays or national elections, give our Soldiers the opportunity to see their impact on building the Iraqi Army and creating a secure and stable Iraq for the future.”



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Leaders of the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. and the 8th IA Div. indicate areas of interest and surveillance on a map during a meeting July 18 at COS Kalsu.

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# Fixing corruption at the local level

By Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey  
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**HILLA** – Traditionally, Iraq has been an incredibly centralized country. Policy, administration and even utilities were kept tightly controlled, and everything that happened was directed from Baghdad.

As part of setting policies and standards to prevent corruption, representatives from a program called Tatweer, a national capacity development program of United States Agency for International Development in Iraq, are working with provincial leaders in southern Iraq to help them take the initiative.

A recent example of these efforts was the July 22 meeting of officials from the provinces of Babil, Karbala, Najaf and Diwaniyah at the Babil Convention Center.

Hassanin Hammad Ibrahim, the regional manager for Babil branch of Tatweer, was at the meeting to ensure things went smoothly.

A lawyer from Hilla in Babil Province, Ibrahim began working with USAID programs in 2003.

The point of the meeting, he said, was for anti-corruption committees from the separate provinces to come together and discuss measures they can take at the provincial level.

“This came out through the recommendation of our training courses in the last two quarters in the south-central region,” he said.

The implementation of strategies from



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey  
The governor of Babil Province, Salman Al-Zurgani, addresses officials from the provinces of Babil, Karbala, Diwaniyah and Najaf at the Babil Convention Center July 22.

the training programs was a central topic, Ibrahim said.

Another goal of the conference was to determine ways in which Tatweer could assist the anti-corruption committees with equipment.

“We are going to provide them with computers, printers and furniture to support their activity in our region,” Ibrahim said.

A challenge going forward is the hesitancy to seize initiative.

“The ministries, when we are going to them to discuss about the communication issue or leadership, they will say that, ‘the problem is not here, it’s in Baghdad because we are just doing what Baghdad requested from us,’” Ibrahim said.

Bob Wong, the public diplomacy officer for the U.S. State Department’s Babil

Provincial Reconstruction Team, said the movement to more decentralized practices is absolutely critical.

“Historically in Iraq, initiatives have come from the top down,” said the Eustis, Fla. native. “What we’re trying to do here is foster local control of those responsibilities.”

A good example is rule of law, Wong said, as people are very aware of the corruption that takes place there.

“Well, of course there’s corruption when you don’t have somebody at the bottom end watching the people at the top end and vice-versa,” he said.

Across the board, the effort is being applied to empower people to combat corruption no matter where they fit in the picture.

“Here we’re trying to educate the local people how to watch each other and what their responsibilities are,” he said. “If you’ve never done it, you can’t know what your responsibilities are.”

Progress is being made, such as with the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Ibrahim said.

“Through our project management team, working with MMPW, they created a standard operating procedure for MMPW projects in Najaf and Babil, and they sent it from the provincial level up to Baghdad,” he said. “This is the first time, and it is very important.”



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey

Officials from the provinces of Babil, Karbala, Diwaniyah and Najaf discuss anti-corruption measures at the Babil Convention Center July 22.

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## Analyzers bring faster treatment in Maysan

By Staff Sgt. Lester Yancey  
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**MAYSAN** – Hospitals in the Maysan Province received some much needed help for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, recently.

The Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team, with support from Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, provided the Ministry of Health with six Beckman Coulter Auto Blood Analyzers.

Physicians use information generated by the blood analyzers to diagnose diseases and make life-saving treatment decisions.

Beckman Coulter develops, manufactures and markets many products designed to simplify complex biomedical testing. The company's diagnostic systems are found in hospitals and other critical care facilities around the world.

“By installing this equipment, other



Photo by 2nd Lt. Andrew Mayer  
Capt. Sung Hong of Stanton, Calif., a civil affairs officer with the Civil Liaison Team, meets with doctors from the Al Sadar Hospital to check on a blood analyzer provided to the MoH for hospitals throughout the Maysan Province.



Courtesy photo  
One of the six Beckman Coulter auto blood analyzers are helping hospitals in Maysan Province receive much needed help for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

hospitals in and around Al Amarah will follow the province's positive example,” said 2nd Lt. Timothy Lewin of Pueblo, Colo., a field artillery officer with 3rd Bn., 29th FA Regt.

These new analyzers will enable Maysan hospitals to perform an array of tests on blood samples in a fraction of the time it previously took. These analyzers allow doctors to run more specific tests and receive much more accurate data results, said Dr. Majeed, a physician at the Al Sadar hospital.

“These analyzers will likely have a large impact on the resources and quality of care Maysan hospitals are now able to offer their patients,” Majeed said. “Without these analyzers, hospitals in Maysan that already suffer from understaffing and lack qualified medical professionals would continue to waste manpower and resources testing individual samples, only to receive minimal results.”

Instead of conducting one test at a time, such as testing for a potassium reading,

the analyzer has the capability to test for sodium, potassium, chloride and glucose readings all at once, allowing doctors to diagnose patients much faster.

“The installation of this equipment will allow the staff to maximize their effectiveness,” said Capt. Sung Hong of Stanton, Calif., a civil affairs officer with the Civil Liaison Team that works with the Maysan PRT.

Members of Battery A regularly escort PRT members to Al Sadar and Al Zahrawi hospitals to check on the progress of the analyzers.

“The analyzer systems are extremely important when it comes to improving the current health care systems in Maysan,” Majeed said.

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# Ship charged with providing electricity

By Sgt. Francis Horton  
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**UMM QASR** – The Government of Iraq is focused on providing basic necessities to its people while striving to maintain order and security.

Electricity has been an issue Iraqis are concerned about. In the southern city of Basra and throughout Iraq demonstrations have been held demanding more reliable power.

In response, steps are in place to help

ease those power problems.

In the southern port of Umm Qasr, the hub of imports and exports for the country, a large ship sits moored to the docks. It is adorned with Turkish and Iraqi flags painted on the side, and large transformers cover the majority of the deck.

“It’s like an on-land power facility,” said Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Frank Bullock, a logistic coordinator with the Joint Inter-agency Task Force. Reciprocating generators on the deck of the ship use a refined fuel provided by the Iraqi Department of

Energy. The electricity is sent to the Iraqi power grid. This ship alone has the ability to power Umm Qasr with some left over, he said.

“So far, we have had no security incidents,” said the plant manager and ship captain, Mutlu Cevlik, a Turkish sailor from Istanbul. A five-year contract has been signed with the Iraqi Department of Energy for the ship to provide power, he said. A second ship has also been dispatched from Turkey.

Security cameras and local guards have been hired to help secure the ship, Cevlik said. Around 70 people from Umm Qasr keep the ship safe 24 hours a day. On-board, Turkish workers keep the generators maintained and running.

“Sand storms are the biggest problem,” Cevlik said. The generators operate as close to full capacity as possible, but during periods of high wind, sand and dirt get caught in the filters causing overheating and automatic shutdowns.

Cevlick is confident issues like these will be easy to get around. The next step is to hire a security officer to help bring the ship up to international safety standards.

“We want to make this environment better,” Cevlick said.



Photo by Sgt. Francis Horton

Turkish workers run fuel hoses across the deck of the Dogan Bey power ship to keep the generators filled and pumping to capacity.

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Photo by Sgt. Francis Horton

The Turkish Dogan Bey power ship sits moored in the southern port of Umm Qasr. The ship provides enough power to run a small Iraqi city. Currently, it feeds into the main Iraqi power grid.

# Charity helps Army teach proper prenatal care

By Sgt. Jason Kemp  
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**COB BASRA** – As U.S. forces shift their focus from operations to advising, in southern Iraq, the healthcare sector took center-stage recently.

The 1st Infantry Division set out to increase the number of skilled Iraqi birth attendants through a two-day course in Basra July 31 and August 1.

“This training is part of our medical civil military operations. It’s opportunities for us to engage the local communities through a medical perspective to see how we can support them,” said Capt. Tisha Bridge, 1st Inf. Div. Physician Assistant. “The purpose of the class is to provide neonatal resuscitation training to local Iraqi physicians.”

Approximately 1 in 10 babies worldwide requires resuscitation when they are born, Bridge said.

“All of the Iraqi physicians that attended are pediatricians; they are already familiar with and practice neonatal resuscitation at their respective medical facilities,” Bridge said. “We wanted to provide a refresher class to them and introduce them to these specific training models so that they could, in turn, more effectively train their midwives, nurses and other birth attendants.”

The program included two days of



Photo by Sgt. Jason Kemp  
Doctors demonstrate how to properly give emergency neonatal ventilation during a training program for Iraqi physicians July 31.



Photo by Sgt. Jason Kemp  
Capt. Tisha Bridge, 1st Inf. Div. physician assistant instructs an Iraqi physician on the proper position of a bag valve mask during emergency neonatal ventilation. “Every opportunity to teach medicine is also an opportunity for the instructor to learn the material better,” Bridge said. “Consequently, MCMO activities like these are a win-win for everyone involved; U.S. and Iraqi medical providers alike reinforce their medical skills.”

training, lectures and hands-on training that begins with a pre-course assessment.

“Our amazing medical team provided resuscitation training and equipment to Iraqi doctors and some nurses,” said Fari-da Samano, a bicultural advisor for the 1st Inf. Div. “These newly-trained medical personnel, in turn, train other doctors and medical personnel, and as a result, thousands of newborn lives are saved, not to mention how beneficial this training is for the Marshland areas.”

At the end of the course, there is a practical assessment, the “Mega-Code”, which provides a simulated neonatal resuscitation emergency evaluation followed by an end of course written exam.

“Using the training equipment that was donated by the Latter Day Saints Charity Organization, we were all able to come together at the Basra airport, learn more about each other’s cultures and medical practices, and provide an improved

knowledge base for neonatal resuscitation in Basra hospitals and rural clinics,” Bridge said.

The 20 donated training sets include a model baby and resuscitation equipment.

“We organized this training opportunity with them, and they shipped over all the training materials,” Bridge said.

Bridge said while the Iraqi healthcare providers were the primary benefactors of the training, the U.S. practitioners benefited as well.

“Every opportunity to teach medicine is also an opportunity for the instructor to learn the material better,” Bridge said. “Consequently, MCMO activities like these are a win-win for everyone involved; U.S. and Iraqi medical providers alike reinforce their medical skills.”

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# TROOPS IN FOCUS

## Iron Brigade Soldier wins Virginia 10-Miler in Iraq



Runners in the Virginia 10-Miler take off from the starting point at COB Adder July 25. The participants all received a t-shirt for participating.

Over 400 Soldiers and participants wait in anticipation at the starting line for the Virginia 10-Miler July 25. The Virginia 10-Miler is an annual event conducted in Lynchburg, Va.



Story and photos by  
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**COB ADDER** – Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division competed in the Virginia 10-Miler at Contingency Operating Base Adder July 25.

Pfc. Jarred Hall of the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. won the race with a time of one hour, six minutes, and 15 seconds.

“It was a fun race, and the competition was good,” Hall said. “I plan on racing in as many marathons as I can. I enjoyed this one a lot.”

Over 400 competitors came out for the race that was open for service members and Department of Defense contractors. The 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment out of Lynchburg, Va., hosted the run.

“This race is the first battalion-hosted marathon brought to COB Adder,” said 1st Lt. William Wilson, public affairs officer for 1st Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. and na-

tive of Independence, Mo. “The previous marathons that were conducted have been all brigade [sponsored].”

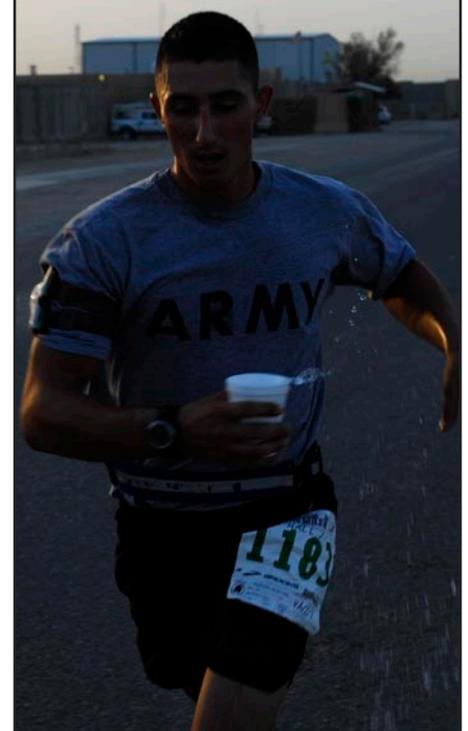
“There was a great turn out to the [race] today,” Wilson said. “Soldiers are always out on missions and don’t always have the time. For Soldiers to come out at four in the morning to run when they don’t have to is a good thing to see.”

Soldiers who chose to walk started at 5 a.m. while Soldiers who chose to run started 15 minutes later. The route stretched through the northern part of COB Adder. Roads were blocked off to guide the runners and protect them from traffic.

When the race was over, the runners received complimentary t-shirts for their participation.

The official Virginia 10-Miler will be held this year in September in Lynchburg, Va.

Pfc. Jarred Hall of the 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt. takes a cup of water from a water point while running the Virginia 10-Miler at COB Adder July 25.



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people from outside of Iraq and practice his English has been a part of the learning experience for him, though he is still most comfortable when speaking Arabic.

Bob Glasgow, the Babil PRT's agricultural team leader and project head for the YSO, spoke highly of the students from his interactions with them.

"I think they are culturally astute, they know and understand their place in history, and they are very proud of being the cradle of Western civilization," said the Baton Rouge, La., native. "Most of them speak English fairly well, they're very eager to welcome the world to Babylon, and they're very motivated to become part of the tourist industry in Iraq."

The students are also very interested in the industry for the opportunity to discover other cultures, Glasgow said.

"They're very culturally curious about us, very friendly, and they're in that age group where they really want to learn about the rest of the world," he said. "So this is a good opportunity; it's a window for them to view the world, to understand what international tourists will want to experience."

Politicowicz said part of attracting the tourists is finding a balance between properly managed tourism and preservation of historical sites.



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey

**Bob Wong (second from left), Public Diplomacy Officer, Babil PRT, a native of Eustis, Fla., accepts a plaque from Yasser al Saffar (second from right), a member of the YSO and native of Babil Province, at a July 22 event at the Babil Convention Center, that kicked off the third four-day workshop the YSO has held in the last year to prepare local students to be leaders in the tourist industry.**

Preservation generates international interest and tourism, which generates more money to be channeled into preservation and the local economy. This inspires further efforts to preserve the sites to keep tourists coming back.

Glasgow, who became involved with the YSO because of his background working in U.S. National Forests for the Department of Agriculture, said the area

where preservation and tourism meet is always dynamic.

"I think there are opportunities, if you bring the right people together, to protect a site, whether it's a forest or an archeological site, and yet allow for responsible tourism, and that will allow for generation of revenue," he said. "Then, if the people who are generating the revenue want to, they can dedicate some of that to cultural interpretation, cultural preservation and education."

"So, they can work hand-in-hand if you plan responsible tourism in an environmentally-sound way," he said.

And there is a lot to be preserved in Iraq, said Adil al-Husseiny, the YSO director.

"Babil Province alone has more than 1,200 archeological and historical sites," he said through an interpreter. "Until now, we have not had special care for all these sites."

"But, we are trying and working hard to take the first steps for the future," he said.

Husseiny said that a goal of the YSO has been to play a significant role in these efforts.

"We have succeeded," he said, "and we will succeed in the future."

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Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey

**Student members of the Youth Save Organization hand out food to Lt. Col. Greg Politowicz, deputy team leader for the Babil Provincial Reconstruction Team and a Fayetteville, N.C. native, and the governor of Babil Province, Mr. Salman al-Zurgani, as well as other attendees, at a ceremony July 22, at the Babil Convention Center in Iraq, that kicked-off the third four-day workshop the organization has held to prepare local students to be leaders in the tourist industry.**

# ON THE HOMEFRONT

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## Two CDCs open on Carson

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**FORT CARSON, Colo.** - Mountain Post parents and children had a reason to celebrate, thanks to the grand opening of two new state-of-the-art child care centers at Fort Carson Aug. 3.

The construction of the new Patriot Child Development Center and Cheyenne Mountain Child Development Center began in March 2009 and cost approximately \$13 million to complete.

According to Armanda Hunt, youth services coordinator, Child, Youth and School Services, development centers are they are well worth the investment. "These new facilities will offer a safe, nurturing and healthy environment for Fort Carson children," she said. "They also create an additional 80 child care spaces for children from 6 weeks to 5-years-old."

Both facilities, located on Harr Avenue between Gate 1 and Patriot Elementary School, will provide quality care for more than 350 children from ages 6 weeks to 10 -years-old, and an easy one-stop drop off site for their parents. About 190 school-age children have been relocated from the Beacon School Age Services building to the new centers.

Children ages 6-10 will attend Patriot CDC, and children from 6 weeks to



Photo by Devin Fisher

**Katherine Maldonado and Nathaniel Burns, Child, Youth and School Services program assistant, share some one-on-one playtime at the East Child Development Center Monday. A grand opening ceremony for two new CDCs was held Aug. 3.**

5-years-old will attend Cheyenne Mountain CDC. Hunt said more growth is expected for Fort Carson Child, Youth and School Services with an additional eight centers projected to open by 2014. The increase in facilities will help meet the high demand for additional quality child care.

"We currently serve approximately 3,500 children on post," Hunt said.

According to Patti McLane, facility director for Patriot CDC, both centers offer a wide variety of new and fun activities for all age groups. "It's a totally open concept, which allows children to make choices on what they want to participate in," she said. "This layout is more in line with Department of Defense guidelines. It's challenging and

very exciting."

Some of the new features and activities at the centers include gymnasiums, age appropriate playgrounds and computer rooms. There are also new classroom activities including a technology lounge with game systems, a homework room, a woodworking room, a drama room and sewing and crafts rooms.

"We'll still transport children to the Beacon center for our (Schools of Knowledge, Inspirations, Explorations and Skills) programs until the new SKIES site opens near Forrest Fitness Center in February," McLane said. "We'll also continue to offer services for all on-post schools, before and after (school) care, and summer, fall and winter camps."

According to Col. Robert McLaughlin, Fort Carson garrison commander, quality child care is essential to our Mountain Post community because it allows our Soldiers and Families the peace of mind that their children are being taken care of in a secure environment.

**Fort Carson is the home station of the 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., currently a part of USD-S.**



Photo by Sgt. Alexis Ramos  
**A playground awaits children at one of two new Child Development Centers which opened on Fort Carson Aug. 3.**

# Morale Call



## Betty's DFAC Dish

What's the one topic Betty get's the most questions about? You guessed it: the DFAC!

Dear Basra Betty,

Is there any way you can change the way the DFAC prepares their salmon with sauce to grilled salmon only? I would like to see this food item changed on their menu. It would have less calories and be more nutritious and tasty.

—Signed, Calorie Counter

Dear Calorie Counter,

While we can all see the point you are making, unfortunately the DFAC personnel have no control over the way food items are prepared. All the delicious food we enjoy on

a daily basis comes pre-packaged and is reheated for our dining pleasure. Therefore, there is no way to comply with your request, but the good news for you, oh-seeker-of-low-cal-choices: there's a new program at the DFAC to help you watch your caloric intake that you'll hear more about in another question. So stay tuned for more info.

Dear Basra Betty,

I know not everyone is concerned with counting calories out here, but for those of us who are, the nutritional value information items on the serving line is very confusing. I don't know if it really helps me to skip the bread if the hamburger patty I'm eating is 500 calories. Also, if a serving size is 4 ounces of fish, is it safe to assume that one piece of fish is the same as one serving size? I'm just wondering if I am really eating as healthy as I think I am. Thanks!

—Signed, Confused at the DFAC Counter

Dear Confused,

I bet most Americans can relate to this question. We've all been fooled by serving sizes at one point in our lives. For example,

did you know a standard package of ramen is usually two servings? Most people aren't aware of this and don't multiply the calories they're eating by two.

Then we all get frustrated and wonder why we aren't losing weight like we should be. Things like that make it a challenge for us in the States, but like you said, an even bigger challenge when we aren't buying and cooking our own food.

So what do we do? None of us want to lose our girlish figures or buffed bods due to lack of education, so I took a trek down to the dining facility to find out how they can help.

According to Staff Sgt. Moises Soto, the senior first cook at the Fighting First DFAC, there is a new program called "Go for Green." This program labels food items being served to assist diners in making healthier choices.

Information cards at the serving line include portion size, calorie and sodium content, and classify foods in red, yellow or green categories based on how healthy they are.

*Basra Betty*

## ROCK AND ROLL TRIVIA

### OUTTAHERE

This week's trivia is dedicated to all of the Soldiers headed home as part of the Responsible Drawdown of Forces. We'll miss you!

1) It was the end of a relationship, not a DEROS or redeployment, that inspired what REO Speedwagon classic from the album You Can Tune a Piano but You Can't Tuna Fish?

2) The title of this 1967 Beatles chart topper would be a fitting thing to say to people you

pass on the tarmac as they disembark and you board a C130.

3) Billy Joel's "Movin' Out" is subtitled what, after the main character in the song?

4) Simon and Garfunkel wish they were what on this 1966 single said to have been written while Paul Simon was stranded at a train station.

5) This Holland-Dozier-Holland composition didn't have much success when released by Motown but has since been covered by The Who, Motorhead, Pearl Jam, and several other bands.

6) What big ol' thing is Steve Miller waiting for to carry him to his home?

7) Lynyrd Skynyrd sings, "my baby's gone with the wind..." on what melancholy rock classic?

8) What song from the Departure album was Jesse McCartney's biggest hit in 2008?

9) The one-hit wonder Steam had a big hit with what song? (It's now a staple at the ballpark after home runs, pitcher changes, and ejections.)

10) Hopefully you remember the name of the song Simple Minds had a major hit with thanks to its prominent placement in The Breakfast Club.

Answers to this week's trivia:  
(1) "Time for Me to Fly" (2) "Hello Goodbye" (3) "Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)" (4) "Homeward Bound" (5) "Leavin' Here" (6) "Let Airliner" (7) "Tuesday's Gone" (8) "Rush-ell" (9) "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" (10) "Don't You Forget About Me"

**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.

- \*Send in your own photos. Requirements are complete army uniform, no hats/sunglasses.
- \*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: Isn't it ironic?*

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

Solution for last week: Capitol city  
Brought to you by the 1st Inf. Div. ORSA Cell

## A look around USD-S



Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding

Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, 1st Inf. Div. commanding general, congratulates Pfc. John Deer, a 1st Inf. Div. intelligence analyst, for receiving the Army Commendation Medal at the RDoF awards ceremony on COB Basra August 6.

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](mailto: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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