



Photo by Master Sgt. David Bennett

Medical personnel prepare to move a patient into COB Basra Hospital as part of mass casualty exercise Dec. 15. The MASCAL included 20 camps and tested real medical capabilities in case an emergency of great proportions occurs.

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— MAJ. SCOTT PIECEK  
DIVISION MEDICAL OPERATIONS OFFICER

## MASCAL tests medical resources

By Master Sgt. David Bennett  
367th MPAD



COB BASRA – Stopping abruptly in the gravel parking lot, two Soldiers ran from their pickup truck and called for litter bearers to assist them with a wounded troop who had a fractured leg and was wailing in pain.

As medics outside Contingency Operations Base Basra Hospital tended to others still arriving, physicians assistants moved down the line of prone patients who waited in a nearby triage site. Among the chaos, observers stood by looking for any signs of breakdowns in the treatment process.

Though the bloody wounds were applied moulage – movie-style makeup – and the patients volunteers, the mass casualty exercise conducted Dec. 15 tested the real medical capabilities in case an emergency of great proportions ever occurs.

First Lt. John Fernandez, medical operations officer assistant with the 34th Inf. Div., explained that the exercise was meant to evaluate a host of criteria, including sound communications, casualty evacuation plans, triage procedures and available medical assets.

He explained that having a seamless system is the objective, from first responders taking the appropriate action when they first come upon a casualty to the surgery in the operating room. Everything in between, Fernandez said, is a coordinated effort.

To prepare for the exercise, medical trainers conducted three-hour first aid classes for 34 people on Dec. 10. Most of the participants were British and Iraqi contractors who work and live on eight contractor camps on COB Basra.

“This is the first time we have involved military and civilian,” Fernandez said, explaining that the

COB had conducted a smaller MASCAL in September, with just military personnel.

He said, because many contractors reside on the base, the importance of an inclusive plan was vital. Because of the scope of the MASCAL, which included 20 camps, camp supervisors were instructed three weeks out to each develop an effective training plan.

Good communication throughout the exercise was a key priority.

“Language was huge because not all of our contractors speak English,” he said. “We tried to make it as basic as we could.”

Three hours before the message went over the loudspeakers to begin, about 40 Soldiers and civilians huddled in the hospital to receive moulage. Volunteers handed over index cards telling trainers what to apply.

# RIVRON gets anti-IED device

By Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey  
367th MPAD 

COB BASRA, Iraq – The Sailors of Riverine Squadron (RIVRON) 3 are an integral part of the defense of Contingency Operating Base Basra, patrolling the waterways and deterring the threat of indirect-fire attacks against the base through their vigilance.

Yet, while they are watching the backs of everyone on COB Basra, traversing the rivers and canals in open-topped, unarmored boats, there are plenty of threats to their own safety they have to watch for as well.

One such threat, IEDs – whether on bridges they pass under or from the shoreline they patrol – are now a little less threatening, thanks to new anti-IED devices installed on their boats by members of Joint CREW [Counter Radio-controlled IED Electronic Warfare] Composite Squadron 1.

The thorough testing the systems were put through Dec. 14 near COB

Basra took several hours, but revealed that the system’s functionality on the boats was even more robust than had been expected.

“Obviously, it’s one of those things where it’s hard to tell if it’s working,” said Lt. j.g. Mike Diehl, commanding officer of Yorktown, Va.-based Detachment 1, RIVRON 3, “because, if nothing blows up, you don’t really know, so you don’t know what you’ve stopped.”

So, being able to watch the civilian contractors from JCCS-1 put the system through its paces served as a definite confidence boost for the Riverines.

“I definitely think the fact that we had the ECM crews come down from Baghdad and actually do live testing, having those guys actually come out and show us all the different tests they can do, definitely inspires much more confidence,” he said.



Photos by Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey

Allen Tanaka, a civilian contractor with JCCS-1, out of Baghdad, uses several radio devices to test the range of the CREW system he and his team members installed on the patrol boats used by RIVRON 3, near COB Basra, Dec. 14.

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A Riverine Assault Boat from Det.1, RIVRON 3, speeds toward civilian contractors from JCCS-1, out of Baghdad, to test the effectiveness of the boat’s CREW system under realistic operational conditions.

## HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

Yorktown most famous as the site of the surrender of General Cornwallis to General George Washington in 1781. Although the war would last for another year, this British defeat at Yorktown did effectively end the American Revolutionary War.



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# Married Aviators live their dream of flying

By Spc. Francesca Stanchi  
367th MPAD



COB BASRA – Being away from loved ones is usually one of the hardest parts of being deployed. Yet, for one married couple, being apart isn't the hardest struggle; its watching each other take off.

Chief Warrant Officer Chance Barden and his wife 1st Lt. Bethany Barden, Air Mission Commanders (AMCs) and Pilots in Command (PCs) for the 1-130th Attack Recon Apache Battalion, attached with Task Force Panther here in Iraq, get to see each other every day and live in the same barracks at Contingency Operating Base Basra, but they also have to stand by as their partner takes off to perform air reconnaissance missions.

"Obviously we live together, which is a nice thing, but being pilots we're on two different schedules," said Bethany, from Highpoint N.C. "We're both PCs and AMCs, so they put us on different shifts to cover a vast majority of the different mission sets."

Being pilots is a heavy responsibility for the two North Carolina National Guard members, said Maj. Mitch Gibbs, Task Force Panther. They are accountable for the overall mission. This includes organizing flight missions, risk assessments, planning and briefings, and selecting the crew. Also, when in flight, they deal with aircraft emergencies and clear target identifications.

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Photos by Spc. Francesca Stanchi

Chief Warrant Officer Chance Barden and his wife 1st Lt. Bethany Barden, air mission commanders and pilots in command for the 1st Squadron, 130th Attack Recon Apache Battalion, with the North Carolina National Guard, have a moment together before Chance takes off for a night recon mission, Dec. 5, at COB Basra.



Chief Warrant Officer Chance Barden, from Highpoint N.C., checks and gathers his gear needed for a night recon mission.



1st Lt. Bethany Barden, from Highpoint N.C., helps with the preventative checks and services maintenance on the Apache her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Chance Barden, will be flying.

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Bethany explains that, as an AMC, she sees over everything that happens in the aircraft, the lives of the crew, and the overall end result of the missions, including its failures or successes.

Typical missions for her teams are aerial and route security elements, route recon and named area of interest recon for IED attacks or previous IED attacks.

"It's a huge responsibility but it's not something you can't do," said Bethany. "You just have to put your heart into it."

And Chance agrees.

"Not only is my life at stake, so is my other seater' whether its front or back," said Chance.

"It's a very expensive aircraft and somebody else's priceless life is in your hands and that's the biggest responsibility you have." he said.

Bethany feels fortunate that they get to be deployed together even though being on different shifts doesn't allow much quality time together, she said. Since they work together at home, it is not much different.

The Bardens met in high school and became good friends. After graduation, Chance joined the Marines while Bethany continued her schooling. When he got back, they wed and

now have been married for 10 years. At home, Chance restores cars and Bethany helps him out at the office and works in real estate.

"It's the same kind of dynamic, but honestly we don't get to see each other as much as people think," said Bethany. "We are best friends and that's pretty much the basis for our marriage, and because we're best friends, we don't let the deployment get in our way of being married."

Chance left the Marines to join the Army to pursue a flying career, and Bethany joined a few years later, also with the dream of flying. They both went to flight school in 2006 and graduated a month apart in 2007.

When asked what they love about being pilots they both agree that there is a lot of freedom to it.

"There's just an inherit freedom in aviation. No two days are the same," said Bethany.

"You just fly up there, and it's just you, one other person and the aircraft," said Chance.

For more of Spc. Stanchi's, stories, visit [www.TheRedBulls.org/Stanchi](http://www.TheRedBulls.org/Stanchi)

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# Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff visits COB Basra

By Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey  
367th MPAD



COB BASRA, – The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, took the opportunity of his visit to Contingency Operating Base Basra to visit with the local military and civilian figures.

Gauging the current operating environment, Mullen sat with Imam Sayyed Moosawi, Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz, commander of the 14th Iraqi Army Div.; and Maj. Gen. Rick Nash, commander of Multi-National Division South and 34th Inf. Div., Dec. 18.

During the meeting, the leaders discussed the importance of security and stability in Basrah, especially in preparation for the upcoming elections.

“With security, comes the opportunity for economic prosperity for Basrah and all of southern Iraq,” said Nash, “and we are optimistic and hopeful that the people of Basrah will see the results from our friendship and partnership.”

For more of Sgt. Kibbey’s stories, visit [www.TheRedBulls.org/Kibbey](http://www.TheRedBulls.org/Kibbey)



Photos by Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey  
Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz, commander of the 14th Iraqi Army Div., Imam Sayyed Moosawi, Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Maj. Gen. Rick Nash, commander of Multi-National Division South and 34th Inf. Div., discuss the importance of security and stability in Basrah, Iraq, especially in preparation for the upcoming elections.



Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stops to offer a few parting words to Imam Sayyed Moosawi and Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz, commander of the 14th Iraqi Army Div.



Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, waits for his wife, Deborah Mullen, before entering the interim chapel at COB Basra. Mullen took time during his visit to answer questions from service members and hand out coins.



Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks with service members, including Soldiers from the 34th Inf. Div. and a front row of Sailors from Riverine Squadron (RIVRON) 3 at the interim chapel.

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Fake wounds ranged from deep bruising to traumatic amputations. Medical rules of engagement dictate that cases that affect life, limb or eyesight be sent to the hospital. Twenty-five such patients were made up to suffer such serious injuries.

Spc. Anthony Cubus, assistant manager at Camp Blue Diamond, described his motivation for volunteering while sporting an exposed wound on his forehead.

"I volunteered to help the camp," he said. "It's important that everyone know what's going on."

Staff Sgt. Jason Alexander, in charge of medical and simulator training for the 204th Area Support Medical Co., told the players that what is realistically experienced is better learned and retained. So when being treated by first responders, he wanted casualties to scream loud.

Alexander said he has been involved with other such exercises, but this was his largest.

As the walking wounded filed past to a bus parked outside, an assistant used a spray bottle to squirt fresh fake blood on their clothing.

More than three hours later, Cpl. Phillip Whitcher, the noncommis-



Photo by Master Sgt. David Bennett

The first Soldiers on the scene at Camp Brady Lanes tend to a casualty, one of 40 role players who took part in the mass casualty exercise. Fake wounds ranged from deep bruising to traumatic amputations.

sioned officer in charge of the base's dental clinic, was busy carrying liters and filling in where he could. He took a break to assess the scene.

"It's been pretty smooth," Whitcher said. "The more you do these, the better you become."

Maj. Scott Piecek, the division's medical operations officer, said the simple definition of a MASCAL is

any medical emergency that exceeds normal capabilities, and this qualified. In the end, he said, it should be beneficial to all of those involved.

"I hope after today, we create a little muscle memory so everyone knows what to do in the future," Piecek said.

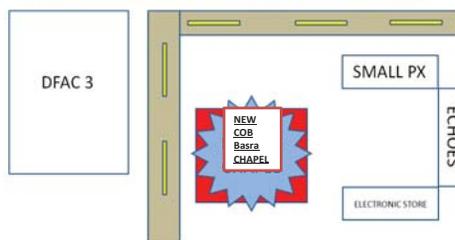
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Christmas Mass
- 25 Dec, 1030  
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All Chapel Services, beginning with the 24 December Christmas Eve services @ 2200, will be @ the NEW COB Basra Chapel. See map above for directions.

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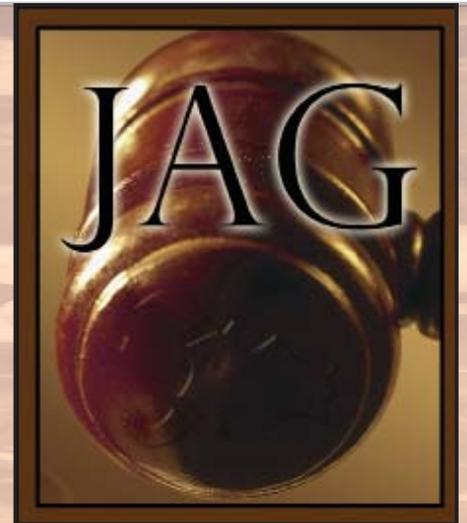
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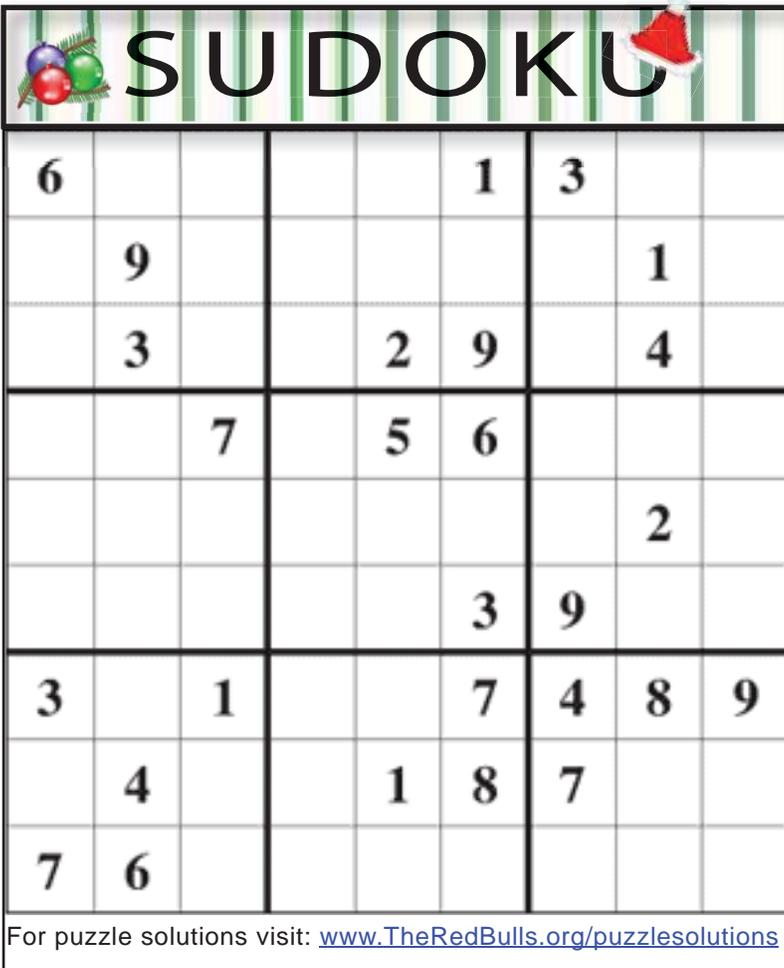
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“We have a definite number now that we can associate with the ‘bubble,’” he said. “It’s not the abstract, ‘well, we think it works out so far.’”

The simplicity the system allows for crewmen is also a plus, Diehl said.

“It’s an easy to use system, it’s much more transportable than something like the man-packs,” he said. “It’s more versatile.”

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremy Houskey, a Riverine Patrol Boat captain with Detachment 1, said he is happy to have the addition to the Riverine arsenal.

“The way they installed it, it seems like it’s going to work pretty well,” he said.

It reduces space on the boat, Houskey said, but it’s worth it.

“All around, it’s a good installation, because it’s a piece of ECM-ware that can save our crewmen’s lives.”

Diehl echoed Houskey’s sentiments.

“The fact we’re able to get it on our boats is definitely something we’re excited about,” Diehl said. “The lack of what’s happened to us is obviously a good sign.”

For more of Sgt. Kibbey’s stories, visit: [www.TheRedBulls.org/Kibbey](http://www.TheRedBulls.org/Kibbey)



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December 4, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel John Morris  
HQ, 34th Infantry Division  
Unit #117  
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Morris:

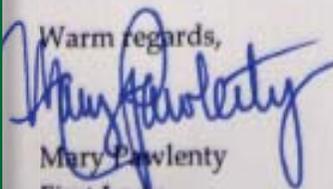
My deepest thanks to each of you, and to the remarkable individuals you lead, for your strength, courage, and sacrifice.

This holiday season at the Governor's Residence we've chosen to honor all Minnesota military servicemembers by decorating the Christmas Tree with handmade ornaments created by fourth grade students from across the state. We have been delighted to receive hundreds of ornaments from schoolchildren throughout Minnesota.

The students wrote messages to our troops on the back of each ornament. The messages are positive, thoughtful, and encouraging. Many students wrote: "Thank you for keeping our country safe"; "Thank you for being strong and brave"; "Thanks for making a difference"; "God bless our troops"; and "You rock." One student wrote: "Hero, thanks for freedom"; while one boy wrote: "Thank you for serving our country. My cousin is in the Army, and I pray for you guys every night."

The tree itself will be seen by countless visitors during holiday tours and events at the Residence. A photo of the tree and a small sample of ornaments are enclosed. These items reflect the goodwill of Minnesotans and I hope will add a touch of home to your Christmas displays.

With great appreciation and warm wishes for a happy holiday, I extend my best wishes to you and the men and women you lead.

Warm regards,  
  
Mary Pawlenty  
First Lady





## Around the world in 34 seconds

**WORLD** TEHRAN— Big crowds of mourners chanted anti-government slogans during the funeral of Iran's leading dissident cleric, Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, in the holy city of Qom on Monday, websites reported. Montazeri, who died on Saturday night aged 87, was viewed as the spiritual patron of an opposition movement that blossomed after a disputed presidential election in June and has proved resilient despite repeated efforts to suppress it. The reformist website Jaras said hundreds of thousands of people joined a procession for Montazeri, an architect of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the U.S.-backed shah. He later became a fierce critic of its present hardline leadership. "They were shouting slogans in his support and also in support of (opposition leader) Mirhossein Mousavi," Jaras said. Ayande website, seen as close to conservative politician Mohsen Rezaie, said: "The burial ceremony has come to an end and the crowd are in the streets around the shrine demonstrating and shouting anti-government slogans."

**U.S.** SAN DIEGO — A 33-foot Coast Guard vessel and a pleasure boat collided as a Christmas watercraft parade was going on in San Diego Bay, killing an 8-year-old boy and seriously injuring five people, authorities said. There were no other injuries among the 13 people aboard the 24-foot pleasure boat in the 6 p.m. accident Sunday, Coast Guard spokeswoman Jetta Disco said. None of the five people aboard the Coast Guard patrol boat was hurt. The injured were rushed to University of California, San Diego Hospital, where the boy was declared dead, said Fire Department spokesman Maurice Luque. Five others were treated for serious injuries. "They're all considered major traumas," Luque said. No names or details of the injuries were released.

**SPORTS** CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It was supposed to be a night when the Minnesota Vikings celebrated a division title and inched closer to the best record in the NFC. Instead it was night of dropped passes, missed tackles, poor protection — and a dustup between Brett Favre and the coach who worked so hard to bring him back from retirement. After the Carolina Panthers dominated the fourth quarter Sunday night in a 26-7 win over the Vikings, Favre acknowledged he had a "heated discussion" with coach Brad Childress. Favre claimed the coach wanted to take him out of the game to avoid taking any more hits from Julius Peppers and the Carolina defensive line. The Vikings (11-3) clinched the NFC North title hours earlier when Pittsburgh beat Green Bay. "Brad wanted to go in a different direction. And I wanted to stay in the game," Favre said. "It's not 70-6, but we were up 7-6. I said I'm staying in the game. I'm playing."

**ODD** LONDON - Stuck for Christmas gift ideas? How about a divorce voucher? In an unusual take on the season of giving, a London law firm is offering Christmas gift vouchers for divorce advice. The firm, Lloyd Platt & Co., which normally charges \$530 an hour, said it had been swamped with inquiries since it launched the vouchers early last week. So far, more than 60 vouchers have been sold. The firm's founder, Vanessa Lloyd Platt, said she had been amazed at the response to the vouchers. "They seem to appeal to an enormously widespread spectrum of people looking for that 'must have' gift for Christmas," she said. A spokesman for the Church of England called the vouchers sad. "Divorce is a very personal matter and not really suitable for the idea of gift vouchers which are presents from other people," he said.