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BG Dragon visits cavalry in Kuwait

By Spc. James Kennedy Benjamin
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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, preparing to move into Iraq as the first advise and assist brigade to deploy under Operation New Dawn, received a visit from one of the senior officers for their new division headquarters.

Brig. Gen. Randal Dragon, the deputy commanding general for support with the 1st Infantry Division and United States Division-South, met with the leadership of the Fort Hood, Texas, based unit while at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

“The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment represents the first advise and assist brigade that will deploy in to Iraq since the beginning of Operation New Dawn,” Dragon said. “What it represents is our continued resolve and commitment to advising, assisting and training the Iraqi Security Forces as well as providing a foundation for the provincial reconstruction team, our state department colleagues, to continue working with the provincial government.”

Dragon toured Camp Buehring with 3rd ACR’s commander, Col. Reginald Allen. The two witnessed some of the training the Soldiers received while at the facility.

The 3rd ACR is capable of combat operations and can defend itself if needed, Dragon said, but its focus on this deployment is to provide stability operations to Iraqi Security Forces. It is a qualified, well-led and disciplined

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Photo by Spc. James Kennedy Benjamin

Brig. Gen. Randal Dragon, deputy commanding general for support with USD-S, and Col. Reginald Allen, commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Hood, Texas, are briefed by an instructor at the MRAP vehicle certification course training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 12. The Soldiers of 3rd ACR are scheduled to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.



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Vice Chief of Staff of the Army sends

I have immense faith in our phenomenal military and civilian leaders who continue to tackle the significant challenges associated with the Army's high operational tempo. What we focus on gets done. Over the past year, our commitment to health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention has changed Army policy, structure, and processes. We have initiated Comprehensive Soldier Fitness as an essential element of Army wellness, realigned garrison programs, increased care provider services, refocused deployment and redeployment integration, enhanced treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), and promoted telebehavioral medicine. Our success notwithstanding, we still have much more to do. We face an Army-wide problem that can only be solved by the coordinated efforts of our commanders, leaders, program managers and service providers.

In Fiscal Year 2009 we had 160 active duty suicide deaths, with 239 across the total Army (including Reserve Component). Additionally, there were 146 active duty deaths related to high risk behavior including 74 drug overdoses. Perhaps even more worrying is the fact we had 1,713 known attempted suicides in the same period. The difference between these suicide attempts and another Soldier death often was measured only by the timeliness of life-saving leader/buddy and medical interventions. Some form of high risk behavior (self-harm, illicit drug use, binge drinking, criminal activity, etc.) was a factor in most of these deaths. When we examined the circumstances behind these deaths, we discovered a direct link

to increased life stressors and increased risk behavior. For some, the rigors of service, repeated deployments, injuries and separations from Family resulted in a sense of isolation, hopelessness and life fatigue. For others, a permissive unit environment, promoted by an out of balance Army with a BOG: Dwell of less than 1:2, failed to hold Soldiers accountable for their actions and allowed for risk-taking behavior – sometimes with fatal consequences.

These are not just statistics; they are our Soldiers. They are Soldiers who may be stressed, feel isolated, become dependent on drugs or just need more time to recover. The good news is that Soldiers are seeking behavioral health care in record numbers with over 225,000 behavioral health contacts, indicating that our efforts to emphasize the importance of behavioral health are working. They are working because Soldiers recognize the importance of individual help-seeking behavior and commanders realize the importance of intervention.

The overarching goal of this concerted effort is to increase resiliency in our Soldiers and Families who continue to serve under a high operational tempo. The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program is leading our effort in changing the way we address cumulative stress on the force. It promotes a positive and proactive approach to developing a population that is resilient, capable of coping and instinctively seeking help. This will ensure that we shift our focus from intervention to prevention; from illness to wellness.

The challenges of serving in today's Army have tried our leaders, tested our Soldiers and exhausted our Families. On one hand we have successfully



transformed the Army, simultaneously prosecuted contingency operations in two theaters, implemented BRAC, mobilized the Reserve Component in historic numbers and responded to natural disasters. On the other hand, we now must face the unintended consequences of leading an expeditionary Army that included involuntary enlistment extensions, accelerated promotions, extended deployment rotations, reduced dwell time and potentially diverted focus from leading and caring for Soldiers in the post, camp and station environment. While most have remained resilient through these challenges, others have been pushed to their breaking point. It is up to us to recognize the effects of stress in our ranks. I call on each of you to thoroughly study this report and work together with me to promote health, reduce risk-taking behavior and impose good order and discipline in the force.

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THE SILENT KILLER

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Picture this: two Soldiers in the field during a very cold winter snap and the only thing on their minds is getting warm. The Soldiers have a heater to keep them warm in their tent, and believing the tent is breathable, they feel comfortable using it because they've been using it all along with no issues.

Unfortunately, neither one realizes they are saying good night for the last time. Death did not come at the hand of the enemy or the flames and smoke of a fire, but by an equally deadly and silent killer – carbon monoxide. Because they used an unauthorized heating system, two Soldiers died in their sleep - victims of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is produced as a result of the incomplete burning of natural gas and other carbon-containing materials such as kerosene, oil, propane, coal, gasoline and wood. At high concentration levels, CO can kill an individual in minutes. When breathed into the body, CO enters the blood and deprives the heart, brain and other vital organs of oxygen.

Low levels of CO can result in shortness of breath, mild headaches and nausea. These symptoms are often confused

with food poisoning, influenza and other illnesses. At moderate levels, individuals exposed to CO may experience tightness across the chest, severe headaches, dizziness, drowsiness and nausea. Prolonged or high exposures may result in vomiting, confusion, muscle weakness and collapse. While the effects of CO vary from person to person, people with heart or lung disease, elevated CO blood levels (smokers), the elderly, young children and fetuses are the most susceptible.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site, people who experience CO poisoning symptoms should take the following steps:

- 1) Get fresh air immediately. Open all doors and windows to allow for ventilation, turn off the combustion appliance or device, and leave your house.
- 2) Go to an emergency room for treatment. Tell the attending physician you believe you are a victim of CO poisoning. The physician can verify any CO poisoning by a blood test.

Bottom line up front, never sleep in an enclosed area with any unvented fuel-burning heater systems. ■

THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY...



1st Infantry Division History

October 2008 – The 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division deploys to northwest Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 'Dagger' Brigade would be deployed for 12 months, during which time a new status of forces agreement would take effect, they would participate in providing election security, and they would defend against insurgents on 'Bloody Wednesday,' when coordinated bombings and rocket attacks would result in 101 dead and over 560 wounded.



Operation Iraqi Freedom History

October 2, 2002 – President George W. Bush announces the Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Forces Against Iraq. The resolution cited several factors to authorize the use of force, including noncompliance with the 1991 ceasefire that ended the Gulf War, allegedly possessing, having the capability to use, and having the intent to use weapons of mass destruction, and the "brutal repression" of Iraqis.



4th Infantry Division History

October 1, 1950 – The 'Ivy' Division, which had been serving as a training unit at Fort Ord, Calif., is redesignated as a combat division at Fort Benning, Ga. Within a year, the unit would be deployed to Germany as the first of four U.S. divisions committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization during the Cold War.

SOCIAL SCIENCE: SAVING LIVES



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Julianne Ivany, HTAT-S social scientist, Ali Al-Saady, HTAT-S human terrain analyst and Farida Samano, women's initiatives military advisor, gather with a local Iraqi family to discuss area assessment, women's initiatives and education analysis during the team's Sept. 18 mission.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Benjamin R. Ryan, HTAT-S human terrain analyst, and Frank Shorees, HTAT-S interpreter, listens as a local Iraqi expresses his opinions on education in Iraq, during the team's Sept. 18, area assessment, women's initiatives and education analysis mission.

Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello
305th MPAD, USD-S PAO

BASRA, Iraq – In a small town near Basra a team of social science researchers working for the United States Division – South are interviewing the local residents.

They ask questions such as, “What opportunities do women of Iraq have today?” and “How do you think we can help bring better education to your area?”

The team, officially known as Human Terrain Analysis Team-South, is small in number but plays a large role in the division's efforts to assist the Iraqi people.

“We talk to the people in the community, the regular guy, the average Joe,” said Dr. David Ronan, HTAT-S team leader and 32-year Army veteran.

HTAT-S, part of a larger organization called the Human Terrain System, has been operating in Basra since 2008. The team's mission is to provide insight into the population and its culture in order to enhance operational effectiveness and reduce civilian and military conflict.

“We try to keep our finger on the pulse of the population,” said Julianne Ivany, HTAT-S' social scientist.

The program is not without controversy, as some academics have voiced concerns about the military using social science.

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Iraq's border defenders spurred by Cavalry Troopers' training

By 1st Lt. John Nikiforakis
4th Sqdn., 10th Cav., 3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div.

PATROL BASE MINDEN, Iraq - The 9th Brigade Department of Border Enforcement enhanced their skills on patrolling and security operations thanks to the advice and assistance of the 'Blackfoot' Troopers of Troop B, 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, attached to 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

Some of the key points of the training were react to contact drills and setting up observation points, critical skills for a unit responsible for controlling who and what

flows into and out of Iraq.

"The Department of Border Enforcement is a motivated organization eager to work with U.S. forces. Soldiers of the Department of Border Enforcement take great pride in defending the Iraq-Iran border and enduring the hardships of remote checkpoints in order to ensure national security," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Naylor, a platoon sergeant with Troop B, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. from Los Angeles, Calif.

Trainers from Troop B are selected based on knowledge and experience after collaboration between Department of Border Enforcement and 'Blackfoot'

leadership.

Since July, the cavalymen have trained two companies of the 9th Department of Border Enforcement Brigade and are scheduled to begin training a third company this month.

"Enhancing the skills of the 9th Brigade Department of Border Enforcement will enhance security in United States Division-South and ultimately all of Iraq. We look forward to continuing training. Our actions directly affect the citizens of the Basra Province," said 1st Lt. Thomas Jones, a fire support officer with Troop B, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. from Alexander City, Ala. ■



Photo by 1st Lt. John Nikiforakis

Spc. Matthew Voight, a cavalry scout with Troop B, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. from Lubbock, Texas, works through an interpreter to instruct a class on dismounted patrolling techniques with Iraqi forces from 2nd Co., 1st Bn., 9th Department of Border Enforcement Bde.

DOG SOLDIERS



Only five years old but with two Iraq tours already completed, “Ricky” upholds the traditions of the military working dog.

By Spc. Raymond Quintanilla
305th MPAD, USD-S PAO

BASRA, Iraq – Military technology has produced stealth aircraft, digital networking and up-armored vehicles. Other evolutions include the introduction of new combat uniforms and the development of Modern Army Combatives.

Despite all the changes, some traditions such as the use of military working dogs continue to hold their place in today’s Army.

Employed for a number of tasks such as tracking, scouting, narcotics and explosives detection, these canine Soldiers provide combat support and protection for installations and personnel worldwide.

Sgt. Ricky, already a seasoned veteran, is a five-year-old German Shepherd and a trained patrol explosive dog on his second deployment to Iraq.

“At an early age, Ricky has approximately 275 missions combined,” said Spc. David Steele, a native of Upper Marlboro, Md., and a patrol explosive detector dog handler for the 34th Military Police Detachment from Fort Knox, Ky., attached to the 1st Infantry Division, United States Division-South.

The use of dogs for menial work in the United States military began in the 18th century. Today, their training has developed into specialized skills and has become more combat mission essential.

“One of the biggest missions on this tour was the elections,” Steele said. “In the span of two days, we provided security services to approximately 30 polling sites. That’s a long day for a dog.”

“Ricky has done a lot of demonstrations for celebrities and dignitaries who visit Iraq,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lee Davie, a native of Marion, Ohio, and the USD-S military working dog program manager. “He also does area clearances for general

officers and distinguished visitors.”

While the dog’s senses such as hearing and smell may be ten times greater than that of humans, canines also provide a good visual deterrent, Steele said.

“When we respond to a crowd scene and they see Ricky’s size,” Steele said, “they back off. He provides a psychological deterrent.”

Steele said the handler must stay focused because the dogs mirror their handler’s mental state.

“We like to say ‘it runs down the leash’. If I was having a bad day, he senses it,” Steele said. “A couple of weeks ago I found out my house dog passed away. I was upset.”

“That night, Ricky laid in bed with me. He would not leave my side,” Steele said.

These canines begin their military service as pups. They go through basic and advanced training, and continue throughout their entire service life with proficiency training until retirement. Each qualified dog must be available for duty worldwide just like Soldiers.

Steele said he would like people back home to think more about the dogs as Soldiers.

“I know people back home focus on us Soldiers on their fourth or fifth deployment,” Steele said. “Ricky’s on his second tour and only five years-old. He will probably have one or two more. He might see Afghanistan.”

“We Soldiers obviously go through a lot. The dogs go through a lot, too,” Steele said. ■



Photo by Spc. Raymond Quintanilla

Sgt. Ricky, a military working dog, attacks Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hennig, a native of Houston and a specialized search dog handler for the 40th MP Det. out of Fort Sill, Okla., during bite work training in Basra Sept. 13. The canine and his handler, Spc. David Steele, a native of Upper Marlboro, Md., with the 34th MP Det. from Fort Knox, Ky., have been deployed as a team since Nov. 2009.



Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Smith

Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and USD-S, starts up the CPOF BC10 as Lt. Col. Richard Hornstein, left, the product manager for Tactical Battle Command, and Lt. Col. Juan Vazquez, right, the 1st Inf. Div. communications officer, look on at the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters in Basra Sept. 11. The CPOF BC10 provides commanders with near real-time information about anything going on in their area of operations.

By Spc. Eve Ililau
305th MPAD, USD-S PAO

BASRA, Iraq – The 1st Infantry Division lives up to its name by being the first at just about everything.

From the first American victory in World War I to the first to breach Iraqi lines in the Gulf War, the ‘Big Red One’ has never shied away from pushing the envelope, and they’re not showing any signs of slowing down during Operation New Dawn.

Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. now have the power to visualize the battle space and orchestrate the elements of warfare while collaborating and sharing data with other units in near real-time through the new and improved system called Command Post of the Future Battle Command 10, or CPOF BC10, which was set in motion by

a push of a button.

Lt. Col. Richard Hornstein, the product manager for Tactical Battle Command, manages a suite of products as well as the CPOF BC10.

“It supports the commander’s battle management and information operations by rapidly processing and displaying combat information from other supporting Army Battle Command Systems,” the Pawtucket, R.I., native said. “The 1st Infantry Division will be the first operational unit in theater to take this upgrade and to deploy a new capability within that upgrade called Personalized Assistance that Learns.”

PAL has several capabilities that provide the CPOF BC10 with an embedded library of products, which is like a digital handbook. Another option is the use of triggers, which lets the operator know when and where an event has occurred,

as well as procedural learning that can learn on its own and adapt to varying situations without the need for constant reprogramming.

CPOF BC10 serves as an information-centric tool providing near real-time knowledge sharing that enhances team effectiveness and decision-making, which allows senior commanders to quickly review shared data simultaneously with subordinate units, improving overall battlefield awareness.

“This is a state-of-the-art technology that reduces time on the workload and gives you more time to concentrate on the mission,” said Maj. Anthony Whitfield, Program Executive Officer, PM, C3T and native of Salter, S.C. “There was a deliberate and concise plan to ensure that there were no obstacles that would prevent us from getting this system up and running.” ■

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organization, he said.

“I think that one major area where the Iraqi Security Forces, and where we see a huge potential, is in the development of their Noncommissioned Officer Corps,” Dragon said. “The 3rd ACR will help them better understand the role of the NCO, which has the potential to become the

‘backbone’ of the Iraqi Army as it is for the American Army.”

Dragon said even though U.S. forces are preparing to leave Iraq, that does not mean the American commitment to combat terrorism in the country is going away.

“Though we are eventually going to depart Iraq, we are committed to sewing the seeds that will lead to our long-term strategic partnership.” ■



Photo by Spc. James Kennedy Benjamin

Soldiers with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Hood, Texas, receive instructions from an MRAP certification course trainer on how to properly wear a safety harness, Sept. 12.

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However, Lt. Col. Larry Parr, USD-S deputy effects coordinator, said the HTAT specialists simply help the division assist the Iraqi populace in ways uniformed personnel can't.

“HTAT-S does a lot of research that most U.S. Army soldiers aren't trained to do,” said Parr. “They facilitate ways to improve what is currently going on in Iraq and what we can do to help the people of Iraq.”

For HTAT-S, it's not just about data collection, it's about making others understand the big picture, and it's about getting to know new people and connecting with the population on a very human level.

“The division needs to know what people on the streets are thinking, feeling and doing,” said Ivany. “It's fascinating to talk to local Iraqis; there is so much value in every person's story.”

“The greatest satisfaction comes when we have a really good mission from start to

finish,” Ivany added. “When we go out and get really good interviews and our reports and briefs all come together to reflect a positive effect.”

“Team Effects couldn't do what we do and the division couldn't do what they do if it wasn't for their input and analysis,” said Parr. “HTAT-S is a huge asset.”

Ronan believes the team alleviates a lot of fear by creating clear understanding between US forces and Iraqis.

“Ultimately, we are saving lives,” he said. ■



Julianne Ivany, HTAT-S social scientist, and Farida Samano, women's initiatives military advisor, discusses the opportunities for women and young girls in Iraq during the team's Sep. 18, area assessment, women's initiatives and education analysis mission.

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*Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks
Commander, USD-S*

A NEW DAWN
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Aviation brigade operates medical clinic

By **Spc. Roland Hale**
1st Inf. Div. ECAB PAO

CAMP TAJI, Iraq - An aviation brigade at Camp Taji, Iraq, has been assigned with operating a consolidated level-two medical

clinic in an effort to maintain military infrastructure as Operation New Dawn brings sweeping changes.

The brigade inherited responsibility of the clinic this summer when the medical support battalion running it went home

without a designated replacement.

The Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, typically only manages a level-one clinic with immediate life-saving capabilities. Level two is next to the highest level of care available to troops in Iraq.

The clinic is a modern facility with a pharmacy, in-patient capabilities, a radiology department and aerial and ground evacuation capabilities. The clinic's modern capability, however, is well concealed behind a third-world façade of cement barriers and barbed wire - mandatory protections from enemy attacks.

The medical team's mission is two-fold. The facility is intrinsically capable of treating and evacuating trauma victims - most recently they saved the life of two Iraqi soldiers who were hit by an improvised explosive device - but is also designed to service non-battle-related medical needs. The clinic treats everything from gunshots to headaches.

The relaxed work-flow at the clinic allows the brigade's senior medical staffers to focus on partnership relations with the Iraqi military on Camp Taji. Like most units in Iraq now, the aviation brigade is working closely with an Iraqi partner unit. While the partnership is only officially between the commands of the units, other joint relations have formed between combat personnel and Iraqi troops.

The level-two clinic is comparable to many local hospitals, and the Iraqi military's medical capability is stretched thin on Camp Taji, said Lt. Col. Daniel Johnston, the brigade's surgeon, who often visits with Iraqi physicians on the camp.

"We should be doing everything we can to help train and supply the Iraqi military. It's very worthwhile and maybe we'll leave Iraq a better place for it," he said.

The clinic has also developed a mental health screening system to identify Soldiers that may need additional help from specialists. The system is incorporated in the clinic's ordinary screening, and is designed to screen all of the clinic's routine patients.

The brigade is scheduled to stay in Iraq until next spring, when the clinic is expected to be turned over to Iraqi personnel in-line with the government's 2011 time-table for withdrawal. ■

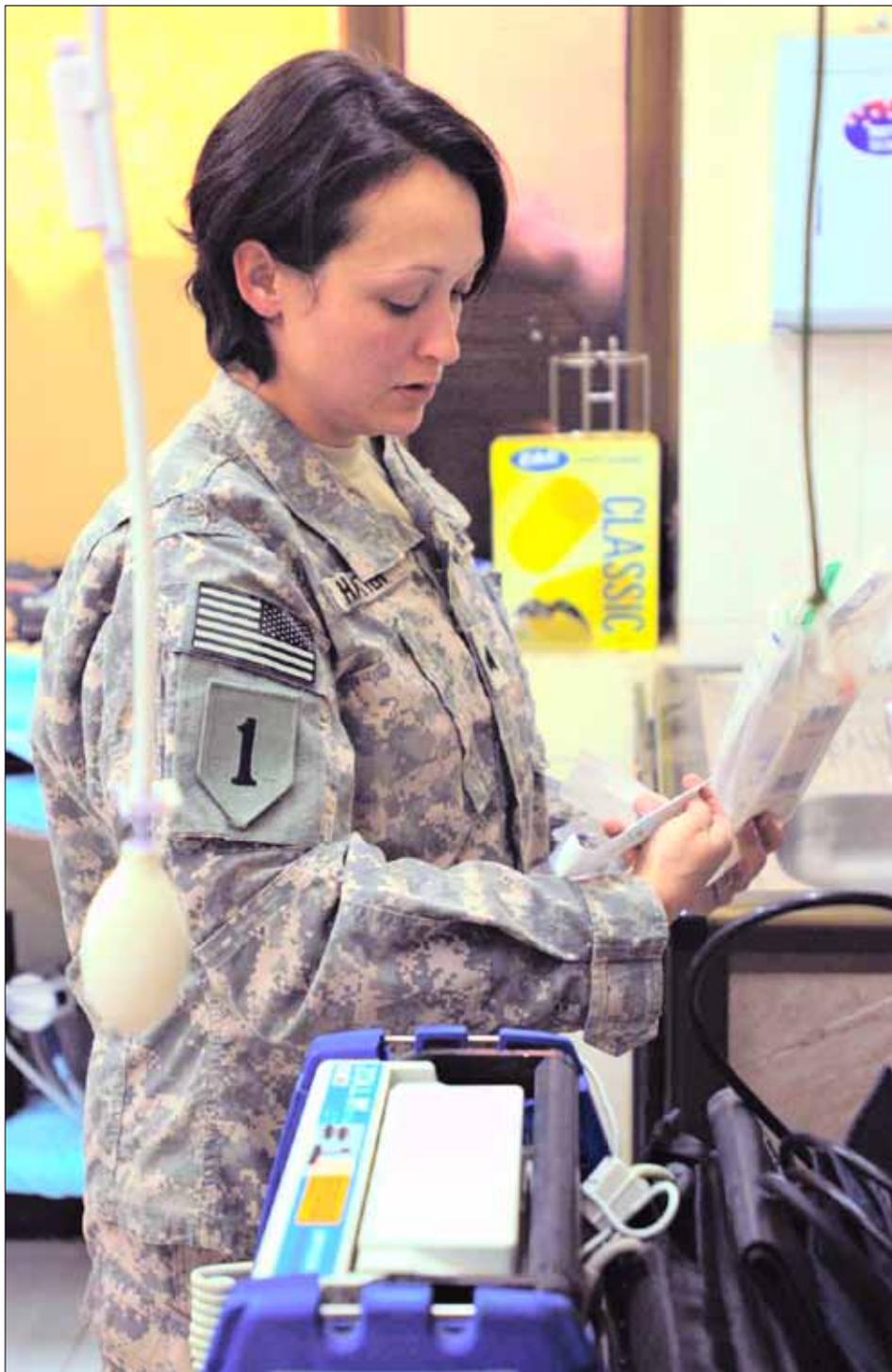


Photo by Spc. Roland Hale

Sgt. Jessie Harter, a Soldier working at the Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division's consolidated level two clinic on Camp Taji, Iraq, prepares supplies in one of the clinic's trauma rooms.



Photo by Sgt. Shantelle Campbell

Col. Hank Arnold, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division officially welcomed his Soldiers home during a Welcome Home Ceremony, Sept. 23 at King's Field House. During the ceremony, Arnold thanked his Soldiers for a job well done and expressed his pride in being able to command the "Dragon" brigade.

Fort Riley welcomes home Soldiers of 4th Brigade

By Capt. Rebecca Walsh
4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

FORT RILEY, Kan. - At a ceremony on Aug. 13, 2009, Col. Hank Arnold, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division looked at his Soldiers assembled on the parade field during the unit's deployment ceremony and made a promise.

"You, we, are ready. There is no doubt in my mind, nor should there be any doubt in yours that we will prevail," he told them.

The "Dragon" brigade carried this promise with them as they deployed to Iraq's Salah-ad Din province during a historic period of time. In Iraq, the unit's efforts were focused on transitioning from combat operations to stability operations and laying the foundation for the transfer of U.S. forces out of Iraq.

The "Dragon" brigade, which redeployed over the summer, was welcomed back to Fort Riley during a Welcome Home Ceremony at King Fieldhouse, Sept. 23.

"You were undoubtedly ready and we, you, very clearly prevailed, set the standard and led the way for U.S. Division

North," Arnold said as he thanked his Soldiers for their sacrifices and then paused as the audience jumped from their chairs to applaud the accomplishments of the "Dragon" brigade.

"However, success was not achieved without cost, we will hold the memory of Cpl. Tony Carrasco in our hearts," Arnold continued.

The brigade sustained one casualty during the deployment, Carrasco paid the ultimate sacrifice in Ad Dwar, Iraq when his patrol was attacked by small arms fire, Nov. 4, 2009.

"This brigade accomplished its mission with honor and expert professionalism...and during a historic time for both our nation's military and the people of Iraq," said Brig. Gen. David C. Petersen, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley deputy commanding general - rear.

"Dragons, we are glad to have you home...and I know your Families are even more glad you're home. I want to congratulate you on a job well done...one that embodies the motto of the Big Red One...No Mission too Difficult. No Sacrifice too Great. Duty First!," Peterson said.

"You have every right to be proud," concluded Arnold, "it is an honor and a privilege to be your commander, welcome home." ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Sailors with Riverine Squadron One escort Human Terrain Analysis Team-South down the waterways of Basra Province Sept. 18. HTAT-S was on a mission to conduct area assessment, women's initiatives and education analysis.

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:

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You could have it featured here and receive a coin from DCSM Jim Champagne.

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Basra Betty says...



Dear Betty,

I want to take my girlfriend on a date, but Junction City and Manhattan don't seem to offer a lot in, well, entertainment. Can you give me some suggestion on how to impress her when we get back? I really like her and am hoping to wow her with my creativity. Help me out here, Betty! What do you chicks like?

Signed,

Addressin' to impress

Dear "Addressin,"

I could go in so many directions with this question, but I will say this: the fact that you're making such an effort WILL impress. Don't go getting all ahead of yourself now and thinking "Ok, then, thanks for the advice Betty, I'll stop there." I understand how someone may think there isn't much to do in the way of "dates" in the Fort Riley area, but I disagree. It just takes a little imagination and (yep, here it comes) romance! I know, "ick," right? Seriously, it's not that hard. A lot of people make the mistake that romance equals \$\$\$'s, but that's not the case. Not for most of us, anyway. For most, it really is the thought you put into something that counts. For example, if you take me to Olive Garden, I'm probably going to think it's nice, and if I'm slightly interested, give you a chance at a second date. However, if you take the time to check out a small, family-owned, "hole-in-the-wall" type Italian restaurant that

has great food for a more intimate dinner, that is a LOT more likely to impress me. Look for things that show this girl you put some thought into it. That's all we "chicks" really want. Dinner and a movie -- yeah it's fun, and it'll work at times. If you're looking to impress her, really think about it, and it helps to really listen to her when she talks. What is she in to? Is she crazy about cooking? How about seeing if there is a cooking class going on and surprising her by taking her there for the night? Or a friendly one-on-one game of basketball or flicker ball at a local park ending with a picnic? Sounds like fun to me. Nothing screaming dollar signs there. It really depends on the "chick," right? That is the key, and you have to actually pay attention. Regardless, I hope you are picking up on my not-so-subtle hint about what "chicks" like. Good luck!

Signed,

-Betty

Rock and Roll Trivia

This week's trivia is dedicated to the change in mission from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation New Dawn.

- 1) If Tony Orlando replaced his backing vocalists, what might his new group be named?
- 2) What legendary producer "advised and assisted" Def Leppard, AC/DC, Bryan Adams and Shania Twain in the making of multi-platinum smashes?
- 3) On Sept. 1, 2010, US Forces-Iraq launched Operation New Dawn. In May of 1988,

Queensryche launched Operation what?

- 4) For the Fifth Dimension, 1969 marked the "dawning" of what Age?
- 5) What rap group went to #1 in 1991 with "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," thanks to the "partnership" of their lyrics with a sample from Spandau Ballet's "True"?

Answers to this week's trivia:

(1) New Dawn (2) Robert John "Mutt" Lange (3) Operation Mindcrime (4) Age of Aquarius (5) P.M. Dawn

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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: Famous Person

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

Solution for last week:

Brought to you by the 1st Inf. Div. ORSA Cell

Solution to last week's puzzle

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