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## Basra Children's Hospital opens doors

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**BASRA, Iraq** – Iraq's Minister of Health, Dr. Salih Mahdi opened the doors to the Basra Children's Hospital, the largest and first specialty care facility in Basra, Iraq, Oct. 21.

After six years and \$166 million, the proposal that stemmed from former First Lady Laura Bush's desire to provide health care for the children of Iraq has finally become a reality, said Peter Bodde, assistant chief of mission, U.S. Embassy Baghdad.

The Basrah Children's Hospital is a state-of-the-art acute and referral care facility that specializes in pediatric oncology.

The 16,000 square foot complex includes 101 beds, 11 utility rooms, four care units, three special procedure rooms, three clinics, two operating rooms, an emergency room, and one dental suite, said Robert Jackson, construction representative of the Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq. The facility is also equipped with an oxygen plant, steam autoclave and a warehouse.

"More importantly, this hospital is full of enthusiastic Iraqi staff who are dedicated to its success from highly trained medical teams to hard-working technical support staff," Bodde said.

Success was achieved through collaborative efforts of the governments of Iraq, the U.S., Spain, United Nations



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Dr. Salih Mahdi, Iraq's minister of health, gives an Iraqi girl a gift at the new Basra Children's Hospital Oct. 21. Mahdi went from room-to-room, greeting kids and looking at the children's medical charts.

organizations and Project HOPE charity.

"We do this because we believe a healthier world is a safer and more secure world," Bodde said.

While the hospital has officially opened,

there is still work to be done to improve the level of care the facility and its staff are capable of providing.

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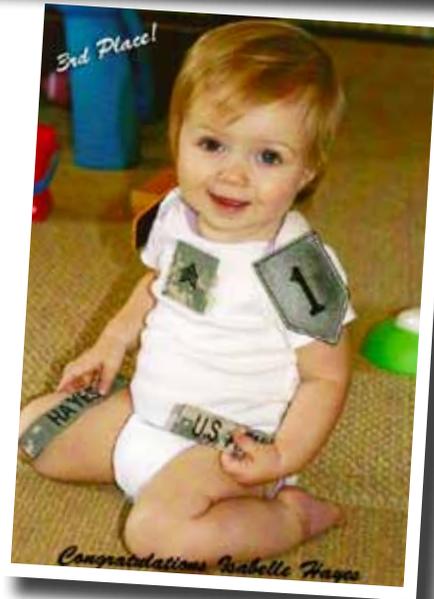


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Talon William Brown, pictured here at 3 months old, is the winner of the “got bro?” Baby Photo Contest as chosen by our Facebook community. Thank you for all of your submissions and votes. Stay tuned for our next contest. Not already a fan of the BRO? Login to our Facebook page and “like” us today!



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# INSECT-BORNE DISEASES

By Joe Zelko  
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Insect-borne diseases are dangerous for Soldiers worldwide, but the threat is more imminent when deployed to a country like Iraq. It is important to remember to always apply insect repellent where insects are a hazard.

When discussing insect-borne diseases, malaria is probably the first illness that comes to mind. One might be tempted to think of malaria as strictly a tropical disease, but this is not true. Virtually any area within a warm climate is susceptible to hosting this dreaded disease. Swamps and stagnant water are havens for mosquitoes that can carry malaria.

Malaria is transmitted via the saliva of the female Anopheles mosquito. Symptoms of the disease include a fever that recedes and recurs with characteristic cold sweats and violent shivers. Victims are left weak and exhausted even after successful treatment.

The good news is a regimen of tablets taken just before anticipated exposure may protect an individual from contracting malaria. Be sure to ask your unit's medical staff about this particular protocol. As for treatment, antimalarial drugs such as Lariam, Malarone and Paludrine are available. Consult your medical staff regarding which drug will offer the best treatment.

Dengue fever is also spread via mosquitoes. Symptoms include fever, rash, and muscle and joint pain. For treatment, medical science only offers rest. There is no vaccine or cure for dengue fever, and it may take up to several weeks for the victim to fully recover.

Yellow fever is another insect-borne disease with no drug treatment, but a vaccine is available, so ask about it before deploying overseas. Symptoms of yellow fever include (you guessed it) fever, nausea and sometimes a slowed heart rate. In severe cases, this disease may cause liver damage, eventually escalating to jaundice and kidney failure. Treatment options are limited to rest and diligent nursing.

Typhus is actually a term used to describe a group of diseases that are more typically spread by fleas, mites and ticks. The symptoms include headache, coughing, back pain, fever, rash and mild delirium.

Victims may also experience a weak heart rate. There is a vaccine to prevent typhus infection, and antibiotics are available in the event of a service member contracting the illness. Ask your unit's medical personnel about this vaccine before your next deployment.

Hopefully, the point has been made that these diseases are to

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## THIS WEEK IN ARMY HISTORY...



### 1st Infantry Division History

November 1, 1940 – The 1st Infantry Division reorganizes to a new Table of Organization & Equipment that adds a reconnaissance troop and two field artillery regiments that comprise the Division Artillery Command. This beefs up the Big Red One's personnel to 15,245 and is the TO&E the division would deploy with in World War II.



### Operation Iraqi Freedom History

November 7, 2004 – U.S. Marines stage just north of Fallujah in preparation for the Second Battle of Fallujah, during which 95 U.S. service members would give their lives and another 560 would be wounded. The 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment would support the Marines as part of Regimental Combat Team 7.



### 4th Infantry Division History

November 6, 1944 – The Ivy Division enters the Battle of the Huertgen Forest, where the division would fight until early December before moving to Luxembourg to ward off the German Ardennes Offensive, more commonly referred to as the Battle of the Bulge.

# Live fire exercise hits target

Artillery rounds fired by the 14th IA Div. destroy an enemy stronghold at Tea Leaf Island in Basra during Operation Torrential Flood, a combined arms live fire exercise, Oct. 25.

By Sgt. James Kennedy Benjamin  
305th MPAD, USD-S PAO

**BASRA, Iraq** – In front of an anxious audience, Iraqi Army officers gathered around a sand table to receive their orders for Operation Torrential Flood. Shortly after, the officers assembled in their areas, waiting for the signal to begin the assault.

At 9:45 a.m., the first artillery round made its way to the objective, signaling the start of the exercise. Within a few seconds, two more rounds hit the impact area.

Approximately 400 Iraqi soldiers with the 52nd Brigade, 14th Iraqi Army Division participated in a live fire exercise at Tea Leaf Island in Basra Oct. 25, in what some commanders say was the first complex combined arms exercise of its kind since the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime.

The exercise showed the strong progress Iraqi Security Forces have made in the last several years, said Brig. Gen. Ricky Gibbs, United States Division-South deputy commanding general for maneuver.

“They have demonstrated in this exercise the ability to conduct complex combined arms live fire exercises,” Gibbs said.

In the scenario, about 40 heavily-armed personnel on Al-Mousahab Island are trying to disrupt the stability of the region by attacking security force bases. By eliminating their primary target, the Basra International Airport, the insurgents would force international companies to leave the country.

The plan was to overwhelm the enemy by using different assets, said an IA captain who wished to remain anonymous.

“The enemy is weak because they do not have enough support,”

the captain said. “These practices will increase our experiences and capabilities.”

The IA simultaneously stormed the objective by air, land and sea. More than a dozen IA boats full of soldiers flanked the threat from both sides of the Tigris River. Artillerymen continued to fire on the target as the boats moved in. Two Iraqi helicopters hovered near the objective, dropping infantrymen within firing distance of the enemy. Reinforcements arrived within minutes of the initial drop.

The intent of the exercise was to increase the 14th IA Division’s capability to conduct full spectrum of operations when called upon and to show the Iraqi people the ISF is able to take over when U.S. forces leave, said an IA general.

“The Iraqi Police and ISF are capable of taking over when United States forces leave the country at the end of 2011,” Staff Lt. Gen. Husain Douhi said.

Although USD-S Soldiers did not participate in the actual event, they did play a role in the planning of the exercise.

“We were able to advise them on how to set up a scenario to bring in as many of the operating systems as they have in their army,” Gibbs said.

USD-S also showed the IA where to place their weapons to ensure the safety of their soldiers and the audience, Gibbs said. U.S. forces provided training on the specialized weapons used for the exercise.

Maintaining stability in the Basra region is critical in securing the stability of Iraq said the 14th IA Division commander.

“I believe Basra is the key to securing all of Iraq,” said Staff Maj. Gen. Aziz. “It has the means, the resources in all of Iraq.” ■

Photo by Sgt. James Kennedy Benjamin



IA soldiers provide cover fire for infantrymen on Tea Leaf Island in Basra during Operation Torrential Flood, a combined arms live fire exercise, Oct. 25. The one-hour exercise involved multiple ISF assets including boats, helicopters and field artillery.

Photo by Sgt. James Kennedy Benjamin

# Basra's SWAT graduate course, ready to train others

By Sgt. Cody Harding  
1st Inf. Div., USD-S PAO

**BASRA, Iraq** – Their training covered over a month-and-a-half of learning, teaching and practicing their tactics. They were taught how to engage targets, clear rooms and collect evidence. Most importantly, they were given the tools needed to pass the information on.

For the Basra Special Weapons and Tactics team, the graduation ceremony held at the Basra Operations Center Oct. 18 was just the beginning.

The ten SWAT team members were presented certificates of their achievement by Staff Maj. Gen. Adel Daham Fahad Al-Amery, the Basra Provincial Chief of Police.

First Lt. Christian Kapsen, a platoon leader with 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., said the training helps the U.S. Forces complete their mission on the ground and works with the current plan for the drawdown of forces.

"I think it will help improve their capabilities as well as start to get more recruits through," the Decatur, Minn.,

native said. "We're training the trainers at this point, so we'll assist with our mission of the [Redeployment of Forces] process."

The SWAT members were trained on squad tactics, weapons handling, tactical site exploitation and other important skills. While the training improved their own skills, the purpose of the course was to prepare them to teach other forces, including new SWAT members.

Maj. Ryad Hadi, the commander of the Basra SWAT team, said all Iraqi forces can benefit from the training the SWAT members received.

"We always need to improve ourselves," Hadi said. "Every time we involve this kind of training, we guarantee that our unit will continue, will improve and will use all of the expertise that will help us in securing all of Iraq, especially Basra."

Chaplain (Capt.) Miller Eichelberger, the 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt. chaplain, said watching the graduation represented a profound shift from when he served in Desert Storm as an infantry officer.

"Now, to see them going through the full spectrum operations that we've conducted here to be stable, it's wonderful," said

Eichelberger, a Louisville, Miss., native. "Especially to see how proficient these guys are in their job and their ability to take control of their country."

Though the ten SWAT members are finished with their phase of the training, the mission continues as they prepare to teach new recruits.

"As you know, all of the Iraqi forces now need a lot of training," Hadi said. "So, this is a part of the whole mission. As long as the American forces are here, we hope that we can benefit from your presence and your expertise in all kinds of missions."

"The difference is that this country has gone through a lot of changes, and I can't say more than I'm just proud of the Iraqi people and soldiers for taking charge of their country and having pride," Eichelberger added.

To Hadi, the graduation meant his police, the best of the best in the Basra Police Force, are ready.

"I promise you, all of Iraq's soldiers promise you, we will keep this country safe," Hadi said. "We will sacrifice our lives to keep this country safe." ■



Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding

Staff Maj. Gen. Adel Daham Fahad Al-Amery, the Basra Provincial Chief of Police, and Capt. Kristopher Thompson, commander of Co. C, 1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., at the Basra SWAT graduation ceremony Oct. 18. The ten SWAT members who graduated are set to train the new generation of Iraqi Police.

# Maysan crops grow one drip at a time

By Pvt. DeAngelo Wells  
3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div. PAO

**MAYSAN PROVINCE, Iraq** – The Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team, with the help of Dr. Laythe Salem, economic and agricultural advisor, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, held an agricultural seminar for 20 local farmers Sept. 28.

The seminar covered irrigation techniques farmers could use to grow their produce more efficiently and the ways it could benefit them during harvest.

Drip irrigation is a system that employs water pipes and thin tubes with small holes to allow a calculated amount of water to be distributed at precise locations throughout the farm, reducing the amount of water needed.

With dry soil and very little rainfall in southern Iraq, drip irrigation systems can be effective in managing farms and producing good harvests.

“Our assistance will help farmers conduct efficient greenhouse and drip irrigation for improved vegetable production (and) producing products in the winter season,” Laythe said. “Farmers

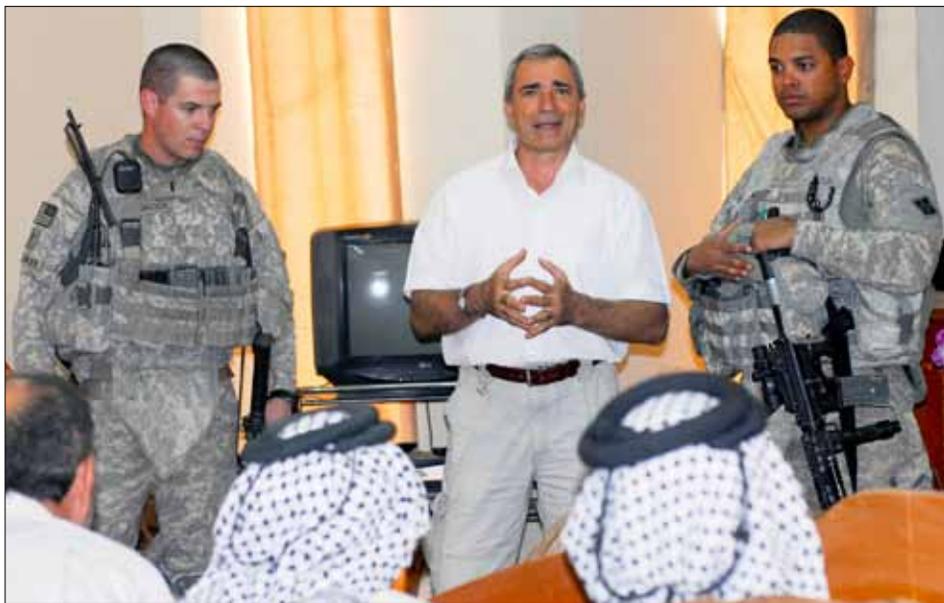


Photo by Pvt. DeAngelo Wells

First Lt. Adam Ellerbrock, 2nd Lt. Michael Bailey, and Dr. Laythe Salem, economic and agricultural advisor, 3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div., answer farmers' questions at the Department of Agriculture Sept. 28. The session was part of an agriculture seminar held for Maysan farmers, teaching drip irrigation techniques and greenhouse production.

will learn from communicating and exchanging information with each other. Thus, the farmers improve incomes, rural livelihoods and food security.”

The drip irrigation system gives farmers

a distinct advantage over their current methods of irrigation. In a nearby city, the PRT and farmers created a greenhouse with drip irrigation and are now growing dates and palm trees. ■



Photo by Pvt. DeAngelo Wells

Dr. Laythe Salem, economic and agricultural advisor, 3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div., teaches a class of 20 farmers on greenhouse production and the drip irrigation system at the Department of Agriculture Sept. 28.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston

The head mistress for the Sudayr Maisalon and As Safaat Girls Primary School cuts a ribbon during a ceremony marking the opening of the schools' new extension Oct. 21.

## Learning in comfort: Girls school in Diwaniyah gets new classrooms

By Staff Sgt. Garrett Ralston  
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**DIWANIYAH, Iraq-** Only blocks away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Diwaniyah, a narrow dirt road leads to a small courtyard surrounded by tall trees and green, flowered plants. Inside the courtyard four old, windowless buildings with cracked paint and sagging rooflines sit in the morning sun.

Despite the appearance of these old buildings, the excited shouts of hundreds of little girls reciting their daily lessons could be heard above the noises of the nearby city streets.

Unbeknownst to the students this day, a special gift would be unveiled making their learning experiences a little more comfortable.

Marked by a ribbon-cutting Thursday, the Diwaniyah Provincial Reconstruction Team in partnership with Troop L, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment gave four newly constructed portable classrooms to the Sudayr Maisalon and As Safaat Girls Primary School.

"Educational projects like these help foster stability and sovereignty for future generations of Iraqi people," said Samuel Watson, senior governance advisor of the Diwaniyah PRT.

Each of the new buildings measure 16 feet by 22 feet and are equipped with desks, chairs and chalk boards. Hot summer days will be a little cooler thanks to ceiling fans and air conditioners, which are also part of each new building.

The school's expansion project began in July when the PRT carefully planned it so its construction would coincide with the

beginning of the new school season. The program cost \$74,980.

An essential piece of these projects are the U.S. military personnel who fulfill the escort and security requirements for the PRT. The troopers work selflessly to ensure the success of the PRT and that of the Iraqi people.

"Our primary role is to enable the PRT," said 1st Lt. Daniel R. Hutson, a platoon leader with Troop L from Draper, Utah. "These events really wouldn't be possible if we couldn't bring the PRT out here."

Hutson and his platoon ensured the security of the area around the school so the ceremony could go on without interruption.

As girls from each classroom were brought out and lined single-file, a ribbon was stretched out in front of the new classrooms. The girls watched as the head mistress cut the ribbon and the new buildings became the next page in the children's future. In addition to the classrooms, the girls also received boxes of school books, which were handed out by Soldiers of Troop L.

"It really makes me feel good inside to be able to give this to the Iraqi children," said Pvt. Christopher Reyes, a cavalry scout from Marion, Texas.

"I like being a part of the good things you don't see every day on television," said Hutson, "(like) the things we're doing for the children."

As the ceremony wrapped up and morning became afternoon, the girls hurried back to their classrooms to continue the day's instruction. The new buildings stood as a testament of the day's achievement and a new page in the school's history. A day marked by positive relationships and the smiles on children's faces. ■

# US agencies team up to support Iraqi universities

By 1st Lt. Eoghan Cullen

1st Bn., 68th Armor Regt., 3rd AAB, 4th Inf. Div.

**BASRA, Iraq** – The Basra Provincial Reconstruction Team and Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment recently visited two Basra universities to increase students' awareness of various educational opportunities.

Jeff Lodermeier, assistant cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, and three PRT members visited the north and south campuses of the University of Basra in October.

"The goal of these visits is to support the education initiatives in multiple ways," Lodermeier said.

During the visits, the PRT's public diplomacy officers spoke with students about scholarship opportunities and studying abroad in the United States.

English language specialist, Christina Chandler, also provided training to English professors on the campuses.

"The training seeks to modernize the skills of English professors and their students, many of whom will become English teachers in the future," Chandler said.

Along with sharing new paths of education with these students and new



Photo by 1st Lt. Eoghan Cullen

Christina Chandler, an English language specialist, teaches English professors on the campus who seek to modernize their skills. Many of the professors' students will become English teachers in the future.

ideas of instruction with professors, the PRT opened a door for communication between students and American Soldiers.

This came as a change of pace for the Soldiers as they were enthusiastically received by the students at both campuses.

"Students will come up to you just to talk, showing what they have learned," said Sgt. Christopher Sorensen, an Olney, Ill., native. "This is my second tour in Iraq and my first time to have a chance for these kinds of interactions."

"Face-to-face engagement with Iraqis is essential to the mission of normalizing relations between our two countries," Lodermeier said.

"The military support provided makes this possible in the sometimes unstable security environment. These visits give students and the Soldiers the opportunity to share and learn about each other's cultures in a more casual and friendly environment."

This type of interaction and support from U.S. forces and Iraq Security Forces is exactly what Lodermeier hoped to gain from these visits.

"These students are the future of Iraq," said Sgt. William Tyrell, a Panama City, Fla., native. "The knowledge that they obtain at universities will [help make] Iraq a more stable country." ■



Photo by 1st Lt. Eoghan Cullen

Jeff Lodermeier, assistant cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, speaks to a class of students at the University of Basra-North about scholarship opportunities and study abroad programs.

# Fire in the sky

By Sgt. Cody Harding,  
1st Inf. Div., USD-S PAO

**BASRA, Iraq** – At the beginning of the conflict in Iraq, indirect fire was an effective tool for the enemy. Simple to prepare and able to strike targets inside bases with little warning, troops were sent scrambling for cover with mere seconds to find it.

That was then. This is now.

To ensure the readiness of the Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar system, or C-RAM, radar technicians and U.S. Navy weapon system maintainers with Battery A, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment conducted a test of the complex system's firing capabilities in Basra in the early morning of Oct. 22.

The C-RAM represents the efforts of two separate teams from different services working together to bolster defenses on bases in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Soldiers in air defense, accustomed to tracking aircraft with sophisticated radar, redesigned their equipment. Now the radars track incoming fire, warning Soldiers of the danger before it draws close enough to do harm.

Spc. Michael Miller, a Soldier with Battery A, is on his second deployment with the C-RAM System.

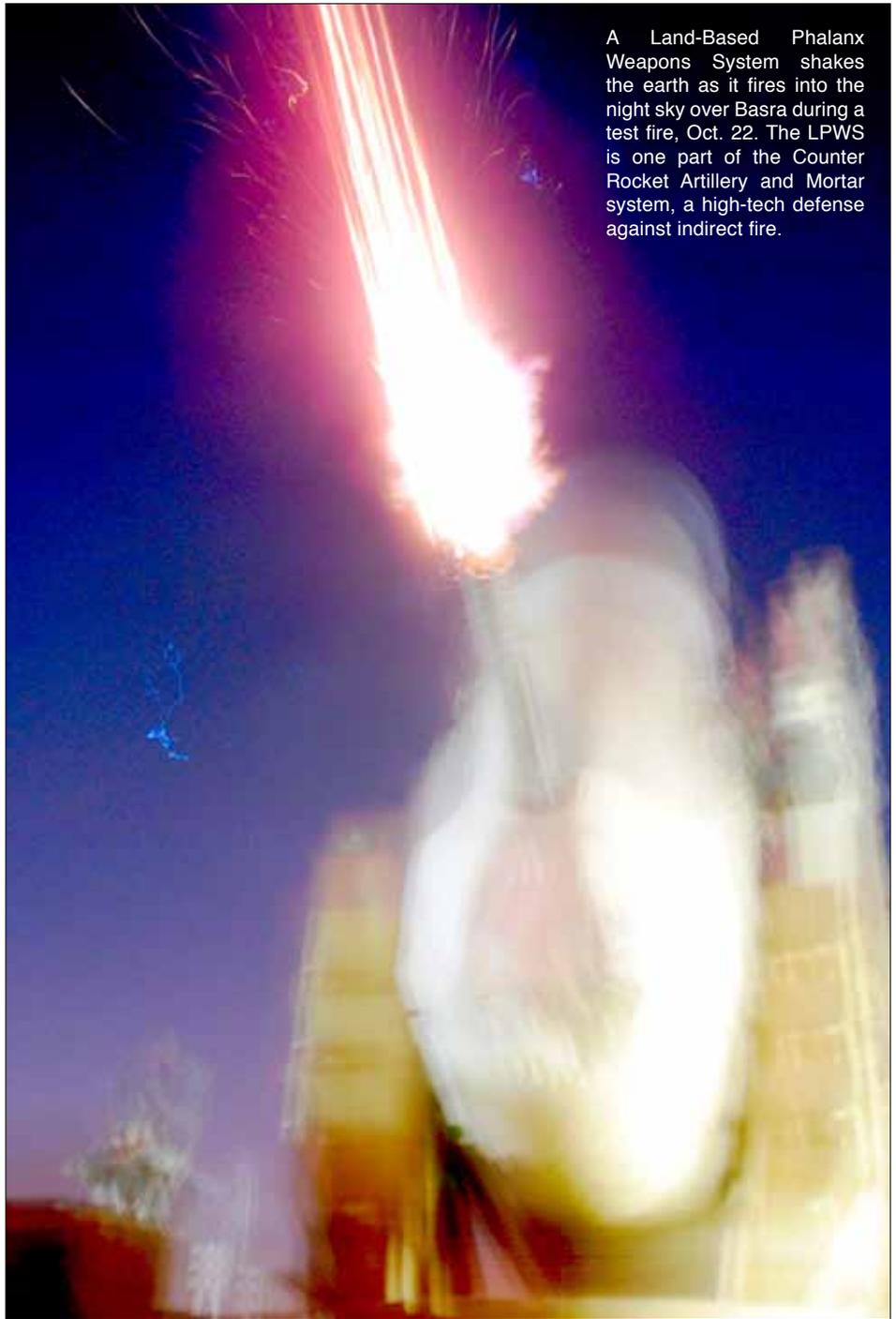
"It's pretty cool to be doing the same mission again," said Miller, a Sarasota, Fla., native.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Hall, a platoon sergeant with Battery A, 5th Bn, 5th ADA Regt., said the shift from tracking aircraft to defending against IDF has its own challenges.

"Given our typical air defense mission, it's a lot harder to shoot a bullet down instead of an airplane," said Hall, a native of Summersville, W.V.

The U.S. Navy weapon system maintainers brought their anti-missile guns from the ships to the shore, providing an active defense against incoming attacks. The Land-Based Phalanx Weapon System is integrated with radar, allowing them to track and engage targets before they can pose a threat to the base.

Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Johnson has worked with the weapon on



A Land-Based Phalanx Weapons System shakes the earth as it fires into the night sky over Basra during a test fire, Oct. 22. The LPWS is one part of the Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar system, a high-tech defense against indirect fire.

Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding

the ships it originated from and its land-based counterpart for more than three years.

"It's one of the most extensive systems, even in the Navy as far as weapon systems go," said Johnson, a Clarksville, Tenn., native.

The C-RAM system's capabilities help safeguard the U.S. forces against attack as they draw down across the Iraq, said Capt. Lloyd Sporluck, commander of Battery A, 5th Bn., 5th ADA Regt. commander.

"As we're drawing down our forces, we become more vulnerable to insurgent activity," said Sporluck, a Jasper, Texas,

native. "So C-RAM becomes absolutely crucial to force protection measures here in theatre."

Working with the equipment is a rewarding privilege, being that the U.S. Army is the only force fielding the equipment in the theatre, Sporluck added.

"I would really hope that the Department of Defense deems it important enough to keep the system around," Sporluck said. "Although not 100 percent accurate, it definitely saves lives. Giving personnel three-to-five seconds of warning on incoming fire is three-to-five seconds nobody else has the capability of doing." ■

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“We still have work to do in order to fully fulfill our promises,” Bodde said. “Though construction has been completed and basic pediatric medical services are being offered, oncology services are several months away.”

The hope is that Basra Children’s Hospital is able to make early diagnoses and provide treatment for children suffering from cancer in southern Iraq.

“A 2003 study about leukemia in Basra found an increase amongst children and most of the cases of leukemia are high-risk,” said Dr. Janan Hasan, a pediatrician at Basra Children’s Hospital.

“The five common forms of cancer account for 50 percent of all cases in Iraq,” said Bodde. “A large portion of these cancers are preventable and half can be detected at early stages of development and if diagnosed in time, four types are curable by standard therapies.”

“We must stay focused on the long term, not only addressing the urgent needs that people have today, but building the foundation for a better health tomorrow and for the next generation,” he said.

The Basra Children’s Hospital is one of many healthcare initiatives the U.S. has been involved with in Iraq.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Peter Bodde, assistant chief of mission, U.S. Embassy Baghdad, receives an award at the Basra Children’s Hospital’s opening ceremony Oct. 21. Bodde spoke about the perseverance and achievements of the project that will provide a foundation for a strong, healthy future for Iraq’s children.

“The U.S. has supported renovation and construction of over 140 primary health care facilities across Iraq,” Bodde said.

“We believe that health promotes

social and economic progress and realize the dream of providing a foundation for a strong and healthy future for Iraq’s children,” he said. ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chanelcherie DeMello

Iraqi children line up to greet more than 300 visitors at the opening of the Basra Children’s Hospital Oct. 21. The hospital is a state-of-the art facility in Basra and is the first specialty care unit specializing in pediatric oncology.

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be taken as a serious threat to Soldier survivability in country. Their symptoms are severe and, in some cases, life threatening. Your unit’s medical staff is the best resource for answering any questions regarding a particular theater of operations and its attendant immunization scheme.

For more information on these and other diseases, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>.

Duty First, Safety Always ■



# Cadets treat Fort Carson kids to day at the football game

By Matt Steiner  
Colorado Spring Gazette

They toed the end zone line Saturday in the south end of Falcon Stadium, nervously waiting for the race to begin.

Then it happened. Air Force Academy Cadet Adam Gross yelled "Go!" and the 11 kids took off in a 25-yard sprint.

Nobody knew who won. It didn't matter.

The group of 25 children of Fort Carson Soldiers now serving in Iraq were excited enough just taking part in the academy's mentor day.

"If I was one of these kids, I'd be stoked," Gross said seconds after the race. He then turned to one of the kids who began to break dance on the field three hours before the Falcons' game against Utah.

"When we get down there, you're giving us your best end zone celebration,"

Gross said as the break dancer, 10-year-old Renzo Marcelo, jumped up and darted down the field.

Gross, from Slidell, La., and fellow cadet Jackson Wehmeyer, of Austin, Texas, came up with the idea of treating the kids to an academy football game as a way to fulfill their community service requirement. Wehmeyer, who has been mentoring kids since high school, said in the military, "everybody knows someone that's been deployed."

The cadets contacted Fort Carson, then sought help from the academy's athletics department. Gross said people at Fort Carson made sure they had kids to mentor and associate athletic director Dermot Coll supplied the game tickets and special access to the stadium.

The academy's 33rd Cadet Squadron came through with the mentors.

"I know it's not fun not being able to

see your family," said Max Jones, a 33rd Squadron cadet from Tallassee, Ala. whose mother, an Air Force reservist, served in the Middle East from 2004 to 2006.

Marcelo was a good example of the group's enthusiasm with his dancing, but, more importantly, he was a good example of why the event meant so much to the kids.

His father, Sgt. 1st Class Rich Marcelo, has been deployed since March with Fort Carson's 3rd Brigade Combat Team. This is his third deployment, according to his son.

The younger Marcelo said he misses his father for a few reasons, including helping his mother Kathy with his sister and the family pets.

"I miss the way he has fun and says 'Where do you want to go today Renzo?'," Renzo Marcelo said. "Now that I'm older, I have to do his job and my job." ■



Photo by Bryan Olier

Air Force Academy cadets with Squadron 33 hang out for the day with kids from Ft. Carson whose parents are deployed in the Middle East. Renzo Marcelo, bottom left, and Kane Kaleel, both 10 couldn't wait to get to the game.



Photo by Spc. Eve Illiau

A Blackhawk helicopter door gunner with the 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment keeps watch while escorting United States Division-South senior leaders to Basra. The 1st Bn., 147th Avn. Regt. is a Wisconsin National Guard unit that supports air operations throughout USD-S.

**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.

**got bro?**  
Big Red One

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# Basra Betty says...



Dear "D,"

For the sake of argument (because with these answers there always is one), I'm going to assume you are not an Active Duty Soldier, but to be honest, I'm not exactly sure. According to ALARACT 055/2007, "Implementing Instructions for Changes to the Wear Policy Outlined in AR 670-1, Appendix F, Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service (SSIFWTS)," you may already be authorized to wear it, but from the very little information you provided in your message, there may be more to this story.

You will need orders that state you are attached to the 1st Infantry Division. If you are an enabler who is op-conned to the Big Red One, you wear *your* command's patch unless they are not deployed.

If you do have those orders, the process should be simple.

Find the first O-6 in your chain of command, and repeat after me: "Sir/

Ma'am, I'd like to be one of the 'cool kids' and become part of the Big Red One. I wish to wear the combat patch of the only division that is unmatched in its awesomeness and superior to all others. I will sing the Big Red One song each morning in the shower, and end each night by reading the history of the Fighting First to my children. I will perform random acts of BRO kindness by helping old ladies cross the street and swerving to avoid squirrels as they cross the street. I will be the first to volunteer for every detail as I am proud to step forward and show off my BRO pride! That is how much this means to me. If you sign this memo for me, I promise to never take for granted how lucky I am to be considered BRO."

That should handle your problem, and if it doesn't, just say "pretty, pretty please." That usually works.

Until next time,

*-Betty*

Dear Betty,

I am currently supporting 1st Infantry Division and am trying to get a memorandum signed stating that I am authorized to wear the Big Red One Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service. Who can I talk to about this?

Signed,

Desperate for BRO

## Rock and Roll Trivia

*A luthier is a fancy word for a guitar maker. See if you can match these famous luthiers, and guitar companies, with some of their most famous creations:*

1) Clarence Leonidas "Leo" Fender was an electronics tinkerer who started by making PA systems before branching out into guitars. With the end of the big band era, his Fender guitars are some of the most popular and recognizable in rock history.

2) Orville Gibson founded Gibson Guitars in the late-1890s, making mandolins and acoustic guitars. His name is now associated with several guitars championed by hard rock and heavy metal superstars.

3) Charles Kaman was an aeronautical engineer, pioneer of rotary wing aircraft, and amateur guitarist in the middle part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He invented an acoustic/electric guitar using a rounded-bowl back made of similar composite materials as those used for helicopter blades.

4) Grover Jackson was a luthier who partnered with guitar repair shop owner Wayne Charvel in the 1970s. Their radical designs were favorites of many speed and hair metal guitarists of the 1980s.

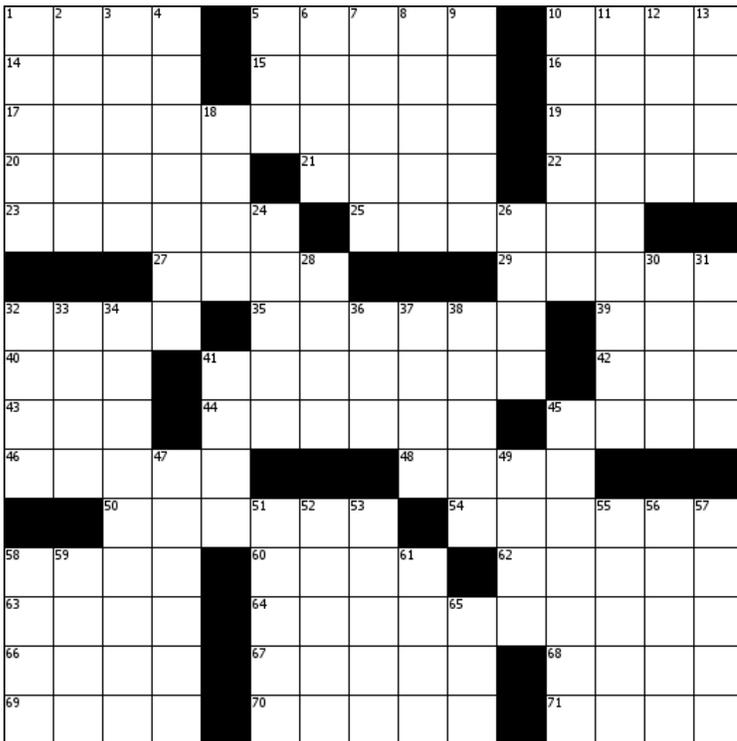
5) Adolph Rickenbacker, a Swiss immigrant to the U.S. in 1918, is credited with selling the first electric guitar in 1932. His guitars often were made of Bakelite plastic instead of wood. John Lennon frequently played a Rickenbacker, and his 12-string electric

guitar was a key contributor to the Byrds' 'jangly' sound also favored by Tom Petty. Rickenbacker basses were also popular among many classic rockers including Rush's Geddy Lee, Deep Purple's Roger Glover, and Motorhead's Lemmy Kilminster.



Answers to this week's trivia:

(1) c – Fender Stratocaster (2) a – Gibson Les Paul (3) d – Ovation Acoustic (4) e – Jackson KV2 (5) b – Rickenbacker 12-string



**Across**

- 1. Word of reproach
- 6. Roseanne, once
- 10. Curse
- 14. Expressed wonder
- 15. Dies ---
- 16. Apt name for a colleen
- 17. What the fat lady sings
- 18. Babe in the woods
- 19. Exploit
- 20. Multiplication aid
- 22. Never again?
- 23. --- a soul
- 24. Emulated Huck Finn
- 26. Obey
- 30. Child of fortune?
- 31. 2000 presidential also-ran
- 32. Rural festivities
- 36. Old measures equal to 45 inches
- 37. Slowly trickles
- 39. Sole support
- 40. They're not accessible on Sunday (or Saturday)
- 42. Let fly
- 43. Hipster's lingo
- 44. Like some average reviews
- 46. "Cheers" proprietor
- 49. Coffeehouse reader
- 50. "Lawrence of Arabia," e.g.
- 51. Orchestra position
- 57. Hazard
- 58. Warts and all
- 59. Blood line
- 60. Maroon's locale
- 61. Show up
- 62. What rookies must learn
- 63. Group's pronoun
- 64. Genesis grandchild
- 65. It's stuck in the corner

**Down**

- 1. Chimney sweep's coat?
- 2. Pueblo people
- 3. "Excuse me!"
- 4. Measly
- 5. Mary Tyler Moore co-star
- 6. Consisting of two components
- 7. Sheik's land, in film
- 8. Get a grip on it
- 9. Court officials
- 10. Comfortable situation
- 11. "--- you the clever one!"
- 12. One who cries "Uncle"
- 13. All over
- 21. Filer's convenience
- 25. Lend a hand
- 26. All over
- 27. Bound bundle
- 28. Between engagements
- 29. Typical office worker
- 30. High school dance
- 32. "--- a real nowhere man ..."
- 33. Come again?
- 34. Observatory observation
- 35. Future witness
- 37. Avoid embarrassment
- 38. Needle part
- 41. Cacophony
- 42. Chop shop inventory
- 44. Discards
- 45. Freshly painted
- 46. Like some raises
- 47. Given to imitation
- 48. Knit goods thread
- 49. First class
- 52. "Time --- My Side" (Stones song)
- 53. Knee-slapper
- 54. Florentine angel's instrument
- 55. Checklist bit
- 56. Carpenter's tool

# Big Red One Puzzle of the Week

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

*Solution for last week: Love at first sight  
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## Sudoku

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