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Historic deployment near historic landmark

**By 2nd Lt. Christopher Molaro
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One can travel the world from the Acropolis in Athens to the pyramids of the ancient Mayan Empire and find no structure older or more emblematic of civilization's beginning than the Ziggurat of Ur found in modern day Iraq.

Built around the 4th Century B.C., the modern-day Ziggurat of Ur is actually the reconstruction of an earlier one built around 21st Century B.C. by King Shulgi in order to win allegiances with surrounding civilizations and claim himself as a god. Reconstructed by the neo-Sumerian leader, King Nabonidus, the Ziggurat of Ur is actually one small piece of a much larger complex dedicated to the moon god



Photo by Spc. April Stewart

Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, the commander of 36th Infantry Division, and United States Division – South, tours the Ziggurat of Ur as part of his visit to Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment. The battalion operates around the ziggurat and often hosts VIP visits to the monument.



Photo by Spc. April Stewart

Ruins at the Ziggurat of Ur.

Nanna, patron deity of Ur. The ziggurat was shaken by nearby explosions and peppered with hundreds of bullet holes over the last eight years of combat operations and now the United States is poised to leave Iraq by the end of 2011.

“It is impressive to think anyone was able to excavate, preserve and successfully re-research such an old and enormous structure,” said the

commander of the unit that operates near the ziggurat, Lt. Col. Robert Wright, of Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

Capt. Josh Holden, the information operations officer for the battalion said, “The ziggurat is a place of historical significance which is viewed as a treasured land-

mark by everyone in Iraq despite politics and religion.”

The ziggurat and the ruins that surround it take you back thousands of years. The mud and stone mixture seemingly rise out of the sandy dunes into a triumphant structure symbolizing the cradle of civilization. The stairs of the ziggurat climb out of the past, inspiring those that are leading our troops into the future.

Blacksmith medics hit ground in Iraq

By Spc. Junie Escarment
C Medical Co., 215th BSB.

In March, C Medical Co. (CMC), 215th Bde. Support Bn., 3rd Advise and Assist Bde., 1st Cav. Div. began their mission in support of Operation New Dawn by focusing on its Soldier development and operations management.

CMC's main task during the deployment is to provide medical care to Soldiers within 3rd AAB. In addition to the aid station the company runs, CMC provides trained medical personnel for each convoy in support of battal-

ion missions to and from Contingency Operating Bases Adder, Garry Owen and Basrah. Medics are also assigned to assist the forward surgical team and associated medical missions in these locations.

CMC hosts assets like physical therapy, behavioral health, preventive medicine, medical maintenance and the brigade's medical supply operations (BMSO). These sections support 3rd AAB, other units on COB Adder and outlying bases throughout the GREY-WOLF operational environment.

CMC has taken the past few weeks

to transition into a battle rhythm in order to support these operations. Soldiers within the company worked on completing inventories of deployed and theater provided equipment, standardizing aid bags and vehicles used to go out on resupply convoys to ensure medical equipment is ready and available if the need should arise. The BMSO has been hard at work updating the medical supply stock and ridding their inventory of any expired and unusable medical supplies.

The new CMC



Photo by 1st Lt. Michelle Alderson

Sgt. 1st Class Quincy Martin secures part of the litter while unloading a patient as they conduct training medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) training at Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen.

command team has plans for Soldiers to begin cross-training outside of their military occupational specialties (MOS) in order to mold well-rounded Soldiers. Medics will train in services such as x-ray, lab and patient administration and non-medical personnel will recertify their basic life saving skills.

There are plans in place to utilize the aid station's patient administration office as a study lab after sick call hours to provide Soldiers seeking higher education the necessary tools to meet their goals.

The company has been hard at work in an effort to start the deployment off strong, however, time has been set aside for fellowship. The BMSO hosted the first of many company barbecues on Sunday March 18. The entire company gathered together and enjoyed leisure time with one another. Though CMC firmly believes in hard work and dedication to the mission, the company leadership also understands how important it is to provide time to relax and enjoy the simplicities of life.



Photo by 1st Lt. Michelle Alderson

Capt. Evette Barnes and Spc. Demetria McGee conducted dental inventories at Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen.



OPSEC - WHO'S WATCHING YOU?

Saber Squadron Seeks to Aid Iraqi Partners

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmblad
6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt.

For the past month, the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, United States Division – Center has been working closely with its Iraqi partners, the 4th Federal Police.

During this time, members of the squadron have conducted many combined patrols with the 4th Federal Police in their new area of operations in Baghdad. But now that the squadron has fully settled into its operating environment, it is focusing its efforts on augmenting the efforts of the 4th Federal Police.

“The 4th Federal Police is already a great unit. Its commander, sMG Baha’a understands the United States Forces capabilities and requests our help in areas that he still wants to see some

improvement,” said Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon, the commander of 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C.

On March 24, Saber Squadron visited 4th Federal Police to instruct members of the 4th Federal Police on generator maintenance.

“It was a privilege to offer our assistance and expertise to the 4th FP so that they could successfully integrate these generators into their power system,” said Cantlon.

However, the cooperation between Saber Squadron and the 4th FP was not limited to generator maintenance. Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Burnette, the command sergeant major of the squadron, and the 4th Federal Police sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Wassim, discussed other areas that could be improved during a lunch they had together.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon inspects a generator with sMG Baha’a, the commander of the 4th Federal Police, before Soldiers of Saber Squadron assist Soldiers of the 4th Federal Police in integrating the generator to their power system.

Coordinating weapons ranges and training, vehicle maintenance, drivers training, map reading, and medical training were some of the areas of improvement and tasks discussed.

“They must be proficient in these basic tasks. If they are not proficient in these areas, it will be very difficult for them to accomplish their mission,” said Burnette.

Currently, the Saber Squadron is working closely with the 4th FP to develop a training program for its members to become proficient at these tasks.

“We can go a long way in assisting the 4th FP in their ability to successfully accomplish their mission while we are here now and when we eventually leave,” said Burnette.

Helping to facilitate this training is only the beginning of the cooperation between the Saber Squadron and the 4th FP. Saber Squadron looks forward to augmenting the proficiency of the Iraqis over the course of their partnership.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Burnette inspects a weapon range used by the 4th Federal Police.

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*...Mississippi, there is an egret feeding through the air.
 ...swooshes back and lands on a piece of sunlight.
 ...around the egret. Many clouds sit on the buildings.*



Gladiators signal company support GREYWOLF in Basrah

**2nd Lt. Grace Geiger
B Co., 3rd Bde.
Special Troops Bn.**

B Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division hit the ground running when they visited Contingency Operating Base Basrah to set up a tactical command post for the GREYWOLF elements there.

When they arrived, they were faced with many obstacles. But through it all, the Soldiers overcame the challenges they were faced with.

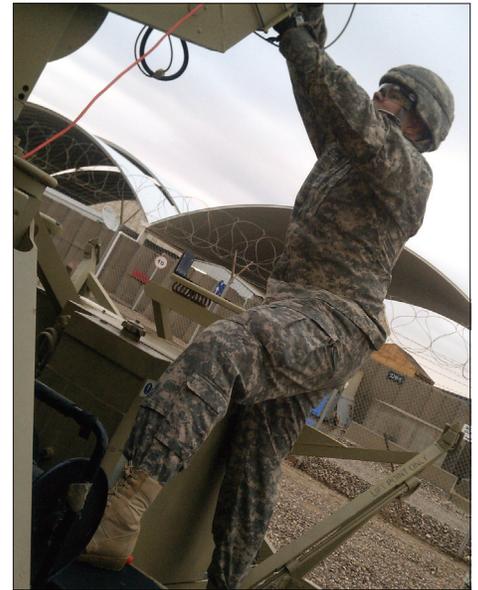
The first issue the team faced was power generation. When the equipment arrived in Basrah, not enough generators were on ground at the time to support the mission. 1st Bn., 12th

Cav. Regt. provided two 15 kilowatt generators and to this date there have been no further power issues.

Another issue the team had to conquer was the limited number of IP (internet protocol) addresses available. This caused problems with computer imaging, and point to point communications. With a thorough reworking of the network, the team was able to resolve both of these issues.

The team excelled when problems arose, and they were able to fix them quickly and bring up the Basrah network.

The network gives options to communicate in the operating environment, and with improvements, will provide a network with good communications for the deployment.



U.S. Army photo

Pfc. Michael Cline troubleshoots a cable on the KA-band and the high power amplifier.

 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt.

GREYWOLF Soldiers conduct "Warhorse derby"

**By Capt. Donald Hayfron
3rd Bn., 8th Cav., Regt.**

March 25 was a typically warm, cloudless day at Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen, but the events experienced by 30 Warhorse Soldiers were far from typical. This day was the premiere of an event called the "Warhorse Derby" intra-battalion competition. The "Warhorse Derby" challenges companies to compete with each other and consists of two parts. The battalion command sergeant major directs the first part of the derby, which is Soldier and team- oriented and focuses on basic combat skills and physical fitness. The second part focuses on company commodity

area operations, under the direction of the battalion executive officer, to ensure companies are in compliance with supply, accountability, and personnel standards. Each month, individuals, teams, and companies will be recognized for excellence in each area assessed.

This month, the derby consisted of a five - Soldier team negotiating a course with five medical tasks. One of the tasks was a one and a half mile litter carry with full combat equipment. The course was planned, prepared and resourced by Sgt. Kelley of the Warhorse medical platoon. Sgt. Kelley's guidance from the battalion's command sergeant major was simple -- "incorporate a medical

training evaluation to give the commander an opportunity to assess the medical readiness of the battalion while conducting a grueling physically-challenging event that takes about an hour per team". Sgt. Kelley and the other non-commissioned officers, under the supervision of their platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Buford, ran with that guidance. They produced a tough, realistic, and battle focused event. The most challenging part of this derby was the physical endurance needed to litter carry a Soldier for a mile, wearing full kit, in the heat of the day.

Each company was also evaluated on their Army Direct Ordering (ADO)

procedures to ensure every Soldier has the opportunity to receive new uniforms at no cost to them while deployed. This task may seem easy, but requires diligent oversight by each company supply sergeant, commander, and first sergeant.

While the winners have not been announced yet, the Warhorse Battalion will conduct these competitions monthly in an effort to increase teamwork, build confidence, and encourage excellence while affording leaders a chance to assess themselves and their units. In the future more company commodity areas will be inspected. Next week we will honor the winning team and give a preview of next month's "Warhorse Derby".



GREYWOLF WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Pfc. Brett Pittsley **B Co., 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn.** **Gasport, N.Y.**

Pfc. Brett Pittsley is a highly motivated Soldier who is constantly performing well beyond his paygrade. It is common to see Pittsley working extra hours on Joint Network Node 89 making sure all missions are accomplished. He also takes time to crosstrain on other signal systems. After winning the Soldier of the Month Award, Pittsley is now competing for the battalion Soldier of the Month Award. He has set the standard by enrolling in college classes and doing everything necessary to get promoted. He has also enrolled in structured self - development classes and he always exceeds the APFT standard.

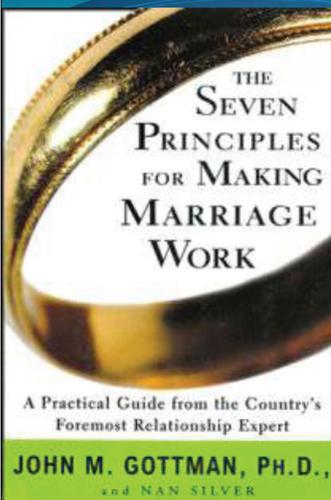


Pfc. Hayden Blowers **HHC, 1st Bn. 12th Cav. Regt.** **Alexander, N.Y.**



Pfc. Hayden Blowers is a medic attached to 1st Plt, C Co., 1st Bn. 12th Cav. Regt. On the night of March 7, while conducting a counter indirect fire patrol, the platoon leader's mine resistant ambush protected vehicle was struck by a local national vehicle and the passenger received wounds to his head. Blowers immediately went to the aid of the injured Iraqi, treated his wounds, and instructed the Iraqi Army to call for an ambulance to come get the injured civilian. Blowers stayed with the injured man until an ambulance arrived and took him to the hospital. His willingness to care for the injured local national greatly aided in calming the already tense situation, and reassured the Iraqi people present that American Soldiers are here to help.

Marriage Enrichment Class



Where: Resiliency Center, Meditation Room
What: Marriage Enrichment Class
Who: Anyone
When: Every Friday, 1900 hrs
(1Apr- 20May 2011)

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"A man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh (Gen 2:24)."

Coalition Cafe South DFAC Hours

Monday – Saturday Starting 21 March 2011
BREAKFAST 0500-0830
LUNCH 1100-1430
DINNER 1700-2030
MIDNIGHT MEAL 2300-0130

SUNDAY'S MEAL HOURS

BRUNCH 0600-1400
SUPPER 1700-2100
MIDNIGHT MEAL 2300-0130

Chargers advise Iraqi Police as they serve the community

1st Lt. James Breneman
1st Bn., 12 Cav. Regt.

For the last three weeks, elements of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and the Basrah Iraqi Community Police Department have been packaging parcels of food to give out to families in the southern Iraq city of Basrah.

Members of Stability Transition Team “Enforcer” worked with leadership from the Basrah Police Department to identify 111 families in the area in need of the sustenance.

The food drive was organized by the Iraqi Police Provincial Headquarters

and the stability transition team to promote and improve the community policing program, as well as strengthen ties with the local community.

Using funds allocated under the Commander’s Emergency Relief Program (CERP), 3rd AAB purchased several non-perishable food items including a 120-pound bag of flour, a 50-pound bag of rice and other food items like chai, lentils, white beans and powdered milk. This was enough food to fill 250-pound bags to give to the 111 families, with 256 bags remaining to be distributed over a six-week period. One bag of food can feed a family of four for a month.



Photo by Capt. Patrick McElroy

Soldiers assist Iraqi Police in packing bags of food for distribution.

The food was handed out at the Basrah Police Headquarters, in downtown Basrah. Soldiers from C. Co., 1st Bn., 12th Cav. Regt. were on site to help with the preparations and handing out the food.





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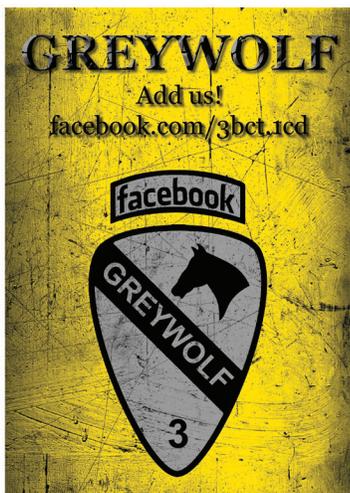
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*Yoga is about awakening ...
creating a life that brings more
love & more beauty
into the world.
- John Friend*

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LOCATED IN THE RESILIENCY CENTER

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A promotional poster for 'CHUCK MILLIGAN HYPNOTIST'. The central figure is a man in a suit holding a wand, surrounded by various toys like a tiger, a dinosaur, and a doll. The text includes 'YOU CAN PLAY WITH CHUCKS TOYS... ..YOU JUST HAVE TO PLAY BY CHUCKS RULES!' and 'NOT JUST WHAT HE DOES... ITS HOW HE DOES IT!'. It also lists the event location as Memorial Hall on April 13, 2011 at 1900hr, hosted by HHC STB, 4SB. A logo with a green leaf is in the top right, and a 'WOLF' logo is in the bottom right.

COB Adder Spring 8 on 8 Flag Football League



The 565th QM Company is hosting a 8 on 8 Flag Football league beginning Saturday 9 April 2011. The coaches meeting will be held Wednesday 30 March 2011. All teams and units are invited to join. For more information please contact the POC's listed below.

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