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## Enforcer partners for progress

**Maj. William Mott**  
**STT, 1st Bn. 12th Cav**  
**Regt.**

A Stability Transition Team (STT), with 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division laid the groundwork for growth and strength within the Basrah Ministry of Interior agencies they partner with in southern Iraq, using an Army quad chart for guidance.

The quad-chart clearly identifies short term goals, resource needs, accomplishments and strengths. Agency commanders brief their requirements to subordinates and also require their subordinates to brief updates to the commander.

The "Enforcer" team identified key areas for im-

provement and developed the chart to mentor their Iraqi counterparts.

"We realized immediately the best way to quickly enhance the different MOI agencies was to develop a simple tool which enables directorate commanders to clearly see their organizations while planning moderate goals for improvements," Lt. Col. Gregory Stokes, the STT commander said.

The agencies overseen by the Basrah MOI, are the Provincial Department of Police, the National Iraq Intelligence Agency and the Provincial Joint Command Center. The STT designed the chart to mesh the agencies together for clear tasks and integrated missions.

Maj. Gen. Hassan, the Basrah Provincial Chief of Police, held a conference recently and gave his commander's intent, standards and vision to the subordinate commander's within the police department using the chart.

He said he wanted to create an environment where every officer understands their duties and responsibilities, reports deficiencies and constantly tries to improve



U.S. Army Photo

Lt. Col. Gregory Stokes attends a facilities meeting with Al Hussein headquarters commander and construction site manager.

their organization.

"I have a clear vision to reinforce to the Iraqi Police and want to focus on my junior officers because they are the future of the IP," said Hassan, through an interpreter.

By developing internal action plans that allow them to accomplish their goals with their resources and limited help from U.S. Forces other than solid advice, the different MOI agencies can achieve common goals.

The team has already identified goals for the coming year.

"Some of the key focus ar-

reas for the police department include reducing the number of checkpoints within Basrah, improving checkpoint standards, improving basic officer proficiencies and improving officer integrity and reliability," said Stokes.

These areas only represent a small number of improvements which are underway within Basrah.

This partnership has only a short amount of time before it is resolved, but the relationships built now will last a lifetime, and the progress made today will endure many lifetimes.



U.S. Army Photo

Members of the stability transition team visit the construction site for the Al Hussein Iraqi Police Station, one of the newest in the area.

# The oldest functional Buffalo in the Central Command area

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

To most Soldiers in 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment “Warhorse” Battalion, the vehicle with bumper number E31 (Echo 31) is just another engineer route clearance vehicle in their motor pool. This particular route clearance machine is better known as the “Buffalo” and it’s a living history of America’s commitment to keep her Soldiers safe.

The Warhorse Battalion is honored to have E31 in its midst because it’s the oldest functioning Buffalo in the Central Command area of operations.

The route clearance platoon has the task of providing freedom of movement for the U.S. and Iraqi Security Forces using the roads to conduct security and support operations. Many Soldiers



U.S. Army photo

The Buffalo is a mine protected vehicle used to safely dispose of mines and improvised explosive devices.

consider the Buffalo the most critical vehicle in the route clearance platoon’s fleet.

Keeping roads clear of improvised explosive devices has been a challenge for Coalition Forces since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

An IED is the most commonly employed, casualty producing weapon in the enemy’s arsenal. In order to help Soldiers more effectively execute their missions, the Army fielded the mine protected clearance vehicle to mitigate the effectiveness of the IED.

The Buffalo was first used to clear mine fields in South Africa, and is now being used in Iraq to provide Soldiers with the ability to exploit IEDs in an effort to prevent them from being used against U.S. and Iraqi Security Forces.

“Having the Buffalo gives my Soldiers an added sense of confidence in our ability to find IEDs, before they are employed against American Soldiers and our Iraqi counterparts”, said 1st Lt. Andre Williams, the platoon leader of Task Force Warhorse’s engineer platoon.

According to the Task Force’s field service representative, Gregory Gatewood, “1st Lt. Williams’ platoon is employing the oldest functional Buffalo in the CENTCOM area of operations”.

After receiving this information, Williams said “Knowing that this



U.S. Army photo

The 30-foot robotic arm and claw is controlled from inside the vehicle and used to safely dispose of mines and improvised explosive devices.

vehicle is still functioning 281,132 miles later and has withstood numerous IEDs, is added comfort as we conduct our route clearance mission.”

It is fitting that the Buffalo, that has logged nearly 300,000 miles of Iraqi streets and highways, will assist the Warhorse Battalion as they finish the mission in Iraq, at the end of the year.



# Soldier receives Combat Action Badge

By Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Cooper  
422nd MP Co., 3rd BSTB

The 422nd Military Police Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, held an emotional ceremony April 1., which was attended by Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Wallace, 3rd BSTB Command Sergeant Major.

The ceremony began with the promotion of Spc. Angelica Trujillo of Delano, Calif., to the rank of Sgt., and Sgt. Amber Wood of Phoenix, Ariz., to the rank of Staff Sergeant. The final presentation of the ceremony was for Spc. Elizabeth Downs of Fresno, Calif., who was awarded the Combat

Action Badge for being engaged by enemy forces on Jan. 3, 2011.

Downs was assigned as a gunner to 2nd Platoon, 422nd MP Co. at Contingency Operating Base Basrah, Iraq. While conducting patrols, her vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device.

Suffering from hand injuries and a concussion, Downs was medically evacuated to Germany and later to Fort Lewis, Wash. Once on ground at Fort Lewis, she underwent surgery, intense physical therapy and then convalescent leave to recover from her injuries.

After she returned to duty, Downs was given the option to stay home to fully recover, or finish her tour in support of Operation New Dawn. She im-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Powell

mediately knew the answer to the question; "I want to go back and finish what I started."

Downs arrived back in theatre on Feb. 11, 2011, ready to complete the mission, even though her unit had only four months left in theater. Downs is currently finishing strong with the "Wardogs" by keeping busy and learning how to be a supply specialist, teaching yoga at the morale, welfare, and recreation center, and preparing the "Wardogs" for redeployment to Fort Bliss, Texas. Downs also teaches current gunners tactics, techniques and procedures, stressing the importance of staying vigilant and focused during patrols to prevent future attacks.

For her contribution to the fight, she was awarded a coin of excellence from Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Wallace for her selfless commitment to her unit and fellow Soldiers.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Powell

Maj. Willie Triplet pins the Combat Action Badge on Spc. Elizabeth Downs after an improvised explosive device hit her vehicle.



# Blacksmiths focus on HAZMAT

**Spc. Junie Escarment**  
**C Medical Co., 215th Bde. Support Bn.**

Troopers with Charlie Medical Company (CMC), 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, spent time in the month of April



Photo by CPT Mehall Lyssa

Spc. Wei Ni attends U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) training.

going over preventing injury and illness by educating individuals on hazardous materials (HAZMAT) used in day to day operations.

Spc. Wei Ni of Preventive Medicine, CMC, 215th Bde. Support Bn., who calls Lancaster, S.C. home, completed the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training. The HAZWOPER

course is a national certification class that teaches Soldiers like Spc. Ni, 3rd AAB's only Preventive Medicine Specialist, the rules and regulations of dealing with HAZMAT waste and how to respond in an emergency situation.

The course encompasses five different areas dealing with HAZMAT to include emergency response to spills, clean-up operations required once a spill has occurred, and corrective actions to prevent a future spill from occurring.

It is important for Soldiers to know that materials used in day to day operations must be labeled as hazardous.

"The greatest (environmental) concern in our brigade in which we must continue to focus on is the motor pool fluids," said Ni. A simple spill of a fluid used to keep vehicles in working condition can equate to a bigger problem if the proper steps are not taken to keep the spill under control.

Another important area of focus on Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq is the water plant, where chlorine is used to purify the drinking water supply. The in-ground water and sewage system which can potentially become a threat due to the confined space workers are put into when going underground to correct problems. The levels of hazardous materials can be fairly high depending on the problem being repaired.

Understanding the potential risk these materials may cause, and taking precaution to use them properly are the most important steps to preventing unnecessary HAZMAT related injuries.



Photo by CPT Mehall Lyssa

Spc. Wei Ni clears his gas mask at HAZWOPER training.

## APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH!

Come run to put a stop to sexual assault.

When and Where: April 27, 2011 starts at 0600 hrs at the House of Pain Gym.

Sign up the day of the run at the desk from 0515 hrs to 0555hrs.



# GREYWOLF WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Pfc. Matthew Kaseman**  
**D Co., 1st Bn. 12th Cav. Regt.**  
**Fargo, N.D.**

Pfc. Kaseman with 3rd Plt. D Co., 1st Bn. 12th Cav. Regt. During the week of 20-25 March 2011, Kaseman assisted in the training of Department of Border Enforcement officers while they were attending the DBE training academy at Joint Security Station Minden. Kaseman personally demonstrated the proper squad-level movement techniques, and led the react to contact drills simulating complex ambushes. His willingness to impart his knowledge of soldiering skills greatly aided in the training of the DBE officers, resulting in their excellent performance during the culmination field training exercise. He always displayed a positive attitude, and exemplified through his actions the current U.S. Forces mission of advising and assisting the Iraqi forces to ensure a stable and prosperous future for Iraq.



**Spc. Aaron D. Crouch**  
**B Co., 1st Bn. 12th Cav. Regt.**  
**Sacramento, Calif.**

Spc. Crouch, attached to 2nd Bn., 82nd FA., Regt. serves as a member of the Bone Crusher counter insurgency team. While on mission to gather intelligence at the scene of a potentially lethal explosively formed projectile attack, Spc. Crouch took charge of the scene gathering invaluable evidence. He began at the point of detonation and worked backward. He personally identified the location of the triggerman and reconnaissance element, based upon trace elements at the scene. He continued to backtrack until he came across two locations where foam and dirt were applied in final preparation of the device as well as where the device was unloaded from transport. Spc. Crouch collected forensic evidence in a professional manner ensuring documentation and preservation were the utmost priority. He maintained chain of custody until the evidence was turned over to EOD and created an extensive storyboard recreating enemy actions. Spc. Crouch operated clearly above and beyond his current rank and position, clearly distinguishing himself as the Most Valuable Player.

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER...

### VISIT THE EDUCATION CENTER



# Squadron troopers compete for best ‘Saber Shooter’

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

Over the course of three days, Soldiers of the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, United States

Division – Center, competed to be the top ‘Saber Shooter.’

The ‘Saber Shooter’ competition, unlike static ranges, was built around rules and principles used in the international defensive pistol association (IDPA). The competition measured how effectively an individual Soldier could timely and accurately engage multiple targets while maneuvering and managing magazine changes. The competition was designed to expose soldiers to shooting their weapon in realistic conditions, and build morale through a friendly competition.

“I liked the competitive atmosphere; it wasn’t like a normal range. The competition pushed everyone to do better,” said Spc. Paul Murray of Apache Troop, 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, a native of Prescott, Ariz.

The competition was divided into three separate stages. The first stage required the Saber Soldiers to rapidly engage three targets, multiple times, while switching between magazines to reload. The second stage tested a soldier’s capability to effectively use and move to cover while engaging multiple targets. The final stage, much like the second, tested a soldier’s ability to cover and engage targets while maneuvering through obstacles.

“I gained a lot of experience out of this competition. We don’t always get a chance to shoot like this,” said Pfc. Maurice Theriault of Comanche Troop, 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, a native of

West Springfield, Mass.

The chances, which Pfc. Theriault references, to experience ranges like this are especially limited considering the patrols and other work priorities that occupy the Soldier’s time while deployed in Baghdad, Iraq. However, the Soldier’s response to the competition was positive and they look forward to more opportunities like this.

“I would definitely do the competition again. I think they could improve it by making it a team competition too,” said Pvt. Gregory Pike of Apache Troop, 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., 2nd AAB, 1st Inf. Div., USD-C, a native of Mackson, Ga.

At the end of the competition, Spc. Kristopher Mancha of Hunter Troop earned the title of ‘Saber Shooter’ by posting the best score. His best score was followed by; Spc. Paul Murray, Pfc. Beach, and Pfc. Evans, all from Apache Troop. Incidentally, having three of the top four shooters, Apache Troop earned the award for the best troop from the competition.



Photo by 2Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Cpl. Kyle Stewart moves to cover during the ‘Saber Shooter’ competition, Maj. Ronald MacKay, the range Officer in Charge, follows him as he records the time it takes Cpl. Stewart to engage all of the targets.



Photo by 2Lt. Daniel Elmblad

Maj. Ronald MacKay demonstrates to the Saber Squadron Soldiers how to navigate through the ‘Saber Shooter’ course.

## RETENTION

CONTINUE TO LIVE THE LEGEND



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Pfc. Larry Reed from 3rd Bde., Special Troops Bn. assembles a radio to call up a 9 line medical evacuation request.

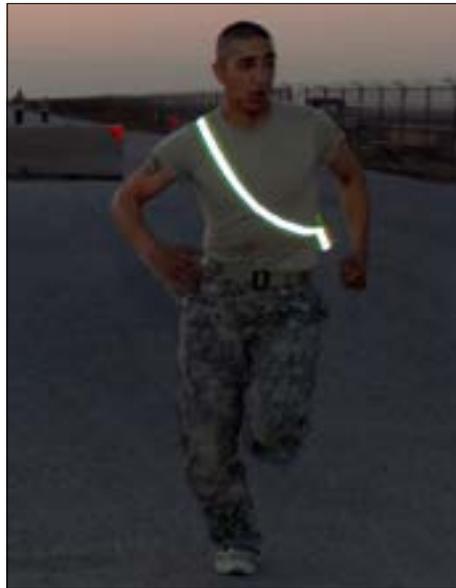


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Spc. Julian McKinnon from 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt., runs two miles to complete a physical fitness test.



Photo by Spc. Sharla Lewis

Spc. Nathanael Hensley from 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav., Regt. drags a litter 50 yards to the next task.

## Soldiers go above and beyond during Best Warrior Competition

### 2nd Lt. Christopher Molaro 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt.

Ask any average person what they are doing at 4 a.m. Go even further and ask the average twenty-year-old what he or she is doing when it is even too early for the sun to rise. There is a reason less than one percent of our nation has volunteered for service in our military. Soldiers are a special breed, and have special personalities. There is a certain innate difference which is why the Soldier volunteers to be put into a situation of uncertain peril, and allows a Soldier to run into danger to save a comrade when a regular person would do just the opposite.

During this quarter's Best Warrior Competition, Soldiers from all over the Army were given the opportunity to showcase why Soldiers continue to succeed in accomplishing what the average person dreams of doing. Specifically, Soldiers in the 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, on March 31, 2011 pushed and fought to win the Best Warrior Competition while concurrently enduring a one year deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

Soldiers from all six battalions, which comprise the GREYWOLF Brigade, completed a day of training that included skills Soldiers are expected to know. The day started with an Army Physical Fitness Test, followed by a four-mile road march. After that, each Soldier medically evaluated a casualty, disassembled and assembled the standard Army radio and their weapons.

When the sun set on the competitors, sweat in their eyes, still managing to maintain their basic military discipline, Spc. Julian McKinnon Task Force 2nd Battalion, 82 Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div. from San Antonio, Texas stood proud as winner of 3rd Brigade's Best Warrior Competition. On April 20, Spc. McKinnon moves on to compete in a three-day competition at the division level.

When asked what he thought about the competition, McKinnon said, "It was very physically and mentally demanding but it showed me that anything is possible when you prepare, train and put your mind to accomplishing your goals."

This competition offers proof that the Soldiers of the modern day Army are continuing to uphold the Army values.

"We have a standard which outlines the absolute minimum we expect from our Soldiers." said Command Sgt. Maj. Osborne, of TF 2nd Bn., 82nd FA Regt., 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div.

Osborne also said, "What McKinnon and the other Soldiers competing have accomplished is showing it is not only ok, but expected to aim for success higher than the set standard."

In a little less than three weeks, Soldiers from across the 1st Cavalry Division will compete for the title of best warrior once again. Eventually, the division winner will compete at the Army level.

The competition represents much more than a physically challenging competition, but a testament to the hard work Soldiers continue to do. Despite the conditions in Iraq or Afghanistan, the warrior spirit perseveres in Soldiers and comes to light during competitions such as the Best Warrior Competition.



# WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?



**Physical**

**Professional**



**Spiritual**

**Personal**

*Every Soldier, Every Team,  
Every Unit... Better Every Day*

**GREYWOLF: DISCIPLINED... VIGILANT... PROFESSIONAL.**

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Photo by Sgt. Robert Traxel

Brothers Spc. Martin Perez and Staff Sgt. Celso Pacheco of Mission, Texas greet each other before Pacheco's promotion to sergeant first class.

## Roles swapped when GREYWOLF Soldier promotes brother

**By Sgt. Robert Traxel**  
3rd AAB PAO, 1st Cav. Div.

Spc. Martin Perez, a human resources specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division promoted his brother, Sgt. 1st Class Celso Pacheco, an infantryman with 36th Infantry Division at a ceremony on March 29.

Pacheco, who works as a personal security officer, requested that Perez be the person to promote him to sergeant first class but didn't tell anyone that they were brothers until moments before the ceremony. After the promotion, he said it was only appropriate for his brother to have the honor of pinning him.

"This is the first time being together due to conflicting deployment schedules since 2003. I pinned him a specialist here in 2003. It only felt right to have Martin pin me because he has always been there for me." Pacheco said.

Perez said the ceremony was only part of the celebration.



Photo by Sgt. Robert Traxel

Spc. Martin Perez pins Sgt. 1st Class rank on his brother Celso Pacheco during his promotion ceremony.

"It was a honor to do this for him. When we get home together we are going to throw a huge barbeque." said Perez.