



# DANGER FORWARD



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## USD-S transfers three bases in Babil, Wasit

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**COB DELTA** – During several ceremonies in Babil and Wasit Provinces July 25, U.S. forces handed over three bases to the Iraqi government – Contingency Operating Post Zulu, Patrol Base Mahawil, and Camp Shaheen.

These additions raise the number of U.S. bases closed or transferred in United States Division-South to 13 since February, with nine more scheduled to close before Sept. 1.

All of the transfers were completed with the signing of documents by Samir al-Haddad, the receivership secretariat for the Government of Iraq, and the respective former base commanders.

Capt. Ryan Pless, commander of Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, signed for COP Zulu.

“We’ve been conducting retrograde operations for the last two to three months,” the Plant City, Fla., native said. “A lot of troopers have put in a lot of long hours and cleaned the place up; made it represent our high standards, so we could turn it over to the Government of Iraq in the best quality of shape we can.”

COP Zulu has been in operation since just before the surge of U.S. forces in



Photo by Spc. Samuel Soza

Mr. Samir al-Haddad, receivership secretariat for the Gol, and Capt. Ryan Pless, commander of Troop B, 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., a native of Plant City, Fla., sign the official documentation that puts control of COP Zulu in the hands of the Iraqi government July 25.

2007. The 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt. has been working with three battalions of 32nd Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division for the past 10 months, Pless said.

Moments after signing for COP Zulu, Mr. Haddad and his staff walked to Camp Shaheen, a small post adjacent to COP Zulu and home to a unit of U.S. Special

Forces, and signed the official documents there as well.

Capt. Michael Washburn, commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, signed over PB Mahawil.

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## Danger Six sends

Operation Iraqi Freedom will soon come to an historic end and United States Forces will begin Operation New Dawn to signal the end of the combat mission in Iraq. The overarching purpose of this new mission is to concentrate USF efforts on stability operations. Since we here in United States Division–South have been concentrating our efforts on stability for some time now, the transition will likely seem uneventful to you. But even as we reduce physical presence in Iraq, we’ve never been more committed to supporting the Iraqi people.

The strategic significance of September 1, when Operation New Dawn begins, is enormous. Once U.S. forces across Iraq complete the transition to “stability” operations, we’ll want to avoid confusing terms like “combat” mission or “battle” space when referring to our advise and assist responsibilities. That work is done by the Iraqis themselves against their enemies and threats to security.

U.S. forces are focused on helping the Iraqis address those threats as we train, advise and assist our Iraqi counterparts. We will help them identify threats and will help them defeat those threats. We will also help the Iraqis bring about lasting change in the form of a government that is focused on the people of Iraq and in the form of an economy that not only sustains Iraq but also competes internationally. Hard work to be sure and the kind of work that requires continued commitment by us – by you. Remember always the enemies who confront us and the Iraqis have not given up the fight, but they are losing and Iraq is winning.

The work you’ve done to set the conditions for stability operations has been impressive. You’ve restructured from three brigades down to two, and by the end of this month from 58 bases down to 34. You’ve remain well connected to our Iraqi partners, and we continue to improve security and grow capability of the ISF each and every day.

By definition, our job to ensure stability in this region will require a continued effort to maintain pressure on the extremist networks working to destabilize Iraq as we also continue to advise and assist our ISF partners in making Iraq a safer and more secure environment. In addition, providing stability also includes support to the nine provincial reconstruction teams in USD-South to help Iraq gain key economic development momentum while promoting the importance of the rule of law.

By September 1, we will have actively reduced our presence to about 50,000 Soldiers – just over half of U.S. Soldiers in country just a couple short months ago. In USD-South, we will have gone from about 13,000 Soldiers, (the level when 1ID took authority at USD-S), down to about 7,000. This constraint will require us to work differently to achieve our advisory goals and provide the right assistance for the Iraqis. Keep in mind that legitimacy and success by the Iraqi government and security forces avails U.S. forces the ability to transition from Iraq.

Iraq’s success is our success. Congratulations on a job well done. The Iraq we know today is a long way from the Iraq some of us encountered in Desert Storm (1991) or Iraqi Freedom (2003-2010). The future of Iraq has been secured by you and many like you. Be ready for the future challenges ahead. I have confidence in you, and I’m proud of the results I see daily from your hard work and dedication. No mission too difficult; no sacrifice too great.

DUTY FIRST!



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# Summertime blues: heat can kill

## Courtesy Submission

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center



Every year, our Army loses Soldiers during the summer months to heat-related injuries. These losses can be mitigated through the application of Composite Risk Management (CRM).

Our Soldiers are required to train and operate in severe temperatures, but heat injuries often occur when temperatures are not extreme. This is where the cumulative effects of strenuous activities on our Soldiers can result in heat casualties.

The good news is proactive implementation of control and risk mitigation measures, coupled with direct leader engagement within our organization, can help negate the risk of troops becoming heat casualties.

Continuous monitoring of your Soldiers must be your top priority to ensure their safety during these hot summer months.

These are some things you can do:

- \* monitor wet-bulb temperatures.
- \* ensure your Soldiers are acclimatized.
- \* adjust work and rest schedules and ensure Soldiers rest in the shade and modify uniform as mission permits.
- \* ensure your Soldiers have adequate time to eat and drink water. A Soldier's hourly fluid intake should not exceed 1 1/2 quarts and daily intake should not exceed 12 quarts or water toxicity may result.
- \* brief your Soldiers on the signs, symptoms and treatment of heat-related injuries
- \* have a process in place that identifies Soldiers who have a history of heat-related illnesses or injuries or other risk factors and pay special attention to their individual activities.
- \* rehearse your unit's heat injury immediate treatment and evacuation procedures during every training opportunity.
- \* encourage the battle buddy system to assist in monitoring each Soldier's water intake and well-being.

Taking these preventive steps will help keep Soldiers safe from heat-related injuries and keep them in the fight.

Your U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center stands ready to assist you with the tools and information to protect your Soldiers this summer at <https://safety.army.mil>. Additional resources are available at the US Army Public Health Command (Provisional) website at <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/heat>.

Remember, Soldiers are our most important asset and must be closely monitored during the summer months to prevent heat-related injuries.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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## This week in Army history

### *This week in Big Red One history*

August 8, 1917 – The 1st Infantry Division adopted the Square Table of Organization and Equipment, which included two organic infantry brigades of two infantry regiments each, an engineer regiment, a signal battalion, a machine gun battalion, a field artillery brigade of three field artillery regiments, and a complete division train. The total authorized strength of this new TO&E was 27,120 officers and enlisted men.

### *This week in OIF history*

August 2003 – The UN Security Council passed Resolution 1500, which established the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) as a one-year follow-through mission in the wake of the Oil-for-Food program handover on November 21, 2003.

### *This week in 4th Infantry Division history*

August 1940 – After being inactivated as part of the Army Reorganization Act of 1920, the 4th Infantry Division was reactivated in June at Fort Benning, Ga. Under the command of Maj. Gen. Walter E. Prosser, the 4th Inf. Div. was reorganized to a Motorized Infantry Division on August 1, 1940. The "Ivy" Division was assigned to the I Armored Corps.



# ADVISE & ASSIST

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## Civilians, Soldiers pay respects to fallen comrade

By Staff Sgt. Natalie Hedrick  
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**COS KALSU** – The official party made its way down the aisle of the chapel on Contingency Operating Station Kalsu July 27 to speak at the memorial of their fallen comrade, Douglas Wayne Mills, or “Buzz.”

They were dressed in their uniforms – red-collared shirts, khaki pants, and their company logo repeated over a red lanyard around their necks. The majority of the crowd were civilians gathered to honor one of their own, a well-respected and much appreciated member of Kellogg, Brown, and Root.

“Buzz answered the call, as many civilian contractors do, to serve in Iraq,” said Lt. Col. William L. Marks II, commander of the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Mills served six years in Iraq before his life was unexpectedly taken during an indirect fire attack on COS Kalsu.

“Although not in uniform, Buzz clearly traded his life for one who is still in uniform,” Marks said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Natalie Hedrick

**Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and civilians supporting the unit bow their heads in prayer July 27 at the Contingency Operating Site Kalsu, chapel to honor Douglas Wayne Mills. Mills worked for Kellogg, Brown, and Root and was killed in an indirect fire attack.**

Marks described Mills as a grumpy old man who always called it like it is, a loving husband, father, and grandfather who worked hard to support his family, and a friend who was always good for a pick-me-up on an otherwise gloomy day.

Brian Fontenot, a colleague of Mills, supported Marks’ observations.

“There was one guy who was always at

work early and was always the last guy to leave,” Fontenot said. “He was tirelessly devoted to the cause.”

Fontenot said Mills was a humble man who just wanted to do his part to ensure mission success. He was a man whose lead would benefit those who followed.

“To work without complaint, to give until we have nothing left, to understand that we all play a significant role in the big picture,” Fontenot said.

He was a go-getter who was quick to get the job done, said Derl Finley, another one of Mills’ friends and co-workers.

“Upon meeting Buzz, I was not sure why he was nicknamed Buzz, but it did not take me long to find out because he would buzz through everything,” he said. “Any task you would ask of him, he would see it through to the end and assure it was in good standing.”

At the conclusion of his speech, Finley offered, on behalf of himself and those who worked beside Buzz, a hug, a tear, and the sincerest prayers.

Mills is survived by his wife, his sons, and his grandson.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Natalie Hedrick

**Lt. Col. William Marks II, commander of the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, speaks at the memorial service for Douglas Wayne Mills July 27 at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu.**

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# Leaders discuss security, relationships

By Spc. Chastity R. Boykin  
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**COB ADDER** – Col. James E. Rainey, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, met with the Dhi Qar and Muthanna Chiefs of Police, Staff Maj. Gen. Sabah Al-Fatlawi, and Maj. Gen. Khatam to discuss the overall security situation during a luncheon at Contingency Operating Base Adder July 17.

The luncheon gave leaders an opportunity to share information and continue building a strong partnership between the two provinces.

Sabah said he was very pleased with the strong working relationship with 3rd BCT.

“The Dhi Qar Police and the U.S. forces are working together very well towards solving many problems,” Sabah said.

During the luncheon, Rainey pointed out that Iraq has made great progress since 2004, highlighting that Iraqi Security Forces have taken a strong lead in providing security for their citizens. This progress, he said, positively affects how U.S. forces operate within the two provinces, providing training, advice and assistance to the ISF.

As the current drawdown of U.S. forces continues, the ISF will take on even greater responsibility, he said.

In light of their handling of recent pro-



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Lynn Friant  
Maj. Gen. Khatam, Muthanna, Dhi Qar chief of police, and Col. James Rainey, commander of the 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., shake hands before a luncheon at COB Adder July 17.

tests without any injuries, Rainey said he was confident the Iraqis are up to the task.

“We [Khatam and I] are all partners, and we work together with the U.S. troops and Col. Rainey to further the partnerships within Iraq,” Sabah said.

One such example of this partnership is the ongoing river patrol training in both Dhi Qar and Muthanna provinces. A number of Iraqi police from both provinces recently graduated from the river patrol

course in Basra and are now responsible for training their fellow IPs on river patrol techniques and tactics.

The introduction of this new police capability will involve training and oversight by U.S. Navy forces.

“It’s good that they are enforcing the laws on the water,” Rainey said. “People see that as a sign that the police are helping to keep them safe.”

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Photo by Spc. Chastity Boykin  
Col. James Rainey, commander of the 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., and Staff Maj. Gen. Sabah Al-Fatlawi, Dhi Qar chief of police, share a laugh while discussing the overall security situation within Dhi Qar and Muthanna provinces during a luncheon at COB Adder July 17.



## Iraqi citizens turn on the lights

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

**NASARIYAH** – The Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team conducted a follow-up inspection of electrical lines and poles in Dhi Qar province July 15.

The PRT has supervised the Al Shababa electricity project since March by conducting periodic inspections. When finished, approximately 500 homes will have electricity.

“If all the projects go along as planned, the Iraqis can only improve what we started,” said 2nd Lt. Dustin Kuhlman, a project purchasing officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

The PRT’s mission is to work with the Government of Iraq to improve the conditions for its citizens. They have funded the building of bridges, clinics, schools and even a women’s computer lab, none of which were available before. The PRT is also overseeing more than 20 projects, including four schools scheduled to open soon.

When completed, the electric project will be turned over to the provincial government and managed by the Director General of Electricity, who sells the electric meters, directs the amount of electricity given, and controls the electric grid.

Although the electric project has seen its share of challenges, the PRT has been working with the director general to complete the electrical lines and add houses to the grid, Kuhlman said.

“If we can make sure that the leaders of the projects are doing their jobs, we can leave knowing our job is finished,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Sergeant, a project purchasing officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



Photo by Pvt. DeAngelo Wells  
An Iraqi man speaks to Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Sergeant, project purchasing officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div., about the electrical problems Dhi Qar has experienced recently July 15.

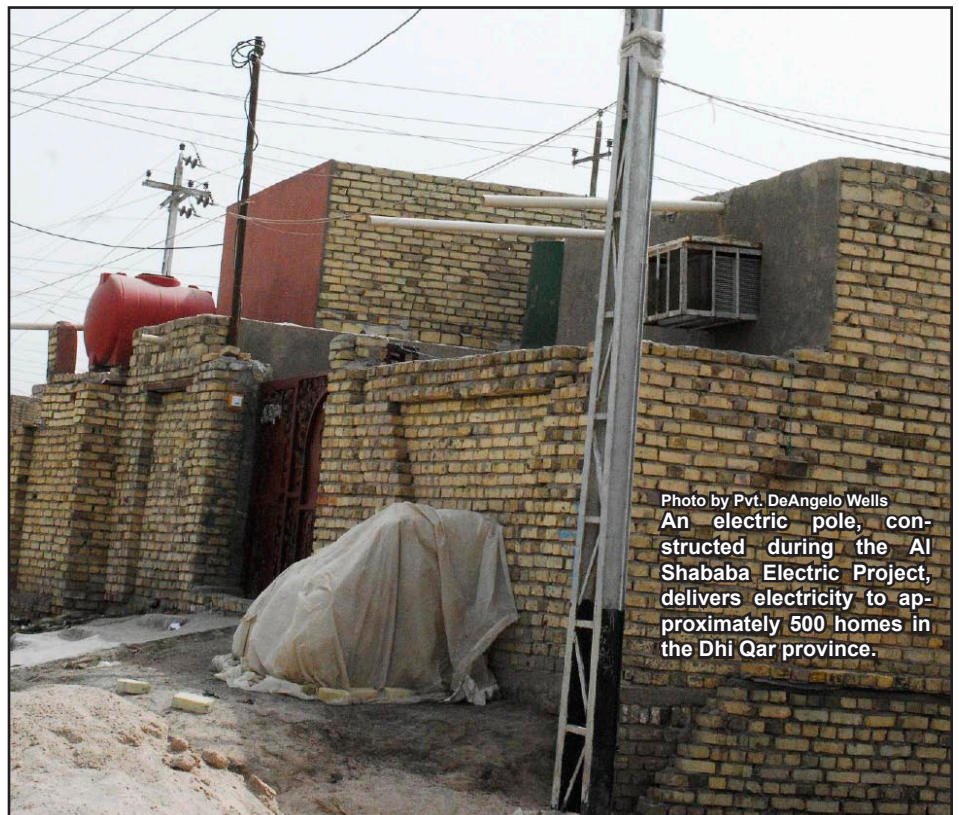


Photo by Pvt. DeAngelo Wells  
An electric pole, constructed during the Al Shababa Electric Project, delivers electricity to approximately 500 homes in the Dhi Qar province.

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# TROOPS IN FOCUS

## Dual military marriages soldier through deployments

By 2nd Lt. Gregory Maull

4th Sqdn., 10th Cav., 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

**COB ADDER** – For some Soldiers, the hardest part of being deployed is not the extreme weather or long hours—it’s being away from home, friends and family. Leaving behind a spouse for a year-long deployment can be one of the most challenging aspects for married couples.

Time apart from a civilian or military spouse can be emotionally challenging for both parties. In today’s military, there are a growing number of dual military couples where both spouses serve, leading to some unique challenges and hardships during deployments.

With the Married Army Couples Program, which helps place married service members in proximal units, some couples have the advantage of deploying together.

Within 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment and the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, there are several examples of this unique status. Three dual military couples within ‘Dragoon’ Troop either have spouses on the installation or deployed elsewhere.



Courtesy Photo

**Sgt. Brian Waltrip of Ogden, Utah, and Spc. Kaylynn Waltrip of Phelon, Calif., serve in different battalions within 3rd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. but are stationed together on COB Adder.**



Courtesy Photo

**Pfc. Donald and Pfc. Kristina Schmit from Minocqua, Wis., serve as a cavalry scout in Headquarters Troop and a signal support systems specialist in Troop D respectively and are currently deployed to Iraq.**

Pfc. Donald and Pfc. Kristina Schmit from Minocqua, Wis., serve as a cavalry scout in Headquarters Troop and a signal support systems specialist in Troop D respectively and are deployed to Contingency Operating Base Adder. Prior to their deployment, the two had spent a year apart conducting training, and they view this deployment as a chance to spend time together.

“Being deployed together has strengthened our relationship, and I’m glad to see my husband on a daily basis,” said Kristina.

Like many dual military couples, Sgt. Brian and Spc. Kaylynn Waltrip of Ogden, Utah, and Phelon, Calif., respectively, got married during their military career. They met while stationed together at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Waltrip’s serve in different battalions within 3rd BCT but are stationed together on COB Adder.

Brian works as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear noncommissioned officer in Troop D, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. Kaylynn works as a health care



Courtesy Photo

**Staff Sgt. Monica Padilla, a transportation coordinator with the 43rd SB in Afghanistan, and Sgt. 1st Class James Padilla, a Troop D, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. maintenance platoon sergeant, are deployed to Iraq.**

specialist in Company C, 64th Bde. Support Battalion.

“It’s a blessing and it’s hard at the same time. Whenever my wife is on the road, it’s like I’m out there with her,” Brian said.

For Sgt. 1st Class James and Staff Sgt. Monica Padilla of Scottville, Mich., serving in different theaters makes for some challenges. James is a Troop D, 4th Sqdn., 10th Cav. maintenance platoon sergeant while Monica is a transportation management coordinator with 43rd Sustainment Bde. in Afghanistan. Though the two are deployed to different countries, they share the same deployment rotation, bringing them home at the same time.

“Even though we’re not [physically] together, we understand each other’s stresses of being deployed and help each other,” James said. “Fortunately, with instant messenger, webcams and phones, we are able to keep in touch even if we are thousands of miles apart.”

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# DHHB prepares for drawdown

By Sgt. Jason Kemp  
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**COB BASRA** – With the successes American and Iraqi forces have made in the establishment of security, the 1st Infantry Division’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion is set to participate in the Responsible Drawdown of Forces.

Select Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. are heading home earlier than anticipated with mixed emotions about leaving their brethren behind.

“I don’t want to leave my team, it’s not too bad here; but at the same time though, I really want to go home,” said Pfc. Antonio Morales, Operations Company, DHHB, 1st Inf. Div and native of Phoenix. “The first thing on my mind was that I have a newborn and I really want to be with him right now. I’m pretty excited about that.”

The Soldiers going home early for RDoF are hard-working Soldiers who were selected to help with the redeployment of DHHB to Fort Riley said Atlanta native Sgt. 1st Class David Brock, RDoF NCOIC for Ops. Co., DHHB, 1st Inf. Div.

“Everyone has mixed emotions about going home,” Brock said. “There are some people that really want to stay, but overall



“Everyone has mixed emotions about going home.”

~Sgt. 1st Class David Brock  
Ops. Co., DHHB

when they tell you that you can get to go home, it’s hard to say no.”

Brock said some of the Soldiers going home are getting ready to retire, have the opportunity to go to a military school, or have medical issues more treatable at home.

“The basic bottom line is the unit is taking care of us, and we all appreciate it,” Brock said.

All of the Soldiers going home are essential to the 1st Inf. Div.’s mission but the hard work that has been put in by everyone allows the drawdown said Lt. Col. Mark Childs, commander of DHHB, 1st Inf. Div. and Bradenton, Fla., native.

“Every Soldier leaving is mission essential. We do not want to see them go but the mission allows us to send them home,” Childs said. “The real reason we are able to reduce the size of our fighting force is because of all the hard work that the U.S. forces and Iraqi forces have put in the past few years. Iraq security is now at a level that allows the reduction of our forces.”



Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding

Sgt 1st Class Lilia Schoenhoffer, a member of the Customs Team for DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., and Staff Sgt. Lloyd Parker of Ops Co., DHHB, 1st Inf. Div., tape a customs form to the door of a connex July 12 in preparation for the unit’s participation in the RDoF.

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# Co. C, 3-238th ends successful MEDEVAC tour

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart  
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**COB ADDER** – Operation Iraqi Freedom is slowly winding down for many U.S. units currently in theater as Operation New Dawn waits patiently for the reduction of forces across Iraq.

One aviation unit at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Iraq, winds down literally and figuratively as they prepare to re-deploy to Michigan and New Hampshire.

Company C, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment (MEDEVAC) will be moving out of theater in the coming months after a quiet but successful year of medical evacuation and rescue missions across United States Division–South, which covers as far north as Contingency Operating Station Kalsu and as far south as Umm Qasr.

As the only National Guard MEDEVAC unit in theater, Co. C also supported some USD-Central operations.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian McKay, the Co. C facilities manager and a native of Somersworth, N.H., has been responsible for the improvements made on buildings the unit occupies on the north side of Ali Air Base, where pilots, crew and staff lived, worked and played for most of their time in country.

McKay is one of the most senior members of the unit, who remembers a time when UH-1 Bell “Huey” helicopters were the workhorses, instead of their current UH-60 Blackhawks. With this seniority, McKay has helped direct the various sections in the unit toward making life here more comfortable.

“The downsizing has been a big challenge,” McKay said. “We were trying to keep certain assets so the unit coming to replace us can succeed.”

Among the additions were a dining facility, workout area, and a full-sized “Galaga” arcade game in their MWR room.

Spc. Danielle Fester, one of the youngest Soldiers in the unit and native of Cassopolis, Mich., used this opportunity to soak up as much knowledge about her job as possible.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Co. C, 3rd Bn., 238th Aviation Regt. begins their award ceremony in one of their hangars on the north side of Ali Air Base July 23.

Fester, a communications specialist with Co. C, ensures the unit has communication with aircraft while they are on missions and helps receive, coordinate, launch and track 9-line MEDEVAC requests. Fester said she has embraced this important job, but in her downtime, she still manages to keep in touch with friends and family and stay active.

“My most memorable moment was completing the 2010 Boston Marathon in Iraq,” she said. “It was a challenge, but in the end it was a great accomplishment.”

Despite that crowning achievement, the greatest impact she made while deployed was not an individual achievement. It was the transformation of the two units into a cohesive team.

“Half of the unit is from New Hampshire,” she said, “but a lot of people in the unit have changed since we’ve been here and done a lot better than we have (before). It’s been a great experience for a lot of us. The whole company has done a

really good job.”

Staff Sgt. Don Stover, a maintainer with Co. C from Counna, Mich., said the teamwork within the unit was key to mission success.

“What has really impressed me is how our two units, who had never seen each other before training and deploying together, have come together,” Stover said. “It is not that any one individual or individuals have stood out, but how two states, with no prior experience of working together, have blended so well.”

After a full year of working together to save lives in USD-S, all that waits for Co. C is a flight line with a C-130 Globemaster waiting to carry them home after a challenging deployment.

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# Fit to Fight

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## Iraq heat doesn't stop working dogs

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**COS KALSU** – They are known as the “dog days” of summer, but the hottest time of the year is the most unfriendly to the bomb-sniffing military working dogs deployed to Iraq.

Sgt. Jared Wall, a specialized search dog handler with the 67th Engineer Detachment, 5th Engineer Battalion out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., has worked with his dog, Staff Sgt. Robbie, under these conditions many times in the past four years, but he has to make a lot of adjustments to do so.

In high temperatures, the dogs must be kept to a maximum of ten minutes of work at a time, and the handlers cannot let their dogs' body temperatures raise too high, the Claremore, Okla., native said.

Robbie's resting temperature is 101.5 degrees, Wall said, and he can't let it get much higher.

“Their temperature can change dramatically when we're working,” he said. “Once he starts getting to 105, you have to start cooling him down, because if you let him get to 108, his brain starts cooking. I've seen dogs go from 100 to 108 in ten minutes, so it's definitely something

you've got to be constantly aware of.”

There is no set temperature for all military dogs because each dog has a different natural body temperature, so their maximum temperature is based on their resting temperature, Wall said.

In order to keep Robbie cool, Wall has a number of approaches, such as wetting Robbie's neck, underside and armpits, and he has used a cooling vest that held ice packs during past deployments.

Wall also carries a collapsible water bowl to help keep Robbie hydrated.

For the extreme temperatures of Iraq, he has other tools. One of the most important is a thermometer. Wall said after years of working with Robbie, the thermometer is a way to show commanders when Robbie needs a break. Wall has worked with Robbie since 2006 and has learned cues to tell when he

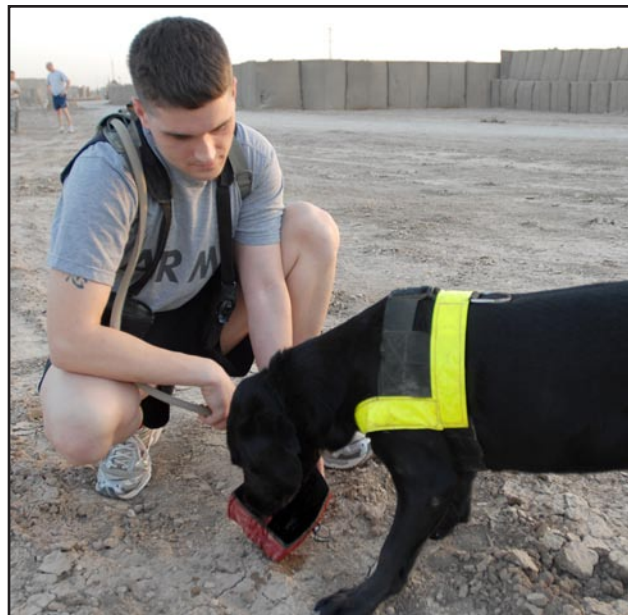


photo by Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey

**Sgt. Jared Wall, a specialized search dog handler, gives water to his dog, Staff Sgt. Robbie, using a collapsible bowl he carries, July 23 at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu. Keeping Robbie hydrated during the summer in Iraq is a constant concern, and Wall keeps a thermometer on his vest in order to monitor Robbie's core temperature during missions.**

is starting to get too hot.

“There's uncontrollable panting, for one, just constant without stopping whatsoever,” Wall said. “My dog in particular, he'll make a noise with his throat. Not quite like he's gasping, but he'll be panting so hard that he'll start to make that noise.”

Aside from the issue of overheating, excessive panting also decreases the dog's ability to detect explosives, Wall said, as it is breathing almost exclusively through its mouth.

Wall can also inject water under Robbie's skin with a hypodermic needle, similar to giving an IV. This allows his body to absorb it more rapidly, helping keep Robbie hydrated under extreme conditions.

This goes beyond what most people would think of as part of being a dog handler, but Wall's training consists of more



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin R. Kibbey

**With a flip of his hand, Sgt. Jared Wall, a specialized search dog handler with the 67th Engineer Detachment, 5th Engineer Battalion out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., sends his dog, Staff Sgt. Robbie, to search for simulated explosives July 23 at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu, Iraq.**

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at Mahawil transferred by 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. came to more than \$500,000 according to the documents.

Co. A has been at PB Mahawil since October 2009, working with the Iraqi Army's 2nd Battalion, 31st Brigade, 8th IA Div., commanded by Col. Muhammad Khudair Saloom. They will continue to work with the 2nd Bn, 31st Bde. from Contingency Operating Site Kalsu, including special training and advising with nightly patrols, until they return to the U.S. with the rest of their battalion later this year.

The 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt. and 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. are elements of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

"Our partnership has been very good," said Washburn, a Yorktown, Va., native. "Myself and Col. Saloom have a great understanding of what needs to be accomplished and we agree on the final outcomes and how to get there."

"We look forward to keeping working with them until our stay is done here [in Babil Province]," Washburn said.

Lt. Col. Chris Kennedy, commander of 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., felt similarly about his Soldiers and their mission in Wasit Province.

"Today's a great day for the Iraqi Army," said Kennedy, a native of Fort Benning, Ga. "It's the natural progression



Photo by Spc. Samuel Soza  
**Capt. Ryan Pless, commander of Troop B, 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., a native of Plant City, Fla., and Lt. Col. Chris Kennedy, commander of 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., of Fort Benning, Ga., pass on a symbolic wooden key to COP Zulu to Mr. Samir al-Haddad, receivership secretariat for the GoI, and Brig. Gen. Ab'd, 32nd Bde., 8th IA Div. commander July 25. The 1st Bn., 32nd IA Bde. will be stationed at COP Zulu, which is adjacent to Camp Shaheen, a U.S. Special Forces post that was transferred on the same day.**

as we move to an advise and assist mission [and] assist them in the fight. It doesn't mean our mission is ended here. We will continue to train with them throughout the province."

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than taking care of Robbie's basic needs. It includes first aid and life-saving skills related to the dogs.

This training includes everything from administering IVs and bandaging wounds to dealing with insect or other bites, Wall said.

It's a lot of responsibility, he said, but worrying about the safety of Robbie during firefights or similar situations makes it easier to stay calm because his focus is on getting Robbie out safely.

"You can't freak out when you've got a dog. You've got to keep your cool," Wall said. "It makes it a lot easier, for me at least."

Wall said working with Robbie makes other things easier, such as dealing with

the loneliness of deployment, despite the extra responsibility.

"He's pretty much my best friend."

"It's tough, because you've got to be stern with him; you can't treat him like a pet, because if you do, the dog will take it for granted," Wall said. "They're smart, and if you let them slip once, you've got to correct them 10 times to fix it."

Wall said he plans to adopt Robbie when the time comes for his eight-year-old dog to retire.

"Anyone who's a dog owner knows that it's a headache sometimes," he said, "but you wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Kibbey  
**Staff Sgt. Robbie, assigned to Sgt. Jared Wall, a specialized search dog handler, searches for simulated explosives July 23 at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu.**

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## Memo floats immigration reforms

Dan Nowicki and Daniel González

The Arizona Republic

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**PHOENIX** – The Obama administration is exploring a broad range of options that potentially could let thousands of illegal immigrants remain in the United States legally or apply for permanent residency if Congress continues to stall on passage of comprehensive immigration reform, according to an internal government memo obtained by The Arizona Republic.

The draft memo, from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the agency in charge of processing immigration benefits, outlines administrative options that would "promote family unity, foster economic growth and achieve significant process improvements and reduce the threat of removal for certain individuals present in the United States without authorization."

Perhaps the most controversial part of the memo suggests increasing the use of deferred action, which the government uses to let certain illegal immigrants who haven't committed crimes to remain in the United States without fear of being deported. Once an illegal immigrant is granted deferred action, they are eligible for work permits. Currently, deferred action is rarely granted.

The memo also suggests removing the barrier that prevents people who were granted Temporary Protected Status after fleeing natural disasters from applying for legal permanent residency. Currently, there are as many as one million people in the U.S. with Temporary Protected Status. The status was most recently granted to illegal immigrants from Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake.

The memo was originally leaked to Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, and some conservatives groups are already blasting the proposals as an attempt to circumvent Congress in order to grant amnesty to undocumented immigrants.

In a June 21 letter, Grassley and seven other GOP senators had asked President



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Arizona civil rights activist Salvador Reza, of the organization Puente, talks in front of the 4th Avenue Jail about his arrest during immigration protests Thursday, at a news conference in Phoenix, Ariz., Friday, July 30, 2010. Dozens were arrested during a variety of demonstrations the day the new Arizona immigration law took effect.

Barack Obama about rumors that his administration was considering a widespread use of "deferred action" or "parole" for large numbers of illegal immigrants. Grassley considers the idea "a large-scale, de facto amnesty program" and in the letter, he and the other senators warned Obama that such a move "would further erode the American public's confidence in the federal government and its commitment to securing the borders and enforcing the laws already on the books."

Grassley followed up Monday with a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, seeking details about how her department was using the "deferred action" authority.

"Since we first wrote to the president more than a month ago, the administration has failed to reassure us that the information we were hearing was inaccurate," Grassley said in a written statement to The Arizona Republic.

"The document provides an additional basis for our concerns that the administration will go to great lengths to circumvent Congress and unilaterally execute a back door amnesty plan. The problem remains that if you reward illegality, you get more

of it. Our first order of business must be to secure the border and enforce the laws on the books, not look for back channel ways to reward law breakers."

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican, called the memo disturbing.

"I hope the Obama administration would first be exploring and implementing plans to secure our nation's borders and put an end to the daily operations of narco-terrorist groups in the United States," Brewer said. "The accumulated impact of years of federal failure needs to stop. It is clear that Americans want the border secure first, and unilaterally granting amnesty only encourages additional lawlessness."

Christopher S. Bentley, a spokesman for CIS in Washington, D.C., declined to discuss the contents of the memo, but emphasized that the administration is only looking at the possibility of expanding deferred action on a limited basis.

"To be clear, DHS will not grant deferred action or humanitarian parole to the nation's entire illegal immigrant popula-

**Phoenix is the hometown of Pfc. Antonio Morales, who is featured on page 9.**



# Morale Call



Dear Basra Betty,

The power has been going out in LSA Normandy every morning around 9a.m. for the past month. The power continues to flicker for the next two hours. At 1p.m. it goes out again for two hours. During this time we have nightshift Soldiers baking in the CHUs, and it's 120+ degrees outside. I have been told they have replaced the generators, but the power is still going out. Are they working on the generators during the day, and if so, why don't they move the scheduled maintenance to later in the day? We come to work tired and cranky every day. There

has to be a solution to this madness.

—Sleepless in Normandy

Dear Sleepless,

There is nothing more irritating than being one of the lucky ones to get some time off to relax in the CHU, maybe surf the internet a bit, or watch some of the new AFN only to have it interrupted by a power outage. Nothing bugs a girl more than to be skyping with her man, and right when he starts to tell her how beautiful her eyes are... BAM! The internet dies. Seriously though, all of us are suffering right along with you and would like to know what the problem is and what is being done to fix it. Anyway, I did a little investigating over at our friendly Mayor cell, and this is what I found out: The power generation right now is routed to three eight-year-old 1000KVA generators. These generators obviously have many different problems ranging such as bad radiators, faulty control panels, broken alternators, battery issues, and load problems. During the hot days, the generators overheat. Despite the best efforts to cool them with pressure washers and drip systems, they just aren't effective. I've probably told you what you already knew -these things are pretty junky. There is a plan to re-

distribute the power load in Normandy and add more generators. These new generators should help significantly reduce overheating and power outages. Capt. Michael Braden, the prime contacting officer representative at the Mayors Cell, said they are expecting some generators within the next month or so for Normandy, but until then, workers on-post are trying their best to keep them running and get them running when they go down. Braden said everyone can help alleviate the suffering by shutting off all unnecessary electrical equipment and turn ACs to fan only when out of the room. There is one piece of advice I'd like to offer from my own personal 'don't try this at home' tactical field manual. When the electricity goes out and you decide to color your hair (what else do you have better to do?), do not use the bottled water that has been sitting outside in the 120+ degree heat to rinse out the hair color. You will quickly learn water at that temperature mixed with chemicals in the hair coloring will scald your scalp. That day Basra Betty was more like a Basra Buffoon!

*Basra Betty*

## ROCK AND ROLL TRIVIA

### ACT LIKE YOU CAN SING (Reprise)

Last week we asked questions about singers trying to be actors. If there's anything more obnoxious than the singer-actor, it's the actor-singer.

1) Before he played Dumbledore in the Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Marcus Aurelius in Gladiator, what actor scored a top ten hit with "MacArthur Park?"

2) What was the name of the fictional adult film star that attempted a recording career in Boogie Nights? If you know this one then "you've got the

touch."

3) Name the two brothers that starred in TV series during the 1970s and became teen idols individually with the hits "I Think I Love You" and "De Do Ron Ron?" Bonus: What were the names of their TV shows?

4) Between selling Seagram's wine coolers and starring on "Moonlighting," Bruce Willis found time to score a minor hit with a remake of what Staples Singers classic?

5) Before he pined for "Jessie's Girl," what actor-singer starred on General Hospital? Don't call him Bruce.

6) What comic actor had a girl that wanted to "Party All The Time?" (Hint, his biggest hits were produced by Rick James, not by his brother Charlie.)

7) Don't give up on this question. David Soul parlayed his fame on what TV

show into a #1 ballad in 1976?

8) What box office star has sang in the Aussie bands Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts and The Ordinary Fear of God?

9) Although it can't really be characterized as "singing," what actor covered songs by the Beatles and Bob Dylan on the 1968 album "The Transformed Man?"

10) Odds are there are less than six degrees of separation between you and what movie star who likes to perform music with his brother?

Answers to this week's trivia:  
(1) Richard Harris (2) Dirk Diggler (3) David Cassidy [Partridge Family] and Shaun Cassidy [Hardy Boys] (4) "Respect Yourself" (5) Rick Springfield (6) Eddie Murphy (7) Soul played Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson on Starsky and Hutch (8) Russell Crowe (9) William Shatner (10) Kevin Bacon [The Bacon Brothers Band]

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The Yearbook is on its way, and the USD-S PAO is offering you the chance to decide what you want to see.

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- \*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


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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: Capitol city  
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## A look around USD-S




Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Carney  
Iraqi children relax while Soldiers from the 354th Military Police Company, from St. Louis, perform a site survey in the Basra Province, July 24.

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 nathaniel.smith5@iraq.centcom.mil, and you could have it featured here and receive a coin from DCSM Jim Champagne.

## Sudoku

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