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Observers ensure fair elections

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COS KALSU – The Babil Provincial Reconstruction Team and members of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division assisted various stakeholders with their efforts to ensure that the national elections, held March 7, were run fairly and safely.

Teams of observers from the United Nations, embassy representatives, embedded media and security personnel worked in provinces throughout southern Iraq.

Though the observer teams were U.S.-

led due to security concerns, the teams operated independently of security forces to compliment Iraqi planners, said Bob Wong, Babil PRT public diplomacy officer

“We’ve taken great pains to ensure it’s an Iraqi election,” said the Eustis, Fla. native.

According to Wong, nearly every country, including the United States, encourages international observers. Wong had the opportunity to meet some Iraqi citizens who have observed U.S. elections at one time or another.

During elections, observers look for signs of coercion or intimidation and ensure that the voting process is organized, said Wong.

“They are looking for business to be conducted as usual,” he said.

Maj. Gary Bantad, a civil affairs officer with 3rd HBCT, said that observers would be present at both the March 4 special-needs election and the March 7 general elections.

Still, their job does not end when the polls close.

“They will also be witnessing the counting of the ballots,” said Bantad, a Virginia Beach, Va. native.

The observer teams came into an elec-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alex Licea



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An Iraqi policeman proudly displays his ink-stained finger on the streets of Najaf Province March 4 indicating he has voted in the special-needs election process, which allows security personnel and others to vote prior to the regular parliamentary elections scheduled for March 7.

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Danger Seven sends

Modern technology has revolutionized the way we fight, and it has also changed the way we communicate back home. It hasn't been that many years since staying in touch while deployed meant writing letters, watching one AFN channel and waiting in line for hours at the phone tent. Now we have internet services and cafes, SPAWAR and a range of other options to stay connected.

Anybody who knows me knows I am a big fan of Facebook. Since I can't be everywhere at once, it helps me stay connected with my family and my Army, Big Red One and USD-S friends across the world.

I encourage everyone in USD-S to stay plugged-in while downrange. It will not only make your deployment go by more quickly, but it will ease your transition when you return. You and your Family won't have to "relearn" each other if you are consistently communicating while deployed.

Staying connected to your hometown and your home station will also help your transition back from deployment, so I encourage all Soldiers to share their stories through Facebook, blogging and other venues. However, you must remember some basic rules:

1. Never violate OPSEC. If you're not sure whether something is an OPSEC violation, assume it is. The enemy is watching, and giving them knowledge of flight times, upcoming missions, TTPs, etc., is just as deadly as handing them a weapon.
2. Always keep your chain of command informed when blogging. It's OK to blog, but you must let your leadership know what you're writing about and where you're writing it.
3. Don't use the internet to vent. We all suffer bad days from time to time. When it's late, and you're tired and frustrated, vent to a battle buddy. They understand. Venting on the Web can cause repercussions you never expected or wanted... and you can't take it back.
4. There is a time and place for everything. This column is not a license to surf the Web when you should be accomplishing the mission. Maximize your downtime.
5. Watch out for fake Web sites that take advantage of service members. I know of at least one Facebook page that looks like an official Army site, but posts anti-military propaganda and doctored videos. Being a "friend" of these sites reflects poorly on you and the military.

One final note, this week is the USD-S Soldier and NCO of the Quarter Competition. Best of luck to all of the competitors ... and make sure to see the highlights posted on Facebook.

Now get after it!



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Is It An Army Accident?

By Marc Greene

USD-S Safety and Occupational Health Manager



Recently, we have had a number of Soldiers ask, “Is this an Army accident?” Two things determine the answer to that: Was anyone injured? Was there any property damage? I have taken some information from AR 385-10 to help clear the cobwebs.

A class “A” accident results in costs in excess of \$2 million, the destruction or loss of a manned aircraft or missile, or death or permanent total disability.

According to the regulation, a permanent total disability is a nonfatal injury or occupational illness that permanently and totally incapacitates a person.

A class “B” accident entails costs between \$500,000 and \$2 million, permanent partial disability, or the hospitalization of three or more people from a single event.

A permanent partial disability is any injury or occupational illness that, in the opinion of competent medical authority, results in the loss or permanent impairment of any part of the body. The exceptions listed by the regulation include loss of teeth, fingernails or toenails, the loss of tips of fingers or toes without loss of bone, and sprains or strains that do not cause permanent limitation of motion.

A class “C” accident costs between \$50,000 and \$500,000, disables for any period of time, or causes one or more days away from work or training.

A class “D” accident will cost between \$2,000 and \$50,000, lead to restricted work, transfer to another job or medical treatment beyond first aid.

The nature of the treatment, not how many times it is applied, determines whether it qualifies as first aid or medical treatment. First aid may include use of a non-prescription medication at nonprescription strength, cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the surface of the skin, using hot or cold therapy, using any temporary immobilization devices to transport a victim, draining a blister, removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a cotton swab, using finger guards, massaging (though physical and chiropractic therapy are defined as medical treatment), and drinking fluids for relief of heat stress.

Another great manual that will assist us in keeping all our fingers and toes is FM 5-19.

Remember Duty First and Safety Always / Alwajeb Awwalan Wa aman Da’eman

This and other great information to help with risk mitigation can be found at: <http://1idportal.1id.army.smil.mil/SpecialStaff/DivisionSafety/Shared%20Documents/Forms/Allitems.aspx>

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This week in Army history

This week in Big Red One history

March 8, 1968: MG Keith L. Ware, after whom the Army’s annual Awards for Journalism are named, became the 39th commanding general of the division in Vietnam.

This week in OIF history

March 14, 2003: The Christian Science Monitor reports that, while polls “right after Sept. 11, 2001” showed only 3 percent mentioned Iraq or Saddam Hussein, by January 2003 a Knight Ridder poll showed that 44 percent of Americans believed “most” or “some” of the September 11 hijackers were Iraqi citizens.

This week in 1st Armored Division history

March 2008: The 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division reflagged as the 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Elections part of the big picture in Iraq

By Sgt. Francis Horton
367th MPAD, USD-S PAO

COB ADDER – Iraqi police have prepared themselves for the elections in Iraq. With the help of U.S. forces, they have been working to build a safe and secure environment, not only for the elections, but one that will persist long after the last ballot is cast.

In the Dhi Qar Province in southern Iraq, local police forces stopped their training for a time in order to prepare for the elections.

In an-Nasiriyah, warehouses were filled with ballots awaiting the day they would be shipped out all over the province.

U.S. assessment teams checked these high-profile areas for cracks in security to prevent any terrorist activities that would hamper the election process.

“The warehouse stores ballots before and after casting,” said “Chuk” Atum, the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team commander. Atum is in Iraq as a civilian working to get Iraqi police trained in more advanced criminal investigation techniques.

Security on the warehouse compound is complimented by guard towers and gates manned by Iraqi police who keep a watchful eye on the surrounding city.

When it came to Election Day, many elements were working together to ensure the safety of local residents.

Female Iraqi contractors received training so they could properly search women who came to the polling stations. Female U.S. Soldiers taught the classes, intended to help prevent any threats.

“We were tasked to teach them proper searching procedures,” said Spc. Michele Williams, a radio repair specialist with Co. F, 121st Brigade Support Battalion from Houston. “We got really involved; they were willing to learn.”

The poll workers learned how to search quickly and efficiently, what to do when they come across contraband and how to



Photo by Sgt. Francis Horton
The members of the Muthanna Police Training Team pose outside of an oil pumping station with Iraqi police officers Feb. 20. These officers are in charge of defending various hot spots around Iraq and kept polling stations safe during the elections.

do a secondary search if contraband is found, Williams said.

The first class had ten students, but many more were needed for the elections. To meet demands, a new classroom building has been high on the priority list for both Iraqi and U.S. forces for a long time.

At the Provincial Joint Coordination Center in Nasiriyah, work is being completed on such a classroom, which can be used by the Iraqi Police to teach advanced police work such as criminal investigations and searching techniques. It is a small step, but one which could improve how criminal investigations are conducted.

“This will help better improve our relationships with the Iraqis,” said 1st Lt. Patrick Sawicki, an engineer with the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment’s Police Transition Team (PTT).

In other places in the province, long-term work is being done to ensure lasting stability in the country after U.S. forces leave.

At Joint Service Station Soto, Muthanna Provincial Reconstruction Team members have held meetings with local government officials to discuss what is necessary to create a stable business environment.

“We run programs to create new businesses,” said Michael Penney, the senior business development advisor for the Muthanna PRT.

During one meeting, Kareem Mohammed Ali, chairman of the Samawah Chamber of Commerce, laid out a list of business goals he hopes the U.S. can help meet.

The primary goal at the moment is the construction of a business training center on an area of land set aside for such purposes. Architectural planning is being conducted to decide the financial cost, but it may become a joint effort between the U.S. military and the embassy, Penney said.

Getting “eyes on” like this helps U.S. forces determine small changes necessary to secure key areas. However, talks with Iraqi commanders do provide a long-term view on what is required to sustain Iraqi forces.

In a meeting with Iraqi Col. Mohammad Abde Najim, the commander for the Iraqi Police regional training center for the Dhi Qar Province, Atum and Maj.

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Cavalry trains guards to protect border

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

WASIT PROVINCE – The border between Iraq and Iran is heavily guarded, with numerous forts on both sides. However, illegal weapons and other dangerous items are still carried into Iraq by smugglers who supply extremists fighting against the Iraqi government.

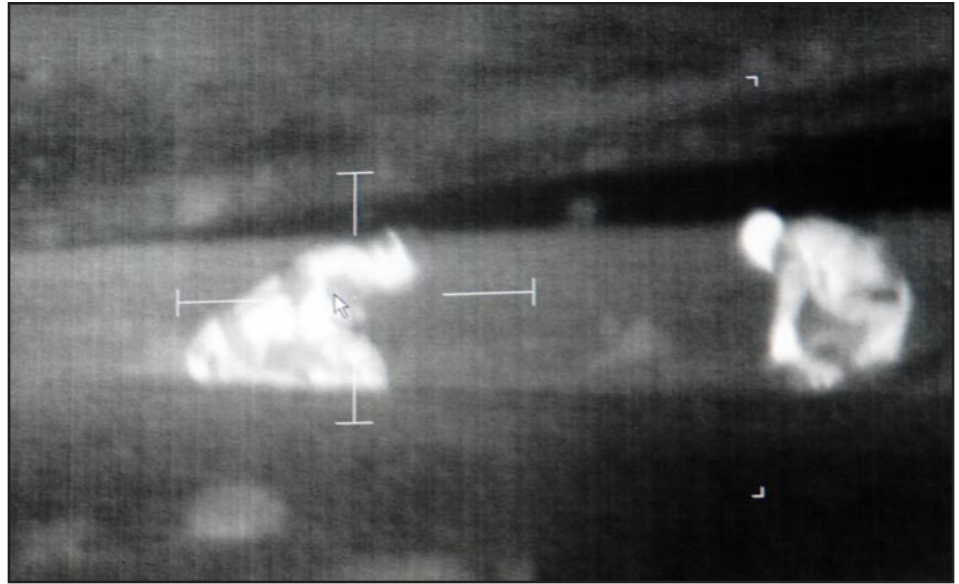
The Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement is tasked with dealing with security and interdicting smuggling along the border. Never has that job been more important than in the weeks surrounding the national elections.

With tactical and technological assistance from A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, the DBE's 3rd Battalion, 7th Brigade keeps a watch on the border with Iran in Wasit Province.

Spc. Paul Gauthier, a Cavalry Scout with "Assassin" Troop, said that working with the Iraqis is vital in protecting the border.

"There's been talk of a lot of smuggling," he said. "So we're working with the Iraqis to try to minimize and cut down on all of the corruption and smuggling that's going on."

First Lt. Allan Keefer, A Troop, has patrolled the area several times and said that the Iraqi border guards in the area have been willing to train themselves and work with A Troop.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from A Troop, 3rd Sqdn, 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBC, 3rd Inf. Div., emplace an Unattended Ground Sensor during a nighttime operation Feb. 25. The sensors allow the Iraqi DBE to track potential smugglers and their routes, making certain their illegal cargo does not enter Iraq.



Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding

Second Lt. Ryan Holder, left, speaks with an Iraqi DBE major before a nighttime employment mission in Wasit Province, Feb. 25. The DBE is the Government of Iraq's main force for preventing smuggling and trafficking from bordering countries.

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*Spc. Paul Gauthier
3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division*

"They're well trained. We've had a lot of previous MiT [Military Transition] Teams and U.S. Border Enforcement agents here," said Keefer. "So they're trained on the individual tasks well. We're working with them now so they can do their collective tasks."

Gauthier, a Honey Brook, Pa. native, said that working with the Iraqis on stopping smuggling has been a great experience.

"They're great to get along with," said Gauthier. "They're easy to talk to, they're willing to learn, and it's been going great so far."

Keefer, from Mercersburg, Pa., shared similar sentiments.

"The Iraqis that are working on the border are getting better every day," he said. "Their capabilities aren't quite where ours are, but they're using what they have and they're doing a good job with it. Of course they can always get better."

"We've denied a lot of terrain to the smugglers by dismounted patrols and different systems we use," Keefer said. "And we've done that all with the Iraqis."

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US forces live together with IP

By 1st Lt. Chad Cooper
1st Bn., 77th AR

COB ADDER – In southern Iraq’s Dhi Qar Province, Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment and Civilian Police Assistance Training Team personnel were invited recently to live in downtown Nasiriyah at the Provincial Joint Coordination Center.

Staff Maj. Gen. Sabah al-Fatlawi, the provincial police chief, made the request, and the round-the-clock interaction has resulted in a strong relationship between the Iraqi Police and their advisors. Now, when the IP have a training request, U.S. experts are always present.

Together with the CPATT – comprised of former and serving law enforcement officers – U.S. Soldiers help the IP develop sophisticated law enforcement practices.

U.S. forces and Iraqi personnel have been working to man, equip and train the Iraqi Police force since 2003.

In the past, International Police Advisors were assigned individual police stations and directed to conduct basic police skills training and low-level problem solving to rank-and-file police officers.

Things are different now.

The old concept worked, providing basic skills to the lowest ranking IPs, but soon the U.S. advisors will be gone. So, the U.S. Soldiers and CPATT advisors now focus on building-up the IP leaders so they can in-turn develop their own officers.

This phase of IP development places importance on the creation of Iraqi-generated standards and procedures that are based on internationally accepted standards of democratic policing as outlined by the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Chukwuemeka Atum, a CPATT member, has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years.

His areas of expertise include organized crime divisions, tactical opera-



Photo courtesy of Chukwuemeka Atum
CPATT members and Iraqi Police share a meal of kebob and falafel at the Dhi Qar PJCC. The CPATT advisors are embedded at the Iraqi police headquarters and attached to 1st Bn., 77th AR, 4th Bde., 1st Armd. Div., deployed from Fort Bliss, Texas, to advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces.



Photo courtesy of Chukwuemeka Atum
Brig. Gen. Ricky Gibbs, deputy commanding general for maneuver, 1st Infantry Division and United States Division-South, greets Chukwuemeka Atum, CPATT, at the Dhi Qar PJCC in Nasiriyah, as John Cottle, also CPATT, looks on. Atum and Cottle are civilian police advisors attached to the 4th Bde., 1st Armd. Div.



Photo courtesy of Chukwuemeka Atum
Iraqi Police officers pose with Chukwuemeka Atum, CPATT, at the Dhi Qar PJCC.

“Since being in theatre over 15 months, I have witnessed a drastic improvement in the way the Iraqi Police think and function.”

Chukwuemeka Atum
CPATT member

tions, SWAT teams, protective services and counterterrorism.

“Since being in theatre over 15 months, I have witnessed a drastic improvement in the way the Iraqi Police think and function,” he said. “Initially the Iraqi Police wanted to take the back seat on everything, to include, training, logistics, operations, investigations and community policing. At this stage, more IPs are beginning to take a leadership role.”

Assisting with the professionalization of the Iraqi police force is a challenging but rewarding mission. The citizens of Iraq continue to improve, and they embrace the opportunity to secure their country and set favorable conditions for Iraq’s laws to guide the population’s safety.

“We are seeing more meetings within the IP and responsibilities are being taken on even by the lowest shurta [police officers],” Atum said. “Most IP are enthused by training. They want to train and actually enjoy it most times. If it’s something they enjoy, they simply ask to extend or continue the training past its end date.”

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Iraqi medical soldiers turn to U.S. for training

By Master Sgt. David Bennett
367th MPAD, USD-S PAO

COB BASRA – Six Iraqi soldiers looked up intently at the diagram on the whiteboard as they crowded around the make-shift operating tables. Then, looking down at their surgical pads, they took up surgical needles and deftly practiced their technique.

It was practice involving nothing more than boneless chicken fillets, but the se-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Richard Simmons
A medical specialist with the 14th IA Div. ties off a practice suture on a boneless chicken fillet during a special joint medical training initiative conducted Feb. 23 on COB Basra. The hope is to take the program to other locations within USD-S, so that more Iraqi medical personnel can learn and then train their medical staff.

nior medical providers representing three brigades within the 14th Iraqi Army Division acknowledge the advantages nonetheless.

Assisted by the 17th Fires Brigade and the 5214 Military Transition Team, the small group of medical personnel from the 50th, 52nd and 53rd IA Brigades gathered at Contingency Operating Base Basra for a unique three-day training course, held Feb. 22-24, that offered advanced patient care techniques.

The initiative started in January with an informal meeting between U.S. medical specialists and Iraqi providers who found themselves stymied by a lack of educational resources.

“We started going to the [Forward Operating Bases],” said Karim Elyamani, medical operations officer for 17th FiB Surgeon Cell. “They were not asking for drugs; they were not asking for anything except for training.”

Once the groundwork was laid for what training the Iraqis sought, a small team of 17th FiB instructors, including Elyamani, began pooling their own talents and ideas to create a short curriculum.

Capt. Susan Mosier, brigade surgeon, 17th FiB, who helped develop the training program, said that the students were taught various kinds of treatment techniques dur-

ing the three days, including physical examinations, simple surgical procedures, cardiac care and preventive medicine.

While some of instruction was not new to several Iraqi soldiers, the opportunity to see different techniques kept their attention.

“You see a lot of motivation,” said Elyamani, an Arabic speaker originally from Morocco. “They are thirsty for learning.”

Maj. Marc Rogers, chief of surgical services for the 915th Forward Surgical Team at COB Basra, said, because experience levels of the Iraqi providers varied, U.S. instructors had to tailor their classes for the group.

“We kept it very simple, because we have students of all levels,” said Rogers, a resident of Bentonville, Ark.

The six students followed along as Rogers explained the proper techniques and reasons for them when suturing specific wounds. Throughout, a translator converted the medical terms into a language the students could understand.

At the end of the day, Elyamani identified a few things the medical instructors might do better if they conduct the medical training again. One is to employ a medical translator to help bridge some of the communication gaps that appeared often. He cited one example of translating the term “mattress suture,” in a way that all could understand.

Despite some communication challenges, the overall message was clear to Muhammad Hassam, chief medical officer for the 52nd IA Bde.

“I plan to make a new training program,” he said.

If effective, the program will develop his subordinates’ medical skills as well, he said.

Mosier said her goal is to bring the program to other locations within United States Division-South, so that more Iraqi medical personnel can learn and then train their medical staff.

“It’s the only way to make this sustainable,” she said.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Richard Simmons
Students from the 14th IA Div. operate as Maj. Marc Rogers, right; chief of surgical services for the 915th FST at COB Basra, instructs them on techniques for proper sutures Feb. 23.

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Iraqi hero medic receives MEDEVAC training

By Sgt. Neil W. McCabe
17th Fires Brigade PAO

COB BASRA—An Iraqi Army hero of the March 2008 "Charge of the Knights" battle for Basra joined U.S. Army and Navy trainers for medical evacuation training Feb. 24, at the Contingency Operating Base Basra flight line.

Second Lt. Muhamad Hussam, a medical officer with the Iraqi Army's 52nd Brigade, 14th Division, received multiple gunshot wounds while rescuing soldiers during the spring 2008 Battle of Basra, said 2nd Lt. Karim Elyamani, operations officer for the 17th Fires Brigade Surgeon Cell.

Hussam said through Elyamani, an Arabic speaking native of Morocco, that he was wounded while out in the city searching for injured comrades after a bloody engagement with insurgents.

Although many of soldiers died, he was able to load several of the wounded survivors onto his vehicle, which was clearly marked as an ambulance.

As the ambulance headed back to safety, his party was ambushed by members of the Jaysh al-Mahdi militia, who demanded he turn over the injured soldiers to them, he said.

Instead of surrendering the soldiers in his charge, Hussam said he ordered the driver to hit the gas and drive through the ambush. Although his party escaped back to their own lines, he was severely injured in the right leg, arm and side.

That experience gave him a great appreciation for the advantages of helicopter medical evacuation, he said.

Elyamani said Hussam is revered among the other IA soldiers for his courage and determination. Although he walks with a cane, he never shirks from his duties as he awaits his next corrective surgery.

Hussam, who was joined in the MEDEVAC training by two other 14th Div. medics, Sgt. Maj. Hatef Abas and Master Sgt. Raid Abid Ali Hay, was instrumental in getting this program started, said Capt. Susan M. Mosier, the 17th FiB's surgeon.

"At this stage of the Army's involvement here, education is the only real thing



Photo by Sgt. Neil W. McCabe
Three Iraqi Army soldiers, 2nd Lt. Muhammad Hussam, Master Sgt. Raid Abid Ali Hay and Sgt. Maj. Hatef Abas, all from the 14th IA Div., learned MEDEVAC skills at a Feb. 24 class provided by the 5214 MiTT, assigned to the 17th FiB, at COB Basra. The three will return to their home units and train their own soldiers.

we can provide them. But, it can also be the most beneficial," she said.

One of the MEDEVAC instructors, Chief Petty Officer Curtis Trull Jr., 2515th Navy Air Ambulance Detachment hospitalman, welcomed the Iraqis and brought them to the flight line for a tour of the detachment's helicopter, an SH-60 Sea Hawk.

The Navy's aircraft is from the same family as the Army's standard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with modifications, he told them.

Consistent with the rules for medical response aircraft, these helicopters do not have machine guns or other offensive weapons. Rather, the crew members carry personal weapons for their patients' and their own self-defense, he explained. The aircraft are also marked with large red crosses.

After learning about the aircraft, including how to approach the aircraft and how to communicate and interact with the air crew, two of the Iraqis, Abas and Ali Hay, practiced with Elyamani and Mosier on how to use the litter by carrying the interpreter assigned to the class.

Following Trull's instructions, the litter team approached the Sea Hawk from the nine o'clock position, treating the nose as 12 o'clock.

Then, upon his signal to approach, the litter team came up to the aircraft and loaded the litter inside with the patient's feet first and towards the pilots to bet-

ter facilitate medical attention during the flight.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Simmons, a trainer with "Team Bandits," the Military Transition Team assigned to the 52nd Bde., said there is already a program at Camp Taji, in which IA medics are trained to work with helicopter medical evacuations, and the hope is to bring similar training to Basra.

The MEDEVAC training was the capstone to a three-day train-the-trainer course for IA medics and included classroom instruction and practical exercises, he said.

Simmons said that, in his first two tours to Iraq, he served as a MEDEVAC flight medic, where he saw first-hand the benefits of training the Iraqi soldiers in MEDEVAC procedures.

"On several occasions, we would put down in the desert in the middle of nowhere and Iraqi soldiers we had trained were able to load actual casualties onto our birds," he said.

For Hussam the focus is not on past battles, but on continuing to build up the medical response capabilities of the Iraqi Army.

"The training was great and I learned many things I did not know before," he said. "When I get back to my soldiers, I will train them the way I was trained here."

For more from 17th FiB, visit <http://www.lewis.army.mil/17FA/>

MEDEVAC training takes off at COB Basra



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Richard Simmons
 As pictured in the top left, Chief Petty Officer Curtis Trull Jr. (left), a hospitalman with the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment, instructs (clockwise from near-left) Sgt. Maj. Hatf Abas and Master Sgt. Raid Abid Ali Hay, members of the 14th Iraqi Army Division, with the help of 2nd Lt. Karim Elyamani, operations officer, Surgeon Cell, and Capt. Susan M. Mosier, brigade surgeon, both 17th Fires Brigade, on the proper methods for evacuating a litter patient by helicopter, Feb. 24, at the COB Basra flight line. Second Lt. Muhammad Hussam (pictured middle-left), a medical officer with the 52nd Bde., 14th IA Div., who was severely wounded as a medic during the 2008 "Charge of the Knights" battle for Basra, was instrumental in getting the program started, said Mosier.

Maysan police attend counterfeiting course

By Sgt. Eric Pfeil
4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt.

COS GARRY OWEN – Counterfeiting of U.S. currency is a prevalent problem throughout the world, and Iraq is no exception.

Counterfeiting presents a multi-faceted threat in Iraq, where it both destabilizes the economy and funds terrorist activities.

U.S. Secret Service agents Britt Gardner and George Hartford conducted a class Feb. 20, to help Iraqi Security Forces in Maysan Province detect and deter counterfeiting. The training was conducted near Amarah and hosted by Company C, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, deployed to Contingency Operating Station Garry Owen, in conjunction with the Maysan Provincial Reconstruction Team.

According to the Iraqi Police, counterfeiting is on the rise in Maysan Province, with a noticeable increase in Amarah just in the last year.

Representatives from various Maysan police departments attended the class,

during which they were informed of the extent of counterfeiting of U.S. currency in Iraq and throughout the world.

Gardner and Hartford also explained counterfeiting production methods, U.S. currency security features and methods of detecting the legitimacy of U.S. bills.

Attendees shared positive comments about the training seminar and were enlightened by the information presented. They expressed that they would like to see such training conducted on a larger scale in Maysan in the future.

“We would be delighted to return to Maysan in order to facilitate more detailed training at a later date,” said Gardner.

Capt. Allen Trujillo, commander, Co. C, was pleased with the eagerness shown by the students.

“This class represents our commitment to working with our ISF partners in order to ensure a well-educated police force,” he said.

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Photo courtesy of forbes.com

In the last five years, the Secret Service has made 29,000 arrests for counterfeiting and seized \$295 million in counterfeit money -- still only a fraction of the amount in circulation. Working with the U.S. Treasury Department, the Secret Service ensures that the design of U.S. currency is always evolving. The \$20 bill has changed 10 times since 1928, when Andrew Jackson first appeared on the front. Changes almost always involve adding design and structural details to the bills to make them hard to replicate and easy to distinguish from fakes.

How To Detect Counterfeit Money

Portrait

The genuine portrait appears lifelike and stands out distinctly from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. Details merge into the background which is often too dark or mottled.

Federal Reserve and Treasury Seals

On a genuine bill, the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals are clear, distinct, and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt, or broken saw-tooth points.

Border

The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit, the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct.

Serial Numbers

Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. The serial numbers are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury Seal. On a counterfeit, the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.

Paper

Genuine currency paper has tiny red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Often counterfeiters try to simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on their paper. Close inspection reveals, however, that on the counterfeit note the lines are printed on the surface, not embedded in the paper. It is illegal to reproduce the distinctive paper used in the manufacturing of United States currency.



Photo by Sgt. Eric Pfeil

A Maysan Province policeman looks at examples of counterfeit currency during a workshop presented by U.S. Secret Service financial investigative experts at COS Garry Owen, near Amarah, Feb. 20. The course was hosted by 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt., deployed from Fort Bliss, Texas, to advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces.

Medics teach Iraqi border guards life-saving skills

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

COL SHOCKER – As U.S. forces continue to assume more of a supporting role in Iraq, the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement is assuming greater responsibility for retaining security and safety along the border with Iran.

The mission can be dangerous, as smugglers attempt to bring weapons and foreign fighters into the country.

Now, with training from the medics of A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, the Iraqi border guards from 3rd Battalion, 7th Brigade, DBE, possess skills that could potentially save the lives of themselves or their fellow Soldiers.

The recent training they received on Contingency Operating Location Shocker is similar to training U.S. Soldiers receive during the U.S. Army’s Combat Lifesaver course.

Through hands-on demonstrations and presentations, the Iraqis learned multiple first aid procedures, including how to clear an airway, evaluate a casualty and apply pressure dressings and tourniquets to wounds.

Pvt. Alan Murray, a medic attached to A Troop, 3rd Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., said



Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding
Spc. Jonathan Montgomery, A Troop, 3rd Sqdn, 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., demonstrates how to apply a tourniquet to an injured limb with the assistance of Pvt. Alan Murray, who played the casualty, during a first aid class at COL Shocker Feb. 25. The tourniquet is one method to control bleeding that Iraqi border guards, from 3rd Bn., 7th Bde., DBE, learned during the class.

that the training with the DBE means that the U.S. forces are taking a less active role while Iraqis assume the mission of security.

Spc. Jonathan Montgomery, a medic stationed on COL Shocker, said that the Iraqi border guards are doing well with

the training.

The instructors use visual cues to help overcome the language barrier, he said.

“They grasp the knowledge pretty quickly,” said Montgomery. “As long as you can show them how to do it, give them a lot of hands-on, it’s a lot easier that way.”

Murray, a Houston native, said that the training provides a way to prove his skills both to himself and the Iraqis he is teaching.

“I’m going to make sure that I don’t disappoint,” he said.

Montgomery, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, feels confident that he can pass along the information to the Iraqis well enough for them to be able to use it if the need arises.

“That’s why we focus more on the simple, life-saving stuff,” Montgomery said. “So if they forget something else it’s fine. As long as they can stop the bleeding, their medic can do the rest.”

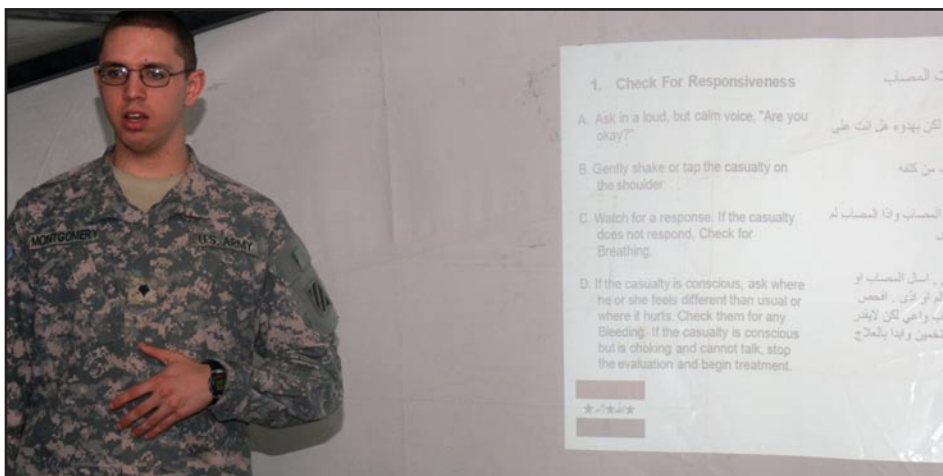


Photo by Sgt. Cody Harding
Spc. Jonathan Montgomery, a medic with A Troop, 3rd Sqdn, 1st Cav. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., goes over the steps to check responsiveness during a first aid class at COL Shocker Feb. 25. The class, given to Iraqi border guards from 3rd Bn., 7th Bde., DBE, teaches the students valuable skills to save lives on the battlefield.

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TROOPS IN FOCUS

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Education classes help Soldiers reach goals

By Capt. Musheerah Kolen
121st BSB, 4th Bde., 1st Armd. Div.

COB ADDER – While repeated deployments and training may have delayed some Soldiers from pursuing higher education goals, many are playing catch-up and getting ahead on their educational goals at Contingency Operating Base Adder.

For Soldiers from the 121st Brigade Support Battalion, this is made possible through the educational programs offered through the University of Maryland University College-Europe. Some Soldiers have even completed a full semester of college while deployed.

For the junior Soldiers, this academic credit can be applied to their military record to get promotion points for sergeant and staff sergeant ranks.

During the current semester alone, the 121st BSB has over 20 Soldiers enrolled in classes in areas such as psychology, human resources, business and manage-

ment.

The COB Adder education center is managed by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dees, a senior medic with 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

“[Sgt. 1st Class] Dees is awesome, he is always helping Soldiers get into classes, very knowledgeable about GoArmyEd and setting Soldiers up with their tuition assistance,” said Sgt. Liliana Rivera, Human Resources noncommissioned officer in charge, 121st BSB, and a management and organizational theory student at UMUC-Europe.

This month, Dr. Allan J. Berg, vice president and director of UMUC-Europe, visited COB Adder to offer the Introduction to psychology class for Soldiers. The class was a huge success for the university and a great accomplishment for the COB Adder Education Center.

“My first PSYCH 100 session had 52 students and the second session had 51



Photo by Capt. Musheerah Kolen
Soldiers from the 121st BSB, 4th Bde., 1st Armd. Div., take notes during the Introduction to Human Resource Management class at the COB Adder Education Center.

students, which was great, and the students were awesome,” said Berg.

In addition, director Stacey Styles visited the COB Adder Education Center to offer the critical thinking class – another success, with over 40 students in attendance.

To round-out its instructional staff, UMUC-Europe has hired two U.S. Army officers to teach fellow Soldiers: 1st Lt. Charmaine Parker, 7th Engineer Battalion, instructs Introduction to Business Management and Management and Organizational Theory and Capt. Musheerah Kolen, a human resources officer with 121st BSB, teaches Introduction to Human Resources Management.

All of the courses are accredited and upon redeployment, the Soldiers can transfer their credits to other schools.

Similar programs are available to deployed service members throughout the theater of operations, and they only need to check with their education center to learn more.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jason Edwards

Deployed personnel prepare to take a CLEP exam at a deployed location in Southwest Asia, Dec. 30, 2009. The education center provides deployed personnel with education services and testing opportunities.

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1ID band toots its horns in al-Kut

By Master Sgt. David Bennett
367th MPAD, USD-S PAO

AL-KUT – As cultural events go, the Wasit Cultural Arts Festival had plenty of laughing, singing and celebrating, and near the heart of it all was the 1st Infantry Division band.

The Wasit Provincial Council sponsored the major cultural arts festival, held Feb. 27 at the Wasit Provincial Council Auditorium in al-Kut. The band's Cantigny Brass Quintet performed before a crowd of 400, including more than 25 children from surrounding schools and orphanages.

Stephen Smith, public diplomacy officer for the Wasit PRT, said the event centered on the themes of "reconciliation and anti-corruption" and included a photography and painting exhibition, poetry recitation and a children's reconciliation event.

The 1st Inf. Div. band performed at the event, adding a musical element that crossed cultural divides. During the five-hour event, the brass ensemble played the Iraqi National Anthem and performed traditional Iraqi folk music.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeremiah Keil-



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Emily Burgess, a member of the Cantigny Brass Quintet, who hails from Jewell, Kan., shares her instrument with a girl who attended the Wasit Arts Cultural Festival Feb. 27. The quintet, part of the 1st Inf. Div. band, performed for almost five hours.

lor, 1st Inf. Div. band commander, said that, though the band has been busy since arriving in southern Iraq in January, the festival was the first event the quintet has played outside of Basra.

"For us, it was a big deal," said the Los Fresnos, Texas native.

Even when the lights failed, pitching the auditorium into darkness, the musicians had come prepared, and played on.

"We held pen lights so the brass quintet could know what was going on," Keillor said.

Event schedulers also showed two video shorts promoting the importance of voter participation and distributed election-related materials. The festival was attended by the Wasit Governor, several provincial council members and the Director of the Wasit Integrity Commission.

Keillor said that the anti-violence theme hit home when children, taking up toy guns, discarded them on the ground and passed out roses to audience members. He said it was something that struck a chord with him even after all the instruments were packed away and the band members loaded up vehicles to leave.

"It's something that we'd like to do again," Keillor said.



Courtesy photo

Spc. William Milford, a trumpet player with the Cantigny Brass Quintet and a resident of Chicago, wears a head lamp to see his music sheet after the lights inside the Wasit Provincial Council Auditorium went out during the Wasit Arts Cultural Festival, Feb. 27. The quintet, part of the 1st Inf. Div. band, performed at the festival as part of the celebration of children in the community.

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Andrew Coleman, the PTT operations officer for the 1st Bn., 77th AR, discussed further training after the elections for his police officers.

“We want to provide the resources they need to do training,” said Maj. Timothy Jaeger, team chief, Dhi Qar PTT, 1st Bn., 77th AR, from South Holland, Ill. A mixture of personnel training and technology are being used to bring the police up to speed.

Technology such as the Firearms Training Center, which includes a program that teaches how to shoot various weapons at virtual enemies, has been added to Najim’s training program to better prepare his police without long trips to a firing range every time they need to shoot their weapons.

The Iraqi military and police forces have been requesting all of the help they can get from the U.S. and taking the training and advice to heart.

“We want to leave them better than we found them,” Coleman said.

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Photo by Sgt. Francis Horton
Kareem Mohammad Ali, chairman of the Samawah Chamber of Commerce, presents a plaque to Michael Penney, senior business development advisor, Feb. 19 in Samawah, to thank him and the U.S. forces for their support.

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tion framework that has been under construction for a number of months.

Various international and “largely Iraqi” nongovernmental organizations played an important advisory role, providing technical capacity to assist the election process, Wong said.

“For any new democracy, technical advice is important,” he said, “They have the nuts and bolts, but where they need the most help is with coordination.”

Training of office election staff is another way that advisors helped. Also, they familiarized people at the polls with the voting process, an important focus that was quickly grasped, Wong said.

Security at election sites was a major concern and a large part of the planning.

That role was lead by the Iraqi Security Forces and the 3rd HBCT in Babil Province.

“ISF are on top of it,” Bantad said a few days before the election, “Security plans are in place. We’ve partnered with them in an assist role so we’ll provide QRF [quick reaction force] or medical assistance.”

One of the final challenges is mobilizing voters and giving them confidence in their voting power.

“The problem is perception,” Wong said, “The final proof of legitimacy of the election is that the Iraqi people believe it was fairly run. That’s my standard.”

He said it is a good sign that members of one of the minority parties have decided to participate because they felt their votes would actually be counted.

Wong, who has worked in other elections including Liberia, Bosnia, Bangladesh and the West African country of Benin, said he is realistic and optimistic about the elections.

“There will be hiccups without a doubt,” he said, “But it will be a well-run effort.”

Wong said that, overall, he feels like the progress in Iraq’s election process is best described by something an Iraqi man told him.

“There is an Arabic saying that goes, ‘The first house you build, you sell, The second house you build, you rent. The third house you build, you keep,’” Wong said. “He told me, ‘This is our second house.’”

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Photo by Pfc. Erik Anderson
An Iraqi man proudly displays his ink-stained finger after voting in Najaf March 7. The 2010 elections are the second national elections since the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime.

Admiral Mullen: foreign policy is too dominated by the military

By Gordon Lubold
Christian Science Monitor

Washington - The Pentagon's top officer said the military cannot continue to do the bulk of the heavy lifting overseas, and it's time for the State Department and other agencies to step up.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday that there are limits to American military power and diplomatic efforts must be just as important if not more so. But despite recognition of this, the military has become the default for American foreign policy.

"It's one thing to be able and willing to serve as emergency responders, quite another to always have to be the fire chief," Mullen said in prepared remarks at Kansas State University.

Citing a speech delivered by President Obama late last year, Mullen said it's time to invest in other departments, such as homeland security, intelligence, and the State Department, whose budget pales compared to massive Pentagon funding.

"My fear, quite frankly, is that we aren't moving fast enough in this regard," he said. "US foreign policy is still too dominated by the military, too dependent upon the generals and admirals who lead our major overseas commands and not enough on the State Department."

Mullen is reinforcing an appeal that his boss, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, made when he appeared at the same lecture series at Kansas State University in 2007. Mr. Gates told the audience that there are



Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen take part in a briefing at the Pentagon Feb. 22.

limits to American military power, and that agencies such as State and USAID must be resourced properly. He highlighted the lopsidedness of how Congress funds the defense and state departments.

This year, the proposed Defense Department budget is \$708 billion, and that does not include all war costs. The State Department's proposed budget, on the other hand, is approximately \$52 billion and that includes funding for overseas development efforts conducted by USAID.

One former USAID official agreed with Mullen's premise. He said part of the problem is that an agency like USAID doesn't have the bureaucratic instincts to demand more money from Congress. And even if it did, it lacks the capacity to handle the additional funding to hire the kind of qualified people with development experience that the US needs to deploy overseas.

"They can't handle it," said the former official. "They don't have the professional capacity in their staff to manage that level of money."

While Gates and Mullen stopped short of recommending that Congress cut his own department's budget in favor of State's, their call for a more balanced resourcing of foreign policy is causing some policymakers and lawmakers to begin rethinking things. But it could take years before Congress really gets the message.

The culture within non-military agencies must change, too, say experts. State, Agriculture, Justice, and even the FBI need to become more "expeditionary" in nature – willing to send their agents to dangerous places with little infrastructure and change security regulations that can make it difficult for civilians to work in conflict zones.

The 1st Inf. Div. is based at Fort Riley, Kan.

Armor museum to be built at Fort Benning

AP wire

FORT BENNING, Ga. - The chairman of a foundation says a \$75 million National Armor and Cavalry Museum will be built at Fort Benning.

Retired Maj. Gen. George H. Harmeyer says the new museum will be near the Infantry Museum and will be constructed

with a combination of public and private funds.

Harmeyer is chairman of the National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation, which will raise the private money needed to turn a storage facility into a museum.

There is \$33 million for a facility to store armor and cavalry artifacts in the Base Realignment and Closure provision

that brings the Armor School from Fort Knox, Ky., to Fort Benning.

The foundation has a fundraising goal of \$42 million to augment the federal money.

Harmeyer says construction is scheduled to begin in about a year.

The 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. is based at Fort Benning, Ga.

AROUND THE COB

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Dining Hours

DFAC 2

0530 - 0830
1130 - 1400
1700 - 2000

DFAC 3

0530 - 0830
1130 - 1400
1700 - 2000
0000 - 0130

Hair Cuts

Barber Shop

0900 - 2000

Beauty Shop

0900 - 2000

Legal

(VOIP 858-4098)

Legal Assistance Office

Mon. - Fri.
0800-1800
Sat.
0800-1700

Trial Defense Services

Mon. - Sat.
0900-1130
1300-1700

USO

Every day

Closes 0600
Re-opens 1000

This week at the USO

Fight Night, Round 4 X-box 360 Tournament

Mon., March 8
2100

AAFES New Release Movie Day

Wed, March 10
1900 - 0200

550 Cord Cuff Night

Fri, March 12
1600 - 1800

March Madness Bracket Tournament

Mon, March 15

Religious Services

(All COB Basra Chapel)

Protestant

Sundays:

Contemporary Worship

1000

General Protestant

1130

Gospel Worship

1400

Chapel Next Protestant

1830

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

0830

Saturday Vigil Mass

2000

Daily Mass

1130

Jewish

Friday

1800

LDS

Sunday

1700 - 1800

Chaplain Programs

Bible Studies

Book of Colossians

(HHB 17th FiB Conf Rm)
Wednesdays
2000

Regular

(Panther Den / MWR)
Wednesdays
1930

New Believers

(COB Basra Chapel)
Thursdays
2000

Fellowship

Every Man's Battle

(HHB 17th FiB Conf Rm)

Thursday

1800 - 1900

AA

(COB Basra Chapel)

Thursday

2000

Holy Joe's Coffee

(Chaplain's Programming
Tent)

Regular hours

Mon.-Sat., 0600 - 1800

Fridays and Mondays

Music night

**Come after-hours for
a midnight snack or
beverage**

Special Events This Week

Easter Shout-outs:

- Army broadcasters will be recording video greetings to be sent to home TV stations, Tuesday, March 9.
- DFAC 2
1130 - 1230
- DFAC 3
1245 - 1345

Longest Drive Competition

(COB Basra Driving Range)
Sun, March 14
0900
- Open to all military and DoD civilians
- Competitors will have 5 attempts and their best attempt will be recorded for the competition.
- Prizes awarded to top three competitors in each division.

Women's History Month

March is a time to celebrate women's contributions to our nation and our military.

Tribute to women of jazz

(Holy Joe's)

Mon, March 8

1900 - 2100

Molly Pitcher 5K Run

(Location pending)

Sun, March 21

0600

Women's History

Month Observance

(COB Basra Town Hall)
Fri, March 26
1900

New Times, programs

Fire Warden and Fire Extinguisher classes

(Fire Station 1, across from D-Main)
Wednesday @ 1000
- All unit Fire Wardens are required to submit the USF-I Task Force Safe Fire Safety Checklist to the fire chief monthly. This form can be taken to either fire station or emailed to Mike White, mwhite@sallyportglobal.com. For an electronic copy, email Mike White.

- Fire extinguisher exchange and re-service program: Expelled or unserviceable extinguishers can be brought to either fire station for exchange or re-service. We also have a limited number of extinguishers to hand out.

The First Division Museum at Cantigny is looking for YOUR photos

The **First Division** Museum at Cantigny is looking for submissions to a Soldiers' section of their photo exhibit about the current 1st ID. The museum would like photos that cover your unit's most recent deployments and training. The goal is to show the public, from the Soldier's view, the full range of roles that 1st ID Soldiers are playing in the current conflict. The exhibit is slated to open in the summer of 2010. First, second and third place winners will all receive an all expense paid trip to Cantigny Park and the First Division Museum in Wheaton, IL plus:

- First Place:** \$250 Supply Sarge gift card, \$650 cash, \$100 active duty lifetime membership to Society of 1st ID
- Second Place:** \$150 Supply Sarge gift card, \$500 cash, \$100 active duty lifetime membership to Society of 1st ID
- Third Place:** \$100 Supply Sarge gift card, \$300 cash, \$100 active duty lifetime membership to Society of 1st ID

Who can participate: All Soldiers and former Soldiers assigned to or operating with any element of the 1st Infantry Division at the time the photograph was taken.

Criteria for submissions

1. Photograph must be a minimum of 4x6 at 300 dpi
2. Photograph must be fully captioned, including names of people, units, locations and dates.
3. Must have been taken on or after January 1, 2003
4. Must be suitable for public viewing
5. All submissions will become the property of the First Division Museum at Cantigny

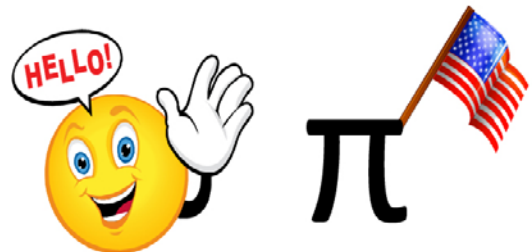
Deadline is March 15, 2010. Please submit photos digitally, with all caption info to bianchi@firstdivisionmuseum.org or mail a disc to:



Teri Bianchi
Exhibits Manager
First Division Museum at Cantigny
1 S 151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL 60189



Big Red One Puzzle of the Week



Hint for this week: The day the music died

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

Solution for last week: Music

Special Note: March 14 is international Pi day. Make sure to wish somebody "Happy Pi Day" on Sunday.

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A look around USD-S



Photo by Spc. Bradley Clark

Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, and Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and United States Division-South, walk to a meeting during a Feb. 28, 2010, visit to Contingency Operating Base Adder.

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

Sudoku

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