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## Getting to know you...

Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

**A Soldier from second squad, 1st Platoon, 23rd Military Police Company, 89th Military Police Brigade Soldier, from Fort Bragg, N.C., uses the Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment to fingerprint and photograph new Iraqi Police recruits at the police academy at Mahmudiyah, Iraq, Wednesday.**

## Paratroopers find, destroy 24 IEDs in five days

4/25TH INF. DIV. (ABN.)

KALSU, Iraq – Paratroopers found and destroyed 24 improvised explosive devices of various sizes and designs in the northern Babil province in the last five days.

While conducting security patrols in the area, the 4th Bri-

gade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division paratroopers found the IEDs before they could be used against Coalition Forces or Iraqi Security Forces.

The devices were either destroyed in place or taken by explosive ordnance disposal teams for further investigation prior to destruction.

# Chaplains: serving God, country, Soldiers

**SGT. KEVIN STABINSKY**  
2/3RD INF. DIV. PAO NCOIC

*The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. — Joshua 6:8-9*

Though they may not be blowing trumpets and carrying the Ark of the Covenant, religious men are still walking the battlefield with Soldiers today.

Just as they did in ancient history, men of faith, today known as chaplains, are serving a vital role in the U.S. Army.

"Chaplains provide religious support for all Soldiers in the unit to make sure they have what they need to practice their faith and religion," said Chaplain (Maj.) Patrick Bailey, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division chaplain.

Although chaplains have their own denomination, they minister to more than just their individual faith. Bailey said chaplains are also responsible to provide resources that any Soldier may need to practice their faith, even if it differs from chaplain's faith.

"Basically we ask Soldiers what their religious, spiritual needs are and try to find the resources they need (to practice their individual faith) through the Army system," said Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Lawrence, Brigade Troop Support Battalion, 4/25th.

Doing so entails providing a multitude of services, including helping different

faiths celebrate their holidays.

"At Kalsu we provide four different types of protestant services, (as well as) Muslim and Jewish prayer groups," Bailey said.

No matter the location, Lawrence said a chaplain's duty is to work through the Army system to meet Soldiers' faith needs.

While the task is daunting, chaplains do not have to go it alone. Just as Moses had Aaron, Paul had Timothy and Jesus had the apostles, chaplains also have right hand helpers known as chaplain assistants.

Staff Sgt. Eduard Wilhelm, 4/25th brigade chaplain assistant, said the main

responsibility of a chaplain assistant is to assist the chaplain in providing religious support.

There are lot of Soldiers in a brigade who may have needs to be met, the chaplain is often busy traveling to various locations to visit troops. Coordinating this travel is another responsibility of the chaplain assistant, Wilhelm said.

Because chaplains, according to the Geneva Convention, are unarmed, such planning also requires arranging for security and force protection.

However, although chaplains may not carry guns, they do engage in some hefty

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Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

**Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Lawrence, Brigade Troop Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, gives communion to Col. Michael Garrett, 4/25th commander.**

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battles.

In addition to the function of providing religious support to all Soldiers, Lawrence and Bailey both said a second function of their job is to act as pastoral caregivers

"Most intimately we're involved in some of their personal issues and crises," Bailey said. These range from stress to dealing with losing someone close.

Such crises are amplified down range, both agreed.

With increased operational tempo, many Soldiers find additional problems in their life, Lawrence said.

Major issues both Lawrence and Bailey said they deal with are relationship issues.

Family discord such as divorce is the number one relationship issue according to Bailey. However, Lawrence said relationship problems aren't just limited to family. Work relationships between peers and supervisors also get stressed.

"There are work issues (that appear) when people are here for a long time, they start getting on each others nerves which makes it unbearable for some people," Bailey said.

Being out all the time on patrols and missions can also bring about combat stress, Lawrence said.

All these issues can have an effect on morale. Because spirituality is one of the five aspects of morale, Lawrence and Bailey both stress the importance of maintaining a healthy spirit.

However, increased operational tempo can also pose the challenges of finding the time for Soldiers to attend to their spiritual life, Lawrence said.

Like not brushing your teeth, exercising or eating right, such neglect can cause problems.

"Our spiritual life is an expression of a deeper aspect of our humanity," Bailey said. "Unless that is able to find expression and also influence our lives, we tend to be overwhelmed by the experiences of life and lose our direction or tend to focus on things that are self-destructive."

## 'CSI: Miami' supports Soldiers

**MAJ. MARK AITKEN**  
1-89TH CAV. REGT.

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq — The cast from "*CSI: Miami*" made a unique and lasting impression on here June 1.

The cast and crew of the noted CBS television show donated an autographed original hand-drawn and hand-painted sign to the 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment "Wolverines," 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum, N.Y., coffee shop, Cuppa Joe's.

The idea behind the development of Cuppa Joe's is that all of the supplies, coffee and decorations are donated by the family members and supporters of the squadron. To date, hundreds of people from all over the country provide support to the facility.

A main contributor to the coffee shop is Paul Genderau, from Studio City, Calif. Genderau provides a wide variety of goodies, electronics and autographed pictures. Genderau, the uncle of Spc. Michael Marty of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 1-89, is the publicist for the television show "*CSI: Miami*," and was the driving force behind the development, production and shipment of the sign.

The sign, according to Genderau, is his and the cast's way

of letting the Soldiers know how much they are appreciated and everything that comes out of Hollywood should not be believed.

Genderau also masterminded the production and distribution of a home made trail mix known as Buddy's Nut's, a favorite throughout the squadron.

One package of each shipment of trail mix contains a special surprise.

Last month Pvt. Robert McKinney of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop was the lucky winner of an iPod Nano.

"Genderau is a true American patriot who is committed to supporting his nephew, and all the Soldiers of the Wolverine Squadron," said Andrea Aitken, the squadron's senior family readiness group advisor.

"Genderau is an important part of the Wolverine family, and all of his donations are greatly appreciated by our Soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Morris, the squadron's command sergeant major. "We have all taken to calling him Uncle Paul ... he really is part of the squadron."

The Cuppa Joe's sign, now a part of the squadron history, will return to Drum where it will be displayed for future Wolverines.

"It (the sign) will be a reminder that family and national support are important to mission success," Aitken said.

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Rollover Safety

- A good map reconnaissance of the area of operations will help identify hazards such as narrow roads, bridges, and canals so appropriate controls measures can be put in place.
- Leaders must ensure drivers are familiar with the capabilities and limitations of their assigned vehicles, and assist them in identifying road hazards.
- Battle drills such as vehicle rollover drills are a form of composite risk management. Ensure Soldiers know the causes of rollovers and rehearse rollover drills prior to missions whenever feasible. Proper procedures for rollover

drills can be found in the vehicle operator's manuals and in GTA 55-03-030 for Uparmored HMMWV's.

- Crew members should avoid riding too high in the vehicle hatches. It is important to remember that the less they have exposed, the less vulnerable they are to hostile fire and the less time it will take them to get inside the vehicle if it rolls.
- Ensure that the vehicle tires are properly inflated during PMCS, and avoid improperly loading or overloading the vehicle.

# HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

## Wal-Mart 'realistic' toy guns trigger raid

REUTERS

SHANGHAI — Chinese quality watchdogs have seized 46 toy guns from a Wal-Mart store in Shanghai because they looked "too realistic," state media reported on Thursday.

Five types of toy guns, including pistols and a machinegun, seized from the U.S. retailing giant's outlet in Pudong district, violated color standards, the Shanghai Daily said, citing the local bureau of quality and technical supervision.

"All of the guns are black or metallic, which is against a law that states at least half of toy guns should be bright colors such as red or green to differentiate them from real weapons," the paper quoted an unnamed quality official as saying.

"The toy guns sold in Wal-Mart are too real, and such toys can be harmful to children by easily inducing them to violence," the official said.

The bureau would inspect samples of the seized guns again, the paper said, adding that if they were confirmed to have broken regulations, Wal-Mart could face a fine equal to three times their sale value.

## 8,000 pieces of clothing stolen from women?

REUTERS

TOKYO — Police found more than 8,000 pieces of women's clothing and lingerie in the home of a Japanese man who stole the items so he could sleep buried in them.

Maeyasu Kawamura, 60, was indicted for theft Friday, police in Osaka prefecture, western Japan, said.

Police found 2,400 pieces of lingerie, 600 kimonos and 5,200 items of other clothing all piled up high in his small apartment room.

Kawamura has confessed to stealing the items, which included a wedding

dress.

"He seemed to get a thrill out of sleeping covered in women's clothes," a police spokesman said. "He seemed to like the smell."

No further details were available.

## Man falls off balcony in spitting contest

REUTERS

BERLIN — A 43-year-old German man was taken to hospital in critical condition after he fell off a second storey balcony during a spitting contest with his 12-year-old son, police said Friday.

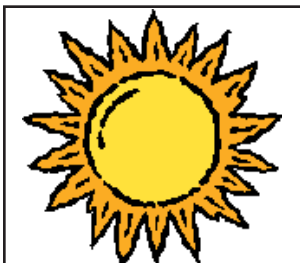
A spokesman for the police in the eastern town of Cottbus said the man in Forst had apparently lost his balance after thrusting too far forward in his attempt to outspit his son.

He tumbled over the ledge and landed on a balcony of the ground floor apartment, police said.

He was taken to hospital in a rescue helicopter.

## Marne Weather Watch

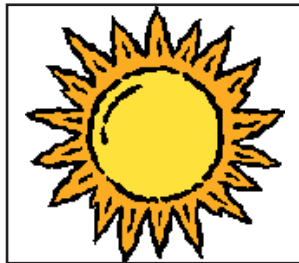
Monday, June 4



Sunny

Low: 80F/High: 105F

Tuesday, June 5



Sunny

Low: 80F/High: 106F

## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to  
yesterday's  
puzzle:

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