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Serving Task Force Marne

26th BSB mechanics reinforce gunners' safety

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It makes good sense to protect your eyes, especially when they're responsible for locating and destroying life threatening devices.

Mechanics with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division's 26th Brigade Support Battalion, out of Fort Stewart, Ga., are adding a little bit more protection to their gun turrets.

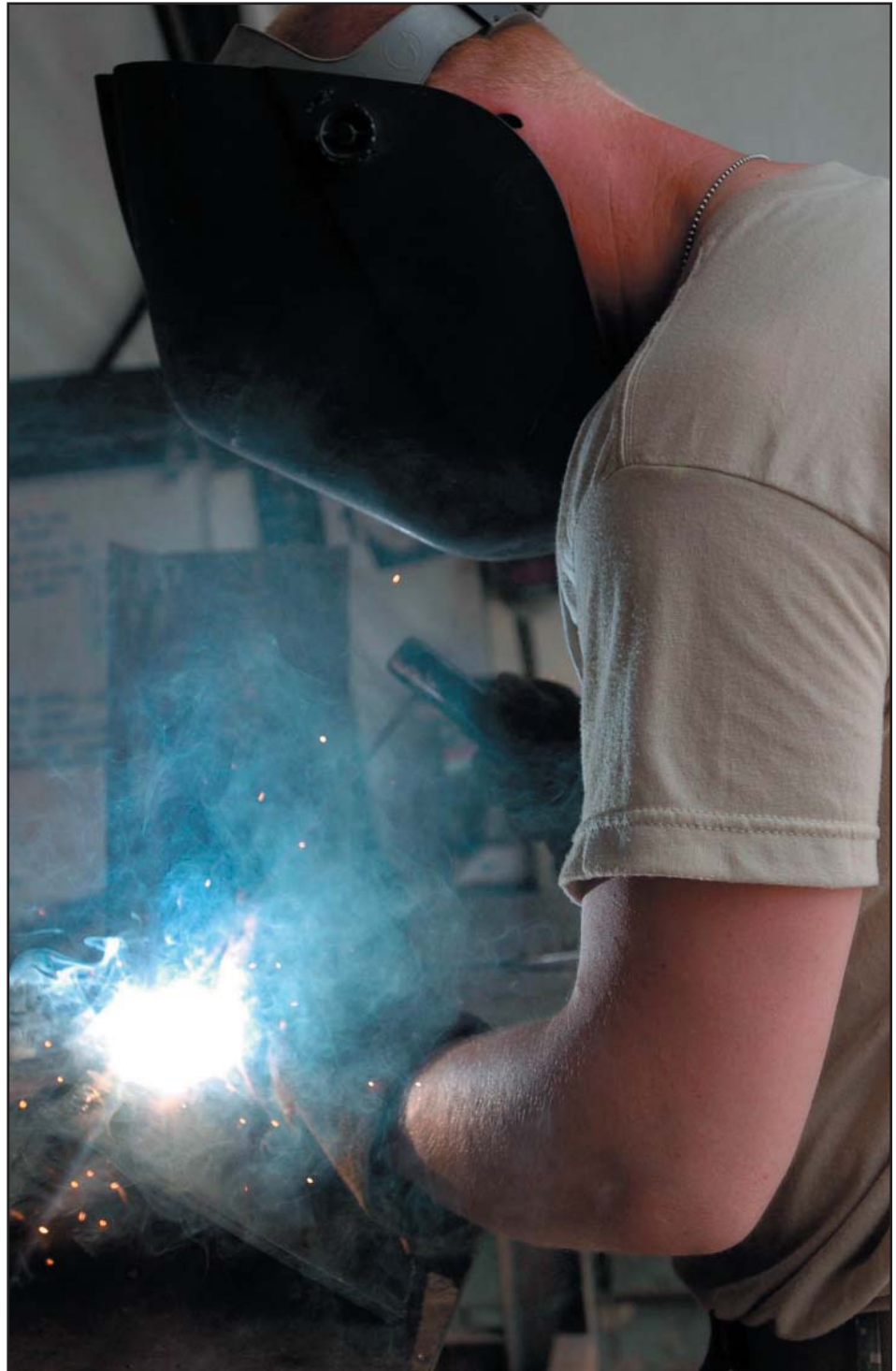
The added protection comes in the form of 3-foot pieces of ballistic glass around the turret and a camouflage canopy, said Staff Sgt. Dave Pollard, B Company, 26th BSB mechanic.

While the protection may only measure a few feet in total, the additions protect the entire vehicle, Pollard said.

"The gunner is the most important job on the vehicle," he said. "By providing better protection for the gunner, we protect the entire truck."

As the eyes of the vehicle, the gunner is the first to respond to threats and has the best vantage point to view potential threats such as improvised explosive devices, Pollard said.

Although the rig, sometimes jokingly referred to as Pope glass, because of the visual similarities to the bullet proof glass component on the pope's car, the results are nothing to laugh about.



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A 26th BSB mechanic welds a joint to hold ballistic glass to a gunner's mount. The 2/3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers are busy adding protection to the brigade's vehicles.

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Feeding the spiritually hungry ...

Prayer breakfast rejuvenates Soldiers' souls

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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Forces Command top leaders joined members of Task Force Marne for breakfast and prayer celebrations at the newly renamed Task Force Marne Dining Facility on Camp Victory, Monday.

After a gospel performance by the Marne Gospel Choir, the task force commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch briefly spoke to the group before introducing guests, Forces Command Chaplain, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Sonny Moore and Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Charles Campbell.

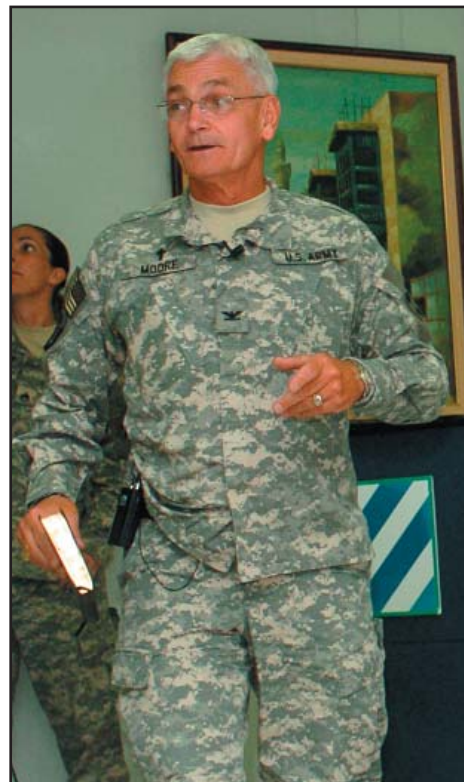
Inspiring those in attendance, Moore shared what he called the greatest com-

pliment found in the Bible given to anyone.

That compliment, he said, is found in the New Testament, and is given to a centurion, a professional officer of the Roman army. In the passage the soldier respected other people and their religion. The Roman soldier respected and understood authority. And just like today's leaders; he respected his subordinates by taking care of them.

"There is something special about being a Soldier," Moore said. "God made the call on my life and I am proud to serve."

After a musical rendition of 'Amazing Grace', by the 3rd Inf. Div. Band, a final prayer was shared before TF Marne members began their day.



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Above: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alvin M. Moore, Forces Command Chaplain, speaks to members of Task Force Marne during the TF Marne Prayer Breakfast.

Left: Warrant Officer Yolondria Dixon-Carter, 3rd Inf. Div. personnel, and Sgt. Maj. Cassandra Tribune, 3rd Inf. Div. Chaplain's office, sing with the Marne Gospel Choir during the TF Marne Prayer Breakfast at the TF Marne Dining Facility at Camp Victory June 4.

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Pvt. Robert Sauer, B Co., 26th BSB, 2/3rd Inf. Div., marks measurements on a piece of steel. The mechanics are busy cutting brackets and installing ballistic glass to add additional protection to the brigade's vehicles.

GUNNERS

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"From all the damaged trucks I've seen, the glass really holds up," Pollard said, adding the ballistic glass and steel comprising the rig has been known to hold up quite well against the many challenges a gunner may face.

Spc. Chris Cleland, as a gunner for the 2nd BCT deputy commander's personal security detail, knows a lot about these challenges. He said gunners face a wide range of threats. They range from potentially fatal, like IEDs and sniper fire, to nuisances like kids throwing rocks.

Although such measures don't alleviate all Cleland's fears, he said the system can help stop shrapnel.

Doing so allows him to better take the fight to the enemy, by being able to more effectively engage targets and eliminate threats quicker, he added, which is the best pro-

tection for convoys.

Just as Cleland desires to perform his duties as quick as possible, Pollard said he and his crew of ten mechanics are working equally fast and as hard as possible to outfit the vehicles of the 1-9 Field Artillery Battalion, 2-3 Brigade Troop Battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT with the protection.

Although such devotion often requires 12-to 13-hour days out in the sun, wearing protective gloves, eyewear or face shields, the mechanics said they are glad they are helping contribute to the safety of other Soldiers.

"It is a lot of work, but it's important," said Pfc. James Mackey, 26th BTB mechanic. "We're protecting Soldiers."

Safety Thought of the Day

M1 Maintenance Electrical Safety

- Remove rings, wristwatches, and other jewelry before working around the tank.
 - When working in the battery compartment, be careful that your tools do not short circuit batteries.
 - Wear goggles when handling electrolyte or cleaning battery corrosion.
 - Ensure power is off while working on the turret sub-floor.
- Always announce "Power" to surrounding personnel when applying turret power.
 - Do not permit personnel between tanks during slave starting or towing.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Truckers breach China's Great Wall

REUTERS

BEIJING — China's heritage bureau has launched a probe into Chinese mining companies alleged to have brought down part of the Great Wall to allow their trucks to avoid paying road tolls, state media reported on Thursday.

Coal mining companies operating near Hujiayao village, on the border between the northern province of Shanxi and Inner Mongolia, had also taken soil from parts of the Ming-era (1368-1644) wall to build houses and piled "small mountains" of coal against it, Xinhua news agency reported, citing a local newspaper.

"Big trucks carrying coal had even opened a big gap in the Great Wall to make a coal shipping thoroughfare," the paper said.

The cultural heritage office in Datong, a major industrial centre in northern Shanxi, had declared the damage illegal and would investigate, the paper added.

Last October, China fined an investment company 500,000 yuan (\$65,000)

for building a highway through a section of the wall in Inner Mongolia, state media reported. Snaking across more than 4,000 miles, the Great Wall receives an estimated 10 million visitors a year, mostly to the mere 10 km opened to tourists at Badaling, the nearest stretch to Beijing.

The United Nations listed it as a World Heritage site in 1987. It has been rebuilt many times through the centuries, and many sections have been destroyed permanently through natural erosion and nearby residents scrounging for building materials.

Belgian military deployed to combat caterpillars

REUTERS

BRUSSELS — A mini-platoon of soldiers will be deployed to the Belgian forests to tackle a plague of hairy caterpillars that are causing allergy outbreaks in humans. Procession caterpillars, so-called for the way they march in lines through forests, are covered in long, toxic hairs

which cause dermatitis and respiratory problems and account for up to 80 percent of doctor visits in the affected area.

"A bit less than a platoon, about 24 soldiers and airmen, will be deployed to help the fire brigade and civil protection authority combat the caterpillars," Belgian military spokeswoman Ingrid Baeck said on Thursday.

She said Belgian armed forces were also deployed in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Kosovo and the Congo but that they had a duty to help the local civil population.

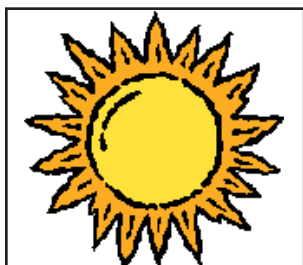
Equipped with super-size blowtorches, the soldiers will spend six weeks in the eastern province of Limburg from Monday, waging a tree-by-tree war on the scourge of caterpillars, which cling in groups to trunks and branches.

"In teams of two people, they will go through the forests and burn the little animals off the trees," said Baeck. "There have not been enough people to do this and I think we can make the difference."

Previous attempts to rid forests of the caterpillars, which number in the millions thanks to mild weather, have included spraying pesticide using a helicopter and setting traps for the adult moths coated in female hormones.

Marne Weather Watch

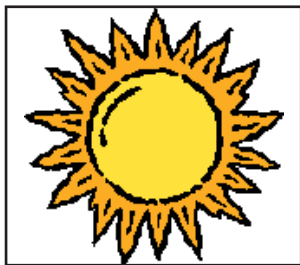
Tuesday, June 5



Sunny

Low: 79F/High: 107F

Wednesday, June 6



Sunny

Low: 81F/High: 109F

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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