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Courtesy photo

**A dump truck loaded with homemade explosives sits near the south entrance to Patrol Base Warrior Keep. An alert Soldier of the 2-14th Inf. Regt., 2/10th Mtn. Div. (LI) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., saw the truck turn abruptly toward the gate and fired on it with a machine gun, stopping the truck. The driver was wearing a suicide vest, but was detained before he was able to detonate it.**

## ‘Golden Dragons’ foil patrol base truck bomb

2/10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

PATROL BASE WARRIOR KEEP, Iraq – Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., thwarted a vehicle-borne improvised explosive attack today at Patrol Base Warrior Keep, near Sadr Al-Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Spc. Brandon Rork, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a rifleman with the 2-14th was manning a machine gun on top of PB Warrior Keep and spotted a driver in a dump truck loaded with homemade explosives attempting to break through the base’s perimeter barriers.

Rork and Spc. Charles Osgood, a native of Chesapeake, Va., a rifleman with an M-4 rifle, both fired at the truck repeatedly, until it stopped.

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LT. COL. JOHN VALLEDOR  
2-14TH INF. REGT. COMMANDER

The driver was removed from the truck and found to be wearing a suicide vest. The vest was removed, and the driver was treated for injuries sustained in the attack.

“The Soldier in the machine gun position was very alert this afternoon and able to engage and stop a dump truck suicide bomber bent on destroying the entire patrol base,” said Lt. Col. John Valledor, a native of New York, N.Y., and the commander of the 2-14th “Golden Dragons.”

# Enhanced reup bonus puts more cash in your pocket

SPC. WILLIAM HATTON  
TF MARNE PAO

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Some Task Force Marne Soldiers have less than 30 days to earn up to \$33,000.

The enhanced reenlistment bonus program is a plan that offers Soldiers a flat-rate bonus depending on when their expiration term of service is and their specific military occupational specialty.

The bonus is an attempt to simplify the current selective reenlistment bonus program, which could be described as more of an algebra problem, said Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Raibon, the 3rd Infantry Division command career counselor.

Although the possibility for making a lot of money with this new bonus is big, the timeline for this bonus isn't quite as large, said Raibon, a native of Tyler, Texas.

"The program took effect June 6 and may expire no later than July 6," Raibon added. "With that said, it's important for

Soldiers to jump on the new opportunity to receive this reenlistment bonus."

The new plan affects Soldiers who fit into one of the three reenlistment bonus zones, Raibon said.

The first is Zone A, which applies to Soldiers who have between 17 months and six years of active, said Master Sgt. James Nicolai, a career counselor with the 3rd Inf. Div. Retention Office.

The second is Zone B which applies to Soldiers who have six to 10 years.

The last is Zone C, which applies to Soldiers who have been in for 10 to 14 years, he added.

As an example, a sergeant can make anywhere from \$8,000 to \$29,500 depending if his ETS date is before Oct. 1, the length of his reenlistment and what zone he's in.

If a Soldier's ETS is between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2008, the possibilities for a bonus decline, depending again on how many years a Soldier reenlists and what zone he or she is in.

This new bonus plan is based on MOS. But there is also a program for deployed Soldiers. This program offers a bonus without regards to MOS to troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, Nicolai said.

"You can't get this back in the states," Nicolai added.

"Without the men and women that serve, we can't do what we do, and it's those people that we want to keep most," Raibon said.

Professionals in our society look up to the things Soldiers do every day, Raibon said. "Doctors and lawyers only wish that they can do what we do. It really takes a special person to be in the Army," he added.

For more information on current and upcoming programs in retention, Soldiers can see their career counselor.

Soldiers can also contact the 3rd Inf. Div., reenlistment office at DSN (318) 822-7425.

SOLDIERS THAT ETS PRIOR 1 OCTOBER 2007 AND POSSESS A CRITICAL SKILL LISTED					
ZONE A					
AOS is	Over 1 Year	Over 2 Years	Over 3 Years	Over 4 Years	Over 5 Years
PFC	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$13,500	\$16,500	\$20,000
SPC	\$7,500	\$11,000	\$14,500	\$18,000	\$21,500
SGT	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$23,500
SSG	\$9,000	\$13,500	\$18,000	\$22,000	\$26,500
ZONE B					
AOS is	Over 1 Year	Over 2 Years	Over 3 Years	Over 4 Years	Over 5 Years
PFC	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$13,500	\$16,000	\$19,500
SPC	\$8,000	\$11,500	\$15,500	\$19,500	\$23,000
SGT	\$9,500	\$14,000	\$19,000	\$23,000	\$26,000
SSG	\$10,500	\$15,500	\$20,500	\$25,500	\$31,000
ZONE C					
AOS is	Over 1 Year	Over 2 Years	Over 3 Years	Over 4 Years	Over 5 Years
PFC	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$16,000	\$19,500
SPC	\$8,000	\$11,500	\$15,500	\$19,500	\$23,000
SGT	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$24,500	\$29,500
SSG	\$11,000	\$17,000	\$22,500	\$28,000	\$33,500
AOS: ADDITIONAL OBLIGATED SERVICE					

SOLDIERS THAT ETS AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2007 AND POSSESS A CRITICAL SKILL LISTED					
ZONE A					
AOS is	Over 1 Year	Over 2 Years	Over 3 Years	Over 4 Years	Over 5 Years
PFC	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$12,500	\$15,000
SPC	\$5,500	\$8,500	\$11,000	\$13,500	\$16,500
SGT	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000
SSG	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$13,500	\$17,000	\$20,000
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SGT	\$7,000	\$11,500	\$15,500	\$19,000	\$23,000
SSG	\$8,500	\$12,500	\$17,000	\$21,000	\$25,000
ZONE C					
AOS is	Over 1 Year	Over 2 Years	Over 3 Years	Over 4 Years	Over 5 Years
PFC	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000
SPC	\$3,500	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$10,500
SGT	\$4,500	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$13,500
SSG	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$12,500	\$15,000
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Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Schmakel

*(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Michael Hart, Capt. Michael Parsons, Master Sgt. Matthew Origer and Maj. Kevin Reisswitz, all of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., play flag football on Camp Striker, Iraq, Sunday. Parsons grabs Origer's flag as Hart rushes the ball. The game, which was played officer against NCO, resulted in the NCOs' triumph over the officers.*

## Safety Thought of the Day

### M-88 Safety

- Ensure that all lifting devices have been inspected and tested IAW TB 43 -0142, Safety Inspection and Testing of Lifting Devices.
- Ensure that Soldiers wear proper PPE, i.e. Kevlar, goggles, gloves.
- Avoid standing or working under a suspended load except when required.
- All personnel must stand clear of vehicle, at least double the distance of the cable used in case the cable snaps.
- The 35-ton hook block weighs approximately 350 lbs. (159 kg). Use a suitable lifting device to lift or move.
- The 140-ton (127, 120 kg) snatch block weighs 209 lbs. (94.8 kg.). Use auxiliary boom to stow and unstow. Use three people when lifting or moving.

## HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

### Californians may be forced to neuter pets

JIM CHRISTIE  
REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO — California may become the only U.S. state to require the sterilization of pets under a bill passed by the state Assembly, pitting dog and cat lovers against animal rights activists.

"It's a horrific bill," said Maureen Hill-Hauch, executive director of Castleton, New York-based American Dog Owners Association, adding that enforcement of the bill in theory could wipe out California's dog population.

The bill would require pet owners to spay and neuter their dogs and cats, or face a \$500 fine for each animal.

Breeders, as well as owners of guide dogs, could obtain exemptions.

The Democrat-led state Assembly narrowly approved the bill late on Wednesday.

It now goes to the state Senate amid a flurry of legislation that must be passed by Friday.

Republicans in the minority in both chambers do not consider the bill a priority and say it is too intrusive.

"It's micro-managing," said Republican Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa.

Supporters say the bill requiring pets to be spayed or neutered is necessary to reduce the population of unwanted pets dumped in the state's shelters.

At least 500,000 animals each year are killed in the most populous U.S. state, imposing an unacceptable "humanitarian" cost on California, said Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, the Democrat promoting the bill.

### Meet Bono? I'm not interested, says PM

REUTERS

HEILIGENDAMM, Germany — You can stop staring hopefully at

that phone, Bono. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper will not be calling.

The Irish rock star turned poverty activist met U.S. President George W. Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel on the sidelines of a Group of Eight summit but was told Harper was too busy to talk to him.

Harper, a somewhat wooden figure regularly mocked for his lack of flair, told reporters Thursday that meeting Bono was not a priority.

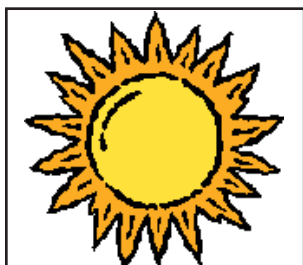
"I've got to say that meeting celebrities isn't kind of my shtick; that was the shtick of the previous guy," said Harper in a dig at his Liberal predecessor Paul Martin, who met Bono regularly. "I hope we do it at some point but my principle focus in public policies is not kind of to meet celebrities," added the prime minister, a Conservative.

Activists say Canada is trying to block a deal to ensure that western nations live up to promises to boost aid to Africa.

For the record, though, Harper said he liked the music of Bono's band U2.

### Marne Weather Watch

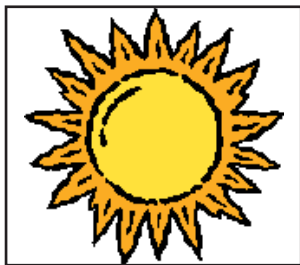
Monday, June 11



Sunny

Low: 83F/High: 110F

Tuesday, June 12



Sunny

Low: 83F/High: 110F

### Arabic Phrase of the Day

Do not move

lett-it Hah-rek

## Trivia

**Q:** Which famous document begins: "When in the course of human events ..."?

**A:** The Declaration of Independence

## Today in History ...

1990

U.N. appoints Olivia Newton-John environmental ambassador