

Staff Sgt. Sean Foley

Soldiers with the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division (Light), and the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division take photographs and watch as fire lights up the sky outside the perimeter of Forward Operating Base Kalsu, after guards fired as anti-Iraqi forces tried to approach the base in the Babil Province of Iraq Tuesday. The fire was caused by heated tracer rounds passing through the dry vegetation just outside the perimeter of the FOB.

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MAJ. GEN. RICK LYNCH TF MARNE COMMANDER

On June 14th, we celebrate 232 years of service by United States Army Soldiers.

Task Force Marne, a team of Army teams with joint force and coalition members is yet again on the frontlines of our national defense.

We continue the honor of Soldiering on behalf of a grateful nation.

In our two centuries of service, millions of Americans have proudly worn our uniform in the campaigns that liberated nations, eliminated oppression, and delivered hope.

Through thick and thin, in her darkest

hours, and from the beginning a Soldier has stood point for Lady Liberty.

Today we continue that tradition, on the distant fields of Afghanistan and Iraq so that harm never again finds America's shores.

I am so very proud of the great men and women with whom I serve.

Braving heat, fatigue, and the threat of America's enemies on the field of battle you continue to Soldier just as the generations that preceded you.

Our Army's Soldiers are relentless and inspirational, our new greatest generation. You are Army Strong.

On our Army's birthday we celebrate our unfaltering service.

We reflect on the attributes that we share, the values we hold dear, and the purpose we now fulfill.

On the 14th of June, we celebrate those that inspire us, our veterans, our fallen heroes, and the Task Force Marne Soldiers on point for freedom now.

On our Army's birthday, we celebrate the blessing of support shown by the communities from which we come.

And on our Army's birthday, we celebrate the Army Families that have sustained us with devotion and unequaled love.

May God continue to bless our nation and her United States Army.

Rock of the Marne!



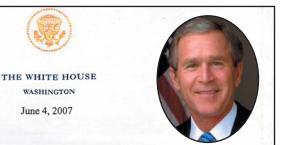
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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 232nd birthday of the United States Army.

Since our Nation's founding, members of the United States Army have answered the call to serve in America's times of need. These brave citizens have triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe. From Valley Forge, across Europe and Asia, and in Afghanistan and Iraq, our soldiers have made great sacrifices so that others could live in freedom.

Today, courageous and selfless patriots from every corner of our Nation continue this proud tradition as they fight to uphold the ideals that make our country a beacon of freedom and hope. These fine Americans are answering the call of duty and carrying out an urgent and noble mission with valor and unrelenting determination. They are taking their rightful place among the heroes of our country's history, and their dedication makes every American proud.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank the members of the United States Army and Army veterans for protecting our citizens and laying a foundation of peace for generations to come. All of us who live in liberty live in your debt, and we will never forget your service and sacrifice.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you and your families, and may God bless America.

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1-15th Inf. finds cache during air assault

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Weapons and improvised explosive device materials were seized during an air assault mission near Salman Pak today.

Multiple 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment platoons carried out the air and ground assault on two houses.

The raids yielded two 107mm rockets, home-made explosives, two AK-47 assault rifles, one bolt-action rifle, several propane tanks, copper wire, ammunition, magazines and several assault vests.

Explosive ordnance disposal personnel destroyed the IED making materials at the site.

The 1-15th Inf. is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.

Safety Thought of the Day Worn Out Tank Tracks

• Check track pads for wear after every operation. If the pads are worn to the metal grouser height (50 percent or more on one side), track is NMC.

• End connectors are worn if they measure less than 3/16 inch thick.

• Look for dead (broken) track shoes. A dead track shoe appears to be out of line.



File photo from OIF III

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Job seeker rejected due to "racist dog"

REUTERS

BRUSSELS — A Belgian businessman rejected a Nigerian job applicant because the businessman said his own dog was racist and would bite non-whites, Belgian media reported Saturday.

The 53-year-old man Nigerian told De Standaard newspaper he arrived at the Belgian's wrought-iron business and was immediately confronted by the barking dog.

The Belgian turned the man away before he could even enter, and wrote on his labor office letter that he could not hire the man because of his color, adding there was a risk the dog would bite him.

The local labor office has concluded that the Belgian was racist and has removed him from its list of potential employers.

"My dog is racist. Not me," the Bel-

gian told De Standaard.

The Nigerian, who has lived in Belgium for 32 years, said it was not the first time he had been rejected for a job because of his color, although other employers had been more subtle.

He told the newspaper that he did not wish to lodge a formal complaint because he did not wish his family in Nigeria to hear about the case.

The plane in Spain gives passengers a pain ...

Reuters

MADRID — A pilot told nervous passengers traveling with a low-cost Spanish airline that nearly half the seats on their plane were out of use due to a safety problem but it was nothing to worry about, a Spanish newspaper reported.

As passengers took their seats on the Lisbon to Madrid flight operated

by Vueling Airlines Sunday they noticed that all but three of the 32 rows on one side of the plane were taped off, according to an El Mundo reporter among the travelers.

The captain told them on the intercom: "We will not be able to use that part of the plane because we have a safety problem with the door at the front. Don't worry, it's only a safety problem," the newspaper reported.

Some passengers took photos of the taped-off seats but staff stopped them saying it was against company rules.

Others became nervous including one passenger who asked whether the plane could tip over in mid-air by flying with a heavier load on one side.

The safety problem was with the slide on one of the plane's eight emergency exit doors, a spokeswoman for Vueling said.

The firm followed aviation guidelines which allow the door to be used but oblige a reduction in passenger numbers because it cannot fulfill its emergency function, she said.

