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Happy Independence Day!

Air Force 'Guardians' keep watch over Soldiers

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You're out on patrol one night when suddenly your platoon comes under attack. You fight back, but your efforts are barely enough to hold off the enemy. Luckily, another kind of back-up is only one call away.

"It happens every single day," said Air Force Capt. Nicholas Anthony, Task Force Marne air liaison officer from 19th Air Support Operations Squadron out of Fort Campbell, Ky. "You'll have a patrol or some other operation; they'll go out, they'll get hit by an (improvised explosive device) and then maybe have follow-on small-arms (fire). The Army decides that it's more than they can handle at that time or that it's faster to prosecute with air. They'll get on the radio, they'll call troops in contact, and we'll send ... whatever aircraft we have available at the time. They'll go directly to the scene, check in with the ground commander, and basically provide whatever effect they think they need to force the enemy to break contact."

Operation Marne Torch has been in progress since June 15, and although up-close-and-personal ground combat has proven to be effective, air support has played a crucial role in the large-scale offensive.

In the past month, the Air Force has



Courtesy photo

An F-16CJ Fighting Falcon from Air Force 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron out of Balad Air Base, Iraq, drops a 500-lb. GBU-12 laser-guided bomb on a building in southeast Baghdad containing anti-Iraqi forces June 5.

dropped 61,000 pounds of bombs.

"We've been targeting caches and road IEDs, and cutting routes," said Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael Cmelik, a joint terminal attack controller. "We're always monitoring in case something happens – it fits that we're called the Guardians."

The Air Force has been providing standard support for troops in contact, as well as other planned missions such as dropping bombs to destroy weapons caches and cutting roads and enemy supply lines, which Anthony said denies the enemy the ability to use his own ground.

He offered the example of a Kiowa helicopter that was shot down July 2.

"We instantly had A-10s on station to cover the rescue effort," Anthony said. "The pilots were rescued and the A-10s basically kept the enemy from pulling any equipment out of that helicopter."

Cmelik, whose job title is more simply known as ground controller or JTAC, was involved in the aftermath of the incident.

"The decision was made to call in a couple of 500-pound bombs and blow

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MARNE 6 SENDS



Be proud of your service on Independence Day

MAJ. GEN. RICK LYNCH
TF MARNE COMMANDER

Today America turns 231 years old.

It is able to claim so many years of freedom because Soldiers like you keep it free. It was Soldiers who fought for our independence, and it is the Soldiers who answer the nation's call to be where America needs them.

I am so very honored to be your commander. Every day I witness acts that make me so proud.

Just last week, I went to a memorial service for 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment and reenlisted two Soldiers just before they mourned the loss of their brothers in arms.

In the darkest hours they raised their right hands, said "Our nation needs us" and asked to continue to serve America.

What we as Soldiers do is important. Our sacrifices ensure that Americans sleep soundly and live without fear.

The anniversaries and birthdays you miss are small sacrifices compared to the freedoms you protect.

You are taking the fight to the enemy on the battlefield. Operation Marne Torch has been and will continue to be very successful.

Soldiers from 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division killed more than 23 enemy insurgents at a Pepsi factory and Soldiers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division took out a JAM battalion commander and EFP cell leader.

Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) are engaging with locals in an effort to increase the Iraqis' willingness to secure their own neighborhoods.



Our aviators are crushing the enemy emplacing improvised explosive devices from the sky.

Everything you do has an impact – from a patrol following an intelligence tip, to bringing water to a neighborhood with it, to developing a youth center.

Every action has an impact on the Iraqi society, every one of your actions brings the Iraqi people closer to being a free country, one like we sometimes take for granted.

Today Gen. Petraeus will reenlist hundreds of Soldiers right here on Camp Victory.

Hundreds of Soldiers are answering our nation's call and volunteering to continue to give their service. I couldn't be more proud.

Although we close our eyes and think of our families back home, we know they celebrate today because of the work we are doing here.

They are celebrating their freedom because you brave men and women keep them free.

Rock of the Marne!

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(the Kiowa) up,” he said, explaining the tactics used to keep terrorists away from the wreckage. “We tracked the guys who were involved in the original attack and got all but one of them ... then that night we put a couple more bombs on (the helicopter) to finish it off.”

Cmelik’s job as a ground controller gives him the ability to track the situation on the battlefield and direct the pilot to a target’s exact location.

“I have final control over the situation,” he said.

Anthony said the success of that operation was no fluke.

“We can respond really fast to any situation on the battlefield,” he said. “A ground (quick reaction force) takes time to mobilize and get to a scene; we can have aircraft on station generally in a couple of minutes after something happens. We’re airborne 24 hours a day over Baghdad.”

The Air Force’s primary mission is to provide close air support for Soldiers conducting operations on the ground, Anthony explained.

“We support Army units similar to the way Army aviation does, but we bring bigger guns to the fight,” he said.

The “bigger guns” in question include F-16 Fighting Falcons, B-1 Lancers, A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, Navy and Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornets and Royal Air Force GR-4 Tornados, all of which are capable of doing plenty of damage to enemy combatants, their weapons caches and their safe havens.

“We don’t just control Air Force assets,” Anthony explained, “it’s the air component, meaning we’ve got Marine Corps aircraft, we’ve got Navy aircraft, we’ve got Air Force aircraft, we control Army (unmanned air systems) ... anything that’s flying, we work with, so we integrate those into the ground commander’s fight.”

Anthony, previously a B-52 electronic warfare officer, said he often sees the benefit of the two services’ joint efforts.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

HEADQUARTERS
MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS – IRAQ
BAGHDAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09342

June 24, 2007



To the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq:

We have now been engaged in Iraq for 1558 consecutive days. In that time we have witnessed both triumph and sorrow as we face an ever changing security environment. Two of the constants in the last four years have been the determination and professionalism of our men and women in uniform. You have every reason to be proud and have made your Families and your Nation proud. As we move forward in the upcoming weeks it is important for all of us to understand the intent of our mission.

An increasingly used word in Iraq is “reconciliation.” Simply stated, reconciliation means getting Iraqis to set aside their sectarian differences and focus on the future of a free Iraq. The success of Iraq’s young democracy depends upon this process. While I know some may be skeptical of this new concept, success in this endeavor requires all of us to achieve a common understanding of this process. We must understand what it is and what it is not.

Reconciliation is an Iraqi process. There is a day in the future when coalition forces will step back. When that day arrives, we must have adequately prepared this Nation to function as a civil society free from the terror of extremists. In the near term, the endstate is an improved level of stability. In the longer term, the endstate is a self-reliant Iraq which is free from terror and an engine for regional economic growth. Reconciliation is the key catalyst, bringing Iraqis together to realize these goals. To this end we have established several key tasks:

1. Influence key leaders and communicators to leverage their positions in order to stop attacks against Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces.
2. Facilitate peace arbitration between key leaders and communicators of groups that are attacking one another.
3. Influence key leaders and communicators to actively resist Al Qaeda in Iraq.
4. Engage all key leaders and communicators willing to dialogue with CF, ISF and the Government of Iraq.

While it may be difficult, we will be required to reach out to individuals and groups who were once considered our adversaries. We have used this same tactic in many of our Nation’s past conflicts. We must be an example for Iraqis and be a catalyst for reconciliation and the eventual healing process. I know we have the right team assembled to achieve success because I have seen you in action. Success in the task before us will no doubt be seen as the watershed event in this struggle. I look forward to sharing in that success with each and every one of you, the finest military ever assembled.

Sincerely,

Raymond T. Odierno
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding

“If a Soldier’s out there on the ground, sometimes you could be out there for a long time, and you might forget that you have people supporting you from the back,” he said. “If you hear Air Force jets flying over, it’s loud; it’s a real visible deterrent that we’re projecting our power out of, and we’re there, we’re going to back them up, and they know that.”

He continued, “Even if we don’t drop any ordnance that day, they know and the enemy knows that we’re covering them. So from that standpoint, I think it’s a psychological boost to the troops. And I’ve talked to them and they tell you they feel a lot better – even if we don’t do a thing, just knowing that we’re there gives them a lot of confidence.”

Safety Thought of the Day

Dismount/Pedestrian Safety

- Brief Soldiers on the dangers of being dismounted while in close proximity to traffic. These dangers are elevated during the hours of darkness.
- Drivers should always pull as far to the side of the road as possible when

making unplanned stops or performing dismounted operations.

- Allow the gunner to do a 360 degree scan to check for approaching traffic before exiting the vehicle .
- Remind drivers to use caution when

dismounted troops or pedestrians are present

- Drivers should slow down and watch for guards/IPs when going through congested areas such as check points and entrance/exit points

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Drunk takes a free bike ride on car roof

REUTERS

AMSTERDAM — Police officers in the Dutch city of Alkmaar were surprised to see a car passing by with a man sitting on a bicycle on its roof.

The driver and his wife, when stopped by the police, said they heard a noise while waiting at a traffic light, but did not realize they were taking on an extra passenger.

The 26 year-old man who took the free ride was fined for public drunkenness, not carrying an identity card and providing a false identity to the police.

Men disguised as Muslim women rob bank

REUTERS

SARAJEVO — Two armed men dis-

guised as Muslim women in burqas held up a bank in Sarajevo and got away with some \$40,000, Bosnian police said on Tuesday.

They said the pair entered a Union bank branch in the capital wearing head-to-toe black dresses and veils typical of women adhering to the orthodox Islamic code and trained guns on customers. They then made customers lie on the floor while they emptied the tills, police added.

"Everything happened in a moment. Two persons in black niqabs (burqas) came into the bank. I thought they were ladies," the Sarajevo daily *Oslobodjenje* quoted bank customer Mehmedalija Komarac as saying.

Women in burqas and men with long beards have become a common sight in the Bosnian capital in recent years.

Priest plans his own perfumes

REUTERS

WARSAW — A prominent Polish

cleric known for preaching against communism and for his anti-Semitic remarks said on Tuesday he planned to launch perfumes, clothing and cafes branded with his image.

Father Henryk Jankowski took part in strikes which led to the end of communism in 1989 as part of Solidarity movement. He was later suspended from preaching for a year after insulting remarks about Jews.

Setting out his plans, Jankowski told the daily *Dziennik* newspaper that his initiative would "do everyone good."

"I am for it as long as it serves a good purpose. If necessary I will also sing and dance," he said.

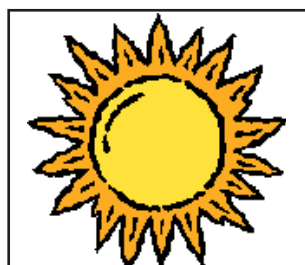
The money from the initiative would go to the "Father Henryk Jankowski Institute," which says it supports charities and social projects.

Jankowski, who already has a wine branded with his image under the name "Monsignore," said he would be on the panel for "castings" of waitresses for the 16 cafes he plans to open in major Polish cities.

He is admired by many Catholics for his role in supporting Solidarity.

Marne Weather Watch

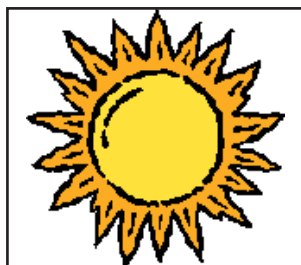
Wednesday, July 4



Sunny

Low: 88F/High: 113F

Thursday, July 5



Sunny

Low: 88F/High: 113F

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Calm down

eh-heh deh

Sudoku

9	2	5						
6			3	4	5			7
						1	8	
	1	7						
	3		8		9		7	
						2	4	
	5	2						
3			1	6	4			2
						7	3	9

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

8	2	1	4	5	3	7	6	9
9	3	4	6	2	7	8	1	5
5	7	6	9	8	1	2	4	3
6	8	3	2	7	9	4	5	1
7	4	2	5	1	6	3	9	8
1	9	5	8	3	4	6	2	7
2	1	7	3	6	5	9	8	4
4	5	8	7	9	2	1	3	6
3	6	9	1	4	8	5	7	2