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Courtesy photo

An M109 Paladin Howitzer belonging to 1-10 FA fires during a mission at FOB Hammer.

## 1-10 breaks out the **big guns**

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FOB HAMMER — The Soldiers say their job is fairly simple.

The effects, however, will leave a lasting impression on everything in their path.

The platoon-sized element from 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery work-

ing on FOB Hammer is responsible for three main tasks, said Staff Sgt. Michael Clark of Greenville, N.C., an artilleryman for 1-10 FA. The unit's duties include conducting counter-fire missions, terrain denial missions and fire for effect missions.

"We kill bad guys," said Sgt. Ralph Harrison, of Columbus, Ga. "We conduct counter-fire operations which are,

when we get mortared; we shoot back at the point of origin."

Sgt. Christopher Shores, of Winston-Salem, N.C., an artilleryman for 1-10 FA, said terrain denial missions consist of firing on an area to deter insurgents from conducting enemy activity in that location.

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# Stay safe on EML; live to fight another day

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CAMP VICTORY – Active duty Soldiers on 15-month deployments are now being allowed 18 days at home during environmental morale leave.

This allows plenty of opportunities for disaster while at home.

Time at home spent with family and

friends is important. Soldiers enjoying their time at home, while keeping safety in mind, is important to Chuck Fitzpatrick, 3rd Infantry Division safety manager.

“There are a few main things that can hurt Soldiers while on EML,” Fitzpatrick said. “(Vehicle) accidents, alcohol and recreational activities are the leading causes of off duty accidents.”

He said for most Soldiers, Iraq is a harsh, somewhat restricted area.

“Over a period of time, I think, some Soldiers go a little stir crazy, and when they finally do get home it’s almost like being released from confinement,” Fitzpatrick said. “After what seems like

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“Fire for effect missions,” he said, “are missions where we are aiming at one specific target and we hit that target and destroy it.”

Harrison said his unit is responsible for destroying boats found along the Tigris River.

The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team suspects these boats are used to transport weapons and munitions into Baghdad. The residents told Coalition Forces they do not use the river.

To effectively complete a mission, Soldiers must take the proper steps in a short period of time. On any operation where a 155 mm round is fired from the M109 Paladin Howitzer, the air and ground must be cleared of any friendly forces and unintended targets, Harrison said. When the area is cleared a call is made to the line crew on FOB Hammer.

When the Paladin crew receives the mission, they assume their positions. Information that the team needs for an accurate shot pops up on a screen inside the Paladin. The crew loads a 155 mm round into the tube, the gunner puts powder in to expel the round and verifies the data. The chief reads the data and sets the gun on the target.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from 1-10 FA prepare to fire a round.

“The chief overlooks everything in the operation on the ground,” said Clark, a crew chief. “If anything goes wrong, it all comes back to me.”

Each crew spends anywhere from 12 to 24 hours on the line. They are always on their toes, prepared for any mission from the 3rd HBCT headquarters.

The job requires each crew to be stationary, but the product of their efforts can be seen through the camera of a patrolling unmanned aerial vehicle. Shores said he prefers that the crew

stays on FOB Hammer to get their job done.

“The best part about our job is we can destroy a target without actually having to be there,” he said.

Sometimes the unit is overlooked because they are such a small element, but Clark said 1-10 FA is wanted and needed in 3rd HBCT.

“They see us hit the target from the UAV, they hear the boom,” he said. “I think they are happy to have us around.”

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## EML: Soldiers should keep safety a top priority during mid-tour leave

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an eternity, they are finally back home with their family and fiends.

"One of the most common mistakes that we all make is attempting to make up for lost time," Fitzpatrick said. "Some of our Soldiers will try to pack all the things they couldn't do for the last several months into a 15- or 18-day period ... and return from EML more exhausted than when they left."

Knowing it's impossible to pack that much freedom into such a short time, Fitzpatrick and fellow safety specialist Harley Chase offered some words of wisdom regarding EML.

"Leaders should encourage their Soldiers to take advantage of their EML, to reunite with their families, and use their EML for rest and relaxation," Fitzpatrick said.

If Soldiers do decide to consume alcoholic beverages they should do so in moderation, Fitzpatrick said. He also reminds Soldiers they should not attempt to drive.

"The problem with alcohol is that it slows our reactions and our thought processes. Drinking in moderation is the key, and always have a plan to get home safely if you're out on the town" Fitzpatrick said.

"Remember," he said, "you have to consider the broad reaching effects and

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3rd Inf. Div. safety manager

consequences of drinking and driving. It's often the drunk driver that walks away unharmed ... and the occupants in the other vehicle who pay the ultimate price."

Another thing to consider on EML is driving, even while not under the influence, Fitzpatrick said.

"Driving skills may have diminished. Even a couple months of not driving can dull your reactions and driving skills," he added.

A good plan would be to have a

spouse, friend or family member do the driving for the first few days to allow time to get reacquainted to daily life and surroundings, Chase said.

"If it should become necessary to drive, be cautious, alert and drive slower than you normally would, and always wear your seatbelt," Fitzpatrick advised.

Motorcycle accidents are another concern for the command safety section here.

"Riding a motorcycle is fun," said Fitzpatrick. "The adrenaline rush and the wind in your face is great. But generally speaking, you don't get a second chance for an accident."

To date, Fitzpatrick said there have been 31 motorcycle crashes Army-wide during fiscal year 2007. Of those, 29 have been fatal.

"It doesn't matter who's at fault in the accident, the results are the same," Fitzpatrick said.

In addition to motorcycle accidents, Chase said the number of boating and drowning accidents are also high this year.

"Regardless of what activities Soldiers plan to do while at home on EML we encourage them to use the composite risk management process," Fitzpatrick said. "This process saves lives daily on the battle field, and it can also help prevent off-duty accidents while our Soldiers are home on EML."

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Bradley Housekeeping

- Develop and enforce a load plan for basic issue items and for crewmembers' personal equipment.
- Do not store aerosol cans, cleaning solvent, fuel, etc., anywhere inside the tank. Stow ammunition in authorized areas only.
- Arrange the equipment in such a manner as it will not cause a slip, trip, or fall situation and can easily be found when needed.
- Enforce good housekeeping in the track vehicle so trash, mud, etc., do not interfere with the operations of the fire control and communication system or cause a slip, trip, or fall.



- Do not stow equipment on turret shield doors.



## Headline Highlights

# Big spender; Hungary siestas; bye-bye, Bat Boy

### Man drinks \$210,000 at club

LONDON (Reuters) — A Middle Eastern businessman spent over \$210,000 in a five-hour, champagne-and vodka-fuelled spending spree in a London nightclub at the weekend.

Fraser Donaldson, a representative of Crystal, a club favored by Prince Harry, said in 20 years working in the industry it was the biggest bill he'd seen from one customer.

The unnamed big spender entered Crystal at midnight on Saturday with friends — nine women and eight men — and ordered a \$50 bottle of white wine, a spokesman for the club said.

But before long he was ordering magnums of Dom Perignon at \$1,400 each and then called for a Methuselah — eight bottles in one — of Cristal Champagne at \$60,000 and the party spread.

The festivities ended with a “night cap” consisting of a Methuselah of Belvedere vodka, which cost \$2,800. “He basically just said, ‘keep the drinks flowing,’” the club spokesman said.

When the party left at 5 a.m., the bill was 81,471.50 pounds, which with tax and service added amounted to 105,805.28 pounds -- \$218,000. It included the cost of six Coca-Colas.

### Hungary to vote on siestas

BUDAPEST (Reuters) — “Do you agree that the Parliament of the Republic of Hungary should make a law about introducing the siesta?”

Hungary's eight million voters may

soon be asked to answer that question after the National Election Committee ruled late Monday that it was fit for a referendum.

Citizens suffering in the record heat this month will however have to keep paying for their refreshments as the committee earlier struck down a referendum proposal about making beer free in restaurants, saying it would have distorted the market.

Proponents of the bill on an afternoon nap now have to collect 200,000 signatures to force a referendum.

Since democracy came to Hungary after the fall of communism in 1989, there have been frequent referendums, although only two have passed, on joining NATO and the European Union.

### Weekly World News to close

MIAMI (Reuters) — Publisher American Media Inc. said on Tuesday it will stop printing the Weekly World News, which for 28 years gleefully chronicled the exploits of alien babies, animal-human hybrids and dead celebrities.

The company said in a brief statement it would end the print version of the tabloid newspaper next month but would maintain the online version.

“Due to the challenges in the retail and wholesale magazine marketplace that have impacted the newsstand, American Media, Inc. today announced it will close the print version of the Weekly World News, effective with the August 27 issue. Weekly World News was AMI's smallest weekly publication,” the company said in a statement

e-mailed to Reuters.

Spokesman Richard Valvo declined further comment.

American Media is headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida, and is best known as the publisher of the National Enquirer. The company announced last month it was exploring the sale of five of its 16 magazines as part of a strategy to focus on celebrity weeklies and lifestyle magazines.

The Weekly World News, which boasted it was “The World's Only Reliable Newspaper,” reveled in shocking and almost always exclusive reports about extra-terrestrials, ghosts, scoundrels and scientific discoveries, such as the cure for lovesickness found on the walls of an ancient Mexican monument.

Bat Boy, the half-bat, half-human child found in a cave, was a regular feature. After the September 11 attacks, the tabloid reported he had been enlisted in the hunt for Osama bin Laden because of his special cave-dwelling skills.

The current online version reports that Mother Nature has endorsed Al Gore for president and other recent headlines include: “Man bothered by alien telemarketers” and “Dentist uses UFO metal in patient's tooth”

AMI reported a \$160 million net loss for 2006 and is struggling with \$1 billion of debt and plummeting circulation. It said in an SEC filing in March that sales of the Weekly World News dropped to 83,000 in 2006 from 153,000 in 2004. The company has no publicly traded stock but its bonds are publicly traded.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

**Solution to yesterday's puzzle:**

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## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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