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## 1-15 Infantry sets up free health clinic

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COP CLEARY — Using a school in the city of al Wahida, Soldiers from a Fort Bragg, N.C., Civil Affairs battalion attached to the 3rd Infantry Division set up a one-day clinic for local residents July 28.

Known as a cooperative medical engagement, the operation requires Coalition and Iraqi forces to come together and provide medical treatment in prescribed areas, said Staff Sgt. Patrick R. Weston, special operations medical noncommissioned officer, Civil Affairs Team Alpha 712th, Company A, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Physician assistants and unit medics out of COP Cleary diagnosed and provided medicine to those in need.

"It was open to anybody, anybody who came," said Capt. Teri Gurrola, physician assistant, Company C, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Citizens of all ages showed up seeking treatment with various illnesses and injuries.

"We're able to treat pretty much everything they bring us, with the exception of dentistry issues and minor surgeries," said Weston, a native of Tacoma, Wash. Weston attributes the unit's broad capabilities to comprehensive pre-deployment planning.

Iraqi police attended the CME to assist the Company C Soldiers with maintaining security.

Interpreters helped bridge the language barrier by translating for the Iraqis and explaining the correct doses



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Capt. Teri Gurrola, physician assistant, Co. C, 203rd BSB, checks a woman's breathing at an Iraqi school in Wahida July 28.

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# Tankers transfer base to Iraqis

**SPC. CHRIS McCANN**  
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**PB LIONS' DEN** — An armored unit recently packed up shop at Patrol Base Bataan, Iraq, south of Yusufiyah, and moved almost directly north to its new home, Patrol Base Lions' Den.

"We moved in mid-July," said Staff Sgt. Chris Nuyen, platoon sergeant for Headquarters Platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Fort Benning, Ga.

"There were a lot of interesting moving pieces going on. We sent guys up here to Lions' Den early to build up the convoy, then the main body of Soldiers, and a trail party of the last few," Nuyen said.

The new compound for the company used to be a school, but like most rural

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— Staff Sgt. Chris Nuyen  
Co. B, 2-69 Armor

schools, it lacked heaters and air conditioners and other basic services.

"At Bataan, the sector was quiet for the most part — any place has its moments, but it was all right. The living conditions here are a lot better; we're closer to Camp Striker, and we can get guys there on their down-cycle to go to the post exchange or morale, welfare and recreation assets. It just wasn't feasible to do that from Patrol Base Bataan

— it was an hour and a half drive."

The improvements to living conditions may not look like much to someone in the United States, but they play a critical role for Soldiers.

"It helps that we're not all living in the same bay, with 75 guys, all upstairs, with three air-conditioning units trying to keep up when it's 120 degrees outside," Nuyen said. "That just wasn't working out well."

Now the troops are broken up, with each section living in its own room, with a little privacy.

"I walked in and thought, 'Wow, this is a lot better,'" said Pfc. Brian Bruett, a 2-69 rifleman. "We're getting to build it up the way we want to, too. We built toilets and a medical aid station, and dug fire pits, but mostly we're working on the living areas."

Bataan has been turned over to the Iraqi army now, and the Soldiers of Co. B who worked with them said they think the Iraqis will do just fine with the patrol base.

"They came out and we showed them how we did things at the forward battle positions," Nuyen said. "We would say, 'This is what you have to do here to secure yourselves.'"

The patrol base itself is in a water treatment facility, currently not in use but being repaired.

The Iraqi soldiers will have to continue to make repairs to make the facility functional — getting it back online would enable it to service the majority of the Yusufiyah area, Nuyen said.

"The move was good," said Pfc. Steve Holwegner, an Abrams tank driver. "The living conditions are better, and it's good to be in an area where armor is more useful. I just hope we can make a difference in this area, too."



## Attention!

**WHO:** MND-C Equal Opportunity Office

**WHAT:** *Women's Equality Day*

**WHEN:** Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Marne Dining Facility, VIP Room

**WHY:** To solicit support for the upcoming Ethnic Observances. The MNDC Equal Opportunity Office is looking for talent and volunteers to participate in this observance.






**Next IPR: Aug. 4, 1 p.m. at the EO Trailer (51M Trailer #2)**

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of medicine required. They also brought their families for medical care.

Local Iraqi medical personnel also participated in the cooperative medical engagement.

"We had a couple of nursing students who came out," Weston said. "We arranged for those (personnel) to come out through the mayor of al Wahida.

"The people are very ready to come and be treated by Coalition Forces medical providers, and that's great," Weston said. "But at the same time we want them to believe that their own providers and government can take care of them as well."

Medical personnel examined nearly 150 people during the engagement, and each physician treated 45-50 patients.

"Almost every person who left came over and literally touched me to thank me, and I knew that they appreciated us being there," Gurrola said.

This is the fourth such operation the brigade has conducted, with an average of 150 to 200 people showing up each time to seek treatment, Weston said.

Along with the treatment and medicine, children in the community were provided with school supplies, toothbrushes and soccer balls.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo  
1st Lt. Shawn M. Thompson, 1-15 Inf. Regt. physician assistant, checks an Iraqi man's eyes at a free one-day health clinic, held at a school in Wahida July 28. At right, Thompson checks an Iraqi boy's breathing.



## Safety Thought of the Day Humvee Operations in Extreme Heat

- Check for foreign objects in front of radiator and clean as required.
- Check batteries more frequently. If electrolyte is low, add distilled water.
- Avoid continuous vehicle operation at high speeds.
- Frequently check coolant temperature gauge and oil pressure gauge. Engine is overheated if:
  - Engine coolant temperature is more than 250°F as indicated by temperature gauge and/or overheat lamp illuminates
  - Engine oil pressure drops below 15 psi with engine under load/6 psi with engine at idle
- If overheating occurs, park vehicle as soon as possible and allow engine to idle until coolant temperature lowers.
- If engine coolant temperature does not lower, stop engine and perform troubleshooting procedures per TM 9-2320-387-10.11



## Headline Highlights

# Oldest Pole parachutist; fight for right to party

## Poland's oldest parachutist jumps at age of 84

WARSAW (Reuters) — Krystyna Zbyszynska, 84, became Poland's oldest parachutist when she made her first jump with her daughter-in-law, news channel TVN24 reported Sunday.

"I survived World War Two and wasn't afraid, so what's there to be afraid of now?" she said after clambering out of her jumpsuit this weekend.

"Babcia (granny) Krysia is not your ordinary gran," explained one of her teenaged granddaughters.

"She tells me I'm not playing my music loud enough and comes into my room and wants to dance."

Asked whether she planned another jump Zbyszynska, from the northern city of Olsztyn, told the channel: "Yes, the day I turn 100."

## Wedding planners celebrate

MOGADISHU (Reuters) — Women decked out in brightly colored gowns, gold jewelry and elaborate hairstyles dance with men to the slow tunes of Somali love songs.

A pianist, guitarist and female singer entertain the crowd packed into a small, stuffy hall for a wedding reception.

Such a scene would have been unthinkable in Mogadishu just months ago when a hardline Muslim movement ruled the seaside capital and much of southern Somalia, imposing sharia law and shutting down many forms of entertainment seen as un-Islamic.

But business is back after the interim

government, with Ethiopian military help, in January ejected the Islamists and their strict form of Islam.

Reveling in their new freedom, excited guests cheer and shower the singer with scarves and a confetti of Somali money.

"I'm very happy," wedding planner Muna Omar said as the reception at a former military compound starts to wind down.

"During the Islamic reign we would never dare organize such a party," she said. "They considered it unlawful."

When the Somali Islamic Courts Council was in charge last year, they banned wedding parties, shut video halls screening foreign films and World Cup football matches, outlawed a hugely popular narcotic, khat, and harassed men's barbers. They also ordered women to wear the hijab, an outfit covering the body and head.

At first, many residents praised them for bringing relative stability to much of a country that had become a byword for anarchy since dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was ousted in 1991.

But they were abhorred by others for imposing restrictions on a Muslim society that is traditionally moderate and they drew unfavorable comparisons to the Taliban movement in Afghanistan.

One guest taking a break from dancing recalls how he was at a secret party in Mogadishu last year that Islamists heard of and decided to break up.

"We invited a few guests and the music was on low volume. I don't know who tipped off Islamist troops, but they stormed in and disrupted the party," he

said. "They flogged and chased away guests. I was so shocked."

Then he returns to the heaving dance floor, a group of young men looking on with grins, clapping his every twist and turn.

Mogadishu remains one of the world's most dangerous cities, and remnants of the Islamist movement are blamed for almost daily insurgent strikes targeting interim government troops, Ethiopian patrols and African Union peacekeepers from Uganda.

A major peace conference under way in the north of the city has been attacked with volleys of mortar shells — which missed and crashed down onto residential streets nearby.

Many were relieved to see the back of the Islamists, especially the Somalis whose livelihoods they choked off.

Deqo Afrah, another Mogadishu-based party planner, says business is booming again. She charges about \$200 for most weddings, which includes applying the henna, the red dye used to decorate the bride's skin.

"I organize at least two or three weddings per week," she said. "I am very busy, unlike during the Islamic Courts' rule. People can now party freely. It is good for business."

Standing nearby wearing heavy make-up and a flowing semi-transparent gown, her fellow planner Omar heartily agrees.

"Nobody had the guts to dress like this," she said with a laugh. "We were unhappy and bored. I hope the Islamic Courts do not hear me and come for my head!"

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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

Are you the only male in the house? *in-teh eri-jahl il-wa-hid bil-bait?*